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EYEING THE SHOT — Manley Burrow escaped this morning's chilly temperatures and light rains by playing pool at the Scurry County Senior Citizens Center. The center was bustling with activity, with other patrons playing cards and dominoes. (SDN Staff Photo)

Bush rallies Congress in fight against terror

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress is expressing solidarity with President Bush on his call to press the war on terrorism on new fronts, even if it means ultimately confronting the states Bush named as the "axis of evil."

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle said today that Democrats are inclined to endorse whatever military action Bush might deem necessary against Iraq, Iran or North Korea as long as he works with Congress.

"If it takes pre-emptive strikes, if it takes pre-emptive action, I think the Congress is prepared to support it," the South Dakota Democrat said on ABC's "Good Morning America" when asked about targeting those three states.

"But obviously we want more details, we want to be included, we want to be consulted and we want to work with the administration."

House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt was supportive as well, if guarded. "Ultimately you might have to use military action," he said on NBC's "Today" show. Right now, he said, that would be premature.

Bush summoned Congress in his State of the Union speech Tuesday night to fight the "grave and growing danger" of terrorism. Democrats joined Republicans in rallying behind that call while parting ways on the economy.

Since Sept. 11, "there has been no daylight between us in this war on terrorism," Gephardt said in his party's response to Bush's speech.

When it comes to joblessness, the Missouri Democrat said, "Our values call for helping the unemployed, not just large corporations and the most fortunate."

And when it comes to health care, he added, "our values call for helping patients and older Americans, not just big HMOs and pharmaceutical companies."

Both sides set out to dramatize their own priorities on the morning after the president's speech before a joint session of Congress and a nationwide television audience counted in the millions.

Bush was embarking on a two-day tour to three Southern states to promote his proposals, including economic stimulus legislation.

Democrats arranged a meeting in the Capitol with former Enron Corp. employees.

Bush got a welcome fit for a hero Tuesday night as he entered a packed House chamber to deliver his speech. Amid the applause, lawmakers gravitated to the center aisle to shake his hand as he made his way to the podium.

"Our nation is at war, our economy is in recession, and the civilized world faces unprecedented dangers," he said. Then, making a fist and tapping lightly on the podium for emphasis, he quickly added — "Yet the state of our union has never been stronger."

Moments later, to more applause, he added, "We will prevail in the war, and we will defeat this recession."

Daschle gave the address a good review. "The president is very popular and he probably got more popular last night," he said.

The president used his speech to recount accomplishments since terrorists struck on Sept. 11 and to sketch the challenge ahead in combatting terrorism abroad and the recession at home.

For some school districts...

Electricity bills going down

AUSTIN — A group of Texas school districts expects to save more than $30 million annually as the result of contracts awarded by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) to TXU Energy and the Texas General Land Office (GLO). The two energy suppliers will serve more than 180 school districts, including Snyder ISD, that are members of TASB's electric aggregation program.

Terms offered by TXU Energy and GLO will provide districts fixed electricity prices for terms of up to four years, at discounts of up to 40 percent from rates charged last year and by nearly 35 percent from the Price to Beat rates.

Supt. Gayle Lomax said in November that comparing the district's new rate to those paid last school year, the district would have saved some $81,000.

Snyder ISD has a contract with the GLO for a fixed rate of $0.059 per kilowatt-hour through Dec. 31, 2003.

James B. Crow, TASB executive director, noted that the price discounts achieved under the association's aggregation program had exceeded expectations.

"We are pleased to be able to help Texas districts save more than $30 million per year. That savings translates into more money for programs, teachers, equipment, and more importantly, for Texas schoolchildren," said Crow.

Officer election on Cogdell's agenda

Cogdell Memorial Hospital's board of managers will have a new slate of officers beginning Thursday morning.

Jim Bob Cave, who has served two terms as board chairman, is leaving the board and a new chairman will be elected in the 8 a.m. meeting.

New board members — Carl Williams and Bill Voss — also will be sworn in.

Returning board members are Dink Foree, Nan Swanson, Terry Williams and E.D. Walton.

New chief of staff Dr. James Burleson will give the monthly medical staff report, and financial officer Joe Wright will lead the discussion on the Medicaid upper limit, payment program, and a policy on medical records destruction.

Wright will also present the monthly financial reports.

Hospital CEO George Parsley will present a new hospital emergency management plan, and give his monthly report on informational items.

An executive session is scheduled for the board to meet with its attorney concerning pending litigation.

The meeting will be held in the hospital's boardroom.

Summary judgment sought by county is denied by Judge Hart

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Senior District Judge Royal Hart Tuesday afternoon denied a summary judgment sought on behalf of the Scurry County commissioners' court in the open meetings lawsuit filed last year by the Snyder Daily News.

Charles King, a partner in the Houston law firm King and Pennington, had sought to have the suit dismissed, claiming in his motion for summary judgment that there had been no meetings, deliberations or final action concerning the future of the coliseum that violated the Texas Open Meeting Act.

Don Richards, attorney for the Snyder Daily News, argued that discussion and resulting action occurred without the coliseum ever being listed on a commissioners' court agenda.

Judge Hart did dismiss the four individual commissioners from the lawsuit, but kept County Judge Ricky Fritz and Scurry County as defendants, and set another hearing in February.

Richards said after the hearing that the newspaper had never intended the commissioners as individuals be a party to the suit.

"The lawsuit was filed against the commissioners' court as a whole," said Richards with the Lubbock law firm of McWhorter, Cobb and Johnson.

The senior judge set a hearing on the Snyder Daily News' motion for summary judgment for 1:30 p.m. Feb. 27 in 132nd District Court.

The hearing will be held in the county courtroom due to a scheduling conflict with the district courtroom.

King suggested the hearing could be heard in San Angelo, but the senior judge said he felt it should be heard in Scurry County.

The Snyder Daily News filed the lawsuit Aug. 24 seeking an injunction against further violations of the Texas Open Meeting Act by the commissioners' court.

The lawsuit stemmed from the manner in which the court took back the management of the Scurry County Coliseum from the Snyder Chamber of Commerce.

The plaintiff has said from the beginning that it was not the decision to take the management away from the chamber that prompted the lawsuit, but rather the unlawful manner in which the court reached the decision.

The newspaper is only seeking that the commissioners' court follow state law in the future.

Judge Hart was appointed to the case after 132nd District Judge Ernie Armstrong signed an order recusing himself.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The best compliment of success is having someone brag that they used to sit beside you at school."

Guess we'll have to admit that Larry Crabtree, our longtime publisher friend at the Vernon Daily Record, is successful. We did sit next to him in school.

The first month of 2002 is almost in the history books, and some folks who made resolutions for the year have already scrapped the effort.

But, according to our school chum, it doesn't mean that you can't make new resolves now. His list includes some precepts to use to ensure happiness for the remainder of the year – or life.

—Make your mind up to be happy. Learn to find pleasure in simple things.

—Make the best of your circumstances. No one has everything and everyone has some sorrow mixed in with the gladness of life. The trick is to make the laughter outweigh the tears.

—Don't take yourself too seriously. Don't think that somehow you should be protected from misfortunes that befall other people.

—Don't let others set your standards. Be yourself.

—Do the things you enjoy doing, but avoid going into debt in the process.

—Don't borrow trouble. Imaginary things are harder to bear than the actual ones.

—Do not cherish enemies. Don't hold grudges. Hatred poisons the soul.

—Have many interests. If you can't travel, read about many places.

—Don't spend your hours brooding over sorrows or mistakes. Don't be one who never gets over things.

—Do what you can for others.

—Keep busy at something. A very busy person never has time to be unhappy.

We didn't sit next to him in school, but we do drink coffee often with Snyder's Howard Franks. Tom Dargis, Howard's son-in-law who lives in Houston, provided these points of wisdom:

—If you are too open-minded, your brains will fall out.

—Age is a very high price to pay for maturity.

—Not one shred of evidence supports the notion that life is serious.

—Middle-age is when broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist change places.

—Someone who thinks logically provides a nice contrast to the real world.

—Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves for they shall never cease to be amused.

ASK US

Q—Was Monday's warm temperature a record high for January in Snyder?

A—No. The record-high January temperature in Snyder is 86 degrees, reached on Jan. 30, 1943.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 72 degrees; low, 38; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 38; no precipitation; total for 2002, .20 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy, chance of freezing rain; low upper 20s; E winds 10-20 mph. Thursday, mostly sunny, high near 40; NW winds 10-20 mph.



Sunset:
6:17 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:37 a.m.
Of 29 days in 2002, the sun has shone 29 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The trouble with most of us is that we'd rather be ruined by praise than saved by criticism.
—Norman Vincent Peale

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Global Crossing defends company's vision

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When AT&T needed an undersea cable to link the United States with Europe in 1997, Gary Winnick saw an opportunity and seized it.

The former Wall Street financier started Global Crossing Ltd., and within a year or so the company was selling space on its high-speed voice and data link. It raised billions of dollars and created a global fiber-optic network.

The vision propelled Winnick and many of his early investors into the realm of the super wealthy. Winnick briefly was known as the richest man in Los Angeles, with an estimated worth of $6 billion.

However, that early promise came to a crashing halt in the face of recession, rising debt, a drop in demand for high-speed data transmission and the collapse of other upstart telecom firms that soured the banking environment.

On Monday, burdened by a $12.4 billion debt, Global Crossing filed for bankruptcy protection in one of the largest corporate failures ever.

Today, lenders that include J.P. Morgan, Merrill Lynch, Citigroup and SBC Communications are scrambling to recover a fraction of their original investments.

Global Crossing spent nearly $15 billion over the last five years to build the most far-reaching and up-to-date fiber network in the world. It spans four continents and 27 countries and claims more than 100,000 customers.

Shareholders helped make Global Crossing a company worth $55 billion in its heyday, greater than General Motors at the time, but are unlikely to recoup anything, the company said. Stock that was once above $60 a share now trades for pennies.

Officials of the Bermuda-based company insist Winnick's strategy of wrapping the globe in 100,000 miles of fiber-optic cable and selling it directly to telecoms and Internet service providers was sound.

"In the last six months, it's almost a perfect storm kind of environment. Everything crashed at once," said Dan Cohrs, Global Crossing's chief financial officer.

Winnick, 54, has never lacked ambition or drive.

The son of a New York entrepreneur whose food services company went bankrupt in the 1960s, Winnick attended Long Island University before joining bond-trading firm Drexel Burnham Lambert.

At Drexel, he rose to become a top aide to junk bond king Michael Milken, who pleaded guilty to six counts of securities fraud in 1990 and was barred from the securities business for life. He was released from prison in 1993.

Winnick left to start his own investment firm before Drexel collapsed.

In 1998, Winnick paid what is believed to be the highest price ever for a single-family home in the United States. He spent more than $60 million for a four-acre estate in Bel Air, a tony neighborhood in Los Angeles, and then made some $30 million worth of renovations.

"Money's no fun unless you spread it around," he told Business Week in 2000.

Global Crossing went public in August 1998. Within seven months, the stock price hit a peak of $64. Winnick cashed in more than $600 million worth of stock over the next several years.

When the company filed for bankruptcy protection, the shares sold for about 30 cents. The 8 percent of outstanding shares Winnick still owns are worth about $10 million.

In the early days, Global Crossing attracted a distinguished set of investors, including former president George Bush and Terry McAuliffe, chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Last year, the bloom began fading. Some investors filed suits claiming that Global Crossing and its underwriters illegally pumped up the price of the stock — a charge the company has denied.

Man arraigned on weapons charge

ROANOKE, Va. (AP) — A man who authorities say belongs to a Muslim terrorist organization pleaded innocent to weapons charges Tuesday.

Bilal Adullah Ben Benu, 27, is charged with illegally transporting ammunition for AK-47 automatic rifles.

He is one of three neighbors at a rural Virginia trailer community who have been linked by authorities to the terrorist group al-Fuqra.

Al-Fuqra, which means "the impoverished," was founded in New York city 20 years ago by a Pakistani cleric. The group "seeks to purify Islam through violence," according to a 1998 State Department report. Its members are suspected in several bombings and murders, authorities have said.

Benu's former neighbors, Vincente Pierre and Traci Upshur, were convicted in December.

