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WT-Int. Crude - $18.03
WTIC Posted - $14.75
Natural Gas - $2.280

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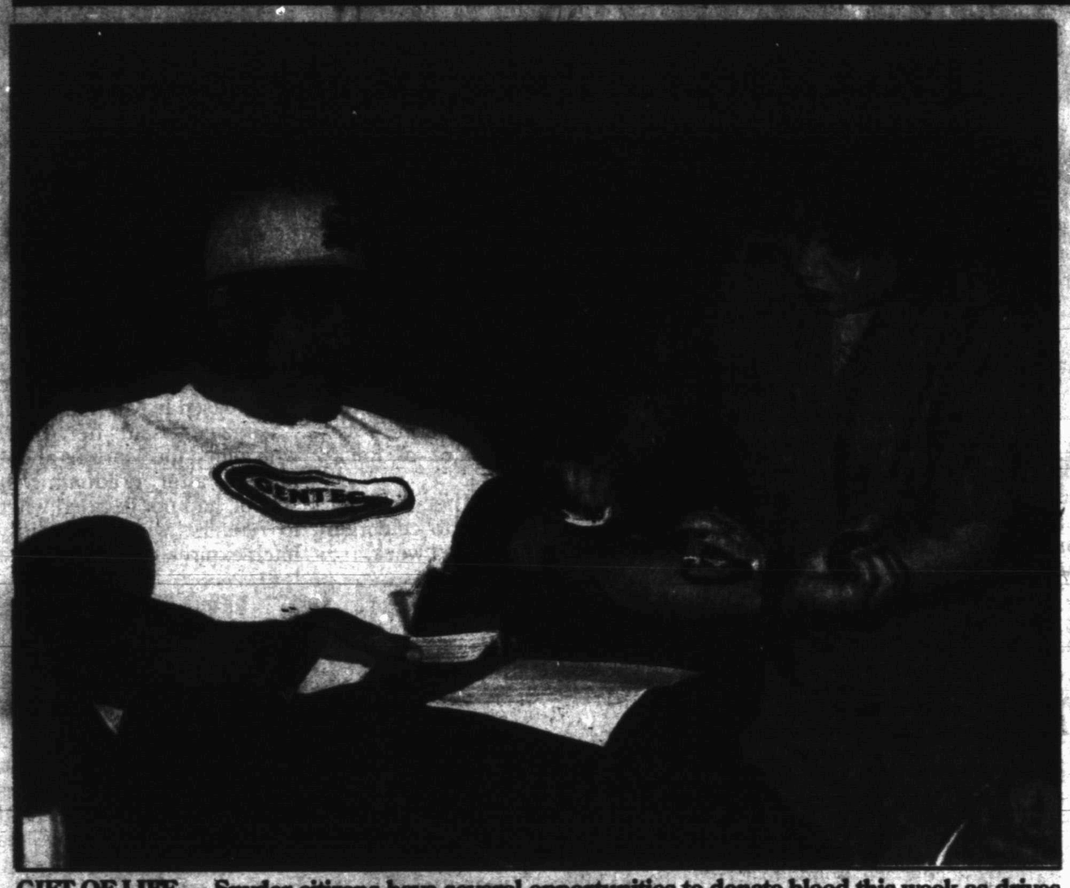


GIFT OF LIFE — Snyder citizens have several opportunities to donate blood this week as drives are being held at the First Baptist Church, Cogdell Memorial Hospital and the Price Daniel Unit. United Blood Services is conducting the drive and offers a T-shirt and a chance for door prizes to donors such as Joe Salinas being assisted by Melissa Gonzalez. (SDN Staff Photo)

16,319 so far...

Bales ginned exceed 2000 totals, more is expected

The cotton gins in Scurry County are still running and report a combined 16,319 bales produced so far this season, more than in 2000.

Wet weather late in the season kept farmers out of muddy fields for several weeks, delaying ginning causing the area's gins to run longer than usual.

Heavy snow and soaking rains in November and December will benefit next year's crop considerably, according to County Agricultural Agent Greg Gruben.

Unfortunately, they did more bad than good this year. Excessive moisture after cotton bolls open hurts the crop, he said.

The average yield in Scurry County this year is 150 pounds per acre, compared to between 250 and 300 pounds in a good year.

As bad as it might look though, this year's crop is turning out better than that of the previous year – depending on how you look at it.

"This year's bale counts will be higher because we harvested more acres than we did last year," Gruben said. "But when you figure the price of cotton in – 35 cents per pound – the farmers aren't making any more money than they did last year."

Gruben said cotton must sell at 60 cents to 70 cents per pound in order for farmers to profit. Gruben said that hasn't happened in almost a decade.

"Even though the bale counts look higher than last year, the yields really are not that great," he said. "They are below par."

Inadale Gin reported a bale count of 8,805 so far this year. Last year the gin produced just 5,100 bales, but 11,762 were made in 1999.

Scurry County Gin, so far, has produced 1,637 bales of cotton compared to only 926 in 2000. The final count in 1999 was 3,550 bales.

At Farmer's Co-Op Gin, 5,877 bales have been processed to date. In 2000, the Co-Op produced 4,188 bales and 12,340 were made in 1999.

"A little cooperation from Mother Nature would do wonders for our farmers," Gruben said. "We need to turn it around and we are all ready, we just need the right rain at the right time. Our farmers are doing a great job. We just need some help with rain and some help with the price, but neither of those is in our control."

Gruben also said farmers are anxiously awaiting a new farm bill from Congress this year, but none of them know what to expect.

"We have no idea what's going to be in the bill," he said. "It could help us or it could hurt us or it could just keep things the same. We'll just have to wait and see."

Plea bargain results in five years probation for woman

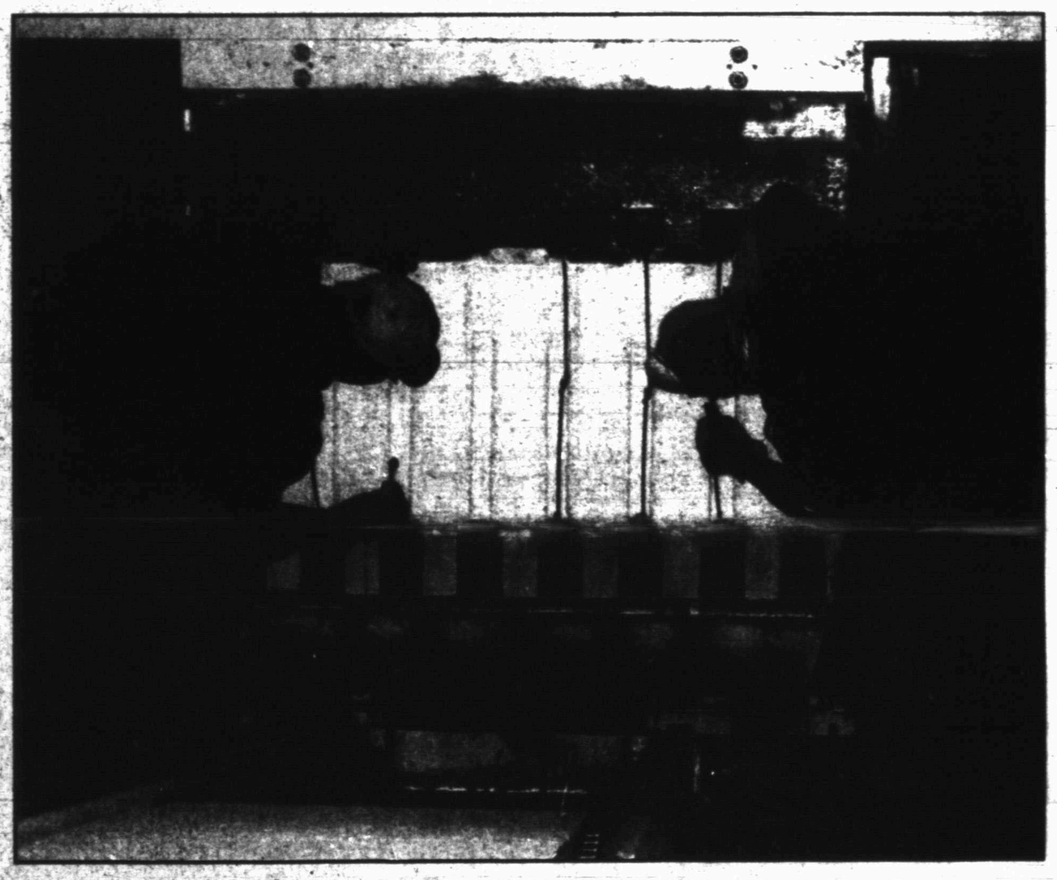
Snyder resident Mary Francis Thompson was sentenced to two years in a state jail facility – probated five years – after entering a guilty plea Monday in 132nd District Court for delivery of cocaine.

Thompson, 47, of 2843 Church Ave. was also fined $1,000 by District Judge Ernie Armstrong and ordered to participate in an alternative to incarceration program.

A jury panel had originally been scheduled to report Monday but it was cancelled late Friday.

Thompson was indicted on the drug delivery charge by the Scurry County grand jury in December 2000.

Her arrest resulted from an undercover drug investigation in the county.



STILL RUNNING — Cotton gins in Scurry County remain in operation – later than normal – because of late moisture and a late freeze. Raymond Guzman and Gayland Rodriguez worked this morning at Farmer's Co-Op Gin to tie a bale. (SDN Staff Photo)

Bankruptcy dims blue lights at Kmart stores

DETROIT (AP) — Kmart Corp., known for its BlueLight Special and discount prices, filed for bankruptcy protection today, becoming the largest retailer to seek shelter from creditors under Chapter 11.

Kmart has struggled in the fiercely competitive discount market against rivals like Wal-Mart and Target. Debt rating agencies, including Standard & Poor's, have in recent weeks lowered their credit ratings for Kmart.

The filing comes a day after a major food distributor, Fleming Co., said it had cut off most shipments to Kmart because the discounter failed to make its regular weekly payment for deliveries. Fleming said Kmart, its largest customer, owes $78 million.

Other suppliers have delayed or stopped shipments to Kmart in recent days, but the Fleming situation posed perhaps the biggest crisis yet, because grocery offerings often drive traffic.

In morning trading on the New York Stock Exchange, Kmart shares tumbled 58 percent, or $1.02 a share, to 72 cents. It had traded as high as $13.55 a share last summer.

Kmart, based in Troy, Mich., made the filing in U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois in Chicago.

The company said that it would reorganize on a fast-track basis and hopes to emerge from Chapter 11 in 2003. Kmart said in its release that it would keep its 2,114 Kmart stores open.

"We are determined to complete our reorganization as quickly and smoothly as possible, while taking full advantage of this chance to make a fresh start and reposition Kmart for the future," Kmart CEO Chuck Conaway said in a statement.

Kmart's bankruptcy declaration is the largest in the retail business since Federated Department Stores Inc. filed for Chapter 11 in 1990 and emerged two years later.

Federated Department Stores at the time had assets of $11.4 billion when it filed in January 1990. Kmart's assets in its latest SEC filing were just over $17 billion.

Kmart said in a release it had secured a $2 billion senior secured debtor-in-possession financing facility from Credit Suisse First Boston, Fleet Retail Finance Inc., General Electric Capital Corp. and J.P. Morgan Chase Bank.

