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WTC readies for 'change'

By Joyce May
Staff Writer

Change was on the agenda Monday night for Western Texas College board of trustees.

During a lengthy session, trustees heard reports from each administrator on upcoming issues, plans and changes —including a proposal to realign the academic and vocational administrative structure.

Bettie McQueen, vice president, said the changes are necessary to continue the quality of services the college offers.

"We're growing at such a rate we need to make some changes," she said. "The institution that you see today is not the same institution you saw this time last year."

In developing the proposal, McQueen said numerous, lengthy discussions were held with the administrative staff to address concerns and issues that have risen because of the rapid growth.

The changes include increases in the number of adjunct faculty members and prison instruction as well as increasing interest in concurrent enrollment and the concept of distance learning via interactive video.

In a memo to the board, WTC President Dr. Harry Krenek said, "Given the nature and significance of these changes, in the opinion of the administrative staff, we cannot continue to ensure quality instruction under the current academic and vocational administrative structure."

In the proposal, the current divisional structure would change and four divisions would be created to include science/math, communications/fine arts, social sciences/HPE and adjunct.

The teaching assignment for each of the division chairpersons will be no more than nine hours per semester. This will allow sufficient time for supervision and communication within the division.

Currently, division chairpersons have a 12-hour teaching load and are eligible to teach additional hours for overload pay.

Dr. Krenek said the proposal would eliminate overload hours and reduce the number of teaching hours to no more than nine each semester.

Also, one new position would be created, a vocational dean responsible for all vocational credit programs both on campus and at the prison units.

This would be a 12-month position with no classroom responsibilities.

The board appeared responsive to the proposal.

"As fast as things are happening, you've got to change," trustee Eddie Peterson said.

"I think it's excellent. Right now we're overloading too many people. We've been lucky not to loose quality," board president Dr. Jay Kidd said.

"I'm excited about the direction the college is headed," trustee Drew Bullard added.

The proposed realignment will be included in budget discussions later this spring because it does require budgetary changes, Dr. Krenek said.

McQueen said the economic

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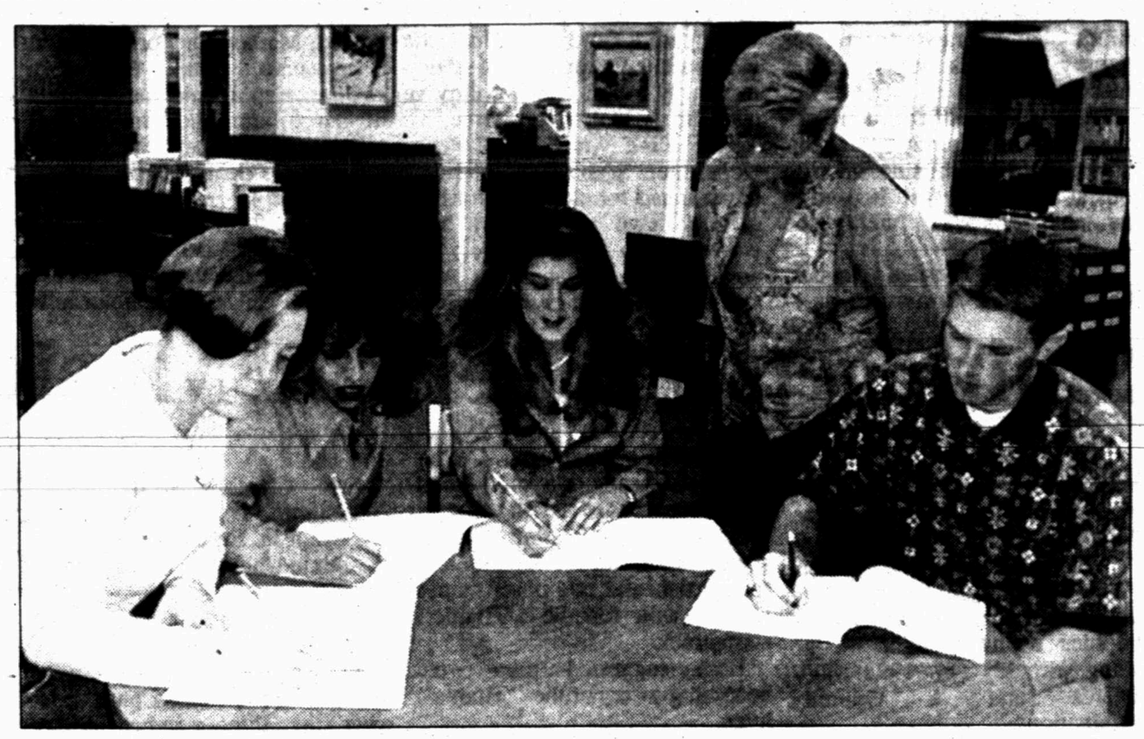

FINANCIAL AID — A financial aid workshop will be held tonight in the Snyder High School student center. From left Katy Cooper, Amanda Flores, Holli Rowe and Brock Durham fill out their student aid applications as WTC financial aid director Kathy Hall looks on. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The best way to teach kids the value of a dollar is to borrow it from them."

The new year is not gonna be that bad — especially if you define bad or compare it to the past.

Looking back at some unusual events of 1998, we have great expectations for the final year of the 20th Century.

A study, conducted by researchers from the University of California at San Diego, say that people with initials such as ACE or GOD are likely to live longer than those whose initials spell out words like APE, DUD, RAT or PIG.

People with good monograms such as JOY or WOW, live 4.48 years longer than a group of people studied who have negative initials such as BUM or UGH who died an average of 2.8 years early than the control group.

We have to conclude that those with initials who don't spell anything can continue on our grease diet.

1999 can't be as hot. When Texans were suffering under triple-digit temperatures last summer, an outdoor car wash put the following message on its advertising sign. "Who put the Viagra in the thermometer?"

Define lying.

President Clinton wasn't the only public official in the spotlight last year.

Mayor Jim Whitaker of North Platte, Neb. said he would walk Naked down the street if the Pawsitive Partners Humane Society raised $5,000.

When his offer drew national attention — resulting in angry calls — the mayor revealed that he actually planned to walk a dog named "Naked" instead of walking in the buff himself.

A world leader compared himself to President Clinton.

Philippine President Joseph Estrada said, "Some of his women complained. In my case, no one ever complained."

Now, define "complained."

At least death-row inmates have good taste.

According to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, burgers are the top entree of choice.

Of the 144 men executed in Texas the past 15 years, 22 chose double cheeseburgers for their last meal.

Fifteen opted for a single cheeseburger and nine chose hamburgers. Ice cream was the most popular desert, and 56 of 'em wanted French fries.

Good taste but who would order fast-food at a time like that?

Tyler named to All-State choir

Crissida Tyler, Snyder High School sophomore, will perform with the Texas All-State Choir at San Antonio on Saturday, Feb. 6, as part of the 1999 Texas Music Educators Association Clinic/convention meeting.

This is her first time to perform as a member of the TMEA all-state group.

When Tyler learned she had made the all-state choir she said she was both "surprised and overwhelmed." She noted that its a "great honor" to be selected.

"I've worked really hard and it's paid off," she added.

Music has always played a big part of Tyler's life. She began voice lessons in the fifth grade and has played the piano since she was a second grader. She also plays the flute and has been involved with local plays and musicals.

Tyler is also active in activities at First Baptist Church. She is the daughter of Steve and Kathy Tyler.

Tyler was chosen for the honor during competitive auditions held this year across the state at district, region and area levels.

At SHS, she sings under the direction of Ronda Haire, choir director.

In addition to Tyler, four other SHS choir students competed in Midland on Saturday. The others were Kara Gowin, Matt Coronado, Brady Cobb and Michael Compton.

Haire had nothing but praise for her five students. "They all did a very good job and I am very proud of everyone."

She noted that it was an honor "just to compete" and that the "best of the best" were chosen for the all-state choir.

Snyder choir students faced stiff competition from other high schools throughout a wide area of the state, Lubbock Coronado High School placed five on the all-state choir, Amarillo Tascosa and Pampa each had four; El Paso Franklin and Midland Lee, each landed three on the choir and Andrews, Borger and Amarillo Randall each placed two.

High schools placing one each on the all-state choir include Plainview, Midland, Palo Duro, Big Spring, Frenship, Amarillo, Perryton, Monterey, Permian and Slaton Junior High School.

Crissida Tyler

Financial aid workshop set for this evening

Kathy Hall, financial aid advisor for Western Texas College, will be hosting a financial aid workshop at 7 o'clock tonight in the Snyder High School student center.

She will go over the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and answer any questions students may have.

All junior and senior students and parents are invited to attend.

Game tonight with Lamesa is cancelled

The basketball game between Snyder and Lamesa scheduled for tonight in Lamesa has been cancelled.

The game was to have been the Tigers' last non-district tilt before traveling to Fort Stockton on Friday.

"It was a mutual decision," said Snyder Supt. Gayle Lomax.

"The lingering emotions from last Friday's game are still prevalent, and we feel neither team would benefit from playing again so quickly," said Lomax.

On Friday, Snyder defeated the Golden Tornadoes here in a game which saw Lamesa draw three technical fouls, and Snyder one.

The Tigers won by two points, 62-60, as Sonny Cumbie sank two free throws with less than two seconds left on the clock.

WATER LEAK — City of Snyder employees Abel Carrillo (left) and Mike Fields were busy Monday afternoon working on a water leak at 37th Street and Denison. (SDN Staff Photo)

City approves firm for water line replacement

Some $21,000 was whittled from engineering proposals for two years worth of water line replacement for the city and as a result, the Snyder city council approved in a special meeting Monday night a $106,218 contract with Parkhill, Smith & Cooper.

The council had discussed the item on three previous occasions, and had indicated it felt engineering costs were too high.

The Lubbock engineering firm's representative, Terry Belderback, met with the council last week and said he believed he could eliminate some costs in areas that the city could do itself.

Bilderback said Monday that the items eliminated would not have an adverse effect on the project.

"The city can conduct the bid opening itself, and save some money, and we will have an inspector in Snyder once every three weeks, instead of every two," Bilderback said.

The engineering services are for 7,000-feet of water line, some of which has been in the ground for more than 45 years.

While the engineering firm will oversee the city's most complicated water line replacement for the next two years, City Engineer Beverly Coots will orchestrate some 21,000 feet of line replacement using city employees.

"The engineering firm will oversee the part of the project which includes railroad borings and road boarings," said Coots.

The lines that the engineering firm will oversee also include 8 to 12 inch pipe, said Coots.

The council will meet in another special session at noon Friday to consider an ordinance calling for the re-plat of a tract of land at the industrial park.

Local man indicted for child indecency

A 42-year-old Snyder man was arrested Monday night following his grand jury indictment last week for indecency with a child.

Alberto Hernandez Vasquez of 801 23rd St. was arrested by deputies at 11:48 p.m. on the second degree felony charge.

Vasquez was indicted for the June 15, 1998 offense of sexual contact with a child under the age of 17.

In April, 1989, Vasquez was convicted of indecency with a child in Cameron County.

Vasquez was in Scurry County jail this morning on a $15,000 bond.

ASK US

Q—About how many tickets have been sold for the Harlem Globetrotters' performance in Snyder on Jan. 26?

A—Through Monday evening, less than 100.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 71 degrees; low, 27; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 38; no precipitation.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy, windy, colder. Low, lower 30s. NW wind 10-20 mph, then NE 20-30 mph, gusty. Wednesday, mostly cloudy. High, lower-mid 40s. NE wind 10-15 mph then light, variable by PM.

Michael Turner

Mostly cloudy

Sunset: 6 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:44 a.m.

Of 11 days in 1999, the sun has shone 11 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"You can never plan the future by the past."

Edmund Burke

Old bases never die, they just convert away

AYER, Mass. (AP) — Hundreds of identical ranch houses, lined up like soldiers at attention, stand eerily vacant along a road at Fort Devens where tanks and transport trucks once rolled with troops.

It's a reminder of the past, when the Cold War fueled enormous defense spending and vast military bases sprawled across the country like this one 35 miles outside Boston.

There is a hint of the future just down the road: Trendy sport utility vehicles ferry businessmen to jobs at a software firm housed in the old base's intelligence headquarters.

Now simply named Devens, the former U.S. Army facility — like others closed nationwide since 1988 — is under civilian ownership. The transition was painful at times, but things are looking up.

The old army fort, which once employed 7,000 people, boasts 39 businesses and 1,300 private-sector jobs.

"Things were real bad for a year," said Corey Austin, who works at the Exxon service station in nearby Ayer. "Now, they've taken up the entire work force."

According to a Defense Department Web site, 20 of the 97 bases slated for closure across the country have successfully been converted to civilian use. The government estimated last April that some 45,000 new jobs have been created in the abandoned hulks.

What used to be Fort Benjamin Harrison in Lawrence, Ind., is now a state park. Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Oscoda, Mo., has produced 1,000 new jobs and is planning to create a retirement and vacation community.