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Tax Facts

Taxes: The IRS

By Curt Anderson
AP Tax Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Considering the mountains of paper mailed each year to the Internal Revenue Service and the millions of people who call, it's hardly surprising that the nation's tax collector is trying to push people toward computers and automation.

It appears the efforts are beginning to pay off.

"I think we have had tangible improvements and we will have more tangible improvements" in the 2002 tax filing season, said IRS Commissioner Charles Rossotti.

The agency projects about 45 million returns will be filed electronically in 2002, up from slightly more than 40 million last year. In all, Americans will file about 132 million personal tax returns by the April 15 deadline.

Taxpayers can now find and file virtually any form electronically and no longer have to physically "sign" and mail a separate sheet of paper. More and more barriers have been removed that had prevented professional tax preparers from using electronic filing, such as a requirement that they sign up by Dec. 1 to participate.

"We have said to the practitioners: Do it. This is the year. You won't go back," Rossotti said.

The IRS Web site (http://www.irs.gov) is already one of the world's busiest, with more than 1 billion hits last year and 220 million downloads of forms, publications and other materials. Later in the year, the IRS plans to debut a new interactive service that will enable professionals to use the Internet to solve clients' problems — discussions that can currently take hours of telephone time.

IRS telephone service remains spotty when people seeking answers call 1 (800) 829-1040. Rossotti said only about 60 percent of people who sought help from an actual IRS worker were able to get through last year.

This year, he said, the level of service "may cross the 70 percent threshold," but even that isn't acceptable. "We're still well below where we should be," he said.

One change already is in effect: Live IRS assisters are available to callers from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. local time on Mondays through Fridays and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. local time on Saturdays. This is when 94 percent of the phone calls come in. Gone is the 24-hour, 7-day-a-week service that the IRS found was not necessary and used up valuable staff time during unproductive hours.

Increasingly popular is an automated telephone service that allows taxpayers to check simple things such as whether the IRS received their return and when to expect their refund. This frees up the phone lines to IRS workers for more complex tax problems; by midyear, Rossotti said the IRS intends to enable people to ask these simpler questions via its Web site.

Later in 2002, the IRS will begin the first tests of its long-term plan to convert master taxpayer files from an outmoded tape system to a more modern one, a massive undertaking for some of the world's largest computer files.

"If we can achieve that, it will be a very big milestone," Rossotti said of the planned limited tests. He called the cumbersome, sluggish tape system the "Achilles heel" of the agency.

LOTTO TEXAS — TEXAS LOTTERY — RESULTS

Texas Two Step

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

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Cash Five

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

3-12-16-23-37

Pick 3

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

1-9-1

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Woman threatens action against lover who left her with disease

DEAR ABBY: Last month my boyfriend, "Mack," broke off our live-in relationship to be with another woman, who was supposed to be my friend. I'll call her Lois. Lois said she feels bad about it, but that doesn't heal my broken heart.

I recently discovered that Mack has given me a sexually transmitted disease (STD) that can cause cancer. He and I talked on the phone one evening, and I asked if he and Lois had slept together yet. He refused to answer. When I asked him if he had told her about his STD, Mack was adamant about not wanting to discuss it.

The following morning I called Lois and asked if I could come over because I had something important to tell her. Talk about being nervous! I was a wreck, but weathered it. I explained everything I knew about the situation. Lois told me Mack had said nothing to her about any STDs, and told me she would ask him about it.

Later that night, I got a call from Mack. He was madder than a wet hen! I feel I did the right thing by telling Lois because he didn't sound like he would. After all, he never told ME he had an STD — I found out from my gynecologist. Now Mack claims he didn't know he had an STD, and I'm wondering if that's true or not.

Someone told me I could sue Mack for giving me this life-threatening disease. Tests can be given to determine how long he's had it. Should I sue him, Abby? I am angry because he jeopardized my life when he supposedly loved me. I don't want him giving this disgusting disease to anyone else. — **HURT AND MAD IN OKEMOS, MICH.**

DEAR H. AND M.: I suspect you have a valid legal case, but law is out of my area of expertise, so talk to an attorney.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 55-year-old woman living with my son, daughter-in-law and their 5-year-old daughter. When she was born, they asked me to leave my home and job to take care of my grandchild. I have been with them ever since. I keep the house spotless, do all the laundry, cooking and 99 percent of the yard work. I baby-sit 24/7.

My problem is I have no money and no clothes. I have to beg them to buy me shampoo, creme rinse, everything! My son cusses me out and treats me terribly.

Abby, I want to leave, but I'm afraid I'll never see my grandchild again. How do I get out of this situation? — **TRAPPED IN THE EVERGLADES**

DEAR TRAPPED: The situation you describe is called slavery. It is against the law in this country. Your son and his wife have not demonstrated that they care about your welfare. More important than whether you see your grandchild is what is going to happen to you in your old age. If you haven't saved money and paid into Social Security, you may not have enough benefits to keep you housed and fed.

If there is a relative who can help you make the transition back into a normal life, please call him or her. If there isn't, you may have to call the police to help you escape to a shelter until you can find a job and a place of your own. Please don't wait another minute.

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Pauline Phillips and her daughter Jeanne Phillips share the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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Woman receives maximum sentence

DALLAS (AP) — A woman who confined her severely malnourished 8-year-old daughter in a filthy closet for months at a time received the maximum sentence of life in prison.

Barbara Atkinson, 30, was sentenced by a jury Tuesday after four hours of deliberations.

Jury foreman Albert Martinez said they felt no sentence less than life would be appropriate. He cited testimony that the girl would suffer emotional and cognitive problems her entire life.

Atkinson and her former husband, Kenneth, were arrested last June after the girl, who weighed 25 pounds, was discovered near death.

Atkinson pleaded guilty last week to a charge of bodily injury to a child. She faced between five years and life in prison during the punishment phase. Prosecutors said she will be eligible for parole in 30 years.

Prosecutor Susan Hawk said the victim will "always be remembered as the girl in the closet.

"This is going to be a lifelong struggle, every step of the way," Hawk said.

Defense attorney Brad Lollar said his client had suffered a traumatic childhood. He said that during the first three years of Atkinson's life, she was neglected by her birth mother, a prostitute and drug addict, then placed with an adoptive home where she did not feel loved.

"Barbara is of course upset," Lollar said after sentencing. "She told us to tell everyone she's sorry. She does sincerely regret what she did."

He said Atkinson pleaded guilty because she did not want any of her other children, who are now in foster care, to have to testify in court. He also said the sentence would be appealed.

Child Protective Services spokeswoman Marleigh Meisner said the girl has gained 25 pounds and grown 51/2 inches since her discovery. She is attending kindergarten.

Bill and Sabrina Kavanaugh, the girl's foster parents, are seeking permanent custody. They first tried to adopt her at birth, but had to return her to Atkinson because their attorney made a legal error.

After the sentencing, Sabrina Kavanaugh was allowed to address Atkinson.

"How am I supposed to explain to her what you did?" asked Kavanaugh, in tears.

Atkinson, also sobbing, said: "I don't know. I thought about that."

Kenneth Atkinson, 34, is awaiting trial. He is charged with serious bodily injury to a child and aggravated sexual assault of a child.

Daughter of Florida governor arrested

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — The daughter of Gov. Jeb Bush ended up in police custody after she allegedly posed as a doctor and called in a phony prescription for the anti-anxiety drug Xanax, authorities said.

Noelle Bush, 24, was arrested Tuesday at the drive-through window of a pharmacy, where police say she called in the prescription after suffering a panic attack Monday evening. She was jailed and released pending a Thursday arraignment, and did not have to post bond.

She could get up to five years in prison and a $5,000 fine if convicted.

Jeb Bush and his wife, Columba, issued a statement saying they were "deeply saddened" by the incident involving their only daughter. "Substance abuse is an issue confronting many families across our nation," they said.

"She's doing fine," said the governor, President Bush's brother. "It's really hard for our family, but a lot of families go through this."

Noelle Bush's attorney, former Florida deputy attorney general Pete Antonacci, could not be reached after hours at his office.

Jeb and Columba Bush have said one of their three children struggled with a drug problem. They did not say whether it was Noelle.

According to police, a woman called a Walgreens pharmacy Monday to see if a prescription had been called in for Noelle Bush. Pharmacist Carlos Zimmerman checked the voice mail and heard a woman claiming to be Dr. Noel Scidmore requesting a prescription for Xanax.

He called the doctor's answering service. Another doctor returned the call and said Scidmore "is moving and isn't really practicing now."

When the woman called the pharmacy again, the pharmacist said the prescription would be ready shortly. Noelle Bush drove up at about 1 a.m. and was waiting there when police arrived.

Police said Noelle Bush's voice and that left on the voice mail appear to be identical.

Scidmore, who has an unlisted home phone number, could not be reached for comment. A message was left on the answering machine at his medical office.

Noelle Bush had been scheduled to start a job Tuesday as an administrative assistant at a company called Infinity Software, according to Tom Lynch, president of the company. He said the job offer stands.

Bush, who lives in Tallahassee, studied art and graduated from a local community college in 2000. She attended Florida State University during the 2000-01 academic year but is not enrolled now.

Since 1995, she has received seven speeding tickets and been involved in three automobile crashes, Florida motor vehicle records show.

Double murderer to be executed

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — In their last moments of life, Dianna Broussard and her 10-year-old son Corey screamed while in the yard of their Port Arthur home, dying of multiple stab wounds, including fatal wounds to the heart.

Their attacker turned his attention to the woman's 9-year-old daughter, Toccara, who had been sharing a bed with her mother that night in 1992.

Toccara, later described by police as a "little bloody girl" found sitting just inside the door, would survive her wounds and tell authorities she recognized the knife-wielding intruder as her stepfather, Windell Broussard, who she said continued to slash at her as her mother and brother stumbled from the house.

Broussard, who was on parole for robbery and also had a kidnaping conviction in his past, was set to die tonight for the double slaying.

The 41-year-old Broussard would be the third condemned Texas inmate to be executed this year and the first of two this week. Randall Hafdahl, convicted of killing an Amarillo police officer, was set for lethal injection Thursday evening.

"It was horrible, horrible," Wendell Radford, the Jefferson County assistant district attorney who prosecuted Broussard, said this week. "He had slashed the hell out of them."

Attorneys for the former foreman at a waste oil transfer company asked the U.S. Supreme Court to halt the lethal injection and also appealed a state court's refusal to grant a motion for DNA testing from the crime scene. Prosecutors contended the DNA testing request was an attempt to delay the punishment.

Besides the testimony from the stepdaughter, Broussard's aunt testified he came home the night of April 24, 1992, wearing only his underwear. He jumped up and down and told her he "did something."

"I killed somebody," he said.

A cap from the company where Broussard worked along with a pack of cigarettes he smoked were recovered from the scene.

Broussard, in an interview last week on death row, acknowledged he and his wife were having marital problems and that he was living elsewhere but denied any involvement in the slayings. The couple had been married the previous year.

"I've always, from the very beginning, said I didn't do it," he said. "Why feel sorry for something you didn't do?

"I don't owe anybody any apology. I think I'm owed some justice. I believe in the system but sometimes it's not fair. The system should be able to sort these things out."

Broussard said he was at a cousin's house at the time of the attacks.

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Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2002

Today is the 30th day of 2002 and the 41st day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1862, the Union launched the USS Monitor. It was the first ironclad vessel with a turreted gun.

On this day in 1968, in Vietnam, the Tet Offensive began.

On this day in 1993, Los Angeles' subway system was opened to the public.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1882-1945), U.S. president; Barbara Tuchman (1912-1989), historian; Dick Martin (1923-), comedian, is 79; Gene Hackman (1930-), actor, is 72; Boris Spassky (1937-), chess master, is 65; Curtis Strange (1955-), golfer, is 47.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1971, in college basketball, Birmingham Southern State College defeated Florence State University 55-46.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "To a historian, libraries are food, shelter, and even muse." — Barbara Tuchman

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Jan. 28) and last quarter (Feb. 4).

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Muslim woman has sued Florida

WINTER PARK, Fla. (AP) — A Muslim woman has sued the state for suspending her driver's license after she refused to remove her face-covering veil for the photograph.