Since the beginning of the year, Kmart's stock has plummeted and the company was removed from S&P's benchmark index of 500 leading stocks. Last week, Kmart named a new chairman, turnaround expert James B. Adamson, to replace Conaway, who remains as chief executive. The company's president, Mark S. Schwartz, left the company.

Today, Kmart named Ronald B. Hutchison as chief restructuring officer, a new position, effective immediately. Hutchison, 51, was most recently chief financial officer of Advantica Restaurant Group Inc., where he and Adamson were instrumental in the company's successful reorganization.

Kmart officials on Jan. 10 announced that the company would not meet Wall Street's consensus expectation for earnings of a penny a share for fiscal 2001, and suggested it may seek additional financing.

The holiday shopping period didn't help Kmart rebound. The company said that for the five-week period ended Jan. 2, 2002, the close of its fiscal year, net sales slipped 1 percent on a same-store basis from the previous year.

Total net sales for the period were $5.52 billion, down slightly from $5.54 billion for the same period last year, Kmart said.

Kmart said its decision to seek bankruptcy protection was based on a combination of factors, including its below-plan sales and earnings performance in the fourth quarter.

Standard & Poor's lowered Kmart's corporate credit rating from a BB to a B- and its preferred stock rating dropped from a B to a CCC-. Moody's Investors Service, the other major credit ratings service, lowered Kmart's debt two notches, citing the company's poor sales and doubts about its recent turnaround efforts.

Wayne Hood, retail analyst with Prudential Securities Inc., said Kmart has to restructure its debt, close unproductive stores and streamline at the corporate level.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Experience is something that comes right after you need it."

Snyder's Helen Feinsod forwarded the following – a collection of thoughts that would be good when applied by anyone.

—The best way to get even is to forget.

—Feed your faith and your doubts will starve to death.

—God wants spiritual fruit, not religious nuts.

—Some folks wear their halos much too tight.

—Some marriages are made in heaven, but they all have to be maintained on earth.

—Unless you can create the whole universe in six days, then perhaps giving advice to God isn't such a good idea.

—Sorrow looks back, worry looks around and faith looks up.

—Standing in the middle of the road is dangerous. You will get hit by the traffic from both ways.

—Words are windows to the heart.

—A skeptic is a person who, when he sees the handwriting on the wall, claims it's a forgery.

—It isn't difficult to make a mountain out of a molehill, just add a little dirt.

—A successful marriage isn't finding the right person – it's being the right person.

—The mighty oak tree was once a little nut that held its ground.

—Too many people offer God prayers, with claw marks all over them.

—The tongue must be heavy indeed because so many people can't hold it.

—To forgive is to set the prisoner free, and then discover the prisoner was you.

—You have to wonder about humans. They think God is dead and Elvis is alive.

—It's okay to sit on your pity pot every now and again. Just be sure to flush when you are done.

—You'll notice that a turtle only makes progress when he sticks out his neck.

—If the grass is greener on the other side of the fence, you can bet the water bill is higher.

—You are richer today if you have laughed, given or forgiven.

—Remember, your garbage pail gets better food than 50 percent of the world.

—The wise man always carries a paddle because he never knows what kind of creek he will be up.

ASK US

Q—Tell me again, when will Snyder High know what district it will be in next year?

A—The new alignment for all Texas schools will be released Monday morning, Feb. 4.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 70 degrees; low, 28; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 50; no precipitation for 2002.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear; low near 40; SW winds 5-15 mph. Wednesday, increasing clouds; high mid 60s; SW winds 10-20 mph.

Gage Welsh
Warm

Sunset:
6:10 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:41 a.m.

Of 21 days in 2002, the sun has shone 21 days in Texas.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

You can turn painful situations around through laughter. If you can find humor in anything, you can survive it.

—Bill Cosby

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11 SHS students compete in UIL

Eleven Snyder High School students participated in the Andrews High School Stampede Classic UIL Tournament Saturday.

Only individual contestants competed, no "team" scores were tallied. The following students placed individually in their respective categories:

Current events: Dustin Whitson, first, and Glen Burns, fourth.

Accounting: Tyler Kerr, first; Kate Wright, second; and Charlie Gorman, eighth.

Computer applications: Jeremee Lester, first; Anna Williams, second; Crystal Garcia, fifth.

Students competing in literary criticism who placed in the top 10 include Meagan Langham, Mandy Burns, and Adrienne Garcia.

Andrews was the first of several practice meets SHS students will compete in as they prepare for the District Academic UIL meet slated March 28.

Sponsors include Lynda Patterson, computer applications; Phyllis Smith, accounting; and Shad Nachlinger, current events.

UIL CONTESTANTS — SHS students who competed in a practice UIL meet Saturday at Andrews include first row, from left, Tyler Kerr, accounting; Kate Wright, accounting; Anna Williams, computer applications; and Charlie Gorman, accounting; second row, Dustin Whitson, current events; Glen Burns, current events; Meagan Langham, literary criticism; Mandy Burns, literary criticism; Adrienne Garcia, literary criticism; Crystal Garcia, computer applications; and Jeremee Lester; computer applications. (Contributed Photo)

Woman burned in visit to folk healer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Laredo woman remained hospitalized today from second- and third-degree burns she got during a visit to a curandero — a folk healer.

Delia Ponce was burned after the curandero set a fire during a ceremony intended to help Ponce win back her ex-boyfriend. The fire flamed out of control, burning Ponce's face and torso, Laredo Police Detective Jorge Maldonado said.

Ponce, 20, is recovering at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio.

Sergio Hinojosa, 45, a self-described healer whom Ponce had visited before, conducted the ceremony Thursday.

Marine injured in helicopter crash is heading home

DALLAS (AP) — A Marine injured last weekend in a helicopter crash in Afghanistan is on his way home to the North Texas town of Royse City, his family says.

Cpl. Ivan Montanez was one of five Marines injured when their helicopter crashed in the mountains about 40 miles from Bagram air base. Two other Marines on board were killed.

The cause of the crash hasn't been determined. There was no initial indication of hostile fire, and officials have said there may have been a mechanical failure.

"We are just glad we were able to hear from him and that he was alive, even though he received injuries," said the Marine's sister, Lauren Gonzalez of Rockwall.

Gonzalez said her brother may arrive in time to celebrate his 23rd birthday next week.

The Marine mechanic suffered a concussion and a skull fracture, which took several staples to repair, Gonzalez said. He also has a fractured shoulder and a broken leg, she said.

A Marine sergeant called Sunday to inform the family of the crash, and Montanez phoned an hour or so later.

Montanez, known as Alonzo to family and friends, is a 1998 graduate of Royse City High School, where he played football and basketball and ran track, said his mother, Guadalupe Montanez.

He is assigned to Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 361, part of the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing based in Miramar, Calif.

Gonzalez said her brother, who joined the Marines about six months after graduating high school, had not decided whether to re-enlist when his four-year hitch expires later this year.

Even from Afghanistan, U.S. soldiers are able to call home

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — After 45 minutes in line, Marine Cpl. Dana Gough stepped up to the telephone in a dusty marble corridor of the Kandahar airport today with a grin on his face. It was his turn to call home.

"It's always worth the wait," said Gough, 23, of Fort Hood, Texas. "It makes you feel good the rest of the day."

The free phone calls are the military's way of keeping spirits high at the southern Afghanistan base. E-mails and letters are also delivered at no charge.

"Morale is equally as important as training and maintaining the force," said Army Lt. Col. James Larsen, executive officer of the 3rd Brigade of the Army's 101st Airborne Division. "Staying in touch with family is a way to do that."

The air assault division, based at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, formally took over control of the airfield from the Marines on Saturday. But the Marines remain on board as the Army waits for more soldiers and equipment to arrive. About 1,100 of the up to 2,500 soldiers from the 101st expected are at the airfield.

Conditions remain primitive at the airfield. Soldiers eat prepackaged meals and there is no running water. The soldiers primarily sleep in tents or on the ground in temperatures that sometimes dip below freezing at night.

To make the phone calls, an operator connects soldiers to a military base close to where they are calling. A local call is then made from there.

The Army occasionally monitors the phones calls, but trusts that the soldiers are following orders not to report classified information in letters and e-mails, said Maj. Paul Fitzpatrick, the division spokesman.

The catch to the free services is that the phone calls and Internet access are limited to 15 minutes, and there's only one phone and computer available to the soldiers.

There's also a matter of finding the time to communicate. Some soldiers have waited in line two hours or more to use the phone or computer.

Army Sgt. Zachary Moore, 24, of Selma, Alabama, said he's been so busy in the week he's been in Afghanistan building trenches along the airfield's perimeter where he sleeps and stands guard that today was the first time he's had time to call his girlfriend.

He was joined in line by Army Spec. Ryan McFarlane, 22, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, who was also planning to call his girlfriend.

Trial delayed for man who is accused of rape and murder

WACO (AP) — The trial of a Conroe man accused of killing and raping a Tarleton State University student will not begin this month as expected, prosecutors say.

Now they say the trial could go on in March, a year after 25-year-old John Edward Wilburn was arrested in the death of 24-year-old Ashley Elizabeth Beasley.

Falls County District Attorney Jody Gilliam said the trial is starting later because of the preparation involved in trying a capital murder case.

Wilburn remains in the Falls County Jail, held in lieu of $850,000 bond, Sheriff Ben Kirk said.

Despite the cost and time involved, district attorney Gilliam said she still plans to prosecute the case as a capital murder.

"It can cost between $150,000 and $200,000 to prosecute a case like this," she said. "That's a lot for a county with a budget the size of ours. So we've applied for grant money through the governor's office."

Wilburn was arrested March 12, 2001, eight days after authorities found Beasley dead next to her wrecked car in a Falls County field. An autopsy showed Beasley was shot multiple times, and died of a gunshot wound to the head.

Police say Wilburn shot at Beasley's car from his passenger-side window as the two were driving on the highway. Police believe Wilburn forced Beasley's car off the road, then pulled her out and raped her.

Beasley and Wilburn apparently did not know each other, officials say.

Wilburn was linked to the killing after a Department of Public Safety trooper remembered helping him free his vehicle from the mud, just hours before Beasley's body was found nearby.

Wilburn's attorney, Russ Hunt, said he is hopeful he can reach a plea agreement with prosecutors. If the case goes to trial, Hunt said he will pursue an insanity defense.

"He was suffering from a combination of sleep deprivation and almost an intoxication of the caffeine that he was taking to stay awake," Hunt said.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER'S COURT OF SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS APPROVING THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE FOURTH CALENDER QUARTER, 2001

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, BE IT KNOWN THAT:

THE COMMISSIONER'S COURT OF SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS, did duly convene in REGULAR Session at its meeting place in the Courthouse in the City of Snyder At 10:00 o'clock A.M. on Monday, January 21, 2002 and, the entire membership of said court, viz., Ricky Fritz, Ralph Trevey, Roy L. Idom, Jr., Howard Limmer, and Chloanne Lindsey, Commissioner's for Precincts, 1, 2, 3 and 4, respectively, being present, the matter of the comparison and examination of the Quarterly Report of Nelda Colvin, Treasurer for Scurry County, for the period October 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001, came to the attention of said Court and the said Court compared and examined the same and inspected and counted all the actual cash, certificates of time and demand deposits, and other assets on the hands of the Treasurer belonging to the County at and as the time of such report: **NOW, THEREFORE,** the Commissioners Court finds that the Treasurer at and as of the time of his report did not have actually in his hands any money or other assets of Scurry County but the same were all on deposit in the Snyder National Bank of Snyder, Texas, the official County Depository, except the following, viz., Texpool; and that from the commencement of business at 8:00 o'clock A.M. on October 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001, the beginning and ending balance for each fund of the Treasurer of Scurry County, Texas for such quarterly period are fully and accurately reflected by the following tabulation attached hereto, incorporated herein by reference, and made a part hereof for all purposes;

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF we, the aforesaid and undersigned County Treasurer, County Judge, and each Commissioner, swear that the above and foregoing averments are complete and correct and that the requirements of Article 1636, Vernon's Annotated Civil Statues of Texas 1925, as amended, have been in all things duly complied with by the County Judge and each Commissioner aforementioned in the REGULAR Session of said Court of Scurry County.