Less than two years after it closed, Mather Air Force Base in Sacramento, Calif., became a civilian airport and the region's air cargo hub. And Packard Bell NEC moved into the former Sacramento Army Depot, where 5,000 people now manufacture computers.

"Success has been good, except the redevelopment process has usually taken longer than anticipated," said James Noone, partner in the Washington-based Karalekas & Noone, a law firm specializing in communities trying to redevelop bases.

While a number of former bases have become civilian airports, others found creative ways to use space.

In 1996, up to 120,000 rock fans pitched multicolored tents on the runway at the former Plattsburg Air Force Base in New York to watch the band Phish.

Over the last two years, huge Phish concerts at the former Loring Air Force Base in Limestone, Maine, have pumped millions of dollars into the local economy.

Converting old bases is often slowed by the expensive and frustrating process of cleaning up after the military — which leaves behind unexploded shells, asbestos and plain old trash.

In fact, cleanup and other transition costs ate up much of the savings originally made from the several rounds of base closures since the 1980s. The Defense Department now estimates closures saved $3.7 billion in fiscal 1999 and will save $14 billion through 2001.

"One of the challenges of the older facilities is that the redevelopment costs are huge," said Michael Hogan, head of Mass. Development, the agency redeveloping Devens.

Smith gets 3 American Music Awards

LOS ANGELES (AP) — He was a music star who became a TV star who became a movie star. Now he's a music star again.

Will Smith's return to hip hop, "Big Willie Style," earned him three American Music Award trophies Monday night, to go along with his two 1998 MTV awards and a Grammy nomination.

"I'm just glad people are accepting me again making the music," said Smith, who won favorite pop/rock album as well as favorite male artist and best album in the soul/rhythm and blues category.

The former star of TV's "Fresh Prince of Bel-Air" has a soaring film career as well. He recently finished shooting the big-screen version of "The Wild Wild West," this summer's Fourth of July release, and currently appears in the hit "Enemy of the State."

The movie business made its presence clear with two other winners at the 26th American Music Awards, selected by a national sample of about 20,000 music listeners.

Canadian chanteuse Celine Dion, who sang the ubiquitous love ballad from "Titanic," won awards for favorite adult contemporary artist and for female pop/rock artist, and composer James Horner won for the "Titanic" soundtrack.

Both suggested they were becoming weary of the "Titanic" hype.

"It's flattering, but I'm ready to move on," Horner said backstage.

"I need a break now," said Dion, who plans to perform through the end of the year, then take a rest. Asked backstage what she'll do away from music, she patted her stomach and said: "Maybe work on a little baby."

Showing the American Music Awards' tendency to favor tried-and-true performers, country singer Garth Brooks won three to bring his lifetime total to 13; Janet Jackson won the ninth of her career; Aerosmith won its fifth; and Pearl Jam also got its fifth.

But nothing could top the country group Alabama, which won a record 21st award. "This never gets old," drummer Mark Herndon said.

Eric Clapton, Lauryn Hill, Aerosmith, 'N Sync, Master P, K-Ci & JoJo, Enrique Iglesias and the Dixie Chicks rounded out the list of winners.

"Just like they say in country music, yee-haw!" said Dixie Chick Natalie Maines in accepting the award. Asked backstage what the three-member group planned to do with the trophy, she said, "Fight over it."

Brooks was country's favorite male artist and his "Sevens" won the country album category. "When they give it to the old, square guy, it's cool," Brooks said backstage.

Iglesias followed his father, Julio Iglesias, who last year was recipient of the American Music Awards' first favorite Latin music artist trophy.

"I never thought I'd win an American music award for singing Spanish," the younger Iglesias said.

Hill, who last week received a leading 10 nominations for the Feb. 24 Grammys, was named favorite new soul/R&B artist, her only AMA bid.

The three-hour show broadcast live from the Shrine Auditorium by ABC-TV was given a youthful face, with hosting duties shared by singer-actress Brandy and actress Melissa Joan Hart.

Girlfriend likes shock rocker

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Marilyn Manson, the shock rocker who likes to wear fishnet stockings, lipstick and fake breasts, can be cool and collected when he wants. Take it from his girlfriend, Rose McGowan.

The actress told February's Moveline magazine that what she likes most about Manson is his "sense of calm."

"I'm centered, but in a way that a spinning top is centered, with its point on the ground and its body going in circles," said the "Scream" star. "He's a lot more patient."

Date Book

Jan. 12, 1999

Today is the 12th day of 1999 and the 23rd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1928, police raided the I.W.W. hall in Walsenburg, Colo.

On this day in 1966, the television series "Batman," starring Adam West and Burt Ward, premiered on NBC.

On this day in 1987, Terry Waite, an envoy from the Anglican Church, arrived in Lebanon on a mission to win the release of hostages.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Edmund Burke (1729-1797), political writer-statesman; John Hancock (1737-1793), American Revolutionary leader; John Singer Sargent (1856-1924), painter; Jack London (1876-1916), writer; Tex Ritter (1907-1974), singer-songwriter; Joe Frazier (1944-), boxing great, is 55; Rush Limbaugh (1951-), talk show host, is 48; Howard Stern (1954-), radio personality, is 45.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1975, the Pittsburgh Steelers won their first NFL championship by defeating the Minnesota Vikings 16-6 in Super Bowl IX.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Government is a contrivance of human wisdom to provide for human wants. Men have a right that these wants should be provided for by this wisdom." — Edmund Burke

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Jan. 9) and new moon (Jan. 17).

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Atheist's diaries will go on sale

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Three years after the nation's foremost atheist vanished in a still-unsolved mystery, her diaries will be auctioned off to pay creditors and back taxes.

There are some 2,000 pages of handwritten material from Madalyn Murray O'Hair scheduled to be auctioned on Jan. 23. The pages open a window into the mind of a woman who won the 1963 Supreme Court case barring prayer in public schools and who tried to remove the phrase "In God We Trust" from U.S. currency.

Ms. O'Hair wrote often about money problems and sometimes about her desire for power or political office. At least a half-dozen times, sometimes set off in a separate box, she pleaded: "Somebody, somewhere, love me."

Most often, she was the fiery woman who rarely lost an argument or an interview.

"We eat what we like, do what we like, like whom we want and gripe and beat hell," she noted in a volume from the early 1950s.

Ms. O'Hair, her son and her granddaughter vanished in 1995. There were allegations that they took more than $600,000 from one of several atheist organizations she founded. She was 77 and suffering from diabetes and heart disease.

The Internal Revenue Service seized her home and possessions for back taxes. Her back taxes and other debts totaled more than $250,000.

The woman who now presides over those organizations said the auction is an invasion of privacy, and she vowed to buy them for the archives of American Atheists Inc.

Berry's World

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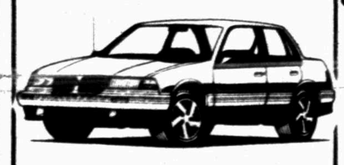

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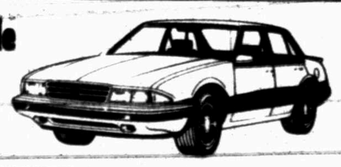

GARDEN CLUB HISTORY — Gussie Gray showed pictures from a scrapbook as she gave the history of Snyder Garden Club which celebrates its 50th year. National Garden Club celebtates its 75th anniversary. Club members discussed planting a tree for Arbor Day, Friday. Gardeners will meet again on Feb. 4 at 9:30 a.m. at Martha Ann Woman's Club and Billie Jean Sterling will give a program on "Beautiful Sunflowers—Past and Present." (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Bride: registries get virtual

By The Associated Press

Enterprisingly and not surprisingly in these technological times, some bridal registries are appearing on the phone-fax-Internet scene:

— Mail Order Bride is a new toll-free call-in, 1 (888) MOB-3613, that borrows a name if not the merchandise from the Old West of a century ago.

Based in Chicago, the firm lets couples register from home by phone or Web site (www.mail-order-bride.com) so their guests and friends can select from participating catalogs to choose gifts — also from home.

"So many people have friends and family across the country who are coming to the wedding or sending gifts as congratulations," says Barbara Dolan, president of the company. "More often than not, they don't have the same stores in their area, or if they do, they may not carry all of the same merchandise due to regional buying practices."

The service eliminates the problem, she says, since friends are choosing from the same catalogs, as coordinated by her firm.

Her partner and chief financial officer, Ben Neiburger, made sure the selection was balanced. "When I got married, I was disappointed at how woman-focused many of the registries seemed to be. We already had a lot of the staples for the home. I wanted to make sure we offered everything from garden benches to home office supplies to power tools."

— Two Internet registries, Ucopia and The Wedding Network, recently merged to form what they call the Web's largest wedding gift registry.

By logging on to the site, www.weddingnetwork.com, couples can register and shoppers can get access 35,000 products and services through national and local retailers and service providers. Possibilities include not only traditional gifts but items such as hot-air balloon trips for the couple, spa retreats, symphony tickets and cooking lessons.

The Wedding Network is part of Internet Gift Registries, Inc. (IGR) and is the official online registry for Modern Bride magazine and its 12 regional publications.

— The Gift Registry with over 1,000 products for new couples is just part of The Knot, the wedding resource at www.theknot.com.

The site also dispenses advice about wedding etiquette, offers a budgeter and checklist, lists networks for photographers and vendors, and has a database of 8,000 gowns and accessories. There also are interactive chat sessions and what are called Personal Wedding Web Pages, where couples can personalize Web sites to announce their engagements, share wedding details, stories, photos, gift registry lists and receive guestbook messages.

Jose most popular name for California and Texas baby boys

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Moms like Mike in most of the country, but Jose leads the way in California and Texas.

In 1998, the name Jose showed up on more birth certificates than any other boy's name in those two heavily Hispanic states, according to the Social Security Administration. Michael was No. 1 nationwide.

Jose's popularity isn't just the result of growing Hispanic populations, said Edward Callary, editor of the American Name Society's journal. It also reflects a new comfort with ethnicity.

"Thirty years ago, most people would not have given their child an ethnic name," Callary said. "A lot of folks tried to blend in and fold into American society."

Though Jose led the list for boys in California, the rest of the state's top five were more traditional. In descending order: Daniel, Michael, Anthony and Jacob.

The girls' list lacked a Latina flavor, even in California. The top five: Jessica, Ashley, Emily, Jennifer and Samantha.

Nationally, the favorite boy's names were Michael, Jacob, Matthew, Nicholas and Joshua, based on a sampling of Social Security card applications. Girls were Kaitlyn, Emily, Sarah, Hannah and Ashley.

Return to basics...

The perfect roast chicken supper

By Marialisa Calta

It's the time of year — after the elaborate holiday sweets, the fancy cheeses and canapes — when I yearn to return to the basics. And the basics, in our house, means roast chicken dinner. (It also means pot roast, but that's another column.) My hands-down favorite wintertime comfort-food meal consists of a roast chicken, roast potatoes (cooked in the chicken fat), a dish of cooked chard, fennel salad, and a basic, unfrosted yellow cake served with whipped cream and jam. This is not just "family food." Invite some friends over and they will weep with gratitude when you serve them such a satisfying meal.

There are a zillion ways to roast a chicken. Like most home cooks, I've got my own method. I don't truss the chicken, but you can if you feel strongly about it. I don't stuff herbs under the skin, but be my guest if that suits you. What I DO do is surround the chicken with chunks of regular and sweet potatoes, stuff the bird with a bunch of savory items (bay leaf, onion, lemon, etc.), and cook it until it — AND the potatoes — are really, really crispy and delicious.

There are probably a zillion ways to cook Swiss chard, too. But my favorite comes from Elizabeth Schneider's fabulous book "Uncommon Fruits and Vegetables." The sharpness of the chard helps to cut the delicious greasiness of the chicken. If you don't like chard, broccoli rabe (also called rapini, broccoli di rape, or broccoli rabe) is a good choice. Steam it and serve it with lemon juice, olive oil, salt and pepper.

Fennel salad is simplicity itself. Chop fennel, red onion and parsley (if you have any), and toss it in vinaigrette. I make this salad at least an hour ahead of time so that the flavors blend.

The yellow cake is adapted from the late Laurie Colwin's "More Home Cooking," a sequel to "Home Cooking." These are wonderful books that have a very breezy, chatty recipe style. They are the kind of comfort-food cookbooks that go perfectly with roast chicken dinner.

ROAST CHICKEN AND POTATOES

1 roasting chicken, 6 to 8 pounds
vegetable or olive oil
1 or 2 stalks celery, cut into several pieces
1 lemon, pierced all over with fork
1 bay leaf
1 small onion, cut in half
2 cloves garlic, smashed and peeled
small handful parsley (optional)
salt (preferably kosher or sea salt) and pepper, to taste
3 to 4 pounds russet and sweet potatoes, unpeeled, cut into chunks
1 to 2 tablespoons chopped fresh or dried rosemary (optional)

Center a rack in the oven and preheat oven to 450 degrees. Lightly oil a large roasting pan and set aside.