Sultaana Freeman, 34, said she was allowed to wear her veil, which only reveals her eyes, for her license photo in Illinois and for a Florida license issued in February.

State officials demanded Freeman pose without her veil in November, following checks of records prompted by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Freeman filed suit earlier this month in Orange County.

"I don't show my face to strangers or unrelated males," Freeman said.

Florida law states that license applicants be issued "a color photographic or digital imaged driver's license bearing a full-face photograph."

Robert Sanchez, a spokesman for the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, said his agency had to enforce that law.

Civil rights lawyer Howard Marks said the law is vague. He pointed to another Florida law stating the "government shall not substantially burden a person's exercise of religion."

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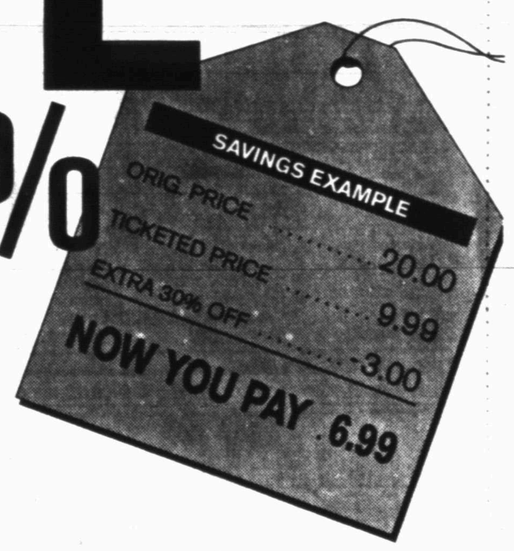


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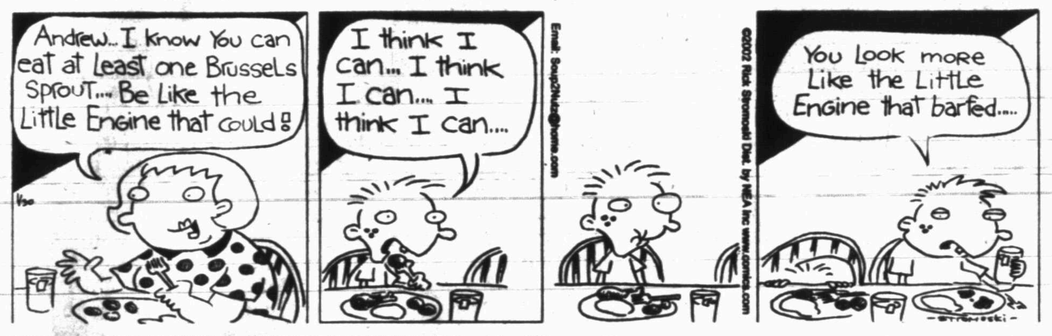
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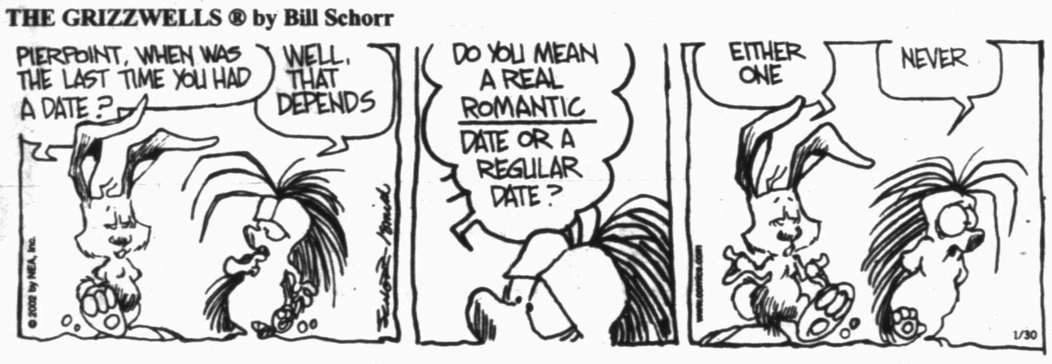
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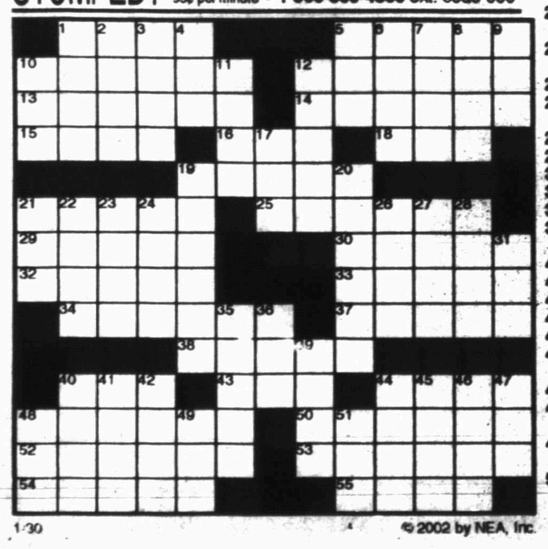
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SPORTS

Missed chances plague Tigers in 56-52 setback

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

PLAINVIEW — After holding off Frenship in a tight game on Friday, the Snyder Tigers found themselves in a similar position Tuesday night. Only this time, it was the Tigers' opponents who made the key plays down the stretch.

Snyder surrendered 21 fourth-quarter points, and went 2-of-7 from the line in the final two minutes to fall to Plainview, 56-52, in a District 4-4A tilt at the PHS gym.

The Tigers (3-7, 7-18) held a six-point lead entering the final period, but couldn't put the Bulldogs (6-4, 14-11) away.

"Plainview made the plays in the end, and we didn't," said Snyder coach Bud Birks. "It's as simple as that. I thought we played pretty well for the first three quarters. But you can't turn the ball over and miss free throws when you're trying to protect a lead."

Snyder committed four turnovers and was outscored, 12-2, in the first five minutes of the fourth quarter as Plainview erased the six-point margin and grabbed a 47-43 lead.

Senior Chris McLeod, the Tigers' leading scorer on the season, was held scoreless for the first three quarters of the game before draining two free throws and a layup to cut the gap to 48-47 with 2:44 remaining.

Snyder would get no closer as the teams traded trips to the free-throw line down the stretch. The squads attempted a combined 17 free throws in the last two minutes, with only one field goal between them.

The Bulldogs were 6-of-10 from the stripe in crunch time, and led by six before Snyder senior Nick Landes drained his fourth three-pointer of the game to close the margin to 55-52 with 24 seconds left on the clock.

The Tigers immediately fouled Plainview's Zabo Hall who made one of two attempts.

Down by four, Snyder didn't get a shot off until Landes misfired from the top of the key with seven seconds showing.

"There were times in the fourth when we didn't get the shot we wanted," said Birks. "And when we did get a decent look, the shots didn't fall."

Plainview jumped out to an early 11-2 lead before Snyder closed out the first quarter with an 8-2 run.

Snyder never led in the first half, and trailed by a 26-24 tally at the break.

A three-point play by junior Josh Mendoza only 14 seconds in to the third quarter gave the Tigers their first lead of the night and jump-started a Snyder run.

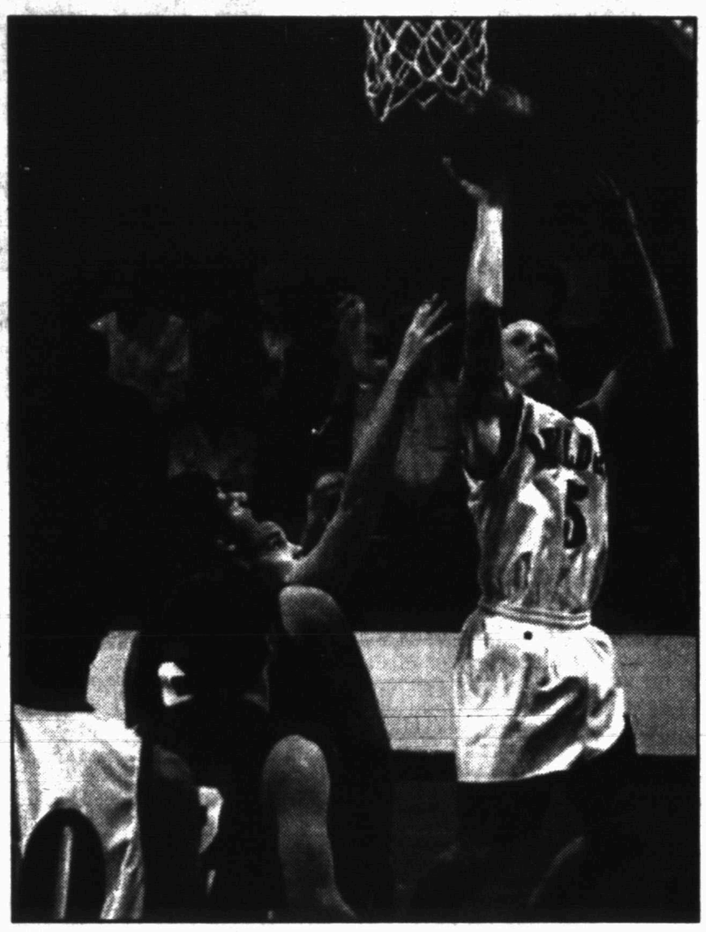
The Tigers drained four long-range buckets in the third, two by Landes and two more by Colby Driggers, to go on top 41-35 entering the fourth quarter.

Plainview's Brylon Bradic led all scorers with 16 points.

Landes finished with a team-high 14 points, and Mendoza posted 12.

Snyder	10	14	17	11 —	52
Plainview	13	13	09	21 —	56

Snyder
Thompson 1-4 1-2 3, Clay 1-5 2-2 4, Landes 5-17 0-2 14, McLeod 1-8 3-4 5, Bedell 0-0 0-0 0, Scott 2-3 0-0 4, Driggers 3-5 0-0 9, Jones 0-1 1-2 1, Mendoza 4-9 4-7 12. **Totals 17-52 11-19 52.**
Plainview
Davis 3-11 6-9 12, Garcia 3-10 1-2 8, Bradic 6-9 4-4 16, Hall 1-6 1-4 4, Duncan 0-1 0-0 0, Minner 2-2 6-11 10, Stokes 0-1 2-2 2, Watson 2-4 0-0 4. **Totals 17-44 20-32 56.**
Three-point goals: Snyder 7 (Landes 4, Driggers 3), Plainview 2 (Garcia, Hall). Rebounds: Snyder 31 (Clay 7, Mendoza 7), Plainview 33 (Davis 10). Total fouls: Snyder 26, Plainview 21. Fouled out — Bedell; Bradic.



ANOTHER BULLDOG BUCKET — Ira senior Nathan Smith takes a shot Tuesday night during the Bulldogs' 58-41 win over Westbrook. Smith led all scorers with 20 points. (Contributed Photo)

Ira squads record pair of victories

IRA — The Ira boys manufactured a fourth-quarter run, while the Lady Bulldogs relied on consistency from its leading scorer. Both strategies produced the same outcome Tuesday night.

Ira put together a 21-3 run in the final quarter to knock off Westbrook, 58-41, in a District 11-A boys tilt.

The Lady Bulldogs got a 36 points out of junior Celeigh Sterling to topple the Lady Wildcats 62-40.

For the Ira boys, it was their 16th consecutive victory, stretching their season mark to 19-3. The Bulldogs are 7-0 in district competition and have already clinched a spot in the playoffs.

"Westbrook is tough, and they always play us hard," said Ira coach Bubba Edwards. "And when you're leading the district, everybody wants to try to knock you off. Our guys never got down on themselves, and just kept battling all night long."

The Bulldogs held a 27-21 halftime lead, before the Wildcats stormed back to grab a 38-37 advantage heading into the final frame.

Ira senior Nathan Smith led all scorers with 20 points, and Jase Olvera added 11.

In the girls tilt, the Lady Bulldogs took control early by outscoring Westbrook, 20-4, in the opening period.

Ira went to halftime on top, 34-20, then strung together a 20-8 run in the third quarter to put the game out of reach.

Sterling's 36 points led all scorers. Lindsey Wilson added 11 for the Lady Bulldogs.