Nelda Colvin,
County Treasurer
Ricky Fritz,
County Judge
Ralph W. Tevey,
Commissioner Precinct No. 1
Roy L. Idom, Jr,
Commissioner Precinct No. 2
Howard L. Limmer,
Commissioner Precinct No. 3
Chloanne Lindsey,
Commissioner Precinct No. 4

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to by the said Nelda Colvin, Ricky Fritz, Ralph Trevey, Roy L. Idom, Jr, Howard Limmer, and Chloanne Lindsey before me, the undersigned Scurry County Clerk for Scurry County, Texas:

ATTEST:
(s) Joan Bunch
County Clerk of Scurry County, Texas
(SEAL)

SCURRY COUNTY TREASURER
FOURTH QUARTERLY SUMMARY

FUNDS	*CASH & INVESTMENT BALANCES DATE: 09-30-01*	*RECEIPTS*	*TRANSFERS IN*	*DISBURSEMENTS*	*TRANSFERS OUT*	*CASH & INVESTMENT BALANCES DATE: 12-31-01*
GENERAL						
Departmental				$629,632.44		
Jury				4,685.25		
Permanent Improvement				0.00		
Airport				26,218.27		
Health Unit				31,990.59		
Park & Coliseum				65,314.69		
Library				84,194.18		
TOTALS						
GENERAL FUND	$166,197.74	$3,466,396.36	$1,300,247.58	$901,826.42	$3,473,189.99	$536,795.25
PAYROLL CLEARING FUND	254.38	1,808.75	1,821,189.80	1,822,362.88	733.84	336.30
TEXPOOL FUND	5,466,632.93	4,968,214.29	2,977,000.00	0.00	1,800,600.00	11,411,247.22
ABANDONED VEHICLE FUND	3,446.39	20.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,467.11
SCURRY COUNTY CONST FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
HEALTH UNIT FUND	1,025.69	16,682.22	0.00	1,419.07	14,131.88	1,067.36
JUVENILE PROBATION FEES FUND	6,213.05	475.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,688.15
LIBRARY DONATIONS FUND	3,398.10	641.60	0.00	1,193.28	218.74	2,628.68
COGDELL DEPRECIATION FUND	8,372.53	31,104.49	25,000.00	60,468.33	0.00	4,008.69
COGDELL REFUND FUND	(2,690.83)	434.38	84,806.91	82,349.35	0.00	691.11
COGDELL PAYROLL FUND	816.72	309,169.21	1,053,696.40	1,363,479.78	0.00	196.55
COGDELL OPERATING FUND	72,035.90	3,621,067.26	300,000.00	2,690,896.46	1,298,728.25	6,308.45
D.M COGDELL HEALTHCARE	0.00	146.47	96,108.53	20,692.57	0.00	75,562.43
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	$6,714,896.60	$12,294,136.85	$8,668,752.39	$8,683,308.14	$8,785,603.50	$12,047,274.20

Airport Revenue 4th Quarter	$13,776.42
Interest 4th Quarter	$48,103.15
Interest Earned to Date	$314,318.51

Nelda Colvin
Nelda Colvin, Scurry County Treasurer

Date Book

Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2002

Today is the 22nd day of 2002 and the 33rd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1895, in Cincinnati, Ohio, the National Association of Manufacturers was founded.

On this day in 1944, in Operation Shingle, Allied forces landed at Anzio, Italy.

On this day in 1968, "Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In" premiered on NBC-TV.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Francis Bacon (1561-1626), philosopher; George Gordon, Lord Byron (1788-1824), poet; Richard Upjohn (1802-1878), architect; August Strindberg (1849-1912), playwright; D.W. Griffith (1875-1948), director; Piper Laurie (1932-), actress, is 70; Sam Cooke (1935-1964), singer; Joseph Wambaugh (1937-), novelist, is 65; Mike Bossy (1957-), hockey player, is 45; Linda Blair (1959-), actress, is 43; Michael Hutchence (1960-1997), singer.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1984, in Super Bowl XVIII, the Los Angeles Raiders defeated the Washington Redskins 38-9.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Men have a thousand desires to a bushel of choices." — Henry Ward Beecher

TODAY'S MOON: Day after first quarter (Jan. 21).

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LOTTO TEXAS — TEXAS LOTTERY

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:
6-8-17-18-19

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
5-7-3

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POTTER DISPLAYS — Fran Farmer, owner of Farmer's Design Group, gave the program for AARP members Monday focusing on the latest project, Harry Potter fixtures sold to retail stores. Farmer's Design Group won second place with the Harry Potter display in the Point of Purchase show in New York the day the Twin Towers were struck by terrorists. From left are Velma Lunsford, program chairman; Marie Armstrong, president; and Farmer. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

COSMORAMA SOCIAL — Members of Cosmorama Study Club had its annual January dinner and social at the Martha Ann Woman's Club Thursday. Officers for next year were elected to include Jan Harrell, president; Jane Crenwelge, vice president; Pat Floyd, second vice president; Millie Sentell, recording secretary; Nonnie Ward, corresponding secretary; and Ellie Dryden, treasurer. Pictured standing from left are hostesses Bobbie Taylor and ElWanda Nall. Seated at the right table are (clockwise) Margaret Presswood, Durelle Gorman, Sandra Robinson, Dorothy Rosson and Pat Floyd. Another hostess, Jo Ashley, is not pictured. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

Beginners' AA open meeting; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 573-8268, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

MAWC Luncheon-Game Day; 11:30 a.m.; games of choice will follow; reservations should be made by calling 573-3427.

Spiritual Solutions for Living Problems Book Study; Snyder Park Club; 574-1292; 6 p.m.

NA Just For Today, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-1438; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal bldg. Betty Blevins of Lubbock will lead workshop in watercolors; bring pictures for library; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.m.

Rock and Roll Quilting Club evening meeting; Hermleigh Community Center; for more information call 863-2426; 6:30 p.m.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; WTC; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-4048 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8494 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center; 9:30 to 11 a.m.

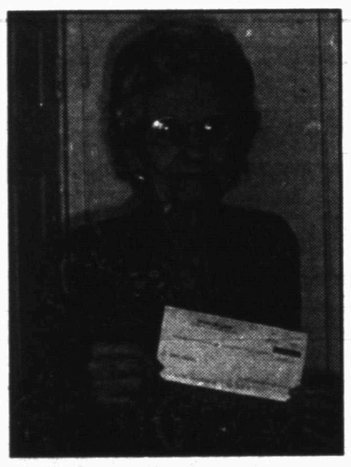
Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd., Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 5731141; 8 p.m.



BIRTHDAY WINNER — Anice Clark Wallace was the winner of the Snyder Daily News *Birthday Bash Cash*. In Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday editions, the rules for winning are stated in an ad and also the amount that can be won. The date 09-11-12 in last week's SDN was Mrs. Wallace's birthdate, earning her $110. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 01-22-02
♠ 8 6 4 3
♥ 5 4 2
♦ 6 3 2
♣ A Q J

West
♠ Q J 10 7
♥ —
♦ J 9 7 5 4
♣ 9 7 5 2

East
♠ K 9 5 2
♥ Q 10 9 8
♦ Q 10
♣ 10 8 6

South
♠ A
♥ A K J 7 6 3
♦ A K 8
♣ K 4 3

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
6 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠Q

Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2002

Unusually, thinking of the unusual

By Phillip Alder

William James wrote, "Metaphysics means nothing but an unusually obstinate effort to think clearly." Does this mean that all bridge experts are metaphysicians? (I thought it would have been "metaphysicists," but apparently not.)

If you obstinately think clearly, bridge is an easy game. You will get some 80 percent of deals right. It is the other 20 percent that sort out the metaphysicians from the metaphysicists, as it were.

This deal ought to be easy for the defenders, but sometimes "rote" plays occur before thought.

Against four spades, West led the heart queen. As it was a suit contract, South knew that East held the heart ace. And declarer realized that if West had the club ace, the opponents could take the first four tricks: two hearts and two clubs. Carefully, South covered with dummy's heart king.

After winning with the ace, East thoughtlessly led back the heart six. And with West on play at trick three, South was safe. West couldn't do better than cash the club ace to stop an overtrick.

East should have been obstinate, refusing to follow the unreliable return-partner's-lead rule. Knowing that the defenders needed four tricks, he should have shifted to the club queen at trick two. Then, at the end of the deal, West would have been smiling, not frowning.

James was a philosopher who looked at things in reverse. For example: We are frightened because we run. He also claimed that beliefs do not work because they are true, but are true because they work. Discuss that over breakfast!

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Succotash is the way early Pilgrim settlers approximated the Naragansett Indian word misickquatash.

The world's first passenger train made its debut in England in 1825.

From eggnog to snack mix...

Flavor the season with cinnamon

From eggnog to snack mix, cinnamon plays a flavorful part in a variety of seasonal recipes.

What flavor can be used to complement everything on your winter table, from entrées to desserts and snack mixes? If you said "cinnamon," then you've got a head start on spicing up your seasonal fare.

The aroma of cinnamon is warm, a sweet and pungent reminder of childhood and celebrations passed. It is a treat for the eyes (adding a rich, reddish-brown color to most dishes), nose and, of course, the taste buds. For a seasonal sensation, try melting a cinnamon stick in a cup of hot chocolate or dusting some atop a tray of cookies or a frothy glass of eggnog. You can also place a stick in a pot of water on the stove to fill the house with the delicious scent.

Cinnamon gives a boost to recipes such as this snack mix favorite:

CINNAMON CARAMEL CRUNCH CRISPIX MIX

6 cups Cinnamon Crunch Crispix cereal

½ cup dry roasted sunflower seeds

1/3 cup fat-free caramel ice cream topping

1 tablespoon margarine

1/3 cup English toffee bits

Combine cereal and sunflower seeds. Set aside. Place ice cream topping and margarine in microwave-safe bowl. Heat in microwave on High for 30 seconds. Stir until smooth. Add cereal and sunflower seeds, stirring until evenly coated. Return to microwave and cook 4 minutes longer, stirring after each minute. Remove from microwave and mix in toffee bits. Spread evenly on wax paper lined baking sheet. Cool completely. Store in airtight container.

For more great tips and recipe ideas, visit www.kelloggs.com.

Adoption, fostering meeting to be held in Sweetwater

SWEETWATER — Every month there are hundreds of cases of child abuse and neglect reported in Texas. You can make a difference in the life of a child.

For further details on fostering and adopting, an informational meeting will be held Monday in the Tri-County Advocacy Center from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at 317 Oak, in Sweetwater.

