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Home Of Bud Birks

Are you looking for something to do?

Activities range from plays to pancakes to pickin'

Drama drawing a crowd

Seven Brides For Seven Brothers played to a packed house on opening night, and there remains three more chances to view the junior high school drama production.

Snyder Junior High is presenting the rollicking western musical in which seven brothers set out to find brides for themselves.

The production, which features dance scenes and a musical score, is designed for the entire family.

Performances continue at 7 p.m. today, Saturday and Monday in the school auditorium. Tickets are $4 each and must be purchased at the school to reserve seats.

Thirty-three students make up the cast with 32 crew members.

The cast is led by Adam, played by Justin Stoker, who goes to town and brings a bride home. His bride, Milly, played by Gerrico Greenlee, plans to civilize and marry off her six rowdy brothers-in-law.

The brothers include Benjamin, played by Brad English; Caleb, Sterling Millhollon; Daniel, Ty Collier; Ephraim, Josh Kemp; Hank, Blake Grimmett; and Gideo, played by Bradley Price.

The brothers enthusiastically kidnap six women from the neighboring town to be their brides. They are Alice, played by Ashlye Amox; Dorcas, Kim Rivera; Ruth, Molly Haire; Liza, Paige Smith; Martha, Sarah Crawford; and Sara, played by Beth Clements.

The suitors of these young women are Paul Haines, Rankin Hardin, Logan Martin, Jeffery Scott, Alex Neal and Jadon Guynes.

Others who play town people are the preacher, played by Casey Pierce; Mrs. Bixby, Erin Burleson; and Mr. And Mrs. Perkins, played by Josh Derington and Laura Calmes.

Town boys are Cole Robertson, Austin Hatfield, Leon Tippens, and Tanner Reed.

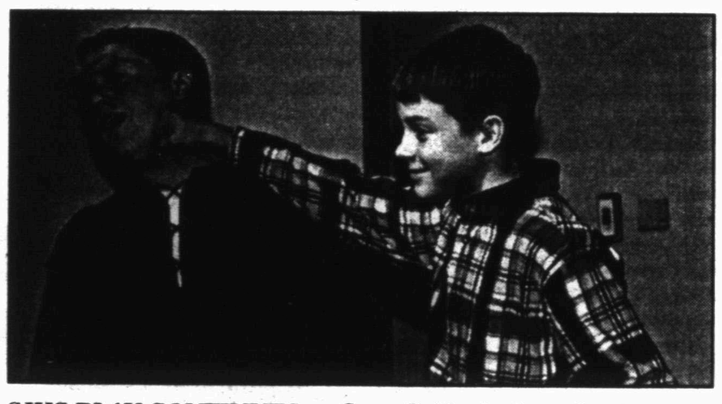
Town girls are Shana Blackard, Destiney Proctor, Sarah Carpenter, Stephanie Parmer, Erin Hackfeld, Jessica Davis, and Rebecca Pavlovsky.

The crew is led by Emily Long and Katie Haggard, who are stage managers, and Laura Arellano, assistant director.

The lighting crew consists of Corey Longorio, Kameron Harrison and Paul Jackson. Molly Mason is the sound technician.

Members of the prop crew are Megan Fletcher, Alexis Dupree, Jerry Ashley, Jerrod Fletcher, Adrienne Garcia, Janie Garcia, and Dominguez Braziel. The set crew is Erin Burleson, Laura Calmes, Brandi Russell, Blake Robertson, Nikki Timora, Desiree Braziel, Tucker Early.

Make up is headed by Haley Grant and Candice Gordon. Stephanie Williams is in charge of costumes. Her crew includes Abby Levens and David Martin.



SJHS PLAY CONTINUES — *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* continues Saturday and Monday. Two of the brothers, Adam, left, played by Justine Stoker, and Gideon, portrayed by Bradley Price, come to blows. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Dinner theatre to start

Neil Simon's *The Odd Couple* will be performed as dinner theatre starting at 6 this evening in the Western Texas College Student Center.

Two other 6 p.m. performances are scheduled Saturday and Sunday.

Advance reservations are recommended because seating is limited. Tickets are $15 for adults and $13 for students and senior citizens, 62 and older. A $2 discount for prepaid tickets is also available.

The cast and crew consist of WTC students, faculty members and community volunteers.

The cast includes:

*Dallas Martinez of Breckenridge as Oscar Madison.

*David Olson of Abilene as Felix Unger.

*Tiffany Britton of Hawley as Cecily Pigeon.

*Lana Rice of Lubbock as Gwendolyn Pigeon.

*Justin Stice of Snyder as Roy, the accountant.

*Kris Hollis of Sweetwater as Speed.

*Angel Ociel "Chief" Delagarza Castelan of Ira, as Murray, the Cop.

*Wes Hardin will be Vinnie.

Dr. Helen Cogan, who teaches speech and drama at the college, is directing. Nikki Brown, community volunteer, serves as assistant director.

Carolyn Girard, drama and part-time speech instructor, is in charge of set and costume design

Kiwanis selling pancakes

The Kiwanis Club's annual Pancake Feast starts at 8 a.m. Saturday in the West Elementary cafeteria.

Feeding continues until 2 p.m. with tickets available at the door for $4 each. Children under six can eat for free.

Bacon, sausage and milk will be served along with the pancakes.

For the past 51 years, the Kiwanis Club of Snyder has used the pancake feed as a fundraiser to help support a variety of local youth programs.

The pancake feast dates to the first one held in 1954. In those days tickets were $.50 each and Aunt Jemima made guest appearances.

The Kiwanis Club also sponsors scholarships to Western Texas College ever since the school opened. Proceeds from the annual Hubert and Mary Cargile Scholarship Golf Tournament, held in August in recent years, benefit the Hubert and Mary Cargile Scholarship Foundation.

The Kiwanis Club has also organized the Goodfellow project which provides food for needy individuals during the Christmas holiday.

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A chef is a cook with a big enough vocabulary to give the soup a new name each day."

Wish we had started it earlier – devoting Friday's SDN space to recap the many accomplishments of Snyder and Scurry County citizens.

So far, there has been no shortage of folks who excel in a variety of endeavors.

At this writing we were still waiting on the all-district basketball teams to be announced, Snyder and Ira teams deserve a big round of applause for advancing to the third round of the state playoffs.

Snyder bowed to Denton Ryan on Tuesday and Ira was eliminated by the Munday Moguls. Special commendations to SHS Coach **Bud Birks** and Bulldog mentor **Bubba Edwards.**

He's still doing it...

SHS grad **Chris Post** is a junior at Southern Methodist University, majoring in business and economics.

Last spring he had a perfect 4.0 grade-point average.

Since then the Mustang defensive lineman has been named a Western Athletic Conference academic all-American.

The WAC web site shows Post, the son of **Mike and Kathy Post**, with a grade-point average of 3.74, the second highest on the SMU grid squad.

A GPA of 3.74 if impressive for any student, but when you add the time for the demands of football, it's exceptional.

Band honors...

Two SHS band soloists captured a first-division rating last weekend at UIL contests in Lubbock.

Clarinetist **Kara Babcock** and **Audra Reneau**, playing the French horn, will advance to the state contest in May.

Four ensembles will also advance to state. They include the flute trio of **Ashley Baremore, Amanda Greenwood** and **Erin Cooley**; the clarinet choir composed of **Jeremme Lester, Trent Boyd, Anna Williams, Melina Campos, Dustin Whitson** and **Ryan McAnally.**

Others ensembles advancing include the brass quintet made up of **Zach Allred, Isaac Nakamura, Audra Reneau, Lynn Fogleman** and **Eric DeLeon**; and another brass quintet composed of **Kyla Connel, Tyler Neves, Carcie Posey, Danny Early** and **Ryan Burk.**

How 'bout that net duo of **Ryan Gibson** and **Adrian Gonzales.**

The SHS men's doubles tennis team won 48 of 53 games, never dropping a set, en route to a first-place finish in last week's Sweetwater tournament.

Hats off to WTC's **Jim Judah** and his meat's judging team who placed second in the nation.

And other recognitions at WTC include **Chris Halbert** and **Pete Olivarez**, both of Snyder, for being nominated from WTC for the USA Today All-USA-Academic Team.

Chris is the son of **Bill and Janet Halbert** and Pete is the son of **Pete and Josie Olivarez.**

TEA applauds Snyder ISD

By Joyce May
SDN Staff Writer

The Texas Education Agency monitoring team's evaluation of the Snyder ISD special education program returned an "overwhelmingly positive" report.

The team, which began its examination Monday, said in an exit interview this morning they were impressed with all areas of the program.

"It was an overwhelmingly positive report," said Jennifer Mansfield, TEA special education monitor. "Our team was particularly impressed with the number of special education personnel and their interaction with general education teachers, parents and students."

Snyder ISD's special education personnel includes 27 classroom teachers, 44 paraprofessionals, four diagnosticians, three speech pathologists, two counselors, a vocational adjustment counselor/transition specialist and the director of special education, Barbara Granato.

"We were also impressed with the training initiatives in place, counseling initiatives in place and the four-year plans that every student, not just special education students, get in the eighth grade," Mansfield said.

The three member team included Mansfield, Keri St. John, Texas State Improvement Initiative volunteer, and Charles Olser, a TEA special ed monitor.

The monitoring visit focused on five areas including the overall number of special education students, the number of low-income special education students, the alternative education placement of those students and the program's drop-out rate.

"This was called a focus-based visit. We came to focus specifically on certain areas of service delivery," Mansfield said. "I should add, however, that the entire special education program was investigated."

The visit included campus visits, investigating 70 individual student folders and round-table discussions with special education teachers and parents of special need students.

Mansfield said the primary recommendations of the team is for Snyder ISD to stay aware of changes in student demographics, especially the number of low-income students. "And just keeping up the good work, because a lot of good work is going on."

Mansfield said the report should become a public document in about 60 days, after it is approved by the school board.

The report will first be turned into TEA officials. Once released, a copy will be available from the superintendent's office or on the TEA website.

Mansfield said everyone was extremely helpful to the team.

"I would like to thank the parents and the district personnel who opened their community to us and helped us understand Snyder ISD service delivery for special education students. They really went out of their way to make sure we got the information we needed. I'd like to say I'm glad to see parents and teachers working together in education."

Destiney Proctor...

Snyder eighth-grader in regional spelling bee

Destiney Proctor, an eighth grader at Snyder Junior High, is Scurry County's representative in the regional spelling bee in Lubbock Saturday.

The spelling bee will be held at Cavazos Junior High from noon until 4 p.m.

The junior high school is located at 210 N. University Ave.

