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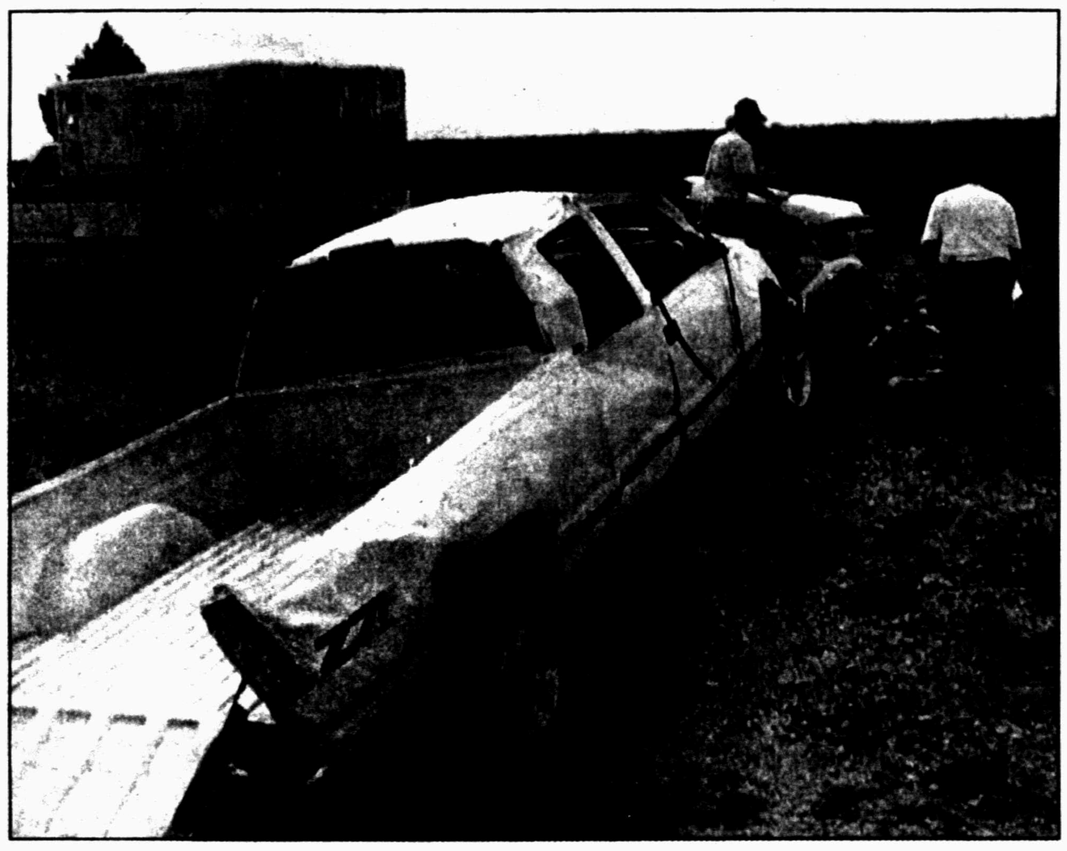

ROLLOVER — Fred Lu of Angleton escaped serious injury around noon Tuesday as the 1998 Chevrolet pickup he was driving overturned on Highway 84, just east of Snyder. Lu was transported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Memorial Hospital where he was hospitalized overnight. The 20-year-old man told investigating DPS trooper Bill Blackley that he fell asleep and lost control of the vehicle. (SDN Staff Photo)

Snyder population 10,783...

Census reflects drop of 1,412 city residents

The 2000 census indicates the present population of Snyder parallels the population of Scurry County as far as the decline in the number of residents.

Snyder has lost 1,412 residents since the 1990 census – a drop of 11.5 percent.

The county's population dipped 12.2 percent over the last 10 years, according to the census figures.

The present population of Snyder is 10,783, down from the 1990 total of 12,195.

The county's population is now 16,361, down from 18,634.

Broken down into ethnic groups, preliminary census data shows percentage of whites is 79 percent, while in 1990 it was 74 percent. The percentage of Hispanics also has grown, showing 31 in the 2000 census percent, while in 1990 it was 27 percent.

The percentage of black residents remains below 1 percent.

However, there is no apparent explanation for the 110 percent total for racial breakdown in the census numbers.

The drop in the county and city's population was not unexpected, but the totals were more than some had anticipated.

"The drop is a little more than we expected," said John DeLille, executive director of the Development Corporation of Snyder.

"I feel the population loss came when oil was $9 a barrel, and we were in the third year of a drought," said DeLille.

But DeLille said those things have changed.

"We have jobs available here that are going unfilled now," said DeLille.

"I think it all boils down to the classic struggle between the bright lights of the big cities, and small town living," said DeLille.

DeLille noted last week's announcement by Oxy Permian to begin a $30 million-plus CO2 project in the county is a breath of fresh air for the area, and indicates there is still life in the Scurry County oil fields.

"The struggle between rural and urban areas is an issue that will not go away for awhile," DeLille added.

DeLille said we've all read stories about city residents chucking the fast lanes of the city to move to the country, but he added that it certainly has not happened en masse – yet.

"Economic developers feel there will eventually be an exodus to the rural areas, but that may be 50 years from now," said DeLille.

City Manager John Gayle said he concurred with DeLille's reasoning about Snyder losing population, but he questions whether the census data is correct.

"I knew it would be down, but I did not feel it would be down as much as the census says," said Gayle.

"We've had Lorber locate here, we've had a prison expansion since the last census...I just feel the figures may not be accurate," said Gayle.

Gayle said that he hopes the census bureau will re-examine the figures for this area, and all rural areas.

Population figures are important because federal and state agencies uses the numbers as part of formula in doling out money, and they are used to determine the number of state and federal representatives.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Friends should be picked – but not to pieces."

Every time we get an inquiry about Scurry County history, we turn to Aline Parks for help.

As president of the local historical commission, Aline also gets requests for information from various places.

A request from Houston inquiring about the White Buffalo asked if the shooting of one actually happened, or was it a mere myth.

In answering inquiries, Aline often turns to a 1937 edition of the Scurry County Times. The Golden Anniversary edition was reprinted by the Museum Association in 1971.

Here are a few of the facts found on the front page:

—J. Wright Mooar owns the only white buffalo hide in the U.S. Only seven white buffalo are know to have been killed in all of America. J. Wright and John Mooar (his brother) made the first wagon tracks in Scurry County in October, 1876.

—In 1883, one year before the county was organized, Scurry County had six churches.

—Snyder's population in 1890 was 1,415. Snyder had an official population of 2,514 in 1910.

—In 1912, Snyder had a model opera house.

—In the first cotton gin built in the county in 1893, cotton was thrown into the gin stands by baskets.

—The first light plant built in Snyder in1909 was to run a picture show, and not to sell electricity.

—Snyder, with 13 organized study clubs, is said to have more women's clubs for its size than any other Texas city.

—John Daugherty was the only man to be hanged in Scurry County. Some say hanged to a hackberry, some say mesquite. So the correct tree is probably hackberry-mesquite.

—Woodson Stimson sold the first Chrysler in Texas to W. W. Gross. Both men were Snyder residents.

—The Texas Almanac gives the area of Scurry County as 887 square miles, while the soil survey of Scurry County says 910 miles. Shifting sand dunes might have given us new unclaimed territory the last few years.

—When Lt. Col. Robert E. Lee was winning his spurs on the Texas border back in 1856 looking for Indians, he followed the Marcy trail to where Snyder is now located. He camped at Camp Springs and Dowell. Lee said in his report that this section of Texas was "unsuited to farming, would never be anything but prairie and ravines."

And hearty Scurry County souls have been proving Robert E. Long wrong for almost 150 years.

Navy investigates bombing accident that killed six people

WASHINGTON (AP) — Questions about the bombing range accident in Kuwait that killed six people are focusing on whether blame rests with the Navy pilot who dropped the bombs or the air controller on the ground who was responsible for directing the strike, or both, defense officials say.

The pilot, an experienced squadron commander, had received the go-ahead from a U.S. forward air controller who then called out "abort, abort" in a belated attempt to wave off the misplaced strike.

U.S. officials speaking Tuesday on condition of anonymity said the controller told the pilot as he approached, "Cleared, hot," which is an unambiguous instruction to release the bombs. Seconds later, apparently realizing a mistake had been made, the controller called, "abort, abort," but it was too late.

It was not clear whether the controller was among those killed.

The U.S. Central Command, which is responsible for American military operations in the Persian Gulf area, appointed a three-star general to lead an investigation.

The father of an Army sergeant killed in the accident said Wednesday he is not interested in placing blame, but wants officials to concentrate on fixing problems that lead to training accidents.

"There's a problem somewhere in our training and I think we need to find out what the problem is and get it solved before we lose more people," Mike Freligh of Gosnell, Ark., said on CBS' "The Early Show."

He suggested there has been too much carelessness in training, "but I am also in hopes that with the new administration, things will change. ... I want to know that the training these people are getting is good training and that there is a lot of safety involved. There's too many accidents happening and it starts at the top. The unfortunate thing is that innocent people are being killed. ... There's a cancer somewhere in the system. We've got to find out the cure and get it fixed."

Freligh said he does not think the pilot of the plane that dropped the bombs should be held accountable. "I feel very, very much grief for the pilot of this plane and I'm not looking for blame," he said. "What I'm looking for is a solution to the problem."

Hermleigh ISD delays action on teacher contracts for next year

Hermleigh ISD's school trustees delayed action on approval of teacher contracts during Tuesday night's board meeting, but the item is expected to be on the agenda at a called meeting next week.

"We're still looking at options for next year," said Supt. Jerry Church. "We presented the board with a wealth of information last night and we spent most of the meeting time discussing our options."

The district is faced with a declining enrollment and a declining tax base.

The school is currently staffed for around 150 students, and only 114 are enrolled.

In action items, trustees approved the food cooperative purchasing agreement, which enables the co-op to buy cafeteria food as reduced prices. The co-op operates through the Region 9 Service Center in Wichita Falls, and Region 14 in Abilene.

The trustees also approved the annual textbook committee report, and appointed Donald Tate as the election judge for the May 5 election.

The terms of Sherene Digby and David Higgins expire, but neither has filed for re-election. The last day to file is March 21.

NEW LOOK — Scurry County Jail "orange crew" worker Jessie Medrano paints the monkey bars at West Elementary. Sunny skies have made it possible for the outside jail crew to do various projects around town. (SDN Staff Photo)

ASK US

Q—How are grand jurors selected?

A—By a jury commission appointed by the district judge. Jurors are chosen from the entire county population. A 20-member grand jury panel is selected and the first 12 qualified are impaneled.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 71 degrees; low, 40; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 53; no precipitation; total for 2001, 4.13 inches.

Area Forecast; Tonight, mostly clear. Low 35-40, NW wind 10-20 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy, high around 60, NW wind, 10-20 mph. Thursday night, mostly cloudy, low 30-35.

Krystal Guerrero
Cloudy

Sunset:
6:52 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:55 a.m.
Of 72 days in 2001, the sun has shone 63 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Behold the turtle. He makes progress only when he sticks his neck out.
—James B. Conant

MAR 14 2001

X-ray telescope sees many black holes across heavens

WASHINGTON (AP) — The early universe teemed with supermassive black holes spewing X-rays across the heavens, according to data from an orbiting telescope that picked up images from far, far away and long, long ago.

The Chandra X-ray telescope, in a study that focused on small sections of the sky for days-long exposures, has captured faint X-rays streaming from black holes up to 12 billion light-years away, astronomers said Tuesday.

"The Chandra data show us that giant black holes were much more active in the past than at present," said Riccardo Giacconi, a Johns Hopkins University astronomer.

"If you look at the sky with X-ray eyes, you see almost nothing but black holes," said Bruce Margon, a professor of astronomy at the University of Washington, Seattle.

Black holes, once the imaginings only of theorists, are now thought by most astronomers to exist by the hundreds of billions — from supermassive ones at the gravitational core of most galaxies, to smaller ones that are the remains of collapsed stars.

The Chandra study, experts say, confirms theories by showing that the early universe was dominated by supermassive black holes, most at the center of galaxies containing billions of stars.

Black holes are single points of extreme density forming gravitational fields so strong that nothing, not even light, can escape. Extremely powerful black holes at the center of galaxies can have a mass one million to 100 billion times that of the sun concentrated at a point not much bigger than the Earth. Stellar black holes, formed from collapsed stars, are much smaller, down to three solar masses, and can have a core only a few miles across.

Since they allow no light to escape their centers, black holes are detected by the effect that they have on surrounding gas, dust and stars. Before matter is pulled into the center of a black hole, it is accelerated to near the speed of light, creating millions of degrees of heat and sending out streams of X-rays.

