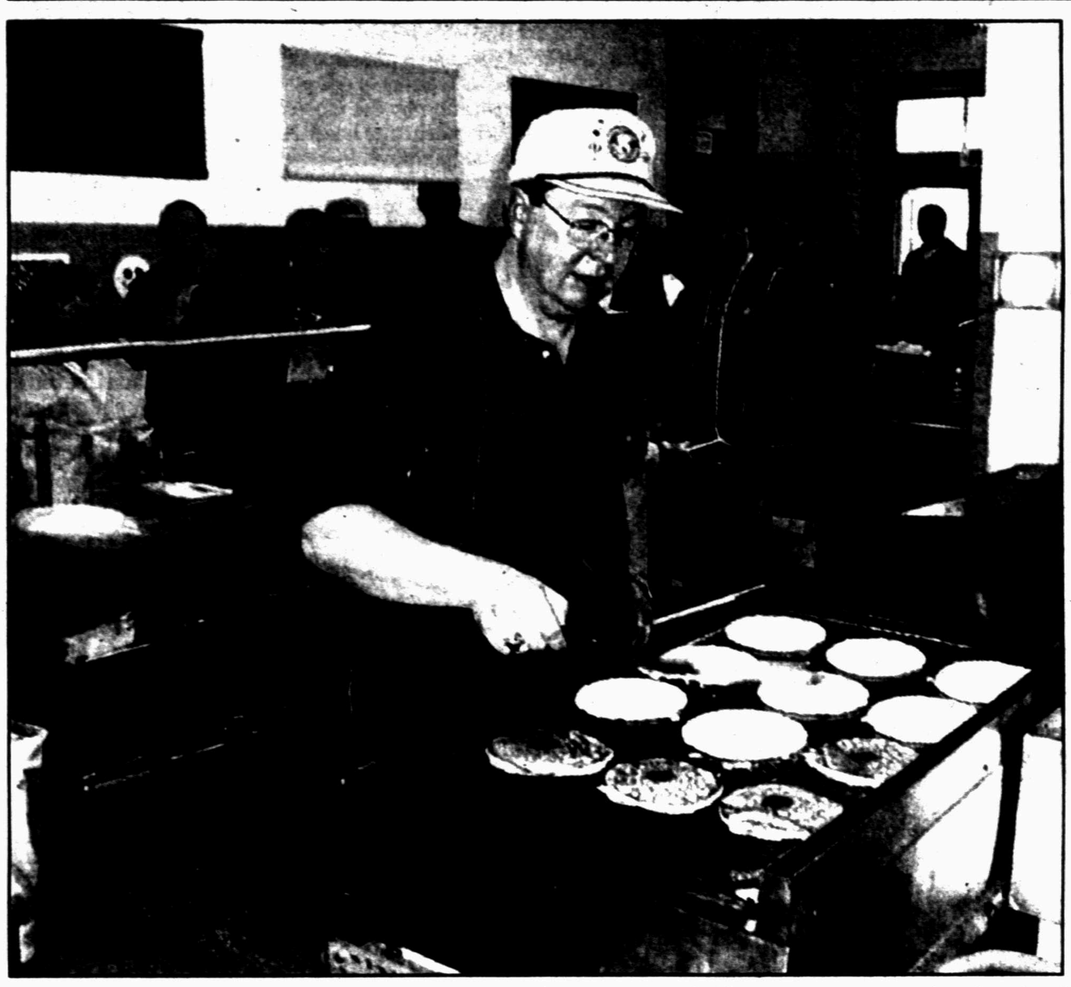
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Funeral of Shirley Miller



FLAPJACK FLIPPER — Larry McAden of the Snyder Kiwanis Club prepares another batch of hotcakes Saturday morning during the club's annual pancake feast event at West Elementary. (SDN Staff Photo)

# State lifts boil order for Snyder's water

The boil-water order for users of the city's water was lifted this morning as samples submitted have all tested negative for contaminants.

"The Texas Natural Resource Commission notified us this morning that it is no longer necessary to boil the city's water before using it," said Darrell Callahan, Snyder's utility superintendent.

"All the samples that we submitted tested negative."

The boil-water order went into effect Thursday morning after a water main line serving most of the city developed a leak in the area of Muriel Avenue and 37th Street.

Callahan explained at the time that the TNRCC has rules stating anytime the city has a drop in pressure and it falls below 20 pounds per square inch, there is a risk that contaminants may enter the water lines.

"The boil-water order was just a precaution," said Callahan.

The city began sampling the water Thursday after the repair was made, and it was first thought that the testing would not be able to begin until today.

"The state requires three consecutive days of testing and we first thought we would have to wait until today because of the weekend," said Callahan.

However, the testing laboratory in Sweetwater opened their offices Saturday so the city could complete their three days of testing as soon as possible.

"We certainly appreciate the Sweetwater facility doing that," added Callahan.

The boil-water ban caused some inconveniences, but most citizens apparently chose to buy bottled water as opposed to taking time to boil their tap water.

Both United Supermarket and Davidson's IGA reported large amounts of bottled water sold.

The boil-water ordinance also prompted numerous calls to city hall.

"We had lots of calls but our utility customers understood the necessity of boiling the water," said Carolyn House, director of customer service.

# Record jackpot awaits Lotto players this week

DALLAS (AP) — As the Texas Lotto rolled to $77 million, the largest in state history, ticket buyers marked their numbers and counted their dollar bills to make sure they had a shot at the loot.

Jerry Huff, a retired Dallas resident, fantasized Sunday about what he'd do if he won the pot in Wednesday's drawing. He'd share with his family, he said.

"Yeah — from the South of France," his wife, Joann, chimed in.

Another ticket-buyer said that if she won, she'd give each of her nine brothers and sisters $1 million.

"Then I'd move back to my 76 acres in Mississippi and get all sorts of cats and dogs and chickens to raise," said the woman, who declined to give her name.

Lines were nonexistent Sunday morning, but lottery officials in Austin warned ticket-sellers to plan for a major crush approaching the 10 p.m. Wednesday drawing.

"We're anticipating that retailers will have a really busy week and we're trying to let people know that they may need to bring in additional help," said Kristina Childress, spokeswoman for the Texas Lottery. "There could be lines out the doors. We're going into a situation that the Texas Lottery has not been in in seven years."

When the Lotto hit $75 million in 1994 — a record at the time — sales before the drawing reached $66,000 per minute. Childress said she expects those kind of numbers again this week, for what is now the highest jackpot in the nation.

This past weekend, when the jackpot stood at $56 million, hourly sales were more than $1 million, or $16,667 per minute, from 5 p.m. until the drawing. Total sales for the day were about $13 million for the fourth-largest jackpot in state history, she said.

The energy generated by higher jackpots is exactly what lottery officials were hoping for when four numbers were added to the draw last year, decreasing the chances of winning but increasing the potential payout.

"You're looking at a lot of money and the thrill of getting a chance to win that gets everybody talking," Childress said.

# County takes no action on bad-weather policy

No action was taken this morning by county commissioners concerning a bad weather policy, as the consensus was to continue to allow each department head to make the call during inclement weather.

County Judge Ricky Fritz said he listed the item on the agenda for discussion because he had received questions following the most recent icy spell.

"At this point, it is up to the department head to open their office as they see fit. Every time there is bad weather, we get the question of how do we pay the time not worked."

Fritz said that he did not have a written recommendation, but he wanted the court to discuss the possibility of a uniform bad weather plan to prevent inconsistencies in office openings and how the county should adddress pay for time off.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Roy Idom said that he didn't think any policy would be binding, so he didn't see the point in making one.

"I don't see making a policy when the department heads can do what they want. Why have a policy?"

Ralph Trevey, Precinct 1 Commissioner, expressed a similar opinion.

"Yes, it would make it simple, but it would be stepping in and doing someone else's job. I don't see the need," Trevey said.

Howard Limmer, Precinct 3 Commissioner, said he felt the decision should be left in the hands of the department heads also. He said that those persons know the workload of his or her office, and whether a few hours or a day could be missed.

County Clerk Joan Bunch, speaking as a department head, said it was "a hard call" as to whether a bad weather policy would be beneficial.

"I usually tell them [her employees] to get here as soon as they can. That is usually not more 30 or 40 minutes late."

"I don't want to usurp the authority of elected officials, but we want to consider the safety of the citizens. What is the health of one employee? I think it is worth a lot," said Fritz.

Addressing the issue of how to pay employees on bad weather days, Fritz said the county could come up with another paid time-off category.

"Right now there is no allowance for bad weather time," the judge said.

Commenting on the issue, Precinct 4 Commissioner Chloanne Lindsey said, "I can see an employee not wanting to take vacation time, but they don't want to kill their family either."

Other business included the acceptance of the resignation of Ben Murphy from the Child Welfare Board. The court appointed Irene Canales to fill the position.

Three line-item transfers were also granted, including one for the treasurer's office. For that office, $560 was moved from general payroll into part-time and $630 was moved from general payroll into the bond and notary seal line.

The items were to cover the cost of a part-time employee hired in the office and to cover the cost of the bond for newly appointed County Treasurer Nelda Colvin.

A $350 transfer was approved for the county clerk's office, moving the funds from equipment into other equipment to cover the cost of replacing a printer.

Also granted were transfers for the district attorney's office, moving $500 from other equipment into equipment, and $921.97 from law books into equipment for the purchase of a computer.



PRETTY NIFTY — Seven-year-old Megan Thompson of Roscoe views a 1957 Chevrolet during the Snyder Wheels Car Show Saturday at Scurry County Coliseum. This vehicle was among several classics on display at the annual event. (SDN Staff Photo)

## City council meets at 6:30 at City Hall

Snyder's city council will review a proposed resolution to make Avenue O and 28th Street a four-way stop intersection when it meets this evening at 6:30.

The request to change the traffic control from a yield sign comes from the Snyder Boys and Girls Club.

In a letter to the council, club president Keith Matthies stated there have been a number of accidents at the intersection and it is currently a hazard to younger club members.

Snyder Police Chief Steve Warren also supports the change, noting that in the last two years, there have been five accidents at the intersection, three of those resulting in injuries.

The council will also vote on the second reading of an ordinance closing a portion of 45th Street in Towle Park. The ordinance provides for a 20-foot sewer maintenance easement.

In other matters, the council is expected to appoint Bonnie Fry as election judge for the May 5 election.

This was made necessary when present judge, Francene Noah, filed as a candidate for mayor.

The council also will be updated by manager Charlie Moore on the status of Cox Communication's work on upgrading the cable TV system.

Bids for sanitation boxes also will be considered.

The meeting will be held in the council chambers at city hall.

## ASK US

**Q—How long does a person have to live in Snyder before being qualified to run for city council, and what is the pay?**

**A—It requires a one-year residency, and neither councilmen, nor the mayor, receive a salary.**

## FORECAST - ALMANAC

**Snyder Temps:** High Saturday, 62 degrees; low, 44; high Sunday, 62; low, 36, 7 a.m. Monday, 37; .39 of an inch precipitation; total for 2001, 3.76 inches.

**Area Forecast:** Tonight, partly cloudy, low upper 40s, SE wind 5-15 mph. Tuesday, mostly cloudy, high mid 60s. Tuesday night, mostly cloudy, low upper 40s.

Kyra Lara
Partly Cloudy

**Sunset:** 6:46 p.m.
**Sunrise:** 7:05 a.m.
Of 63 days in 2001, the sun has shone 54 days in Snyder.

## TODAY'S T

One who gains strength by overcoming obstacles possesses the only strength which can overcome adversity.

—Albert Schweitzer

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# Insurance company's officials warned bosses that the reports might be illegal

AUSTIN (AP) — An employee of National Heritage Insurance Co. raised questions eighteen months ago about how the company was computing its Medicaid administrative costs that are now the focus of a Travis County grand jury investigation.

Dennis Vaughan, a vice president of National Heritage, the Electronic Data Systems subsidiary that is managing the state contract, sent an urgent e-mail, the Austin American-Statesman reported in Sunday's editions.

"By intentionally reporting in a manner that is in violation of our contract, we are misreporting costs," Vaughan wrote on Aug. 27, 1999. Citing feedback from an EDS lawyer, Vaughan concluded, "The result is to increase revenues and profits in a way that . . . exceeds legal boundaries."