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Changed by Tragedy

Tragedies change us. Sometimes the change lasts for a short time, but it can last a lifetime. We reach out to people around us, to family and friends. Relationships become supremely important. It matters how we treat people and what we say to them, after tragedies. We witnessed all of this on a national scale and to some degree participated in the whole experience in the past months. As time passes, most of us see the impact of those events greatly lessened and life returns to normal. What about our family and friends now? Our relationships seemed so important in those days. They are still important, but most of us would admit that it is difficult to keep family and friends as important as they were after the tragedy. The urgency of how we treat people and what we say fades with time. That is life.

But the New Testament points to an event that changed people for eternity. The death of Jesus Christ and His resurrection forever changed the lives of His disciples. It still does. Paul wrote about the impact of Jesus' death in II Corinthians. He said this:

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. II Corinthians 5:14, 15

Knowing Jesus died for me changes everything. With time, the impact of that death can fade. The church meets often to keep that memory alive and to encourage one another to live for Jesus, because of what He did for us. It is an event that can change us for a lifetime.

Dale Huff

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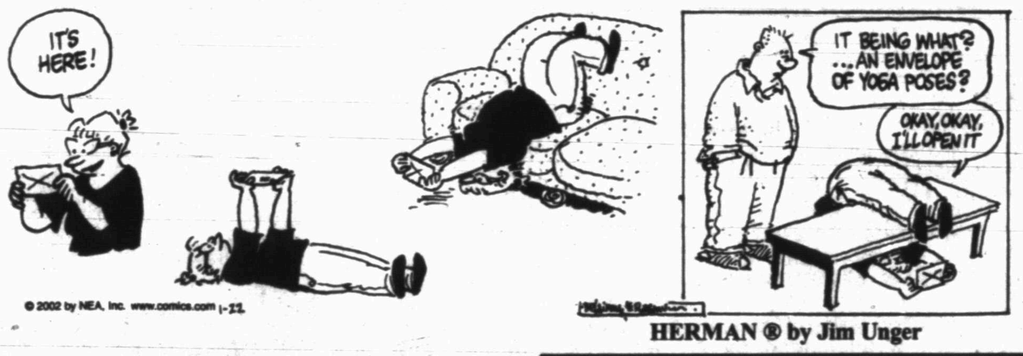

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Wintertime sound
4 Grassy area
8 Retiring
11 Make a bet
12 Sunburn remedy
13 Chirp
15 Livy's eggs
16 Coastline features
17 Vow
18 Park amenity
20 Wildly dramatic
21 British inc.
23 NY baseballer
24 Weight in Canada
27 Toledo locale
29 Snort
32 Amend
33 Adhesive
34 Lupino of the movies
35 Pixie
36 Three, in combos
37 Islands to Cousteau
38 Rent out
39 Gray-green mineral
40 Rhythm
41 MIT grad
42 Witness
44 Banana —
47 Skater's leaps
51 Dappled
52 Stick out
55 Uniform wearer
56 Helm position
57 Yvette's friend
58 Color
59 Make a typo
60 Apple computers
61 Not even

DOWN

1 Spot
2 Four-star review
3 Pitcher Nolan
4 Marina sight
5 Menu phrase (2 wds.)
6 Judge Bean
7 — Plaines, Ill.
8 Erupt, as lava
9 Listen to
10 Himalayan humanoid
14 Advanced deg.
19 Get lumpy
20 Writer Tolstoy
22 Military ID (2 wds.)
23 Apes
24 Hull part
25 Doing nothing
26 Hoist
28 Fling
29 Nefertiti's river
30 Sneaking suspicion
31 History
37 Mountain goat
39 Blasting material
41 Downy duck
43 Loosens
44 Hot tub
45 Heap
46 Smirk's kin
48 Sound bounce
49 Earsplitting
50 Made haste
52 Fruit product
53 Actress Thurman
54 Involuntary movement

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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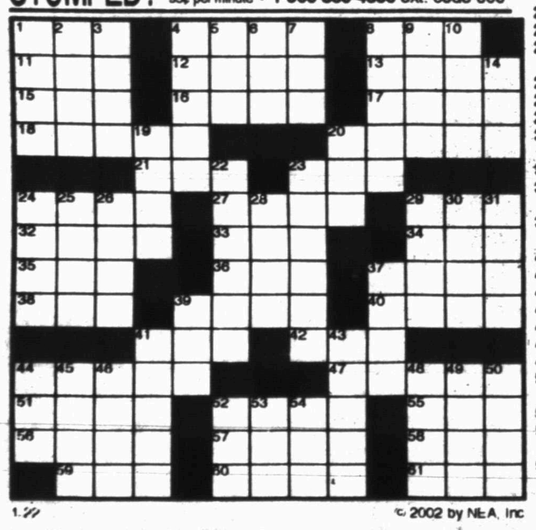

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Snyder Daily News Comics

DENNIS THE MENACE ® by Hank Ketcham

"I thought you were gonna clean up this kitchen."

KIT 'N' CARLYLE ® by Larry Wright

SPORTS

Mavericks run past surging Nets, 113-105

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks have proved they can win without floor leader Michael Finley. Now they've shown they can win without coach Don Nelson.

With Finley injured and Nelson caring for his ill wife, the Mavericks used a 17-1 spurt in the closing minutes to beat the East-leading New Jersey Nets 113-105 Monday.

Dirk Nowitzki filled Finley's role nicely, scoring 39 points, including nine in a row during the gamebreaking run, starting with free throws that provided the tying and go-ahead points.

"I feel real good about our team," Donnie Nelson said. "Everyone had a hand in this."

Nowitzki's contribution was the biggest, even though he went more than 27 minutes between field goals. The Nets used his drought to turn a 15-point deficit into a 99-92 lead with 4:25 left.

After baskets by Steve Nash and Juwan Howard got Dallas close, Nowitzki did the rest of the work, pushing the Mavericks to their seventh win in eight games and a 29-12 record, their best at the midway point in franchise history.

Nowitzki is averaging more than 24 points for the season, but close to 30 in the 10 games Finley has missed. Dallas is 9-1 in those, with tight, late victories over good teams in the last two.

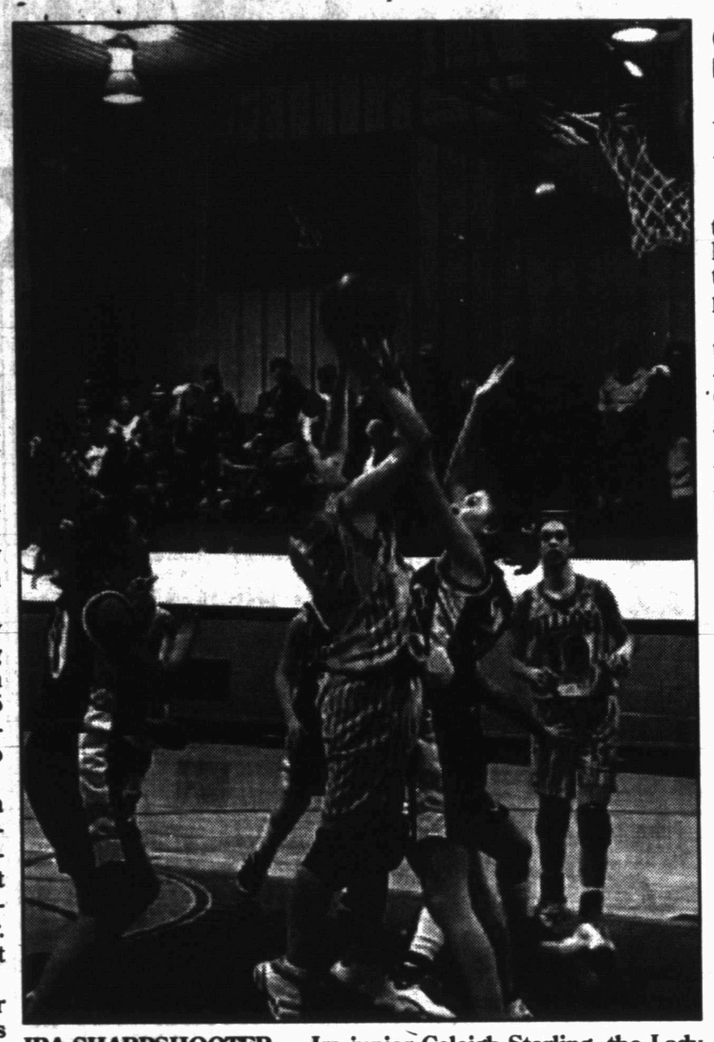
"We all have to share our shots a little more," said Nowitzki, who is averaging 36 points his last four games. "But we're hoping that Finley's coming back soon, especially when we play out West. That's when we are really going to need him."

Dallas' record would be good enough for first in the East. Instead, that status goes to New Jersey (27-13), which came in having won seven of eight.

The Nets were undone by Jason Kidd's worst shooting game of the season: 1-for-17, with the lone hoop a 3-pointer with 25 seconds left. It ended the Mavericks' big run, but came too late to get anything going.

"I missed a couple of shots in the beginning and I stopped having confidence for some odd reason," said Kidd, who had eight rebounds and 15 assists, including the 5,000th of his career. "Even though I didn't shoot good, we had a chance to win."

Kidd has had several other incredibly inaccurate games this season: 0-for-9 vs. Philadelphia, 1-of-11 vs. Detroit, 2-of-14 vs. Denver and 2-of-10 vs. Phoenix.



IRA SHARPSHOOTER — Ira junior Celeigh Sterling, the Lady Bulldogs' leading scorer, puts in two points against Grady last week as Lindsey Wilson looks on. After taking Friday off, both Ira and Hermleigh are in action tonight at home. Ira takes on Sands, while Hermleigh faces Loraine. In District 4-4A competition, Snyder travels to Big Spring. (Contributed Photo)

Snyder, Big Spring meet in 4-4A tangle

The Snyder Tigers opened District 4-4A with a victory against Big Spring, and the Tigers hope to start the second half of league play the same way.

Snyder travels to Big Spring this evening for a pair of District 4-4A contests. Girls action tips off at 6 o'clock, followed by the boys game at 7:30.

The first meetings were tight with Big Spring notching the girls victory while Snyder earned the boys win.

The Lady Tigers (2-7, 7-16) matched the Lady Steers (2-7, 11-13) point for point in the first half, before Big Spring managed to pull away thanks in part to 10 points from Kim Wrightsil.

Wrightsil hasn't been in the line-up lately after suffering a shoulder injury, and isn't expected to play tonight. Her absence helps the Lady Tigers match-up defensively.

In the boys game, the Tigers (2-5, 6-16) hope the return of junior post Josh Mendoza will help their cause against the Steers (1-6, 9-14). Mendoza has missed back-to-back games due to illness.

The junior drained 13 points and senior wing Chris McLeod poured in 21 in the first meeting.

"We got production from our posts, and we got penetration from McLeod so we had a good mix on the offensive end," said Snyder coach Bud Birks. "We'll need that again tonight. Whether it's Mendoza or Corey (Clay) or Tate (Thompson) underneath, we need to get some points out of our posts to open up other things."

Big Spring will likely rely on Arthur Belvin and Mic Fleming who combined for 30 points the first time around. The Steers are without the services of Curtis Woodruff and Josh Woodruff, both of whom are no longer with the team.

In other action around the district, Andrews visits Lake View. Plainview hosts Levelland, and Estacado travels to Frenship.