Destiney won the championship at the Scurry County Spelling Bee after 13 rounds, defeating John Whitworth, a Northeast Elementary fifth grader.



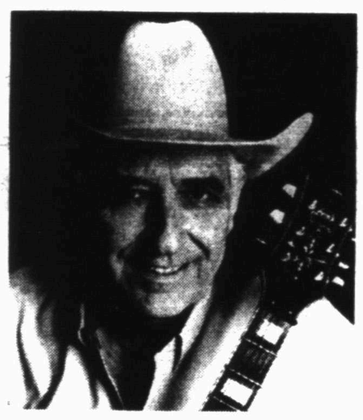
Destiney Proctor

To win the local bee, Destiney correctly spelled "thrilled" and "morbid" after John missed on "bubbly."

Destiney made her way to the county bee by being the runner-up in the junior high's spelling bee earlier.

Destiney is the daughter of Doug and Julie Proctor.

John, the son of Jack and Libby Whitworth, won Northeast's bee on Feb. 4.



Tommy Allsup

Grammy winner at Wagon Wheel Ranch Saturday

Fans of country music will be in high cotton Saturday evening at the Wagon Wheel Ranch, as a reception will be held to honor Tommy Allsup, a recent winner of a Grammy Award.

The reception will be at the Rusty Spur Café at the ranch from 6:30–8 p.m.

Allsup, who is serving as the talent coordinator for Snyder's upcoming West Texas Western Swing Festival, was one of the instrumentalists who played in "Bob's Breakdown" on Asleep At the Wheel's "Ride With Bob" album.

Playing with Allsup on the selection were Floyd Domino, Vince Gill, Steve Wariner and Larry Franklin.

Allsup will be available for autographs and pictures during the reception.

Allsup began his musical career in Oklahoma in 1949 and joined Buddy Holly's band in 1958.

He played in Holly's band the night the Lubbock singer, the Big Bopper and Richie Valens were killed in a plane crash in Iowa.

He later worked for Liberty Records in California where he worked with Willie Nelson, Walter Brennan and others.

ASK US

Q. – Can a WTC trustee's wife work at the college?

A. – Yes, if the individual has been employed at least six months prior to the trustee's election or appointment.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 74 degrees; low, 39; reading at 7 a.m. Friday, 39; no precipitation; total for 2000 to date, 1.83 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, low near 30, light wind. Saturday, partly cloudy with high in mid 60s, SE wind 10-20 mph.



DaNorris Smith
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
6:44 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:07 a.m.
Of 62 days in 2000, the sun has shone 61 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The secret of success is to be ready when your opportunity comes.
—Benjamin Disraeli

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Date-rape victim warns other women to be wary

DEAR ABBY: I am writing this in the hope that it helps at least one woman from falling victim to the date-rape drug. I went to a nice party at an upscale hotel for the millennium celebration. My friend and I felt secure in those surroundings. I had a couple of drinks with my dinner. In the course of the evening, I met a couple of men. They bought me a drink and I drank it. Within a half-hour, I felt myself losing control. The room was blurred and my balance was off. For as few beverages as I had consumed, this was not right.

The man who had bought me the drink came to my table, seemed concerned and walked me to the restroom. Neither I nor my friend was alarmed at his kind offer, but I have no memory after that. No one knows where I went except those men.

I was found a couple of hours later in a taxicab. I did not know who I was or where I had been. The next eight hours, I could feel myself fading in and out of consciousness. When I gained my bearings, I could tell that I had been violated.

I had to go through a humiliating examination at the doctor's office for STDs. As time passes, I will have to undergo more blood tests to check for HIV and hepatitis. I am trying not to feel ashamed — but the shame is there.

I know no one deserves this, but I am beating myself up with self-doubt. With no memory, and days having passed, I have no legal course of action. Although I would recognize these men if I saw them again, I have no hard proof to accuse them of anything. I never thought this could happen to me.

Abby, please tell women out there it really can happen to them. NEVER accept a drink from a stranger and never allow a stranger to help you "walk off" a bad feeling. It is a hard lesson I wish I hadn't had to learn the hard way. — VIOLATED IN GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS

DEAR VIOLATED: Your signature says it all. You have no reason to feel shame. You were naive and were victimized by a predator. If you have not already done so, call the Houston Area Women's Center. The toll-free number is (800) 256-0661. (They will refer sexual assault victims nationwide to local rape hotlines.) The operators there can help you deal with the emotions you are experiencing. They can also tell you whether or not it would be worthwhile to discuss what happened to you with the police. Having gotten away with this crime, it is entirely possible that the two men who drugged you will assault another victim. Having your report on file could be very helpful.

P.S. This is the second letter I have received in the last two months from the victim of a date-rape drug, and the implications are disturbing.

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DEAR ABBY: A friend of mine got married a year and a half ago. She has a 9-year-old daughter and a 12-year-old stepdaughter from the marriage. Her stepdaughter does not live in their home. I believe they have visitation one day a weekend or every other weekend.

When sending Christmas gifts or birthday [illegible] logical daughter, should the same be done for her stepdaughter — even if some of her friends have not met her stepdaughter yet because of her infrequent visitation? — INSULTWARY IN NEW HAMPSHREI

DEAR INSULT-WARY: Although the younger girl's friends have not yet met the new stepsister, it would be a kindness to include her. If she's uncomfortable about attending, she can always refuse.

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Abby shares her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "Abby's More Favorite Recipes." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 per booklet ($4.50 each in Canada) to: Dear Abby Booklets, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in price.)

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GOP hopefuls trade attacks

NEW YORK (AP) — In a debate framing the finish to the most crucial campaign sprint so far, John McCain urged "stop the squabbling" while rival George W. Bush complained McCain uses "the politics of smearing."

Campaign finances and religion offered the sharpest differences in the 10th campaign debate they've waged, one that was viewed as particularly crucial for McCain to recover his footing after suffering setbacks this week.

Both claimed to be the best chance for Republicans to hold the White House and sketched an array of differences in a wide-ranging debate in California, the biggest Super Tuesday prize. Almost immediately both headed for New York, also at stake Tuesday.

McCain defends that criticism as factual, but Bush dismissed that.

"If you don't think those phone calls labeled me an anti-Catholic bigot, then you weren't paying attention to what your campaign was putting out," Bush said.

The Los Angeles debate was the highest-profile platform before next week's test where California and 12 other states will pitch 613 delegates, more than half of what is needed to get the nomination.

McCain has run an insurgent campaign, but went out of his way to reassure Republicans of his loyalty.

"The Republican Party is my home," said McCain. "No matter who our nominee is, I will support that nominee. I am a proud conservative with a strong conservative record."

Bush, seeking an aura of inevitability, confidently predicted he would be that nominee.

"People are looking for a fresh start after a season of cynicism," said Bush.

In the debate, sponsored by the Los Angeles Times and CNN, the two leading rivals were joined by commentator Alan Keyes, who claimed he's the victim of a "media blackout" keeping his message from voters.

"A great many of them have no idea I'm running," said Keyes.

McCain has spent much of the week on the defensive for calling some conservative religious leaders "agents of intolerance" but he argued that social conservatives will rally to his cause.

"I'm confident that Christian conservatives all over America will flock to that banner," said McCain.

The format for the 60-minute debate, broadcast to a national cable audience, was unusual. Keyes and Bush shared a stage in Los Angeles, while McCain was beamed in via satellite from St. Louis, a stopoff on his way to New York.

That format made interplay between the leading candidates tough, though there were some spirited exchanges.

Campaign finance was one of those, and it's an issue McCain has made central to his campaign. He pointed to reports that big givers have been given sleepovers at the Texas governor's mansion. He noted that Bush doesn't favor limits on individual contributions.

"Maybe that explains why there have been sleepovers at the governor's mansion," McCain said. "Campaign finance reform is a key element."

"Those are my friends, John, those are my relatives," said Bush, who derided McCain's references to breaking an "iron triangle" of special interests.

"You're ringing it like a dinner bell with all those fundraisers the lobbyists in Washington do," said Bush. That drew a sharp retort from McCain, who pointed to Bush's prodigious fundraising efforts.

"If I'm ringing it like the dinner bell, you've got both feet in the trough," said McCain.

In the wake of another round of school shootings, Bush was pressed on his reluctance to call for a requirement that trigger locks be required on handguns.

"I don't mind trigger locks being sold, but the question is how do you enforce it," said Bush. "Are we going to have trigger lock police knocking on your door."

McCain favors those trigger locks, but didn't make that point in the debate.

There were no campaign-altering goofs in the debate, which dwelled on issues ranging to foreign policy to gun control.

With the debate over, the campaign now enters a breathtaking sprint during which the nomination could well be settled within days.

Polls show Bush with a lead for California's 162 delegates, Tuesday's biggest prize and a state where McCain strategists concede they badly need an update.

Al Gore already beginning to look past Bradley, primary

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — With Vice President Al Gore confidently looking ahead to the general election, Democratic challenger Bill Bradley made a pre-primary appeal to voters Thursday night in an extended commercial on network television.

"I knew when I got into this race that it wouldn't be easy," Bradley said in the five-minute ad, which aired on CBS nationwide. "Anything worth fighting for in life rarely is. But my convictions of where we are as a country and where we can go are so deep that I made the decision to take on the establishment and run."

Bradley's campaign, with its "think big" approach to issues like child poverty and universal health care, desperately needs some breakthrough victories in the flurry of primaries being held Tuesday in states including New York and California.

In an interview with the NBC affiliate in Hartford, Bradley offered this message to voters: "Don't listen to the pollsters or the pundits. Vote your heart. Vote your conscience. Vote for a new politics."

Gore has already begun looking past Bradley, railing instead against Republicans John McCain and George W. Bush. He was traveling to Florida today to add Sen. Bob Graham to his lopsided pile of Democratic Party endorsements.

A small but exuberant crowd greeted Bradley Thursday night with chants of "No more Gore!" at the North End Boys and Girls Club in Bridgeport, Conn.

But Bradley did not mention the vice president, opting instead to harken to his days in professional basketball on the New York Knicks.

"People say, 'Well, Bradley's behind now in some places.' I say you're never behind," Bradley said. "This is like the fourth quarter. We haven't even put on the full court press yet. It starts today!"

The Bradley campaign did not reveal the cost of buying five minutes at the tail end of network prime time. Bradley addressed the camera directly, urging political reform and a renewed commitment by the Democratic party "to give voice to the voiceless."

Bradley, who has lost every nominating contest yet to Gore, is banking on a resurgence in the Northeast, where the former New Jersey senator and New York basketball star is better known than anywhere else in the country.