Both Ira squads close out the regular season Friday at Grady. The Bulldogs can wrap up the district crown with a victory over the Wildcats.

Plainview rolls over Lady Tigers, 88-18

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

PLAINVIEW — When the No. 1 team in the state is clicking on all cylinders, things can get ugly in a hurry. Unfortunately for Snyder, the Plainview Lady Bulldogs were in top form Tuesday night.

Plainview looked ready to defend its state title, limiting Snyder to an endless series of turnovers and missed shots on its way to an 88-18 victory in a District 4-4A contest at the PHS gym.

Plainview, which improved to 26-1 on the season, scored 32 points in the first quarter and never looked back, while Snyder (3-9, 8-18) never got on track.

"When Plainview plays at the top of their game, they can completely dominate a game," said Lady Tiger coach Mike Martin. "They forced us into mistake after mistake, and they converted just about all of them into points."

The Lady Bulldogs jumped out to a 22-3 lead in the first four minutes of the game, forcing 10 Snyder turnovers in the short stretch.

Plainview junior Alesha Robertson tallied 14 points in the first quarter as the Lady Bulldogs held a 32-7 advantage heading into the second period.

Struggling against Plainview's relentless defensive pressure, the Lady Tigers went scoreless for the first five minutes of the second quarter and trailed, 50-11, at halftime.

"Our girls played extremely well tonight," said Plainview coach Danny Wrenn. "And Snyder had one of those nights that all teams have every once in a while.

"We have the highest respect for Coach Martin and his players. They kept playing hard for the whole game. It was just one of those nights where we played really well, and they happened to struggle."

After posting only 11 points in the first half, Snyder managed only three buckets over the final two quarters and finished the game with 32 turnovers.

Robertson finished with a game-high 27 points, and Chelsi Welch added 20.

Chaelyn Robinson and Dara Chambers had three points apiece to lead the Lady Tigers.

In other district games Tuesday night, Estacado toppled Andrews, 51-44. Levelland downed Frenship, 53-42, and Big Spring knocked off Lake View, 56-42.

Snyder is in action again Friday at Estacado.

Snyder	07	04	04	03 —	18
Plainview	32	18	20	18 —	88

Snyder
Burleson 1-4 0-0 2, Russell 1-3 0-2 2, Peoples 0-0 0-0 0, Putnam 0-1 0-0 0, Robinson 1-5 1-1 3, Drum 0-3 0-0 0, Daniell 1-4 0-0 2, Lollar 1-2 0-0 2, Chambers 1-1 1-2 3, Schwertner 1-8 0-0 2, McDonald 1-4 0-0 2. **Totals 8-36 2-5 18.**
Plainview
Welch 8-11 3-4 20, Robertson 11-14 4-4 27, Thompson 4-10 0-0 8, Hauk 3-7 0-0 6, Newland 2-3 0-0 4, Am. Lees 5-9 4-5 14, Reinart 2-2 0-0 4, Williams 1-3 0-0 2, Ad. Lees 1-1 1-3 3. **Totals 37-80 12-16 88.**
Three-point goals: Snyder 0, Plainview 2 (Welch, Robertson). Rebounds: Snyder 18 (Burleson 5), Plainview 27 (Robertson 10). Total fouls: Snyder 17, Plainview 10. Fouled out — Peoples.

District 4-4A Boys Basketball

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Estacado	10	0	25	5
Levelland	8	2	17	13
Plainview	6	4	14	11
Frenship	5	5	17	10
Andrews	5	5	14	11
Snyder	3	7	7	18
Big Spring	3	7	11	15
Lake View	0	10	6	20

Tuesday's results: Plainview 56, Snyder 52; Big Spring 83, Lake View 76; Estacado 65, Andrews 34; Levelland 58, Frenship 57.
Friday's games: Snyder at Estacado; Levelland at Big Spring; Andrews at Frenship; Plainview at Lake View.

NBA Glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	29	14	.674	—
Boston	26	18	.591	3½
Orlando	23	22	.511	7
Philadelphia	22	22	.500	7½
Washington	21	21	.500	7½
New York	18	25	.419	11
Miami	16	28	.364	13½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	27	16	.628	—
Toronto	26	19	.578	2
Detroit	22	20	.524	4½
Indiana	23	23	.500	5½
Charlotte	21	23	.477	6½
Atlanta	14	30	.318	13½
Cleveland	14	30	.318	13½
Chicago	9	34	.209	18

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	32	13	.711	—
Minnesota	31	13	.705	½
San Antonio	29	14	.674	2
Utah	23	22	.511	9
Houston	15	30	.333	17
Denver	13	30	.302	18
Memphis	13	31	.296	18½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	33	10	.767	—
L.A. Lakers	30	12	.714	2½
Portland	23	20	.535	10
Seattle	23	21	.523	10½
L.A. Clippers	23	23	.500	11½
Phoenix	22	22	.500	11½
Golden State	14	29	.326	19

Tuesday's Games
Detroit 89, Washington 86
Cleveland 114, Minnesota 81
L.A. Lakers 127, Atlanta 93
New York 78, Philadelphia 71
Milwaukee 109, Boston 90
L.A. Clippers 117, Dallas 100
Charlotte 78, San Antonio 73
Houston 100, Golden State 96, OT
Miami 100, Denver 94, OT
Phoenix 91, Chicago 90
Portland 92, Seattle 86

Wednesday's Games
Memphis at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Orlando, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Utah, 9 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Washington at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at Dallas, 9 p.m.

Sports Briefs

TaeKwonDo tournament

The 16th annual West Texas Invitational TaeKwonDo Championships are scheduled for Saturday at Scurry County Coliseum. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., with competition starting at 10:30.

More than 400 competitors, aged five and up, are expected to attend. The event is presented by Greg Gafford and the West Texas TaeKwonDo Academy.

Tyson's bid for license rejected

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Mike Tyson was trying his heavyweight best to be contrite and humble. He said he was sorry, and that next time he would learn to control his anger.

The former heavyweight champion didn't stick around to hear the Nevada Athletic Commission reject his bid for a boxing license to fight Lennox Lewis on April 6.

Cuban to ref Globetrotters game

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban, an outspoken and often-fined critic of NBA officials, will referee during the first quarter of the Harlem Globetrotters game against the New York Nationals at the American Airlines Center on Friday night.

Chargers hire Schottenheimer

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The San Diego Chargers hired former division rival Marty Schottenheimer as coach, hoping he can end their six-year playoff drought, second-longest in the NFL.

Turner opts out of San Diego contract

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Norv Turner has opted out of his contract with the San Diego Chargers and said he's already talked to his friend Dave Wannstedt about becoming the Miami Dolphins' offensive coordinator.

Astros, Berkman reach deal

HOUSTON (AP) — Outfielder Lance Berkman, an All-Star for the Houston Astros last season, agreed to a $10.5 million, three-year contract.

Happy Birthday Debbie!!
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District 4-4A Girls Basketball

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Plainview	12	0	26	1
Levelland	10	2	24	6
Estacado	9	3	22	7
Andrews	6	6	17	9
Frenship	5	7	16	13
Snyder	3	9	8	18
Big Spring	3	9	12	15
Lake View	0	12	2	24

Tonight's games: Plainview 88, Snyder 18; Big Spring 56, Lake View 42; Estacado 51, Andrews 44; Levelland 53, Frenship 42.
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Reports: Coslett to be named Dallas' offensive coordinator

IRVING (AP) — Bruce Coslet was expected to be hired as offensive coordinator of the Dallas Cowboys on Wednesday.

The Cowboys called a news conference for 3 p.m. Although they wouldn't say what for, several newspapers reported that Coslet would be getting the job.

"I'll be bringing the West Coast offense," Coslet told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram after touring the team's facilities Tuesday. "We've got some young quarterbacks with the Cowboys, and it's going to take some time."

Coslet was a successful offensive coordinator with the Cincinnati Bengals before unsuccessful head coaching stints with the New York Jets and Bengals. He resigned from the Bengals after an 0-3 start in 2000.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones decided to switch offenses after his team struggled to move the ball last season. He reassigned offensive coordinator Jack Reilly two days after the season and began looking for a replacement.

After considering former Florida coach Galen Hall and former San Diego State coach Ted Tollner, Jones settled on Coslet, who played and coached under Bill Walsh, the architect of the short-drop, quick-throwing system used by many of the NFL's most prolific offenses.

As offensive coordinator, Coslet guided the Bengals to the NFL's top-rated offense in 1986 and 1988. He became the Jets' coach in 1990 and spent four years in New York.

Coslet is expected to bring in several new assistants, although quarterbacks coach Wade Wilson is expected to remain in place. He received a three-year contract the day Reilly was ousted.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Vertigo may have serious cause

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have vertigo, which my doctor attributes to a viral inner ear infection. He has recommended an MRI if the problem continues, but I am reluctant to undergo the procedure.

DEAR READER: Your doctor has given you an appropriate recommendation. Vertigo, uncontrolled loss of balance associated with a sensation of spinning, is caused by irritation of the balance mechanism in the inner ear. This irritation can result from a presumed viral infection or from movement of calcium flecks within the inner ear fluid. Usually the vertigo will disappear in a few days, as the irritation subsides of its own accord.

However, vertigo can also be caused by an acoustic neuroma, a growth in the inner ear. This is ordinarily associated with continuous vertigo or progressive worsening of symptoms. In such cases, further testing is needed to determine if a neuroma is present. MRI scanning is used for this purpose. The MRI machine creates a picture (on X-ray film) of the inner structures of the body, thereby enabling physicians to see if small tumors are the cause of symptoms.

Unlike X-ray tests and CT scans, which expose patients to potentially harmful radiation, the MRI is entirely safe because it uses electromagnetic energy.

The machine is extremely noisy when in operation but, except for expense and inconvenience, the test is not a hazard to health and well-being.

I endorse your doctor's suggestion. Have the testing. Really, you have nothing to lose and, if a neuroma is present, a lot to gain. Neuromas are treated surgically.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Ear Infections and Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please shed light on my diagnosis of calcification in my hips, lower legs and feet. What is the treatment?

DEAR READER: To answer your question, I'd have to know the location of the calcium deposits. Bone calcification is, of course, normal — so I suspect that you are curious about calcifications in tissues around bones.

Physically active people often develop painful, unwanted calcium deposits in tendons and ligaments. Such calcifications act like pebbles and interfere with the normal movement of these tissues, leading to pain and stiffness. Cortisone injections can relieve discomfort and allow patients to return to normal activity. In severe cases, orthopedic surgeons may have to remove these deposits. Therefore, the prognosis depends on the location, extent and number of the calcium deposits.

In my experience, calcific tendinitis (inflammation from calcification in tendons) and calcific bursitis (inflammation of the joint covering) usually respond to anti-inflammatory drugs, such as ibuprofen, Celebrex or Vioxx.

If your family physician is unable to assist you, ask for a referral to an orthopedic specialist. In the event your symptoms stem from arthritis-related, excess calcifications around the ends of bones - a common complication of osteoarthritis in the elderly — the specialist can suggest further treatment, such as pain medication, physical therapy or surgery.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have several wens on my scalp. Can they be treated with oral mediation, or should I see a surgeon?

DEAR READER: Wens, known medically as sebaceous cysts, are harmless bumps in the skin caused by backup of oily material in the sweat glands. Over time, this substance accumulates in a blocked pore to cause painless swelling.

Such cysts can occasionally become infected, necessitating drainage or removal. There is no medicine or non-operative treatment for sebaceous cysts. Therefore, you might consider seeing a surgeon who can quite simply remove the cysts in the office, under local anesthesia.

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LEGAL NOTICE

COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT RULES AND REGULATIONS AS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DEC. 12, 2001
ORDINANCE

The Board of Directors of the District shall have the power to adopt and promulgate all reasonable regulations to secure, maintain and preserve the sanitary condition of all water in and to flow into any reservoir owned by the District, to prevent waste of water or the unauthorized use thereof, to regulate residence, hunting, fishing, boating, and camping, and all recreational and business privileges, along or around any such reservoir and the Colorado River and its tributaries, or, any body of land, or easement owned or controlled by the District.