Ray Carter, a financial officer in the EDS corporate offices in Plano, denied in an e-mail response then that the company did anything wrong.

But Vaughan's allegation ignited an e-mail debate among company officials. Those e-mails are now in the hands of investigators, who began looking into the company's activities after state Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, received an anonymous letter expressing concern about what National Heritage was doing.

A month ago, a Travis County grand jury began an investigation to determine whether EDS and National Heritage cheated the state by overcharging for administrative costs for Medicaid. No criminal charges have been filed.

The Austin American-Statesman reported that:

— In negotiations for a new contract in 1997, National Heritage offered to cut its 15 percent profit margin on administrative expenses if the state would drop its requirement that the company use federal accounting standards. The Federal Acquisition Regulations, typically used by federal agencies, either bar or limit expenses for everything from liquor to employee bonuses. State officials refused.

— EDS officials sought outside opinions about the accounting standards. They wanted to know if they could increase costs charged to the state by including expenses related to National Heritage's investments — typically interest-earning bonds — used as reserves against unusual insurance losses. State law requires those capital reserves, which in December were $166 million.

— Under the first year of the contract, the general and administrative expenses for National Heritage increased from about 9 percent to almost 14 percent. Court records allege the increase in general and administrative expenses could have cost the state up to $10 million since the contract began in 1998.

In 2000, the state paid National Heritage $99 million in administrative fees to manage about $3.5 billion in Medicaid claims. That figure does not include money the company earns developing software or other contract incentives.

For administration, National Heritage is paid the lesser of two formulas: fees based on the number of claims or the 15 percent profit atop the company's expenses. Under the cost-plus-profit formula, higher expenses equate to larger profits.

# Soffar's lawyer: Triple murder confession is key in new trial

HOUSTON (AP) — A man on death row for a triple murder at a Houston bowling alley 21 years ago stumbled into a false confession in an effort to chat his way out of getting caught with a stolen motorcycle, his lawyer said.

"Max has some mental deficiencies — he's not the highest IQ ever tested," James Schropp, Max Alexander Soffar's attorney, told the Houston Chronicle in Sunday's editions. "And at the time, he was in a spiral down because of drug use."

The 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans in December reversed Soffar's conviction in the 1980 killings and sent the case back to district court for a new trial. Justices said police violated his right to a lawyer, calling into question his confession, which didn't match details provided by a fourth victim who survived the shootings.

Police had no evidence linking Soffar to the crime except his confession. But Andy Tobias, one of the original prosecutors, said Soffar admitted to the killings because he is guilty.

"If they grant him a new trial, that would be an injustice," told the Chronicle. "I would be one of the first to agree to it if I thought Max didn't do it."

Rick Stover, one of Soffar's trial attorneys, said Soffar was a "scary person" and talked openly of the killings during his trial.

Soffar admitted to the July 14, 1980, armed robbery and killings at a Houston bowling alley. Alane Felsher, 17, Tommy Lee Temple, 17, and Stephen Allen Sims, 25, died of gunshot wounds. A fourth victim, Gregory Garner, 18, survived with brain damage and lost his left eye.

Then on Aug. 5 that year, a League City patrolman stopped Soffar and arrested him for driving a stolen motorcycle. Soffar told the officer he had information about the bowling alley killings and would talk only to Bruce Clawson, then an undercover detective for the Galveston County Sheriff's Department. Soffar had acted as an informant for Clawson.

Soffar admitted to the shootings and identified an accomplice. Police were unable to link the accomplice to the crime, and Soffar recanted his confession.

Clawson said in a 1992 sworn statement that Soffar's responses during his interrogation by Houston police were "vague and unconvincing," and he had serious doubts that Soffar was responsible. Tobias said Clawson didn't express those reservations in 1980.

Clawson, now emergency management director in Texas City, declined to discuss the case further.

But Schropp, Soffar's lawyer, said details in Soffar's account differed from the surviving victim's account. Garner did not testify at Soffar's trial and declined to be interviewed by the newspaper.

Garner said there was one assailant, not two. Soffar said he and his accomplice had covered heads, while Garner said the robber had no mask. And Soffar claimed that the robbers entered the bowling alley's unlocked front door. Garner said the business had just closed, and the assailant pretended to have car trouble to get inside.

Soffar also claimed to have robbed the bowling alley the previous night, but other suspects had already been arrested.

# Legend Airlines being relegated to aviation annals

DALLAS (AP) — It's the end of the runway for executives of Legend Airlines Inc., who have been struggling to bring the start-up carrier back to service after a bankruptcy court proceeding.

T. Allan McArtor, Legend's chief executive and co-founder, said he plans to surrender the airline's operating certificate to the Federal Aviation Administration by the close of business today.

Last month, Legend executives had been unsuccessful in selling its operating certificate. This week, executives were expected to take the first steps toward liquidating the carrier's other assets.

McArtor, a former chief of the Federal Aviation Administration, has been unable for the last three months to obtain much-needed capital.

"I'm not used to losing," a resigned McArtor told The Dallas Morning News in today's editions.

In December, Legend filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection from creditors. It operated scheduled flights from Dallas to New York, Washington, Los Angeles and Las Vegas for about seven months until it was forced to shut down because of a cash shortage.

The airline shut down its flights at its private terminal at Dallas Love Field on Dec.2.

Legend flew a fleet of seven 56-passenger DC-9s, outfitted with leather seats and in-flight televisions. Most of the planes have been moved from Legend's facility to the Arizona desert.

Creditors of Legend say the airline would, without an operating certificate or equipment and employees necessary for operation, be expected to file for Chapter 7 bankruptcy or liquidation.

Executives at Fort Worth-based American had fought the resumption of long-haul service at Love Field and Legend's plans. Dallas Love was the city's main airport until Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport opened in 1974.

Craig Hall, a Dallas real estate developer and Legend's first investor, said competition with American was always was the most challenging part of the deal."

Hall lost faith in the concept before the carrier's first flight and sold his 23 percent stake for a small profit.

## Berry's World




## Oil Patch News

**Scurry County**

Sharp Image Energy Inc. will drill the No. 2-A Neely-Oxy, a 5,500-foot wildcat located four miles west of Ira. Location is in Section 129, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 1 C.H. Miller, an 8,400-foot wildcat re-completion, located two miles northwest of Snyder. Location is in Section 251, Block 97, H&TC survey.

**Borden County**

Brigham Oil and Gas will drill the No. 3-16 Porter, a 10,200-foot wildcat located two miles northeast of Vealmoor. Drill site is in Section 16, Block 32, T3N, T&P survey.

Bright and Co. will drill the No. 1 Peg's Draw, a 7,000-foot wildcat located 12 miles northwest of Gail. Location is in Section 11, Block 31, T6N, T&P survey.

Bright and Co. will drill the No. 1 Peg's Pen, a 7,000-foot wildcat located 13 miles northwest of Gail. Location is in Section 61, Block 31, H&GT survey.

**Garza County**

Kerry Petroleum Inc. will drill the No. 13-B Connell in the Rocker A field, five miles southeast of Post. Planned for a depth of 3,000 feet, location is in Section 12, Block 5, GH&H survey.

Kerry Petroleum will drill the No. 23WI-B Connell in the Rocker A field, five miles southeast of Post. Contracted for a depth of 3,000 feet, location is in Section 12, Block 5, GH&H survey.

**Howard County**

Devon SFS Operating Inc. will drill the No. 4-34N Texaco, a 9,700-foot wildcat located six miles south of Coahoma. Location is in Section 35, Block 31, T1S, T&P survey.

**Nolan County**

Cottonwood Petroleum will drill the No. 1 Davis in the Nolan County Regular field, six miles east of Maryneal. Planned for a depth of 3,999 feet, drill site is in Section 165, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

L.C.S. Production has completed the No. 1 Morrow in the Mulberry Canyon field, six miles northeast of Nolan. The well was finaled to produce 106 barrels of oil and 75 barrels of water. Perforations were from 3,912-914 feet, and location is in Section 48, Block 5, T&P survey.

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## Lotto Texas

RESULTS

**Lotto Texas**

AUSTIN (AP) — No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 20-25-30-37-38-39.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $77 million.

**Pick 3**

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

3-6-5

# Date Book

**Monday, March 5, 2001**

Today is the 64th day of 2001 and the 75th day of winter.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1766, Don Antonio De Ulloa of Spain arrived in New Orleans to receive the Louisiana Territory from the French.

On this day in 1946, Winston Churchill used the expression "Iron Curtain" for the first time at a speech delivered at Westminster College in Fulton, Mo.

On this day in 1960, singing idol Elvis Presley was discharged from the Army.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Frank Norris (1870-1902), novelist; Lady Isabella Augusta Gregory (1852-1932), playwright; Rex Harrison (1908-1990), actor; Laurence A. Tisch (1923-), CBS chief, is 78; Dean Stockwell (1936-), actor, is 65; Penn Jillette (1955-), magician, is 46.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1983, Cris Collinsworth of the Cincinnati Bengals raced a thoroughbred horse named Mr. Henry at Latonia Racetrack in Florence, Ky. Collinsworth won the race.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "Truth is a thing immortal and perpetual, and it gives to us a beauty that fades not away in time." — Frank Norris

**TODAY'S MOON:** Between first quarter (March 2) and full moon (March 9).

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| APRIL | | | | |
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| JULY | | | | |
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# Swiss state rebuffed Rich's plea for help

ZUG, Switzerland (AP) — Zug has bloomed into Switzerland's wealthiest state, its prettily preserved old town surrounded by plush office towers and bustling factories and its suburbs home to hundreds of millionaires.

And so city leaders could afford to rebuff shadowy financier Marc Rich — who for many years was Zug's biggest taxpayer and benefactor — when he asked for help to get his now controversial pardon from President Clinton.

While international and other Swiss public figures petitioned Clinton on Rich's behalf, Mayor Christoph Luchsinger and Vice Mayor Toni Guegler merely wrote a studiously polite letter to Rich on Dec. 5:

"On your own request the City Council of Zug confirms the following: Mr. Marc Rich is known to the City Council of Zug for many years as an international businessman and chairman of different firms registered in Zug. As a head of this (sic) companies, Mr. Marc Rich always fulfilled his obligations and his duties to the City of Zug.

"The City Council of Zug is also aware of the fact that Mr. Marc Rich has been very charitable for many years within important projects."

The local Green-Alternative Alliance, long a critic of Rich's presence, is gleeful over the snub.

"For 20 years, Marc Rich was one of the biggest political bones of contention here. They knew if they wrote Clinton a pardon letter, then all hell would have broken loose," says Green party member Josef Lang, Switzerland's most vocal critic of Rich.

Rich and a handful of other ambitious commodities traders arrived in Zug in the early 1970s to make their fortunes on oil markets.

He made the town his home in 1983 to avoid an indictment by a U.S. federal grand jury on more than 50 counts of fraud, racketeering, trading with Iran during the U.S. Embassy hostage crisis and evading more than $48 million in income taxes — crimes that could have earned him more than 300 years in prison.

Switzerland didn't regard tax evasion as a crime and, as a neutral country, didn't have any embargo against Iran and so it refused to treat Rich as a crook or hand him over to the United States despite strong diplomatic pressure.

"The establishment defended him and local people argued that he was good for Zug because he paid high taxes and sponsored local culture and the ice hockey team," Lang says.

Lang faced public ostracism in the 1980s over his party's campaigns against Rich's dealings with unsavory regimes, including South Africa's apartheid government.

But public sentiment turned in 1992, when locked-out strikers from West Virginia's Ravenswood Aluminium Corp. demonstrated in Zug against Rich's control of their company, recalls Lang, whose party now holds five of the 40 seats on the town council.

"And now the defenders of Rich are as isolated as we once were," he adds with a grin.

There are an estimated 2,000 millionaires among Zug's 100,000 inhabitants. While his offices are in Zug, Rich lives in nearby Meggen, a suburb on Lake Lucerne's "Gold Coast," whose residents include Russian pianist Vladimir Ashkenazy and Irish flutist James Galway as well as wealthy industrialists and lawyers.

Zug doesn't seem particularly concerned America's formerly most wanted fugitive has agreed to sell his Marc Rich & Co. Investments to Russian-owned Crown Resources and retire from most of his business activities.