"Those are states I can win" he said of New York and New England.

He planned to travel today to Portland, Maine, then to Providence, R.I., where he was to deliver a speech on foreign policy — an issue that has rarely surfaced in the Democratic race.

His schedule for Saturday calls for Bradley to campaign first in New York, then in his native state, Missouri.

Today in Jacksonville, Fla., Gore planned to push his education agenda — universal access to preschool, teacher hiring bonuses and merit pay raises and teaching standards — in a forum at Raines High School.

He was also doing his part for the Georgia state party by headlining a Democratic dinner in Atlanta before heading back north for a weekend of campaigning in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New York.

Bradley met with editors at the Spanish-language newspaper El Diario, then tried his hand as a grill chef at Gray's Papaya, a popular juice and hot dog eatery in lower Manhattan.

Traffic down at DFW, but only few notice it

FORT WORTH (AP) — Once projected to be the world's busiest airport by this year, Dallas-Fort Worth International faces declining passenger traffic, now the lowest since 1996.

Dallas Love Field — a focus of increased flight activity and litigation between the cities that operate DFW — has siphoned some traffic from the airport, executives say.

The nation's third busiest airport and fifth-ranked worldwide, DFW had 60 million passengers in 1999, a decline of about 300,000 — or 0.5 percent — from 1998, figures show.

"We've basically been flat for the last three years," Kevin Cox, DFW deputy executive director, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in today's editions.

The 1999 passenger count was down for the second consecutive year, according to airport figures. Administrators blame the decline on limited gate space, computer problems and labor disputes.

"We have also lost some traffic to Love Field," said Cox.

In 1990, DFW was the world's second busiest airport, based on total aircraft operations, and generated more than $6 billion annually to the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex economy.

Now, DFW officials hope to reverse the passenger drop with an ambitious $2.1 billion expansion program. It will include construction of a new international terminal and a people-mover system.

Airport officials have estimated the construction project and additional operations would put $1 million a day into the North Texas economy for six years, generate $32 billion in additional economic benefit and create more than 77,000 jobs during the next 15 years.

Bucking the recent passenger trend, international and cargo business at the airport increased last year. Tonnage handled through DFW has increased 4.3 percent, airport officials said, while international passenger visits have increased 6 percent.

Date Book

Friday, March 3, 2000

Today is the 63rd day of 2000 and the 73rd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1855, Congress appropriated $30,000 to introduce camels to the American Southwest.

On this day in 1875, George Bizet's "Carmen" premiered in Paris.

On this day in 1931, "The Star-Spangled Banner" became the official national anthem of the United States.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: George M. Pullman (1831-1897), manufacturer; Alexander Graham Bell (1847-1922), inventor; Matthew B. Ridgway (1895-1993), U.S. Army general; Jean Harlow (1911-1937), actress; Julius Boros (1920-1994), golfer; Herschel Walker (1962-), football player, is 38; Jackie Joyner-Kersee (1962-), athlete, is 38.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1985, William Shoemaker rode Lord at War to victory in the Santa Anita Handicap.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Books are the collective memory of mankind." — Herbert Smith Bailey Jr.

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Feb. 26) and new moon (March 6).

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Bruce Willis, Matthew Perry An uptight dentist discovers his new neighbor is a hit man who's run afoul of a famous crime family. What follows is a comedy of double- and triple- crosses.

The Tigger Movie

★★★ - G

Voices of Jim Cummins, Nikta Hopkins, and Ken Sansom This new Disney film offers a fascinating look at how our vision of childhood has changed over the years, focusing on the obliviously destructive Tigger rather than the gentle and befuddled Pooh.

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Census forms arrive; will they be returned?

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the first big run of census forms landing on doorsteps across America today, Census Bureau director Kenneth Prewitt is more worried about how he'll get those forms back.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Prewitt says the bureau has tried nearly everything to get people to fulfill their "civic duty" and return filled-out forms. That includes participating in a Mass for the census beamed to 8 million Catholics nationwide, speaking to undocumented workers in Texas to ensure their information would not be turned over to authorities, and even inserting "fill-out-your-form" messages inside fortune cookies in Florida.

The more forms turned in, the more accurate the results are, and the results will show that the American population is on its way to becoming a "microcosm of the entire world," he said.

"It drives big money, power, reapportionment, redistricting, and private investment. It has consequences," Prewitt said. "You have to make a proactive statement that you care enough about your country, yourself and your community to fill out the form and send it back in."

The challenge, he concedes, is to overcome the public's increased apathy and concerns over confidentiality.

Mail response rates declined from 78 percent of households in 1970 to 70 percent in 1980 and 65 percent in 1990. Census officials estimate it will dip to 61 percent this year.

The first forms were being hand-delivered to rural households. The bureau is trying a number of new things this year, including a $167 million advertising campaign, to get more of those forms back.

Other census novelties in 2000 include allowing people to answer surveys over the Internet, and getting 90,000 "community partners" like pastors, schoolteachers and community activists to help spread the message.

Even mayors like Dennis Archer in Detroit, Richard Riordan in Los Angeles and Rudolph Giuliani in New York are taking lead roles to attach a familiar, assuring face to relay the message, Prewitt notes.

"There are more people on the move, more people in irregular housing, a higher percentage of foreign born and more disinterest, more cynicism, more disengagement," Prewitt said. "So if we can actually turn it around, I think it will be a serious and big story."

He is so confident, in fact, that he wagered a pessimistic friend $25 that the response rate will go up. "And the check goes to a charity," he joked.

The Census Bureau already has forecast that the number of foreign-born will more than double between now and 2050, from 26 million to 53.8 million.

To account for the diversity, this year's census allows people to indicate if they are of more than one race or ethnicity.

Opponents charge that may water down the power of minority groups because those who consider themselves multiracial will not be statistically counted as, for instance black and white, but be placed in a separate multiracial category.

"The country is turning a corner in terms of how it's going to deal with itself along racial categories, and the Census Bureau is simply a reflection of that," Prewitt said. "The people who have that as their experience don't want to be ignored."

Prewitt said this year's census has become the most scrutinized and politicized ever. Census data is used for redrawing political boundaries as well as redistributing billions of dollars in federal funds.

The Census Bureau must compile two sets of data — one from raw numbers, a second that is statistically sampled — for release to the states.

A 1999 Supreme Count decision mandated that the federal government use non-sampled data for the purposes of redistributing aid. States will determine which set of numbers to use for drawing new political lines.

Census officials estimate 1.6 percent of the population, mostly minorities and inner-city residents who tend to vote Democratic were undercounted in 1990, and Prewitt said sampling methods provide more accuracy. Republicans fearing unfavorable redrawings of district lines oppose sampling.

But Prewitt said the political battle will matter little if people do not do their "civic responsibility."

Census Timeline

Key dates for the 2000 census:

—March 3: First census forms delivered to rural areas.

—March 3-April 15: Census Bureau allows people to respond to questionnaires via their Web site, www.census.gov.

—March 13: Census-takers go out to survey selective rural areas that may be hard to reach, such as Indian reservations; forms mailed out to rest of the country.

—March 26: Census Bureau begins releasing localized mail response rates over its Web site.

—March 27-29: Census-takers go out to survey homeless population.

—March 31: Census-takers go out to survey others in the transient population — people who have no permanent address but are not homeless, such as traveling carnival workers, those who live in campgrounds or those who live on boats; also, extra census forms made available at questionnaire centers and other local venues such as supermarkets, post offices.

—April 1: Date that census data is supposed to be based on — the census is actually a survey of who lives where on April 1, 2000; also, census survey of people living in "group quarters," such as prisons, dormitories and military bases begins.

—April 27-July 7: Census-takers go out to survey those households that did not mail back their census forms.

—June 19-Aug. 19: Accuracy and Coverage Evaluation survey begins, a randomly sampled survey of 300,000 households that will be use to statistically correct results (for sampling purposes).

—Dec. 31: Delivery of actual head count (non-sampled) data to President Clinton; data must be used for purposes of reapportioning of congressional seats.

—April 1, 2001: Sampled data is released.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

Wal-mart closes union department

JACKSONVILLE (AP) — The nation's biggest retailer has a message for employees who organized the country's first successful union vote in a Wal-Mart store: Quit what you're doing.

Executives want to eliminate their department — and their current jobs — while saying it's only a coincidence.

Lawyers for the Arkansas-based retail giant had planned to appeal the vote only two weeks ago by which meat workers at the Wal-Mart Supercenter voted to join the United Food and Commercial Workers Union.

Executives now say the Supercenter in Jacksonville will carry prepackaged beef beginning in June, doing away with the store's fresh meat department.

But Wal-Mart spokeswoman Jessica Moser said Thursday the decision had "absolutely nothing" to do with the 7-3 union vote because the retailer had been planning the move for months.

"We are expanding our case-ready beef line of product to the leading technology in the meat industry," Moser told the Tyler Morning Telegraph. "It's the way all retailers are moving."

Douglas Dority, UFCW president, had called the union election "the vote heard around the world."

The union said the Feb. 15 vote followed worker frustration from abusive treatment, low pay and lousy benefits.

Meat cutter Maurice Miller, who challenged Wal-Mart after the unfulfilled promise of a $2 raise, said earlier the company had lied to him and not boosted his pay.

Miller has an unlisted telephone number and he could not be reached today by The Associated Press.

The 1.4-million-strong UFCW had seen the East Texas chapter as a crucial foothold. It believes that unionization will quickly spread, noting moves toward a union vote in nearby Palestine and preparations in Tyler.

But Wal-Mart, which claims to have an "open door" approach to labor relations and profit sharing, says that eliminates the need for unions.

Mrs. Moser planned to meet with employees and find other positions within the store for them, earning the same pay, but would not comment on how the restructuring would effect the union vote.

Mom charged in tot's death

SHELBYVILLE, Tex. (AP) — A woman was arrested on suspicion of fatally shooting her 3-year-old son Thursday afternoon in this East Texas community of about 200 people near the Texas-Louisiana border.

Shelby County Sheriff Carl Shofner told The Light and Champion in Center that Edith McCleskey allegedly shot her son with a 12-gauge shotgun in their home, then called authorities.

McCleskey, 40, was being held in the Shelby County Jail Thursday night. Murder charges were pending.

The woman's two other children, whose ages were unknown, were not home when the shooting took place. They are now staying with relatives.

Shelby County district attorney Linda K. Russell said the apparent motive for the shooting stemmed from McCleskey losing custody of her youngest son in a recent court decision.

"She was originally set to turn the child over (Friday), but her grandmother's funeral was to be held Saturday so her custody was extended until Monday," Russell told the newspaper. "We will be pursuing the death penalty — no question."

