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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

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Home of Don Johnson

Cable upgrade expected finish is now in October

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Although the work is in its primary stage, the upgrade on Cox Communication's cable system is now projected to be completed ahead of schedule.

The agreement between the company and the city calls for the work to be finished before the end of the year, but city council members were told last night that the targeted date for completion is October.

"We are trying to finish a couple of months ahead of schedule," said Charlie Moore, the Cox manager in Midland who supervises the Snyder office.

Moore said the underground construction portion of the fiber optic line started Monday, and that work is expected to be completed shortly.

Moore said there is only seven miles of underground line, but 128 miles above ground.

"Once we get rolling above ground, we should be able to install 30 to 40 miles a month," Moore said. He said portions of the city should be able to use the new system by late June or mid-July.

"We try to have as few interruptions to service as possible during the installation of our new lines, but there will be some."

Moore said the company would notify its customers when work will be performed in what areas of the city by mail and door hangers.

"We try to limit service interruptions to late at night and early in the morning," said Moore.

The total cost of the project for Cox Communications is $8.5 million.

In action items last night, the council agreed to purchase 103 sanitation boxes at a total cost of $34,917. Two bids were received for the boxes and the low bid was for $339 each.

The city had budgeted $35,000 for the purchase.

The council also adopted a resolution to place stop signs at the intersection of Avenue O and 28th Street near the Snyder Boys and Girls Club.

Representatives of the club had requested the change, replacing yield signs for the stop signs as a safety factor.

The council also appointed Bonnie Fry as election judge for the May 5 general election.

She replaces Francene Noah who is a candidate for mayor.

Tabled was the second reading of an ordinance closing a portion of 45th Street in Towle Park.

"We have not received all the survey information," said Vic Chambers of the city's permit department.

During the public comments portion of the meeting, Mayor Dayton Robertson took exception to a council candidate's comments in the Sunday edition of the Snyder Daily News.

Carl Moon Jr. said he was "tired of being lied to" by the city council.

"Anyone who has a problem about what we do or say, is welcome to talk to me personally," said Robertson.

Robertson presided and councilmen in attendance were James Ashley, Vernest Tippens, I.E. Martin, David Harrell and Terry Martin. James Jenkins was absent.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Charlie Brown was right when he said, 'Good grief!'"

We wish the national news media and the politicians in Washington would let us forget about Bill Clinton.

We hope the nation is growing tired of hearing the Clinton "spin" put on each new piece of evidence about everything from the presidential pardons to items allegedly toted from the White House.

Said one New York Times columnist, "The Clintons are a terminally unethical and vulgar couple, and they've betrayed everyone who has ever believed in them."

We have to agree with the Yankee scribe.

Thanks to the Clinton administration, Jennifer Flowers, Paula Jones and Monica Lewinsky became household names.

Thanks to the antics of the Oval Office occupant, junior high kids now firmly believe that oral sex is not really sex.

A recent poll of junior high kids revealed that such experimentation is not considered sex because they haven't yet given in to the big one.

Additionally, the same poll reveals it's okay because you can't get pregnant, but also they incorrectly assume that disease can't be transmitted in this non-sex manner.

It may take more than a village to get our kids over some of this stuff.

Bill Clinton showed Americans that sexual harassment in the workplace is okay, you can still come out on top in spite of impeachment charges, that money can buy lots of influence and that scandal is just part of doing the country's business.

Consider this letter home to parents from a foreign exchange student in New Mexico about news of the day:

"Well, Eminem the rapper, specializing in obscenity and hate, just won the Grammy. "Hannibal," a salute to serial killers and cannibalism, is blowing the doors off the box offices. The Clintons have been caught red-handed stealing everything but the light bulbs as they left the White House. Don't have time to tell you about the bribe for presidential pardons.

"In San Francisco, the city council is about to approve that taxpayers pay for sex-change operations for city employees. In Berkley, the city council has asked administrators to come up with an ordinance requiring companies that do business with the city to offer their employees same-sex domestic partner benefits. That's the news from America tonight."

Good grief!



READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY? — West Elementary's book fair is being held today through Thursday in Room 8. Times are 8-10 a.m. and 2:30-4 p.m. It will also be open during Thursday's Family Reading night from 6-7:30. Pictured from left are Casey Arnold, Allie Brewster, Heather West and Nicole Presley. (SDN Staff Photo)

19 indictments returned Monday

Seventeen people were indicted by the Scurry County grand jury Monday, including seven persons re-indicted on charges stemming from a drug bust last December. One person was also indicted for sexual assault.

Indicted for the second-degree felony charge of sexual assault was Jeremy Paul Ramos, 20, of 1408 19th Street.

Ramos is accused of assaulting a female under the age of 17 on Jan. 26. He was taken into custody Monday night and is in jail in lieu of a $10,000 bond.

Those re-indicted on charges stemming from the drug bust include Twana Lashon Pounds, 25, of 603 29th Street. She was indicted for the Dec. 5 offense of delivery of a controlled substance. Pounds is accused of committing the offense within 1,000 feet of Stanfield Elementary. She was also indicted for the Feb. 9 offense of bail jumping and failure to appear. She is in jail in lieu of bonds totaling $15,000.

Welton Cobb, 44, of 1201 29th Street was re-indicted for the Dec. 1 offense of delivery of a controlled substance, cocaine.

The delivery was allegedly made within 1,000 yards of Central Elementary. Cobb is out of jail on a $5,000 bond.

Colby Shawn Ward, 18, of 1510 Sycamore, Apt. A in Big Spring was re-indicted for the Dec. 19 offense of delivery of a controlled substance, cocaine. He is out of jail on a $5,000 bond.

Kevin Wayne Ward, 30, of 2811 Ave. X also was re-indicted for the delivery of cocaine. He is accused of selling the illegal drug on Dec. 19. Ward is out of jail on a $5,000 bond.

Danisha Venita Ollison, 23, of 1007 29th Street was re-indicted for the Dec. 19 offense of the delivery of cocaine. The indictment states the sale was made within 1,000 feet of Stanfield Elementary. Ollison was also indicted for the Dec. 21 offense of possessing cocaine. She is out of jail on bonds totaling $10,000.

Alvin Leonard Ollison, 40, of 1007 29th Street was re-indicted for the Dec. 19 offense of delivery of a controlled substance, cocaine, within 1,000 yards of Central Elementary. He remains in jail on a $5,000 bond.

Lisa Kaye Villa, 33, of 605 30th Street was re-indicted for the Dec. 5 offense of delivery of cocaine. She is also charged with selling the drug within a 1,000 feet of Stanfield Elementary. Villa is out of jail on a $5,000 bond.

All of the re-indictments were minor changes in wording, according to the district attorney's office.

Other indictments Monday include Robby Lee Salazar, 18, of 306 32nd Street for the Feb. 26 offense of failure to appear on a trial date. His bond is set at $10,000 and he currently is in jail.

Baldemar Antonio Gonzales, 27, of 310 20th St. was indicted for the Feb. 16 offense of assault, family violence. Last September, Gonzales also was convicted of assault in Scurry County. He is free on a $5,000 bond.