To survey for black holes, the Chandra's X-ray telescope conducted what are called deep field studies. The telescope stared at small sections of the sky for exposures of up to a half million seconds to collect X-rays from nearby and very faint radiation from as far away as 12 billion light-years. A light-year is the distance light travels in one year — about 6 trillion miles.

In effect, Chandra is looking at the X-ray universe as it existed up to 12 billion years ago.

"We were able to use X-rays to look back to a time when normal galaxies were several billion years younger," said Ann Hornschemeier, a Pennsylvania State University astronomer. "We find the sky is dominated by supermassive black holes."

Supermassive black holes in the early universe, she said, shined brighter than do the younger, closer black holes, such as the one in the Milky Way, the sun's home galaxy.

"We detected a galaxy that is like the Milky Way was five billion years ago," Hornschemeier said. "It was more luminous. There were more black holes then and they were more energetic."

If the density of images found in the Chandra deep field study is the same throughout the universe, then there are about 300 million supermassive black holes within range of the telescope, she said.

Theorists believe that black holes, of all descriptions, could possibly number in the hundreds of billions, Margon said. This would include all sizes of active black holes and perhaps hundreds of millions that are inactive. When black holes absorb all the dust, gas and stars within their gravitational reach, they become inactive and invisible to astronomers.

"Black holes can eat, but they can't hunt," said Margon.

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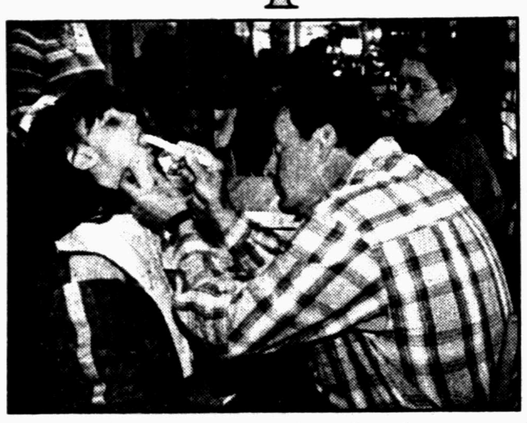

Dr. Jay W. Kidd took part in a dental screening at Stanfield Elementary, assisted by school nurse Angel Duncan. Amber Diaz (left photo) and Emily Atwood (right photo) are pre-kindergarten students. Local dentists conduct the examinations during February, which is Dental Hygiene Month. Dr. Mike Dunham goes to West; Dr. Judith Dunham, Northeast; Dr. David Hensley, East; and Dr. John Best, Central. Chris Bane, school nurse, also assists with the screenings. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Two girls are charged with trying to drown classmate

FORT PIERCE, Fla. (AP) — Two 12-year-old girls were charged with trying to drown a classmate who refused to lend her swim mask and flippers.

The unidentified girls face attempted murder and robbery charges, St. Lucie County police said. One was arrested Tuesday and the other was arrested the previous evening.

Witnesses said Rebecca Nicole Maines, 12, was swimming in a lake near her home Monday afternoon when the two girls asked her for the mask and flippers. When Maines refused, they jumped in the water, grabbed Maines' gear and began beating her.

Maines told police the girls shoved her head underwater. A witness, Hosea Rivers, 16, jumped in, separated the girls and pulled Maines out of the water.

Rivers told authorities he had to pull Maines out of the water a short time later when the girls attacked her again.

A police report said Maines had cuts and bruises all over her body.

David Capps, the father of one of the alleged attackers, said his daughter appeared for a court hearing Tuesday and was prohibited from leaving her house for 21 days.

St. Lucie County officials refused to disclose whether the other girl was being held early today.

25 undocumented immigrants found

McALLEN (AP) — Officials at the border checkpoint in Falfurrias found 25 undocumented Mexican immigrants mixed in with a load of watermelons in an airtight refrigerated trailer.

The discovery marks the fourth time this month that checkpoint border officials have found a large group of immigrants in an 18-wheeler.

U.S. Border Patrol officials say they found the immigrants shivering in near freezing temperatures when contraband-sniffing dogs honed in on the truck.

Trailer distributors said that aside from the cold, the group risked suffocation.

Officials also found a Houston-bound team of tractor-trailers carrying 41 immigrants in Sarita.

Agents at the same checkpoint found 78 immigrants hiding behind a load of rotten grapefruits March 7, and 50 stuffed into another tractor-trailer March 1.

Prince Charles plays DJ at youth center

LONDON (AP) — The Prince of Wales is now king of the turntables.

Prince Charles played disc jockey Tuesday as he visited a center for homeless youth supported by his Prince of Wales Trust.

The 52-year-old heir to the throne tried his hand at "scratching" on the turntables while at the Centrepoint shelter in London.

"Dig that crazy rhythm," the prince exclaimed as he blended DJ Dee Kline's dance hit "I Don't Smoke" with "Little Man" by Long Lost Brother.

Pressing a set of earphones to his head he added: "Are you insane?"

Afterward, the teen-agers expressed their approval.

"He's got big hands which are very important for mixing," said an 18-year-old who gave his name as Darren.

"He told us William was a big fan of this kind of thing, but if Charles got a set of decks in his bedroom I think he could show his children a thing or two."

On Monday night, celebrities including Sting, Mick Jagger and Sir Elton John attended a party to celebrate the 25th anniversary of The Prince's Trust, which helps disadvantaged young people with education, training and starting their own businesses.

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RESULTS

Cash Five

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

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Pick 3

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

9-1-6

Date Book

Wednesday, March 14, 2001

Today is the 73rd day of 2001 and the 84th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1891, Idaho adopted its official state seal, which was designed by Emma Sarah Edwards. It was the first state seal designed by a woman.

On this day in 1940, "My Little Chickadee," a comedy starring W.C. Fields and Mae West, began showing in movie theaters.

On this day in 1964, the first televised courtroom verdict was handed down. Judge Joseph Brown of the 3rd Criminal District Court of Dallas County sentenced Jack Ruby to death for the murder of Lee Harvey Oswald.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Lucy Hobbs Taylor (1867-1910), dentist-rights activist; Albert Einstein (1879-1955), physicist; Frank Borman (1928-), astronaut-airline executive, is 73; Michael Caine (1933-), actor, is 68; Quincy Jones (1933-), musician-composer, is 68; Wes Unseld (1946-), basketball player-coach, is 55; Billy Crystal (1947-), comedian-actor, is 54; Kirby Puckett (1961-), baseball player, is 40.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1967, the Baltimore Colts picked Michigan State defensive end Bubba Smith in the first NFL-AFL draft.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Concern for man and his fate must always form the chief interest of all technical endeavors." — Albert Einstein

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (March 9) and last quarter (March 16).

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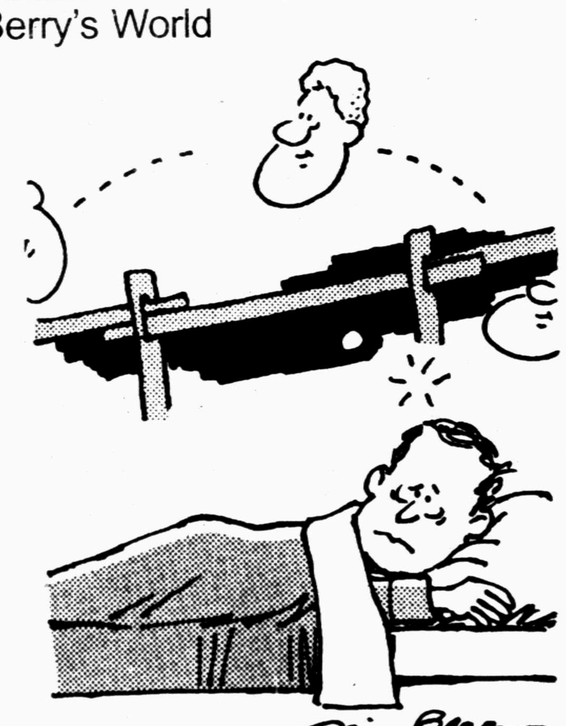

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Tuesday highlights from Texas Legislature

AUSTIN (AP) — The Senate gave final approval Tuesday to a bill banning anyone under 18 from riding in the open bed of a pickup truck in most circumstances.

Exceptions would be allowed for parades, riding on private roads or farms and driving on a beach.

The Senate gave preliminary approval to the bill Monday after heated debate. The bill now goes to the House, where supporters hope they can drive it to success.

PROSECUTING RAPE

There would be no time limit for prosecuting rape suspects for cases in which DNA evidence has been found if a bill approved by the House becomes law.

In rape cases without DNA evidence, the bill by Rep. Tony Goolsby extends the statute of limitations from five to 10 years.

Goolsby, R-Dallas, said the current law was fashioned decades ago when prosecution of rape cases was based largely on witness accounts. The law should be changed to reflect the increasing use of DNA in prosecution, he said.

About one in three women will be sexually assaulted in her lifetime, Goolsby said, but only an estimated 16 percent of those cases are reported.

"Women don't deserve to be treated that way," Goolsby said. "Women deserve this extra attention that we're trying to give them."

The bill now heads for a Senate committee.

MEDICAL PRIVACY

Health entities would be banned from sharing patient data with marketers or advertisers without prior consent and consumers would be able to inspect their own medical records under a bill approved by the Senate and Business Commerce Committee.

The Texas Medical Privacy Act by Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, also gives patients the right to sue to stop the release of information and gives patients the right to know how entities use their medical information.

Nelson has said her bill is needed because technology has made sensitive medical and prescription records more accessible than they've ever been, leaving consumers floating in a fish bowl to be preyed upon by marketers and judged by insurance companies and employers.

The bill goes to the Senate.

CHARACTER EDUCATION

Texas school children are not learning enough about good character at home so schools should be encouraged to teach good morals in the classroom, three lawmakers say.

Reps. Dianne Delisi, R-Temple, Barry Telford, D-De Kalb, and Phil King, R-Weatherford, each presented character education legislation to the House Public Education Committee.

The committee passed a version of the bill that comprises all three lawmakers' ideas. It now moves to the House.

The bill encourages districts to integrate good character lessons into all school activities and classes. The bills encourage the teaching of things such as honesty, integrity and good citizenship.

Walnut Hill Elementary School Principal JoAnn Hughes says that her suburban Dallas district has been teaching character since 1996 without any complaints from parents.

THE PHONE'S FOR YOU

A House committee approved a state-maintained "no-call" list for consumers who don't want to hear from telemarketers. The list would be maintained by the Public Utility Commission, which could penalize telemarketers who break the rules.

TEACHERS TREK TO CAPITOL

Hundreds of teachers took advantage of spring break and descended on the Capitol to lobby for state-funded school employee health insurance.

Chanting and holding signs that said "Health insurance as good the governor's," they rallied for a statewide health plan comparable to that offered state workers, including Gov. Rick Perry. The Texas Federation of Teachers organized the event.

Supportive lawmakers urged the teachers to get inside the Capitol to convince other legislators to back a health plan.

"Everybody can talk about education until they're blue in the face. But if we believe it, we better write the check," said Rep. Jose Menendez, D-San Antonio.

HATE CRIMES VIGIL

Religious leaders from several faiths gathered at the Capitol to show solidarity with victims of hate crimes and to urge passage of a stronger hate crimes law.

"A hate crime is terrorism. A hate crime is full of intended victimization," said Cantor Neil Blumofe of the Congregation Agudas Achim, leading the Texas Faith Network service.

Bills have been introduced in the state House and Senate to create the James Byrd Hate Crimes Act, named for a black man who was dragged to his death behind a pickup truck in Jasper in 1998.

Three white supremacists were convicted of capital murder. Two are awaiting execution and the third is serving life in prison.

The proposed legislation would enhance penalties for crimes motivated by various factors, including race, religion, color, disability, sexual orientation, national origin or ancestry.

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

"It's a common sense amendment. Even I understand it." — Sen. Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi, on the failed "Hayride Amendment" to the ban on children under 18 riding in the back of pickup trucks.

Poll: Nation generally approves of Bush

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than half of Americans generally approve of the job President Bush is doing and agree with his plans for the budget surplus, says a new poll.

That support tends to slip away, however, when they're asked more specific questions on his proposals, from the fairness of his tax cut to the approval of drilling for oil and gas in the Arctic to the idea of giving government money to less mainstream religious groups, according to the CBS-New York Times poll.

The poll highlights public opinion trends that were evident through much of the presidential campaign — Americans tend to like Bush better than they like some of his policies.

For example, six in 10 approve of the job Bush is doing and almost that many say they approve of his plans for the surplus.