Remove the giblets from the chicken and discard or set aside for another use. Rinse the chicken inside and out under cold running water. Pat dry.

Stuff the cavity of the chicken with the celery, lemon, bay leaf, onion, garlic and parsley. Rub skin lightly with oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper to taste.

Put the chicken in the prepared pan and surround it with as many potatoes, cut into chunks, as will fit. (No matter how many you make, they will get eaten). Drizzle them VERY lightly with a bit of oil and sprinkle them with chopped rosemary, if desired. Season potatoes with salt and pepper to taste. (If you want to make extra potatoes, and they don't fit in the pan, put them in an oiled baking dish and drizzle them with a bit more oil, season, and roast along with the chicken).

Roast at 450 degrees for 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 350 degrees and cook until skin is very brown and crispy and the internal temperature of the chicken registers 170 to 180 degrees on a thermometer. Estimating the time required to finish cooking the chicken can be tricky: One hour for the first 4 pounds, and about 10 minutes for each additional pound is SUPPOSED to do the trick, but I always find it needs more time. I'd estimate about 2 hours for an 8-pound bird (including the initial 10 minutes at 450 degrees). Keep an eye on it. The point is, you want the skin very golden and crispy.

To determine the temperature of the chicken, stick the thermometer into the thigh. Be careful not to let the thermometer touch the bone.

Remove from pan. Allow chicken to sit for 10 to 15 minutes. Scoop potatoes out the pan and serve on a platter, surrounding the chicken. Yield: 6 servings.

SWISS CHARD WITH LEMON, OIL AND PINE NUTS

3 tablespoons pine nuts (pignoli)
2 pounds Swiss chard (ruby or green), well washed and shaken dry (ruby is prettier)
1 cup water
2 tablespoons lemon juice, or more, to taste
2 tablespoons olive oil, or more, to taste
salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Put the pine nuts in a pan and toast them in the oven about 10 minutes, watching to make sure they don't burn. Set aside.

Separate chard leaves from stems. Alice Waters, in "Chez Panisse Vegetables" (Harper Collins, 1996) has a great method: fold the leaf in half along the stem (lengthwise). Grasp the folded leaf with one hand, and pull the stem away with the other. Repeat for all leaves.

Cut the stems on a slant into 1-inch slices. Cut leaves in slices about 1-inch wide. Keep them separate.

In a large, shallow skillet with a cover, or in a Dutch oven (not iron or aluminum) combine the stems, water and 1 tablespoon of the lemon juice. Boil gently, covered, until very tender, 5 to 25 minutes. (Check often: Timing can vary, depending on the toughness of the chard). Lift out with slotted spoon, leaving liquid in the pan. Toss the stems with 1 tablespoon oil. Arrange in center of platter.

Add leaves to liquid in pan. Simmer, uncovered, until tender, about 10 minutes (timing varies). Stir often, and add water if necessary during cooking.

Drain. Toss with remaining tablespoon lemon juice and oil. Arrange on the platter around the cooked stems. Sprinkle with salt and pepper and more olive oil and lemon juice, if you wish. Sprinkle with toasted pine nuts. Serve warm or at room temperature. Yield: 4 to 6 servings.

— Recipe from "Uncommon Fruits and Vegetables," by Elizabeth Schneider (Harper & Row, 1986)

CLASSIC YELLOW CAKE

1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened
1/2 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 eggs, beaten
1 cup flour
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
jam or marmalade
confectioners sugar
whipped cream

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Butter a 7-inch round baking pan or an 8-inch square pan or a 7-inch loaf pan. Set aside.

In the bowl of an electric mixer, cream together the butter and sugar. Add the vanilla and eggs and beat several minutes, until light and fluffy.

In a small bowl, mix together the flour, baking powder and salt. Add to the butter mixture and combine, beating for several minutes at medium speed. Pour into prepared pan and bake 20 to 30 minutes. (If using a loaf pan, it will probably take 30 minutes. Keep checking.) It is done when a tester inserted in the center comes out ALMOST clean. Cool slightly on wire rack, remove from pan and cool more. Serve slightly warm, with jam or marmalade, powdered sugar and/or whipped cream. Yield: about 6 servings.

— Recipe adapted from "More Home Cooking," by Laurie Colwin (HarperCollins, 1993)

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FOOD

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Kissing record

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Kiss the record goodbye, Ohio.

Organizers of a New Year's celebration on the Ohio Statehouse lawn had hoped to break the record for most people kissing simultaneously.

The record was set at the University of Maine on Valentines Day 1996, when 1,420 couples kissed simultaneously.

Organizers of the Columbus event had plenty of smoochers on hand — as many as 9,500 — but a review of videotapes Monday showed that only 1,350 people kissed for the required 10 seconds.

What were the other 8,000 or so people doing?

They were watching.

Actor Clark Gable—born William Clark Gable—worked in a tire factory and as a lumberjack before becoming an actor.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 01-12-99
♠ K 6 5 2
♥ A J 5 2
♦ 7 3
♣ A J 4

West
♠ 8
♥ 9 7
♦ Q J 9 5
♣ 10 9 7 6 5 3

East
♠ Q J 4
♥ 10 8 6 3
♦ K 10 8 2
♣ 8 2

South
♠ A 10 9 7 3
♥ K Q 4
♦ A 6 4
♣ K Q

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
5 NT	Pass	6 ♦	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ Q

Which suit first?

Ed Howe, an American journalist and novelist, pointed out that "no man would listen to you talk if he didn't know it was his turn next."

In today's deal, you are in six spades. West leads the diamond queen. After winning with the ace, you play a spade to dummy's king, and return a trump to your ace, but West annoyingly discards a low club. Which way do you turn next?

North's response of three no-trump was an artificial forcing major-suit raise (which makes an ideal companion to the limit raise from one to three of the major). It showed at least 13 primarily high-card, not distributional, points, and four-plus trumps.

You must get rid of your two diamond losers before East can ruff in with his trump winner and cash the diamond king. With only three clubs between the two hands, it looks obvious to start there. You cash the club king, overtake the queen with dummy's ace, and discard a diamond on the club jack. But with this layout, disaster strikes. East ruffs and collects his diamond trick: one down.

To succeed, you must find East with at least three hearts. So, you should attack that suit first. Play off three rounds of hearts ending in the dummy. If the suit divides 3-3, you turn immediately to clubs, hoping East has at least three. But here, when West discards on the third round, you know it is safe to cash dummy's last heart winner, throwing a diamond from hand. Then you switch to clubs, not caring that East ruffs the third round because you have just jettisoned your final diamond.

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GOOD NEWS
By Wayne Horton

HOW'S YOUR FAITH?

Westerhoff has suggested four stages of faith. I believe he's biblical.

First, **EXPERIENCED FAITH**. Little children experience the faith of their parents. They hear them pray and think that praying is good. They are taken to church and thus come to believe that it is good to attend church. It's faith but it is not theirs.

Secondly, **AFFILIATIVE FAITH.** The child grows up and, never doing any real investigation, simply "affiliates" with the faith of his parents. It's a good faith and one can be saved by it initially. This is the faith that asks, "What does our group believe about such and such?" (Because that is what the questioner will believe). It is not a deep faith. It is not owned by the person.

Thirdly, **SEARCHING FAITH.** This is a more healthy faith. This faith wants to know why, how, when, if, etc. This is the questioning faith that makes some elders and preachers and all "affiliative" people very nervous. It scares them to death. This faith will change beliefs through the years. It realizes that there is a lifetime of learning and growing and it joyfully searches and is continually surprised by God! And the best part of it is that it produces a faith that is "owned."

Fourthly, an **OWNED** faith is the one which takes away fear. It provides great confidence to the one who holds it. It is not fearful of change because it trusts God and not scholars of the past or preachers of the present. It is faith which assures that if Jesus returned today, He would take its owner to Heaven with Him.

Sadly, most people are stuck in the **AFFILIATIVE** mode and will never experience the joy of **RELATIONSHIP** with Jesus. Think about it. How's your faith?

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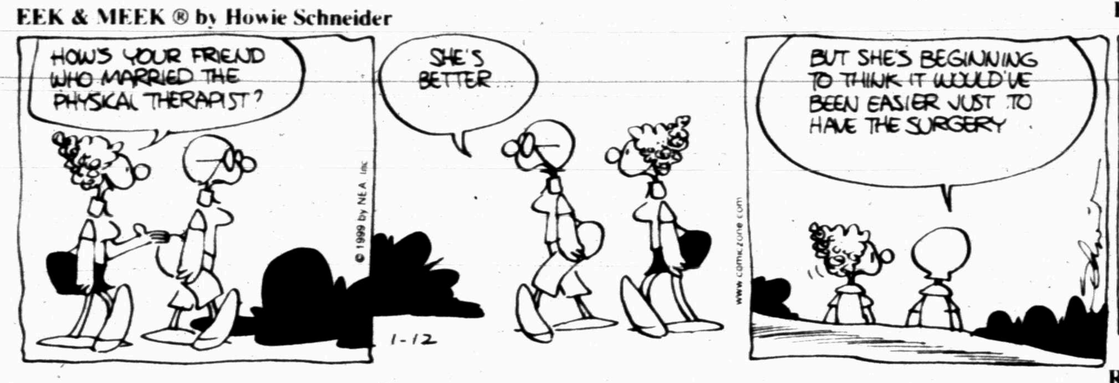

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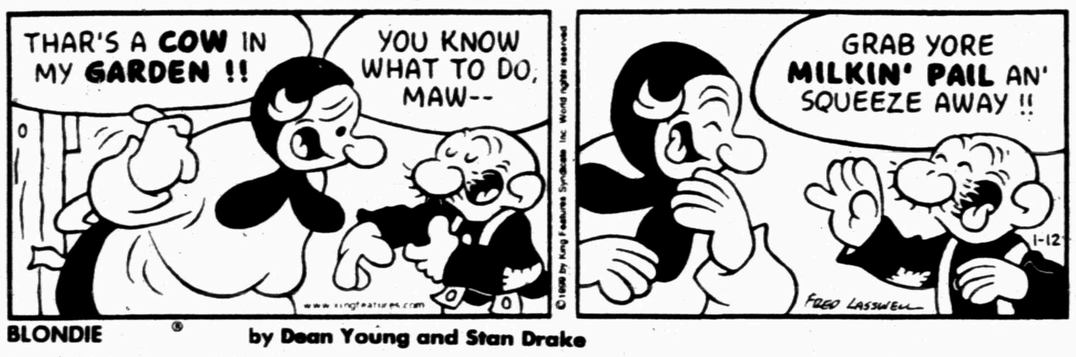

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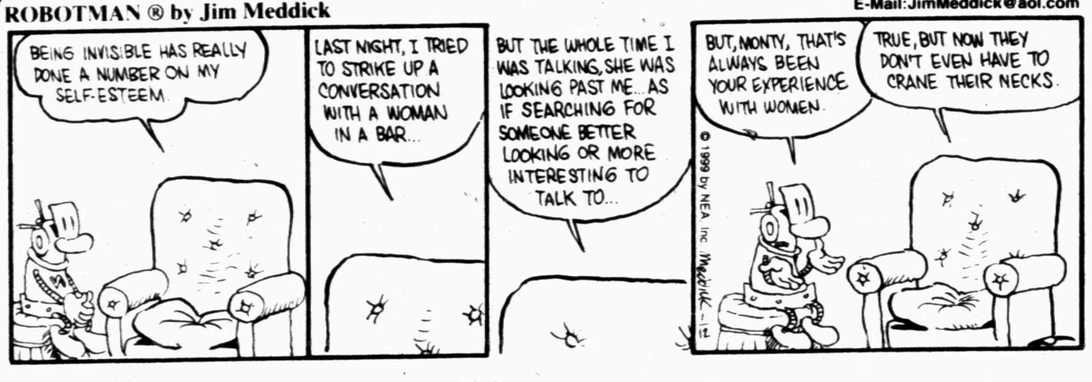

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ACROSS

1 Palate part
6 Ocean movement
10 New teacher's goal
12 Highest point
14 Riddle
15 Fire-lighting aid
16 Use a chair
17 Do a marathon
19 — of the above (test choice)
20 On the upper part of a ship
23 Distress
26 Baltic or Arabian
27 Crusted dessert
30 Oahu's state
32 Shows scorn
34 Complete agreement
35 Small tower
36 Skirt bottom
37 Fr. holy woman
39 Wedding star
40 Shows one's anger
42 Orderly
45 Govt. agcy.
46 Short swim
49 Suffer from food deprivation
51 Card combination
54 Weirder
55 Dodges adroitly
56 Rat- — - —
57 Siskel's partner