Indicted for driving while intoxicated was Macario Rocha Rivera, 41, of Box 201, Ira. He is accused of DWI on Feb. 17. He has prior convictions for DWI in Scurry County in 1987 and 1995.

John Richard Pena, 31, of 1924 Carl Road, Irving, was indicted for the Feb. 10 offense of driving while intoxicated. He is out on jail on a $5,000 bond. Pena has prior DWI convictions in Lubbock County in 1993, and in Potter County in 1994.

Jessie Wayne Wells, 64, of 1690 McBeth Farm Rd. was indicted for the Feb. 21 offense of driving while intoxicated. Wells is out of jail on a $5,000 bond. He has two prior DWI convictions in Scurry County in 1991.

John Mark Kincheloe, 32, of 1201 26th Street was indicted for DWI. The offense occurred on Feb. 18. Kincheloe has prior DWI convictions in Scurry County in 1992 and 1996. He is out of jail on a $5,000 bond.

Lazarus Garcia, 37, of 601 25th Street was indicted for the Feb. 23 offense of driving while intoxicated.

Garcia has prior convictions for DWI in Scurry County in May, 1991 and February, 2001. He remains in jail in lieu of a $5,000 bond.

Jimmy Wayne Perales Romero, 41, of 2907 Ave. J was indicted for the Feb. 3 offense of DWI. He has prior convictions for DWI in Lubbock County in 1992, and in Scurry County in 1993. He is out of jail on a $5,000 bond.

David Early Haywood, 50, of 1800 Avenue I was indicted for the Feb. 25 offense of failing to register as a sex offender. He was arrested Monday night at his home. Haywood's bond is set at $5,000. The charge is a state jail felony.

Personnel items are SISD topic tonight

Personnel items will dominate this evening's meeting of the Snyder Independent School District board of trustees.

Teacher contract renewals will be considered, as well as several resignations.

The trustees are expected to formally act on the resignation of David Baugh, head football coach and athletic director, and that of Sam Tipton, girls basketball coach and girls athletic coordinator.

Other resignations on the agenda are those of Tonya Canada, a technology educator throughout the district; Joe Granato, high school coach and government teacher; Greg Hazelwood, former coach and presently an alternative education instructor at the junior high; Marsha Krenek, junior high science teacher; Steve Medley, high school coach and social studies teacher; and Michael Williams, high school ag science teacher.

Trustees will also consider budget amendments totaling $71,168 from the 2000-2001 budget.

The major portion of the increase comes from architect and engineering fees for work associated with updating three elementary school's heating and cooling units.

The trustees also will review the district's textbook committee recommendations in the area of English composition, Spanish, reading and literature.

The board will also hear an update on the district's technology plan.

This evening's meeting will get underway at 6 in the school administration building.

CO2 project planned

Oxy Permian has scheduled a news conference at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the offices of the Development Corporation of Snyder.

The company is expected to announce a major CO2 project in the Cogdell Unit north of Snyder.

The public is invited to the news conference, according to John DeLille, DCOS executive director.

Spring break plans set for local schools

Residence halls at Western Texas College will close at 2 p.m. Friday, signaling the start of spring break.

Snyder and Ira public schools will also release Friday for a week's vacation.

Snyder ISD will dismiss school at the regular time, but Ira students will be released at noon.

Hermleigh ISD does not take a week off for spring break, but rather opts for longer weekends throughout the second semester. School will be out on Friday, and Hermleigh's next scheduled holiday after Friday is March 30.

WTC dorms will re-open at 2 p.m. March 18 and classes resume March 19.

Snyder and Ira also go back to the books on March 19.

After the break, the end of school will be fast approaching as Snyder has graduation set May 18. Ira commencement is scheduled May 19 while Hermleigh's ceremony is scheduled for May 25.

WTC has graduation exercises planned for May 4.

ASK US

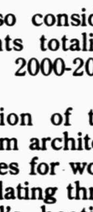
Q—What were all the TXU trucks and people doing around WTC and the Cedar Creek area Saturday?

A—They were checking the type of plastic gas pipes in that area as required by the Texas Railroad Commission.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 66 degrees; low, 36; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 44; no precipitation; total for 2001, 3.76 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy, 20% rain chance, low, 40-45, S wind 5-15 mph. Wednesday, cloudy, high mid 60s, E wind 10-20 mph, 50% rain chance.



Keonna Ward
Rain Chance

Sunset:
6:46 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:04 a.m.
Of 64 days in 2001, the sun has shone 55 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

It is often hard to distinguish between the hard knocks in life and those of opportunity.
—Frederick Phillips

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Senate committee eyes plans for teacher health insurance

AUSTIN (AP) — It's one of the few issues on which most Texas Republicans and Democrats agree: school employees need state-funded health insurance.

The problem is how to pay for it.

The Senate Education Committee on Monday discussed several plans, from partial state funding through a cost-sharing plan with school districts to full state funding with a price tag of more than $3 billion a year.

A vote is not expected for several weeks.

"I wish we could fund the whole enchilada, but I am quite concerned we will not be able to do that," Senate Education Chairman Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, said Monday. "However, I am open to creative ideas."

Senate Finance Chairman Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, and House Appropriations Chairman Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, on Monday presented a bill that would generate an additional $700 million over two years.

It would allow Texas to tap into stock gains from the $22 billion Permanent School Fund to help pay for health benefits. But voters first would have to approve a constitutional amendment because the fund cannot be touched under current law

Some state Board of Education members, who oversee the trust fund for Texas public schools, have protested using that money for such a plan.

The House also is studying the health insurance issue, which educators say is contributing to the teacher shortage in Texas. About 46,000 of 250,000 positions went unfilled this school year.

Four Texas teachers groups normally at odds with each other have formed a coalition urging lawmakers to take action this session.

"Delay is costly — costly to school employees, costly to our school systems, costly to taxpayers, but most of all costly to the children we educate," said Rep. Ignacio Salinas Jr., D-Alice, president of the Texas State Teachers Association.

Unlike state employees, public school workers do not get state-paid health insurance. State law requires districts to offer comparable coverage — but not necessarily comparable cost — to that which state employees receive.

About half the districts offer comparable benefits to the state plan, according to a survey by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas. But some districts offer no plan at all because there is no penalty for failing to do so.

The teachers groups Monday said they will support a bill that requires all school districts to participate in a plan, which should have a one-year startup period and be available to retired teachers as well.

Educators say the plan must pay all costs for employees and half of dependents' costs, and all other benefits must be comparable to those provided to state employees.

"Yes, we understand that the cost of providing health insurance is not small, yet we believe the price we'll pay for unfilled classrooms and unqualified teachers will be much higher," said Susie Thrash, state president of the Association of Texas Professional Educators.

The groups — the TSTA, TPE, Texas Classroom Teachers Association and Texas Federation of Teachers — say there is overwhelming statewide support for the issue, citing results of a Scripps-Howard poll conducted last month.