But when they're asked specifically about the fairness of his tax cut plan, 38 percent said it is fair to all Americans and 56 percent said it mostly benefits the rich. The split was about the same on whether or not people expect the tax cut to make a significant difference for them — 39 percent said it will and 54 percent said it would not.

By a 2-1 margin, people said that protecting the environment is more important than producing energy and almost six in 10 said they oppose drilling for oil and gas in the protected Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

By a 4-1 margin, people approve of mandatory testing to determine how well a school is doing. But when asked whether federal money should be taken from schools where students test poorly, people were opposed by more than two to one.

On the question of funneling government money to religious organizations to provide social services, people thought it was a good idea by a two-to-one margin.

But when they were asked whether government money should also go to religious groups like the Nation of Islam, the Church of Scientology and the Hare Krishnas, they thought by a 2-1 margin that it was a bad idea.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Erroneous tax tip may send taxpayers in wrong direction

DEAR ABBY: I am responding to the letter from "Tax Tips From a Professional," who offered some helpful income tax filing suggestions. The tax preparer made some excellent points.

However, point No. 7 was incorrect. The Internal Revenue Service no longer issues "temporary" Individual Tax Identification Numbers (ITIN). The process for securing a permanent ITIN is as follows: Complete application form W-7 and take the completed form to the local Internal Revenue Service office along with two forms of identification. The local IRS office will forward your application to the Philadelphia Service Center for processing. They generally issue the ITIN within four to six weeks.

Abby, please inform your readers as soon as possible to avoid the rush at the IRS offices from people attempting to take advantage of this erroneous data. Thank you. — **ANNE HAMILTON DAYE, TAX RESOLUTION REPRESENTATIVE, IRS, DURHAM, N.C.**

DEAR ANNE: Thank you for correcting the erroneous information in "Tax Tips From a Professional's" letter. I am grateful — and I'm sure my readers will be, too.

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DEAR ABBY: I am in my last semester of graduate school. I am also in the midst of planning a June wedding. I already have contracts with the caterer, florist, photographer, etc., but my mother still complains about "loose ends." We have agreed on almost everything — except for one thing: the wedding night.

My mother says that after the wedding reception, the bride and groom "traditionally" go back to the mother-of-the-bride's house to say thank you. After that, we can be free to go to our hotel room.

Abby, my wedding reception will end around 10 p.m. My mother's house is 30 minutes in the opposite direction. The flight to our honeymoon destination leaves at 9 o'clock the following morning. If we go from the reception to my mother's house, we won't get to the hotel until after midnight. My fiance thinks this is another way Mother is trying to control me.

Have you ever heard of my mother's "tradition"? — **WHAT'S UP WITH MOM?**

DEAR WHAT'S UP: No, I haven't. I think your fiance is on to something. Take your mother aside at the reception and thank her profusely for all she has done. Then put on your running shoes and head for the hotel.

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DEAR ABBY: Our neighbors have built a chicken coop along the fence that separates our back yards. They have eight chickens and roosters running around inside. It is a split-rail fence so all the "critters," feed bags and other equipment can be seen through the chicken wire.

These neighbors are also friends. The wife baby-sits for us and we have daily contact. We feel they should have asked us if the chickens bothered us; however, it is all on their property.

Abby, we don't know whether to put up a solid fence along that section, plant some bushes, or just forget about it. What would you do? — **TOO CHICKEN TO SPEAK UP**

DEAR TOO CHICKEN: Your neighbors sound like a flock of good people. Be a good egg and plant some attractive, fast-growing shrubbery along that section of the property line. Unless there is a code that restricts raising chickens, they haven't committed a "fowl."

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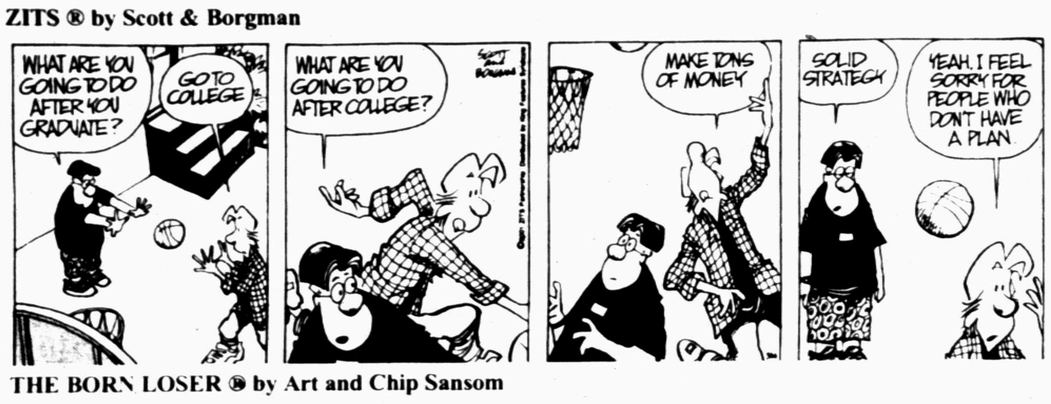

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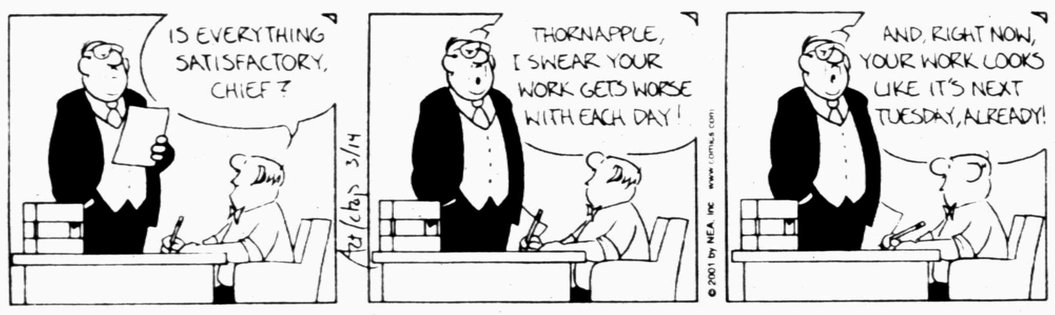

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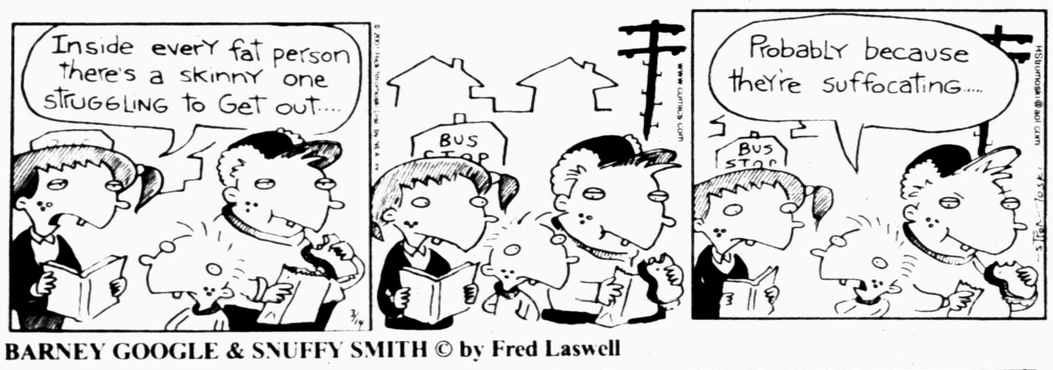

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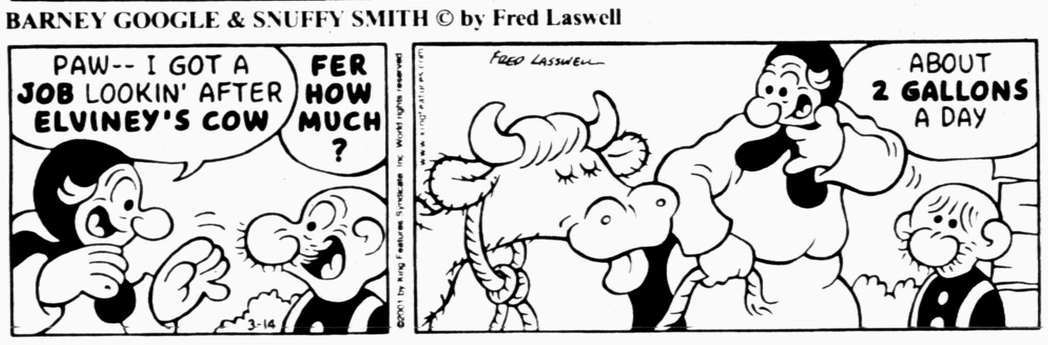

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1 Abominable
7 Having a good chance (2 wds.)
13 Imitation gold
14 Short jacket
15 Burst, like a balloon
16 Chastises
17 Actress Gardner
18 "The Greatest"
20 Robert E. –
21 Iodine source
23 Actor Beatty
24 Dweeb
25 Do farming
27 Astrodome players
29 Greek island
31 River island
32 Negative word
33 – "King" Cole
34 Breakfast food
37 Steak, e.g.
40 Irritated
41 – out (stretch)
43 Composition for two
45 Grand Coulee, for one
46 School of seals
47 "Cycle" start
48 Plaza Hotel girl
51 Needed scratching
54 Playground features
55 Pick
56 Absolute ruler
57 Set of four

DOWN

1 Tea type
2 Cattleman
3 Pierce with a sharp stake
4 Alley –
5 "Gran" finish
6 African land
7 Hard volcanic glass
8 "What's up, –?"
9 Unclaimed mail dept.
10 Merchant
11 Commands
12 Sniffed
19 DiCaprio, to pals
22 Hurt
24 Caught
26 Where to do the butterfly
28 Actor Neeson
30 Most precipitous
34 By mouth
35 Certain autobiography
36 Boxing-victory abbr.
38 Joseph Heller, for one
39 Mother –
40 I.e., in full
42 Command
44 – over (supported through a difficult time)
49 Actress Lupino
50 Hillary Rodham Clinton, e.g.
52 Article
53 Canvas bed

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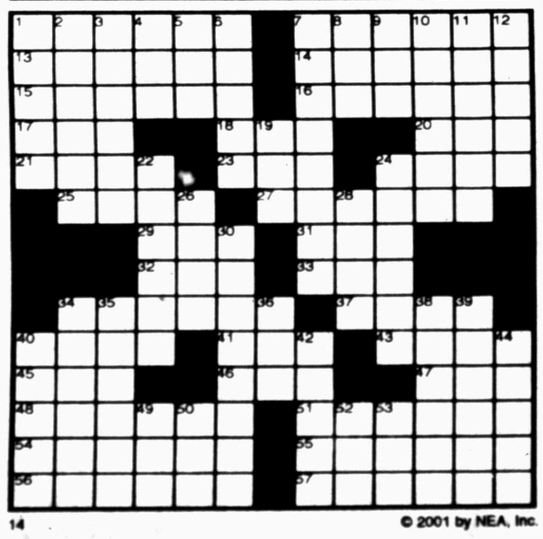

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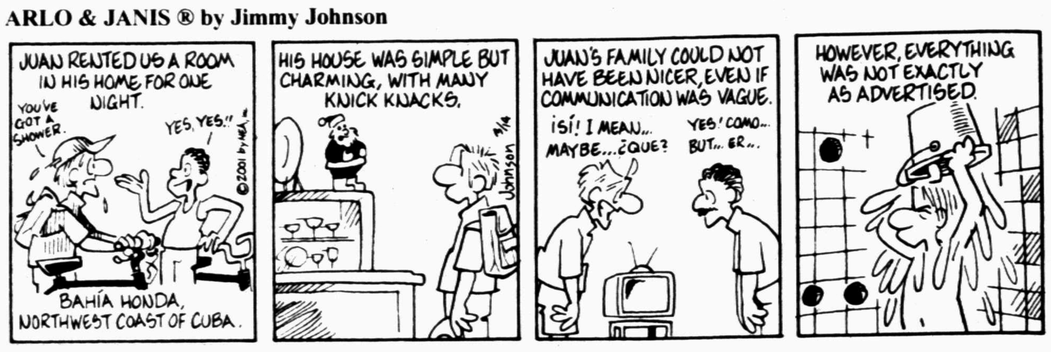