DOWN

1 Southwestern Indians
2 —, vidi, vici
3 Textbook section
4 Pull
5 Upper limb
6 Pro — (for the time being)
7 Silly
8 Prank
9 Harrow's rival
11 Wyatt —
12 Craziest
13 Color
18 Navy ship pref.
20 Pekoe and Earl Grey
21 Futile
22 The Blue Waltz
23 No
24 Window part
25 Use the pool
27 Persian fairy
28 Irritated
29 Italian noble family name
31 Whole number
33 Makes a mistake
38 JFK info
40 Lebanon's neighbor
41 Table d'—
42 Mao — -tung
43 Virginia willow
44 Pub missile
46 Miami's county
47 Cooler
48 Bothersome one
50 Dog doc
52 Eden dweller
53 Capture

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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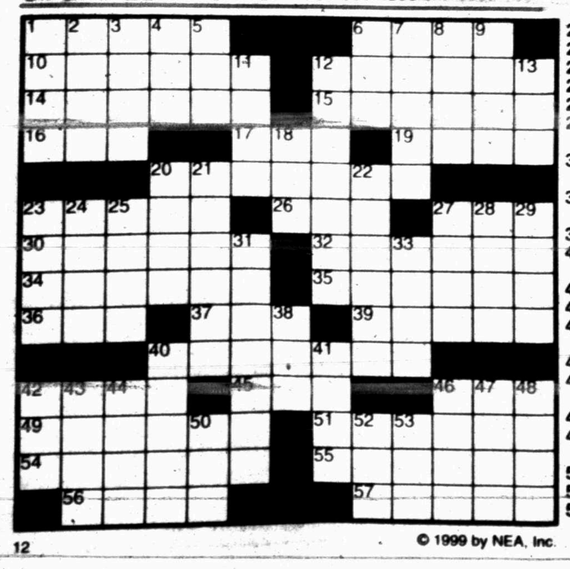

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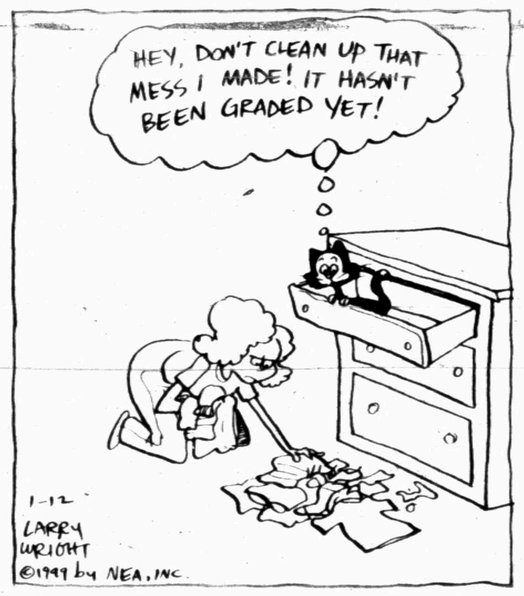

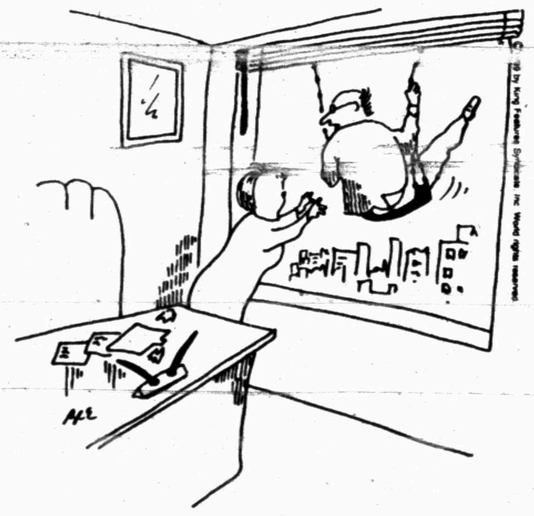

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"WOW! THAT WAS A GREAT DREAM! I HOPE THEY'LL HAVE THE SEQUEL TONIGHT!"

SPORTS

Snyder, Lamesa coaches take cancellation in stride

Rivalries almost always guarantee heated contests.

But after Friday night's technical-foul frenzy, the Snyder-Lamesa boys basketball rivalry decided to take the night off.

In what was termed "a mutual agreement by both schools," the Tigers-Golden Tors contest slated for tonight in Lamesa was cancelled Monday afternoon. The announcement was made by Snyder ISD superintendent Gayle Lomax and Lamesa superintendent Ken McCraw.

The squads, former district rivals, locked-up Friday night at the SHS gym. Four technical fouls were issued during the contest, three against Lamesa and one against Snyder, as tempers flared throughout most of the ballgame which was won by the Tigers, 62-60.

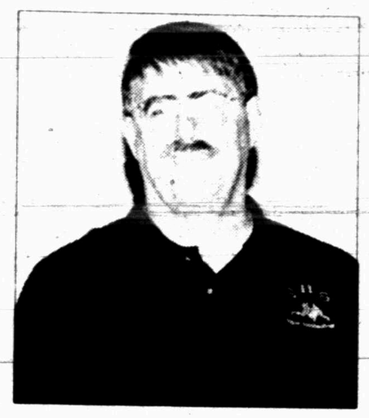
With only three days between the scheduled games, and with district play beginning for both teams on Friday, the two head coaches took the news in stride.

"I stick by the decision made by both administrations," Snyder coach Bud Birks said. "I think it was a wise choice."

Lamesa coach Wayne Roberts echoed Birks' sentiments.

"We don't want any hard feelings between Snyder and Lamesa," Roberts remarked. "I think everybody understands that this is probably for the best. Coach Birks and I have a good relationship and the cities and schools need to stay on good terms. It's just an unfortunate situation where back-to-back games were scheduled without enough of a cooling-off period."

Both teams had worries that playing the game this close to the start of district action would be detrimental.



Coach Bud Birks

"We're focusing on Friday's game against Ft. Stockton," said Birks. "Friday needs to be our big game this week, not Tuesday's. You don't want the start of district play to be anti-climactic for your kids."

Roberts believed if the two games had been scheduled farther apart, there might have been a different decision made.

"I think if we had played back in December and had more time between the two games, then we would probably be playing tonight," the Golden Tor coach said. "I think that is how it will probably be in the future. I haven't talked to Coach Birks, but I would imagine in the future we would play only once or play early in the season and then again later on."

The Tigers will carry a 9-11 mark into Friday night's District 5-4A opener at Ft. Stockton. Tip-off is slated for 7:30.

WTC drops league opener

HOBBS, N.M. — Rolling into conference play with a 12-4 mark, the Lady Dusters met a giant roadblock Monday night.

New Mexico JC out-rebounded and out-shot a confident Western Texas squad, using a 86-61 rout to send the young Lady Dusters a message — this is one of the toughest junior college conferences in America. Welcome to the WJCAC.

"I think we had the conference-opening jitters," second-year WTC coach Valery Jackson said. "We calmed down some and played better in the second half, but by then it was too late. Our young kids learned how tough this conference is."

The Lady Dusters, who slip to 12-5 overall and 0-1 in the WJCAC, hauled in a season-low 26 rebounds, giving the Lady Thunderbirds numerous second chance opportunities to convert. WTC's starting posts garnered only eight boards between them.

"New Mexico got up by 10 points early, simply because we weren't blocking out," said Jackson. "We called timeouts to try and break the rhythm, but nothing went our way in the first half."

The Lady Thunderbirds took advantage of the second chance shots and WTC turnovers, which totalled 20 on the night, to build a 42-20 halftime lead.

"I told them at halftime that we had to rebound better, run our offense and play with more intensity on the defensive end," Jackson stated. "We did some of those things in the second half and we played better."

After being outscored by 22 points in the first 20 minutes of play, the differential in the second half was only 3 points.

Freshman guard Crystal Williams and sophomore post Pam Odhuong'o led WTC in scoring. Williams finished with 12 points, with Odhuong'o posted 11 points in the paint.

With fourth-ranked Howard scheduled to visit Scurry County Coliseum on Thursday, the Lady Dusters must recover quickly or fall to 0-2 in the conference standings.

"The girls have to understand that it doesn't get any easier as conference play continues," Jackson remarked. "Howard and Midland are both ranked and New Mexico will probably break into the poll this week.

"But the girls have the first game out of their systems now and I think it will be a different story from here on out. I don't think New Mexico is 25 points better than we are. We'll get back to work in practice and get ready for Thursday. Howard's tough, but I think it will be a different WTC team on the floor Thursday than the one that played Monday night."

The Lady Dusters and Lady Hawks are slated to tip-off at 7:30 Thursday night.

New Mexico JC 86, WTC 61

WTC: Crystal Williams, 12, Pam Odhuong'o, 11; Kathy Tran, 9; Christy Wells, 7; Danielle Brown and Rosalind Lawrence, 6; Mary Cavazos, 4; Carrie Fincher, Latasha Vizcorrondo and April Walker, 2.

Area teams continue district race tonight

While the Snyder Tigers get the night off, five other area hoop squads face key district match-ups tonight.

The Lady Tigers, Ira and Hermleigh all hit the hardwood this evening in the second game of their league schedules.

The Snyder girls, coming off a rout of Andrews on Friday, will be looking to remain atop the 5-4A standings when they take on Big Spring at 6 p.m. at the SHS gym.

"We just need to play our style of game tonight," Snyder coach Rick Archer said. "If we rebound well and play with a lot of heart, then we should be fine."

Only eight players will suit up for the Lady Tigers due to injury.

Snyder was given another dose of bad news on the injury front when it learned it will be without the services of sophomore post Ashley Delce for the remainder of the season. Hobbled by knee pain recently, tests revealed Monday that Delce will have to undergo surgery in two weeks to repair ligament damage.

In other injury news, sophomore guard Callie Bane, originally expected to miss the entire season, could be back as early as Friday. Mandy Hess, also out with knee problems, is expected to return to action in two weeks.

In other area games, the Hermleigh girls are healthy and will be looking to build on their tourney championship win over the weekend when they visit Blackwell at 6:30.

The Lady Cards are 1-0 in district play, while the Hermleigh boys will try to even their mark at 1-1 at Blackwell. The boys game is scheduled to get underway at 8 p.m.

In Ira, the Bulldogs can stay in first place in the district standings with a win over Westbrook. The Ira boys toppled Grady on Friday, while the Lady Bulldogs dropped their district opener.

Following the setback to Grady, the Ira girls can climb back in the race with a win tonight. The Lady 'Dogs tip-off at 6:30, with the boys' game starting at 8 p.m.

SJHS girls split with Big Spring

Snyder Junior High traded victories with Big Spring here Monday night. The 8th grade A-team nudged the visitors, 26-20, while the Snyder 7th grade A-team fell 41-26.

In posting the victory, the SJHS 8th grade girls came from behind after getting only five points in the first quarter. The Lady Tigers led 15-10 at intermission and 22-14 going into the final period.

Snyder was paced by Zipporah Peoples who canned nine points. Chaelyn Robinson put in five while Dara Chambers and Afton Schwertner each had three. Contributing two points each were Shelley Fisk, Hailey Putnam and Lauren Day.

Scoring droughts in the first and third periods sank the 7th grade girls. Snyder could manage only two points in the first and four in the third period.

Snyder's leading scorer was Laura Arellano with nine while Gretchen Hollis pitched in six and Erin Burleson managed five. Whittney Criswell, Beth Clements and Misha Wofford each added two.

The 8th grade girls (5-1) and 7th grade girls (3-3) compete in the Denver City tournament this weekend.

Rhodes, Reid swap addresses during NFL coaching changes

By The Associated Press

Ray Rhodes and Andy Reid traded addresses in the NFL's latest rendition of the coaching carousel.

Rhodes, fired by the Philadelphia Eagles two weeks ago, was hired Monday to coach Green Bay. Reid, the Packers' quarterbacks coach, was hired by the Eagles to replace Rhodes.

Also Monday, Kansas City coach Marty Schottenheimer resigned after a 7-9 season, his first losing campaign since he became an NFL coach in 1984.

For Rhodes, the move from Philadelphia to Green Bay takes him from one of the league's worst franchises to one of its best. He replaces Mike Holmgren, who led the Packers to six straight postseason berths, two NFC championships and a Super Bowl title.

"When you look at the football team and everything around it, you are in awe," said Rhodes, who reportedly signed a four-year deal at about $1 million a season.

"I don't want to compare the Philadelphia Eagles football team with the Green Bay Packers," Rhodes said. "That is not fair to anybody. We were never able to get the core players that this team has here right now."

Ninth grade girls down Lady Steers

Snyder's freshman girls basketball squad broke into the win column Monday night, holding Big Spring to single digits in all four quarters en route to a 33-24 victory.

The Lady Tigers used a 11-4 spurt in the second period to grab a 17-9 halftime lead.

Snyder's Candace Gonzalez led all scorers with 11 points, while Erin Dunham added eight more.

Dawn Lopez dropped in six points, with Stephanie Molina posting four. Maritza Aguirre and Lori Chesser chipped in two apiece.