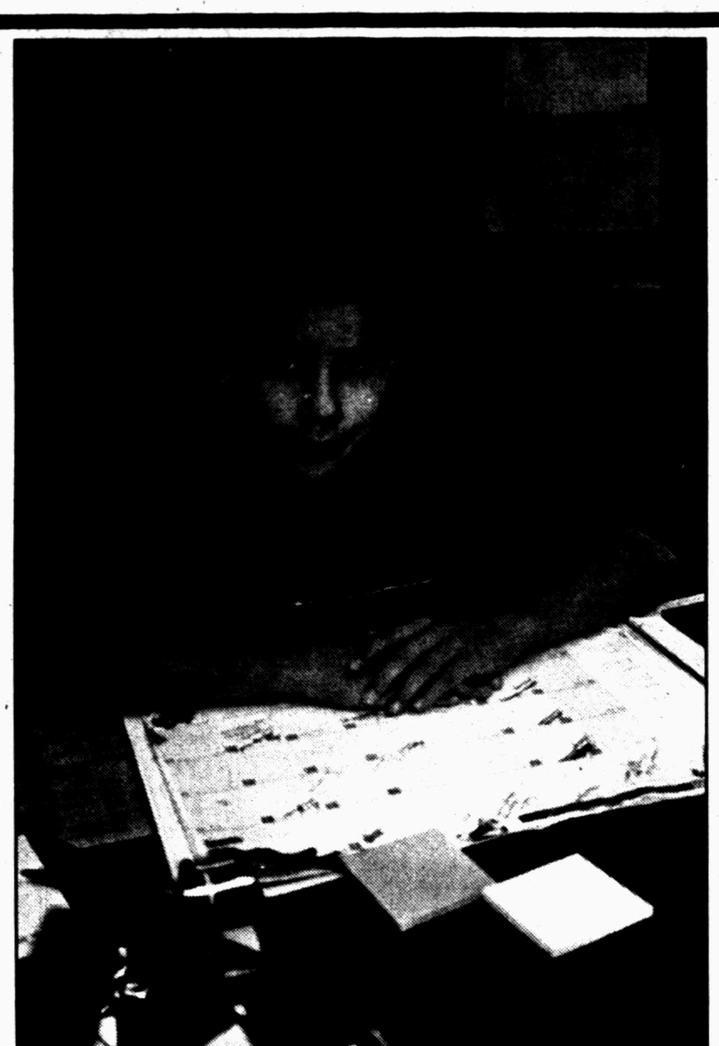
When asked which option could best combat the teacher shortage, 85 percent of the 1,000 Texans surveyed supported providing a paid health-insurance program. Only 4 percent supported lowering training and certification standards.

The Senate Finance Committee on Monday also discussed other bills by Sen. Todd Staples, R-Palestine; Sen. Eliot Shapleigh, D-El Paso; and Sen. Kenneth Armbrister, D-Victoria.

Republican Sen. John Carona is working on a bill with Democratic Rep. Harryette Ehrhardt, whose plan to fully fund health insurance for teachers and other school employees failed last session.

The two Dallas lawmakers are working on how to pay for the fully funded program, dubbed by some as the "Cadillac plan," which would cost about $6 billion over two years.

"But more important than math, it's the right thing to do," Carona said.



PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY — Alex Alcala, Stanfield second grader, served as principal for a day on Friday. That was his reward for earning 180 points in the Accelerated Reader program. Now he is up to 211 points. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Money sought to inspect trucks

McALLEN (AP) — Texas regulators are seeking $70 million they say is needed to inspect trucks that must now be allowed to cross into the United States from Mexico under the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Critics of the plan have said many Mexican tractor-trailer rigs violate transportation regulations in this country and pose a potential safety threat.

Texas Department of Transportation officials said the money would pay for construction of eight inspection stations along the Texas-Mexico border as well as an oval-shaped roadway to check the trucks, a parking lot for rigs found unsafe and offices for inspectors.

Under NAFTA, Mexican trucks were supposed to be able to travel throughout Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California by 1995 and the rest of the country by 2000.

But former President Clinton refused in 1995 to permit the access, limiting the trucks to within 20 miles of the border.

An arbitration panel created by NAFTA for such disputes ruled Feb. 6 that the United States must allow the trucks in, but can enforce its commercial trucking safety standards. The U.S. government has said it cannot enforce the standards without significant increases in safety inspectors and facilities.

The transportation department has identified the Pharr-Reynosa International Bridge, the Los Tomates bridge in Brownsville and the Los Indios bridge in Harlingen as inspection points for freight haulers entering the state from Mexico.

Other inspection sites would be built in Laredo, El Paso and Eagle Pass.

"The department is proceeding to develop these stations, but at the same time it is going to take some funding and some monies to actually construct them once we get the direction and get the go-ahead from the state legislature," Gaby Garcia, a spokesperson for the Texas Department of Transportation, told the McAllen Monitor in Tuesday's editions.

Garcia said Mexican trucks probably would be on U.S. highways before the inspection stations are built because construction will take up to two years after the money is found.

More than 214,000 trucks entered the country in 1999 through the Pharr-Reynosa international crossing, according to figures from the Pharr Chamber of Commerce. Another 10,000 to 13,000 trucks cross the McAllen-Hidalgo International Bridge every three months, according to Bridge Director George Ramon.

Legend Airlines closes

DALLAS (AP) — Legend Airlines surrendered its operating certificate Monday to Federal Aviation Administration officials, ending the start-up carrier's quest to continue the first long-haul flights from Love Field in 25 years.

"It's very sad," said T. Allan McArtor, Legend's chief executive and co-founder, of the surrender. "It would probably be easier to put a child up for adoption."

Airline executives have been struggling to bring the carrier back to service after shutting down operations in December and filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection from creditors.

The airline grounded operations after losing $44.7 million since its launch in 1996.

Last month, Legend executives were unsuccessful in selling its operating certificate. The certificate was picked up by FAA representatives Monday morning.

"We have it," said FAA spokesman John Clabes. "They no longer hold a certificate to fly."

McArtor said executives will begin liquidating the carrier's other assets, which include some machinery and office equipment. The airline had leased its fleet and a private terminal at Dallas Love Field.

Legend flew a fleet of seven 56-passenger DC-9s, outfitted with leather seats and in-flight televisions. It operated scheduled flights from Dallas to New York, Washington, Los Angeles and Las Vegas for about seven months.

Executives scrambled for capital after the shutdown but hit another roadblock when New York commercial real estate developer Michael Stern withdrew plans to lend Legend $20 million. Legend then tried to borrow $800,000 from one of its aircraft lessors so that it could operate charter flights until it found fresh capital. However, a federal bankruptcy judge disapproved of the plan.

McArtor, a former chief of the Federal Aviation Administration, said investors were scared by the "competitive atmosphere" at Love Field, and lengthy litigation between Legend and the world's second-largest carrier, American Airlines, which had tried unsuccessfully to block the upscale upstart from initiating service.

events

RESULTS

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:
5-13-18-25-30

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
3-4-8

Berry's World



Date Book

Tuesday, March 6, 2001

Today is the 65th day of 2001 and the 76th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1836, Mexican troops took the Alamo and killed its 187 defenders.