"We have enough companies without Marc Rich," Robert Bisig, director of Zug's economic department, says with a shrug when asked if the deal will have any local impact.

Anyway, Crown Resources is based in Zug, too, as is the commodities giant Glencore, which was founded by Rich but renamed after he sold out in 1993.

In all, some 20,000 companies are registered in Zug, including 1,000 new firms last year alone.

Foreign companies are attracted by the educated labor force, top schools, the proximity of the economic hub of Zurich, the quality of life surrounded by lakes and mountains, and above all Zug's famously low taxes.

"We are the state with by far the lowest taxes," Bisig says proudly in an interview in the government's airy headquarters. "The taxpayer is always treated as a valued customer rather than as someone who owes us a debt or is a potential tax evader."

Lang worries Zug's success story has a downside.

"There is the danger that shady firms will come to Zug because they know that they can hide in the mass of other new companies and the police and legal system simply won't be able to cope," he says.

Lang fears the expansion of Crown, one of Russia's largest financial industrial conglomerates, may provide a cover for Russian organized crime — but stresses there's no evidence Crown is under mob influence.

Bisig says he's confident local authorities can ensure that all the companies stay within the law.

Until now, there haven't been any problems, he insists. He points to the local jail visible from his third-floor office and says none of the inmates are linked to financial or tax crimes.

And, as for Zug's most notorious financier, he adds, "Like everyone else, Marc Rich has always complied with Swiss law."

# Dear Abby

**By Abigail Van Buren**



## *Desperate teen must seek out real-world voices for advice*

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a teen who self-injures. I cut myself and hurt myself constantly, and I also tried to kill myself. I'm depressed all the time and so stressed it makes me sick. I hear a voice that tells me things, and it says if I tell anyone about it, it will kill me. Please help me. — **DESPERATE IN SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA**

**DEAR DESPERATE:** The voice you're hearing is a symptom of your illness. If you keep secret the fact that you're hearing a voice, the voice will become stronger. The best advice I can give you, and this is from the heart, is to tell your parents or another trusted adult what you are experiencing. Your problems can be overcome, but not without professional intervention. You need medical and psychiatric help right away. Pl[illegible] don't wait.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I just finished reading the letter from "Jamie's Family," about the 11-year-old girl who was killed in an auto accident while reclining in the front seat of the car. I was stunned when I read their letter.

I would like to let that family know that she did not die in vain. Although I don't do it frequently, I have allowed my 11-year-old son to do the same thing. You can be certain I'll never do it again.

A heartfelt thank-you to Jamie's family for taking the time to send a letter that I'm sure was difficult to write. They may have saved the life of at least one other 11-year-old today — **mine.** — **GRATEFUL MOM IN CALIFORNIA**

**DEAR GRATEFUL MOM:** Several readers have reminded me that new-car operating manuals warn against reclining in the seat while a vehicle is in motion. Although nothing can lessen their grief, I am sure that Jamie's family will find some degree of comfort in knowing they have averted a possible tragedy. Thank you for speaking up.

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**DEAR ABBY:** My parents are in their 80s, in moderately good health, and live a modest lifestyle. They are active and youthful in many ways. We children and grandchildren love them dearly and look forward to spending time with them.

Our relationship is sustained by mutual enjoyment instead of guilt. They have many old friends and constantly make new ones. What is it about my folks that draws people to them? What makes them so popular with people of all ages? Here's the answer:

— They listen more than they talk.

— They rarely complain about anything.

— They show a genuine interest in others by asking meaningful questions without being judgmental.

— They live in the present, and although they appreciate the "good ol' days," they don't dwell on them.

— They enjoy young people and recognize that each generation has both good and bad.

— They are fun and interesting to talk to because they are learning new things and want to share them with us.

— And finally, they can laugh at themselves. Growing old can be a real grind, but through it all, they find a little humor.

Relationships are a two-way street, and a lifelong endeavor. I hope that when I'm as old as my parents I will be like them. — **LUCKY DAUGHTER IN MINNESOTA**

**DEAR DAUGHTER:** Your parents sound like wonderful people. However, the traits that make them sought after apply not only to seniors, but to people of all ages. So if you want to be the kind of person your parents are when you reach the age of 80, start practicing now.

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| | ♥ 10 7 6 | |
| | ♦ 10 9 2 | |
| | ♣ A K J 5 | |
| West | | East |
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| ♥ Q 8 5 3 | | ♥ K J 9 2 |
| ♦ A 3 | | ♦ 7 6 4 |
| ♣ 9 7 6 | | ♣ 10 8 4 3 |
| | South | |
| | ♠ K 9 6 3 | |
| | ♥ A 4 | |
| | ♦ K Q J 8 5 | |
| | ♣ Q 2 | |

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

| South | West | North | East |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 NT | Pass | 3 NT | All pass |

Opening lead: ♠ 5

## Short booklets concentrate

**By Phillip Alder**

What kind of bridge book do you prefer to read? The "regular" 200-page offerings contain lots of material, so they provide good value for the money. But short booklets that concentrate on one topic are becoming more and more popular. The latest three to reach me were written by Englishmen David Bird and Marc Smith: "Deceptive Card Play," "Eliminations and Throw-Ins," and "Planning in Suit Contracts" (Master Point Press). They all contain good instruction, and each chapter ends with a useful "points to remember" section and a quiz. (My reservations about them tomorrow.)

This deal contains an important point. Look only at the North and South hands. Against your contract of three no-trump, West leads the spade five and East wins with the ace. How do you plan to get home safely?

The authors give no bidding, which isn't surprising, because I couldn't find a clear-cut auction to three no-trump by South. So, don't assume I condone this sequence; I don't.

At trick one, you must drop the spade six. If you play the three, East will know that his partner started with only four spades. Then, he will switch to hearts and defeat your contract. (He should select the heart jack, a surrounding play in case you have queen-third.) Yet if you falsecard with the spade six, East will probably return his remaining spade, hoping to establish his partner's apparent five-card suit. If East does that, you grab the trick with the king, drive out the diamond ace, and cruise home.

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## Lopez signs deal

NEW YORK (AP) — Jennifer Lopez: singer, actress ... fashion designer?

Lopez has signed a deal with Andy Hilfiger, the younger brother of designer Tommy Hilfiger, to create her own clothing line, the New York Post reported Sunday.

The deal is with Andy Hilfiger's new company, Music Entertainment Fashion Inc., the newspaper said, citing a source close to the deal.

# Border area targeted for economic development

SANTA TERESA, N.M. (AP) — The border area is a likely target for economic development, an aide to Gov. Gary Johnson said during the first meeting of the New Mexico and Chihuahua Business Connection.

Lou Gallegos, Johnson's chief of staff, said Friday there was great potential for commercial trade and enhanced economic development between New Mexico and Chihuahua.

"We are two states that are not only tied together by the frontera, but also by history, blood, culture, and a patrimony. This cultura between New Mexico and Chihuahua is the heart of this body," Gallegos said.

And he said New Mexico officials are committed to promoting economic development along the border.

"Why is economic development so important?" Gallegos said. "It is the last dimension to freedom. By working together, we will explore the economic emancipation of this region. The best chance of economic development in (New Mexico) will occur here. It will occur here.

"We can't do less because there's so much more to do," he said.

Juan Alberto Blanco, president of COPARMEX in Chihuahua, said: "We are just at the beginning of a long-term relationship. I hope this is an opportunity to do some matchmaking so that companies in both states can take advantage of what each has to offer."

Mark Lautman, president of Santa Teresa Development Corp., said despite the close geographical proximity between New Mexico and Chihuahua, there had been a business gulf between the two.

"The economies between Chihuahua and New Mexico are really not connected in any way," Lautman said. "But the good thing is that we are starting to wake up and realize this is an opportunity for all of us. Only two (U.S.) states have had less business with Mexico since NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) started — West Virginia and New Mexico.

The New Mexico and Chihuahua Business Connection affords business and government leaders from both sides of the border to meet and get to know the types of products and services available.

"I believe our company in Janos will be able to do some business with some of the companies from New Mexico that we talked to," said Eloy Porras-Torres, who works for a textiles plant. "We learned a lot about our New Mexico business neighbors that we didn't know before. We share some of the same problems and have some of the same successes. This is a step in the right direction for increasing trade between Chihuahua and New Mexico."




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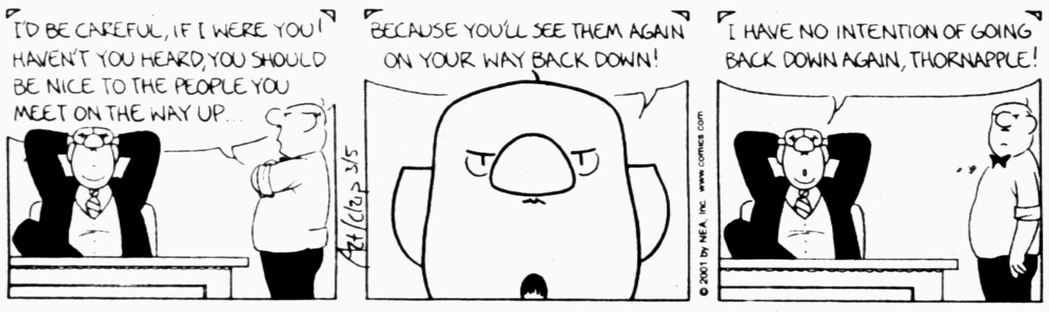
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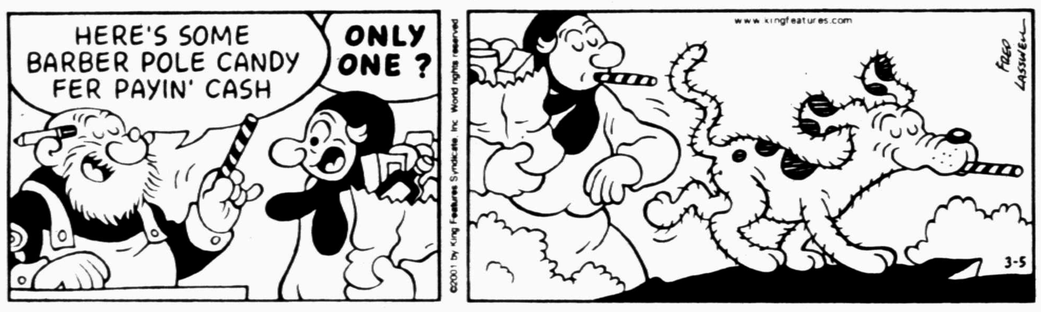

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**ACROSS**

1 Type of sleeve
7 Young horses
12 Heavenly
13 Turned-down corner
14 Butcher's tool
15 Printed list of mistakes
16 Compass pt.
17 Fish eggs
18 A Gabor
21 Connection
23 12/31, e.g.
26 Ocean movement
28 Florida county
29 German one
30 Brick-carrying devices
31 Leaves the work force
33 Resident of Fairbanks
36 Japanese aborigine
37 Steal, old-style
38 Incenses
40 Hawaiian goose
41 Printer's measures
42 Now
44 Ethiopian title
45 Energy unit (abbr.)
46 Baby food
48 Realm
51 False
55 Made bee sounds
56 Gap
57 Is inclined
58 Church instruments

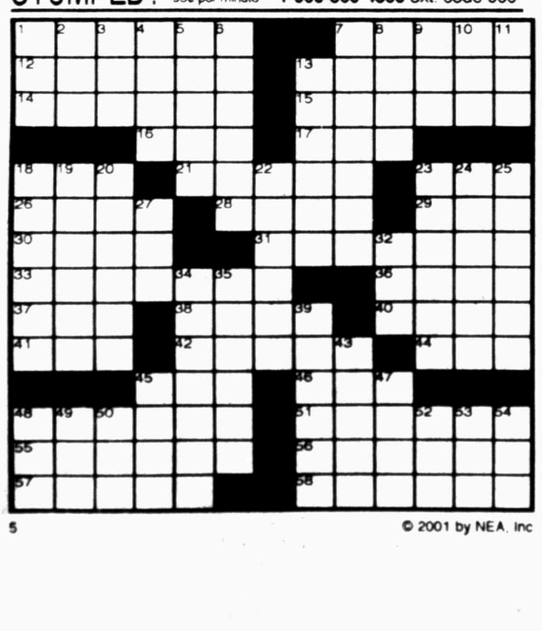
**DOWN**

1 Orthodontist's deg.
2 Heating material
3 Roman 56
4 "Three blind — . . ."
5 About
6 Sea nymph
7 Tiara
8 Mean one
9 Grassy area
10 Make lace
11 Madrid Mrs.
13 Mock
18 Gaseous fuel
19 Mischa Elman's instrument
20 Cartoonist Charles —
22 Acquired by labor
23 More uncanny
24 Waltz city
25 Comes after
27 Kind of curve
32 Actor Ziering
34 Poker pots
35 About
39 Greek lyric poet
43 — Arafat
45 Tommy Dorsey had one
47 Wampum
48 Insecticide inits.
49 Miner's find
50 Cal. box
52 Actress Hagen
53 Ask for payment from
54 CIA's forerunner

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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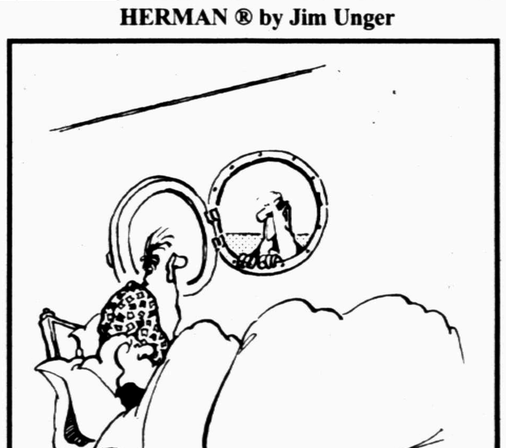

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# SPORTS

# Lady Tigers nab share of crown

After 19 games over the course of two days, the recipient of the championship trophy was decided by a coin flip in the concession stand.