An Ordinance enacted by the Board of Directors of the Colorado River Municipal Water District adopting Rules and Regulations under the powers and provisions of Chapter 12, Title 128 (Article 8280-137) of the Laws of the State of Texas and Chapter 51, Title 4 (Texas Water Code, Section 51.127 et seq.) providing for and to:

- Regulating toilets and sewage disposal; regulating industries upstream from the lakes and reservoirs; regulating garbage and trash disposal; requiring permit for any construction on lands bordering on the lakes and reservoirs owned by the District and covered by flowage easements held by the District.
- Requiring certain standards of safety, size, construction, equipment, and occupancy of boats; providing for the removal of boats in violation of applicable provisions; providing certain sanitary standards for boats having overnight accommodations; defining certain types of boats and docks; providing that the Texas Boat Safety Laws apply to the lakes or reservoirs.
- Requiring permit for operation of commercial activities on waters of District owned lakes and reservoirs or lands owned by District and providing for concession areas.
- Providing for the inspection of boats and other floating devices on the District owned lakes and reservoirs for sanitation and safety; providing for certain recreation permits and fees to be charged by the District for access to boating, fishing, skiing, surfboarding, camping and picnicking on the lakes and reservoirs or in designated recreation areas adjoining the lakes and reservoirs; providing for certain exemptions.
- Regulating the use of firearms, fireworks, and pellet and BB guns on District owned land, lakes, and reservoirs.
- Providing that State Laws regulating fishing in Borden, Coke, Coleman, Concho, Howard, Mitchell, Runnels, and Scurry Counties shall apply to District owned lakes or reservoirs located therein.
- Providing for the establishment of code enforcement officers and defining the powers of such officers.
- Regulating the construction of piers and wharves, floats, and boathouses.
- Regulating the anchoring of rafts and floats.
- Prohibiting the anchoring of boats, trot lines, and other apparatus to buoys, floats, and boathouses owned by the District.
- Prohibiting the discarding of cans, bottles, and rubbish into or on the waters of District owned land, lakes, and reservoirs.
- Providing a time limit for camping in public areas.
- Providing certain penalties for violation of the terms of this Ordinance said penalties shall not exceed fines of Two Hundred ($200) Dollars or imprisonment of more than thirty (30) days.
- Providing for structures to be built on areas covered by a flood easement granted to the District: (a) Lake J.B. Thomas between Elevations 2258.00 and 2265.00 mean sea level; (b) E.V. Spence Reservoir between Elevations 1900.00 and 1912.00 mean sea level; and (c) O.H. Ivie Reservoir between Elevations 1555.00 and 1567.00 mean sea level.
- Providing for pumping of water for personal and private use.
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- Providing for the changing the water line of District owned land and water.
- Providing for impounding abandoned property on District-owned land, lake, or reservoir areas.
- Providing for speed limits on District owned lands, lakes, and reservoirs, and the prohibition of ATV use by the general public on District property.
- Prohibiting the entry onto private lands to fish, camp, and picnic.
- Providing for the repeal of conflicting Ordinances.
- Providing a severability clause.
- Providing for the lawful publication of this Ordinance, and fixing of the time at which this Ordinance will be in full force and effect.
- Providing for rules and regulations governing public access to O.H. Ivie Reservoir Wildlife Management Areas (WMA).
- Requiring permits for WMA limited use activities by the general public and providing for fees thereof.
- Requiring permits for WMA public hunting and providing for fees thereof.

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT.

This Ordinance in its entirety may be viewed on the Internet at the District's web site, www.crmwd.org. Copies of the complete text of the Ordinance herein adopted are available at CRMWD, 400 East 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 01-30-02
♠ 5 3
♥ A 7 6
♦ K 5 4
♣ Q 10 9 7 6

West
♠ A 10 8 7 2
♥ 9 5
♦ Q J 6 2
♣ K 2

East
♠ J 9 6
♥ 10 8 4 3 2
♦ A 10 9 8
♣ 5

South
♠ K Q 4
♥ K Q J
♦ 7 3
♣ A J 8 4 3

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 7

Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2002

Are you frugal or prodigal?

By Phillip Alder

Benjamin Franklin wrote, "Be studious in your profession, and you will be learned. Be industrious and frugal, and you will be rich. Be sober and temperate, and you will be healthy. Be in general virtuous, and you will be happy."

If you win a trick frugally, will you finish rich? Maybe. In this deal, should you win trick one with the spade king or spade queen after East puts up the jack?

North should add one point for his five-card suit, making his hand worth game even opposite a modern 15-17 no-trump.

You start with five top tricks: one spade (given trick one), three hearts and one club. Clearly, you will take the club finesse. If it wins, you have no problems. But if it loses, West might shift to a high diamond, and if he does that here, you will go down.

Somehow, you have to leave West thinking he struck gold with his spade lead. Win trick one with the king. Now West will wonder if his partner has the spade queen. (If you win the first trick with the queen, West knows you also have the king because his partner would have put up the king if he had it.) Cross to the heart ace and take a club finesse. Now the spotlight is on West. Will he shift to the diamond queen, ending happy and richer? Or will he play a second spade? Who knows.

One caveat: You must get your card ready before playing from the dummy at trick one. It is no good pulling the queen from your hand and putting it back before extracting the king. That will give the game away.

With only low cards in the dummy, generally win in hand with the highest of equal cards.

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Markets

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	25.50	24.50	24.50	—.57
AOL TimeWm	26.15	24.00	24.55	—2.15
AT&T Corp s	17.64	17.10	17.11	—.70
Albertsons	28.61	28.26	28.52	—.15
Alltel	54.80	54.34	54.46	—.16
AmEl Pw	41.20	40.76	41.00	—.14
AndarkPtr	46.00	43.83	45.22	—2.18
ATMOS Egy	20.95	20.75	20.76	+ .01
Aviall	7.10	7.01	7.05	—.05
BP PLC	45.50	45.10	45.43	+ .32
BakerHughes	32.63	31.96	32.13	—.37
Bank of Amer	61.10	59.95	60.65	+ 1.45
BellSouth	38.93	38.46	38.89	+ .49
BethSteel	.49	.47	.49	+ .02
BurlNoSFe	27.74	27.27	27.31	—.20
Caterpillar	49.83	48.00	48.06	—1.64
ChevronTex	83.33	81.33	81.50	—3.67
Citigroup	47.49	46.39	46.70	—.01
CocaCola	44.29	43.95	44.08	+ .08
ColgatePal	56.40	55.20	56.15	+ .63
ComclMetals	35.85	35.57	35.68	—.37
CooperIn	35.12	33.67	35.12	—.50
DaimlrChry	40.95	40.36	40.57	—.01
DeltaAirl	32.17	31.47	31.48	—.15
Dillards Inc	14.35	14.01	14.22	—.16
DowChem	27.89	27.18	27.38	—.67
DuPont	42.20	41.58	42.13	—.25
EastmanChem	39.35	38.98	39.19	—.16
EstKodak	27.97	27.50	27.90	+ .28
EDS Corp	59.36	57.63	58.52	+ 1.27
Entergy	40.13	39.52	39.76	—.06
ExxonMobil s	38.34	37.80	38.15	+ .20
FstBksAm	31.86	31.86	31.86	—.04
FootLocker	14.83	14.50	14.69	+ .39
GenDynam	86.25	84.51	85.29	+ .74
GenElec	36.46	34.49	35.00	—1.46
GenMills	48.70	48.00	48.70	+ .65
GenMotors	49.86	49.43	49.71	+ .30
GaPacific	24.56	23.60	24.36	+ .02
Goodrich	26.29	25.60	25.62	—.44
Goodyear s	23.30	23.05	23.22	+ .07
GtAtlPac	24.45	24.26	24.30	—.10
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Hanson ADS	31.71	31.40	31.71	+ .53
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KMart	1.41	1.26	1.38	+ .15
KinderMorg	50.50	49.19	49.25	—.90
Kroger Co	20.91	20.56	20.67	—.02
LockheedM	51.50	50.13	50.20	—.20
Lowes Cos s	44.39	43.30	44.13	+ .38
Lubys	6.55	6.10	6.11	—.34
LucentTech	6.61	6.00	6.50	+ .03
MarathonOil	27.73	27.12	27.20	—.20
MayDeptStr	35.70	35.20	35.49	+ .01
Medtronic	48.48	47.14	48.33	+ 1.19
Motorola	13.66	13.22	13.29	—.16
NCR Corp	41.11	40.45	40.82	—.08
Navistar	37.62	37.00	37.15	—.68
PNM Rescs	27.38	27.10	27.20	—.28
Penney JC	24.15	23.49	23.89	—.16
PepBoys	15.90	15.43	15.50	—.45
PepsiCo	48.20	47.85	48.10	+ .55
Pharmacia	39.48	38.78	39.14	+ .34
PhelpDodge	32.80	32.00	32.70	+ .70
PhilipPet	59.25	58.20	58.80	+ 1.24
PilgrmPrd B	13.20	12.90	13.05	
Praxair	55.60	54.50	55.46	+ .56
ProctGamb	78.50	77.26	78.37	+ .85
RadioShack	30.88	30.50	30.79	+ .59
ReliantEngy	25.00	24.62	24.63	—.32
RoyalDut	48.73	48.28	48.52	+ .14
SBC Comm	36.58	36.12	36.39	+ .29
SaraLee	21.35	21.05	21.26	+ .11
Scripps EW	69.74	69.36	69.36	—.22
SearsRoeb	51.14	50.50	51.05	+ .26
SherwinW	27.15	26.47	27.09	+ .61
SouthernCo s	24.76	24.50	24.65	+ .10
SwstAirl	18.80	18.40	18.68	+ .45
SprintFON	18.15	17.75	17.76	—.34
SprintPCS	16.64	15.03	15.85	—.79
Sunoco Inc	37.25	36.67	36.94	—.21
TXU Corp	47.69	46.82	47.16	—.35
TempleInland	53.85	53.31	53.67	+ .17
TexInd	35.60	35.25	35.60	+ .14
TexasInst	30.35	29.51	29.85	—.11
Textron	44.25	43.91	44.05	+ .18
TriconGlbR	54.12	53.35	54.09	+ .74
TrinityInds	23.69	23.50	23.59	+ .02
TylerTech	4.37	4.35	4.37	+ .02
UnionPacif	60.10	60.00	60.00	—.05
USSteel	19.15	18.80	19.08	—.14
UnitedTech	66.35	64.00	64.00	—2.00
Unocal	33.99	33.32	33.50	—.50
VerizonComm	46.77	46.23	46.31	—.51
WalMart	58.66	57.75	58.64	+ .73
WellsFargo	45.96	45.38	45.70	+ .24
WstnGasRs	28.85	28.30	28.54	—.48
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Xerox Cp	11.29	11.05	11.25	—.20

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Scurry County Country

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By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

Texas Pecan Yard Trees

Pecans are as much a part of Texas as cows, cotton and oil. Since the first settlers discovered their fine flavor and food value, respect and love of pecans has continued. From the very beginning of Texas, pecans have been a special part of every fall and winter party, church dinner, special treat and holiday. Early settlements along Texas rivers were on the receiving end of one of nature's special gifts to man.

In much of Texas, pecan trees are the best form of shade, they are beautiful, and they produce nuts that taste great and provide a good source of energy. We have to take our hats off to Gov. Hogg for starting the movement that resulted in the pecan becoming the state tree of Texas. As a result of his deathbed appreciation for the pecan, Texans became aware that they had a living treasure and have since made it special. The pecan has, thus, become a favorite yard tree in every county in Texas.

Many homesteads and communities with deep, well-drained soil and water for irrigation are recognized for the large number of pecans as yard trees. San Saba, Seguin and Uvalde have become centers of pecan culture, and there are numerous cities with thousands of pecan trees. Abilene and San Angelo are like two big pecan orchards in the middle of Big Sky Country. Big cities such as San Antonio, Austin, Fort Worth and Houston are very large pecan orchards with only one or two trees per home. There are hundreds of small towns, such as Clyde, Hamilton, Kerrville, Granbury, Vernon and Palestine, which have over 1,000 pecan trees in yards, parks and roadside areas. The state capitol in Austin, and many courthouse squares are in places such as Mason, Menard, Eldorado, Fort Davis, Fort Stockton, and many more are surrounded with beautiful pecan trees. Amarillo and Houston have seedling pecans as city street trees with good success.