On this day in 1896, Charles Brady King became the first man to drive an automobile on the streets of Chicago.

On this day in 1955, comedienne Phyllis Diller debuted at San Francisco's Purple Onion nightclub.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Michelangelo (1475-1564), artist; Elizabeth Barrett Browning (1806-1861), poet; Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908), composer; Lefty Grove (1900-1975), baseball great; Ed McMahon (1923-), TV personality, is 78; Alan Greenspan (1926-), Federal Reserve chairman, is 75; Gabriel Garcia Marquez (1928-), writer, is 73; Willie Stargell (1941-), baseball great, is 60; Rob Reiner (1945-), director, is 56.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1976, Wilfred Benitez defeated junior welterweight champion Antonio Cervantes in a 15-round decision.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Let no one 'till his death be called unhappy. Measure not the work until the day's out and the labor done." — Elizabeth Barrett Browning

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

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COMPUTER STUDY — Delta Kappa Gamma members met in the Snyder High School computer lab for a program by Wynola Early. Looking on are members Mollie Shearer, left, and Monette O'Day. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Wynona Early speaks to DKG members

Zeta Lambda Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma members met in the computer lab at Snyder High School for an informational program by Wynola Early, computer science instructor.

She explained the many facets taught in classes including creating web sites and logos to trouble shooting. Linda Ellis, area coordinator, gave a brief report on the state convention to be held in June in Lubbock. Geraldine Parker read the meditation, "Tips for Living," by Sharon Randall.

DKG will continue the Books for Babies program for newborns at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Hostesses included Jamie Hall, Kem Fogleman, Jackie McNew, June McGlaun and Jean Sealy.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Overeaters Anonymous, Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 574-1254, 573-8322 or 573-3733; 6:30 p.m.

Snyder Fire Dept. Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 7 p.m.

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

AA Beginner's Meeting-Open; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-4048,; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY

Storytime at the Scurry County Library for 4- and 5-year-olds; 10 a.m.

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

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-8018; 8p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal bldg. On W. 37th Street; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.m.Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

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

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

Canyon Gun Club; 1910 25th Street; 7:30 p.m.

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

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving Course; Texas Savings Bank; no reservations necessary, cost $30, for more information call 573-2850; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Just For Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-9458; 10 a.m.

VALENTINE QUEEN — Beta Sigma Phi crowned Niki Glasscock 2001 Valentine Queen at the Snyder Country Club. Outgoing queen Lois Cave presented the crown, cape and red roses. Valentine Queens are selected by secret ballot and the criteria includes inner beauty, kindness, sincerity, gentleness, sensitivity to others, humbleness, caring, leadership in sorority and community, takes sorority responsibilities and does them well, friendly toward sisters, keeps things in confidence and does not gossip, self-confident, tactful, and diplomatic. (Contributed Photo)



Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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East
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♦ A Q
♣ A K 2

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

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4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ 3

Tuesday, March 6, 2001

From the good to the bad

By Phillip Alder

Yesterday, I mentioned three booklets by Englishmen David Bird and Marc Smith: "Deceptive Card Play," "Eliminations and Throw-Ins," and "Planning in Suit Contracts" (Master Point Press). They supply good instruction; however, I think the books would have been so much better if they had been expanded from 60 pages to 80 or 96. Then, each problem could have first been set with just two hands visible. The reader would see the full layout only after he has had a chance to work out the answer. Immediately seeing all 52 cards is unsatisfactory. (In the quizzes you usually see only 26 cards, never 52, which also irritates me.)

In this deal from the suit-contract booklet, you are in four spades. Obligingly, West leads a diamond to your queen. How would you continue?

There is no auction in the book. If South, I would open two no-trump, and North would raise to three no-trump, reaching an easy contract to make.

Although disastrous here, West's lead is reasonable after this sequence (but less so if South opened two no-trump).

With one club loser, you can afford two heart losers, but not three. Here, if you cross to dummy with a trump and play a heart to your king, West should return his second trump. And when East wins the next heart trick, he will denude dummy of trumps, killing both the ruff and your contract.

Simply lead a low heart from your hand at trick two. This puts you one step ahead, and the defenders cannot stop the critical heart ruff.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Gott not German

DEAR DR. GOTT: Germany didn't initiate World War II, as you stated in a recent column; Austria-Hungary did. So let's not blame Deutschland for this one.

More importantly, you are obviously Jewish. Your family name of Gott means "God" in the German language. No-one has the right to trivialize the name of the Lord. If you were a Christian, you wouldn't have that name because, in a person of German ancestry, it wouldn't exist. So, Herr Doktor, please alter the spelling of your name and let that be reflected in your columns. I know that you are not a wiseguy, but you are certainly not enlightened on the subject.

DEAR READER: Your letter is representative of the bizarre correspondence I receive every week. And I would not ordinarily answer it except I'm a little oppositional today, and it tweaked me.

Hitler was Austrian, but Germany certainly has to take responsibility for following his lead in invading Europe. Your position is akin to claiming that if George W. Bush were to do something harmful or foolish, it's not a national problem, it's Texas issue. Pure claptrap.

Gott is a relatively common name in England, where it originated. There are, as you correctly point out, no German Gotts. But the rather large U.S. Gott family started with our ancestors who landed in Maine (on, wonder of wonders, Gott Island) and spread into Massachusetts and, later, to the mid-West. So, based on my staunchly Anglo-Scottish background, I have no intention of changing my name.

For your information, it's sometimes more fun to be a wiseguy than to be enlightened. Cheers.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Twice in the past month I have experienced a peculiar tightness in my throat, jaw and upper chest. I think my shoulders were involved too. Also, the unpleasant sensation occurred while I was exercising. I am 70 and have high blood pressure and cholesterol. Is this serious enough for me to seek medical attention?

DEAR READER: Although angina (heart muscle cramps from inadequate blood supply) characteristically causes left chest and arm pain during stress or exercise, variant forms are relatively common. These include neck and jaw pain, indigestion and a sensation of chest pressure.

Because of your age, your hypertension and your elevated cholesterol, you are at higher risk of coronary artery disease. Therefore, I believe that you should bring your symptoms to your doctor's attention. While your problem may be as mundane as muscle tension, it could reflect coronary blockage that should be addressed. Angina is often a prelude to heart attack. See your doctor for appropriate testing.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report, "Understanding Heart Disease." 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.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm in the 8th grade and have a major problem. Whenever I eat ice cream it almost freezes my tongue and my taste buds are affected. Please comment.

DEAR READER: Because ice cream is frozen, it can lower the temperature of any tissues it touches. Thus, your tongue problem is to be expected. Cross this off as a negative consequence of a pleasurable experience. To avoid this sensation, you'd have to forego ice cream altogether or consume it less aggressively.

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Pork rinds favorite snack food

History was made recently as the title of Commander in Chief passed from one generation to another. Certainly, George W. Bush is his own man, but he apparently enjoys munching on pork rinds, the same crunchy, bacon-flavored snack enjoyed by his father. Just as the elder Bush did during his presidency, George W. is expected to bring pork rinds back to the White House.