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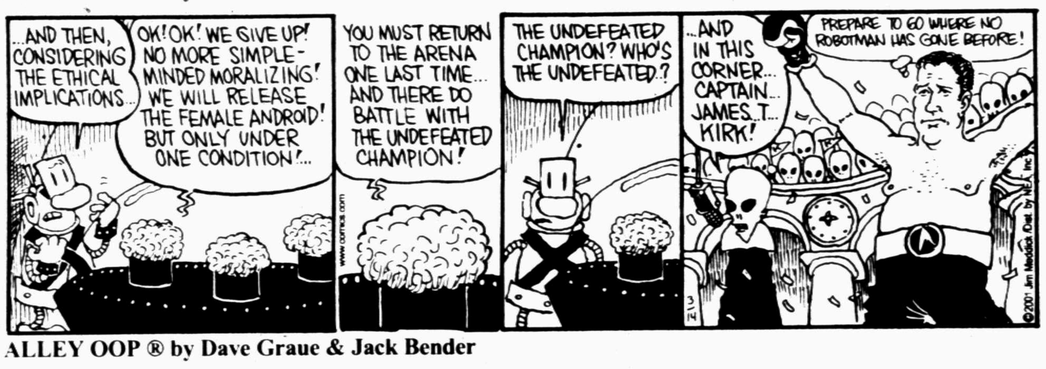

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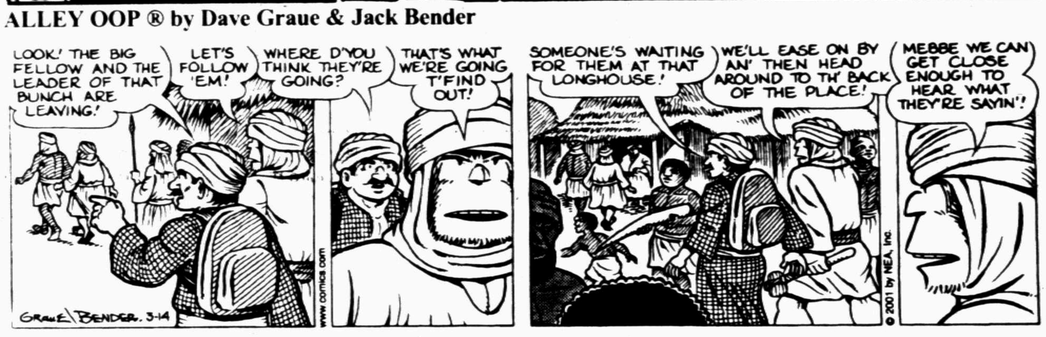

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SPORTS

Alaniz hurls Tigers to win in district opener

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

The Snyder Tigers' formula for success worked well enough in non-district play, so the Tigers employed it for the district opener.

Snyder got stellar pitching and enough timely hitting to overcome two errors and a late Lake View rally Tuesday night for a 4-3 victory at Moffett Field.

The combination of pitching and timely hitting, with a few errors mixed in, has earned the Tigers an 8-4 record on the year. Lake View slips to 2-8.

"I thought we should have hit the ball a little harder, and we still have to work on our defense," said Snyder coach Roland Herrera. "But we'll take the victory. In the end, your record doesn't show who you beat or how you beat them, it only shows how many you won, and our guys played well enough to win."

In his first district start, Snyder junior Tito Alaniz looked like a seasoned veteran on the mound. The left hander mowed down nine Chiefs, surrendered only one earned run, and had a no-hitter through five innings.

Alaniz, who threw 127 pitches to record the win, has a 0.452 ERA and is turning into the ace of Snyder's staff.

"Tito is a solid pitcher," Herrera stated. "We've seen other times lthis year where he'll go four or five innings in a row without giving up a hit. When he's throwing his best, he's tough to hit."

The Chiefs managed only two base runners in the first five frames, one on a first-inning walk and the other on a hit batsman in the fifth. Alaniz struck out the side in the second.

Alaniz' counterpart, Lake View hurler David Lankford, needed only nine pitches to retire Snyder in the first inning, before junior Brooks Nunley got the Tigers on track.

Nunley, the Tigers' leading hitter, belted a 3-2 pitch down the right-field line for a leadoff double.

After Jesse Haines drew a base on balls, Tyler Pollard lined a single to left to drive in Nunley for the game's first run.

Michael Pendleton followed with a base hit to right field that plated Haines. Two batters later, Chris McLeod lofted a sacrifice fly that brought Pollard home for a 3-0 Snyder lead.

"We want our guys to be aggressive at the plate, and that's what we did in the second inning," said Herrera. "Our guys went up there ready to hit, and when they got a good pitch, they set back and hit line drives. We want our guys to hit more line drives, instead of so many fly balls."

Snyder extended the margin to 4-0 in the fourth when Pollard reached base on an infield single, then came all the way in on three wild pitches.

The four-run gap seemed more than enough until Alaniz started to tire in the sixth.

Lake View's Matt Owen, the ninth hitter in the Chiefs' order, broke up the no-hitter with a single to center to start the sixth.

With the no-hitter gone, Lake View put two more men on base on a fielder's choice and an error, before Alaniz buckled down. A strikeout and a one-hopper back to the mound ended the threat before the Chiefs could score.

The high pitch count and Snyder's problems in the field were evident in the top of the seventh.

Lake View's Dustin Wright reached first on an error, and Trey Pena drew just the second walk of the night from Alaniz to start the inning.

Following a strikeout, David Rios slashed a single to right field to plate Wright and move Pena to third. Rios got caught between first and second on the throw to the plate, and in the ensuing rundown, Pena slid home for the Chiefs' second run.

"We shouldn't have allowed that second run to score on that play," Herrera said. "We played it wrong. Even though there was no error charged, those are the kind of mistakes that we have to eliminate."

After a groundball for the second out and another base on balls, Lankford delivered his squad's third hit to bring in Rios and slash the deficit to 4-3.

With the go-ahead run at first base, Alaniz finally closed the door on the Chiefs with his ninth strikeout of the night.

The Tigers tallied seven hits in the game, with three of them coming in the three-run second inning.

Pollard went 2-for-3 to pace Snyder's effort at the plate.

The victory puts the Tigers in a four-way tie atop the district standings with Andrews, Frenship and Big Spring.

Snyder will be in action again at 4:30 Thursday at Levelland.

Lake View	ab	r	h	bi
Franklin 2b	3	0	0	0
Lankford p	4	0	1	1
Morrison rf	3	0	0	0
Marx c	3	0	0	0
Wright dh	3	1	0	0
Pena ss	1	1	0	0
Doyle 3b	3	0	0	0
Rios 1b	3	0	1	1
Griego pr	0	1	0	0
Owen lf	3	0	1	0
Totals	**26**	**3**	**3**	**2**

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
McLeod cf	3	0	1	1
Pena ss	3	0	0	0
Ramon c	3	0	0	0
McGuire rf	3	0	1	0
Nunley 2b	3	1	1	0
Haines 3b	2	1	1	0
Pollard dh	3	2	2	1
Pendleton 1b	2	0	1	1
Dorsett lf	2	0	0	0
Boyd lf	1	0	0	0
Totals	**25**	**4**	**7**	**3**

Lake View	0 0 0 0 0 0 3—	3	3 1
Snyder	0 3 0 1 0 0 x—	4	7 2

LOB - Lake View 6, Snyder 6. 2B - Nunley.

Lake View	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Lankford	6	7	4	4	2	5
Snyder	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**
Alaniz	7	3	3	1	3	9

District 4-4A Baseball

	District		Season	
Team	W	L	W	L
Snyder	1	0	8	4
Andrews	1	0	9	3
Frenship	1	0	10	6
Big Spring	1	0	5	6
Levelland	0	1	7	7
Lake View	0	1	2	8
Plainview	0	1	4	7
Estacado	0	1	3	6

Tuesday's results: Snyder 4, Lake View 3; Andrews 11, Levelland 1; Big Spring 15, Estacado 13; Frenship 5, Plainview 3.

Local Schedule

THURSDAY
Baseball
Snyder JV Black at Sweetwater tourney
Snyder JV Gold at Grape Creek tourney

FRIDAY
Baseball
Snyder at Levelland, 4:30
Snyder JV Black at Sweetwater tourney
Snyder JV Gold at Grape Creek tourney

Softball
Frenship at Snyder, 7 p.m.

NIT Glance

All Times EST
First Round
Tuesday, March 13
Alabama 85, Seton Hall 79
Memphis 71, Utah 62
Wednesday, March 14
South Carolina (15-14) at Connecticut (19-11), 7:30 p.m.
N.C.-Wilmington (19-10) at Dayton (19-12), 7:30 p.m.
St. Bonaventure (18-11) at Pittsburgh (18-13), 7:30 p.m.
Illinois State (21-8) at Purdue (15-14), 7:30 p.m.
Southern Mississippi (22-8) at Mississippi State (16-12), 8 p.m.
Detroit (22-10) at Bradley (19-11), 8 p.m.
Miami (16-12) at Auburn (17-13), 8 p.m.
UC Irvine (25-4) at Tulsa (21-11), 8 p.m.
Pepperdine (21-8) at Wyoming (20-9), 9 p.m.
McNeese State (22-8) at Texas-El Paso (22-8), 9 p.m.
Villanova (18-12) at Minnesota (17-13), 9:30 p.m.
Baylor (19-11) at New Mexico (19-12), mid.
Thursday, March 15
South Alabama (22-10) at Toledo (21-10), 7 p.m.
Friday, March 16
West Virginia (17-11) at Richmond (21-6), 7:30 p.m.

Howard fuels Mavs' win

DALLAS (AP) — Juwan Howard is feeling comfortable with his Dallas teammates.

Howard had his best game for the Mavericks since being acquired from the Washington Wizards in a Feb. 22 trade, scoring 27 points and grabbing nine rebounds to lead Dallas to its fourth straight win, 122-98 over the New Jersey Nets on Tuesday night.

Howard went 8-for-15 from the field and converted all 11 free throws to help the Mavericks to their seventh victory in eight games.

Dirk Nowitzki and Michael Finley had 25 points each for Dallas, 18 apiece in the first half.

"I've always known what Juwan can do if he is in the right situation," Finley said. "I think this is a good fit for him here. He knows how to find the ins and outs of our offense and he's a quick learner."

Nets coach Byron Scott said Howard is thriving in Dallas because the Mavericks don't have to rely on him for the bulk of their scoring.

"He's not the go-to guy," Scott said. "I think that really helps him where he can go out and just play. (Dallas) is a very good team, there's no doubt about it."

Shawn Bradley had 12 points, eight rebounds and four blocked

Snyder Bowling Leagues

Men's Commercial League

Team	W	L
Snyder Lanes	77.5	34.5
YZ Systems	65	47
Cutting Edge	63.5	48.5
Blue Sunco	63	49
The Shack	59	53
Snyder Iron	58.5	53.5
Larry's Trucks	49	63
Timely Finance	46.5	65.5
Tiger Mart	40.5	71.5
Tinder Mart	37.5	74.5

High series: Glen Coy, scratch, 644; Harold Kornegay, handicap, 649.
High game: Jeff Smith, scratch, 245; Butch Evans, handicap, 255.
Splits and special mentions: Jeff Smith, 4-9; Elbert Klein, 5-6; Barney Tate, 4-7-9.

Jack N Jill League

Team	W	L
Countryplace	20.5	11.5
Snyder Iron	19	13
Renegades	16.5	15.5
Do Overs	15	17
BCEC	15	17
J.Shea Jewelers	10	22

High series: Scratch: Melvin Boatman, 585; Donna Jackson, 492. Handicap: Melvin Boatman, 702; Mary Eime, 673.
High game: Scratch: Mark Thompson, 268; Mary Eime, 221. Handicap: Mark Thompson, 292; Mary Eime, 282.

Roll N Hope League

Team	W	L
Snyder Nat'l Bank	58	30
Snyder Machine	55	33
NAPA	52	36
Martin Herefords	51.5	36.5
Allen Compressor	40.5	47.5

High series: Cara Lindsey, scratch, 491; Michelle Ewing, handicap, 580.
High game: Donna Garvin, scratch, 208; Dorris Martin, handicap, 219.
Splits and special mentions: Donna Garvin, 5-7.

SACRIFICE — Snyder's Shelley Fisk lays down a bunt during Lady Tiger softball action. Snyder fell to Big Spring, 4-3, Tuesday to slip into second place in the district standings. (SDN Staff Photo)

Rockets knock off Pacers in triple OT

HOUSTON (AP) — No one handled the Houston Rockets' first three-overtime game better than Moochie Norris.

The 6-foot-1 guard scored 11 of his career-high 28 points in the third overtime as the Rockets beat the Indiana Pacers 127-118 on Tuesday night.

"We were very tired," Maurice Taylor said. "Me and Steve (Francis) and Cuttino (Mobley) all had a bunch of minutes played and we were tired.