The Lady Tigers will be looking to notch consecutive victories Thursday when they square-off with Rotan at noon in the Sweetwater tournament.

7th grade boys split contests with Mustangs

Snyder Gold improved its mark to 8-1 Monday night, knocking off Andrews 33-27 in seventh grade boys basketball action.

Jed Martin led the Tiger effort with 11 points, while Blake Grimmett dropped in eight more.

Kris Hatley and Tye Collier posted four points apiece, with Isaac Ramon notching three. Marcus Villarreal finished with two points and Lee Scott chipped in one.

In other seventh grade action, Snyder Black couldn't hold off a hot-shooting Andrews squad, falling 48-38.

Pacing the Tigers were Kenneth Fabre and Tucker Early, pouring in eight points each.

Zach Cain drained seven points, with Garrick Clayton registering six. Clayton Floyd put three points on the board, while Justin Stoker, Jacob Rodriguez and Malcom Wells finished with two apiece.

The setback leaves Snyder Black at 4-2 on the season.

Snyder Gold travels to Andrews for tournament action beginning Thursday, while Snyder Black returns to play Jan. 25 at Sweetwater.

Ira JH hoopsters split with Grady

IRA — Ira junior high cagers split with Grady Monday night, the girls edging the visitors, 27-23, while the boys fell to Grady, 43-20

Ira girls could manage only two first-quarter points, and added seven in the second quarter to trail 15-9 at intermission. But the Lady Bulldogs scored eight in the third and 10 in the finale while holding Grady to only four points each in each of the second half periods.

Celeigh Sterling was the only Lady Bulldog in double digits, posting 11 points. Amanda Rodriquez put in six while Kali Clements had two. Franki Briseno and Stephen Kirk each added one. Sterling and Nettles both were two for two from the free throw line.

In the boys game, Ira trailed 35-10 going into the final period of play, but the Bulldogs managed 10 in the final eight minutes.

Jess Wall led Ira with six points while Eric Dickerhoff, Joel Watson and Jack Barnes each canned four and Nathan Wilkins added two.

Both Ira junior high teams compete in the Highland tournament starting Thursday. Both teams face Loraine in the old gym, the girls at 7 and the boys at 8:15 p.m.. Tourney play resumes Saturday morning.

'Stangs top 8th grade boys

Snyder had a hard time trying to corral the Mustangs.

Andrews notched a pair of eighth grade boys basketball victories Monday night, topping Snyder Gold, 45-31, after knocking off Snyder Black, 46-35.

Zach Starnes poured in eight points to pace the Tigers' Gold squad.

Colby Driggers posted six points, with T.J. Jones and Clay Williams registering four apiece.

Brady Reed and Logan Hill finished with three points each, while Chance Greenwood put two points on the board and Chris Sorrells put up one.

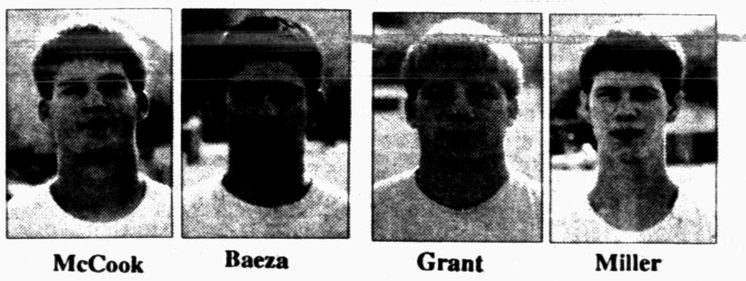
For Snyder Black, it was Patrick Alderete leading the way with seven points.

Josh Montoya, Matt McCormick and Tanner Beard rattled home six points apiece, with Josh Green adding five more. Josh McGaha and Cory Lyons finished with two points each and Tyler Pollard chipped in one.

Snyder Gold, now 1-8 on the season, begins play Thursday in the Andrews tournament, with Snyder Black (4-2) returning to action Jan. 25 at Sweetwater.

Six-man all-state grid team...

Four Coyotes nab honors



McCook Baeza Grant Miller

The high school football season is over, but the honors keep rolling in.

Four seniors off Borden County's state-runner up squad have been named to the Six-man All-State Football Team.

Quarterback Colt McCook and running back Fernando Baeza nabbed first team honors on offense, while lineman Ryan Grant was named to the first team defensive unit.

Linebacker Colt Miller took second team defensive honors.

The Coyotes, who won the state crown in 1997, advanced to the title contest this past season before falling to Trinidad.

NCAA Basketball Scores

Monday's Women's Basketball

EAST

Delaware 78, Bucknell U. 69
Fairleigh Dickinson 81, Long Island U. 73
Howard 84, Delaware St. 72
Md.-Baltimore County 56, Wagner 45
Penn St. 90, Michigan St. 66
Sacred Heart 67, Bucknell 62, OT
St. Francis, N.Y. 53, Monmouth, N.J. 51
Towson 57, Northeastern 55

SOUTH

Belmont 83, Sewanee 38
Duke 74, Wake Forest 59
E. Tennessee St. 89, Appalachian St. 79
Florida A&M 68, Coppin St. 58
Georgia Southern 75, Coll. of Charleston 72
Hampton 70, S. Carolina St. 56
Jacksonville St. 81, Florida Atlantic 73
Liberty 64, Winthrop 49
Md.-Eastern Shore 82, Lehigh 77
Miss. Valley St. 68, Southern U. 67
Nicholls St. 56, Lamar 45
Norfolk St. 72, N. Carolina A&T 53
Troy St. 72, Samford 68
Virginia 60, N. Carolina St. 46

MIDWEST

Drake 81, Indiana St. 71
S. Illinois 63, Wichita St. 55

SOUTHWEST

Grambling St. 91, Texas Southern 78

FAR WEST

No major team scores reported from the FAR EST.

EAST

Fairleigh Dickinson 75, Monmouth, N.J. 71
Md.-Baltimore County 79, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 70
St. Francis, N.Y. 74, Long Island U. 68
St. John's 71, Georgetown 69

SOUTH

Alcorn St. 103, Ark.-Pine Bluff 63
Appalachian St. 86, Wofford 82, OT
Centenary 85, Stetson 77
Charleston Southern 84, Elon 79, OT
Chattanooga 85, E. Tennessee St. 74, OT
Coll. of Charleston 81, Furman 68
Coppin St. 83, Florida A&M 69
Georgia Southern 75, The Citadel 51
Howard 87, Delaware St. 75
Morgan St. 68, Bethune-Cookman 56
Norfolk St. 107, N. Carolina A&T 84
Richmond 76, James Madison 69, OT
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Basketball: Lady Tigers host Big Spring; JV at 4:30 p.m. and varsity at 6 p.m. in SHS Gym.

Hermleigh varsity at Blackwell, girls at 6:30 p.m. and boys at 8 p.m.

Ira varsity hosts Westbrook, girls at 6:30 p.m. and boys at 8 p.m.

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Basketball: WTC Lady Dusters host Howard, 7:30 p.m. at Scurry County Coliseum.

Snyder 9th grade girls and boys at Sweetwater tournament.

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Ira Jr. High and Hermleigh Jr. High at Highland tournament.

FRIDAY

Basketball: Lady Tigers at Ft. Stockton, varsity at 6 p.m. and JV at 7:30 p.m.

Snyder Tigers at Ft. Stockton, JV at 6 p.m. and varsity at 7:30 p.m.

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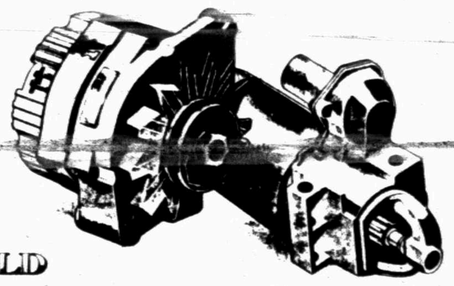

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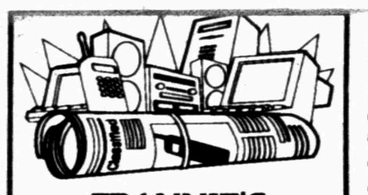

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Clinton spokesman criticizes GOP's brief on impeachment

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton's spokesman today dismissed the House Republicans' brief for the impeachment trial as an overblown account that "reads like a cheap mystery." The White House will offer its own next installment on Wednesday, he said.

The two sides filed briefs Monday that blended arguments over Clinton's guilt or innocence with predictions of how the case would influence future judgments of presidential misconduct.

Clinton spokesman Joe Lockhart focused today on what he called the House's "constantly shifting" of its version of the charges and its reliance on "hyperbole and overblown rhetoric."

"It reads like a cheap mystery," he said of the brief laying out the House case for the Senate trial. "The discussions about sinister plots is something you would expect to read in a novel rather than in a document by the House of Representatives."

At one point in the lengthy House brief, lawmaker-prosecutors argue that evidence and testimony must be viewed as a whole.

"Events and words that may seem innocent or even exculpatory in a vacuum may well take on a sinister, or even criminal connotation when observed in the context of the whole plot," the House said.

The brief used as an example Monica Lewinsky's statement that "No one ever told me to lie; nobody ever promised me a job."

"When considered alone this would seem exculpatory," the brief said. "However, in the context of other evidence, another picture emerges. Of course no one said, 'Now, Monica, you go in there and lie.' They didn't have to. Ms. Lewinsky knew what was expected of her. Similarly, nobody promised her a job, but once she signed the false affidavit, she got one."

United to construct Lubbock warehouse

United Supermarkets Inc. Monday announced plans to establish its own distribution operations and begin self-distributing by June of next year.

United has secured a site on the northwest corner of East 19th Street and Loop 289 in Lubbock to build a 495,000-square-foot distribution center.

The new facility will employ approximately 225 people.

"We are tremendously excited about the benefits of self-distribution," said Kent Moore, senior vice president and chief executive officer for United. "Through the use of state-of-the-art technology and a more direct partnership with our vendors, we will be able to offer an even higher quality product at a lower cost to our valued customers."

United Supermarkets operates 38 stores in 20 West and North Texas markets and is currently constructing new stores in Amarillo, Muleshoe and Snyder.

United Supermarkets was founded 82 years ago in Sayre, Okla., by H.D. Snell Sr.

It was later separated into two companies, one based in Texas and another in Oklahoma. The family of H.D. "Jack" Snell, Jr. has been committed to providing its customers with a wide selection of competitively priced grocery offerings, quality meats, fresh produce and perishable items with an emphasis on superior customer service."

Llano Logistics, Inc., a member of the Tibbett & Britten Group, has been contracted by United to build, set up and operate the distribution center.

Tibbett & Britten Group, is an international logistics specialist operating in 22 countries. Its member companies provide dedicated distribution operations to many leading grocery retailers in the United States, Canada and Europe.

"Our new partner, Tibbett & Britten Group, has developed a reputation for being the premier logistics services provider worldwide. We are pleased to be able to bring their distribution expertise to our market area, while allowing United to focus our efforts on performance at the retail level," added Moore.

1998 was hottest year on record

WASHINGTON (AP) — The world's temperature bumped up a notch last year, rising 0.34 degree Fahrenheit to make 1998 the warmest year on record.

"It is really quite extraordinary. We've got a record and it's one of the largest increases that we've ever seen in one year," said D. James Baker, head of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

In recent years rising temperatures caused by human industrial activity have raised concerns that the planet would dangerously overheat. That led to the controversial agreement reached in Kyoto, Japan, in December 1997 seeking to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide and other gases thought to threaten the climate.

Other scientists, however, contend that the temperature changes could be the result of normal climate fluctuations and say that, at any rate, some warming might do more good than ill.

"One has to say we're seeing a combination of natural phenomena and a very strong indication of human effects here, we're starting to get out of the range of normal climatic variability," Baker said. "We've got 20 years in a row with annual global surface temperatures above the long-term average."

The NASA scientists, using NOAA and other data, calculated an average 1998 worldwide temperature of about 58.496 degrees F., topping the record, set in 1995 of 58.154.

In its separate calculations, NOAA's National Climatic Data Center said 1998's global average was 58.1 degrees, topping 1997, which it calculated as the previous record year. NOAA readings for earlier years were not immediately available because of a change in its record-keeping, however.

But both NOAA and NASA agreed that 1998 is the new record holder.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Lori Pace, Charles Cain, Cynthia Davis, Opal Eades, Guadalupe Garcia, Ella Moffett.

DISMISSALS: Billie Holt, Genise Capetillo and baby girl, Kristi Cowan and baby boy, Summer Flores and twin baby boys, Myra Thurmond and baby girl, Richard Gale, Ruby Hart.

CENSUS: 54 (Med., Surg.-22, Long-term Care-25, CCU-3, OB-2, Nursery-2).

Revocation of probation motions result in arrests

Two persons were booked into Scurry County jail Monday following motions filed to revoke their respective felony probated sentences.