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 03-03-00
♠ J 8 5 4
♥ K 5 4
♦ K J 10 9 8
♣ 3

West
♠ A 7 6
♥ Q 9 7 3
♦ 7 4
♣ Q 9 7 2

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

South
♠ K Q 10 9 3
♥ A 8 6
♦ Q 3
♣ K J 4

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 3

A return to the deep well

Yesterday, we looked at that well-known but oft misunderstood topic of covering an honor with an honor. I pointed out that it is right to cover the last of touching honors, yet only if it might gain your side a trick. However, the subject is more complicated than this because sometimes covering the last honor might save declarer a guess. Suppose South needs one trick from dummy's singleton jack opposite his doubleton king-10. If East obligingly covers with the queen, declarer is in clover.

There is also a related situation in which, in a trump contract, dummy has a side-suit singleton. Should the second hand win with his ace, or should he duck? Although today's hand is only one example, I think the solution is the percentage answer.

North three-spade bid was a limit raise, showing four-plus trumps and 10-12 support points. When having a nine-card or better fit, add three points for a singleton (and five for a void).

West guessed well to lead the three from his stronger four-card suit. After going up with dummy's king, declarer immediately called for the club three. Luckily, East was ready, playing low without a flicker. Understandably, South put in his jack, losing to the queen. Back came another heart. Now declarer was condemned to losing a trick in each suit.

As you will have noticed, if East goes in with the club ace, or fumbles, South either will discard dummy's third heart on his club king, or will have no club loser.

Unless it is the setting trick (or you have the ace and queen), it will normally be best to duck your ace.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Throat pain may be panic-related

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 83 years old and have the exhausting job of caring for my older sister who has had a series of strokes, leaving her unable to carry out the activities of daily living.

I used to enjoy a brief walk outside, as a respite from my duties. However, the past few weeks, my walks — irrespective of the temperature — have caused symptoms of throat-aching, almost to the point of panic. Is this pharyngitis?

DEAR READER: Probably not. Pharyngitis is an inflammation of the pharynx, the area at the back of the throat, by injury or infection. Ordinarily, the symptoms of pharyngitis (pain and difficulty swallowing) do not fluctuate.

More likely, you are experiencing the equivalent of panic attacks that stem from the intense stresses in your life.

I suggest that you describe your symptoms to your doctor, who can help you with the responsibility of nursing your sister. For example, home health aides and related services may be available through your community visiting-nurse association. Further, you need an examination to make sure that there is no physical basis for your symptoms. If infection is present, you could be helped by antibiotics; if muscle spasm and tension are the problem, a mild tranquilizer (and help at home) might be in order.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Several years ago, I had repair of a non-functioning cardiac sphincter. Now I have almost constant cardiac pain: indigestion, cough and chest discomfort. I underwent endoscopy, which showed that my gastro-esophageal junction is wide open. I take antacids but still have cardiac pain. I am confused. What am I dealing with?

DEAR READER: With all the "cardiac" words wandering about, I'm not surprised that you are confused. In my opinion, your problem is in your upper intestinal tract, not your heart.

The cardiac sphincter is another term for the ring of muscle in the lower esophagus that acts as a valve to prevent backwash of stomach acid. This sphincter plays an important role: it prevents acidic stomach contents from refluxing up into the sensitive and unprotected esophagus. This reflux is the hallmark of hiatal hernia, the general condition causing your symptoms of heartburn, waterbrash (discomfort in the upper chest) and cough: in short, entirely unpleasant sensations that are not related to the heart.

Reflux can often be controlled by antacids but, in my experience, other measures are necessary.

To begin with, new drugs (that were not available at the time of your surgery) may help. These include Prilosec, Prevacid and Propulsid.

Second, simple alterations in lifestyle might reduce your symptoms. Avoid spicy food, caffeine and alcohol; elevate the head of your bed with 6-inch blocks; eat small and frequent meals; use antacids liberally.

Third, your surgery was not successful. I don't know the reason for this, but it happened. You may need further surgery to correct the problem.

I urge you to see a gastroenterologist who, after performing certain tests (such as endoscopy), can advise you what to do. You need the guidance of a specialist. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Hiatal Hernia." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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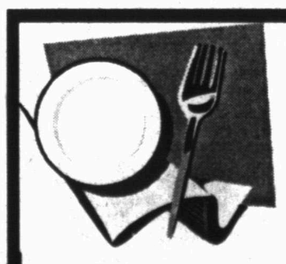


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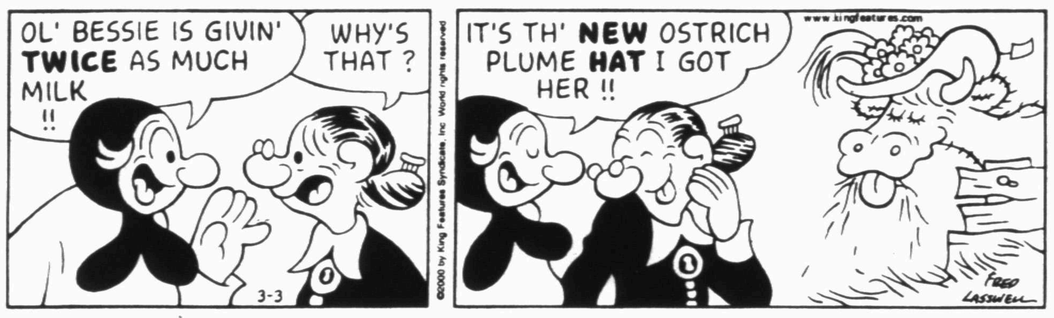
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7 Swiss city
13 Click beetle
14 Raised the spirit of
15 City in Texas (2 wds.)
16 Fumed
17 Close falcon eyes
18 Unruly crowd
20 Subtle emanation
21 Actress — Lee Curtis
23 Eagle's nest
27 Former coeds
32 Furious
33 Aerobatic maneuvers
34 Big ship
35 Ancient
36 Division
39 Honking birds
40 Type of chain
42 Flying saucers (abbr.)
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51 Hard-handed defense
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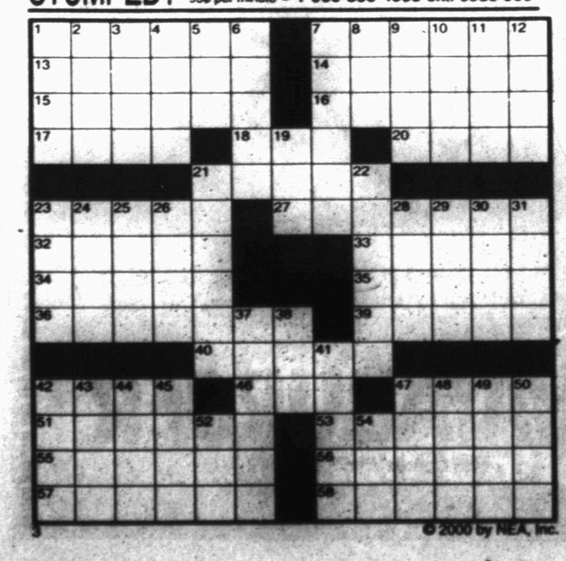
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3 Back of the neck
4 And others (2 wds.)
5 Legal matter
6 Scent
7 Small pet
8 Guido's high note
9 Zola heroine
10 "— —, Brute"
11 Turn sharply
12 Sand lizard
19 Medical suffix
21 Booed
22 Laudatory speech
23 Isn't well
24 Iroquois Indian
25 Pealed
26 Short newspaper piece
28 Burrowing animal
29 Knob
30 Mimics
31 Ancient slave
37 Linen
38 — for tat
41 Soaking wet
42 Hawaiian instruments
43 Gambling game
44 Spoken
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49 Bathe
50 Snow coaster
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SPORTS

Snyder 6, SA Lanier 5...

Tigers win first-round match-up

SAN ANTONIO — Down to their final out on Thursday, the Snyder Tigers used a little trickery to earn a spot in the winners' bracket of the San Antonio Baseball Tournament.

Matthew Grimmett slid home on the back end of a double steal to push the Tigers past San Antonio Lanier, 6-5.

The win levels Snyder's mark at 3-3, and puts the Tigers into a 5 p.m. match-up today with San Antonio Burbank.

Snyder started its rally with three runs in the sixth to knot the tally at 5-5.

Adam Beck jump-started the comeback with a double, before R.J. Hernandez reached base after getting hit by a pitch. Both players advanced on steals, then scored on a single to right field by Brian Gordon.

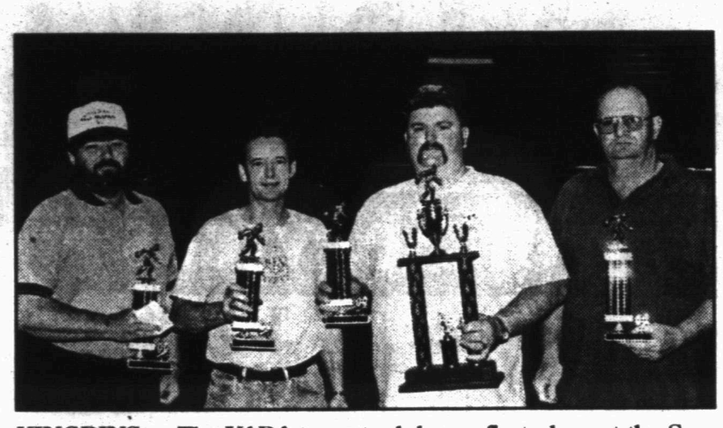
Ralph Ramon then drove in Gordon with a double to even the score.

In the final frame, Grimmett lined a single to left, then stole second base and advanced to third on a fielder's choice.

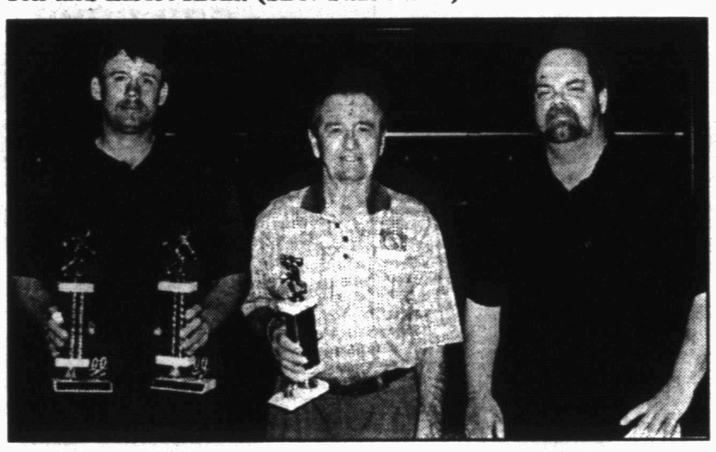
Next up, Hernandez drew a walk, then was intentionally caught in a run-down between first and second, allowing Grimmett time to slide home with the game-winner.