As seen on "The Today Show," former President George Bush is one of many Americans who passed his love of pork rind snacks on to his family. Pork rinds gained huge awareness and acceptance during the first Bush presidency; George W. has not only made a similar and historic path to the White House, but he is continuing his family's taste for one of America's fastest-growing snack foods.

Pork rinds are also a family tradition with Rudolph Foods, the world's largest producer of pork rind snacks. John Rudolph began producing the Mexican-style snack in the mid-1950s and his wife, Mary, developed the secret family recipe. Their sons Jim and Rich now lead the international business.

"We are encouraged by the new generation of pork rind lovers who have caught on to the high-protein benefit of our product," says Rich Rudolph, executive vice president of sales and marketing, "but we also continue to welcome long-time pork rind lovers like the Bush family."

The second generation of Rudolphs and Bushes have learned many valuable lessons from their successful fathers. Only time will tell what paths their children will take, but one thing is certain-you'll probably find a bag or two of pork rind snacks at their family gatherings.

Serving suggestions

Want to know exciting ways to serve pork rind snacks at your next party or get-together? They're great right out of the bag.

Births

Braden and Aaron Palacious announce the birth of their brother, Layton Jacob Hilburn. Parents are Tracey and Brian Hilburn of Mustang, Okla. Layton was born at 2:45 p.m. on March 5 in Lakeside Renaissance Hospital in Mustang.

Paternal grandparents are Rick and Leigh Hilburn of Big Spring and Renee Myler of Oklahoma. Maternal grandparents are Sue and Tommy Cotton of Snyder. Great-grandparents are Bud and Beverly Mackey of Oklahoma.

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HOW DO WE RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT TODAY?

by Bill Looney

The Bible is clear regarding the manner in which we receive the Holy Spirit. It is part of the plan of salvation.

We must believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God (Mark 16:16; John 8:24). We must repent of our sins (Acts 17:30). We must confess Christ (Romans 10:9, 10). We must be baptized for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21). We must be faithful till death (Rev. 2:10).

Jesus is the author or source of salvation to all those who obey Him (Hebrews 5:9). When we obey Him we also receive the "gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). God gives the Holy Spirit to those who obey Him (Acts 5:32). What must we do to obey Him? Paul wrote, "But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. You have been made free from sin and become slaves to righteousness (Romans 6:17, 18).

The form of teaching which they obeyed is described in Romans 6:3-5 in which he said that they had died to sin, were baptized into Christ and raised to live a new life. Notice that Peter said that when we are baptized "for the forgiveness of sin," we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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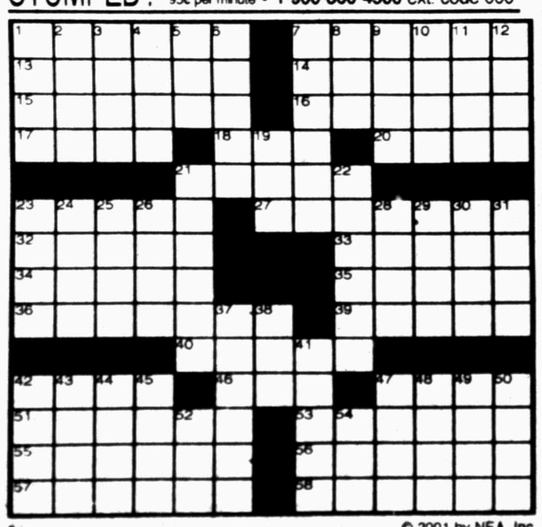
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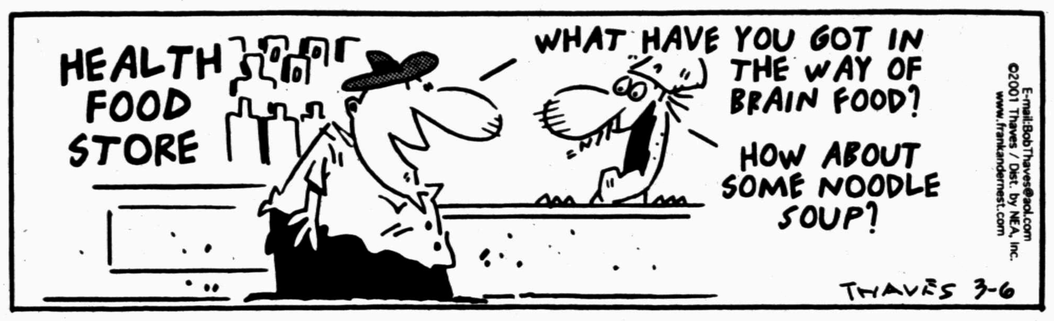
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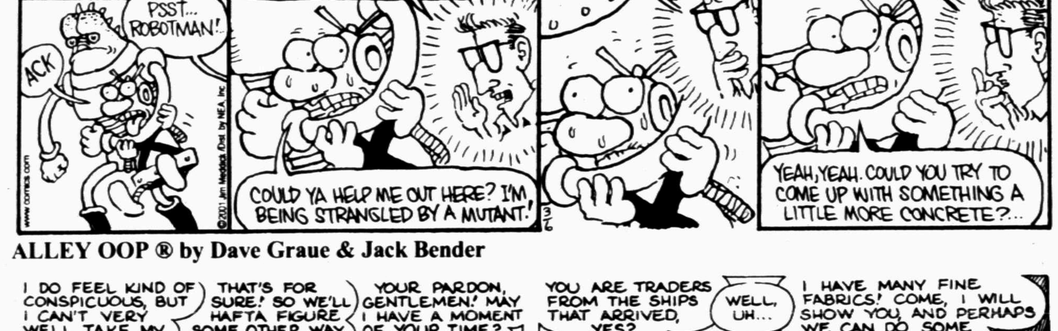
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SPORTS

On the softball diamond...

Lady Tigers set for 4-4A opener

Coming off their co-championship of the Snyder Tournament, the Lady Tigers set their sights on another title, starting today.

Snyder opens District 4-4A softball competition at 6:30 tonight when it hosts San Angelo Lake View at Cates Field.

The Lady Tigers enter the league opener with a record of 7-9, while the Maidens sport a 12-5 mark.

Snyder finished as the district runner-up a year ago, and first-year Lady Tiger coach Shelly Hayes believes the Lady Tigers should battle for another playoff berth this season.

"These girls have been to the playoffs before, so they know what it takes," said Hayes, who guided Winters to the postseason in 2000. "They know that you have to do the little things right to have success, and lately they've been doing those things. We're excited to get district underway."

The Lady Tigers head into 4-4A action with a trio of young pitchers. Sophomore Jacque Alvarez, and freshmen Ashley Martinez and Kelsi Johnson will see action during district.

Platooning behind the plate will be junior Vanessa Freeman and sophomore Chaelyn Robinson.