"But Moochie was the freshest one out there and he just carried us in the third overtime."

Norris knew it was his time to step up since Mobley, Francis and Taylor all were approaching 50 minutes played.

"I just felt like I needed to make a play," said Norris, who scored his career high in 38 minutes. "With Steve and Cuttino double-teamed, I knew I had to try and make a play for us to win. We were making plays to stay in it, but we had to make plays to win it."

Even coach Rudy Tomjanovich was exhausted.

"I'm beat," Tomjanovich said. "I need the ice bags. My head was throbbing. Keith (Jones, team trainer) was giving me rubdowns and cold towels.

"But it was a great team win. We can really take the lesson of never giving up."

Francis had his third career triple double with 16 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists, but was amazed by Norris.

"It took a lot of courage for him to take some of those shots in the third overtime," Francis said. "Once you're in a rhythm like that, very few people can stop you. I saw it in his eyes."

The Pacers could see it too.

"I don't know what we could have done differently on him," coach Isiah Thomas said. "Without Travis Best (who had fouled out in regulation), we didn't have anyone to defend the perimeter like we wanted to. We put the bigger guys out there because they're better defenders but he's quicker than they are."

Norris was certainly too quick for 6-foot-11 Jermaine O'Neal.

"He made some big shots for them," O'Neal said of Norris. "I did all I could to defend him, but he was too quick. You have to give him a lot of credit for making shots like that coming off the bench."

The Pacers, who surrendered an 11-point lead in the fourth quarter, couldn't get Reggie Miller the last shot in regulation.

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	W	L	Pct	GB
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Miami	38	27	.585	10
Orlando	34	29	.540	13
Boston	27	37	.422	20½
New Jersey	22	44	.333	26½
Washington	15	48	.238	32

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	39	24	.619	—
Charlotte	37	27	.578	2½
Toronto	35	30	.538	5
Indiana	27	35	.435	11½
Detroit	24	39	.381	15
Cleveland	23	40	.365	16
Atlanta	20	45	.308	20
Chicago	11	51	.177	27½

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	44	19	.698	—
Utah	43	19	.694	½
Dallas	41	23	.641	3½
Minnesota	38	26	.594	6½
Houston	36	29	.554	9
Denver	31	34	.477	14
Vancouver	20	45	.308	25

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	43	19	.694	—
L.A. Lakers	42	21	.667	1½
Portland	42	22	.656	2
Phoenix	37	25	.597	6
Seattle	33	33	.500	12
L.A. Clippers	22	44	.333	23
Golden State	16	48	.250	28

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Milwaukee 101, Toronto 97
Atlanta 109, Vancouver 99
New York 98, Cleveland 79
Sacramento 114, Orlando 108, OT
Houston 127, Indiana 118, 3OT
Dallas 122, New Jersey 98
Seattle 99, Portland 90
L.A. Lakers 112, Boston 107

Wednesday's Games
Detroit at Washington, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Indiana at Denver, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at Portland, 10 p.m.
Utah at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Toronto at New York, 7:30 p.m.
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SHS girls fall in final frame, 4-3

BIG SPRING — The Snyder Lady Tigers will remember Tuesday's game as the one that got away. And when the victory slipped through their fingers, so did the district lead.

Snyder fell to Big Spring, 4-3, Tuesday when the Lady Steers rallied with two runs in their final at bat to win the District 4-4A softball contest at Lady Steer Field.

The setback dropped the Lady Tigers out of the first-place logjam. Big Spring and Andrews are 3-0 in league play, followed by the Lady Tigers at 2-1.

"I think this was a game we should have won," said Snyder coach Shelly Hayes. "We had the lead, and we had other chances to score earlier in the game. We need to do a better job of capitalizing when we get runners on base."

Snyder left eight runners on base in the even-inning affair. The Lady Tigers managed five hits off Big Spring ace Christina Gwynn who finished with 15 strikeouts.

With Snyder holding a 3-2 lead in the bottom of the seventh, the Lady Steers needed only four batters to change the outcome.

Big Spring's first batter of the inning reached base on an error, followed by a fly ball for the first out. A single put runners on the corners, and a triple plated both runs to end the game.

"I pulled my outfielders in to protect against those little bloop hits they had been getting all day," Hayes said. "It was just a solid hit by that girl, and there was no way we could get to it. I know we made a couple of errors in the game, but I don't blame our defense. We should have scored more runs, and not left so many runners on base."

Jennifer Newman led the Lady Tigers at the plate with a pair of hits.

Ashley Martinez threw all seven innings for Snyder. Martinez surrendered eight hits and a walk to go along with two strikeouts.

The Lady Tigers continue district play at 7 p.m. Friday when they host Frenship at Cates Field.

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Webb lf	4	0	0	0
Mackey cf	3	1	1	0
Fisk ss	4	0	1	0
Diaz 3b	4	2	1	0
Newman 1b	4	0	2	1
Freeman c	3	0	0	0
Hernandez 2b	3	0	0	0
A.Martinez p	3	0	0	0
L.Martinez rf	3	0	0	0
Totals	**31**	**3**	**5**	**1**

Snyder	0 0 0 2 0 1 0—	3	5 2
Big Spring	0 1 1 0 0 0 2—	4	8 5

One out when winning run scored.
LOB - Snyder 8, Big Spring 5. District records - Snyder 2-1, Big Spring 3-0.

Snyder	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
A.Martinez	6 1/3	8	4	4	1	2

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Miracle baby continues to recover

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — Toddler Erika Nordby cries and resists when the doctor tries to unwrap her bandaged fingers.

Erika's hands are still crusted and red from frostbite. But when a nurse puts cream on them to stop the itching, Erika smiles. "Peek-a-boo," goes the nurse. Erika responds briefly, then begins agitating again to get out of her hospital crib. The bandages on her legs hold her back.

"She just becomes cranky at times and you know why," said plastic surgeon Dr. Garry Lobay. "She has been through a lot."

It's why the brown-eyed 13-month-old girl is known as the miracle baby.

Late last month, Erika wandered into the subzero night and ended up frozen in the snow, her heart stopped.

But although she may lose toes or part of her left foot, she seems otherwise relatively unscathed.

"Whether you call that an inner drive to live, whether you call that an angel on the shoulder — everyone has their own beliefs," is how Dr. Allan de Caen put it.

Perhaps Erika was due for some good luck. She is one of five children, by four different fathers, of Leyla Nordby, a single mother on welfare who is pregnant again. Erika's father is in jail for robbery and has never seen his daughter.

Leyla Nordby has only once spoken publicly about Erika's ordeal. She fears publicity would hurt a custody battle with an ex-boyfriend over two of her sons. She stays with her father in Edmonton, visiting Erika in the hospital daily.

Since the story broke, the Canadian media have picked through Leyla Nordby's life — her first childbirth at age 13, the four fathers, the custody battle. She now has a public relations specialist, Lisa Miller, to deal with reporters. Miller says she's doing it for free for a lawyer friend who is setting up a trust fund for Erika.

Erika's brush with death happened in Bergman, a lower-middle class neighborhood well away from the skyscrapers of the Alberta capital, which is prospering from the oil industry and boasts the world's largest shopping mall.

According to the mother, she took Erika and her 2-year-old sister to a friend's house, where all three went to sleep in the same bed on a Friday night. At some point, she says, Erika got up and wandered out of an unsecured back door into a small snowy yard. She ended up face down about 25 feet away from the door.

> *"I wanted to believe that she would be all right while we were working on her, but we also realized how grave the situation was,"— Paramedic Justin Mazzolini*

Nordby says she woke up and noticed Erika was gone. She ran through the bungalow screaming, then found her baby outside, stiff and unconscious. The temperature on the northern prairies that winter night was 1 degree below zero. Nordby called 911 just before 3:45 a.m. on Feb. 24.

"She was stiff in my arms," Nordby told reporters a few days later in her lone public comments to date. "I wrapped her in a big, pink blanket, and I just rocked her and screamed."

Emergency medical technicians Tammy Hills and Jason Visscher arrived first, followed quickly by paramedics Krista Rempel and Justin Mazzolini. They put Erika on the kitchen table and tried resuscitating her with CPR. Then they tried restoring her heartbeat by injecting medication.

Her jaw muscles were frozen, so a breathing tube couldn't be inserted into her trachea. No one knew how long she'd been outside.

"I wanted to believe that she would be all right while we were working on her, but we also realized how grave the situation was," Mazzolini said later.

The paramedics took her to University Hospital just before 4:30 a.m., the heat in the ambulance warming her enough to insert the breathing tube and force warm air into her lungs. She arrived still lacking a heartbeat.

De Caen, head of pediatrics at the emergency unit of the Stollery Children's Health Center, was called. Doctors wrapped Erika in a plastic blanket called a Bair Hugger, which blows warm air on the body like a hair dryer. Now some heart activity could be detected, but it was weak and abnormal.

Erika was cold to the touch, de Caen said, but her color seemed better than expected.

While continuing CPR, de Caen and his colleagues decided to try using a heart-lung machine, which would warm the body from within by feeding oxygen and blood to vital organs.

It would take almost an hour to get the machine ready, and the delay may have helped save Erika. At 4:45 a.m., Erika's gurney was rolled through the hallways, up the elevator and into the intensive care unit, a straddling nurse performing CPR all the way, de Caen said. The heart surgeon and two assistants prepared to surgically insert tubes for the heart-lung machine into her neck.

As they got ready to make the first cut at 5:45 a.m., Erika's heart began beating normally. Her temperature was 34 degrees below normal, so doctors still had to choose between the heart-lung machine and the Bair Hugger. The Bair Hugger was safer but much slower.

Based on Erika's color and heartbeat, they opted for the Bair Hugger. In three hours her body warmed to 86 degrees, a pace de Caen called "astounding."

The fact that Erika froze may have saved her. Children cool faster because they are small, and their metabolic rate also decreases more quickly, preserving oxygen in the cells.

However, some body parts can become starved of oxygen during rewarming, causing heart, lungs or kidneys to malfunction.

None of that happened with Erika. "She ended up beating the odds," de Caen said.

A miracle?

"I've called it a miracle already," he said. "So I guess I keep on saying the same thing."

Rempel, the paramedic, had seen it before in Rouleau, Saskatchewan in February 1994. A 2-year-old girl named Karlee followed her father out the door when he left for work at 2:30 a.m. There was a snowstorm, and the temperature was 8 degrees below zero. At 8 a.m., Karlee's mother awoke and found her with no heartbeat and a body temperature of 57 degrees.

Karlee lost a leg but suffered no brain damage.

Erika also will likely lose some toes or even part of her left foot. Doctors have removed the last bandages from her fingers, but the feet remained under wraps.

Lobay, the plastic surgeon, said Erika's right foot looked healthy, but frostbite damaged the left one. But even with the loss of toes and the top portion, "I think she's going to be able to walk on the foot."

"Her legs were hard and woody when she came into the emergency, just rock hard. Everything was frozen," he said. "We are very lucky that all she's going to be losing is maybe a portion of her one foot."

Concern remains of neurological complications, but Dr. Nadeem Mian, Erika's pediatrician, said she had "recovered almost completely" for now and was interacting with people "the way a 1-year-old child should be."

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

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First of all, you both need a diagnosis and identification of the reason for your problem. Your wife may unknowingly have a low-grade urinary tract infection, for example, or she may have a gynecological disorder; both conditions can be relatively easily treated without surgery, using antibiotics or a pessary, for instance.

In your case, I worry about the prostate gland. If it is merely overgrown, there is medicine, such as Proscar; that will shrink it. If there is a tumor, it should be treated.

Second, there are — as you know from your TV — prescription drugs such as Detrol and Flomax that will help control bladder spasm. The urologist can prescribe the appropriate medicine for your and your wife's needs.

While waiting for your appointments, try reducing your evening fluid intake: nothing to drink after dinner. This will retard the nocturnal flow of urine and, I hope, improve your sleeping pattern.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Bladder and Urinary Tract Infections." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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Student skips class to appear in movie

HAMMOND, La. (AP) — Darrell Kropog Jr. had a good excuse for skipping his English class at Louisiana State University. He had to appear in a movie with pop singer Britney Spears.

A film crew turned parts of this Louisiana town — not far from Spears' home of Kentwood — into a fictional rural Georgia town for the film "What Are Friends For."

When the crew needed a young man to work underneath a car at a gas station for a scene involving Spears, station owner Darrell Kropog Sr. knew just the man: his son, Darrell Jr.