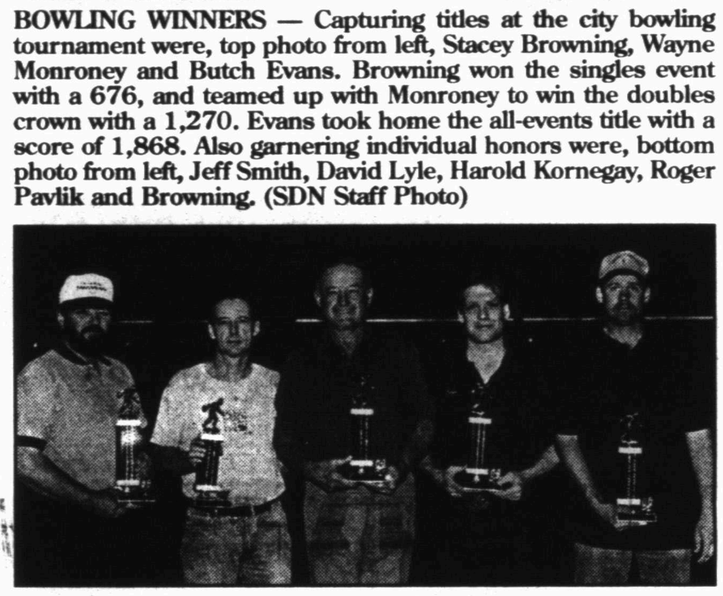
Glen Burk picks up the win, after coming on in relief of Tito Alaniz in the fifth. Ramon pitched the final inning to pick up the save.

A win over Burbank would give the Tigers a berth in Saturday's semifinals. The championship game is scheduled for Saturday night at 7:30.



KINGPINS — The YABA team took home first place at the Snyder City Bowling Tournament with a score of 2,373. Members of the team are, from left, Jeff Smith, David Lyle, Mark Thompson and Elbert Klein. (SDN Staff Photo)





BOWLING WINNERS — Capturing titles at the city bowling tournament were, top photo from left, Stacey Browning, Wayne Monroney and Butch Evans. Browning won the singles event with a 676, and teamed up with Monroney to win the doubles crown with a 1,270. Evans took home the all-events title with a score of 1,868. Also garnering individual honors were, bottom photo from left, Jeff Smith, David Lyle, Harold Kornegay, Roger Pavlik and Browning. (SDN Staff Photo)

At girls' state basketball tournament...

Speed meets power in Class 4A state finals

AUSTIN (AP) — The Class 4A girls' state basketball final is already shaping up as a classic battle of speed against power.

The ultra-kinetic guard attack of Kashayla and Shakayla Hawkins leads Waxahachie into Saturday's final against Canyon's brute power lineup that features three players 6-foot tall or higher.

Canyon (34-2), which lost in the 1999 title game, dismantled overmatched Boerne 81-47 Thursday night behind 22 points from 6-1 senior Jolee Ayers, who has signed to play for Texas Tech. The Lady Eagles also got 14 points from 6-0 T'Nae Thiel and nine points and seven rebounds from 6-4 freshman Kalee Carey.

The powerful Canyon lineup squashed Boerne (31-5) on the boards 43-25.

Waxahachie (33-3) will try to match that brawn with finesse. Kashayla Hawkins had 29 points and Shakayla added 15 as Waxahachie outlasted University of Houston signee Chandi Jones and Bay City 66-54.

Jones put up 33 points but Kashayla Hawkins matched her every step and outscored Jones 4-0 in the pivotal fourth quarter as Waxahachie ended Bay City's perfect season at 27-1.

In other semifinals Thursday:

— In Class 3A, Stacy Stephens scored 27 points, including 14 in the decisive third quarter, as defending state champion Winnsboro defeated Perryton 63-52. Stephens scored 11 points in the fourth quarter for Winnsboro (40-1). Erin Hale led Perryton (28-8) with 20 points.

Julie Brooks scored 16 points and Smithville held Wimberley scoreless in the fourth quarter in a 45-32 victory. Brooks hit eight free throws in the fourth as Smithville (34-4) held Wimberley (27-7) to 0-of-13 shooting over the final eight minutes.

—In Class 1A, Nazareth will play for its 14 state championship after a 63-43 victory over Moulton behind 22 points from Shawna Gerber. Nazareth (32-5) is competing in its 18th state tournament. Moulton (32-3), which has 17 tournament appearances without a championship, got 16 points from Nikki Weeaks.

The Swiftettes will play Valley View (37-1), a 64-53 winner over Menard. Jordan Davis scored 19 points for Valley View, which averaged 89 points per game this season. Lynsie Blau led Menard (31-5) with 13 points.

Today's Class 5A semifinals pit Alief Hastings (37-1) against defending champion Mansfield (34-2) and 1999 runner-up Corpus Christi Carroll (35-0) against Plano (33-3).

The Class 2A semifinals feature Farwell (28-6) against Goldthwaite (23-7) and Hughes Springs (30-2) taking on Brock (27-8).

All finals will be played on Saturday.

Tumbling meet comes to coliseum

Upside Downers Tumbling and Trampoline Meet will be held Saturday in the Scurry County Coliseum with almost 500 gymnasts entered.

Participants on 50 teams will be trying to qualify for the state tumbling and trampoline meet to be held in July in Austin.

This meet has been held at the coliseum for the last four years.

Erma Garcia, a Lubbock team coach and one of the organizers for the event, said they use the local facility because of its adaptability for the event.

"Spectators are close to the competition and we urge everyone to come out because there is no admission charged. Everyone is welcome,"she said.

Competition begins at 7:30 a.m. and continues until 6 p.m., or until all events are completed.

Garcia said spectators may especially enjoy watching the advanced level of competition from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

UT wants out of game with UH Rainbows

HONOLULU (AP) — Hawaii will be seeking a new opponent for its Sept. 2 opener, because Texas wants to bow out of the game at Aloha Stadium.

Although money was cited as the reason, UH athletic director Hugh Yoshida said Thursday that he believes Texas asked to be released from its contract in order to lighten its schedule.

Texas agreed to a $150,000 appearance fee, one of the highest ever offered by UH, when the contract was signed four years ago, Yoshida said.

Hawaii agreed to increase the fee to $175,000 when Texas officials recently asked for more money, he said.

Then last week, Texas complained it would cost nearly $400,000 to rent a charter plane to come to Hawaii, so UH officials said they could arrange a charter for less than $300,000.

Yoshida said he never heard back from Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds after asking him to give UH a dollar figure it could work with.

Texas would have to pay Hawaii $100,000 if the Longhorns don't play the Rainbows, Yoshida said.

Yoshida said he will seek an alternate team, but hadn't contacted a prospective replacement yet..

Girls' State Tournament

THURSDAY

Class 1A Semifinals

Valley View 64, Menard 43

Nazareth 63, Moulton 43

Class 3A Semifinals

Smithville 45, Wimberley 32

Winnsboro 63, Perryton 52

Class 4A Semifinals

Waxahachie 66, Bay City 54

Canyon 81, Boerne 47

FRIDAY

Class 2A Semifinals

Farwell (28-6) vs. Goldthwaite (23-7) 9:30 a.m.

Hughes Springs (30-2) vs. Brock (27-8), 11 a.m.

Class 5A Semifinals

Alief Hastings (37-1) vs. Mansfield (34-2), 3 p.m.

Corpus Christi Carroll (35-0) vs. Plano (33-3), 7 p.m.

Bowling Results

Snyder Men's Bowling Association City Tournament

Snyder YABA, 2373; Timely Finance, 2354; Snyder National Bank, 2327; McD's, 2296; Snyder Lanes, 2282; West Texas State Bank, 2280; Friendly Flower Shop, 2276; Texas Savings Bank, 2276; Countryplace, 2275; Headquarters, 2255; Daylight Donuts, 2250; Blue Sonoco; Thompson Ditching, 2210; Anchorman Sales, 2201; Bowling and Billiards, 2200; Coventry Plumbing, 2126; Lopez Auto Care, 2126

Local Sports Schedule

TODAY

Baseball: Snyder varsity at San Antonio tourney

Softball: Merkel at Snyder JV and varsity, 5 and 7 p.m.

Golf: Snyder varsity boys at Andrews Invitational

Golf: Snyder JV girls at Midland Invitational

Track: Snyder girls at Fort Stockton

SATURDAY

Baseball: Snyder varsity at San Antonio tourney

Softball: Snyder JV hosts Snyder tourney

Golf: Snyder varsity boys at Andrews Invitational

Golf: Snyder JV girls at Midland Invitational

Track: Snyder girls at Fort Stockton's Panther Relays

Track: Snyder boys at Abilene Wylie's Bulldog Relays

Saturday Night
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Rodman, Mavs stumble again

DALLAS (AP) — This time, the New Jersey Nets refused to let a tight game slip through their fingers.

Keith Van Horn's 16-foot buzzer-beater lifted the Nets to a 103-102 victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Thursday night, giving New Jersey its fifth win in 13 games decided by three points or less.

"We've lost so many like that," said Van Horn, who finished with 23 points and 11 rebounds. "But what goes around comes around, and our turn came around tonight."

Trailing 102-101, the Nets forced a turnover when Van Horn and Stephon Marbury double-teamed Erick Strickland and Van Horn flicked the ball away. New Jersey's Scott Burrell took possession with 5.3 seconds remaining

Strickland said he turned the ball over because he was left without a teammate to pass it to.

"It was a bad miscommunication," said Strickland, who had a career-high 31 points. "I was trying to get it out of there, but they put on a strong double-team."

Dallas had a foul to give and Strickland took it, fouling Marbury with 2.2 seconds left. Van Horn took the ensuing inbounds pass and, with Dennis Rodman defending, launched a jumper from near the free-throw line as time expired.

"Rodman did a good job of containing and I didn't even get a good look at the rim," Van Horn said. "But it was definitely about time. I felt good and confident."

For Rodman, signed Feb. 3, losing is already getting old. Dallas has won only three of the nine games Rodman has played this season.

"I'm not used to losing," said Rodman, who pulled down a Mavericks season-high 21 rebounds. "It's very difficult being in a situation like this. I was supposed to bring effort and excitement and energy and so far I'm doing it. I'm out there busting my butt. But we can't have only one or two guys (playing hard). Everybody has to do be doing it."