Rain forced the cancellation of Saturday night's title tilt, leaving Snyder and Abilene High as co-champions of the Lady Tiger Softball Tournament.

Snyder was awarded the first-place trophy by means of a coin flip. Midland Greenwood finished third.

"We really wanted to play the championship game," said Snyder coach Shelly Hayes. "But there was just no way with the rain. I'm so proud of our girls. They deserved the first-place trophy, and no they have it."

The Lady Tigers were a perfect 3-0 in the tournament, pushing their season record to 7-9 heading into Tuesday's district opener against Lake View.

"I've told the girls all year, that we wanted to make sure we were getting better in non-district play," Hayes stated. "And that's we've done. We improved each time we stepped on the field. We're playing our best right now, and we'll start counting wins and losses on Tuesday."

Snyder surrendered only two runs in its three tourney games. SHS blanked Pecos in the opening round, 6-0, before rolling over Clyde, 12-2, in the second round. The Lady Tigers shut out Midland Greenwood, 5-0, in the semifinals.

Pitchers Jacque Alvarez, Kelsi Johnson and Ashley Martinez picked up the wins.

In the semifinal victory over Greenwood, the Lady Tigers scored all five of their runs in the first two innings.

Whitney Webb and Jennifer Newman blasted triples for Snyder, with Shelley Fisk belting a double.

"We're getting good pitching and fielding, to go along with timely hitting," said Hayes. "Those are the things we need to do to be successful in district. Hopefully the success we had this weekend will carry over into district."

The Lady Tigers host the Maidens at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

**FIRST ROUND**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Snyder | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3— | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| Pecos | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0— | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Del Rio, bye | | | | | | | |
| Ab. Cooper | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0— | 9 | 10 | 2 |
| Everman | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0— | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Am. Palo Duro | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0— | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Merkel | 9 | 1 | 7 | x— | 17 | 3 | 0 |
| Copp. Cove | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1— | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Abilene | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2— | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| Coahoma | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3— | 7 | 7 | 1 |
| Eula | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0— | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| Eastland | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0— | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Greenwood | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0— | 6 | 6 | 0 |

**WINNERS' BRACKET**
**Quarterfinals**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Snyder | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 7— | 12 | 17 | 1 |
| Clyde | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0— | 2 | 9 | 1 |
| Del Rio | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0— | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Greenwood | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0— | 3 | 7 | 1 |
| Merkel | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0— | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Ab. Cooper | 0 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 1 | x— | 9 | 10 | 1 |
| Coahoma | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0— | 1 | 5 | 2 |
| Abilene | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | x— | 6 | 9 | 1 |

**Semifinals**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Snyder | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0— | 5 | 10 | 0 |
| Greenwood | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0— | 0 | 5 | 1 |
| Abilene | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 1— | 8 | 12 | 1 |
| Ab. Cooper | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0— | 0 | 3 | 2 |

**Third Place**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ab. Cooper | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0— | 0 | 4 | 1 |
| Greenwood | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0— | 3 | 8 | 0 |

**Championship**

Snyder vs. Abilene, rained out

**CONSOLATION BRACKET**
**Quarterfinals**

Clyde, bye

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pecos | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0— | 5 | 7 | 3 |
| Eastland | 2 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | x— | 7 | 6 | 2 |
| Am. Palo Duro | 0 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0— | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Everman | 11 | 0 | 0 | 3 | x— | 14 | 9 | 0 |
| Copp. Cove | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1— | 6 | 9 | 0 |
| Eula | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0— | 3 | 4 | 0 |

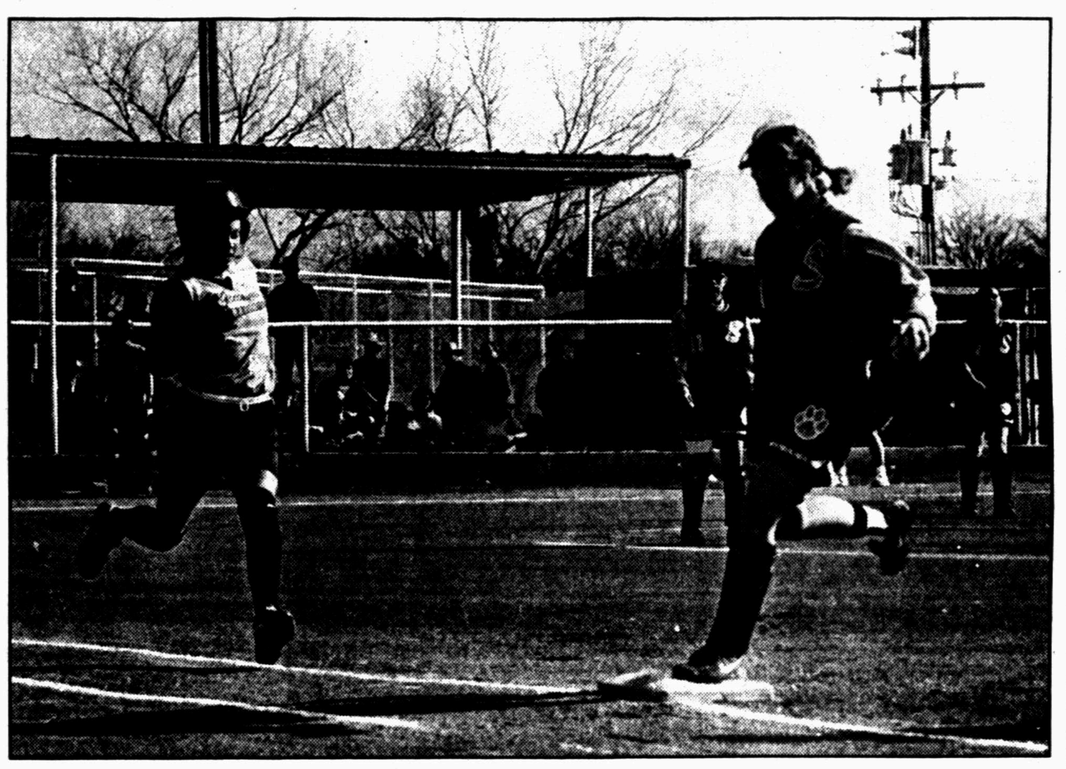
**CONSOLATION BRACKET**
**Semifinals**

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| Eastland | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0— | 2 | 7 | 0 |
| Clyde | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0— | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Everman | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1— | 4 | 7 | 1 |
| Copp. Cove | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0— | 1 | 3 | 1 |

**CONSOLATION BRACKET**
**Final**

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Eastland | 1 | 1 | 1— | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| Everman | 2 | 1 | 0— | 3 | 4 | 4 |

Game stopped due to rain.
Runners to third base: Eastland 6, Everman 3.
Eastland wins.



YOU'RE OUT — Snyder first baseman Jennifer Newman beats a Midland Greenwood runner to the bag during semifinal action Saturday at the Lady Tiger Softball Tournament. Snyder was crowned co-champions of the event, along with Abilene High. (SDN Staff Photo)

# Tiger linksters slip to fourth

ANDREWS — An opening-round 311 put the Snyder Tigers in the hunt at the Andrews Invitational, but a final-round 311 dropped the Tigers out of contention.

Snyder posted identical scores Friday and Saturday to finish fourth at the Andrews tournament, 20 strokes behind first-place Sweetwater.

The Tigers were tied with district rival Frenship for second place after Friday's play, only six shots out of the lead.

Frenship and fellow district foe Andrews closed with matching rounds of 304 to surpass Snyder on Saturday.

Zach Starnes led the Tigers' effort with a 74-79—153.

Landon Day carded a 74-82—156, while Levi Mandrell tallied an 85-72—157. Clinton Calmes turned in a 78-83—161, and Stafford Gray finished with an 86-78—164.

Snyder will be back on the links Friday and Saturday at the San Angelo Invitational. It will be the Tigers' final tune-up before opening district competition March 26 at Levelland.

# Weather halts Tigers' march at tourney

SEGUIN — Just when the Snyder Tigers were getting on track, Mother Nature intervened.

The final two days of the Seguin tournament were cancelled due to rain, leaving Snyder's record at 3-3 on the year.

The Tigers knocked off Lockhart and Seguin in Thursday's action, before play was halted.

Snyder will be in action again at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Odessa High.

The Tigers host the Snyder tournament, beginning Thursday at Moffett Field.

# SHS girls finish fourth

MIDLAND — The Snyder Lady Tigers improved their play on Saturday, but it wasn't enough to overcome Friday's disappointing opening round.

Snyder followed its 341 with a 327 in the final round to finish fourth at the Tall City Invitational.

Andrews won the event, finishing 33 strokes ahead of the Lady Tigers at 635. Fort Stockton was second, followed by El Paso Coronado.

Andra Lancaster paced the Lady Tigers with rounds of 79 and 73 to finish third in the medalist standings.

Kara Harrison tallied an 88-77—165. Kelli Dodson posted an 89-79—68. Katie Kerley came in with an 85-86—171, and Christan Curry finished with a 93-89—182.

# SHS teams fare well at Wylie

ABILENE — With one meet title already under their belt, the Snyder Tigers added a runner-up finish to their resume Saturday at the Bulldog Relays.

The Snyder boys tallied 125 points to finish second at the Abilene Wylie meet, only eight points behind the host Bulldogs.

The Snyder girls, who had only one competitor garner points in last week's meet, improved their performance to finish 10th.

"I was very pleased with how we performed," said first-year Lady Tiger coach Todd Pollard. "Everybody's times improved, and our distances were better in the field events. The girls are starting to realize that they can have some success this season, and they're working hard to get better."

Loryn Brown anchored the Lady Tigers' effort with a third-place finish in the 110-meter hurdles, and a fifth-place effort in the 300 hurdles.

Snyder's mile relay team of Erin Burleson, Callie Bane, Sharday McKinney and Jessie Keller came in sixth.

In the boys' competition, Snyder showed its strength again in both the running and field events.

For the second week in a row, Mark Medley won the shot put and discus, and Jared Thornhill was tops in the pole vault.

Corey Clay won the triple jump and was fourth in the long jump, while Wade Pinson was runner-up in the high jump and fifth in the long jump.

"This was another good meet for us," said Snyder coach Chad Rogers. "We didn't win this one, but we improved in almost all of our events. That's what we want to see. We want to keep getting better and better as we get closer to the district meet."

On the track, Pinson took second in the 110 hurdles and third in the 300 hurdles. Jason Guynes was sixth in both events.