Eric Jay Neves, 24, of 3725 Avondale, was arrested at 10:30 a.m. for felony revocation of probation.

Venita Davis, 24, of 3915 Muriel Dr., was arrested at 2:10 p.m. on a Nolan County warrant for revocation of probation.

In other activity Monday, deputies were called to the Camp Springs area in reference to persons illegally dumping trash. An offense report for illegal dumping was submitted.

Officers filed a report for disorderly conduct/language at 12:29 p.m. after Mary Ann Garcia made a complaint.

Ryan Grady told officers at 4:50 p.m. that someone had slashed some tires on his vehicle while it was parked in the 2500 block of 27th Street. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

An offense report for runaway was submitted at 11:45 p.m. as a woman reported her two daughters had left home without permission.

The fire department was called out twice on Monday, once to a possible house fire and later to a reported car fire.

At 7:42 a.m., the department responded to a report of a house fire at 2701 Ave. U. However, the smoke from the house was coming from a chimney.

At 6:14 p.m., the department was called to a possible car fire at 3818 Highland Dr. Firemen discovered the smoke from the car was oil or transmission fluid that had leaked out and made contact with a hot surface.

Markets Midday Stocks

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High Low Last	
AMR Corp s	68¼ 67¼ 67¼— ¾
AT&T Corp	86⅝ 85 9-16 86 + ⅜
AirTouch	79 15-16 79 79 1-16—15-16
Albertsons	64 15-16 64 64 13-16
AlldSignal	43 13-16 43 3-16 43¾+ ¼
Alltel	61⅝ 60 15-16 61 — ⅝
AmOnline s	167 140 157 15-16—7 3-16
AmStores	38⅛ 37¼ 38⅛+ 1-16
Ameritech	63½ 62¼ 63⅜+ 5-16
AndarkPtr s	32 7-16 31 13-16 31 13-16— ⅜
ArmcoInc	5 3-16 5 1-16 5⅛
AtlRichfld	65 13-16 64¼ 65 3-16—13-16
ATMOS Egy	29 11-16 29¼ 29 9-16— 3-16
Aviall	11 1-16 10⅛ 10 15-16— ⅜
BP Amoco	88 15-16 88 88 11-16+ 1¼
BakerHughes	19⅝ 19⅛ 19 5-16— 3-16
BankAmerica	69 9-16 67 9-16 67⅞—2 3-16
BellAtl s	55¾ 54½ 55 7-16+ ½
BellSouth s	48¼ 46 7-16 47 13-16+ 1⅜
BethSteel	10 1-16 9⅞ 10 + 3-16
BurlNoSFe s	34¼ 33 11-16 34 1-16— 1-16
CBS Corp	36 1-16 35 1-16 36 + ½
Caterpillar	52⅛ 51¾ 51 9-16—1 7-16
CenSoWst	27 7-16 27 3-16 27 7-16+ 3-16
Chevron	84 5-16 83¾ 83⅞— ⅜
Citigroup	57⅛ 55¾ 56⅛— 1½
Coastal s	33¾ 33 5-16 33⅞— ⅛
CocaCola	66 9-16 65¼ 66 — 1-16
ColgatePalm	85⅛ 84 5-16 84 9-16— 1-16
ComclMetals	26 5-16 26 3-16 26 5-16
CooperIn	45¾ 45 5-16 45 9-16+ 3-16
CyprusAmax	11½ 11⅛ 11 3-16— 5-16
DaimlrChry n	106 104 11-16 105 — ⅜
DallSemicn	41 5-16 39 11-16 40⅜— ⅛
DeltaAirl s	58¼ 57 58 3-16+ 3-16
Dillards Inc	27¼ 27 3-16 27⅛— 9-16
DowChem	96 9-16 95 13-16 96 3-16— 1
DuPont	59 9-16 58 15-16 59 9-16+ 1-16
EastmanChem	48½ 47⅛ 48 7-16+ ⅛
EstKodak	78¾ 76 11-16 78 3-16+2 15-16
EDS Corp	50½ 50 1-16 50⅛— 7-16
Entergy	30 13-16 30¼ 30⅝+ 7-16
Exxon	72⅞ 71¼ 72 1-16+13-16
FstBksAm	19⅝ 19¾ 19⅝
Flowers	23¼ 22 15-16 22 15-16— ⅛
FordMotor s	64 1-16 63 9-16 63 13-16—11-16
GTE Cp	64 5-16 62 5-16 63⅛+ 9-16
GenDynam s	58⅞ 57 7-16 58 3-16— 3-16
GenElec	100⅝ 98 13-16 99 15-16+ ⅛
GenMills	80⅝ 80⅛ 80 5-16— 1-16
GenMotors	85¼ 84¼ 85⅛—11-16
GaPacGP	68⅛ 67 9-16 68⅛— ⅛
GlobalMar	10⅛ 10 1-16 10⅛— ⅛
Goodrich	36 35 3-16 35⅞— 7-16
Goodyear s	54⅝ 53¾ 53 15-16—15-16
GtAtlPac	29⅞ 29 5-16 29⅞+ 9-16
Halliburtn	34 11-16 33 13-16 34 1-16— 1-16
Hanson ADS	37 5-16 36 13-16 37 5-16— 1-16
HarteHanks s	25⅛ 25 1-16 25⅛+ 1-16
HomeDepot	55 9-16 53 3-16 55 — 1⅜
HoustonInds	31⅛ 30 13-16 31 3-16+ ⅛
IBM	190 186¼ 186 15-16—2 5-16
IntlPaper	46⅛ 45¾ 46⅛+ ¼
JohnsonJn	80 13-16 80 80⅝— 1-16
K mart	15 13-16 15⅛ 15⅛— 5-16
Kroger Co	57 11-16 57 3-16 57 7-16+ ⅛
Litton	61¼ 61⅛ 61⅜
LockheedM s	40 39 9-16 39⅞— 3-16
Lowes Cos s	53⅝ 52¾ 53 1-16— 3-16
Lubys	15 1-16 14 13-16 14⅞— ⅛
LucentTech s	113 5-16 109 109⅝—3 3-16
MayDeptStrs	62⅝ 61¼ 61⅜— ¼
MediaOne	50 5-16 49 15-16 50⅛
Medtronic	70 5-16 70 70⅛— ⅛
Mobil	87⅞ 86⅛ 87⅛+1 3-16
Monsanto	44 9-16 43¾ 44⅛+ ⅛
MorganJP	114¼ 112 112⅞—2 3-16
Motorola	70 3-16 68⅝ 68⅞—1 3-16
NCR Corp	46⅝ 45⅛ 45 9-16—15-16
Navistar	32½ 31 9-16 31⅞— 3-16
OryxEngy	14⅛ 14¼ 14 7-16— 1-16
Penney JC	41 13-16 40⅝ 40 15-16—1 3-16
PennzEnrgy s	16⅝ 16½ 16 9-16
PepBoys	14 15-16 14 13-16 14¼— ⅛
PepsiCo	40 11-16 40 40 5-16— 9-16
PhelpDodge	58 9-16 57 7-16 57⅞—1 1-16
PhilipPet	41 13-16 41 1-16 41½
PilgrmPrd B	22⅞ 22⅛ 22⅞
Polaroid	20⅝ 19 5-16 19⅝— ⅜
Praxair	37⅛ 37¼ 37 5-16
ProctGamb	88 3-16 86⅛ 87 15-16+11-16
PubSNwMx	20⅛ 19 15-16 20 1-16+ ⅛
RoyalDut	45¼ 44⅝ 45⅛— ⅜
SBC Comm s	55 7-16 54¼ 55 3-16+ 1-16
SaraLee s	26⅝ 25⅞ 26⅝+ ⅛
Scripps EW	50 3-16 49⅝ 49⅝— 3-16
SearsRoeb	43⅝ 43 1-16 43⅝+ ⅜
SherwinW	29¼ 28⅞ 29⅛— 1-16
SmithklBchm	71⅛ 70 13-16 71⅛—1 15-16
SouthernCo	28 9-16 28 28⅛+ 7-16
SwstAirl s	26⅛ 26½ 26⅞— ⅛
SprintFON n	80 3-16 78 11-16 80 1-16+ ⅜
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Sunoco Inc	36¾ 35 9-16 36¼+11-16
TNP Ent	35½ 35 3-16 35 5-16— 3-16
Tandy	46 44⅛ 44⅝— 1⅜
TempleInland	62 11-16 62¼ 62⅜— ⅜
Tenneco	36 7-16 36 1-16 36⅜+ 3-16
Texaco	55⅛ 54 11-16 54⅞— [illegible]
TexInd	28¾ 28 7-16 28 11-16+ 5-16
TexasInst	94 15-16 91½ 92½— 2⅜
TexUtil	45⅞ 45 45⅞+13-16
Textron	72 11-16 72¼ 72¼+ ½
TriconGlbR	50 11-16 50⅛ 50 3-16—13-16
TrinityInds	38⅝ 38½ 38 11-16— 1-16
TritonEngy	8 9-16 8⅝ 8⅝— ⅛
Tyler	5 3-16 5⅛— 1-16
US West Inc	64¾ 64 64½
USX-Marathn	30 15-16 30 9-16 30⅝— 3-16
USX-USS	27⅝ 26 15-16 27 1-16— 1-16
UnCarbde	45⅞ 44⅞ 45⅛—15-16
UnionPacif	48½ 48⅛ 48 3-16+ 3-16
UnitedTech	112⅞ 111 3-16 112 7-16+ ¼
Unocal	33½ 33¼ 33⅜— 3-16
Venator Grp	7 3-16 7 1-16 7⅛— ⅛
WalMart	80⅝ 79 11-16 79⅝— 1⅛
WellsFargo	38 37⅞ 37 11-16— ⅜
WstnGasRs	6⅝ 6¼ 6⅛— ⅛
WinnDixie	45¾ 45¼ 45 9-16+ 1-16
Xerox Corp	122⅛ 118¾ 118¾—4 1-16

Analysts eye possibility of new N. Korean deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — With Congress reluctant to continue funding an anti-nuclear deal with North Korea, U.S. government and private analysts are examining alternatives for stopping an arms race on the Korean peninsula.

Some see signs that North Korea may be angling for a new deal as well — one that would include an end to U.S. sanctions in exchange for a halt to missile tests.

"Pyongyang may be deliberately alarming us by manipulating what the intelligence community is seeing and hearing in order to get us to negotiate in earnest," said Lee Sigal, analyst with the Social Sciences Research Council.

Sigal noted that North Korea has offered to negotiate an end to missile testing. He said the largely isolated communist nation wants political normalization with the United States.

But recent missile tests, construction of a large underground facility and other developments in North Korea have raised doubts about the agreement that provides North Korea with oil shipments from the United States and, by about 2003, two internationally funded nuclear power reactors in exchange for abandonment of any nuclear weapons program.

Sigal joined National Security Council official Gary Samore and Michael R. Reiss, of the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization (KEDO), on a panel at the annual two-day Carnegie International Non-Prolferation Conference, which ends today.

Scientists, political strategists and government officials gathered for discussions of weapons proliferation in South and East Asia, the Middle East and other parts of the world.

Samore, NSC senior director for nonproliferation and export control, said U.S. officials have been discussing several strategies that might eventually lead to a lifting of all or part of the U.S. sanctions against North Korea.

But he said concerns over the activities at a large underground facility in North Korea as well as the testing of missiles that could threaten U.S. forces in South Korea must be addressed first.

"We have made it clear to the North that if it made progress, that will result in progress overall in U.S.-North Korean relations," Samore said. He noted that U.S. strategy on the Korean peninsula is being reviewed under the direction of former Defense Secretary William Perry.

Samore acknowledged that the deal with North Korea could be improved so it would be more in the United States' interest, but he said it was the result of tough negotiations in 1993 and 1994 and North Korea will seek additional compensation for any changes.

Reiss said it is at least as hard getting consensus among KEDO participants on nonproliferation strategy as it is getting agreement with North Korea.

Richard Fieldhouse of the Senate Armed Services Committee staff outlined congressional concerns for the panel. He said if not for the crisis over the budget that led to a compromise, KEDO funding would have been axed by Congress last year.

"A lot of members ... feel they have been sold a bill of goods ... because they thought it would stop the nuclear program," Fieldhouse said.

'Body-stacking' allegations probed

HOUSTON (AP) — Harris County sheriff's deputies are investigating the county morgue and allegations that employees stacked corpses after running out of room during busy weekends.

Sheriff's department Capt. Don McWilliams said the department's internal affairs division began its investigation recently at the request of Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Joye Carter.

Officers are looking into allegations that morgue employees ran out of body trays during busy holiday weekends last year and stacked corpses atop one another.

Utility firms foresee slight Y2K impact on electrical system

WASHINGTON (AP) — Electric power companies are resolving potential computer problems at the end of the year when 1999 becomes 2000, an industry report concludes.

The review by the North American Electric Reliability Council, said there likely will be "only minimal impact" of the "nuisance" variety on electricity production and distribution.