In contrast to the native groves along rivers and streams, all yard tree production will be harvested, regardless of market prices. Deep-freezers of families, relatives and friends will be filled with each year's crop.

Yard trees on the deepest, well-drained soil will always grow, bear and look good. Shallow or clay soil yard trees need close attention to irrigation: some water should be applied every week from April to October, but not so much as to have run-off or soil saturated with water. Texas pecan yard trees need lots of space. It is far better to have one healthy tree in a yard than half a dozen that never receive enough water because of crowding. Shade is also a negative force in growing pecan trees. Trees so crowded that the lower limbs are touching, should have 50 percent of the trees removed. Pruning off lower limbs does not correct tree-crowding problems.

Zinc foliar sprays and nitrogen fertilizer are needed every spring for good growth and healthy leaves. If water is applied every week from April to October, pecan trees will have healthy foliage until the first fall frost in November or December. Non-grafted seedlings trees make the best yard trees, though their nuts will be small and they could take up to ten years to bear. If a grafted tree is planted, it should be a small-nut variety such as Caddo for the areas of East Texas, the Gulf Coast and the High Plains. Sioux should be planted in the drier climates of Central, South and West Texas since it is less likely to suffer over-cropping stress in August and September when the trees' greatest water requirements occur.

Grass beneath pecan trees should be mowed very close throughout the growing season to ensure maximum soil water for the pecans. Sidewalks, foundations, driveways and other concrete soil covers should be as far away from pecan trees as possible, to ensure good root growth and water absorption.

Information taken from the Horticulture Update, January 2002

Kids get to try out new food items such as prune burgers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The prune burgers were great, but grapefruit juice won't be showing up on school menus if some of the government's official taste-testers have their say.

"The hamburger was good. It tastes like a grilled burger," said Mustafa Mattocks, one of 20 students at Washington's Van Ness Elementary School who tried several new products that the Agriculture Department may offer to schools.

Mustafa, 12, said the burgers, which are a blend of beef and prune puree, were better than the usual school fare. A raisin-tomato barbecue dip for chicken nuggets also was a hit with the students at Tuesday's taste test.

The Agriculture Department is under pressure from Congress to bolster produce prices by buying up surplus crops, including cranberries and prunes, and giving them to schools. Results from the taste test will be tabulated and sent to schools.

In a similar test last year in the Los Angeles area, the sweet potato pancakes were very popular, as were snack bars made with dates and almonds. Broccoli guacamole was a dud, and so was an asparagus version. The prune burgers and pizza topped with a prune-based sauce got better reviews.

USDA eventually intends to hold regular school taste tests in seven regions of the country.

"What we're really trying to do is find new uses for the products we've been purchasing," said Robert Keeney, deputy administrator of USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service.

There's such a glut of prunes that the department is paying growers to destroy 20,000 acres of plum trees. USDA also has been paying farmers to destroy potato and sugar crops, and last year sharply restricted the amount of cranberries that could be brought to market.

Schools, however, are leery of trying new products without evidence that kids will accept them.

"This is something we've been asking them to do for numerous years," said Marcia Smith, school food director in Polk County, Fla., and president of the American School Food Service Association.

The children at Van Ness tried 11 different items Tuesday and were asked to grade each on a scale from 1 (worst) to 5 (best) on taste, smell, color and overall appeal.

"Remember, all the kids around the country are going to hold you responsible for this," sixth-grade teacher Brenda Maxwell told one of her students who seemed reluctant to give bad grades.

Franklin Murphy, 10, gave all 5s to the sweet potato pancakes, but he frowned at all three versions of grapefruit juice he was offered.

Scurrying Around Snyder

Beth Dearhein, CEA—Family and Consumer Sciences, 2605 Broome M, Snyder, Texas 79549

According to the Soap and Detergent Association, there are several advantages to putting away those holiday decorations.

In fact, this task can be the start of a whole new plan to declutter the house. Rather than putting things back in their usual places, use this time as an opportunity to re-evaluate and reorganize your possessions.

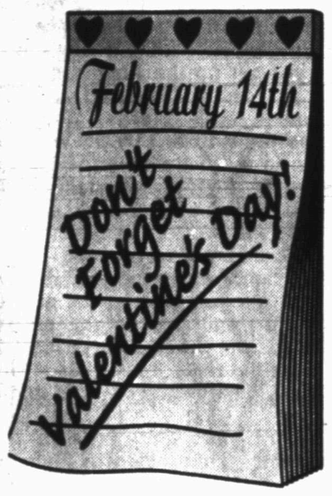
Getting rid of excess clutter can reduce housework by 40 percent. Fewer things to move and clean means there are fewer places for dust and allergens to accumulate. This is important for everyone, but particular if there's a family member who suffers from asthma.

Begin by analyzing what's in the room — one room at a time. Surface clutter is easier to deal with and will produce a quicker change, so concentrate on what you can see rather than what's stored in closets and drawers. Things that don't pass the "I use it" or "I love it" test should be eliminated. Don't keep duplicates or items that are broken or outdated. Group the "keepers" together by category, so you can see everything you own at a glance. This will make it easier to determine where to store these items.

Discards generally fall into one of the following categories: trash, giveaways, tag sale or belongs somewhere else (such as in storage or in another room). Give each category its own carton so it's easy to move items to their next destination. Giving items away to a charity may make it easier to part with them. Off-site storage for items like tax records, college memorabilia or extra furniture is another solution. If you need something, you can always go get it.

When reorganizing, store items near their point of use. Books and reading glasses go next to the reading chair. Cooking utensils go in a drawer next to the cook top. Keep accessibility and safety in mind. Don't store anything dangerously out of reach or overstuff drawers.

Once the reorganization is complete, follow the "One In, One Out" rule — nothing new comes in unless something old goes out. Make it a point to put things away as they are used. That way, daily clean up should take no more than five minutes per room, and dusting and vacuuming will become easier and faster.



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TXU Electric Company and its successor transmission and distribution utility ("TXU Electric") hereby publishes notice that on or about December 31, 2001, TXU Electric, together with the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas, the Office of Public Utility Counsel, and various other parties interested in TXU Electric's rates and services, filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("P.U.C.") a Stipulation and Joint Application for Approval Thereof, Including a Request for Expedited Interim Relief ("Stipulation"). The primary purpose of this filing is to seek the P.U.C.'s approval of a settlement entered into by the parties filing the Stipulation. If the settlement is approved, TXU Electric will recover its regulatory assets through the issuance of $1.3 billion of transition bonds; TXU Electric's non-regulatory asset stranded costs will be set at $0.0; TXU Electric will refund $350 million to retail electric providers before January 1, 2004; in 2004 and 2005, under certain conditions, TXU Electric will pay a credit to retail electric providers serving price-to-beat customers; TXU Electric will not seek further recovery of its December 31, 2001 unrecovered fuel balance; and TXU Electric will not conduct a fuel reconciliation proceeding related to fuel used prior to December 31, 2001 and will not file a 2001 Annual Report pursuant to Texas Utilities Code Section 39.257.

In addition, if the settlement is approved by the P.U.C. and becomes final, numerous cases pending at the P.U.C. and in various courts will be resolved, including the following:

- *Remand of Docket No. 21527 (Application of TXU Electric Company for Financing Order to Securitize Regulatory Assets and Other Qualified Costs)*, PUC Docket No. 24892;
- *Application of TXU Electric Company for Approval of Unbundled Cost of Service Rate Pursuant to PURA § 39.201 and Public Utility Commission Substantive Rule § 25.344*, PUC Docket No. 22350, SOAH Docket No. 473-00-1015;
- *Remand of Docket No. 9300 (Application of Texas Utilities Electric Company for Authority to Change Rates)*, PUC Docket No. 22652, SOAH Docket No. 473-00-1968;
- *TXU Electric Company v. Public Utility Commission of Texas*, Cause No. GN0-02885 in the Travis County District Court, 353rd Judicial District;
- *TXU Electric Company v. Public Utility Commission of Texas*, Cause No. GN0-03687 in the Travis County District Court, 200th Judicial District;
- *TXU Electric Company v. Public Utility Commission of Texas*, Cause No. GN1-03171 in the Travis County District Court, 345th Judicial District;
- *TXU Electric Company v. Public Utility Commission of Texas*, Cause No. GN1-03825 in the Travis County District Court, 53rd Judicial District;
- *Texas Utilities Electric Company v. Public Utility Commission of Texas*, Cause No. 96-10874 in the Travis County District Court, 261st Judicial District;
- *In re: TXU Electric Company*, No. 01-0547 in the Supreme Court of Texas; and
- Any appeal by TXU Electric of the Commission's adoption of Substantive Rule 25.263.

All of the customers and classes of customers of TXU Electric's affiliated transmission and distribution utility in all territories historically served by TXU Electric will be affected if this settlement is approved except those customers located in the certificated service area of TXU SESCO that will receive delivery service over the facilities of TXU Electric's affiliated transmission and distribution utility on and after January 1, 2002.

Persons with questions or who want more information on this matter may contact Chris Schein at TXU Electric, 1601 Bryan Street, Dallas, Texas 75201, 214-812-5338 during normal business hours. A complete copy of the filing may be viewed at 1601 Bryan Street, 32nd floor, Dallas, Texas, 75201 (contact Debra Anderson).

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas (commission) as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512)936-7120 or (888)782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission at (512)936-7136.

La compañía de TXU Electric en representación de si mismo, sus afiliados, y sus sucesores en interés, han llegado a un acuerdo con varios partidos sobre temas relacionados a la transición a competencia de nuestra Compañía, y que también están relacionados a la Comisión y el proceso judicial. Personas con preguntas ó que desean más información sobre este asunto, pueden comunicarse con Ray Granado en TXU Electric al 214/812-4087 ó 1601 Bryan Street, Dallas, TX 75201 durante horas normales de negocio.

Markets

Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 797 head of cattle for the Saturday, Jan. 26, sale. Feeder steers and heifers were mostly steady. Slaughter cows $1 to $3 higher, bulls were $2 higher. Bred cows were $25/hd higher. Pairs were steady. Trading was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:
400-500: 95-104
500-600: 88-93
600-700: 81-83.50
700-800: 77-80
Feeder heifers:
500-600: 80-84.25
600-700: 75.50-79.50
Replacement cows:
Bred cows (5-7 months): 550-675
Bred cows (3-7 months): 425-570
Cow & calf pairs: 725-805
Aged pairs: 550-700
Slaughter cows:
Breakers: 1000-1250 Lbs.: 35.50-40
Boners: 1000-1200 Lbs. 39.75-43.50
Lean: 900-1200 Lbs.: 37.75-41
800-1000 Lbs.: 33-38.50
Under 750 Lb.: 30-35
Slaughter bulls:
Yield Grade 1-2: 1300-2100 Lbs.: 50.25-53
High dressing: 1500-2200 Lbs.: 55-59
Low Dressing: 1000-1500: 44.75-45.50

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 654 head of cattle for the Thursday, Jan. 24, sale. Cows were $2 to $3 better. Yearlings and calves were $2 cheaper. Trading and demand were good.