Matthew Grimmett notched third in the 100 and fifth in the 200, while Josh Arizmendi was fourth in the 400. Charles Kerry came in second in the mile and two-mile runs, and Colby Driggers was fourth in the 800.

## Sports Briefs

### Football booster club

Snyder High School football booster club will meet at 7 o'clock tonight in the SHS student center. All parents of junior high and high school players are urged to attend.

Head Coach Chad Rogers, will be joined by Asst. Coach Chris Henson and other staff members to discuss the 2001 football season.

### Junior golf applications

Junior golfers interested in the NTPGA Junior Golf Foundation can pick up membership applications at the Snyder Country Club pro shop.

### Ruiz takes title from Holyfield

LAS VEGAS (AP) — John Ruiz didn't look much like a champion, but he was. Evander Holyfield looked like he should retire, but said he wasn't.

An ugly but interesting fight ended with Ruiz winning the WBA heavyweight title Saturday night, and in the process exposing Holyfield even further as an aging fighter with declining skills.

A bloodied Ruiz became the first Hispanic heavyweight champion by knocking Holyfield down with a huge right hand in the 11th round to blunt a rally by the champion and win a unanimous 12-round decision.

### Wiley signs deal with Chargers

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Free agent defensive end Marcellus Wiley got just the ticket he was looking for to return to Southern California — a $40 million, six-year deal with the San Diego Chargers.

Wiley, the top pass rusher on the market, agreed to the deal, which includes a $9 million signing bonus. An unrestricted free agent, Wiley replaced Bruce Smith in the Buffalo Bills' lineup last year and responded with 101/2 sacks.

On Saturday, the Chargers signed free agent cornerback Ryan McNeil to a $15.5 million, five-year deal, including a $2.5 million signing bonus.

### Woods folds on final hole

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Tiger Woods has lost before, but he's never blown a pro tournament this way.

Tied for the lead with Thomas Bjorn, Woods found trouble off the tee of the final hole of the Dubai Desert Classic, then splashed his third shot in front of the green to take a double-bogey 7 and remain winless this season.

It was only the fourth time Woods has failed to win after starting the final round in front, and he never had such a final-hole collapse as a pro.

### Greer gets $21.8 million

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — Texas outfielder Rusty Greer, a .307 career hitter and the Rangers' new leadoff batter, agreed Saturday to a $21.8 million, three-year contract extension.

With performance-based incentives, Greer could earn as much as $29 million from 2002-04.

After a slow start, Greer recovered and finished with a .297 average — just short of his fifth straight .300 season — with 65 RBIs and 65 runs. Then he missed the last nine games because of a muscle inflammation on the bottom of both feet.

## Girls' Basketball Playoffs

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**Semifinals**
Mansfield 71, Sugar Land Dulles 61
Spring Westfield 52, Buda Hays 34
**Final**
Mansfield 62, Spring Westfield 49
**CLASS 4A**
**Semifinals**
Plainview 56, Corpus Christi Calallen 33
Dallas Lincoln 71, Brenham 55
**Final**
Plainview 51, Dallas Lincoln 40
**CLASS 3A**
**Semifinals**
Abilene Wylie 55, Sour Lake Hardin Jefferson 49
Winnsboro 60, Llano 52
**Final**
Winnsboro 51, Abilene Wylie 48
**CLASS 2A**
**Semifinals**
Boyd 58, Somerville 49
Nacogdoches Central Heights 51, Wall 48
**Final**
Nacodoches Central Heights 57, Boyd 56
**CLASS A**
**Semifinals**
Nazareth 61, Saltillo 51
Kennard 61, Windthorst 54
**Final**
Nazaerth 61, Kennard 44

## Boys' Basketball Playoffs

**CLASS 5A**
**Region I Final**
The Colony 77, Duncanville 63
**Region II Final**
Bryan 77, Houston Cypress Springs 59
**Region III Final**
Sugar Land Willowridge 73, Houston Lamar 61
**Region IV Final**
Converse Judson 75, SA Jay 72
**CLASS 4A**
**Region I Final**
Hereford 48, Canyon Randall 43
**Region II Final**
Dallas Lincoln 77, Dallas South Oak Cliff 66
**Region III Final**
Beaumont Ozen 79, Houston Wheatley 61
**Region IV Final**
SA Lanier 45, SA Houston 42
**CLASS 3A**
**Region I Final**
Dimmitt 71, Seminole 67
**Region II Final**
Gainesville 62, Everman 59
**Region III Final**
Mexia 79, Crockett 57
**Region IV Final**
CC West Oso 66, Gonzales 61
**CLASS 2A**
**Region I Final**
Hale Center 46, Olney 45 (OT)
**Region II Final**
Ponder 59, Peaster 55 (OT)
**Region III Final**
Grapeland 47, Corrigan-Camden 35
**Region IV Final**
Danbury 66, Jarrell 42
**CLASS A-DIVISION I**
**Regions I-II Semi-State Final**
Stratford 59, Brock 45
**Regions II-III Semi-State Final**
Evadale 70, Christoval 66
**CLASS A-DIVISION II**
**Regions I-II Semi-State Final**
Nazareth 96, Westbrook 60
**Regions II-III Semi-State Final**
Goodrich 82, Fannindel 73
**STATE TOURNAMENT**
**at Frank Erwin Center, Austin**
**Class 5A Semifinals, Friday**
Bryan (32-3) vs. The Colony (32-1), 3 p.m.
Sugar Land Willowridge (37-0) vs. Converse Judson (31-3), 7 p.m.
**Class 4A Semifinals, Thursday**
Dallas Lincoln (30-2) vs. San Antonio Lanier (31-5), 7 p.m.
Beaumont Ozen (34-0) vs. Hereford (32-4), 8:30 p.m.
**Class 3A Semifinals, Thursday**
Gainesville (23-10) vs. Mexia (31-2), 2 p.m.
Dimmitt (26-8) vs. Corpus Christi West Oso (32-3), 3:30 p.m.
**Class 2A Semifinals, Friday**
Grapeland (26-9) vs. Ponder (26-7), 9:30 a.m.
Hale Center (29-7) vs. Danbury (27-8), 11 a.m.
**Class A Semifinals, Thursday**
Goodrich (34-2) vs. Nazareth (25-9), 8:30 a.m.
Evadale (29-5) vs. Stratford (19-4), 10 a.m.

## National Basketball Association

**All Times EST**
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**
**Atlantic Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Philadelphia | 44 | 16 | .733 | — |
| Miami | 36 | 24 | .600 | 8 |
| New York | 34 | 25 | .576 | 9½ |
| Orlando | 31 | 27 | .534 | 12 |
| Boston | 26 | 34 | .433 | 18 |
| New Jersey | 21 | 40 | .344 | 23½ |
| Washington | 13 | 47 | .217 | 31 |

**Central Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Milwaukee | 36 | 22 | .621 | — |
| Charlotte | 34 | 26 | .567 | 3 |
| Toronto | 33 | 27 | .550 | 4 |
| Indiana | 26 | 31 | .456 | 9½ |
| Cleveland | 22 | 36 | .379 | 14 |
| Detroit | 22 | 37 | .373 | 14½ |
| Atlanta | 18 | 42 | .300 | 19 |
| Chicago | 10 | 48 | .172 | 26 |

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**
**Midwest Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Utah | 40 | 18 | .690 | — |
| San Antonio | 39 | 19 | .672 | 1 |
| Dallas | 37 | 22 | .627 | 3½ |
| Minnesota | 36 | 24 | .600 | 5 |
| Houston | 32 | 28 | .533 | 9 |
| Denver | 30 | 31 | .492 | 11½ |
| Vancouver | 18 | 42 | .300 | 23 |

**Pacific Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Portland | 42 | 18 | .700 | — |
| L.A. Lakers | 39 | 19 | .672 | 2 |
| Sacramento | 38 | 19 | .667 | 2½ |
| Phoenix | 35 | 23 | .603 | 6 |
| Seattle | 31 | 30 | .508 | 11½ |
| L.A. Clippers | 21 | 41 | .339 | 22 |
| Golden State | 16 | 44 | .267 | 26 |

**Saturday's Games**
L.A. Lakers 98, Vancouver 88
Dallas 100, Houston 95
San Antonio 124, Atlanta 95
Phoenix 97, Denver 82
Milwaukee 126, Chicago 122, OT
Portland 122, Golden State 91
**Sunday's Games**
Toronto 98, New York 88
Utah 118, Washington 98
New Jersey 120, Indiana 96
Charlotte 116, Boston 97
Detroit 93, Orlando 84
Minnesota 119, Seattle 111, OT
Miami 91, Cleveland 79
L.A. Lakers 110, Golden State 95
**Monday's Games**
Dallas at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Denver at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
**Tuesday's Games**
Minnesota at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Indiana at New York, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Denver, 9 p.m.
Toronto at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
San Antonio at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Vancouver at Portland, 10 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

## XFL Glance

**All Times EST**
**EAST CONFERENCE**

| | W | L | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Orlando | 5 | 0 | 1.000 | 128 | 80 |
| Birmingham | 2 | 3 | .400 | 69 | 106 |
| Chicago | 1 | 4 | .200 | 79 | 112 |
| NY/NJ | 1 | 4 | .200 | 44 | 78 |

**WEST CONFERENCE**

| | W | L | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Las Vegas | 3 | 2 | .600 | 82 | 39 |
| Los Angeles | 3 | 2 | .600 | 98 | 81 |
| San Francisco | 3 | 2 | .600 | 90 | 71 |
| Memphis | 2 | 3 | .400 | 68 | 91 |

**Saturday's Games**
San Francisco 39, Birmingham 10
Los Angeles 22, NY/NJ 7
**Sunday's Games**
Chicago 15, Las Vegas 13
Orlando 21, Memphis 19
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# Oceanside memorial held for victims

HONOLULU (AP) — One mother sobbed, clutching a handkerchief as a ukulele player strummed a melody written in remembrance of the nine men and boys lost at sea. Other relatives cried and clasped leis.

The oceanside memorial Sunday for those missing from a Japanese fishing boat that was sunk by a U.S. submarine came as the Navy prepared to convene a court of inquiry into the fatal collision.

The formal investigative hearing, which begins today, seeks to explain why the USS Greeneville rammed the Ehime Maru on Feb. 9

"We really need to be told what happened in the submarine," said Hirohisa Ishibashi, mayor of Uwajima, the boat's hometown. "We have to do everything we can to prevent anything like this from happening again."

Greeneville Cmdr. Scott Waddle is prepared to accept responsibility for the accident, his civilian attorney, Charles Gittins, told ABC's "This Week" on Sunday.

"I am sure that the evidence is going to show that there was a chain of mistakes, and, quite possibly, Cmdr. Waddle did not see this vessel," Gittins said. "That doesn't mean that those people who made those honest mistakes should ultimately be prosecuted criminally."

In a brief e-mail exchange with USA Today, Waddle asked people to "please pray for those lost at sea." He added, "Pray for me."

The Ehime Maru, carrying 35 people, was on an expedition to teach teen-agers how to become commercial fishermen when the Greeneville plowed through its hull. Four high school students, two teachers and three crewmen never were found.

At the time of the accident, the Greeneville was demonstrating an emergency surfacing drill for 16 civilian guests.

"This is not as you know a natural disaster. This is a man-made disaster," Shunji Yanai, Japanese ambassador to the United States, said Monday on CBS' "The Early Show." "We cannot believe how it could happen. So the bereaved families and the public are very angry at it."

He also said it would be unacceptable if the boat is not raised from the ocean bottom. The U.S. Navy is still evaluating whether that would be possible.

The Navy's hearing will examine the actions of Waddle, his second-in-command, Lt. Cmdr. Gerald Pfeifer, and the officer of the deck, Lt. j.g. Michael Coen.

Ishibashi, along with relatives of five of the missing, traveled to Hawaii to attend the hearing, which is expected to last at least a week.

Three Navy admirals will preside over the court and recommend whether the officers should face disciplinary action ranging from a reprimand to court-martial. Their findings will be forwarded to Adm. Thomas Fargo, commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, for final action. The admirals also could suggest changes to Navy policies on civilian participation in military operations.

# Cattle disease warning issued in Texas

DALLAS (AP) — This year's outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in England has caused Texas officials and ranchers to raise their guard against a scourge that hasn't been seen in the United States in 70 years.