"We don't feel there's going to be a problem keeping the lights on," Gerry Cauley, the council's program manager for the Y2K review, told a news conference Monday. But when asked whether he could guarantee a trouble-free transition into year 2000 for power companies, Cauley hedged.

"No one will stand up here and give you ... a guarantee," he said. "There's just enough uncertainty."

Utilities are spending more than $2 billion to test and prepare their computers and replace software to deal with the Y2K problem, which occurs when computers — unless software is adapted — read the year 2000 as 1900.

The electric utility industry preparedness has been a special concern of Congress and the Clinton administration since the electricity grid is tightly interconnected and a widespread distribution could have major impact.

"There is no evidence at this time that the Y2K problem will create national failures in electric power service," agreed John Koskinen, chairman of the president's Council on Year 2000.

But Energy Secretary Bill Richardson said he was concerned that a small number of companies are not expected to meet a midyear target of having all their critical systems "Y2K" ready.

"That there are no show stoppers that would threaten the nation's electricity supplies is welcome news," said Richardson. But, he added, "in the Y2K readiness league, our goal must be to have a 1.000 percent batting average."

Michael Gent, the reliability council's president, said only a few facilities will miss the June readiness target "mostly because of scheduled outages and other planning considerations."

He said he expected everyone to be ready by September when there will be a "dress rehearsal" to see how utilities react to a simulation of the end-of-year Y2K scenario.

While considerable work remains to be done, the council's report concluded that "findings continue to indicate that transmission through critical year 2000 rollover dates is expected to have minimal impact on electric system operation."

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, Jan. 13, 1999

Where your financial interests are concerned, the year ahead could be a red letter one for you. In addition, all the indications point to the fact that you could profit in the most unexpected ways.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you give equal credence to both your instincts and logic in your commercial affairs today, it could prove quite beneficial. Collectively, they'll make a dynamic duo. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) All may look your way for guidance today when the unexpected occurs. Your leadership qualities will quickly come to bear when asked either by a group or an individual.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Grateful recipients you've helped in the past will try to come to your aid today. Thus, your best chances for success will be to intertwine yourself with these types.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Regarding ways to update something you've written off as obsolete, don't ignore any bright ideas that may be permeating your thoughts today. Chances are they'll be right.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Several associates who like you may make it possible for you to accomplish something today — that up until now you've been unable to achieve. By all means, be receptive and prepared.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You're quick-witted, your judgments are keen, and you usually evaluate developments accurately, so don't get rattled should you be required to make some on-the-spot decisions today.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be alert to act swiftly today when you suspect trends are moving in your favor. Capitalizing on shifting conditions could be your greatest asset at this time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You could be luckier than usual in partnership arrangements today. It appears that alliances you establish at this time have excellent chances of achieving many collective benefits.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may discover the crucial link between two matters that are presently of great importance to you. It is highly likely that you might be able to kill two birds with one stone today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) There are some indications today that something fun may pop up at any time and you'll want to participate, so it's to your advantage to keep your social calendar as flexible as possible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Because your financial prospects look especially encouraging today, there's a strong probability that you might be able to capitalize on something others have overlooked or ignored.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) What gives you an edge over your contemporaries today will be your ability to assimilate and process information to your advantage in a quick, efficient manner.

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Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Are doctors required to give Rx info?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: When a doctor prescribes medicine, is he required to explain the purpose, make-up and side effects of the drug, if the patient requests this information?

DEAR READER: Under these circumstances, the good and prudent physician usually makes the effort to explain to the patient the reasons for prescribing the medicine, the expected results and the complications or potential side effects. I believe that this is a moral obligation. Evidently, it is becoming a legal obligation, too: Some patients have successfully sued their doctors for not providing appropriate information about prescription drugs.

Although a close-mouthed physician is probably taking a legal risk in failing to volunteer information about the medicine he or she prescribes, I am unaware of any strict professional standard that requires this form of informed consent. To me, it just seems to reflect an acceptable standard of practice in this day and age. Depending on the possible dangers of the medicine itself, some good doctors either forget to discuss the subject or believe that such a review is unnecessary. Nonetheless, I think that most physicians and surgeons will try to educate patients about medicines and procedures — out of courtesy and the desire to make them informed participants in the decision. I encourage this type of discussion.

If the doctor seems disinclined to initiate a dialogue, you — the patient — may quite properly ask questions. "Why are you giving me this?" and "What are its side effects?" are two good questions that may be beneficial to both doctor and patient.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Consumer Tips on Medicine." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10167. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Awhile back, you mentioned that cough medicine could aid a woman in getting pregnant. Would you review this for me?

DEAR READER: With pleasure. Many over-the-counter cough preparations contain guaifenesin, a substance that thins mucus to allow phlegm to be more effectively expelled.

In some women, the mucus in and around the cervix is very thick and sticky. This can provide an impenetrable barrier to sperm. Therefore, when such women use guaifenesin, the medicine thins and liquefies the cervical mucus, making fertilization more likely. I know this sounds weird, but it occasionally works. Of course, as I originally mentioned, women don't get pregnant simply by drinking cough medicine; there's a little bit more to it than that.

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U.S. steel industry faces hurdles in Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — Disappointed at President Clinton's refusal to take stronger action to block cheap steel imports, the president of the largest steelworkers union says he'll look for help in Congress.

Lawmakers from steel-producing states stand ready to aid a union that contributed more than $1 million to congressional campaigns since 1997. But even the most ardent supporters acknowledge that success will be difficult and may come too late to be useful.

"Trade is a very controversial subject in Congress," said Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., a conservative who has a large labor constituency. "There's the left that would like to see quotas, the middle that would like to see a more reasonable piece of legislation and the right who want nothing."

Sen. Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia, the Democratic chairman of the Senate steel caucus, said lawmakers from the 16 states that produce steel are not numerous enough to overcome a propensity toward free-trade policies.

"You have to assume that any getting-tougher-on-trade legislation in the Republican Congress is going to have a hard time," said Rockefeller, who had considered the White House his last bastion of hope.

On Thursday, Clinton released his plan for combating the tide of steel imports into the United States in the wake of the Asian economic crisis. Domestic steel producers and union leaders immediately derided the plan as inadequate to avert additional plant closures and layoffs.

Industry officials say the surge in imports, which reached record levels in 1998, has already resulted in at least 10,000 layoffs and a handful of company bankruptcies.

George Becker, the president of the United Steelworkers of America, said in a letter Friday to Clinton that the union now has "no choice but to work with our supporters in Congress ... to pass into law the absolutely vital relief which the administration is apparently unwilling to provide."

The union specifically wants quotas to restrict imports to pre-crisis levels. Other legislation in the works would ban imports for up to a year, clarify courts' ability to issue injunctive relief, give the industry a share of the tariffs collected from imports and ease standards for proving harm and winning cases.

Twelve steel producers and two unions already have filed trade complaints accusing Japan, Russia and Brazil of illegally dumping steel in the United States at prices dramatically below production costs.

But because rulings are not expected until the summer, the domestic industry has been pressing the Clinton administration to take more immediate action, including reviews that could lead to quotas or broad tariffs.

But passage of any legislation generally takes months or years, if ever. And then it would have to have the president's signature.

"I think there's going to be an awful lot of noise made, but ultimately we're part of a world trading system," said David Phelps, executive director for the American Institute for International Steel, which represents steel importers and exporters. "Cooler heads in the end will prevail."

Trent Duffy, a spokesman for the House Ways and Means Committee, said the release of Clinton's plan actually diminishes the chances for passing legislation.

"The president has just said he wouldn't support those protectionist types of measures that some might be seeking," Duffy said.

Clinton did offer more moderate proposals, including $300 million in tax breaks for steel producers.

The House in October passed a non-binding resolution calling for a one-year ban on imports from some countries. House members hope to build on that overwhelming majority with binding legislation, but they face obstacles from the House leadership and the administration.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Warning Signs Help Parents Identify Drug Abuse in Kids

DEAR READERS: Yesterday I printed a letter from Gen. Barry McCaffrey (Ret.), director of national drug control policy in Washington, D.C., in which he asked parents to act upon 10 New Year's Resolutions to Raise Drug-Free Kids. Space limitations prevented me from printing the warning signs he said parents should look for. Although there is no single factor for drug use, warning signs of a potential problem include:

(1) Drop in academic performance

(2) Lack of interest in personal appearance

(3) Withdrawal, isolation, depression, fatigue

(4) Aggressive, rebellious behavior

(5) Hostility and lack of cooperativeness

(6) Deteriorating relationships with family

(7) Change in friends

(8) Loss of interest in hobbies and/or sports

(9) Change in eating/sleeping habits

(10) Evidence of drugs or drug paraphernalia (e.g., needles, pipes, papers, lighters)

(11) Physical changes (e.g., runny nose not from cold, red eyes, coughing, wheezing, bruises, needle marks)

Help is available: Call this number for information: (800) 666-3332 and ask for the new Growing Up Drug Free Parents Guide. Call the hot lines for help: (800) 662-HELP or (800) 821-HELP. Or surf for information on the Web at www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov or www.health.org or www.drugfreeamerica.org.

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DEAR ABBY: Do you enjoy large, festive parties where the band is so loud you cannot hear the guest next to you speak?

We went to a very expensive black-tie wedding last week. Most of the guests left the room at various intervals throughout the evening in order to be able to converse with other guests without shouting.

The guests complained to each other about the loudness of the music, but no one felt they could speak to the host and hostess about it because they thought the loud music was their choice.

I spoke with the hostess about it today. She said she also thought the music was too loud, but she thought the guests were enjoying it.

Abby, is there anything guests can do about it? I am not complaining about music in general. It's only the very loud music I resent, which causes me to go home with a sore throat from shouting.

Do other readers agree?

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High-tech executive to investigate UFOs

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — A multimillionaire executive has resigned from the Internet firm he founded to promote his belief that many high-tech advancements — including fiber optics and lasers — come from aliens.

Joe Firmage, 28, said he decided to quit his post Friday as the chief strategist at USWeb/CKS Corp. to save the company from "public relations complications" as he pursues his investigations.

"There is a bigger picture out there than just tomorrow's stock price," Firmage said Monday. "I've had explicit confirmation that the UFO phenomenon is in fact occurring, and I'd like to be a part of this fundamental revolution in our society."

Firmage said he is willing to risk his career to publicize his theories, one of which is that many technological advancements can be traced to a purported alien spaceship crash in Roswell, N.M., in 1947.

Firmage founded Serius Corp. at age 17. The company, selling programming tools for personal computer developers, was acquired by Novell in 1993 for an estimated $24 million.

He left Novell and co-founded USWeb in 1995 with several other Novell executives. Last month the company merged with CKS Group Inc. to form a company with $260 million in annual revenue.

Firmage said his priorities shifted 15 months ago, after an encounter at his Los Gatos, Calif., home with a "remarkable being, clothed in brilliant white light ..."

"I don't call them aliens. I call them teachers," he said.

Since that experience, Firmage has been investigating and publicizing what he says is the existence of UFO phenomena.

Reportedly known as the "Fox Mulder of Silicon Valley" — after the alien-chasing FBI agent from the TV series "The X-Files" — Firmage has published a 600-page manifesto, titled "The Truth."

So far, he says the pursuit has cost him $3 million and quite possibly his reputation as a savvy high-tech businessman.

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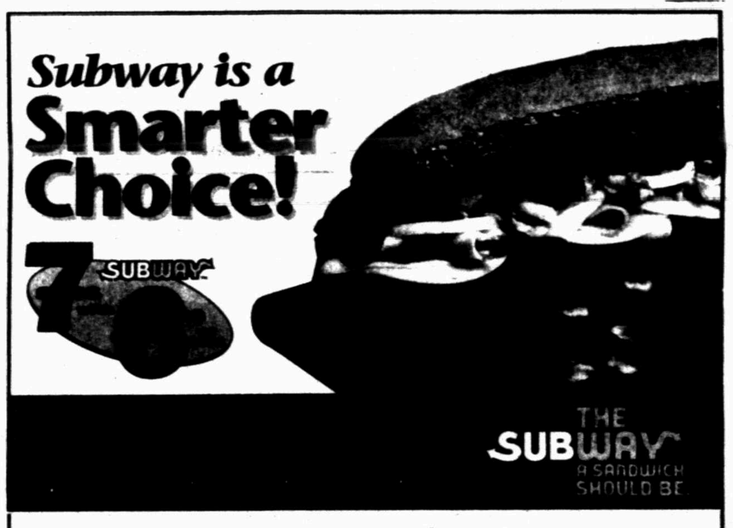
The Psalmist wrote, "What is man that Thou art mindful of him? .. For Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and has crowned him with glory and honour" (Psalm 8:4-5). While doing mission work in Cranberra, Australia, we often went to Red Hill in the midst of the capital city for night time devotionals. We were surrounded by the lights of over 100,000 souls. Then we looked up to the beautiful heavens above and saw the moon and stars, "forever singing as they shine, the hand that made us is divine."