Reed's 77 paces JV boys

SAN ANGELO — Snyder's JV boys carded five scores under 90 to finish strong in a three-team meet at San Angelo's Riverside Golf Club.

Competing against two teams from Class 5A, the Tigers finished only two strokes off the pace of Abilene Cooper, and 16 shots behind San Angelo Central.

Brady Reed fired the second best round of the day, coming in with a 77 to pace Snyder's effort.

Jason Williams posted an 83, while Matt McCormick turned in an 85. Vaughn Wiggins tallied an 86, and Tanner Beard came in with an 89.

Snyder will be in competition again next Friday when it takes part in the Sweetwater Invitational.

Sports Briefs

Track volunteers needed

Snyder High School needs volunteers for the Canyon Reef Relays, to be held March 11.

Anyone interested should contact Tommy Doyle at 574-6039.

Softball umps needed

Snyder Girls' Softball Association needs umpires for the upcoming fast-pitch softball season. No previous experience is necessary. Training and certification will be provided by the league.

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Four tied for lead at Doral

MIAMI (AP) — Bruce Lietzke had eight birdies in a 7-under-par 65 that left him tied with Vijay Singh, Jim Furyk and Harrison Frazar after the first round of the Doral-Ryder Open.

Phil Mickelson, Nick Price and Bernhard Langer were another stroke back, while three-time champion Greg Norman was at 4-under 68.

Cowboys sign DB

IRVING (AP) — Ryan McNeil, who led the NFL with nine interceptions in 1997, but had one in 1998 and none last season with Cleveland, signed with the Cowboys.

McNeil will be playing for his fourth team in eight years and third in as many seasons. He came into the league with Detroit in 1993, signed with St. Louis in 1997 and set career-highs for interceptions and tackles (78).

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Sacramento	32	25	.561	14½
Golden State	16	40	.286	30
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Thursday's Games

Philadelphia 87, Washington 84

Miami 101, Seattle 83

Orlando 104, Charlotte 96

New York 109, Milwaukee 94

New Jersey 103, Dallas 102

Houston 102, Sacramento 99

Minnesota 108, San Antonio 102

Phoenix 118, Indiana 87

Cleveland 114, Chicago 110, OT

Friday's Games

Boston at Toronto, 7 p.m.

New York at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.

Utah at Charlotte, 8 p.m.

Golden State at Denver, 9 p.m.

Vancouver at Portland, 10 p.m.

Indiana at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

New Jersey at Houston, 2:30 p.m.

Cleveland at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.

Sacramento at San Antonio, 6 p.m.

Philadelphia at Chicago, 6 p.m.

Detroit at Washington, 7 p.m.

Seattle at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.

Minnesota at Milwaukee, 9 p.m.

Dallas at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Utah at New York, 12:30 p.m.

Orlando at Boston, 3 p.m.

Toronto at Vancouver, 3 p.m.

Miami at L.A. Lakers, 6 p.m.

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Chilean dictator returns free man

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Chilean flags, German march music and vociferous debate awaited Gen. Augusto Pinochet at his homecoming today, 16 months after he was detained in Britain on torture charges.

Pinochet left Britain a free man Thursday after British Home Secretary Jack Straw ruled that the 84-year-old former dictator was mentally and physically unfit to be extradited to Spain for trial on charges of human rights abuses.

Word of Pinochet's release triggered jubilation among his supporters and preparations for a festive welcome.

Proclaiming "the nightmare is over," an exultant retired Gen. Luis Cortes, a close associate of Pinochet, called upon "all those who love my general and who want to unite Chileans," to attend a mass rally today outside the Santiago military hospital, where Pinochet was to be flown by helicopter from the airport.

Cortes, who heads the Pinochet Foundation, a private group of supporters and former aides to the general, urged participants to bring Chilean flags.

By midday Thursday, hundreds of flags had begun to appear on homes, buildings and lightposts in what Mayor Cristian Labbe called "a spontaneous reaction by people who are happy with the return of the general."

The enthusiasm among Pinochet supporters stood in stark contrast to the frustration of his opponents, especially relatives of alleged victims of Pinochet's 1973-90 regime.

"It is disappointing, but we should not be sad," said Viviana Diaz, president of an organization of relatives of dissidents who disappeared after being arrested during Pinochet's rule.

"We should now continue to work for justice," said Diaz, whose father is among more than 1,000 missing detainees.

Pinochet's critics worked to pave the way for a trial at home, asking the Santiago appeals court Thursday to lift Pinochet's congressional immunity so he can be prosecuted. He is facing 60 lawsuits, mostly by relatives of victims of repression or the political, social or labor organizations to which they belonged.

Man severely beaten for failure to give Nazi salute

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A man who refused to raise his arm in a Nazi salute was severely beaten by six men who may be part of a white supremacist group, police said.

Maj. Mike Turk of the Marion County Sheriff's Department said detectives are looking at a connection between the alleged attackers — who range in age from 18 to 24 — and a white supremacist group called the Knightstown Boys.

David Anderson, 24, suffered a concussion, internal bleeding and had two teeth knocked out early Sunday. He also received stitches around his mouth, and his eyes were swollen shut for two days.

"They kept trying to get me to 'Heil Hitler,' but I wouldn't do that," Anderson said Thursday. "I'll never change my beliefs."

The six men face charges of attempted murder and aggravated battery and were in custody Thursday on bonds ranging from $100,000 to $200,000.

Police said they were at a party with Anderson late Saturday when an argument erupted because some started making derogatory racial remarks and talking about "white power supremacy."

Anderson said they ordered him to give the Nazi salute, and when he didn't he was pushed out of the house and repeatedly hit and kicked, investigators said.

A woman across the street called 911. Anderson was found a few block away, his face swollen and bloody.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -Morning stocks:

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	55½	54 7-16	55 3-16	+ 11-16
AT&T Corp s	55 7-16	53⅝	54⅛	
Albertsons	25 9-16	24 5-16	25 5-16	+ 15-16
Alltel	60⅞	60 3-16	60¾	+ 5-16
AmerOnline s	58	56 11-16	57 9-16	+ 1 9-16
AndarkPtr	30 15-16	29½	29½	— 1 3-16
AtlRichfld	73 1-16	71 9-16	71¾	— 15-16
ATMOS Egy	16⅜	15 15-16	16	— ⅜
Aviall	8 7-16	8 1-16	8 7-16	+ ⅜
BP Amoco s	48 3-16	47 7-16	47½	— 7-16
BakerHughes	28	26	26	— 2 7-16
Bank of Amer	46⅛	44⅝	45⅛	+ 1-16
BellAtl	56⅛	55 5-16	55⅝	+ ⅜
BellSouth	46 5-16	45¼	46 1-16	+ 1 3-16
Beth Steel	5 13-16	5⅝	5 13-16	+ 3-16
BurlNoSFe	20 13-16	20 5-16	20¾	+ 7-16
CBS Corp	58 15-16	58 1-16	58⅜	— ½
Caterpillar	36¾	34½	36⅝	+ 2 3-16
CenSoWst	16 9-16	16 5-16	16⅜	
Chevron	75⅛	74¼	74¾	— 15-16
Citigroup s	53 13-16	53	53 5-16	+ 1 13-16
Coastal	44½	43¼	43¾	+ ⅜
CocaCola	50⅜	49 1-16	49 3-16	— 7-16
ColgatePal s	53 5-16	52 9-16	52 11-16	+ 1-16
ComclMetals	27	26⅛	26¾	— 1-16
CooperInd	32	30 9-16	31 9-16	+ 1
DaimlrChry	64 1-16	62½	62 11-16	— 1⅝
DallSemicn s	40⅜	38⅛	40 3-16	+ 2 7-16
DeltaAirl	45⅜	43 13-16	45¼	+ 1 7-16
Dillards Inc	17½	17⅛	17⅜	
DowChem	106¾	102	106¾	+ 7¼
DuPont	52	48 3-16	51¾	+ 4⅞
EastmanChem	36 3-16	34 5-16	36⅛	+ 1 11-16
EstKodak	59 15-16	58⅜	59⅛	— ¾
EDS Corp	66½	65⅜	65 9-16	— ⅛
Entergy	20½	20⅜	20 7-16	
ExxonMobil	76½	74¾	74¾	— 1⅜
FstBksAm	18	18	18	— ⅛
Flowers	13¼	13	13⅛	+ ⅛
FordMotor	42⅝	41 5-16	42⅜	+ 1
GTE Cp	66 11-16	65 5-16	66 3-16	+ ⅜
GenDynam	41⅛	39¼	39⅝	— 1½
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GenMotors	75 15-16	74 9-16	74⅛	+ 11-16
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GlobalMar	25	23½	23⅞	— 1⅛
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GtAtlPac	23 9-16	22⅞	23 9-16	+ ¾
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Kroger Co s	15 1-16	14 11-16	15 1-16	+ ½
Litton	31	29¾	29 13-16	+ 5-16
LockheedM	17 3-16	16 15-16	16 15-16	— 3-16
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TexInd	30 1-16	29⅜	29 15-16	+ 11-16
TexasInst s	186	174	180 9-16	+ 7 9-16
Tex Util	30 7-16	30	30 3-16	— ½
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TritonEngy	29	27½	27½	— 1
TylerTech	4 15-16	4¾	4⅞	+ 3-16
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UnionPacif	38 7-16	37 9-16	38⅜	+ 9-16
UnitedTech s	51⅞	50	51¾	+ 15-16
Unocal	28 7-16	27 15-16	28	— ⅛
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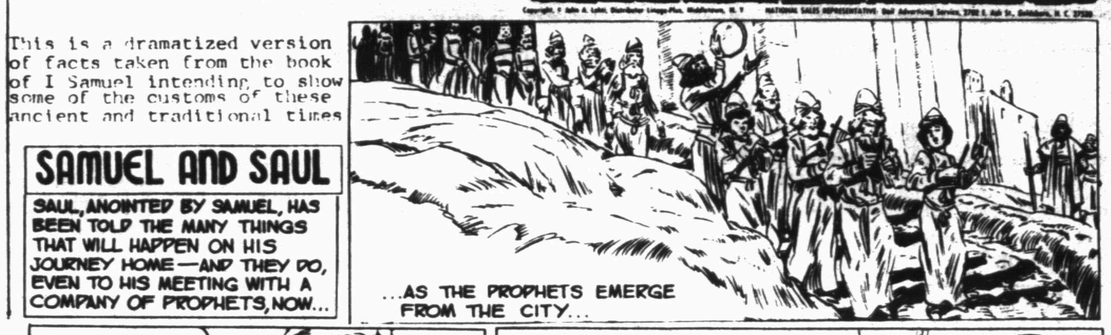
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Mourners remember 6-year-old victim

FLINT, Mich. (AP) — Mourners paid their respects today to 6-year-old shooting victim Kayla Rolland as the girl's body lay in a white casket with gold trim, a small doll of the television dinosaur Barney at the base.