The viral disease has spread westward from England to Scotland and Northern Ireland, prompting agriculture authorities in this country to worry that it could jump across the Atlantic because of free trade and travel.

"This disease is so highly contagious that until it's eradicated from the face of the earth, it will always be a threat to us," said Terry Conger, a veterinarian and the chief epidemiologist for the Texas Animal Health Commission.

Ranchers are being told to protect their animals from anyone who has traveled to a country afflicted by the disease, such as England or Brazil, where an outbreak occurred last year.

People can carry the foot-and-mouth virus on their clothing, cars or even for a while in their lungs, state officials say. Experts are advising ranchers to isolate new animals, limit visitors to their property and disinfect their boots if they've traveled abroad.

Of particular concern, they say, are hog-farming operations in which pigs are fed garbage, which could include meat scraps.

"If Farmer Brown's daughter was in South America and brought back some meat product and didn't eat it all, and he fed the rest to the pigs in the backyard — there you are," Conger said.

Some states ban the feeding of garbage to livestock slaughtered for food. Texas requires only that the garbage be cooked.

There are more than 500 garbage-feeder operations registered with the state, and they are subject to monthly inspections to make sure the feed is cooked.

Livestock experts say the heightened concern over mad-cow disease, a brain-wasting condition that can be transmitted to humans, has raised U.S. barriers against foot-and-mouth.

Clay County rancher Wilson Scaling said he is always concerned about potential threats to the cattle industry.

But Scaling said he considers it more likely that foot-and-mouth would be introduced to the country in an act of terrorism by animal activists than by some accident.

"They will stop at nothing. Look at what they've done to some of the research labs," Scaling said. "I'm not too worried about the importation of animals because I believe enough safeguards have been built in."

John McNeill, an agriculture-extension official at Texas A&M, said that a ban on beef imports from Europe and a 1997 prohibition on feeding animal byproducts to cattle and sheep have reduced the threat of foot-and-mouth too.

"It could even be that we've got some overkill, but we've got to keep vigilant," he said. "It's one of those things you really can't control once it gets out of hand."

Unlike mad-cow disease, foot-and-mouth is not generally considered a health threat to humans. The name comes from sores that develop around the feet and mouth of cloven-hoofed animals such as cattle, pigs and deer, sapping their appetite and causing weight loss or death.

Authorities in England aren't sure how the current outbreak started, but they've countered by ordering the slaughter and burning or burial of more than 2,000 animals. British farmers fear a repeat of a 1967 epidemic that began with a single case and didn't end until more than 400,000 animals were destroyed and huge stretches of countryside were closed to the public.

"If it got loose in the United States, it would have a devastating financial impact on the livestock industry and wildlife," said Steve Munday, executive vice president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. "That would be an apocalypse-type thing on rural communities."

Texas ranches and feedlots still import cattle from Mexico, which also has been free of foot-and-mouth disease. Those cattle are inspected when they enter the country, quarantined and identified with a special brand, officials said.

Those steps were designed to prevent other outbreaks, such as cattle tuberculosis, which was detected recently in a dairy herd near El Paso, and brucellosis, which can cause cows to abort.

Most cattle-industry officials are opposed to further regulations, arguing that existing rules have worked. But they acknowledge that if the disease struck closer to home — in Central America, for example — it would probably lead to stricter regulations.

# No evidence of song copyright crackdown evident on Napster

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Napster's self-imposed deadline to start blocking the free exchange of copyright music files through its service loomed with users reporting no problems swapping their favorite tunes.

Searches of the top 10 songs in the Billboard Hot 100 were successful throughout the weekend, as were queries for music by longtime Napster foes Metallica and Dr. Dre. Napster fans furiously traded music, unsure if their current download might be their last.

Napster spokeswoman Karen DeMarco refused to comment on the filtering plan or any delays in implementing the software. On its Web site, Napster said the process of screening out file names, song titles and artists wouldn't be easy.

"It has involved a significant investment of time and resources," a statement said. "However, we believe it is superior to shutting the service down and disbanding the community during the transition period to the new membership-based service."

During a federal court hearing Friday on the music industry's bid to shut down the service, Napster attorney David Boies said the service would deploy the screening system over the weekend. He did not provide a specific time.

With the service facing the expected imminent change, usage soared during the weekend. More than 11,100 people shared a total of 2.2 million files Sunday evening through just one of dozens of servers operated by Napster.

"I've downloaded a bunch of things before it ends," said Chavelle Wiseman, a 16-year-old user from Palo Alto, Calif. "It's everything I've wanted to download for a while."

The software to be installed on Napster's servers will block access to 1 million music files, Boies said. Because it will filter out variations on each song's title and artist's name, the actual number of tunes screened out will be smaller, but officials refused to say how many distinct songs will be blocked.

Napster's plan is a pre-emptive move against an injunction sought by the major record labels, which argue copyright holders and artists are not compensated for music traded on the service. Napster has argued its computers do not store actual song files but rather direct people to other users' hard drives where the music can be downloaded.

In July, U.S. District Judge Marilyn Hall Patel granted the industry's request for a preliminary injunction and ordered Napster shut down for facilitating infringement. But last month the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals stayed the order pending its decision in the case.

By Friday, all parties were back in court to discuss the case.

# Police officer seriously hurt

AUSTIN (AP) — A police officer's life-threatening injuries were a mystery to investigators Monday after the victim was found on the street outside his apartment.

Jose "Joe" Reyes, a 12-year veteran, was found lying unconscious in the street early Sunday. He was taken to Brackenridge Hospital, where he underwent surgery and remained in critical condition.

An Austin Police Department spokesman said the injuries initially appeared to be from an automobile-pedestrian collision.

"But we don't know what it is," Kevin Buchman, a police spokeswoman, told the Austin American-Statesman in Monday's online edition. "If we had more information, we would share it."

# Space shuttle leaves Abilene

ABILENE (AP) — After being delayed for several days, the space shuttle Columbia left Dyess Air Force Base today for Florida.

The Columbia left Dyess atop a Boeing 747 about 9:45 a.m. en route to the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

Both had been stranded in Abilene because of stormy weather since making an unscheduled stop Thursday.

That storm system remained in the way throughout the weekend, scratching several rescheduled departure times. But it finally cleared out of Florida overnight, and the shuttle-747 tandem climbed into the clear Abilene skies on Monday.

Columbia just wrapped up a nearly 18-month overhaul on the West Coast. The shuttle left Edwards Air Force Base in California on Thursday.

Each cross-country flight atop the 747 costs NASA nearly $1 million.

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**Midday Stocks**

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| AMR Corp s | | 33.65 | 33.00 | 33.52 + .24 |
| AOL TimeWm | | 43.52 | 42.06 | 43.16 + 1.10 |
| AT&T Corp | | 23.40 | 22.52 | 23.37 + .97 |
| Albertsons | | 29.27 | 28.60 | 28.90—.37 |
| Alltel | | 54.20 | 53.21 | 53.84—.26 |
| AmEl Pw | | 47.35 | 46.94 | 47.21 + .04 |
| AndarkPtr | | 66.76 | 64.75 | 66.60 + 1.60 |
| ATMOS Egy | | 23.99 | 23.79 | 23.93 + .08 |
| Aviall | | 7.30 | 7.12 | 7.26—.04 |
| BP Amoco | | 51.35 | 51.00 | 51.35 + .60 |
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| Bank of Amer | | 49.50 | 48.44 | 48.50—.55 |
| BellSouth | | 42.00 | 41.12 | 41.43—.58 |
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| BurlNoSFe | | 30.48 | 29.91 | 30.20 + .25 |
| Caterpillar | | 44.36 | 43.30 | 44.36 + 1.68 |
| Chevron | | 90.02 | 88.75 | 90.00 + 1.55 |
| Citigroup s | | 48.76 | 47.51 | 47.74—.26 |
| CocaCola | | 51.30 | 50.25 | 50.47—2.08 |
| ColgatePal | | 58.30 | 57.45 | 57.86—.26 |
| ComclMetals | | 25.68 | 25.55 | 25.60—.10 |
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| UnitedTech | | 79.99 | 78.80 | 79.80 + 1.75 |
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| WinnDixie | | 25.85 | 25.22 | 25.22—.56 |
| Xerox Cp | | 6.75 | 6.51 | 6.70 |

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# Conservation programs turn farmers away

WASHINGTON (AP) — Read Smith says farmers want to do more to protect the environment, if they can afford it.

Smith, who raises wheat, barley and cattle in eastern Washington state, has switched to no-till farming methods, which scientists say help control global warming, and plans other expensive improvements.

Twice, he has been turned down by a federal program that helps farmers pay for those costs. "They are really good things to do; it's just the dollars to make them happen," Smith said.

It turns out that four out of five farmers who applied for money during the 2000 fiscal year were rejected; there simply are not enough funds available, a problem facing other conservation programs.

It cost Smith $100,000 for the new planter and other equipment he needed for no-till farming, which requires him to leave crop stubble on the ground rather than plowing it under. Storing carbon on the ground helps control global warming, scientists say.

Other improvements Smith plans, at a cost of thousands more: planting trees and grass to contain runoff from his fields; conducting soil tests to reduce his use of fertilizer; and installing water tanks so his cattle don't have to wade into a stream to drink.

The Agriculture Department's Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is intended to provide assistance for farmers embarking on a project like Smith's. But during fiscal 2000, the department approved 16,443 of 76,168 applications, turning down almost 80 percent of applicants because funds are not available.

In Washington state, two out of every three applications are rejected. Last year, Smith requested $42,000, about 40 percent of the cost of his improvements.

Other federal conservation programs face similar shortfalls.

A program that helps farmers develop wildlife habitat has been out of money since 1999. A program for restoring wetlands is capped at less than 1.1 million acres. An additional 500,000 acres have been approved for the program but cannot be included because of the acreage limit.

A farmland preservation program that is short of money buys development rights from farmers who live near cities. Demand exceeds funds by a 6-1 ratio, according to Environmental Defense, an advocacy group that recently studied the conservation programs.

"It's certainly a testament to the commitment of farmers and ranchers to conservation and stewardship of their land," said Tom Weber, deputy chief of programs for the Agriculture Department's Natural Resources Conservation Service. "What they're doing out there is a benefit to all of us."

In Congress and among farm groups, there is growing support for putting more of the government's farm assistance into conservation programs, even if there is disagreement on how much money to spend or the best way to do it.

Last year, the government provided $32.3 billion in direct payments to farmers, and $1.8 billion of that went for conservation programs.

The EQIP program has never received more than $200 million a year. Congress last year rejected the Clinton administration's request for $325 million. This year, the Bush administration is expected to ask for $174 million.

"We must do our part to provide better support for conservation on private lands, especially land in agricultural production," said Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin, the senior Democrat on the Senate Agriculture Committee.

Republicans have expressed similar sentiments.

Harkin is preparing to reintroduce legislation to provide significant financial incentives to farmers and ranchers who adopt environmentally friendly methods, such as no-till farming.

# One high school trains future farmers

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — In Pennsylvania, a state where agriculture plays an important role in the economy, a high school that turns out future farmers or florists might not seem like a big deal.

What makes W.B. Saul High School of Agricultural Sciences unusual is its location just minutes from the skyscrapers of Philadelphia — and a student body drawn from inner-city neighborhoods where cows and pigs are merely what's for dinner.

It can be a bit of a culture shock.

"I have them milk the cows and when the kids first walk alongside that cow, they're just scared to death. But they get used to it real quick," said Robert Holley, director of Saul's agriculture program.

The school sits on 100 rolling acres of farmland in the northwest corner of the city where cows, horses, sheep and even a llama graze. Its facilities include a dairy barn, two greenhouses, a one-hole golf course and an aquaculture center with several species of fish. Vegetable crops include tomatoes, peppers, peas and beans; there's even a small apiary for beekeeping.

Saul's 660 students are required to become members of FFA, formerly the Future Farmers of America, and the school boasts the second-largest FFA chapter in the country.

Yet, Saul isn't just about plows and cows. Course titles include turfgrass management, laboratory animal care, agricultural engineering and landscape horticulture.

Philadelphia isn't the only city with an agriculture high school. According to FFA, 10 of the 15 largest U.S. cities have such schools or ones with an ag division. And 34 percent of students enrolled in an ag course live in an urban or suburban area.