In local Class A competition, Ira and Hermleigh are both on their home floor tonight after taking Friday off.

Ira plays host to Sands, with the Bulldogs looking to notch their 14th consecutive victory and hold on to the District 11 lead. The girls game gets underway at 6:30, followed by the boys at 8 o'clock.

Hermleigh welcomes Loraine to Cardinal gym, with both Hermleigh squads looking to pick up their first district victory. The Lady Cards tip off at 6:30, with the boys game starting at 8 o'clock.

District 4-4A Girls Basketball

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Plainview	9	0	23	1
Levelland	8	1	22	5
Estacado	7	2	20	6
Andrews	4	5	15	8
Frenship	4	5	15	11
Big Spring	2	7	11	13
Snyder	2	7	7	16
Lake View	0	9	2	21

Tonight's games: Snyder at Big Spring; Andrews at Lake View; Levelland at Plainview; Estacado at Frenship.

Friday's games: Frenship at Snyder; Big Spring at Andrews; Lake View at Levelland; Plainview at Estacado.

District 4-4A Boys Basketball

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Estacado	7	0	22	5
Plainview	5	2	13	9
Levelland	5	2	14	13
Frenship	5	2	17	7
Andrews	3	4	12	10
Snyder	2	5	6	16
Big Spring	1	6	9	14
Lake View	0	7	6	17

Friday's results: Levelland 82, Snyder 61; Frenship 62, Big Spring 42; Estacado 61, Lake View 33; Plainview 59, Andrews 55.

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Big 12 Basketball

MEN	Conference W	Conference L	Conference Pct.	All Games W	All Games L	All Games Pct.
Kansas	4	0	1.000	15	2	.882
Texas	4	0	1.000	13	4	.765
Oklahoma	4	1	.800	15	2	.882
Missouri	4	2	.667	14	5	.737
Texas Tech	3	2	.600	14	3	.824
Oklahoma St.	2	3	.400	15	3	.833
Baylor	2	3	.400	12	6	.667
Colorado	1	3	.250	10	5	.667
Kansas St.	1	3	.250	7	8	.467
Texas A&M	1	3	.250	7	11	.389
Nebraska	1	4	.200	8	8	.500
Iowa St.	1	4	.200	9	10	.474

Monday's results

Oklahoma 84, Missouri 71

Tonight's games

Kansas State at Colorado

Wednesday's games

Texas A&M at Texas
Kansas at Iowa State
Nebraska at Oklahoma State

WOMEN	Conference W	Conference L	Conference Pct.	All Games W	All Games L	All Games Pct.
Kansas St.	5	1	.833	17	2	.895
Oklahoma	5	1	.833	15	2	.882
Texas	5	1	.833	13	3	.812
Missouri	3	2	.600	12	4	.750
Texas Tech	3	3	.500	11	5	.688
Colorado	3	3	.500	13	6	.684
Baylor	2	3	.400	14	3	.824
Texas A&M	2	3	.400	10	7	.588
Oklahoma St.	2	3	.400	10	8	.556
Iowa St.	2	4	.333	14	4	.778
Nebraska	2	4	.333	12	7	.632
Kansas	0	6	.000	5	14	.263

Tonight's games

Missouri at Texas

Wednesday's games

Oklahoma State at Texas Tech
Kansas at Kansas State
Texas A&M at Baylor
Iowa State at Colorado

Hawks hang on against Rockets

ATLANTA (AP) — Nazr Mohammed didn't know the Atlanta Hawks ended a six-game losing streak, and he didn't care that he had his fourth straight double-double.

All he was interested in was Monday's result.

Mohammed had 18 points and 17 rebounds and made two big plays down the stretch as the Hawks stopped their longest losing streak of the season with a 95-91 victory over the Houston Rockets.

Jason Terry scored 19 points, and Atlanta overcame Shareef Abdur-Rahim's ejection to end a five-game home losing streak.

Mohammed blocked Steve Francis' tying layup in the final minute, then tipped in Terry's miss to give Atlanta a four-point lead on the next possession.

The Hawks held on from there.

"I didn't even know what kind of losing streak we were on, to be honest with you," Mohammed said. "I just wanted to play well."

Abdur-Rahim and Houston's Kenny Thomas were ejected late in the third quarter after their scuffle for position escalated into a fight. Both threw punches before being separated along the baseline.

"It was unfortunate they got in a fight," Mohammed said. "But we had to continue to fight hard like he did. He fought hard trying to get us this win."

Abdur-Rahim, who seconds earlier was given a technical for arguing with referee Ron Garretson, had 16 points and nine rebounds. Thomas had 11 points.

It was the first ejection for Abdur-Rahim since March 3, 2001, against the Lakers. Thomas was last ejected April, 10, 2000, against Utah.

"It definitely sparked a lot of intensity," Terry said. "We had to be a lot more aggressive to match their intensity. Rough play caused us to come out, and it was a challenge."

Cuttino Mobley had 26 points for the Rockets, who have lost four of five games. Steve Francis had 25 points, 10 assists and nine rebounds. He missed two of Houston's previous five games because of migraine headaches, but played all 48 minutes Monday.

The Rockets are 12-10 with Francis in the lineup, 1-18 without him.

The Rockets took a nine-point lead early in the second quarter on a 3-pointer by Moochie Norris. Atlanta slowly climbed back in it and scored the first six points of the third period to tie it at 45.

National Basketball Association

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE, Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	27	13	.675	—
Boston	24	16	.600	3
Orlando	21	21	.500	7
Washington	19	19	.500	7
Philadelphia	19	21	.475	8
New York	14	25	.359	12½
Miami	13	26	.333	13½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	26	13	.667	—
Toronto	24	18	.571	3½
Indiana	22	21	.512	6
Detroit	19	20	.487	7
Charlotte	19	21	.475	7½
Atlanta	14	26	.350	12½
Cleveland	13	28	.317	14
Chicago	8	32	.200	18½
WESTERN CONFERENCE, Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	30	10	.750	—
San Antonio	27	11	.711	2
Dallas	29	12	.707	1½
Utah	22	19	.537	8½
Houston	13	28	.317	17½
Denver	12	28	.300	18
Memphis	12	28	.300	18
Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	31	9	.775	—
L.A. Lakers	28	9	.757	1½
Seattle	21	19	.525	10
L.A. Clippers	21	21	.500	11
Phoenix	20	20	.500	11
Portland	20	20	.500	11
Golden State	13	27	.325	18

Sunday's Games

No games scheduled

Monday's Games

Charlotte 111, New York 68
Atlanta 95, Houston 91
Seattle 109, Philadelphia 98
Milwaukee 97, Detroit 79
Dallas 113, New Jersey 105
Indiana 93, Chicago 81
Utah 101, Golden State 99
Minnesota 105, Washington 101
Miami 95, Cleveland 93, OT
Boston 106, Toronto 97
Sacramento 112, Memphis 98
L.A. Clippers 102, Denver 89

Tuesday's Games

Chicago at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
New Jersey at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Denver at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Indiana at Boston, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Toronto, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Utah, 9 p.m.
Memphis at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Mets complete three-player trade

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Mets pulled off a three-team, 11-player trade, acquiring Jeromy Burnitz from Milwaukee and sending Glendon Rusch to the Brewers and Todd Zeile to Colorado.

The Mets completed an offseason overhaul of their offense, getting the slugging outfielder they had been seeking after being spurned by free agent Juan Gonzalez. Burnitz will fit into a lineup with newcomers Roberto Alomar, Mo Vaughn and Roger Cedeno.

New York also received pitcher Jeff D'Amico, infielder Lou Collier, outfielder Mark Sweeney and cash from Milwaukee. The Mets got two minor leaguers from Colorado: infielder/outfielder Ross Gload and pitcher Craig House.

The Brewers, who saved money by dealing Burnitz back to his original team, added a left-handed starter in Rusch. They also obtained outfielder Alex Ochoa from Colorado and infielder Lenny Harris from New York.

The Rockies filled their third base hole with Zeile and added outfielder Benny Agbayani. The Mets will pay about half of Zeile's $6 million contract.

Cunningham reconsiders retirement

OWINGS MILLS, Md. (AP) — Baltimore Ravens quarterback Randall Cunningham, who planned to make this his final season, is considering returning for one more year.

Cunningham, 38, played in seven games this season as a backup for Elvis Grbac. He went 54-for-89 for 573 yards and three touchdowns and was 2-0 as a starter.

He entered the season claiming it would be the last of his 16 years in the NFL, but said that he would reconsider if coach Brian Billick wants him to return.

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Tips to prevent intestinal gas

DEAR DR. GOTT: What can I do to treat my intestinal gas? I have really become a social liability. I've had a normal GI X-ray series and sigmoidoscopy, don't eat cabbage or beans and have been told I have diverticulosis. What's the answer to my problem?

DEAR READER: Excessive intestinal gas can be a real problem for some people whose intestines seem to be unusually sensitive. Such flatulence often accompanies irritable bowel syndrome but it also can reflect peptic disease and inflammatory bowel disorders, conditions for which your doctor rightfully tested you. Another disorder that should be investigated is lactose intolerance (intestinal problems — including gas — that are caused by a sensitivity to milk sugar).

Although your physician may wish to counsel you about your problem, here are a few easy dietary rules.

Be careful when swallowing. Any air you gulp in will pass through to your colon and cause flatulence. Therefore, eat slowly and chew thoroughly. Bloating can result from rushing your meals.

Avoid carbonated beverages. The carbon dioxide in sparkling drinks can raise Cain in people who suffer from gas.

Don't eat foods such as beans and legumes that you have identified as adding to your gas.

Try Beano, a natural compound that is available in drug stores and supermarkets. When added to food according to the manufacturer's directions, it will reduce the formation of gas.

Consider simethicone products, such as Gas-X, which will cut down on gas production in the colon.

Don't consume products, such as sugar-free chewing gum, that contain the artificial sweetener sorbitol. This inert and indigestible substance will frequently worsen flatulence.

Have your doctor make sure that your diverticulosis isn't infected. When these little intestinal pouches become inflamed, they can cause spasm and gas pockets. Called diverticulitis, this common condition is readily treatable with antibiotics.

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Retinal disorders often result from injury and, unfortunately, from the aging process. Many patients suffer from visual difficulties as they age. By and large, retinal diseases are challenging to treat; unequivocal improvement is usually more the exception than the rule.

For example, retinal degeneration, a poorly understood disease, leads to patchy areas of thinned, non-functioning retina, causing what appear on examination to be retinal "holes." This produces a spotty loss of vision because the diseased tissue does not register images. Patients ordinarily complain of visual loss, flashing lights or spots floating in the visual field. Some instances of retinal degeneration respond to special laser surgery.

So do many cases of retinal detachment, which produces similar symptoms and is associated with a painless wrinkling or pulling away of the retina from the underlying tissue.

As you can appreciate, retinal disorders require meticulous examination by eye specialists to determine whether the causes are treatable or not. Since your wife has valid concerns about her vision, I urge her to seek a second opinion from an ophthalmologist who specializes in retinal disorders. Although the optometrist may be correct, a second opinion won't hurt and might help your wife avoid progressive deterioration of her sight.

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Hip-Hop Summit held

NEW YORK (AP) — Hip-hop celebrities like rapper Nas, Def Jam record label founder Russell Simmons and Reverend Run of the group Run-DMC attended the first Hip-Hop Youth Summit.