In her hands was a small card with a poem titled "I'm free."

"She was too young. She didn't even have a chance to grow up," said Buffy Darling, one of the first visitors to the funeral home this morning. "I was thinking about getting a handgun for protection. When I saw this on the news, I said, 'No way.'"

Funeral director Donald Lada passed out pink ribbons to each visitor. More than 7,000 already had been pinned to lapels and tied to radio antennae, he said.

Melissa Polacek, 20, came with a 6-year-old cousin, Kyle Cornelison. She said she brought the child so he would understand what happened.

"He said it was sad and we talked about it a lot. I think he understands better now," she said.

More than a dozen large floral displays surrounded the casket. Some visitors brought stuffed animals and other small tokens such as flowers to leave at the casket. Near the casket was a large poster board filled with signatures and messages from students at her school.

Many say, "I'm sorry this happened."

A memorial service is planned tonight. Outside Buell Elementary School, where the girl was shot to death Tuesday in her first grade classroom, the ground is carpeted with more than a hundred stuffed toys, all left in Kayla's memory.

Dropout admits hacking into Web sites

WOLFEBORO, N.H. (AP) — A polite 17-year-old who says he dropped out of school because he was bored admitted today he hacked into several Web sites, including one of a leading computer security company.

Dennis F. Moran, who used the screen name "Coolio," denied responsibility for well-publicized attacks last month on major electronic-commerce companies. Sites including Yahoo! and Amazon.com were put out of business for hours by a barrage of messages sent to them all at once.

Moran said some friends started a rumor in a Internet chat room that he was responsible for those attacks and he jokingly took credit for them. Unbeknownst to the youths, a security expert from Stanford University was listening in and sent logs to the FBI, Moran said in an interview at his home this morning.

"He didn't realize I was joking," Moran said.

Moran said the FBI interviewed him twice about two weeks ago.

"At the end, it seemed to me they realized I'm innocent, but I'm not sure," he said.

Last month, Justice Department officials identified "Coolio" as one of three hackers, known only by their monikers, sought for questioning in the string of attacks on popular Web sites. But federal investigators believe the New Hampshire boy is only one of a number of people who have used "Coolio" — the name of a popular rapper — as a screen name.

The youth was identified as a suspect by the Los Angeles police, Officer Joe Buscaino of the Los Angeles Police Department said Thursday.

Los Angeles police became involved while investigating an attack on Dare.com, an anti-drug abuse site they founded. The computer crimes unit traced that attack to the youth, Buscaino said.

After the youth's residence was searched Wednesday, he told investigators he has been using computers since he was 3 years old, and spends about 16 hours a day on the Internet, Buscaino said.

Moran and his father, also named Dennis, came to the door of their apartment in downtown Wolfeboro as the father was leaving for work this morning.

Runaway teen shoots deputy sheriff; then troopers kill him

HIAWATHA, Kan. (AP) — A runaway 16-year-old from Buffalo, N.Y. shot dead by Kansas troopers after he killed a sheriff's deputy was described as a boy who would usually "back off" from trouble.

A schoolmate's description of Vincent Smith seemed only to make the teen gunman more of an enigma. How would someone so averse to conflict end up Wednesday so far away from home, only to kill Deputy Todd Widman in his cruiser on a northeast Kansas highway?

That question continued to baffle authorities, and "both parties who know aren't here," said Brown County Sheriff Lamar Shoemaker.

The Buffalo News reported Thursday that Smith was apparently distraught over bad grades, which officials in Kansas and Buffalo said they couldn't confirm.

It was the only initial, possible link between Smith's violent death and the boy schoolmate Ryan O'Neill described as not "one to fight."

"He was a real innocent kid," said O'Neill, a student at Buffalo's Bishop Timon-St. Jude High School. "He wouldn't even stand up for himself, you know? He'd just back off."

Smith, the son of a Buffalo, N.Y., police officer, ran away on Tuesday, taking the family car and his father's gun. The car was found abandoned along Interstate 29 in northwest Missouri on Wednesday, just across the state line from Kansas and about 1,000 miles from Buffalo.

Two motorists said they gave rides to Smith that brought him to Hiawatha.

Widman, 21, was shot to death after responding to a call of a transient or runaway walking along the main highway.

Pretrial record omits important hearing

DALLAS (AP) — Darlie Routier's pretrial record omits an important hearing on whether her lawyer had a conflict of interest, say defense attorneys who are seeking a new trial for the suburban housewife sent to death row for the stabbing death of her son.

Although court reporters have tried to reconstruct Routier's mistake-filled record, her attorneys said in court papers filed Thursday that the pretrial hearing was not found in either original or reconstructed versions of the transcript, The Dallas Morning News reported in today's editions..

They contend that Routier of Rowlett, convicted of capital murder in 1997 for the stabbing death of 5-year-old Damon and accused of killing another son, should receive a new trial because a significant part of her record is missing.

The development is a potential setback for prosecutors. All defendants, under Texas law, are entitled to complete transcripts for their appeals.

Justices of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals in Austin must ultimately decide whether to use Tyler court reporter Susan Simmons' reconstructed transcript. But defense attorneys Stephen Cooper and Steven Losch say the record prepared by the court-appointed expert is incomplete, unreliable and illegal.

Mike Carnes, Dallas County first assistant district attorney, had not seen the document Routier's attorneys filed Thursday. But he said his office would study the objections and respond after research.

State District Judge Robert Francis ruled last month that Routier's trial transcript, containing 33,000 errors, be delivered to the Texas appeals court along with trial court reporter Sandra Halsey's original records.

Routier has previously blamed the June 6, 1996, stabbing attack that also claimed the life of second son Devon, 6, on an intruder. The housewife was tried only for the death of the younger child, since it qualified as a capital murder case.

23-year-old woman threatens suicide

An offense report for threatened suicide was filed Thursday.

Officers and Snyder EMS personnel responded to the call at 9:17 a.m. A representative from MHMR was called to speak with the 23-year-old female. She had not attempted suicide, only threatened.

A supplement to a theft report taken in February was filed Thursday at Bealls in reference to the suspects returning to the store.

Two subjects were arrested in the past 24 hours.

Deputies took a 31-year-old female into custody at 4:41 p.m. at the Adult Probation Office on warrants for expired license plate, no liability insurance and two counts of failure to appear.

A 48-year-old man was jailed for driving while intoxicated. Officers arrested him at 12:09 a.m. today at 25th Street and Avenue X.

Obituraries

Mr. Rodriquez

1979-2000

Cornelius Rodriquez, a former Snyder resident, died Tuesday, Feb. 22, in University Medical Center in Loma Linda, Calif., from injuries sustained in a snow boarding accident.

Funeral service for Mr. Rodriquez, 20, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Lionzo Soria, Church of Christ minister from Phoenix, Ariz., will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Born Dec. 7, 1979 in Snyder, Mr. Rodriquez had been a resident of Twentynine Palms, Calif., for the past 15 years.

Survivors include his mother, Amanda Hernandez of Snyder; his father, Frank Rodriquez of Twentynine Palms; six sisters, Crystal Rodriquez and Laurie Ann White, both of Snyder, Isabel Rodriquez, Raquel Rodriquez, Rosa Linda Rodriquez and Amelinda Rodriquez, all of Twentynine Palms; three brothers, Frank Rodriquez Jr., Fernando Rodriquez and Mauricio Rodriquez, all of Twentynine Palms; and a step brother, Michael Hernandez of Snyder.

Emma Jones

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LITTLEFIELD – Emma Lee Jones, a former resident of Snyder, died Wednesday, March 1, in Lamb Healthcare Center.

Funeral service for Mrs. Jones, 82, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Crescent Park Church of Christ with Wilburn Dennis officiating. Burial will follow in Littlefield Memorial Park under the direction of Hammons Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 24, 1917 in Breckenridge, she moved from Snyder to Bainer Switch in 1925 and attended school in Anton.

She married W.B. Jones on Dec. 14, 1935 in Clovis, N.M. He died in 1980. They farmed in the Spade community for 65 years. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include two sons W.B. Jones and David Jones, both of Littlefield; a daughter, Alice Redeker of Littlefield; a brother, G.T. Taylor of Lubbock; two sisters, Blanche Durkee of Texarkana and Belle Bouchard of Tucumcari, N.M.; nine grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Bertha Purvis

1914-2000

LUCEDALE, Miss. — Funeral service for Bertha Purvis of Hattiesburg, mother of Gay Idom of Snyder, will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in the Shady Grove Baptist Church in Lucedale. Burial will follow in Shady Grove Cemetery.

Mrs. Purvis, 85, died Thursday, March 2, at her residence.

Born Nov. 10, 1914, she was a member of South 28th Avenue Baptist Church of Hattiesburg. Her husband, Hobson Griff Purvis, preceded her in death.

Survivors include another daughter, Bonnie Warren of Hattiesburg; one sister, Winnie Tucker of Montgomery, Ala.; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be her grandsons, Lee Idom, Griff Gleason, Stuart Gleason, Steven Warren and Sean McGee.

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Talent show

The Boys and Girls Club will present Star Search 2000, a talent show for ages 8-12 today.

New Hope fish fry

New Hope Baptist Church, 3305 Ave. L, will host a fish fry starting at 11 a.m. Saturday. Cost for the complete meal is $6 for adults and $3.50 for age 11 and under.

Girl Scout cookie sale

Brownie Troop 150 will have a cookie booth at United from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday.

Faith Revival garage sale

Faith Revival, 3212 Ave. J, will hold a garage sale starting at 9 a.m. Saturday. Proceeds will help with repairs to the church building.

Fluvanna homecoming committee

The Fluvanna homecoming planning committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the Fluvanna Community Center.

Hermleigh pancake supper

The Hermleigh Masonic Lodge will host the annual pancake supper from 6-8 p.m. Monday in the Hermleigh school cafeteria in conjunction with Public School Week.

Band boosters

SHS band boosters will not meet Monday. Meetings will resume April 3. For more information, call 573-3251.

Central 50th anniversary

Central Elementary will host a 50-year celebration program at 9 a.m. Tuesday in the school auditorium. All former central employees are invited.

Social Security reps

Social Security representatives will be the at the Senior Citizens Center Tuesday, from 10 a.m.-noon and from 1-2 p.m.