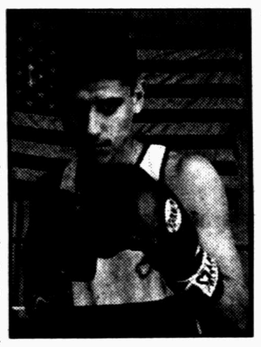
Around the infield will be senior Jennifer Newman, junior Amber Alexander, and sophomores Valerie Hernandez, Shelley Fisk and Kira Diaz.

Roaming the outfield for Snyder will be seniors Cameron Mackey, Whitney Webb and Angie Shoemake, along with junior Leticia Martinez.

"We have a good group of upperclassmen to lead this team, along with a talented group of younger players," said Hayes. "This is a tough district, so it's going to take all 14 girls to get the job done."

Following tonight's action with Lake View, the Lady Tigers travel to Levelland on Saturday.

Local boxer seeks titles



Vasquez Jr.

After achieving success last year on the Junior Olympic boxing circuit, Snyder's Johnny Vasquez Jr. has changed to the open boxing division.

The jump in classification hasn't slowed the local fighter.

Vasquez Jr. will compete for two national titles over the next two months in the bantamweight division.

The 17-year-old Snyder High School student begins competition Monday in the USA Boxing Championships in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Vasquez Jr. will also compete in the Golden Gloves National Tournament, beginning April 30 in Reno, Nev. He won the Texas golden gloves bantamweight title over the weekend in Fort Worth.

"This year, he's facing some tough fighters who are a lot older than he is," said Johnny Vasquez Sr. who trains his son at Snyder Boxing Club. "But he isn't intimidated by the older guys. I think the success he had at the state golden gloves competition will give him confidence for his future fights."

Mavericks fall to Magic, 95-81

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — The Orlando Magic were looking for some payback against the Dallas Mavericks.

On Jan. 18, Orlando led Dallas by 11 with 1:26 to play before losing. On Monday night, the Magic erased some memories of that game.

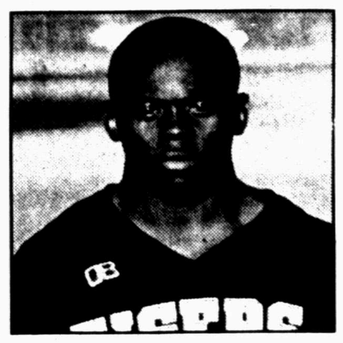
Tracy McGrady scored 23 points and seldom-used Cory Alexander keyed a decisive second-half run as Orlando defeated Dallas 95-81.

In January, missed free throws, poor clock management and good shooting by the Mavericks added up to a 115-106 loss in overtime.

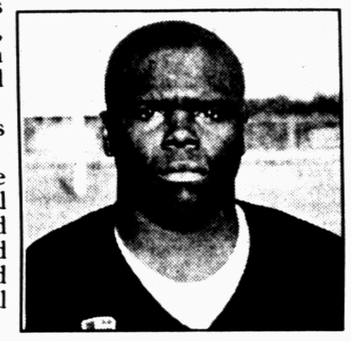
"We knew we were supposed to beat this team the first time, and we knew we gave that game away," said Orlando point guard Darrell Armstrong, who had 21 points and six assists Monday. "We know they're a good team, but we really outplayed them out in Dallas. We outplayed them tonight."

Dirk Nowitzki's 22 points and 14 rebounds led the Mavericks, who had their three-game winning streak against Orlando snapped. Juwan Howard had 17 points and eight rebounds and Michael Finley added 14 points.

Two SHS lifters headed to state



James



Johnson

LUBBOCK — Two Snyder High School athletes have muscled their way to state.

Seniors Edwin James and Tremaine Johnson will compete in the state power lifting meet March 24 at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth.

The SHS seniors earned their spot at the state meet by finishing in the top two at the regional competition.

James won the 165-pound class at regionals with a total lift of 1,235 pounds.

Johnson, who will make his second trip to the state meet, grabbed the runner-up spot in the 275-pound class with a total lift of 1,465 pounds.

The SHS power lifting team is coached by Joe Granato.

"Edwin and Tremaine have been near the top of the regional standings all year long," said Granato. "They were determined and focused on what they wanted to accomplish at the regional meet, and they got it done.

"It's going to be tough at the state meet, because there are so many really strong kids there. But I know these two guys will work hard and do the best that they can."

QB to meet with Cowboys

IRVING (AP) — A visit by Tony Banks, who started eight games for the Super Bowl champion Baltimore Ravens, to North Texas could provide an insight on the Dallas Cowboys' plans for quarterback Troy Aikman.

Banks arrived in Dallas late Monday night and will meet with members of the Cowboys coaching staff on Tuesday morning.

The free agent quarterback could serve as a backup for Aikman, who has been hampered by head and back injuries, prompting some to wonder if he would return. Banks, at 6-4 and 230 pounds, might even start for the Cowboys if Aikman isn't on the roster next season.

"We're still in the preliminary stages of discussing what my role will be," Banks, 26, told The Dallas Morning News in Tuesday's online edition. "But any visit is a good visit, and this could be a good opportunity for me."

Besides Aikman, Clint Stoerner and Anthony Wright are the only quarterbacks currently on the Dallas roster. Wright started two games and played in parts of two others last season.

Sports Briefs

Brad Johnson becomes a Buc

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The Tampa Bay Buccaneers got their man.

Brad Johnson agreed to a five-year, $28 million contract with the Bucs, who outbid the Super Bowl-champion Baltimore Ravens for the most coveted free-agent quarterback.

Johnson has thrown for 12,973 yards, 79 touchdowns and 57 interceptions in nine pro seasons.

Barber close to deal with Giants

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Tiki Barber, who rushed for a career-high 1,006 yards and helped the Giants reach the Super Bowl, is close to an agreement on a reported six-year, $24 million contract to remain in New York.

Barber also caught 70 passes for 719 yards last season. He finished with 2,089 all-purpose yards, including punt and kickoff returns.

Armstrong goes to Oakland

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Free agent defensive end Trace Armstrong, a 12-year veteran who has spent the last six years with the Miami Dolphins, signed with the Oakland Raiders.

Armstrong, 35, led the AFC and ranked second in the league last season with a career-high 161/2 sacks. It was the fifth time that he has reached double digits in sacks.

Saints sign Redskins' receiver

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The New Orleans Saints signed former Redskins wide receiver Albert Connell to a five-year contract reportedly worth $14 million, filling a major offensive need and expanding their options for the NFL draft.

The 6-foot, 179-pound receiver was drafted by Washington in the fourth round in 1997. In four years, he has 138 catches for 2,483 yards and 14 touchdowns. His best year was 1999, when he caught 62 passes for 1,132 yards and seven touchdowns.

Strickland back in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Rod Strickland rejoined the Portland Trail Blazers, becoming the backup point guard on a team that has the best record in the West but felt it needed another veteran to reach the NBA Finals.

Strickland, who spent four productive seasons in Portland from 1992-96, was waived last Thursday by the Washington Wizards, who bought out the remaining year-plus on his contract for $2.5 million. Because he was waived before midnight Thursday, he is eligible for the playoffs.