"It involved a whole lot of waiting," the younger Kropog said Monday of his film debut. The scene only took an hour to shoot, but Kropog had to be on the site from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Citigroup s	46.85	44.10	46.24	—2.15
CocaCola	48.31	47.13	47.17	—1.58
ColgatePal	56.18	55.05	55.76	—.64
ComclMetals	26.83	26.70	26.83	—.02
CooperIn	43.54	42.43	42.55	—1.24
DaimlrChry	46.49	45.75	46.40	—2.60
DallSemicn	30.70	29.15	30.27	—.45
DeltaAirl	40.50	40.01	40.30	—1.16
Dillards Inc	18.45	17.86	18.05	—.57
DowChem s	32.44	31.77	31.88	—.77
DuPont	44.73	44.02	44.08	—1.28
EastmanChem	51.00	50.00	50.21	—.81
EstKodak	43.15	42.65	42.97	—.99
EDS Corp	58.18	56.60	58.09	—.16
Entergy	38.18	37.78	38.00	—.38
ExxonMobil	83.00	82.05	82.56	—.74
FstBksAm	21.75	21.75	21.75	—.25
Flowers	16.98	16.71	16.93	—.05
GenDynam	69.96	69.41	69.90	+ .11
GenElec s	42.25	40.10	41.80	—.53
GenMills	43.90	43.52	43.52	—.62
GenMotors	56.70	55.27	56.25	—.19
GaPacGP	29.65	28.80	29.30	—.82
GlobalMar	30.23	29.04	30.05	+ .35
Goodrich	40.00	39.10	39.78	—.45
Goodyear s	25.71	25.26	25.43	—.53
GtAtlPac	9.52	9.40	9.40	—.50
Halliburtn	42.47	40.63	42.10	+ .92
Hanson ADS	30.55	30.00	30.35	—.15
HartfHanks	23.45	23.00	23.25	—.20
HomeDepot	42.80	40.60	42.40	—.30
HoneywellInt	41.97	40.00	41.40	—.83
IBM	98.90	95.00	97.95	—.44
IntlPaper	36.59	35.81	36.09	—1.25
JohnsonJn	94.07	93.25	93.50	—.65
K mart	8.98	8.58	8.86	—.23
Kroger Co	24.05	23.16	23.47	—.55
Litton	79.68	79.57	79.60	—.14
LockheedM	38.40	37.54	38.25	—.09
Lowes Cos	59.30	57.55	59.10	—.51
Lubys	7.40	7.25	7.35	—.09
LucentTech	11.25	10.85	11.15	—.10
MayDeptStr	38.79	37.40	38.79	—.24
Medtronic	45.99	44.50	45.93	—.95
Motorola s	15.35	14.25	14.99	—.21
NCR Corp	43.89	42.85	43.77	—1.12
Navistar	26.77	25.55	25.71	—.72
Penney JC	16.97	16.51	16.78	—.13
PepBoys	6.25	6.00	6.25	+ .06
PepsiCo	45.20	44.05	44.33	—.52
Pharmacia	48.30	47.60	48.15	—.95
PhelpDodge	46.41	44.64	44.80	—2.00
PhilipPet	54.85	54.22	54.65	—.50
PilgrmPrd B	11.22	10.90	11.22	+ .22
Polaroid	4.98	4.80	4.96	—.02
Praxair	46.45	45.43	45.56	—.64
ProctGamb	67.70	66.38	66.83	—1.31
PubS NwMx	25.28	24.86	24.91	—.42
RadioShack	39.81	38.30	39.56	—.23
ReliantEngy	41.92	41.20	41.46	—.89
RoyalDut	57.60	56.96	57.37	—.60
SBC Comm	43.95	42.49	43.12	—1.81
SaraLee	21.50	21.11	21.43	—.15
Scripps EW	59.00	58.55	58.95	—.35
SearsRoeb	38.20	37.27	37.90	—.95
SherwinW	25.93	25.45	25.81	—.12
SouthernCo	30.25	29.80	30.06	—.21
SwstAirl s	16.74	16.01	16.60	+ .01
SprintFON	21.35	21.00	21.29	—.11
SprintPCS	20.82	19.75	20.68	+ .41
Sunoco Inc	33.94	33.50	33.75	—1.05
TXU Corp	39.65	39.23	39.33	—.68
TempleInland	46.67	45.46	45.47	—1.43
Texaco	67.80	67.10	67.49	—.81
TexInd	31.50	31.15	31.50	+ .02
TexasInst s	33.50	30.67	32.71	—.10
Textron	56.81	55.80	56.65	+ .25
TriconGlbR	37.00	36.47	36.89	—.80
TrinityInds	21.09	20.53	21.02	—.04
TritonEngy	22.45	22.01	22.40	—.25
TylerTech	1.32	1.25	1.25	—.05
USX-Marathn	28.65	28.16	28.40	—.06
USX-USS	16.09	15.55	15.63	—.36
UnionPacif	54.25	53.69	53.73	—1.27
UnitedTech	77.75	75.00	75.75	—3.50
Unocal	36.47	35.85	36.18	—.21
Venator Grp	12.68	12.01	12.65	+ .15
VerizonComm	48.40	47.75	47.95	—1.23
WalMart	47.97	46.70	47.41	—1.39
WellsFargo	48.35	47.61	47.79	—1.66
WstnGasRs	32.90	30.76	32.15	+ 1.15
WinnDixie	25.74	25.51	25.57	—.60
Xerox Cp	5.94	5.58	5.88	+ .23

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By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

Collecting Pecan Graftwood

The Texas inlay bark has become the standard top working technique for pecans throughout the irrigated Southwest. Heat drought, high light intensity, wind and other factors common to the Southwest make grafting very difficult.

Classic grafting systems used in Europe, California, New York and Georgia for other fruit crops fail in Texas because of these limitations. Along the Gulf Coast many of these other grafts are effective, however, once one moves 200 miles from the humid conditions grafting becomes very difficult. The four-flap graft has also become popular in Texas because of its easy technique and very high percent of success, even by beginners. Commercial nurseries use the patch-bud graft in the spring, but more commonly in the late summer.

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The longer one waits to collect wood, the shorter the period of time before bud break after grafting. Ideally, one would like to have three to five weeks after grafting and before the buds begin to grow. This long period will give the cambium tissue of the graft and cambium tissue of the rootstock sufficient time for each to generate new bark and wood, which are connected. Once the tissues are connected, water can move from the rootstock wood up into the new graft and success follows. On the other hard, if conditions are not ideal or if there is not sufficient time for the graft-rootstock cambium tissues to generate a connection, the graft or bud will die. Therefore, the time at which you collect graftwood or budwood is very important.

Collect pecan graft wood from Feb. 1 to March 15. This is the wood that will be used for the Texas inlay bark graft method or the four-flap graft.

Collect pecan budwood from Mach 15 until primary buds swell. This is the wood that will be used for patch budding. Graftwood will not allow the patch to slip or pop off to graft stock because it is too tight or too dormant. Patch budding in the summer, starting mid-July through August is done with fresh budwood collected the same day you graft. These patches are on current season wood and will pop off and separate from the wood very easily.

Strong, rapidly growing one-year-old wood is ideal for grafting or budding. If a large number of grafts will be needed, older trees can be dethroned to stimulate compensatory growth. These straight, round, one-year-old shoots are perfect for grafting or budding.

Drought, freeze or herbicide damaged trees should not be used for graftwood. Trees that are not positively identified also should not be used. All too often, flowers will think a tree is a certain variety when it is not. Variety identification is a very important part of graftwood collection. Waterproof ink and metal tags should always be used. Two-year-old wood can be used, but it is not as good as current season growth.

Once the wood is cut from the tree, it should be moved out of the sun to a cool, moist location to wait for processing. The graftwood should be processed for storage the same day it is collected. Cut the graftstick into six, twelve or eighteen inch lengths that will give one, two or three grafts per stock.

Process only one variety at a time to prevent mixing the varieties.

Dip the freshly cut ends in orange shellac, grafting wax, paraffin pr pruning compound. Orange shellac is ideal because it never dries and new growth from the graft will move over it without delay.

Make sure the primary buds are not damaged or knocked off while processing the wood. This primary bud, or insurance bud as it is sometimes called, has the best chance for growth after the two cambium tissues connect, so caution needs to be practiced to prevent losing it.

A very small amount of moisture should be maintained near the graftwood while it is stored. In the old days this was in wooden boxes with moist wood shavings. Today, paper towels and polyethylene bags are used. Avoid colored plastic bags because they may not breathe. The respiration rate of the dormant grafts in refrigeration is very slow; therefore, the bags should allow carbon dioxide to exit, and oxygen to enter the bag. This is accomplished by soaking the towels in water, squeezing the water out with a very strong grip of the hank, and finally stepping on the towels with your foot. Then, take the towel up, shake it out and it is ready to wrap five graft stocks. This will prevent the collection of too much water and the formation of mold on the graftwood. Dr. Loy Shreve always said, "It is better to have no moisture source than wet graftwood. "This is very true. So, when you squeeze the wet paper towels, they need to be squeezed dry.

Once sealed in polyethylene bags with variety and year identification using waterproof ink, the graftwood does not freeze. The refrigerator needs to be monitored frequently to prevent freezing. A high/low thermometer is good insurance against freezing.

Graftwood can be used only on the yea it is collected. Make sure the label is marked for the year and the variety.

Take the graftwood out of refrigeration only as needed. A cool, then warm, then cool cycling of the temperature is not good. Also, move the graftwood to the orchard-grafting site in a cooler with ice to keep it from getting hot.

If the graftwood or budwood is collected from strong, fast-growing trees and if it is processed and stored properly, grafters should obtain at least 90 percent survival with the Texas inlay bark graft method or the four-flap graft. Grafting should not be attempted before the sap is moving; there are small leaves on the tree and the bark is slipping. This is usually in early April and grafting can continue until mid to late May, depending on how fast the season becomes hot.

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Information taken from Horticulture Update, March 2001.

Markets

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 369 head of cattle for the Thursday, March 8, sale. Cows were steady. Yearlings and calves were $2 better. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 47-53
Canner and low cutters: 33-45
Slaughter bulls: 50-62.50
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 105-145
400-500: 100-120
500-600: 90-105
600-700: 85-95
700-800: 83 90
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 105-125
400-500: 90-110
500-600: 85-100
600-700: 83-90
700-800: 77-85
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 87-105
700-800: 80-88
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 725-930
Grade: 600-725
Springers: 450-760
Baby calves: 150-200
Doodlers: 200-300

Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 237 head of cattle for the Saturday, March 10, sale. Compared to last week: No comparison — reporter was absent last week.

Feeder steers:
200-300: 125-129
300-400: 122-126
400-500: 113-118
500-600: 103-111
600-700: 90.50-93
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 110-118
400-500: 103-106
500-600: 90-95
600-700: 88-90
800-900: 74.50-77
Replacement cows:
Young bred cows: 640-730
Aged cows: 490-610
Pairs: 730-840
Aged pairs: 6630-710
Slaughter cows:
Breakers: 1000-1250 Lbs. 42-47.50
Boners: 1000-1200 Lbs. 43.50-47.50
Lean: 900-1200 Lbs. 42.50-45.50
800-1000 Lbs. 38.50-43
Slaughter Bulls Yield Grade 1-2 1300-2100 56.50
High Dressing 1500-2200 Lbs. 583-50-60
Low Dressing 1000-1300 47.50-48.50

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Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States, was born in Kentucky in 1809.

Rains slow soil preparations

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Rain across much of the state is slowing soil preparations for home gardeners who didn't till prior to the wet weather, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports.

"Those folks who had already tilled their gardens prior to all the rains coming in February are actively planting warm season vegetables — tomatoes, bell peppers, eggplants, green beans and corn," said Vincent Mannino, Jefferson County Extension agent. "And, a lot of us who haven't had a chance to till a garden are just waiting. Many of us are growing transplants in larger pots until finally we can get them in the ground."

He said dry weather is needed in areas like Jefferson County, where rain every third or fourth day is resulting in high water tables and flooding.

"Two weeks without rain will allow the soil to dry out enough to where you can get a tiller or a tractor out without creating a soil structure and heaviness of the soil that will impede water drainage," Mannino said. "Really, we need dry, windy weather."

He said warm season vegetables should be planted by mid-April, giving gardeners another month to complete preparations. But, Mannino said planting early allows production of the crop before insect and disease problems arise.

"I usually get my tomatoes in the ground by March 15," he said. "If you get them in early and protect them from any killing frosts or freezes, then you can produce your crop before the heating-loving insects can get a foothold, namely the stinkbugs. If I can get my tomatoes harvested before the stinkbugs crank up the first or second week of June, I'm home free and don't have to worry about using pesticides."

Mannino said other tips include buying healthy plants and spacing them properly.