About 800 people gathered at the auditorium of York College on Monday to attend the forum, presented by organizations including the Hip-Hop Summit Action Network.

The network was put together by Simmons and others.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	25.20	23.90	23.91	—.96
AOL TimeWrn	30.15	28.87	28.93	—.65
AT&T Corp s	18.72	18.47	18.59	+.06
Albertsons	30.05	29.65	29.91	—.12
Alltel	57.18	56.90	57.00	+.11
AmEl Pw	42.80	42.35	42.63	—.37
AndarkPtr	47.65	46.95	46.99	—.35
ATMOS Egy	21.10	20.90	20.97	+.02
Availl	6.70	6.30	6.57	+.21
BP PLC	44.46	44.07	44.15	—.03
BakerHughes	32.43	31.62	31.76	+.12
Bank of Amer	61.93	61.00	61.78	+.98
BellSouth	38.47	37.70	38.12	+.07
vjBeth Steel	.52	.47	.48	—.03
BurlNoSFe	27.30	26.93	27.19	+.26
Caterpillar	49.35	48.19	48.50	—.48
ChevronTex	87.64	86.60	86.70	—.10
Citigroup	50.55	50.09	50.28	+.32
CocaCola	45.65	45.20	45.64	+.20
ColgatePal	56.80	56.24	56.35	—.80
ComclMetals	35.53	35.23	35.48	+.03
CooperIn	31.17	30.70	30.95	+.52
DaimlrChry	41.44	40.90	40.91	—.64
DeltaAirl	30.46	29.35	29.37	—.60
Dillards Inc	15.74	15.40	15.60	+.27
DowChem	27.49	26.70	26.82	—.01
DuPont	41.85	40.60	40.80	+.12
EastmanChem	38.20	38.02	38.02	—.19
EstKodak	26.59	26.25	26.48	+.23
EDS Corp	67.60	66.98	66.98	+.18
Entergy	41.88	41.29	41.41	—.54
ExxonMobil s	39.50	38.52	38.79	+.39
FstBksAm	33.00	32.76	33.00	+.55
FootLocker	15.52	15.23	15.45	+.15
GenDynam	78.65	78.25	78.42	+.90
GenElec	39.45	38.87	38.89	+.21
GenMills	50.07	49.65	49.91	—.04
GenMotors	50.25	49.80	49.98	+.21
GaPacific	22.50	21.40	21.77	—1.59
Goodrich	25.80	25.52	25.73	+.48
Goodyear s	22.10	21.50	22.03	—.07
GtAtlPac	23.46	22.00	23.25	—.51
Halliburtn	10.47	10.16	10.25	+.19
Hanson ADS	33.40	33.23	33.28	+.88
HarteHanks	29.05	28.85	28.85	—.30
HomeDepot	49.49	48.63	49.31	+.81
Honeywellntl	29.90	29.07	29.69	+.34
IBM	114.26	112.65	112.65	—1.60
IntlPaper	39.28	38.38	39.12	+.90
JohnsonJn s	59.85	58.70	58.93	—.77
vjK mart	.78	.66	.73	—1.01
KinderMorg	55.60	54.90	54.92	+.13
Kroger Co	20.68	20.45	20.57	+.04
LockheedM	49.72	48.70	49.50	+.84
Lowes Cos s	44.22	43.25	44.19	+.79
Lubys	6.17	6.10	6.12	—.10
LucentTech	7.24	6.90	6.90	+.21
MarathonOil	27.59	27.25	27.45	—.02
MayDeptStr	36.18	35.63	36.03	+.50
Medtronic	49.20	48.65	49.14	+.66
Motorola	14.22	13.80	13.92	—.33
NCR Corp	40.99	40.25	40.38	—1.88
Navistar	35.75	35.53	35.59	+.04
PNM Rescs	28.74	27.54	27.60	—.31
Penney JC	25.75	25.25	25.50	+.37
PepBoys	16.19	15.75	15.79	—.21
PepsiCo	49.50	49.12	49.47	+.36
Pharmacia	40.40	39.66	40.16	+1.01
PhelpDodge	32.10	31.35	31.95	+.45
PhilipPet	58.30	57.80	57.85	—.17
PilgrmPrd B	13.23	13.08	13.13	—.09
Praxair	49.44	48.85	48.95	—.04
ProctGamb	79.81	78.60	78.93	—.88
RadioShack	29.04	28.80	28.98	+.49
ReliantEngy	26.20	25.81	25.81	—.37
RoyalDut	47.37	46.84	46.89	+.12
SBC Comm	36.60	35.88	36.04	—.47
SeraLee	21.90	21.61	21.81	+.12
Scripps EW	69.05	68.66	69.04	+.39
SearsRoeb	52.80	52.22	52.60	—.03
SherwinW	25.79	25.41	25.48	—.09
SouthernCo s	25.21	25.05	25.14	—.14
SwstAirl	17.69	17.31	17.36	—.48
SprintFON	18.34	18.14	18.24	—.01
SprintPCS	17.55	17.00	17.00	—.01
Sunoco Inc	36.96	36.56	36.81	+.01
TXU Corp	48.48	48.02	48.32	—.02
TempleInland	52.41	51.60	52.29	+1.03
TexInd	36.88	36.07	36.84	+.82
TexasInst	27.44	26.55	26.55	—.99
Textron	39.25	38.80	39.01	+.02
TriconGlbR	53.10	52.40	52.45	—.72
TrinityInds	23.89	23.62	23.75	+.19
TylerTech	4.00	3.98	4.00	+.02
UnionPacif	58.40	57.65	58.15	+.31
USSteel	18.38	18.10	18.13	—.15
UnitedTech	65.30	64.10	64.76	+1.11
Unocal	33.60	33.20	33.22	—.07
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Peggy Lee, 81, dies of heart attack at Los Angeles home

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Peggy Lee, the singer-composer whose smoky, insinuating voice in such songs as "Is That All There Is?" and "Fever" made her a jazz and pop legend, died Monday. She was 81.

Lee died from a heart attack at her Bel Air home, said her daughter, Nicki Lee Foster.

Lee repeatedly battled injury and ill health, including heart trouble, in a spectacular career that brought her a Grammy, an Oscar nomination and sold-out houses worldwide.

"She was a perfectionist, she had an incredible ear," Foster said. "She saw her performance as a total complete musical picture from start to finish."

During more than 50 years in show business, which began during a troubled childhood and endured through four broken marriages, she recorded hit songs with the Benny Goodman band, wrote songs for a Disney movie and starred on Broadway in a short-lived autobiographical show, "Peg."

Her vocal flexibility and cool, breathy voice brought sultry distinction to big band showstoppers, pop ballads and soulful laments. She was considered in the same league as Billie Holiday, Mildred Bailey, Ella Fitzgerald and Bessie Smith.

Her hits touched generations of listeners. Lee's more notable recordings included "Why Don't You Do Right?," "I'm a Woman," "Lover," "Pass Me By," "Where or When," "The Way You Look Tonight," "I'm Gonna Go Fishin'" and "Big Spender." The hit "Is That All There Is?" won her a Grammy for best contemporary female vocal performance in 1969.

"Many singers confuse shouting with emotion. Peggy Lee sends her feelings down the quiet center of her notes," Whitney Balliett, longtime jazz critic for The New Yorker wrote. "She does not carry a tune; she elegantly follows it."

She was born Norma Egstrom on May 26, 1920, in Jamestown, N.D., where her father worked as a handyman and part-time railroad station agent.

Her mother died when she was 4, she recalled in a 1985 interview, and she was abused by a stepmother. She said the experience turned out to be good for her, because "I learned independence."

She decided to become a singer at age 14, when she would earn 50 cents a night at gigs for local PTAs. A few years later she traveled to Fargo where she sang on a local radio station. The WDAY program director suggested a name change, and she became Peggy Lee.

Lee eventually arrived in Hollywood with $18 in her pocketbook, supporting herself as a waitress between nightclub jobs.

Goodman, then the King of Swing, hired her to sing with his band after hearing her while she was performing at a Chicago hotel.

A string of hits, notably "Why Don't You Do Right?", made her a star. Then she fell in love with Goodman's guitarist, Dave Barbour, and withdrew from the music world to be his wife and raise their daughter, Nicki. But she returned to singing when the marriage fell apart.

"I kept blaming myself for his alcoholism and the failure of our marriage," she said. "And I finally understood what Sophie Tucker used to say: You have to have your heart broken at least once to sing a love song."

Lee's sultry voice kept her a favorite in radio, on records and later in television. She became an accomplished songsmith, co-writing "Manana" and "It's a Good Day" with Barbour.

She recalled in a 1988 interview that her husband (Barbour) "thought of me as a jazz singer. I never did. I didn't know what I was. I just liked to think of interpreting."

She collaborated with Sonny Burke on the songs for Disney's "The Lady and the Tramp," and was the voice for the wayward canine who sang "He's a Tramp (But I Love Him)."

Her work on that 1955 film led to a landmark legal judgment 36 years later when a California court awarded her $2.3 million after she sued for a portion of the profits from the videocassette sale of the movie. The case hinged on a clause in her pre-video-era contract barring the sale of "transcriptions" of the movie without her approval.

In 1956, she was cast her as a boozy blues singer in "Pete Kelly's Blues," and she was nominated for a supporting actress Oscar. She also appeared opposite Danny Thomas in an update of "The Jazz Singer," but her film career was short-lived.

"My agents decided they could make more money from me on the road," she said.

She recorded more than 600 songs and wrote many others, including themes for such movies as "Johnny Guitar" and "The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter." Her return to recording in 1958 after a hiatus of more than a decade netted her a Grammy nomination for "Miss Peggy Lee Sings The Blues" in 1989 and another for "The Peggy Lee Songbook: There'll Be Another Spring" in 1991.

Despite her success, Lee believed her record company did not pay her enough in royalties. She is among more than 200 musicians involved in a pending lawsuit against Vivendi Universal's music division. Lee claimed the company failed to pay her and other musicians, who recorded with the Decca Records label before 1962, millions of dollars by underreporting sales and overcharging for services.

MORE AWARDS — These primary students at West Elementary received citizenship, outstanding achievement or achievement awards for the fall semester. (Top photo) Students pictured from left, bottom row, Danielle Sanchez, citizenship; Liza Benavidez, outstanding achievement; James Davis, achievement; top row, Mark Fisk, outstanding achievement; Jimmy Wells, citizenship; Zane Morin, citizenship; Nicholas Davis, outstanding achievement; Anissa Alvarez, achievement; Crystal Simmons, achievement. Others include (bottom photo) bottom row, from left, Samantha Bloom, Hillorie Earnest, Ashley Martinez, Carli Trout, Mindy Warren, all citizenship; middle row, Jessica Goodger, Adrianna Hernandez, Savannah Marricle, Reid Pinson, Kellie Sanders, Mason Tabor, all outstanding achievement; top row, Megan McWilliams, Austin Palacios, Timothy Sifuentes, Chase Toland, Cailey Young, all achievement. Not pictured are Kelton Williams, citizenship; Jonathen Epperson, achievement; and Brandon Sutton, achievement. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Vanity plates become the latest way to remember terror attacks

By The Associated Press

Hours after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, drivers began papering their vehicles with American flags. Then they turned toward something more permanent: vanity plates.

Motorists began choosing vanity license plates with numerous variations on the Sept. 11 or World Trade Center theme: 9FDNY11, WTC911, and RMBRWTC.