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(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 35-44
Canner and low cutters: 31-35
Slaughter bulls: 48-58
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 100-115
400-500: 90-108
500-600: 82-96
600-700: 78-83
700-800: 75-83
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 90-105
400-500: 80-92.50
500-600: 75-82
600-700: 73-78
700-800: 65-75
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 80-90
700-800: 65-75
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 600-750
Grade: 550-650
Springers: 375-675
Baby calves: 150-225
Doodlers: 225-295



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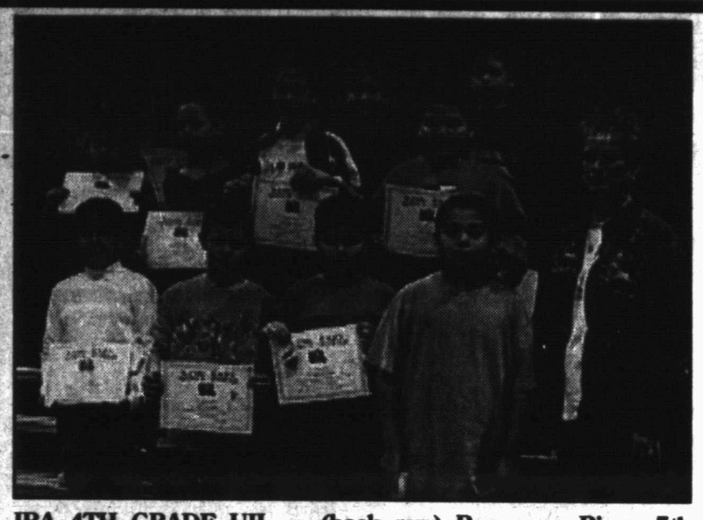
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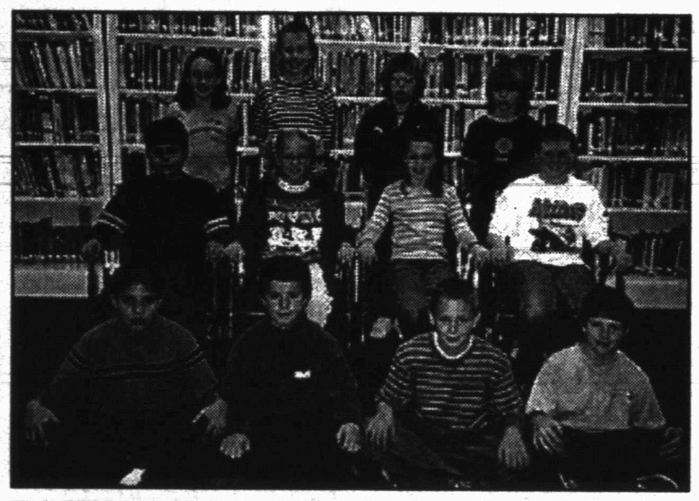
IRA KINDERGARTEN AND 1ST GRADE UIL — Kindergarten (seated): Tyler Goodwin-3rd oral reading; Caleb Martin-oral reading; Leslie Martini-2nd oral reading; Rilee Dunn-1st oral reading. 1st Grade (standing): Taylor Hollingsworth-oral reading; Kaleb Presley-2nd oral reading; Avery Wirsching-oral reading; Sarah Kellner-6th oral reading. (Contributed Photo)



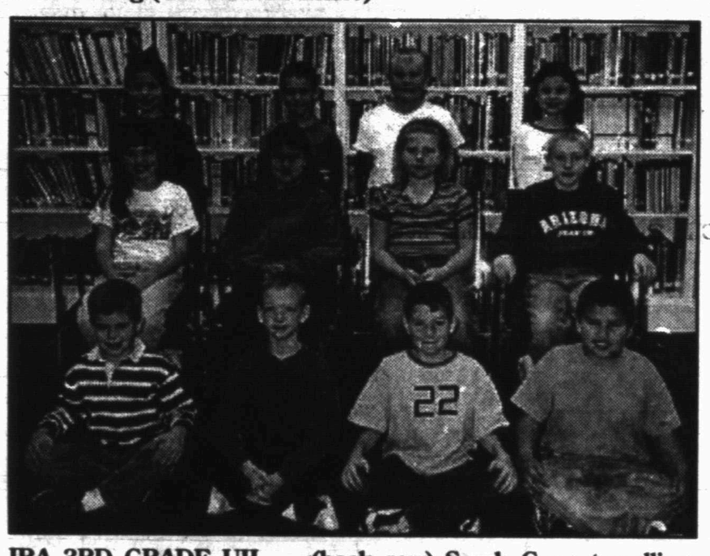
IRA 4TH GRADE UIL — (back row) Rosemary Rivera-5th ready writing; Daniel Wooldridge-oral reading, 2nd team spelling, ready writing; R.T. Shafer-3rd spelling, 2nd team spelling; (middle row) Olivia Juarez-2nd team spelling, 2nd team number sense; Haley Farmer-3rd Oral Reading; Lindsey Daniel-2nd Team number sense; Colby Barrera-ready writing; (front row) Evian Olvera-spelling, ready writing; John Martini-6th oral reading; Brandon Lunsford-oral reading, 2nd team number sense; Rey Juarez-number sense. (Contributed Photo)



IRA 2ND GRADE UIL — (back row) Travis Hartman-6th oral reading, 5th story telling, creative writing; Tanner Martin-1st story telling, 5th oral reading; (front row) Conner Smith-creative writing; Taylor Autry-1st creative writing, 4th story telling, oral reading (Contributed Photo)



IRA 5TH GRADE UIL — (Top row) Jamie Dobbs-3rd listening, 3rd team listening; Heather Steelman-4th listening, 3rd team listening; Cami Mitchell-3rd' team listening, 4th team maps, graphs, & charts; Ashley Trotter-3rd team spelling, ready writing. (middle row) Brandon Ramirez-number sense, 5th team dictionary skills; Leeja Mauldin-4th oral reading, 3rd team number sense, 3rd ready writing, 5th team dictionary skills; Shandy McMullen-6th spelling, 3rd spelling team, 3rd number sense team, ready writing, 4th team maps, graphs, & charts; Rance Dunn-6th oral reading, 5th team dictionary skills, 4th team maps, graphs, & charts. (Front row) Ismael Tavarez-listening, maps, graphs, & Charts; Seth Sanchez-spelling, oral reading, maps, graphs, & Charts; Austin Calley-3rd spelling team, 3rd number sense team, oral reading, ready writing; Tanner Price-dictionary skills. (Contributed Photo)



IRA 3RD GRADE UIL — (back row) Sarah Gunset-spelling; Kolton Stokes-story telling; Baily Nickerson-6th story telling; Laramie Gilbert-3rd team spelling; (middle row) Amber Baker-4th spelling, 3rd team spelling, ready writing; Kyrstin Baker-6th spelling, 3rd team spelling; Rebecca Jones-story telling; Kylor Fine-2nd oral reading; (front row) Isaac Martin-1st oral reading, 5th ready writing; J.P. Wilson-4th story telling, ready writing; Kellner Odom-4th oral reading; Lupe Ornelas-oral reading, creative writing. (Contributed Photo)

New test will prepare 2nd graders for the state test

EL PASO (AP) — The Zach White Elementary School second-graders file quietly to their computers, sit down and start solving problems that require them to count coins, read calendars and unravel word problems.

The students are among more than 7,000 across Texas who are taking the test, which is designed to help prepare them for a new statewide exam that debuts in 2003 called the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills, or TAKS.

TAKS, which will be given in grades three through 11, replaces the 10-year-old Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test, known as TAAS. And public schools could receive a rude awakening when the state switches to the more difficult TAKS test.

Texas Education Agency spokeswoman Debbie Graves-Ratcliffe said the TEA predicts a drop in the state's test scores. "A huge number of our kids are acing the (TAAS) test. It's not much of a challenge for them, so it's time to ratchet it up," she said.

Ken Blystone, a retired teacher who started Trinity Data Services in El Paso, is offering teachers a way to gauge their second-graders' abilities with the free online test. Teaching professionals helped him devise the test using the state-mandated curriculum as a backbone.

Blystone said 7,438 students — in cities including Houston, Dallas, Brownsville, Lubbock, Waco and Waxahachie — have signed on to take the first generation of the test through early February. Their results will help Blystone fine tune the questions to ensure they measure the skills in the state-mandated curriculum.

Police arrest gunman in shooting rampage

CALL (AP) — Police captured a fugitive suspected of killing three people and wounding two others after a police dog tracked his scent.

Perry Anthony Stevenson, 42, was arrested Tuesday near Call in southeast Texas, about a mile from the house where two of the three were killed. The dog tracked him to some woods.

Stevenson was arraigned on aggravated robbery charges and jailed on $500,000 bail. Newton County Sheriff Wayne Powell said he expects Stevenson also to be charged with murder.

Stevenson was sought in Monday's shooting deaths of Mirian McElroy, 52 and two sisters, ages 10 and 14. A 5-year-old sister was hospitalized in good condition; the girls' mother was listed as critical.

The violence started early Monday when a man killed McElroy in Orange, set fire to the home where the shooting occurred, then stole a car from a nearby home.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, Jan. 31, 2002

Several new opportunities to build valuable relationships could be in the offing for you in they year ahead. One may be with a person who can help you constructively build for the future.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Much to your surprise you might discover today that you have a lot more going for you than you thought, if you'll take the time to evaluate your present assets in detail. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - - Your presence will prove to be a big plus for any development that calls for team effort today. You'll be able to pull your weight without hindering the progress of teammates.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — The last thing you're usually interested in is fussing over small details, yet today that may be exactly what captures your fancy. Many tedious points will be cleared up.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — It won't be that you're not in a friendly mood today that stops you from doing much socializing, it's more that you have productive things you want to do and they'll come first.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Your usually yen to want to run about town may be absent today. In its place will be a desire for focusing on involvements with family and loved ones. It could mean a lot to the clan.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Try to catch up on your paperwork and correspondence today, both with telephone calls and the written word. Clear up that clutter while mental assignments are appealing to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Although you personally love all the beautiful things in life, today your practicality and common sense disciplines how you'll spend your money and on what.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You'll function best today on projects or interests that are of a personal nature to you. You won't mind taking a leadership role if that's what is required to accomplish your aims.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — A quiet atmosphere will provide you with the space to function at your most effective level today. You need the non-disturbing elements to be able to hear yourself think.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Those who share the same likes, interests and ideals as you will be the ones with whom you'll be most at ease with today. Other types have little to offer, so shy away if possible.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Normally you're one who can adopt a come-what-may attitude, but today you might be reluctant to take the chance that your goals won't be achieved as you envision.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — What helps you sail so smoothly through the day today is your ability to be both philosophical and practical in your involvement with friends and associates.

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New York poet files suit against FCC

NEW YORK (AP) — A New York poet is suing the Federal Communications Commission, claiming the agency violated her First Amendment rights when it deemed one of her songs indecent and fined a radio station for playing it.

The 1999 song, "Your Revolution," didn't include any of the seven words prohibited by the FCC but it contained vivid sexual imagery.

Poet Sarah Jones said she was surprised by the ruling because she wrote the song as a criticism of the degradation of women in hip-hop. Her lawsuit, filed in federal court Tuesday, asks the court to overturn the FCC ruling and seeks an injunction against a $7,000 fine the FCC imposed on Portland, Ore., radio station KBOO-FM for airing the song.

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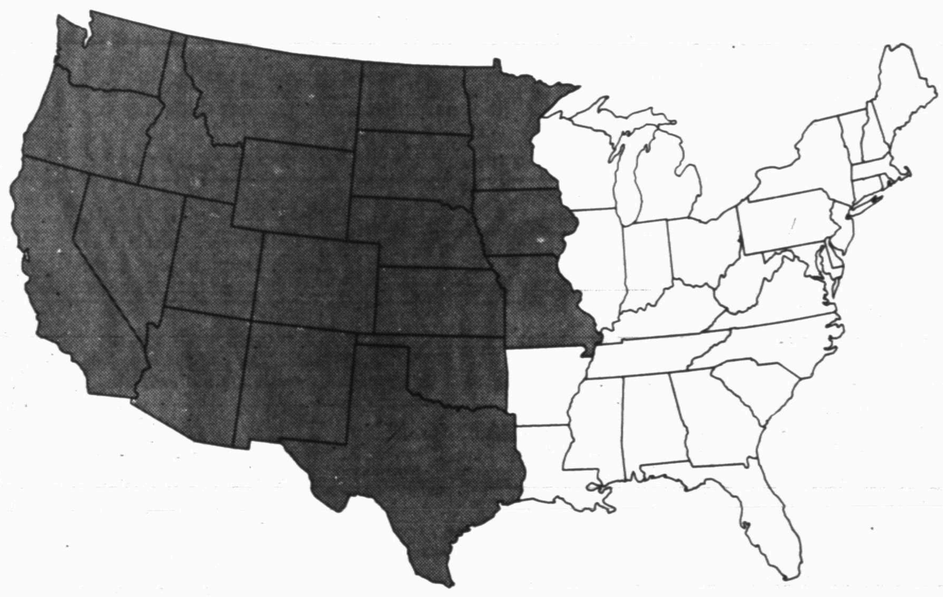
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Obituaries

Patricia Tracey

1936-2002

Patricia Ann Tracey, a resident of Snyder since 1995, died Saturday, Jan. 26, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

A memorial service directed by several close friends will be held at 6 this evening in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Miss Tracey, 65, requested to be cremated.