"Don't crowd the vegetables," he said. "Put them out far enough so that you have a lot of air flow. That will help keep some of your diseases down, and that will help with your insect populations."

Mannino said to prepare for freezes by keeping the plants well-irrigated. He said newly-planted vegetables that have not yet rooted in the soil can be dug up, and floating row cover can be used to protect established plants during a freeze.

District Extension Director Dr. Bob Robinson of Amarillo said temperatures were slightly above normal in the Panhandle last week.

"Late in the week a general rain of one to two inches fell over much of the district, with the exception of the northern Panhandle where amounts of less than inch were reported," he said. "Wet conditions continue to delay land preparations for spring planting."

Robinson said wheat is making limited growth with warmer temperatures and excellent moisture conditions.

"The crop is rated very poor to excellent, with 90 percent in the poor to good category," he said. "No insect problems have been reported."

Robinson said cattle are under some stress because of muddy conditions, and supplemental feeding continues at a heavy rate.

District Extension Director Galen Chandler of Vernon said more rain was reported across the Rolling Plains. He said wheat has made excellent progress in the past two weeks.

"Insect and disease damage is minimal to none across the area," he said. "The early-planted wheat is in excellent condition. Unfortunately, we have several stages of growth due to different planting times."

Chandler said cattle are doing well, and supplemental feeding continues.

"Producers are checking herds with spring-born calves and repairing water gaps in the high rainfall areas," he said. "Stocker cattle continue to be placed on wheat fields."

Chandler said lush growing conditions are creating some cattle bloat problems, and producers are treating cattle as needed.

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district extension directors:

PANHANDLE: soil moisture is adequate to surplus. One to 2 inches of rain reported in most areas. Wet fields delaying land preparations. Wheat making limited growth. Pasture and range conditions improving. Cattle under some stress due to muddy conditions.

SOUTH PLAINS: soil moisture is adequate to surplus. Up to 3 inches of rain received in some areas. Pastures and ranges in fair to good condition. Tanks full. Wheat growth accelerating.

ROLLING PLAINS: soil moisture is adequate to surplus. Wheat progressing well; insect and disease damage is minimal to none. Range and pasture conditions improving. Pecan and fruit trees being pruned. Cattle doing well; supplemental feeding continues.

NORTH TEXAS: soil moisture is surplus. Pastures making some growth, but producers continue supplemental feeding. Buffalo gnats bothering livestock. Some peach varieties in bloom. Loggers unable to harvest pine trees due to wet conditions.

EAST TEXAS: soil moisture is surplus. Winter pastures providing good grazing. Hay supplies declining. Calving season good; market prices strong. Garden planting under way as weather permits.

FAR WEST TEXAS: soil moisture is short to adequate. Land preparation continues. Livestock conditions improving. Winter weeds emerging. Unseasonably warm temperatures recorded in the Rio Grande River Valley. Peaches are blooming, in danger of frost.

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: soil moisture is short to adequate. Wet, warm days resulting in rust and other fungi. Insects emerging. Oats growing well. Wheat fields developing; warmer temperatures needed. Pastures providing good grazing. Most stock tanks full. Peaches in bloom.

CENTRAL TEXAS: soil moisture is surplus. Pastures responding to warmer days. Cattle prices increasing. No field work due to wet conditions.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS: soil moisture is adequate to surplus. Saturated soil causing pasture and range quality to decline. Crop planting delayed due to excess water. Hay consumption decreasing due to growth of winter annuals. Up to 5 inches of rain recorded in some areas.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: soil moisture is short to adequate. Forage availability above average. Livestock in good condition; region remains at half of long-term stocking rate. Recent rain helping wildlife; bumper crop of fawns expected. Corn, sorghum planted.

COASTAL BEND: soil moisture is adequate. Planting operations resuming as field conditions permit. Some corn, cotton planting. Wheat in good condition. Cattle feeding continues; cattle market strong. Pecan trees budding.

SOUTH TEXAS: soil moisture is adequate. Hot, windy days drying up fields. Most sorghum has been planted and is emerging. Sugarcane being harvested. Livestock fair; supplemental feeding continues in some areas. Onion and melon crop progressing well.

U.S. bans animal imports from EU

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department on Tuesday suspended all imports of animals and animal products form the European Union after the finding of foot-and-mouth disease in France.

The ban would have the biggest impact on imports of pork from the Netherlands and Denmark. Imports of beef from the European Union already were banned because of mad cow disease.

The United States suspended all meat and animal imports from Britain Feb. 21 and ordered stepped-up checks of travelers arriving from the United Kingdom. Airline passengers who have visited the British countryside are required to have their shoes disinfected.

Now, travelers from the European Union also may be subject to additional scrutiny.

Foot-and-mouth disease is not harmful to humans, but it spreads so quickly that entire herds and flocks must be destroyed to prevent its spread. The virus can be spread by footwear and motor vehicles.

French officials said Tuesday that the disease was found in cattle on a farm that had earlier imported sheep from Britain.

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Replacement crew moves into station

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — The international space station reached another milestone early today, as its first replacement crew finished moving into its new home.

"The torch is passing from one crew to the next, as well as the phase of flight for the international space station where we go from construction to utilization," NASA flight director John Shannon said.

The new crew of space station Alpha expects challenges and hard work during its four-month stay on the orbiting outpost.

"We are very much looking forward to it. We're more like family than we are like a crew. We are just going to have the time of our lives," said Susan Helms, the last replacement crew member to move into the station.

Helms moved into Alpha early today. Russian cosmonaut Yuri Usachev, who will be the new commander, and astronaut Jim Voss had settled in earlier. The three were brought up by space shuttle Discovery, which was launched last Thursday.

They are relieving station commander Bill Shepherd and his two Russian shipmates, Yuri Gidzenko and Sergei Krikalev, who have spent more than four months aboard the station. They will return to Earth aboard Discovery on Tuesday.

NASA wanted Shepherd to have as much time as possible with Usachev before the shuttle undocks from Alpha late Saturday. Shepherd will remain station commander until hatches between Discovery and Alpha close just before the shuttle leaves.

Also this morning, Discovery commander James Wetherbee had to raise the shuttle-station complex into a higher orbit earlier than planned to avoid a viselike device that was lost early Sunday during the first of the mission's two spacewalks. NASA feared the 10- to 15-pound piece of space junk would pass about 200 feet below the station, too close for comfort.

Water solutions sought for Pantex plant

AMARILLO (AP) — The Energy Department has been asked to submit a groundwater compliance plan for the Pantex nuclear-weapons facility that will set deadlines for environmental investigations, work to thwart potential contamination of Amarillo water wells and help secure federal money for cleanup.

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission has requested the plan in the wake of trichloroethylene — a solvent — contamination showing up in one of Pantex Ogallala Aquifer water wells.

Last year, Pantex and state officials acknowledged a nine-month delay in reporting the contamination of a Pantex Ogallala well located near city of Amarillo water wells.

"That is the one incident that has initiated the compliance plan," Musick said. "Definitely, we're trying to stop the contamination from getting to the municipal water supply."

In November, state officials cited concerns about various groundwater problems and told the DOE to obtain a compliance plan that sets up a monitoring or corrective action program.

Musick believes the compliance plan should have been established long ago, but said the TNRCC now must focus on the groundwater issue around the plant, where nuclear warheads are assembled and taken apart.

"With the TCE hit, as an agency, we think that it's necessary at this point in time to step up and require an additional enforceable contract," Musick said.

Pantex officials said they are preparing the proposed compliance plan now, but say it is too preliminary to discuss at this time. The plan is expected to be submitted to the TNRCC in three months.

But Dan Glenn, manager of the DOE's Amarillo Area Office, said Pantex is trying to determine the extent of contamination and work toward eventual cleanup.

Perry is expected to appoint San Antonio lawyer to court

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry is expected today to appoint prominent appellate attorney Wallace Jefferson to the Texas Supreme Court, making Jefferson the first black to serve on the state's highest civil court, a newspaper reported today.

Jefferson, 37, is a former president of the San Antonio Bar Association and is respected nationally for his appellate work, the San Antonio Express-News reported in today's editions.

Perry has scheduled a 1 p.m. news conference to announce an appointment to the Supreme Court, said spokeswoman Kathy Walt. She declined comment on the newspaper report.

Jefferson's office in San Antonio told The Associated Press he was in Austin and not immediately available for comment.

Jefferson would fill the vacancy left by Al Gonzales, who resigned earlier this year to be President Bush's chief White House counsel.

Politicians and jurists who've worked with Jefferson applauded the governor's reported decision.

"He's very fair, balanced, and really liked by both sides of the bar," said Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, told the Express-News. "He's just a decent human being."

Wentworth said he had not heard officially of the appointment but confirmed along with several others that Jefferson was on a short-list for the job.

Jefferson is a partner in the San Antonio law firm of Crofts, Callaway & Jefferson, one of only a few Texas firms specializing in appellate law.

"He might be the first appellate specialist practitioner appointed to the highest appellate court in Texas," said partner Tom Crofts.

One of Jefferson's biggest legal victories came in 1997 when the U.S. Supreme Court agreed with his argument that a city or county government should not be liable for excessive use of force by an employee, even if the employee was improperly hired.

Blaze report turns out to be someone burning their trash

• ***Fire report***

A citizen called dispatchers at 7:35 a.m. Tuesday to report that she had heard an explosion and saw a blaze towards Snyder Cemetery. Fire and law enforcement officials responded and discovered it was only someone burning trash.

• ***Machines damaged***

Police met with a representative of the Eastridge Apartments at 9:19 a.m. Tuesday in reference to a washing machine and a coke machine at the vacant complex having minor damage. A close patrol of the area was requested.

• ***Throwing rocks***

A deputy spoke with three juveniles and their mother at 9:13 a.m. Tuesday after a report that the kids were throwing rocks at traffic just east of Trailertopia on Highway 180.

• ***Accident***

At 11:44 a.m. Tuesday, an accident occurred in the 400 block of Coliseum drive. According to reports, a metal object fell from a utility trailer being towed by a 1994 Chevrolet pickup and a 1993 Ford Thunderbird then struck the object.

Jeffrey Allen Gilbert, 36, of 11095 F.M. 2835 was driving the pickup, and Charlene Carr, 20, of 1672 McBeth Pecan Farm Road was driving the Ford.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: March 13-Mary Larralde, Cecil Gray and Fred Lee of Angleton.

DISMISSALS: Luther Brown, Ysidro Estrada, Dariela Garcia, Lucille Joyce and Amber Tatom and baby.

CENSUS: 42 (Med./Surg.-15, Long-term Care-24, OB-2 and Nursery-2)

Births

Andrew and Melody Weaver of Snyder announce the birth of their son, Jax Aiden Weaver, at 4:33 p.m. on March 5 in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Jax weighed seven pounds, nine ounces.

Grandparents are Vickie Sargent of Snyder, Burr Sargent of Austin, Lloyd and Treva Hawthorne of Granbury and Roger Weaver of Lubbock.

Great-grandparents are Jim and Melba Graham of Albany, Martha Moore and Bonnie and A.C. Weaver, all of Snyder.

Michael and Jennifer Rodriguez announce the birth of their son, Patrick Ray Rodriguez, who arrived at 3:19 p.m. on Jan. 21 at UMC in Lubbock. Patrick weighed four pounds, 11½ ounces.

His grandparents are Pete and Charlotte Wadleigh and Chon and Mary Ann Rodriguez, all of Snyder. Great-grandparents are Ralph and Dorthy Rogriguez of Snyder and Mary Boch of Midland.

Obituaries

Dora Silva

1949-2001

Dora Hernandez Silva, a former resident of Snyder, died Sunday, March 11, at her home in Lubbock after a sudden illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Silva, 51, is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with Daniel G. Hernandez, a son-in-law from Snyder, officiating. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Dora Silva

Born July 1, 1949 in Harlingen, she married Guadalupe Silva Jr. on July 29, 2000 in Snyder.

A resident of Snyder for 16 years, she had moved to Lubbock last year. She attended Primera Bautista while living in Snyder and was a member of Iglesia Bautista Templo in Lubbock.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Yolanda Alejandro.

Survivors include her husband, Guadalupe Silva of Lubbock; a son, Kevin Alejandro of Los Angeles; two daughters, Tanya Hernandez of Snyder and Kimberly McGraw of Lubbock; two stepdaughters, Vicky Silva and Bianca Nicole Silva, both of Snyder; a stepmother, Juanita Alejandro of Combes, Tex.; four brothers, Misael Alejandro of Combes, Alex Alejandro, Ernie Alejandro and Joe Alejandro, all of Harlingen; a sister, Gloria Garcia of San Antonio; and one grandson, Joseph E. Hernandez of Snyder.