Strickland averaged 17 points and 8.6 assists with the Blazers, but his final season was marred by a feud with coach P.J. Carlesimo.

Boys' Little Dribblers

MINOR DIVISION

Nuggets 56, Lakers 31

Nuggets: Bubba Perales, 18; Rey Juarez, 16; Shade Roemisch, 8; Kenyon Gafford, Kasey Young and Steven Juarez, 4; Nathan Rose, 2. **Lakers:** Brandon Ramirez, 25; David Strayhorn, 4; Isaac Martin, 2.

Pistons 34, Wolfpack 22

Pistons: Jared Cave, 12; Riley Davis, 8; Gage West, 6; LaShondrick Richardson, 5; Colby Berrera, 3. **Wolfpack:** Jordan Gafford, 8; Kylor Fine and Doug Brunson, 6; Scott Smith, 2.

Kings 45, Lakers 35

Kings: Kaden Seale and Brandon Lunsford, 14; Ty Burton, 5; Colton Curry, 8; Eric Morin, 4. **Lakers:** Brandon Ramirez, 27; David Strayhorn, 4; Toby Lopez and Isaac Martin, 2.

Grizzlies 30, Knicks 25

Grizzlies: Alex Hernandez, 16; Garrett Hale, 6; Clint McFatridge and Jake Crenwelge, 4. **Knicks:** Rance Dunn, 21; Kelton Garcia and Tye Holley, 2.

Pistons 32, Kings 22

Pistons: Jared Cave, 13; LaShondrick Richardson, 11; Riley Davis, 4; Matthew Rios and gage West, 2. **Kings:** Brandon Lunsford, 8; Ty Burton, 6; Brandon Medrano and Kaden Seale, 4.

Wolfpack 24, Bulls 20

Wolfpack: Jordan Gafford, 10; Kylor Fine and Doug Brunson, 6; Alex Alcala, 2. **Bulls:** Dominic Cabrera, 12; Anthony Taylor and Caleb Harrison, 4.

Nuggets 34, Grizzlies 28

Nuggets: Rey Juarez, 18; Bubba Perales, 7; Kenyon Gafford, 4; Shade Roemisch, 3; Kasey Young, 2. **Grizzlies:** Jake Crenwelge, 13; Seth Sanchez, 8; Alex Hernandez, 5; Clint McFatridge, 2.

Knicks 22, Trailblazers 6

Knicks: Rance Dunn, 14; Kelton Garcia, 6; Tye Holley, 2. **Trailblazers:** T.J. Wright, 4; Dakota Carroll, 2.

Grizzlies 35, Wolfpack 6

Grizzlies: Alex Hernandez, 14; Jake Crenwelge, 6; Clint McFatridge, Ernesto Arrellano and Garrett Hale, 4; Seth Sanchez, 2; Tanner Bragg, 1. **Wolfpack:** Jordan Gafford, 4; Kylor Fine, 2.

Pistons 64, Lakers 18

Pistons: Jared Cave, 22; Gage West, 10; Riley Davis, 9; Matthew Rios, 8; Will Toombs, 5; Colby Berrera and LaShondrick Richardson, 4. **Lakers:** Brandon Ramirez, 10; Isaac Martin, 6.

MAJOR DIVISION

Raptors 29, Tarheels 26

Raptors: Brooks Gafford, 13; Brandon Jones, 10; Bryce Westmoreland, 4; Blane Knipe, 2. **Tarheels:** Ryan Claxton, 9; Donald Jeffery, 8; Craig Robertson, 4; Michael Martinez and Cole Russell, 2; Nolan Grady, 1.

Magic 53, Spurs 22

Magic: Ryan Mitchell, 17; Ricky Sanchez, 14; Matt Schoolcraft and Jimmie Schooler, 8; Charone Hill, 6. **Spurs:** Jesse Conner, 8; Cord Welsh, 6; Quintin Shafer, 4; Jacob Scifres and James Simmons, 2.

Blue Devils 26, Warriors 21

Blue Devils: Lance Day, 12; Michael Mann, 10; Kaden Billingsley and Cade Krueger, 2. **Warriors:** Colton Brewster, 8; Corbin Clements, 5; Chase Medina, 4; Tyler McCormack and Preston Munson, 2.

T-Wolves 35, Celtics 16

T-Wolves: Brent Bollinger, 15; Jamie Arnold, 14; Tyler Driggers, 6. **Celtics:** Dustin Murdock, 9; Andy Garvin, 5; Rudy Martinez, 2.

Warriors 43, Spurs 18

Warriors: Colton Brewster, 15; Corbin Clements, 13; Chase Medina, 11; Preston Munson, 4. **Spurs:** Jesse Conner, 5; Quintin Shafer, Cord Welsh and Jacob Scifres, 4; Brandon Hagins, 1.

Magic 41, Raptors 17

Magic: Ryan Mitchell, 21; Matt Schoolcraft, 7; Ricky Sanchez, 6; Cody Burney, 4; Allen Jones, 2; Jimmie Schooler, 1. **Raptors:** Joel Rochà, 6; Brandon Jones and Brooks Gafford, 4; Bryce Westmoreland, 3.

Rockets 44, Warriors 43

Rockets: Pedro Villa, 23; Brandon Robbins, 12; Terrence Wells, 6; Travis Hatfield, 3. **Warriors:** Corbin Clements, 20; Colton Brewster, 11; Chase Medina and Preston Munson, 6.

Celtics 32, Spurs 22

Celtics: Dustin Murdock, 22; Andy Garvin, 5; Juan Ramirez, 4; Rudy Martinez, 1. **Spurs:** Jesse Conner, 10; Quintin Shafer, 4; Cord Welsh, Chad Franks, James Simmons and Brandon Hagins, 2.

Magic 43, Tarheels 27

Magic: Ryan Mitchell, 16; Cody Burney, 10; Ricky Sanchez, 8; Charone Hill, 5; Matt Schoolcraft, 4. **Tarheels:** Donald Jeffery, 10; Michael Martinez and Nolan Grady, 4; Ryan Claxton, 3; Craig Robertson, Cole Russell and Josh Ornelas, 2.

Local Schedule

TODAY
Softball
Lake View at Snyder, 6:30
Baseball
Snyder at Odessa High, 4 p.m.
THURSDAY
Baseball
Snyder vs. Mineral Wells, at Snyder tournament, 2 p.m.
FRIDAY
Baseball
Snyder hosts Snyder tourney
Golf
Snyder boys at San Angelo Invitational
Snyder girls at Andrews Invitational
SATURDAY
Track
Snyder boys and girls host Canyon Reef Relays
Softball
Snyder at Levelland, 3 p.m.
Baseball
Snyder hosts Snyder tourney
Golf
Snyder boys at San Angelo Invitational
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Milwaukee 107, New Jersey 100
Miami 87, Detroit 84
Orlando 95, Dallas 81
Utah 109, Atlanta 102
San Antonio 91, Vancouver 77
L.A. Clippers 99, Denver 86

Tuesday's Games
Minnesota at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Indiana at New York, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Denver, 9 p.m.
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Bodies recovered from plane crash

UNADILLA, Ga. (AP) — A somber procession of military vehicles delivered the remains of 21 guardsmen to a central-Georgia air base as Army investigators scrambled over the site where their plane crashed, mapping and videotaping the charred wreckage.