We were reminded of the glory and greatness of God. "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth His handiwork" (Psalm 19:1). The works of creation proclaim to all the world that there is an infinite being (Romans 1:20). Even from the hilltop in Australia we were made to realize how great God really is!



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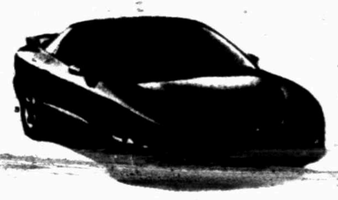

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Texas Legislature convenes today

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Legislature convened today for its 76th biennial session.

The House and Senate came to order at noon.

In the Senate, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, who's retiring next week after more than four decades in public service, presided. He will be succeeded by Rick Perry, the first Republican elected to that post in state history.

House members were expected to elect Hale Center farmer Pete Laney, a Democrat, to a fourth term as speaker.

Among items on the lawmakers' agenda for the 140-day session are tax cut proposals offered by Republican Gov. George W. Bush, who will be inaugurated next week for a second term.

Bush wants to reduce school property taxes by $2 billion, cut sales taxes by about $400 million and reduce business taxes by about $300 million.

Two years ago, an ice storm preceded lawmakers traveling to Austin for their every-other-year session. This time, forecasters were predicting a warmer-than-usual day with temperatures peaking in the mid-70s.

It's one more reason to celebrate for lawmakers who have extra money to spend — although not as much as there are plans to spend it — and for businesses that see their finances boosted by the influx of people accompanying the lawmaking session.

"Our occupancy at the hotels in Austin definitely sees a rise during the legislative years," and other businesses benefit, too, said Gwen Spain of the Austin Convention and Visitors Bureau.

"It's just a very nice busy kind of added buzz time of year when the Legislature convenes."

Joni Witt, director of sales and marketing for the historic Driskill, said the downtown hotel sees a dramatic jump in occupancy during the legislative session. About a 20 percent increase is expected.

"There are several dates in January, February and March that are already sold out ... The hotel itself, since opening in 1886, has taken part in the creation of many Texas traditions," she said. "LBJ and Lady Bird had their first date here."

Art Aubry, owner of Shooting Star Photography, is looking forward to the Legislature's return and to next week's inaugural celebration.

"I was so thankful when the governor got inaugurated last time, I almost renamed the place George W. Bush Photography. I sold every roll of film in the house," he said.

Donna Taylor, owner of Little City Espresso Bar and Cafe, said her shop typically gets a lot busier as lawmakers return — and she began noticing a difference as the Legislature leaned more to the GOP in the last legislative session.

Republicans have narrowed the gap in the Democratic-majority house, and they have a Senate majority.

"They don't tip as well, and they don't spend as much money. It was really funny," she said.

Those conservative Republicans and other lawmakers are getting a price break from Austin, with free parking at city meters and free passes to city parks, including golf courses. The mayor says the benefits show a commitment to working with the Legislature.

Obituaries

Wayne Parmer

1939-1999

ROSWELL, N.M. — Wayne Parmer, a former resident of Snyder, died Sunday, Jan. 10, in Eastern New Mexico Medical Center.

Funeral service for Mr. Parmer, 59, is set for 1 p.m. Wednesday in the LaGrone Funeral Home Chapel. Dr. Bobby Renfro, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will officiate. Interment will follow in South Park Cemetery.

Born May 12, 1939, he married Jan Summers on Sept. 23, 1988 in Roswell.

Mr. Parmer had been a resident of Roswell the past eight years, and was a retired jailier for the Roswell Police Department. A U.S. Army veteran, he was a member of the First Baptist Church in Snyder.

He was preceded in death by his father, B. W. Parmer.

Survivors include his wife Jan Parmer of Roswell; four sons, Mike Parmer of Snyder, Mathew Wemken of Roswell, Jim Parmer of Roswell and Roger Smith of Woodland Hills, Calif.; four daughters, Carmen Farley of Cleveland, Tenn., Karen Wemken and Tara Wemken, both of Roswell, and Carol Santillan of El Paso; his mother, Velma Parmer of Kerens; a brother, Bobby Parmer of Iraan; a sister, Wanda Smallwood of Kerens; 17 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorial to the American Cancer Society.

Dollie Smith

1915-1999

LUBBOCK — Dollie Smith, the mother of Barbara York of Gail, died Monday, Jan. 11, at her home in Lubbock.

Funeral service for Mrs. Smith, 83, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Sanders Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Ken Stanton, minister of the Highland Baptist Church, will officiate, and burial will follow in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park.

Born Oct. 8, 1915 in Baird, she graduated from high school in Altus, Okla. She married L.D. "Bud" Smith on Nov. 25, 1933 in Olustee, Okla. He died in 1997.

Mrs. Smith moved to Lubbock in 1949 and worked for the Lubbock ISD for 20 years. She was a member of the Naomi Sunday School Class of Highland Baptist Church.

Survivors include three other daughters, Allena Mason and Lou Clark, both of Lubbock, and Wanda Holden of Farmers Branch; three sons, Richard Smith of Coleman and Jimmy Smith and Orval Smith, both of Lubbock; a sister, Bessie Parker of Wilmington, Del.; 18 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Cargill

1916-1999

ABILENE — EmmaLee Cargill, the mother of Hubert Martin of Snyder, died Sunday, Jan. 10, in an Abilene hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Cargill, 82, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Allen-Korzenewski Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. David Page will officiate and burial will follow in Elmwood Memorial Park.

Born in Coleman County, she married Marvin E. Cargill who died in 1974. Mrs. Cargill was a retired nurse and homemaker. She was a member of the Eastside Baptist Church in Haskell and a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

Survivors include three other sons, Dr. Donn Martin of Arlington, Jack R. Martin of Amarillo and Ronnie Martin of Abilene; a stepson, Joe Martin of Arizona; four daughters, Shirlene Haley of Anson, Betty Weaver and [illegible] of Abilene and Wanda Jean Hilgreen of Eula; four sisters, Opal McEachern and Jessie Cain of Abilene, Doyce Owen of Fort Worth and Nell Bleeker of Muleshoe; 28 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Wilburn Gotcher

1928-1999

SWEETWATER — Wilburn G. Gotcher, the brother of Wanda Rinehart of Snyder, died Sunday, Jan. 10, in an Abilene hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Gotcher, 70, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with the Revs. Dan Burrow and Truman Davis officiating. Burial will follow in the Brookshire Cemetery.

Mr. Gotcher married Emogene Eades on July 14, 1945 in Snyder.

Mr. Gotcher had worked as a heavy equipment operator for Sweetwater Sand and Gravel for many years. A 50-year resident of Sweetwater, he was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother.

Survivors also include his wife, Emogene Gotcher of Sweetwater; a son, Wayne Gotcher of Abilene; four daughters, Deborah Wisdom of Fort Worth, Carla Gotcher, Elyon Gotcher and Bonita Harris, all of Sweetwater, and Zandra Moore of Texarkana; two brothers, Bill Gotcher and Nealon Gotcher, both of Sweetwater; 14 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

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WTC set for changes

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situation of Scurry County would also be taken into account.

In other reports, Patricia Claxton, director of fiscal services briefed trustees on possible upcoming issues in the business office, including the need for new copiers and the possibility of creating a central copy center.

The board also heard a report from Albert Conde, director of physical plant, on future maintenance needs, including new brick work around campus and much-needed repairs on the college's apartments.

McQueen added that WTC is checking into the possibility of new signage around campus.

"We would like to get away from the 2C, 7D, and 2B and name the buildings according to what is being taught there."

George Cormack, dean of student services, announced that a proposal for a men's baseball program and a women's softball program is expected to be ready by the first of February.

"I am very excited about that prospect," Cormack said.

He also briefed the board on other student activities scheduled for the spring semester.

Britt Canada, director of technology, reported that WTC has made great technological strides during the past semester.

"Activity in the area of technology has centered around the campus network, distance learning, Year 2000 software compliance and training," he said.

He added that WTC is on schedule in its Y2K efforts.

Dr. Jim Palmer, dean of instruction, and Mike Thornton, dean of continuing education, also gave reports to the board on activities in their departments. Dr. Palmer said WTC has been approached about expansion of the concurrent enrollment program with public schools.

Thornton said WTC had been awarded a pilot program to provide distance learning in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice units in Colorado City. If successful, the program could be extended throughout Texas' entire prison system.

In other activity, the board approved three requests for tuition and fee variances for workforce education classes.

It also gave administrators the go-ahead to seek bids for the construction of golf cart sheds.

The planned Feb. 11 open house for the Workforce Education Center will be expanded to include all campus facilities.

Dr. Kidd presided and all trustees were present to include Peterson, Bullard, R.C. Patton, Jackie Greene, Carolyn Barbee and Lee Presswood.

Chamber to plan Snyder job fair

Plans for a job fair in Snyder was put in motion at Monday's chamber of commerce board meeting.

Mike Thornton, dean of continuing education at Western Texas College, will head the planning committee which includes Michael Rodriquez and Dr. Melissa Jones.

It is hoped that a large number of employers will take part in the job fair, said Thornton.

No time has been set for the event, but chamber officials are wanting it as soon as possible.

The chamber is asking for volunteers from every aspect of the workforce in the area to be involved by bringing their needs or suggestions to the committee.

In other business, the board approved a request from the Scurry County Rodeo Association for $2,500 in hotel/motel tax money to promote the annual rodeo in Snyder.

The board also approved funds for a third chamber staffer to attend a chamber of commerce school in Austin next week.

Executive Director Donna Fowler will attend the meeting, as will Sandra Barbosa and Linda Sellars.

Tony Scott's Subway Sandwich Shop was recognized as business of the month, and David Holt was welcomed as a new individual member.

The board also discussed numerous activities scheduled this month in Snyder, including the Snyder FFA Chapter Show on Jan. 16; Tri-State Chemical meeting, Jan. 19; Scurry County Livestock Show, Jan. 20-23; Harlem Globetrotters, Jan. 26, WTC basketball games Jan. 14, 21 and 28.

Attending were Fowler, Barbosa, Thornton, Dr. Jones, Wade Hatter, Jack Whitworth, Rodriquez, Helen McLeod, Paula McWilliams, Dr. Marty Akins, Elois Pruitt, Keith Hackfeld, Mark Cypert and Trent Driggers.

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4-H Horse Club meeting

The Scurry County 4-H Horse Club will meet at 7 this evening in the East Elementary School cafeteria.

AARP board

The AARP board will meet at 9 a.m. Wednesday at Marie Armstrong's residence at 3209 Houston Ave.

Library storytime change

Beginning this month, Storytime for 4-5-year-olds at the Scurry County Library will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays.

Ira booster club

The Ira Booster Club will meet at 8:15 p.m. Wednesday in the school cafeteria. The business meeting will include plans for the sports banquet.

Cancer Society board meeting

Directors of the Scurry County unit of the American Cancer Society will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday in the Cogdell Hospital board room. Persons interested in helping organize the Relay for Life are invited.

Support groups

Four different support groups meet Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. The groups include divorce recovery, cancer-grief support group, a group for parents of teens and a group for adult-children caring for elderly parents.

Masonic Lodge meeting

Snyder Masonic Lodge No. 706 will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the lodge hall to work in the EA Degree.

Gold Coat luncheon

The Snyder Gold Coat luncheon will be held at noon Friday at the Spanish Inn.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "The Two Elements of Coming to Christ," followed by "Giving Your Child Roots and Wings."

Parkinson's Disease support group

The Parkinson's Disease community support group will meet next Tuesday from 10 until 11:30 a.m. at the Cogdell Memorial Hospital board room. Guest speaker will be Loretta Lee, speech/language pathologist.

Weigh Down Workshop

A new weight-loss class with a spiritual emphasis will be over 12 weeks in the 37th Street Church of Christ Family Center. The class will meet from 5:30 to 7 p.m. each Monday starting Jan. 25. For more information call 573-9688 or 573-5774.

Ira Bulldog annual

Ira's 1999 Bulldog annuals are on sale until Jan. 26, the last time they will be offered this school year. The cost is $26 with name on cover or $22 without. Contact Becky Hudgins at the school. Only a few are left.

1998 First Methodist cookbook

The First United Methodist Church's 1998 cookbook, compiled by the Angel Seekers Sunday School Class and dedicated to the memory of Ruby Anderson, can be purchased at the church or Classic Interiors. The cost is $10 and all proceeds benefit the Lord's Acre projects.

Windbreak trees

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District is selling windbreak trees. Both evergreens and hardwoods are available. Call 573-6317, or come by the office at 5309 Big Spring Highway.

Adult education classes

Adult basic education classes that can lead to a GED are underway at Western Texas College. Students may enroll at any time in Room 209 of the WTC library. Both day and evening sessions are held Tuesday and Thursday. Call 573-8511, Ext. 322, for more information.

Pick 3

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

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

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