A prayer service will be held at 7 this evening at the funeral home.

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Sue Kelley

1906-2001

Sue Kelley, 94, died Tuesday, March 13, in Snyder Oaks Care Center after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Kelly is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. James Merrell, retired Methodist minister, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Jayton Cemetery.

Born Dec. 17, 1906 in Loraine, she was married to Claude Ray Kelly who preceded her in death in May, 1959. She was a Methodist.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Claudine Peebles; five brothers; and two sisters.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Jon and Pat Kelley of Snyder; two daughters and a son-in-law, Pat Watkins of Seguin and Rhoda and Lou Rehders of Bracketville; two sisters, Lucille Harrison of Llano and Katie Johnston of Colorado Springs, Colo.; 12 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to the Community Care Hospice, 3641 N. Dixie in Odessa, 79762.

The family will meet friends 6-8 this evening at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Community Care Hospice, 3641 N. Dixie, Odessa.

Robert Sharp

1946-2001

Services are pending at Wright Colonial Funeral Home for Robert Edward Sharp, 54, of Snyder.

Mr. Sharp, born Oct. 7, 1946, was pronounced dead at 9:02 a.m. today at his home by Justice of the Peace Deborah Boyd.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Diabetes meeting

A meeting to discuss diabetes and your feet will be held at 7 this evening at the Guadalupe Center. Information on the diabetic medicare shoe bill to obtain shoes without cost for those who qualify will be given. For more information, call Dr. Gloria Gertsner at 574-1581.

FBC worship service

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

Hermleigh one-act

Hermleigh High School will present its one-act entry, *Daddy's Dyin' (Who's Got the Will?)* at 6 p.m. Friday in the high school auditorium. Ice cream will also be sold. The zone one-act play contest will be Monday at Westbrook.

Ira sophomore fundraiser

Ira sophomore class will hold a fundraiser from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday at Western Golf Land. Miniature golf and batting cages will be $3 for kids and $3.50 for adults. The class will also conduct a car wash with donations accepted.

Enchilada dinner

Faith Revival Church, 3212 Ave. J, will host an enchilada dinner fundraiser from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday. Cost is $5 per plate.

8th grade party planning

All parents of 8th graders are invited to a meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday at Tiger Health and Fitness to plan the 8th grade party. For more information, call 573-7205.

Community coalition meeting

A community coalition meeting, sponsored by the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. The substance abuse problem in Scurry County will be discussed.

Income tax help

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

C.H.I.P. signup

Children's Health Insurance Program signup will be held from 2-6 p.m. Thursday, March 22, at Central Elementary. Another registration will be held from 2-7 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, at Northeast Elementary.

Parents meeting

Parents of all eighth grade students are urged to attend a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 22, at the junior high auditorium. High school counselor Debbie Phillips will provide information and answer questions concerning high school registration procedures, course selection and requirements for the diploma programs.

Stress workshop

A stress survival skills workshop will be presented March 23-24 at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Cost is $10 and includes lunch Saturday plus all conference material. Friday's sessions are from 7-10 p.m. and Saturday's sessions are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 573-8596 for reservations. Deadline is next Wednesday.

Weigh Down Workshop

An orientation for a Weigh Down Workshop will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, March 26, at the Word is Life Church. For more information, call Donna Nehring at 573-7471

Alzheimer support group

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

1961 SHS class reunion

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

1986 class reunion

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

SHS '91 class reunion

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

Class of '56 seeks addresses

The SHS Class of 1956 is seeking addresses of class members for a June 30 reunion. Also, classes of 1954, 1955, 1957 and 1958 are invited. To submit names and addresses call 573-5021, 573-8987 or 573-7445.

Glory Room open

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

Cancer treatment transportation

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

Discovery School registration

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

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PTK students earn awards

Seven Western Texas College students and two advisors attended the Phi Theta Kappa regional convention at the El Paso Marriott.

The weekend of events culminated in a formal awards banquet Saturday night in the hotel ballroom. The WTC chapter, Psi Zeta, received awards for attaining the Texas Region Five-Star Status and Outstanding Achievement in the Service Hallmark.

Individual honors included the Horizon Award to Jennifer Beard, a Members Hall of Honor Medallion to Reid Johnson, and the Appreciation Award for a Friend of Texas Phi Theta Kappa to Donny Brown.

WTC students attending the convention included Amber Atkinson, Renae Hall, Jason Campbell, Jeff Ellis, Justin Guy, Thomas Lowery and Chris Metsgar. Also attending were advisors Patty Kuhl and Sandra Hall.

Mass Communications instructor, Donny Brown, and his wife, Judy, also attended the Saturday night awards banquet. In a special recognition, Dr. Mary Hood, Regional PTK coordinator and former Psi Zeta advisor, noted the pending retirement of WTC President Dr. Harry Krenek and commended him for his years of support of Phi Theta Kappa.

Phi Theta Kappa is the International Honor Society of the two-year college which emphasizes the four hallmarks of Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Fellowship.

Chapter members are scheduled to attend the Society's International Convention at the Adams Mark Hotel in Denver March 28-31.

ATTEND CONVENTION — These Phi Theta Kappa members and advisors attended the organization's regional convention in El Paso last weekend. Pictured front row, from left are Jason Campbell and Renae Hall. Back row are Sandra Hall, Jeff Ellis, Chris Metsgar, Justin Guy, Amber Atkinson, and Patty Kuhl. Thomas Lowery is not pictured. Contributed Photo)

Combs prosecutor explains why he did not call Lopez

NEW YORK (AP) — The prosecutor in Sean "Puffy" Combs' weapons and bribery trial said he didn't call Jennifer Lopez as a witness because he feared the rap mogul's ex-girlfriend would color her testimony in Combs' favor.

Assistant District Attorney Matthew Bogdanos, in closing arguments Tuesday, said Combs' acquaintances and employees called as witnesses had offered nothing but "lies."

During his nearly six-hour summation, Bogdanos repeatedly challenged the veracity of Combs' testimony in his own defense last week.

The prosecutor said the evidence showed Combs and rapper Jamaal "Shyne" Barrow both pulled handguns and opened fire on Dec. 27, 1999, inside a packed Manhattan nightclub after a bar patron insulted Combs.

The jury was to begin deliberations Wednesday after receiving instructions from the judge. Combs faces up to 15 years in prison if convicted.

According to trial testimony, Combs was leaving the club with Lopez, when another patron tossed a fistful of money in his direction. Gunshots followed within seconds.

Barrow was arrested as he fled the club with a gun in his waistband. He was charged with attempted murder.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, March 15, 2001

In the year ahead there's a chance that several of your endeavors will turn out to be something quite grand. If need be, operate in an independent, enterprising manner to make them happen.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Because your career prospects look so encouraging today, your financial hopes look equally so. Concentrate your efforts and interest on these two likelihoods. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it.

The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) The person who is a giver is going to be the one who'll end up being a getter today. Nice things happen to those who know how to prime the pumps with generosity.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A favorable change is in the offing today concerning something you've either secretly wanted or feared would never happen. The results of the happenings should brighten your spirits.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) There's a strong possibility you could be introduced to someone today with whom you'll have an instant, dynamic affinity, if you get out and mingle. Don't be a stay-at-home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) This is an excellent day to get going on a creative project you've been wanting to undertake. You'll have a good eye for what is pleasing and lasting.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If something negative or harsh needs to be stated, step forward today and take on the task. You have a natural ability to be diplomatic about unpleasantness without being offensive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Take full advantage of anything good that might happen for you today. Don't make the mistake of thinking it will be there tomorrow. That's not a given.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Just because something comes easily doesn't mean that it is wrong, as today's events will prove. It might have something to do with a decision you'll have to make with a lot of positive choices.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Doing your best today could yield higher dividends than normal. So whether you're working for yourself or someone else, put forth a bit more effort than usual.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If your ideas are truly better than others, friends or associates won't mind a bit if you assert yourself and take charge of events or activities. Go to it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Because you'll instinctively look out for the interests of others, your possibilities for success in your endeavors will be substantially enhanced today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your hopes and expectations show excellent chances for fulfillment today. Keep your thinking optimistic, and don't let anyone with a dire outlook dampen your enthusiasm.

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Receive honorary degrees

WALTHAM, Mass. (AP) — Actor Jack Lemmon and Boston Celtics legend Bill Russell have been chosen to receive honorary degrees from Brandeis University at graduation ceremonies in May.

Lemmon, a native of Newton, Mass., won an Academy Award for 1955's "Mister Roberts" and for 1973's "Save the Tiger." He also starred in "Some Like It Hot," "The Apartment," "The China Syndrome," and "Glengarry Glen Ross." He also recently played professor Morrie Schwartz in a TV adaptation of "Tuesdays with Morrie," written by Mitch Albom, a Brandeis graduate.

Fort Worth club owner arrested

FORT WORTH (AP) — A Fort Worth club owner was arrested after two 15-year-old girls were found performing nude at his business.

Charles Franklin, 52, was being held Tuesday in the Tarrant County Jail on charges of sexual performance by a child, a second-degree felony. Bail was set at $100,000.

Authorities say the business, Turning Point Night Club, did not have a permit to operate a strip club.

Undercover officers checking out a complaint visited the club last week and found the two juvenile girls performing, investigators said.

Detective L.L. Hill said officers observed bar patrons touching the girls and tipping them.

Authorities arrested one of the girls that night and turned her over to juvenile authorities. A warrant has been issued for the other.

Both face charges of delinquent conduct and public indecency, police said.

Hill said in Wednesday's editions of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that the girls appeared to have been performing at the bar regularly.

Pat Boone's white buck shoes will be sold on Internet

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Pat Boone is passing the bucks.

The "Love Letters in the Sand" singer has been known for his trademark white buck shoes since he was discovered in the 1950s by legendary broadcaster Arthur Godfrey.

Boone wears them everywhere. Several hundred pairs have come and gone: some worn out, grabbed up by collectors or stolen. Frank Sinatra owned a pair and called them his "Boone Booties."

Now, anyone can have official Pat Boone white bucks for $59.95.

Beginning March 26, catalog retailer Blair Corp. will sell the shoes on the singer's The Gold Label Web site (http://www.pats-gold.com).

"People have paid thousands of dollars at charity auctions for a pair of my white bucks," Boone said. "But I'm thrilled that we found a great retailer to make these shoes, which, by the way, are extremely comfortable and durable, available to millions."

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The Stars and Stripes officially was adopted as the United States flag in 1777.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 03-14-01
♠ K Q J
♥ J 5 4
♦ K J 10 7 3
♣ J 9

West
♠ 7 5 4 3 2
♥ A K 10
♦ 8 2
♣ Q 3 2

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

South
♠ 9 8
♥ Q 7 6
♦ A Q 6 4
♣ K 7 5 4

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		Pass	Pass
1 ♦	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ A

Thank you, partner!

Maybe one day I will be sent review copies of the other programs — but then again, maybe not!

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Why can't it count correctly?

By Phillip Alder

How well do computers play bridge? Recently I tested "Bridge Baron 11" (Great Game Products), which the box claims to be a five-time world computer bridge champion. Well, this suggests to me that the other programs must be really bad.

I have always thought that programming a computer to bid shouldn't be that hard, but Bridge Baron makes mistakes even in simple situations. Look at deal number 1334504952. First, North passes a 12-point hand with a decent five-card suit — not my style. Then, South opens one of a minor with only 11 points. Again, debatable. North responds two diamonds, an inverted minor-suit raise showing a maximum pass, good diamond support, and no four-card major. What should South do now? Pass, of course; what else? But the program totally ignores that partner is a passed hand.

Against three diamonds, I started with three rounds of hearts. Declarer won with the queen, drew trumps, and played a spade to my partner's ace. What should East do now?

The defense has three tricks: one spade and two hearts. So, it needs two club tricks to defeat the contract. This means East must switch to a low club. If West has the club king, everything works, but if West has only the queen, South must be put on the spot. South should "guess" correctly, because if East had the club queen and West the ace, East would have exited with a spade.

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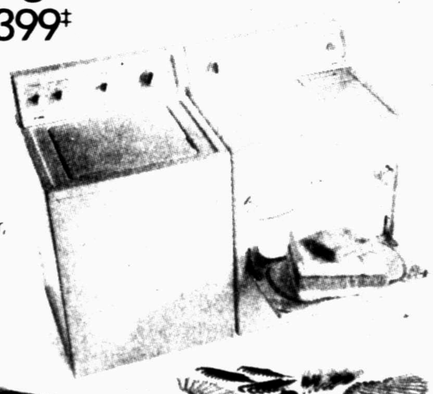

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