Now, several legislatures nationwide have begun issuing memorial license plates, with many states proposing to send the proceeds to victims of the attacks.

"It's people in a way circling the wagons, saying we've all got to work together," said Forrest Robinson, a professor of American culture at the University of California at Santa Cruz.

But while the New York Legislature is among those considering a special commemorative plate, the state's Department of Motor Vehicles has placed a moratorium on requests for personalized Sept. 11-related plates — such as "WTC4EVER" — citing concern for victims and their families.

"We're definitely taking our time before making any decision related to it, because it was obviously such a tragedy," New York DMV spokesman Matt Burns told the New York Post.

Appropriately, it was the state that's home to the Motor City that first created a Sept. 11 memorial plate, said Michigan Secretary of State Candice Miller. Her staff designed the plate in one afternoon, and it passed the legislature two weeks later.

"It had to be the fastest-moving piece of legislation ever known in the Michigan Legislature," Miller said. The plates benefit the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army.

R. Dee Woell was one of the first of more than 15,000 Michigan drivers to snap up one of the plates for $35, in addition to the annual registration fee.

Woell, who had never thought she'd get a personalized or vanity license plate, ended up getting both: Her specialized plate is stamped "MIUSA."

Woell's desire to make a statement is part of the ritualizing of Sept. 11 through the American car, said Laura Shamas.

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Thousands urged to apply principles of MLK

ATLANTA (AP) — Across the nation, thousands remembered the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. with parades, speeches, rallies and memorial services that invoked the slain civil right leader's message of unity and equality, especially after the events of Sept. 11.

Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin was among those gathered at Ebenezer Baptist Church, the place where King once co-pastored with his father. The younger King, assassinated in 1968 at age 39, would have turned 73 last today.

"If you have been touched as I have been by Dr. King's ministries, he has succeeded," Franklin said Monday. "If we do not apply his principles to our daily lives, it will be our failure."

The standing-room-only crowd of about 2,000 also heard first lady Laura Bush praise King as "a man committed to peace and a man committed to change."

King "shaped our laws, our conscious and our history," said Bush. "American history is unimaginable without him."

Lester Koonce, a facilities maintenance worker in Atlanta, listened as speakers memorialized the civil rights leader at Ebenezer but said the holiday was nothing more than a pep rally.

"I think we need to go back and rediscover the purpose of what King actually stood for," he said. "We need to unite."

As she did last year, King's widow, Coretta Scott King, asked people to use the holiday as a day of service.

Her son Martin Luther King III brought a similar message in Detroit at a prayer breakfast.

"We don't see it as a day off," he said. "We see it as a day on which people can be involved in community service."

Organizers of the Greater Philadelphia Martin Luther King Day of Service said the 500 service projects and estimated 30,000 volunteers in the city was one of the largest events in the country.

"Dr. King preached the importance not only of civil rights but of civic responsibilities," said Todd Bernstein, founder of the day of service. "He understood how important it was for a democracy to have diverse groups join hands to take action against suffering and injustice."

In Boston, King's eldest daughter, Yolanda, addressed 1,500 people at the city's largest annual MLK Memorial Breakfast. She said Sept. 11 erased racial differences — for now.

"Skin color was covered by the ash of burning towers," King said. "Perhaps the best response to this tragedy is to not go back to normal."

In the spirit of King's compassion, students at Watson Elementary School in Hastings, Neb., presented a $145 check to the city's homeless shelter from selling a specially designed T-shirt.

"Civil rights are still being threatened," marcher Stephanie Distefano said from under her umbrella.

New York democratic senator Hillary Rodham Clinton said it's important to recall King's teachings, especially as the city works to rebuild its hope and landscape since Sept. 11.

"In the face of despair, he preached hope," she said.

At Michigan State University, economist and syndicated columnist Julianne Malveaux encouraged several hundred students and community members to keep King's dream alive, especially when it comes to the economy.

She said America has a long way to go before everyone is able to get a good meal and earn an adequate income.

Malveaux challenged the students to take action to continue King's efforts.

"There are hundreds and thousands of leaders in the audience," she said. "Who's doing the work? It's not just the leader."

In Nashville, Tenn., the first female bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church said blacks must stop living in King's shadow and participate in the battle against racism and hatred.

"Dr. King left the comfort of his easy chair and got personally involved," the Rev. Vashti Murphy McKenzie told hundreds gathered at Tennessee State University.

McKenzie said the events of Sept. 11 create a greater urgency for all Americans to work together more harmoniously. She said what happened that day was a result of hatred.

"This is not-new hatred," she said. "It's the same kind that hung strange fruit from trees and burned crosses in front yards. It's just a new age of hatred."

Georgia Sen. Max Cleland said King would have been heartened to see America united in its resolve to battle terrorism.

"I can't help but think how Dr. King would be pleased at how we've come together since Sept. 11," Cleland said during the Ebenezer service.

World encouraged to search for cure for deadly anthrax

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — A coalition of scientists and technology companies is asking people around the world to use their computers' extra processing power to help search for a cure for anthrax.

The project follows similar efforts to use "distributed computing" to hunt for extraterrestrial life and a cure for cancer. It is being launched today to help Oxford University researchers find ways to treat anthrax that can no longer be treated by antibiotics.

The project is based on the premise that the average personal computer uses between 13 percent and 18 percent of its processing power at any given time. It employs "peer-to-peer" technology, in which millions of computers can share files over the Internet.

Participants download a screen-saver that runs whenever their computers have resources to spare, and uses that power to perform computations for the project. When the user connects to the Internet, the computer sends data back to a central hub and gets another assignment.

The company that designed the program, United Devices Inc. of Austin, Texas, promises that no personal information on participants' PCs can be compromised while they take part.

If the project attracts more than 160,000 participants, it can give researchers more computational power than the world's 10 best supercomputers combined, said United Devices spokesman Andy Prince.

"The screen-saver doesn't cost you anything, and at least you're taking part in something, adding your bit," said Graham Richards, the Oxford professor leading the study.

Scientists have discovered that the anthrax toxin is made up of three proteins that are not toxic on their own but become toxic after binding together.

The Oxford scientists want to scan 3.5 billion molecular compounds to see if any can block the process and keep the toxin from reproducing.

The results, which could serve as blueprints for late-stage anthrax drugs, will be turned over to the U.S. and British governments, Richards said.

The project is funded by Intel Corp. and Microsoft Corp. and supported by the National Foundation for Cancer Research.

A similar program launched last April, to help Richards' team find a molecule that might counteract a protein involved in the growth of leukemia, is harnessing the power of 1.3 million PCs around the world.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Patriots must learn to pay proper respect for the flag

DEAR ABBY: How do you chew out someone whose heart is in the right place? During the Cold War, I spent almost six years defending the flag of our country. While I am delighted to see it flying everywhere, folks — please use your head as well as your heart.

A flag flying from a car at high speed takes a beating. Please replace it before it turns into a rag. I have seen some so far gone that only half the flag remains. I even saw a pair of flags hanging horizontally from a car trunk. They looked like mud flaps.

If you display a flag at your home, please keep it hanging free. If there has been a strong wind, unwind it. If it has caught on the shrubbery, please untangle it.

Finally, a request to the business world: If you use the flag in your ads, please don't alter it. One of our local radio stations went so far as to replace the blue field of stars with its own logo.

When people get old and gray, it's time to love and care for them. When flags get old and gray, it's time to replace them. — **KEN DALE, WEST LINN, ORE.**

DEAR KEN: Thank you for a timely letter. I, too, have seen torn, faded, rain-drenched American flags flying from car windows, and tangled flags on homes and apartments. The U.S. Flag Code, adopted in 1923, describes the following rules for proper flag protocol:

(1) Always display the flag with the field of blue in the upper left-hand corner. To display it upside down is considered a distress signal.

(2) It should be carried aloft and free, never flat or horizontally.

(3) The flag should always be kept clean and safe; never let it become torn, soiled or damaged.

(4) The flag should be destroyed by burning in a dignified manner.

(5) Always treat the flag with respect. Never embroider it on household items or pieces of clothing.

People who are unable to dispose of the flag in the prescribed manner should contact their nearest American Legion or VFW post. Most of them have an annual ceremony in which old and worn flags are properly destroyed.

Readers who would like a copy of the brochure "Our Flag: How to Honor and Display It," and a flag fact sheet on "Flag Retirement," need only request it and send $1 plus a long (business-size), stamped, self-addressed envelope to National Flag Foundation, Flag Plaza, 1275 Bedford Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15219-3630. It can also be reviewed on the Internet at www.americanflags.org. Or call the NFF toll-free: (800) 615-1776.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a question regarding wedding shower gifts. I live in my own apartment. My fiance lives at home with his folks. We registered for some practical things — mostly items for the kitchen.

My question: Is it rude to use the gifts BEFORE we get married? We're not being married for four more months. It feels a little strange to be putting our wedding shower gifts to use, but isn't that the purpose — to set up housekeeping? Please advise. — **GAYLE IN TOLEDO**

DEAR GAYLE: Call me an incurable romantic — or perhaps superstitious — but the time to start using wedding shower gifts is after the honeymoon.

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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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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2002

An endeavor you've been toying with for a long time may find the ways and means in the year ahead to bring a successful conclusion to your project. It may turn out to be very financially rewarding.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Substantial accomplishments are possible today if you devote your efforts and energies to matters or situations that can enhance your material security. Aquarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Be extremely selective today when you use your inclination in directing you to take action on specific issues. Quality will be more important than quantity.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Be bold when circumstances call for it today. If it becomes necessary for you to become assertive in order to derive that to which you're entitled, don't hesitate to do so.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — There's a good chance you could become a visionary with a purpose today. You possibilities for success look good, because when properly motivated, anything is possible.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — The fun is in the chase for you today. Although your probabilities for success look good, you'll be more interested in striving for a goal than in the actual achievement of it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Those with whom you get involved today will have a strong influence on your mental attitude. If they are go-getters, you'll be one as well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Most of your time and attention will be spent on doing things for others today instead of doing for yourself. However, the sheer pleasure you get from it will be reward enough for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — If you have to make some kind of a presentation today, be sure to isolate the key players so what you have to say does not get lost in translation. You'll be dynamite with the right people.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You could be in for a pleasant surprise today when you discover the work you're doing for another will also pay dividends to you. It pays to do a good job.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Being considerate and diplomatic will play to your strengths, not detract from them. People with whom you'll have dealings will recognize your clout and respect you all the more.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Scout around the house for anything that is in need of repair or mending today. Do-it-yourself projects will turn out to be more fun than drudgery.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Break away from mundane affairs and seek fun involvements today, because it will turn out to be therapeutic for you. Let your hair down a bit, it'll be good for you.

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American Taliban returning to U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — American Taliban fighter John Walker Lindh began his journey home from the war in Afghanistan today to face charges he conspired with Islamic radicals to kill fellow countrymen.

Lindh was leaving the Navy assault ship USS Bataan in the northern Arabian Sea where he has been held, a Pentagon official said on condition of anonymity.

In another development, the Pentagon said today another unmanned Predator spy plane crashed. The aircraft — at least the second Predator lost in the Afghan war — went down in Pakistan while returning to base.

The official would give few details about Lindh except to say he would stop somewhere in the region — most likely at the U.S. base at the southern Afghan city of Kandahar — before continuing to suburban Washington, D.C., to await trial.