About 70 percent of Saul graduates attend college, and they go into hundreds of fields — from landscaping to floral arranging to golf course management to supermarket meat departments. Pharmaceutical companies hire Saul grads to care for their lab animals, and the school has graduated a few future veterinarians.

Lisa Fetscher, 17, is the rarest of Saul students: She wants to own her own farm. Very few students go into farming because fertile land is prohibitively expensive and farm labor pays minimum wage.

"It's very tough to get into and very time-consuming and it costs a lot of money," said Fetscher, a senior who lived on a farm in central Pennsylvania last summer. "But I just fell in love with the cows."

As Fetscher fussed over her prized heifer, Anastasia, another student was trying with little success to control a skittish calf.


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# Literacy: Prescription for good health

WASHINGTON (AP) — Millions of Americans are risking their health because they cannot understand medical forms, even prescriptions, and many doctors are too harried to provide simple directions, experts said Saturday.

"This enormous problem has gone largely unrecognized and rarely discussed," said Dr. Herman I. Abromowitz, an American Medical Association trustee who participated in a discussion of health literacy at an AMA national leadership conference.

"Take away the fear of your white coat and stethoscope. Let your patients know it's OK not to understand and to ask questions," he said, reminding his colleagues they have an ethical responsibility to ensure that patients understand them.

Among the problems cited: the growing number of senior citizens who have problems with vision, hearing and cognitive skills; more and more patients for whom English is not their first language; patients unable to read or with learning disabilities, such as dyslexia.

Also, doctors busier than ever are not taking the time to adequately explain patient consent forms, instructions, prescriptions and other vital information. And when they can take the time, many physicians lapse into "doctor-speak," rather than using plain English.

The AMA estimates about 90 million Americans have difficulty comprehending medical information and acting on it.

That means an inability to follow instructions on pill bottles, understand health advice, complete office forms or insurance applications, or give informed consent to have an operation or office medical procedure.

The results can be devastating — visits to emergency rooms, increased likelihood of complications, even death.

The country's largest organization of physicians estimates that low health literacy costs the health care system $73 billion per year in unnecessary doctor visits, hospitalizations and longer hospital stays, and that estimate does not factor in expenses associated with malpractice lawsuits.

Last year, the AMA, and its philanthropy arm, began a first step toward addressing the problem — educating doctors about how to recognize patients with low health literacy.

The foundation recently started distributing kits to doctors that include an 18-minute video showing patients struggling to keep up with their medications.

On the video, one patient, a fifth-grade dropout who can barely read, admits he has problems following labeling directions for the nine medications he must take each day and the three inhalers he uses. A second patient says, "You're just like a bird out there, you're lost."

At the discussion Saturday, Dr. Mark V. Williams, director of the hospital medical unit at the Emory University School of Medicine, told about 35 doctors that his research shows many patients are simply too embarrassed to let the doctor know they do not understand what they are being asked or told.

"There is shame involved. We need to be sensitive," he said.

Dr. Patrick E. Brookhouser, an otolaryngologist — or specialist in disorders of the ear, nose, and throat — said patients just told of a cancer diagnosis or other unanticipated news cannot be expected to comprehend the information that comes next.

Dr. Bruce Scott, also an ear, nose and throat specialist, said he changed all of his office forms to make them easier to read after realizing that many patients were giving incorrect answers to such basic questions as whether they had had any previous surgery.

"Here I was wondering, 'Why aren't you cooperating with me?" he said.

Psychologist Terry C. Davis, a professor at Louisiana State University's School of Medicine, challenged the panel to simplify lengthy consent forms that contain what she described as incomprehensible legal and medical terms.

"What we say to ourselves is legally this is the way it is, and we just throw up our hands," said Davis, shaking her head. "Patients are asked to sign these every day, and they don't understand what they're signing."

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## Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

### Your Birthday

**Tuesday, March 6, 2001**

Trustworthy friends could play constructive roles in your affairs in the year ahead, including helping you in some manner of furthering your career or ambitions. Be sure to reciprocate.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Do not get involved in any company politics at work today. It's futile and counterproductive, and somebody always has to lose in the process. Don't let that somebody be you. Trying to patch up a broken romance?

The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Unless you find a way to cooperate with others today, you're not apt to accomplish what you had your heart set on doing. Be the first to do for them and they'll then do for you.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Don't make too big of a fuss over having your way today involving something inconsequential. What's good for you might not be equally so for others and they'll resent your demands.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Lady Luck might have her eye on you today, but if your thinking is too negative, she may not be able to do her stuff for you. To feel her blessings, keep an open and optimistic mind.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** The wisest course of action is always to think first and act second. Should you reverse this order today, you might make a financial blunder not easily rectified.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Although you may not get an optimum deal when negotiating today, you can improve upon your position if you don't act too hasty in accepting what is first offered.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Wishful thinking is not going to produce a darn thing today. If you want something done, be prepared to roll up your sleeves and work until it's a fait accompli.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** When you disregard the shortcomings of others, it opens up the way for them to overlook yours. Be tolerant and forgiving today and both parties can win.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Although you might run into a snag today, if you remain persistent and tenacious, Lady Luck will come to your aid and get you over the hump.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** If you keep all your options open today, you can fulfill your hopes and expectations. Things might not go as you originally planned, but they can be accomplished by taking an alternative route.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Should things not be going your way today and you feel you're taking a beating, remember that sometimes we actually turn out to be the victor when it first appears we are vanquished.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Everything can be negotiated even when you have a difficult agreement to hammer out. Just keep a flexible mindset today, because the other guy is looking for compromises as well.

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## Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



### *Less quality office time?*

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** Ever since I joined a health maintenance organization, I've been struck by the fact that my doctor spends far less time with me in the office then did my previous non-HMO physician. Is this a national trend?

**DEAR READER:** There has been a universal perception that managed care is associated with shorter office visits. Patients often complain about not having enough time; they think that doctors are more rushed and do not attend to patients' medical needs. As you might expect, this indictment has caused many people in the health-care field to complain about how impersonal HMOs and doctors have become.

Thus, considerable surprise greeted the publication of a study (New England Journal of Medicine, Jan. 18, 2001) showing that in 1998, doctors actually spent MORE office time with their patients (18.3 minutes) than was the case in 1989 (16.3 minutes). The researchers discovered that this trend was observed for both primary care visits and specialty visits, for both new and established patients and for both managed-care and non-prepaid visits. An editorial in the same journal asks: "How can the facts be so at odds with the perceptions?"

How indeed.

To begin with, the editor (Edward Campion, M.D.), accurately defines physicians' discontent with the entire health-care system: "There is more to do, more to think about and more that is expected." Doctors are bludgeoned by increased administrative costs, frustration with bureaucracy, complex — and sometimes unintelligible — rules and requirements. Unquestionably, the health-care system is often inefficient and unfair to both physicians and patients.

Also, health care has become more complicated. Patients rightly want more of a say in it. They read print media, see drug advertisements on TV and use the Internet. Their expectations are high, as well they should be, but such attitudes can lead to a perception that differs from reality: Time can be objective or subjective.

For example, 20 years ago, I could sit a patient down after an examination and discuss in 15 minutes a low-fat weight-loss diet. I am no longer allowed this indulgence. Now patients insist on in-depth analyses of various diets, weight-reduction programs, herbal supplements, prescription diet pills and the pros and cons of cholesterol-lowering drugs. When I fail to take an hour for this discussion, the patients feel short-changed.

Therefore, if we are to believe the results of the research, doctors actually spend more time with patients. However, for a variety of reasons, this interlude may be perceived as being less productive.

There is no easy answer to the problem. Medical care — especially preventive medicine — is changing, and doctors are hard-pressed to adapt to the new criteria for excellence, which frequently involve time-consuming authorizations for procedures and referrals, concerns about liability and malpractice, filling out forms, and being forced into gatekeeper roles. Less autonomy invariably leads to demoralization.

So, I guess the bottom line is that doctors are taking more time with their patients but are not being credited for it. In part because of personal dissatisfactions, they may have become less congenial and sensitive. Consequently, time spent in interaction with patients could have become less satisfying. End result: less quality time. Solutions: Medical teams must accommodate and address patients' medical needs; for their part, patients must learn to be more considerate and less demanding. Finally, we're all in this together. Let's be more respectful of each others' problems, be they medical or stylistic. Or, as Dr. Campion urges, "The goal should be reforms that will consolidate and simplify systems, broaden access, and help free up time physicians require to concentrate on the needs of patients."

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## Celebrities donate items for auction

NEW YORK (AP) — Catherine Zeta-Jones' stunning costume from "The Mask of Zorro," Harrison Ford's "Indiana Jones" bullwhip and Mel Gibson's "Braveheart" sword are on display at Sotheby's for an auction to benefit African children fighting AIDS.

Several Hollywood celebrities "have donated items they intended to keep forever," said actor Liam Neeson, who started "Movie Action for Children" through the United Nations Children's Fund.

The auction, to be held Tuesday, also offers a personal telephone call from Michael Jackson on the bidder's birthday. Bids also are being accepted online.

Other items include Neeson's light saber from "Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom Menace"; the red dress Meryl Streep wore in "The Bridges of Madison County"; and memorabilia from "Titanic," including a deck chair.

Proceeds will go to UNICEF's efforts to prevent mother-to-child HIV transmission in Zambia, Zimbabwe and Ivory Coast. Sotheby's is waiving its commissions for the sale.

## Purchase finalized

NEW YORK (AP) — A German investment group has bought a 75 percent share in the Chrysler Building for $300 million, The New York Times reported Monday.

The group, TMW, will own the majority share in the 77-story Art Deco landmark, but the building's current owners, Tishman Speyer Properties and Travelers Group will retain operating control over the tower.

Included as part of the deal was the 32-story Kent Building, which is adjacent to the Chrysler tower.

# Ex-governor who sent troops to Kent State dead at 91

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — As Ohio's longest-serving governor, James A. Rhodes left an indelible imprint across the state with the highways, colleges, airports and industry he championed.

But his legacy was overshadowed by his decision to send National Guard troops to Kent State University in 1970 to quell an anti-war protest. Four students were killed when the troops opened fire.

Rhodes, who served 16 years as governor, died Sunday at Ohio State University Medical Center of complications from an infection and heart failure. He was 91.

The son of a coal miner, Rhodes rose from poverty to become Columbus mayor when he was 33. The election marked the beginning of a political career that spanned nearly 50 years.

Rhodes, a Republican, was credited with bringing many industries to Ohio. During his four terms, the state built highways, expanded the university system and put an airport in almost every county. The college dropout also was credited with making Ohio a leader in vocational education.

On May 2, 1970, he decided to send the National Guard to Kent State which, like campuses across the nation, was in turmoil over the incursion into Cambodia during the Vietnam War. Protesters had vandalized businesses in downtown Kent and the campus ROTC building was burned.

On May 4, four students died and nine were wounded when troops opened fire. The reason behind the shootings was never fully learned.

"I've always blamed Rhodes more than the triggermen. I think James Rhodes should be remembered forever as the man most responsible for the Kent State massacre," Alan Canfora, one of the students wounded in 1970, said Sunday.

Lawsuits against Rhodes and other officials ended in January 1979, when the victims' families agreed to settlements totaling $675,000.

Those close to him said he was saddened by the tragedy but blamed the turbulence of the war era and believed his action was necessary. Already that year there had been three riots on Ohio campuses.

"The Kent State call came from the merchants and county commissioners because of the conditions that were existing the night before," Rhodes said years later. "You see, it was a consensus."

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# Countdown begins for next mission

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA began the countdown Monday for the first crew-swapping mission at the international space station.

Space shuttle Discovery is scheduled to blast off at sunrise Thursday with a crew of seven, three of whom will remain at the space station until at least July.

The shuttle is in excellent shape, but the cold could interfere.

Shuttle weather officer Ed Priselac said there is a 30 percent chance that temperatures in the low to mid-40s could delay the flight. The concern is that ice buildup on the external fuel tank could break off during launch and strike the shuttle.

Launch-time temperatures should reach the low 60s by Friday, Priselac said.

The chill did not affect the mood of the space station's next residents, Russian cosmonaut Yuri Usachev and American astronauts Jim Voss and Susan Helms. They will replace the three men who moved into space station Alpha in early November.