Northeast parent council

The Northeast Elementary parent council will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the school auditorium.

AARP board meeting

The AARP board of directors will meet at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Senior Center.

Golden Apple banquet

The Snyder ISD Golden Apple awards banquet will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at Snyder Country Club. School volunteers will be recognized, and featured speaker will be Riney Jordan of Hamilton.

Immunization clinic

Scurry County Health unit today is immunization clinics this month. March dates are Tuesday, Thursday, March 23rd and 30th. April dates are 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th. Hours are 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-4 p.m.

Snyder Wheels car show

The Snyder Wheels annual car show and swap meet will be held next Friday and Saturday at the Scurry County Coliseum. The swap meet will be held both days, while the car show is next Saturday from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. For more information call 573-2171 or 573-3188.

Fish fry

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church will sponsor a fish fry from 5:30 to 8 p.m. next Friday in the parish center at 30th and Ave. A. Tickets are $6 per person and $4 for children 6-12. Tickets are available at the door and proceeds will benefit the Men's and Women's Association scholarship fund.

Senior Citizens swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens is held from 2-3 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday at the WTC pool. For more information, call 573-4035.

Free tax help

There is free tax help for low income and elderly people each Wednesday at the Snyder Senior Center by an IRS-trained counselor. Times are from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-3 p.m. Call 573-4035 or 573-3822 for additional information.

WTC basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at Western Texas College are taught Tuesday and Thursday from 8-11 a.m., and from 6-9 p.m. Classes include G.E.D. and E.S.L. refresher courses. For additional information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Windbreak trees

Windbreak tree seedlings have arrived at the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation office in Snyder. If you missed the ordering deadline, there are plenty of extra trees for sale at the USDA complex, 5309 Big Spring highway.

Snyder Neighbors Sharing

SNS is in need of workers and monetary donations for the April 29 work day. For more information, contact Thomas Fogleman at 573-3538, or Sam Robertson at 573-4053.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information call Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:
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Croat general gets 45-year prison sentence

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — The Yugoslav war crimes tribunal sentenced Croat Gen. Tihomir Blaskic today to 45 years in prison, the longest sentence it has issued and the first verdict against a senior military officer in the Balkan conflict.

The ruling of the three-judge court, chaired by the tribunal's president, Claude Jorda of France, could influence the way the history of the Balkan conflict is written.

"The crimes you committed, General Blaskic, are extremely serious," Jorda said. "The acts of war carried out with disregard for international humanitarian law and in hatred of other people, the villages reduced to rubble, the houses and stables set on fire and destroyed, the people forced to abandon their homes, the lost and broken lives are unacceptable."

As the verdict was read, Blaskic's wife, Ratka, broke down in sobs and a child seated next her let out a shriek and collapsed to the floor.

It was the longest sentence yet handed down by the U.N. tribunal, set up in 1993 to punish those responsible for the atrocities in the wars that followed the breakup of Yugoslavia. The maximum sentence the tribunal can impose is life imprisonment.

Blaskic's American lawyer, Russell Hayman, said he was "surprised and disappointed" and added that the verdict would be appealed.

"This is not a just verdict and I hope that the appeals chamber will effect justice," he said.

Goran Granic, vice premier of Croatia's new government, said the punishment was too harsh because the crimes were a matter of individual action, not a command responsibility.

"That is why I believe that the appeal procedure would prove that such a high verdict was unfounded," he said.

Prosecutors saw the sentence as a victory in their quest to bring senior military commanders to justice, even those who, like Blaskic, didn't commit atrocities with their own hands.

"It's a critical day for the tribunal," said Paul Risley, spokesman for Chief Prosecutor Carla Del Ponte. "This sentence promises to be the beginning of a phase at the tribunal where the sentences are taken very seriously."

The Bosnian government cautiously welcomed the verdict, but insisted that more of the alleged masterminds of massacres against Muslims need to be brought to justice — including former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic and military chief Ratko Mladic.

"Just after that, conciliation will be possible in Bosnia," said Mirza Hajric, adviser to the chairman of Bosnia's multiethnic presidency, Alija Izetbegovic.

Blaskic's sentence follows a mammoth 25-month trial with testimony from 158 witnesses and around 30,000 pages of evidence presented to the judges, who took seven more months to reach a decision.

Blaskic, 39, was commander of Croat fighters in central Bosnia during the war. In a snub of the tribunal, he was promoted to general in Croatia's standing army after his indictment by the tribunal was made public in 1995.

He was held responsible by the court for a blitz across the Lasva River Valley that left hundreds of Muslims dead and sent thousands more fleeing the area.

In particular, the court said Blaskic ordered the April 1993 rampage in which more than 100 men, women and children were killed and the Bosnian village of Ahmici was emptied of every one of its Muslim inhabitants.

Vitamin C pills may speed hardening of the arteries

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Vitamin C pills may speed up hardening of the arteries, researchers suggest in a new study they called a disturbing surprise.

The researchers cautioned that more experiments are needed to know for sure whether megadoses of the vitamin actually are harmful.

Still, they said the finding supports the recommendations of health organizations, which generally urge people to avoid high doses of supplements and to get their nutrients from food instead.

Many people load up on vitamin C and other nutrients on the assumption that these supplements are good for their health, even though there is little scientific evidence this is true. In theory, vitamin C and some other nutrients might protect the circulatory system and other organs by suppressing the damaging effects of oxygen.

"When you extract one component of food and give it at very high levels, you just don't know what you are doing to the system, and it may be adverse," said Dr. James Dwyer, an epidemiologist who directed the study. He presented the findings Thursday at a meeting in San Diego of the Dallas-based American Heart Association.

Clogged arteries — what doctors call atherosclerosis — are the major underlying cause of heart attacks and strokes.

In the latest study, doctors looked for early signs of this process by twice performing ultrasound scans on volunteers' carotid arteries, once at the study's start and again 18 months later.

Dwyer and colleagues from the University of Southern California studied 573 outwardly healthy middle-aged men and women who work for an electric utility in Los Angeles. About 30 percent of them regularly took various vitamins.

The study found no clear-cut sign that getting lots of vitamin C from food or a daily multivitamin does any harm. But those taking vitamin C pills had accelerated thickening of the walls of the big arteries in their necks. In fact, the more they took, the faster the buildup.

People taking 500 milligrams of vitamin C daily for at least a year had a 21/2 times greater rate of thickening than did those who avoided supplements. Among smokers, the rate was five times greater.

"If a person's physician has prescribed vitamin C, it is appropriate to be taking it," Dwyer said. "But if you are a healthy person and taking them in hopes of preventing cardiovascular disease, the heart association does not recommend it. This study would suggest that recommendation is prudent."

Dr. Shiriki Kumanyika of the University of Pennsylvania said the research shows the uncertainties of picking out a single vitamin among the plethora of nutrients in a healthy diet.

"It's a challenge to sort out what it is in what people eat that makes them live longer," she said. "We have to be careful about recommending foods or nutrients, because if we are wrong, we can do harm."

In general, experts recommend that people get their vitamins and other nutrients from fruits, vegetables, whole grains and nuts.

New convention of Baptists quietly forms

TYLER (AP) — A new convention of Baptists that would welcome churches from North, Central and South America has been quietly formed in East Texas.

Founders of The Baptist Convention of the Americas say they didn't want to cause any more discord in a denomination that already includes warring between conservative and moderate factions.

"We sort of agreed we wouldn't tell anybody," Paul Powell, former senior minister of Green Acres Baptist Church, told the Tyler Morning Telegraph.

Powell added he didn't even tell his wife until this week about the not-for-profit organization, articles of incorporation for which were filed in the Texas Secretary of State 's office in October 1998.

As conservative and moderate Baptists continue to clash in what Powell called a "power struggle," he said the likelihood of a large rival convention increases.

"It sure looks like we're headed in that direction," said Powell. "We know the gap is widening between the two. Everything that happens kind of accentuates that."

Powell, one of four board of directors' members that signed to the articles, said they were filed to reserve the name to possibly be enacted for future use.

The documents were filed on Oct. 29, 1998 by registered agent Dr. Herbert H. Reynolds of Waco, said Jane Dees, spokeswoman for the Texas Secretary of State 's office.

Others listed in The Baptist Convention of the Americas' board of directors were: Reynolds, John F. Baugh of Houston and W. Winfred Moore, of Waco.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Saturday, March 4, 2000

By this time next year, something you've pieced together will be significant and beneficial in your life. Your awareness of how the many small parts comprise the whole will be the reason.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) You could be especially lucky today in finding several ways to increase your financial base if you're willing to search in hidden spots. There are dollars lurking about.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You can accomplish some new, short-range plans today with relative ease. This is because you'll receive the cooperation of associates. Go for your goals.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Something good could transpire today pertaining to a situation that is controlled by another, but affects you. It'll restore your faith in humanity.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Someone who likes you may step forward today and either do something nice for you or dig up some information that could benefit you greatly. It's good to have friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A big ambition you have that you've been working on with another has a good chance of being fulfilled today. It might come about through a lucky break.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) That optimistic attitude you adopt today will serve you well. People will not only listen and heed your suggestions, but elevate you to a new level of respect.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Conditions are ripe today for expanding your involvements with others for mutual benefits. Get together with cohorts and make plans that are grand in scope.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Conclusions you draw today are apt to be right on, because your judgments are sound and far seeing. Have faith in what you envision as well as in those with whom you envision them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Appreciation or rewards for something you do for another could be more generous than usual. Utilize your services well today, especially in the work place.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Through people with whom you have some very close ties, several good things could happen for you. This is because nice guy and gals do not finish last today.

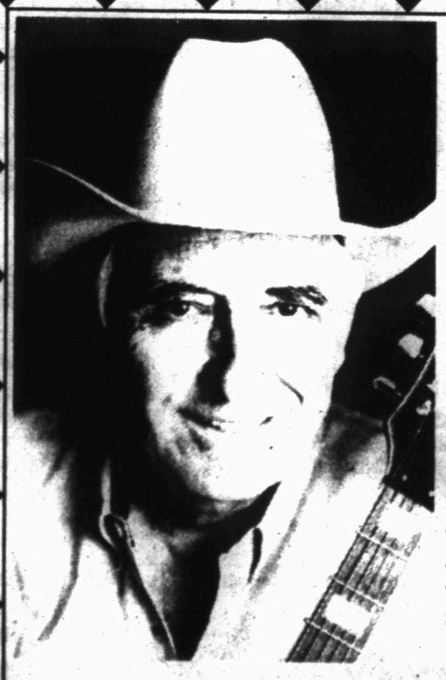
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