U.S. officials have said Lindh would be handed over to the Justice Department and the federal court district in northern Virginia, where a Frenchman, Zacarias Moussaoui, is awaiting trial for alleged complicity in the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

Also, a judge in Los Angeles was scheduled to hear a petition challenging the handling of foreign prisoners from the war on terrorism who are being held at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base in Cuba.

Lindh, a 20-year-old Californian who converted to Islam four years ago, allegedly trained at an al-Qaida camp in Afghanistan. He was captured in November in the siege of Kunduz and survived the bloody prison uprising by Taliban and al-Qaida members near Mazar-e-Sharif in which CIA operative Johnny "Mike" Spann was killed.

The conspiracy charge can carry a life sentence. Lindh was to be sent to the United States — and not Guantanamo — because he is an American citizen.

Civil rights advocates want the United States to stop sending non-Americans to Guantanamo as well.

U.S. District Judge A. Howard Matz decided over the weekend to consider a petition filed by a committee of clergy, lawyers and professors.

The challenge asks that the government bring terrorist suspects captured in Afghanistan and Bosnia before a U.S. court and define the charges against them.

Court eyes restoring felon gun rights

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court agreed today to consider stopping federal judges from restoring gun rights to convicted felons.

The intervention comes at the request of the Bush administration, angry that a Vidor, Tex. man convicted of a felony in Mexico convinced a court that he should be able to own a gun.

Felons are barred from carrying guns after their release from prison, but they can ask the government for an exception.

Those requests have been stalled, however, for nearly a decade because Congress ordered the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms to stop spending money to process them.

That logjam has prompted lawsuits, like the case won by a former gun dealer. The Supreme Court will consider whether to reverse Thomas Lamar Bean's victory.

Bean, a well-known businessman, was arrested by Mexican authorities who found a box of ammunition in his sport utility vehicle. The box had been left there by one of his co-workers, court records show, and Bean was convicted after being ordered to sign a confession in Spanish, which he didn't know.

In 2000 when he petitioned to get his gun rights — and livelihood — back, the 60-year-old father of two adult children was supported by two police chiefs, a sheriff, a judge, a prosecutor, and a Baptist preacher.

Solicitor General Theodore B. Olson said the case was not about Bean, but other felons who will now expect courts to restore their gun privileges.

"There is a significant risk that persons who pose a real danger to public safety might be rearmed," Olson wrote in court filings.

Congress each year since 1992 has included in the ATF's budget a ban on using money for background checks, which cost an estimated $3,700 each.

Violence continuing between Israelis and Islamic militants

NABLUS, West Bank (AP) — Israeli commandos killed four Hamas members in a raid today on their West Bank hide-out and explosives lab, prompting the Islamic militant group to call an "all-out war" against Israeli soldiers and settlers. Hours later, a gunman attacked Israelis in downtown Jerusalem.

The shooter opened fire on people at a bus stop near one of the busiest intersections in downtown Jerusalem, wounding at least 20 people before he was shot dead by police. Police said the gunman was Palestinian, but had no details on his identity. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack.

Witness Akiva Harari, 21, said the attacker, wearing a heavy coat and carrying an assault rifle, emerged from a parking lot onto Jaffa Street, downtown Jerusalem's main artery. "I saw him shoot two women and they fell," he said. Hospital officials said one of the wounded was seriously hurt.

Pedestrians dived for cover. Some Israeli civilians who were armed drew their weapons, but did not fire. Sporadic gunfire lasted for about 10 minutes, according to an Associated Press reporter present when the shooting started.

The gunman ran, and after a short chase police shot and killed him, said Jerusalem police chief Mickey Levy.

Early today, Israeli commandos entered the al-Majeen neighborhood in the West Bank town of Nablus. In a nine-story residential building, the soldiers stormed a ground-floor apartment where Hamas fugitives were hiding, Palestinian witnesses said. The Israeli army said a gunbattle erupted and four Palestinians were killed.

Angered by the raid, more than 2,000 Hamas supporters surrounded Palestinian police headquarters in Nablus and demanded the release of more than two dozen Hamas detainees. Protesters burned three police cars, pushed open the compound's gate and threw stones at policemen, who responded with live fire, tear gas and stun grenades.

Two protesters were wounded, including one who was in critical condition with a bullet in the head. Palestinian police released the brother of one of the Hamas militants killed today.

Also today in the West Bank, Israeli troops pulled out of nearby Tulkarem, ending a 30-hour occupation of the Palestinian town of 50,000. During the Tulkarem raid, a Palestinian was killed in a gunbattle and 11 suspected militants were arrested by Israeli troops.

Israeli Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer said today that the Tulkarem and Nablus incursions were meant to prevent attacks on Israeli civilians and that Israel had no plans to reoccupy Palestinian-controlled sites.

Man arrested on warrant for assault causing injury

•Arrests

A 29-year-old man was taken into custody Monday afternoon on a local warrant for assault causing bodily injury.

Officers arrested a 55-year-old woman at 4:15 p.m. Monday on a Taylor County warrant for theft of services by check.

A 42-year-old man was arrested just after 11 p.m. Monday for driving while intoxicated.

At 11:50 p.m. a DPS trooper arrested a 43-year-old man in the 200 block of 37th Street for driving while intoxicated and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

•Suicide threat

An operator on the MHMR crisis line contacted sheriff's deputies at 10:45 a.m. Monday after receiving a call from a man threatening suicide and also threatening to harm his stepfather. Several deputies were dispatched to the man's residence then transported him to the sheriff's office where he met with MHMR representatives and was later released.

•Vandalism

Russell Jones requested an officer at a rent house on 30th Street Monday afternoon in reference to vandalism. An officer filed an offense report for criminal mischief.

•Close patrol

A woman requested a close patrol of her residence on 37th Street Monday evening and reported having prowlers in the area and also that her dog had been injured. An officer advised a close patrol would be initiated.

Obituaries

Walter Chaney

1926-2002

Walter Daniel Chaney, 75, of Snyder died at 4:20 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, in Snyder Oaks Care Center after a lengthy illness.

It was Mr. Chaney's desire to be cremated and that no services be held.

Born on Sept. 11, 1926 in Houston, Miss., he married Annie Tow on Oct. 3, 1951 in Sweetwater. Mr. Chaney moved to Snyder from Kermit in 1957 and was retired as a derrick man and driller in the oilfield. He was a World War II veteran and a member of the American Legion and VFW.

Survivors include his wife, Annie Chaney of the home; three sons and daughters-in-law, Walter Edward and Sharon Chaney of Westpoint, Miss.; Danny and Brenda Chaney of Grapeland and Ivan and Lyn Chaney of Snyder; one sister, Lucille Turman of Houston, Miss.; five grandchildren, Chad and Casey Chaney of Snyder, Jodie Harper of Fort Worth, Eddie and Jeffrey Chaney of Westpoint, Miss.; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister.

Tommy Johnston

1935-2002

BRYAN — Tommy Johnston, a native of Snyder, died Monday, Jan. 7, in St. Joseph Regional Health Center.

Private services for Mr. Johnston, 66, will be held at a later date. Cremation was under the direction of Hiller Funeral Home in Bryan.

Born Sept. 11, 1935 in Snyder, he was a graduate of Snyder High School and had worked for American Magnesium. He was retired as a technician for the Texas A&M University water treatment plant. He served in the Navy and was a member of VFW Post 4692.

Survivors include his wife, Elna Johnston of Bryan; a son and daughter-in-law, Jason and Sidney Johnston of Loraine; a daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Cal Barkley of Bryan; a brother and sister-in-law, Dale and Virginia Johnston of Snyder; four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Frances Hughes of Snyder, Beverly and Pat Ainsworth of Fluvanna; Marilyn Jo and Junior Bradley of Sour Lake and Sarah McCullough of Midland; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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ONGOINGS

FFA booster club

The FFA Booster Club will meet at 7 tonight in the SHS ag building to discuss major stock shows.

MAWC monthly luncheon

Martha Ann Woman's Club will have its monthly game day and luncheon Wednesday. Serving will begin at 11:30 a.m. and games of choice will follow throughout the afternoon.

Ira school pictures

Spring portraits and friendship pictures will be made at Ira School Wednesday. Also, each class group, K-12, will be photographed. Each student will also be photographed. The friendship pictures have a sitting fee of $2 per person in the picture. Orders may be placed from proofs that will be received. Call 573-2628 for more information.

Seniors' swimnastics

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

FBC services televised

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

Winter Wonderland

Winter Wonderland for Stanfield Elementary students and their familes will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday. Five tickets for $1 will be on sale at the school from 8 to 8:30 Thursday and Friday. Entry is through the gym door and is sponsored by the Stanfield Parent-Teacher Council. For more information call 573-5841 or 573-2159.

Sing-a-long

Snyder's First Church of Nazarene, will join Post and Levelland in an old fashioned sing-a-long at 6 p.m. Sunday at the church in Post, 202 W. 10th.

Nurse testing dates

Testing for the next class of the Vocational Nursing program at Western Texas College will be next Tuesday with the last day to interview set for Feb. 2. Classes are scheduled to begin March 4. Potential students must bring a photo ID. To schedule an appointment, call the Counseling Center at 573-8511 ext. 313.

Maximize child's talent

F. Richard "Rick" Olenchak, Ph.D, director of the Urban Talent Research Institute at the University of Houston, will present a program on identifying and maximizing your child's talents from 7-8 p.m. next Tuesday at Stanfield Elementary. Dr. Olenchak will present ideas on encouraging and motivating creative and productive behavior in children as well as information on parenting gifted children.

Tiger booster club meeting

The Tiger football booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the film room. All parents are urged to attend.

Scurry Masonic Lodge #706

The Scurry Masonic Lodge #706 will have a Master's Degree at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31. All Master Masons are invited.

Sound of Music

SHS' Fine Arts Division will *present The Sound of Music* Feb. 7-9 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 10 at 2 p.m. 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.

SHS yearbook payments

All balances owed on the 2002 Tiger's Lair yearbook are due Friday, Feb. 1. Checks may be mailed to Tigers' Lair, SHS, 2901 37th St. Any orders not paid completely by the deadline will be cancelled. Orders are still being taken for the book that costs $50. Additional options are available at extra cost. For information, call 573-6301, ext. 35.

Windbreak trees

Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District is taking orders for windbreak trees, both evergreen and hardwoods. Call 573-6317.

Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at WTC have resumed. The classes are held from 8 a.m. until noon and from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Classes include E.S.L., GED and refresher courses. Certified teachers and Spanish-speaking aides teach these classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322.

ESL, GED classes

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

Daily prayer meeting

Church of God, Ave. D and 21st Street, will have a daily prayer meeting from 7 to 8 a.m. Monday through Saturday. Everyone is welcome.

Caring Friends Ministry

The women's group of First Church of the Nazarene is organizing a "Caring Friends Ministry" that will meet twice monthly. Persons interested should call 573-5601.

VFW membership drive

The VFW is conducting its annual membership drive. Membership is restricted to veterans who served overseas in times of conflict or war. For more information, contact the post commander Jim Bailey at 573-5338.

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 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1. Cost is $5 for adults and $2.50 for children. Call 573-7142, 573-9670 or 573-3732.

Video school

The Center for Biblical Counseling video school, sponsored by His Joy Ministries, begins Tuesday, Feb. 12. Supplies must be ordered now. Call 573-9799 for more information.