"We're ready to go up to the international space station, get firsthand information from the Expedition One crew, take over and stay there for 41/2 or five months," Voss said upon arriving at Kennedy Space Center late Sunday night.

Helms already is bracing for the possibility of a longer mission.

"We'll be up there a long time, several months. We won't see you until the landing, probably this fall," she said.

Besides the so-called Expedition Two crew, Discovery will carry up a module filled with supplies, equipment and a few science experiments for the space station.

This reusable, cylindrical moving van, built in Italy and named Leonardo, will be attached to the space station. Once its contents are unloaded, the van will be returned to Discovery's cargo bay for the trip back to Earth.

# Senators not likely to question Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former President Clinton is unlikely to accept an offer that he be questioned privately by senators about pardons he issued during his final hours in office, a spokeswoman says.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said Sunday he thought Clinton "may be inclined" to accept his offer as a way of "getting to the basic facts."

It's unlikely, Clinton spokeswoman Julia Payne said Monday. "This is not an offer he's considering at this time," she said.

Senate leaders are treading gingerly over the prospect of trying to compel Clinton's testimony about his 176 last-minute pardons and commutations. Specter said they have suggested that he and a Democratic senator do the questioning in private.

He detailed the proposal in a letter to Clinton last week.

Specter also said he had an "informal conversation" with Clinton's chief of staff, Karen Tramontano, and was told the former president "is thinking about it." Payne said Tramontano had wanted more information about the offer.

"I think as the facts build up, the president is evaluating it and may be inclined to come in," Specter said on ABC's "This Week."

Committees in both the House and Senate are investigating whether the pardons, including one granted to fugitive financier Marc Rich, were linked to political contributions.

# Muddy conditions hamper recovery of victims' remains

UNADILLA, Ga. (AP) — Military crews pulled the data and voice recorders from the wreckage of a National Guard cargo plane but slick, muddy conditions hampered the recovery of the 21 victims' remains.

Rescue teams have waded through 3 feet of slippery mud caused by a 4-inch deluge of rain Saturday, when the C-23 Sherpa crashed in a field in south-central Georgia, killing everyone on board.

"It's a quagmire," said Lt. Col. Deborah Bertrand, a spokeswoman at Robins Air Force Base in Warner Robins that had tracked the plane. "Recovery operations are going to be difficult and protracted."

Defense officials have sent about 150 soldiers and Air Force personnel to the site to provide security, remove the bodies of the 21 National Guard members and search for a cause.

Although the storm had abated, strong wind and standing water still hampered recovery teams, who resumed their work Monday. Temperatures plunged into the 40s overnight, forcing the crews to endure cold winds.

Maj. Randy Noller, a spokesman for the National Guard Bureau in Washington, said aviation investigators "will require a significant amount of time" to sift through the charred wreckage and determine why the twin-engine plane crashed while returning a National Guard unit to Virginia from two weeks of training in Florida.

"Obviously, there was bad weather when the crash happened, but at this point we don't know if that was a factor," Noller said.

Investigators did not know Sunday whether the in-flight data and voice recorders were working, said Col. Dan Woodward, the Air Force commander at the crash site.

The passengers included 18 Virginia Air Guard members. The plane's pilot and two other crew members were from the Florida Army National Guard's 171st Aviation Battalion.

The C-23 Sherpa was assigned to the Florida battalion, based at Lakeland, Fla. It took off at 9:57 a.m. Saturday from Hurlburt Field near Fort Walton Beach and was headed to Oceana Naval Air Station, Va.

# Panhandle crash kills four teens

AMARILLO (AP) — Four teenagers were killed when two pickup trucks collided head-on six miles south of Borger, authorities said.

The accident happened Saturday on Texas 207, said Department of Public Safety Trooper L.B. Snider.

Ryan J. Maxwell, 18, and his passenger, Lynley Herbert, 16, both of Borger, each died at the scene, Snider said.

Charles Brandon Earnshaw was taken to Golden Plains Community Hospital in Borger, where he died, Snider said. His passenger, Christopher Lee Lloyd was airlifted to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, where he died. Both were 18 years old and from the town of Panhandle.

"It's a horrible wreck to be described so simply," Snider said.

Maxwell was driving a Ford pickup south on Texas 207, and Earnshaw was driving a Chevy pickup north when they collided at the crest of a hill, Snider said. The trooper said he did not know who crossed the center line, causing the collision, which remained under investigation.

Borger is about 55 miles northeast of Amarillo.

# Obituaries

## Delbert Jones

1914-2001

Delbert Clyde Jones, a Snyder resident since 1928, died Saturday, March 3, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Graveside service for Mr. Jones, 85, is set for 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Snyder Cemetery with the Rev. Mike Henson, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 23, 1914 in Concho County, he married Amanda McClammy on May 8, 1946 in Lamesa. She died Dec. 30, 1988. He later married Wilma Rodman in November, 1991. She died May 19, 2000.

Jones was a long-time farmer and retired Scurry County employee. A veteran of World War II, he served in the 82nd Airborne Division, fighting in the Battle of the Bulge. He was also a member of the VFW and the American Legion.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Rita and Jerry House of Snyder; a sister, Elura Comer of Odessa; two brothers and sister-in-laws, Eugene and Olafay Jones of Allen and John and Betty Jones of Mesa, Ariz.; four grandsons; one great-grandson; one great-granddaughter; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He also was preceded in death by a sister, Marian Head in 1991, and a brother, Virgil Jones in 1960.

Family visitation will be at Bell Cypert-Seale from 6-8 this evening.

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# Noise disturbance reports are made over the weekend

• ***Noise disturbances***

Officers were called to the 100 block of Browning Street at 1:42 a.m. Saturday in reference to loud music. They spoke to a subject and advised him of the complaint.

At 1:58 p.m. Saturday, a complaint of loud music was made in the 800 block of 30th Street.

Police received a complaint at 5:08 p.m. Saturday of a motorcycle making loud noises behind the Western Crest Apartments. A man was contacted and advised of the complaint.

A citation for disorderly conduct/loud music was issued to a subject at 12:35 a.m. today in the 3000 block of 40th Street.

• ***Family violence***

An offense report for family violence was submitted at 11:03 p.m. Saturday.

• ***Electric meter stolen***

Marge Mathis contacted the sheriff's office at 2:40 p.m. Sunday to report that her electric meter had been stolen from 9853 County Road 2173.

• ***Runaway***

A man called police at 3:51 p.m. Sunday to report that his 16-year-old daughter had left home without permission and to request that officers attempt to locate her. An offense report for runaway was filed.

• ***Arrests***

A 21-year-year old female was booked into custody at 11 a.m. Saturday on warrants for no driver's license and allowing an unrestrained child to ride in a vehicle.

Warrants for speeding, failure to appear and no driver's license landed a 32-year-old man in Scurry County Jail at 11:14 a.m. Saturday.

At 2:15 p.m. Saturday, a 17-year-old male was placed in jail on a misdemeanor warrant for assault causing bodily injury.

A 23-year-old man was taken into custody at 4:08 p.m. Saturday on U.S. Hwy. 84 at Dermott on a misdemeanor Taylor County warrant for fraud — insufficient funds.

Officers arrested a 57-year-old man at 11:09 a.m. Sunday in the 5300 block of College Avenue on a Brownwood DPS warrant for speeding.

Class C family violence landed a 35-year-old woman in jail at 3:43 p.m. Sunday.

A Department of Public Safety trooper took a 21-year-old female into custody at 3:44 p.m. Sunday for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

At 4:16 p.m. Sunday, a 19-year-old man was jailed on a Municipal Court warrant for no driver's license and misdemeanor county warrants for evading arrest and motion to revoke probation. Deputies arrested him at 25th Street and Avenue F.

• ***Accidents***

An accident report was filed at 8:29 a.m. Saturday in the 3000 block of 35th Street. Involved were a 1987 Chrysler Fifth Avenue driven by Peggy Ann Byrom, 61, of 909 24th Street that struck a sign owned by Colonial Hill Baptist Church, 3506 El Paso.

A mishap occurred at 12:20 a.m. Sunday in the 1500 block of U.S. Hwy. 84. Involved was a 1997 Ford F-250 pickup towing a trailer that veered into the median and jackknifed. Tim Irvin Mercer, 47, of Canyon was the driver and owner.

# Hospital

ADMISSIONS: March 2-Pauline Compton, Patricia Scott, Nora Salazar, H.A. Smith Jr.; March 3-Elsa Freeman; March 4-Victor Zajicek, Glenna Box, Wanda Cody and Bobby Highfield.

DISMISSALS: March 2-Madison Murphrey, Irma Sanchez, Douglas Sawyer, Nathan Wright; March 3-John Covey Jr., Nora Salazar, Harold Kelly; March 4-Mary Wampler.

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## ONGOINGS

### West book fair

West Elementary's book fair is being held today through Thursday in Room 8. Times are 8-10 a.m. and 2:30-4 p.m. It will also be open during Thursday's Family Reading Night, from 6-7:30 p.m.

### Senior parents meeting

Parents of SHS seniors will hold a meeting at 7 this evening in the student center. Plans will be finalized for the remaining senior activities, including the steak supper, all night graduation party and other events. For more information, call 573-7133.

### Bible study tapes

Bible study videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 tonight is "The Incarnation of Jesus," followed by "Judged by Our Lord."

### Northeast reading night

Family Reading Nights at Northeast Elementary will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Pizza and soft drinks will be served. Child care will be available.

### Track booster club

The boys' track booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the SHS Student Center. All parents are urged to attend.

### Girls softball association

Girls Softball Association will have a meeting at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the basement of Texas Savings Bank. All board members must be present.

### FBC worship service

The First Baptist Church worship service airs at 3 p.m. each Thursday on TV Channel 2.

### West family reading night

West Elementary holds its family reading night from 6-7:30 p.m. every Thursday. New sessions have been added. Childcare and refreshments are provided.

### County, Gospel music night

Country and Gospel music night is scheduled for 6 p.m. Saturday at the Senior Citizens Center. For information, call 573-3996.

### Retired teachers meeting

Scurry County Retired Teachers Association will meet at next Monday at The Shack. Dorothy Rosson will give a book review.

### Income tax help

An IRS-approved program for elderly and low-income persons of any age is held from 9 a.m. until noon and from 1-3 p.m. every Wednesday at the Snyder Senior Citizens Center.

### 1961 SHS class reunion

The class of 1961 is seeking current e-mail and mailing addresses of class members for a summer reunion. To submit information call Ginny Sims Griffith, 573-0212, or e-mail griffdg@bigcountry.net, or Gilbert Merritt, 573-1921, or e-mail gmerritt@snydertex.com.

### 1986 class reunion

The SHS class of 1986 is seeking current addresses of class members for a reunion set for July 6-7. To submit names and addresses or for more information call Mike McWilliams, 573-6543 or Xalyn Harris Palacios, 574-3343 or 573-2148.

### SHS '91 class reunion

The SHS class of 1991 reunion is set for July 20-21. Addresses are being sought for classmates. Send information to Robbie Braziel at 2303 Ave. H, or 573-6632, or Melissa Jones at 1045 CR 132 or call 574-8005.

### Adult basic education classes

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

### Senior citizens swimnastics

Snyder Senior Citizen Center swimnastics is held from 1-2 p.m. on Thursdays, and from 10-11 a.m. on Mondays. For additional information, call 573-4035.

### WTC swimming pool opens

The WTC swimming pool is now open for public use. Lap swimming: M-F 6:30-8 a.m., and 12-1 p.m. Open swimming: M-TH 7-9 p.m. Cost is $2 per person or $50 for a semester pass. The pool is also available for parties on Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, contact Lisa Christensen at 573-8511, ext. 290.

### Glory Room open

The Glory Room, a Christian library located at Trinity United Methodist Church, is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Everyone is asked to return materials so that others may check them out. If other hours are needed, contact the church at 573-3988.

### Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information, call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakely Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

### Discovery School registration

Registration for summer Discovery School at First United Methodist Church is underway. The session is for June and July. Registration will continue until classes are filled. Summer hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for children ages six weeks through five years. For more information, call 573-4770.

### Alzheimer support group

The Alzheimer family support group meets at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays each month at Snyder Oaks Care Center.