Born Oct. 1, 1936 in Springfield, Ill., she was reared in the Abilene area, graduating from Abilene High School and attending the Parkland School of Nursing.



Miss Tracey

Miss Tracey worked for more than 20 years as a laboratory technician for the City of Abilene health department.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Christopher and Michelle Tracey of Chico, Calif.; a granddaughter, Alexandra Tracey of Chico; and special friends, Richard and Sally Bross and Ronnie and Diana Williamson and family, all of Snyder.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the local humane society or visit the animal shelter and adopt a pet in her memory.

Joe Green

1916-2002

Joe Aubrey Green, a native of Scurry County, died Monday, Jan. 28, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Green, 85, is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. F.R. "Bear" Williams officiating. Burial will follow in the Fluvanna Cemetery.

Born Dec. 30, 1916 in Fluvanna, he married Maurice Ainsworth on Dec. 15, 1937 in Snyder.

Mr. Green was retired from Northern Gas Company and farmed 30 years in Scurry County. He was a member of the Justiceburg Baptist Church.

Two brothers preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, Dura Maurice Green of Snyder; two daughters, Jane Cooper of Colorado City and Betty Cantrell of Snyder; a son, Weldon Green of Fort Worth; four sisters, Joyce Moore and Charlene Bell Bishop of Cortez, Colo., Merlyn Jones of Snyder and Tince Bigalk of Aurora, Colo.; a brother, Bob Green of Ft. Upton, Colo.; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Otis Crumly

1925-2002

Otis Fulton Crumly, a native of Scurry County, died Tuesday, Jan. 29, in Snyder Oaks Care Center after a lengthy illness.

A memorial service for Mr. Crumly, 76, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Walter McCall, Community Care Hospice chaplain, will officiate. Mr. Crumly's body will be donated to medical science.



Otis Crumly

Born March 16, 1925 in Hermleigh, he was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, having served in the Philippines.

He married Patsy Patterson on July 1, 1950 in Las Vegas. Mr. Crumly worked as a bus and truck mechanic for Airport Transit in Los Angeles for 24 years and for System 99 for 10 years. He returned to Snyder from California in 1986 and worked in maintenance for Western Texas College for four years. He was a member of the Golden K Kiwanis Club.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Paul, Elby and Luke Crumly.

Survivors include his wife, Patsy Crumly of Snyder; a daughter and son-in-law, Tisha and Dean Reeise of McDonough, Ga.; and two sisters, Bertha Holdridge and Beulah Starnes, both of Snyder; a grandson, Chandler Reeise of McDonough; and several nieces and nephews, including Janet Spence and Raymond Holdridge, both of Snyder, and Diane Robbins of Lubbock.

The family suggests memorials to the Community Care Hospice, 1510 S. Gregg in Big Spring, 79720; or to the American Cancer Society at West Texas State Bank in Snyder.

Evelyn Koonce

1921-2002

Evelyn D. Koonce, a resident of the Vincent community since 1942, died Monday, Jan. 28, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Koonce, 80, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Miller Robinson, retired Colonial Hill Baptist Church minister, will officiate. Burial will follow in Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

Born April 23, 1921 in Milam County, she married Lindel Koonce on June 24, 1966 in Lovington, N.M.

Mrs. Koonce was a homemaker and a member of the Vincent Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Lindel Koonce of Vincent; one daughter, Janice Reeder of Dublin; a step-daughter, Connie Powell of Midland; a step-son, Jimmy Koonce; four grandchildren, Vickie Amos, Blake Reeder and his wife, Becky, all of Dublin, Craig Reeder and his wife, Jeriann, of Hobbs, N.M., and Misty Reeder of Dallas; a step-grandson, William Powell of Hawaii; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Edward Aikin

1950-2002

BIG SPRING – Edward Owen Aikin, the bother of Herbert Otto Aikin of Snyder, died Friday, Jan. 25, at his residence.

A memorial service for Mr. Aikin, 51, will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickel & Welch Funeral Home.

Born June 13, 1950 in Eugene, Ore., he was reared in France where his parents were missionaries. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War. He was totally disabled due to his military service. Mr. Aikin was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors also include his parents, Owen and Elda Aikin of Rochester; a sister, Linda Kay Aikin of Dallas; and a sister-in-law, Cindy Aikin of Snyder.

Evelyn Clark

1927-2002

BIG SPRING — Evelyn Clark, grandmother of two Snyder residents, died Monday, Jan. 28, in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a sudden illness.

Graveside service for Mrs. Clark, 74, was set for 3 p.m. today at Coahoma Cemetery with Rick Cunningham, minister of the 14th and Main Church of Christ, officiating.

Born on July 25, 1927 in Coahoma, she was homemaker, a lifetime resident of Howard County and a member of 14th and Main Church of Christ. She married Dan Clark on June 14, 1944 in Big Spring. He died Sept. 10, 1994.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and two sisters.

Survivors include a son, Paul Clark of Salt Lake City; five daughters, Kaye Holley of Big Spring and formerly of Snyder, Sherrian Crittendon of Tuscola, Susan Crawford of Corpus Christi, Sylvia Mooney of Pearland and Trish Classen of Iraan; 21 grandchildren, including David Holley and Daniel Holley, both of Snyder; and four great-grandchildren.

Albert Rodriguez

1932-2002

BIG SPRING – Albert Rodriguez, the brother of Raul Rodriguez of Snyder, died Tuesday, Jan. 29, in Scenic Mountain Hospital.

A vigil service for Mr. Rodriguez, 70, is set for 7 p.m. Thursday in the Nalley-Pickel & Welch Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral mass is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with the Rev. Richard Reagan officiating. Burial will follow in Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Born Jan. 14, 1932 in Big Spring, he married Isela "Sally" Miranda in August, 1962 in Odessa.

A lifetime resident of Big Spring, he had worked with his father, the late Chon Rodriguez, for 25 years in the Spanish Inn Restaurant in Big Spring.

He then started his own restaurant, Alberto's Crystal Café, in 1974. He was a member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, the Chicano Golf Association and the VFW.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Chon and Natividad Rodriguez; three brothers, Gustavo Rodriguez, Rodolfo Rodriguez and Antonio Rodriguez; and two sisters, Zenida Pineda and Helen Ruiz.

Survivors include his wife, Sally Rodriguez of Big Spring; four daughters, Jackie Cerda and Debbie Rodriguez, both of Big Spring, Gina Garcia of Merced, Calif., and Mary Ann Garcia of San Antonio; Gene Albert Rodriguez, whom he reared as a son; four other brothers, Carlos Rodriguez, Jimmy Rodriguez, Ignacio Rodriguez and Benny Rodriguez, all of Big Spirng; four sisters, Aurora Harris of Odessa, Juanita Rodriguez, Annabelle Huante and Marie Lopez, all of Big Spring; 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews, including Jonie Gonzales and Chon Rodriguez of Snyder.

The family suggests memorials to the American Diabetes Association, 8008 Slide Road in Lubbock, 79424.

Billy Etheredge

1935-2002

ROBY – Billy Charles Etheredge of Roby died Tuesday, Jan. 29, in an Abilene hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Etheredge, 66, is set for 11 a.m. Friday in the Roby First Baptist Church with Bro. Jerry Vinson officiating. Burial will follow in the Roby Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home in Rotan.

Born March 29, 1935 in Eskota, he married Sally Simmons on June 27, 1957 in Snyder.

Mr. Etheredge was retired and a member of the Roby First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Vernon and Sarah Smith Etheredge; a daughter, Tami Sue Etheredge; and a brother, Vernon Etheredge Jr.

Survivors include his wife, Sally Etheredge of Roby; two sons, Brad Etheredge of Weatherford and John Etheredge of Houston; a sister, Deana Gantt of Marble Falls; a granddaughter, Tambra Etheredge; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society or to the International Rett Syndrome Association.

Midland woman missing

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M University police are asking for the public's help in finding a missing student.

Bob Wiatt, director of security and university police, said Catherine Page Price of Midland was last seen about 4:30 p.m. Sunday leaving her dormitory in her 1998 blue Ford Explorer.

A statewide law enforcement alert was issued Tuesday.

WHAT'S UP?

events

ONGOINGS

Head Start book fair

Scurry County Head Start book fair continues daily through Friday at the Snyder Child Day Care, 2800 2nd St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and a family night from 6-7 p.m. Thursday.

Video on channel 2

"America: Let the Righteous Arise!" will be shown on Channel 2 at 10 a.m. each Wednesday and Thursday for two weeks. For information, call Trinity United Methodist Church, 573-3988.

Church of God revival

Church of God will hold a revival at 7 p.m. today through Friday. The young Vernon Groce, a former Snyder resident and member of the church, will preach. The church is located at 21st St. and Ave. O.

FBC services televised

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

West Elementary reading night

West Elementary will hold its family reading night from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday. There will be refreshments, different reading activities and the computer lab will be open for parents and students.

Scurry Masonic Lodge 706

The Scurry Masonic Lodge 706 will have a Master's Degree at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. All Master Masons are invited.

Democratic Party meeting moved

The Scurry County Democratic Party will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at The Shack.

Cub Scout pack meeting

Scurry County Cub Scout packs will hold monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at West Elementary. All Cub Scouts, their families and friends are encouraged to attend.

Enchilada plate sale

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 13th and Ave. K, will host a beef enchilada plate sale from 10:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Friday. Cost is $5 for adults and $2.50 for children. Call 573-7142, 573-9670 or 573-3732.

Scouting for Food drive

The Scouting for Food drive to benefit the community Food Cupboard will be Saturday. All non-perishable canned or boxed (no glass) donations should be put in a bag and placed by your front door or mailbox. Scouts will begin picking up donations at 10 a.m. within city limits, Eastridge, Alamo Heights and Ira. If your donation is not picked up by 1 p.m., call 338-1865 or 338-7462.

Relay rally

A rally in preparation for the 2002 Relay for Live will be held at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the SHS student center. The event is sponsored by the local American Cancer Society unit.

Snyder bass club

The Snyder bass club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Kinder Morgan offices on the Lamesa Highway. Anyone interested in joining the club is invited. Membership is $15 per year for individuals and $20 for families.

Tennis booster club

The SHS tennis booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Texas Savings Bank. The club will discuss dressing rooms.

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.

Clogging lessons

Clogging lessons will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, in the coliseum annex. Call 573-0807 or 573-3315 after 5 p.m.

SHS class of 1977 reunion

The class of 1977 will have an organizational meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, in the home of Janie McCormick for its 25th anniversary. Call Sheila Collier at 573-0882 or Janie McCormick at 573-1637.

Sound of Music

SHS Fine Arts Division will *present The Sound of Music* at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 7-9 and 2 p.m. Feb. 10 in Worsham Auditorium. Tickets are $6 for adults, $5 for students and $8 reserved. To reserve tickets, call the high school at 573-6301. Brad Vincent, drama director; and Ronda Haire, choir director, are co-directing.

Two arrested on Tuesday

Arrests

Qfficers responded to a request for assistance on the third floor of the courthouse Tuesday morning.

A 22-year-old woman was attempting to leave without permission. She was taken into custody on warrants for no insurance and failure to appear before a judge.

An 18-year-old man was arrested in the 1700 block of 20th Street just before 1 p.m. Tuesday on warrants for minor in possession of tobacco, no insurance and violating promises to appear before a judge.

Theft

Nick Bredemeyer reported a theft from his car Tuesday. Officers submitted a report for burglary of a vehicle.

Births

Michelle Garza and Dwayne Birmingham of Snyder announce the birth of their son, Dwayne Birmingham Jr., at 1:29 p.m. on Jan. 27 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed six pounds, one ounce.

Paternal grandmother is Doris Birmingham of Abilene. Maternal grandparents are Elio and Rosa Garza of Snyder.

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