Lt. Col. Deborah Bertrand, a Robins Air Force Base spokeswoman, said the bodies were transported Monday to the base south of Macon. Local law enforcement officers escorted the convoy.

"We were careful to provide the greatest degree of deference and respect," Bertrand said.

The remains of the three Florida Army National Guard crew members and 18 passengers from the Virginia Air National Guard were to be flown Tuesday, weather permitting, to an Air Force casualty center in Dover, Del.

Investigators from the Army Safety Center at Fort Rucker, Ala., were expected to finish their onsite probe by week's end, but it could be months before they announce a cause of the crash.

About a dozen Air Force and Army investigators were mapping the location of each piece of the plane's wreckage with global positioning devices.

Bertrand said Robins Air Force Base is planning a memorial service for the victims because hundreds of people there have taken part in the recovery operation.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last
AMR Corp s	34.65	34.07	34.32 + .37
AOL TimeWrn	47.25	44.70	46.45 + 2.65
AT&T Corp	24.25	23.95	24.15 + .59
Albertsons	29.47	28.87	29.25 + .18
Alltel	55.17	54.00	54.90 + 1.30
AmEl Pw	47.75	46.76	46.83— .24
AndarkPtr	68.75	66.70	68.38 + 1.84
ATMOS Egy	23.78	23.55	23.57— .23
Aviall	7.39	7.25	7.31 + .01
BP Amoco	52.00	51.70	51.95 + .59
BakerHughes	43.10	42.00	42.95 + .35
Bank of Amer	50.95	49.96	50.76 + 1.68
BellSouth	42.35	41.82	42.35 + 1.35
Beth Steel	2.53	2.46	2.48
BurlNoSFe	29.99	29.85	29.95— .04
Caterpillar	45.20	44.14	44.14— .19
Chevron	90.99	90.05	90.40 + .02
Citigroup s	49.75	49.05	49.45 + 1.20
CocaCola	50.20	49.42	49.55— .65
ColgatePal	58.50	57.85	57.92— .58
ComclMetals	26.10	25.85	25.85— .15
CooperIn	45.39	44.66	45.20 + .44
DaimlrChry	52.50	51.79	52.49 + 2.16
DallSemicn	35.38	33.75	35.30 + 2.74
DeltaAirl	42.68	42.00	42.61 + .84
Dillards Inc	18.39	17.92	18.20 + .21
DowChem s	34.28	33.40	34.01 + .06
DuPont	46.50	45.90	46.32— .03
EastmanChem	52.43	51.81	52.39 + .34
EstKodak	45.48	44.40	44.40 + .10
EDS Corp	67.49	65.75	67.03 + 1.90
Entergy	39.18	38.85	38.90— .22
ExxonMobil	84.30	83.45	83.92 + .07
FstBksAm	22.15	22.00	22.00— .35
Flowers	17.30	17.16	17.17— .08
GenDynam	70.10	69.50	70.01 + .91
GenlElec s	46.60	45.87	46.51 + 1.43
GenMills	45.83	45.19	45.30— .83
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Hanson ADS	32.90	32.30	32.30— .75
HarteHanks	23.80	23.48	23.75 + .25
HomeDepot	42.35	41.13	41.58 + .19
HoneywellIntl	47.13	46.50	47.00 + 1.35
IBM	108.40	106.24	107.18 + 2.27
IntlPaper	40.40	39.41	39.60— .57
JohnsonJn	98.25	97.20	97.30— 1.18
K mart	9.40	9.31	9.33 + .07
Kroger Co	23.78	22.92	22.95— .75
Litton	79.54	79.46	79.51 + .06
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Lubys	6.85	6.70	6.71— .14
LucentTech	14.00	12.71	13.34 + .96
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Motorola s	18.15	17.30	17.93 + 1.18
NCR Corp	46.50	44.40	46.50 + 2.19
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Penney JC	15.85	15.47	15.66 + .60
PepBoys	5.47	5.36	5.45 + .15
PepsiCo	46.50	45.13	46.40 + .78
Pharmacia	53.85	53.04	53.47— .58
PhelpDodge	49.51	49.02	49.16— .35
PhilipPet	55.49	54.85	55.40 + .02
PilgrmPrd B	10.60	10.50	10.60 + .19
Polaroid	5.45	5.20	5.25 + .05
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SprintPCS	23.18	22.60	23.01 + .54
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TylerTech	1.41	1.40	1.41 + .01
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USX-USS	16.25	15.91	15.97— .03
UnionPacif	55.40	55.13	55.13— .41
UnitedTech	81.90	80.55	81.90 + 1.80
Unocal	37.21	36.65	37.00 + .08
Venator Grp	11.47	11.00	11.46 + .56
VerizonComm	49.90	49.28	49.42 + 1.29
WalMart	49.96	48.90	49.79 + 1.42
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Cheney leaves hospital after angioplasty

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney was released from the hospital today, a day after undergoing a surgical procedure to repair a damaged artery.

The vice president walked out of George Washington University Hospital, shook hands with his doctors and was driven away. "Good," he said in response to a reporter's shouted question about how he felt.

Cheney was up about 7 a.m. and was "antsy" to leave, said senior aide Mary Matalin. Three sets of cardiac enzyme tests showed no damage to Cheney's heart muscle, and "multiple EKGs have been unchanged," she said.

Cheney will rest at home and likely will return to work later this week, said White House spokesman Ari Fleischer.

"No restrictions have been placed on his work," Fleischer said. He said President Bush had not spoken with Cheney about his work schedule, but the president "expects him to follow his doctor's orders."

The procedure Cheney underwent Monday was prompted by "a common complication" of his prior heart procedure, not a progression of heart disease, Matalin said.

Cheney should be able to continue in his job unimpeded by his latest heart problems, doctors say, shrugging off any suggestion that he should curtail travel or his intense workload.

Cheney also was given some tough news after he had an angioplasty to unclog a coronary artery Monday. Even if he sticks to his no-beef diet and rigorous workout regimen, there is a fair chance he will be back in the hospital facing the same trouble soon, his physicians said.

"Well, it's possible for the narrowing to come back, and I think I quoted around 40 percent," Dr. Jonathan Reiner, who performed the surgery at George Washington University, told a news conference. "There are studies that may show, you know, a little bit higher than that. If the narrowing is going to come back, usually it comes back within the first six months."

Cheney, who has had four heart attacks, underwent the angioplasty after he experienced a series of subtle pains in his chest. Doctors said their best evidence indicated that Cheney, 60, had not suffered another heart attack.

The artery, which had been opened during surgery at the same hospital in November, had partially reclosed, Reiner said. The culprit was scar tissue building up in the same channel doctors had opened previously.

Monday night Cheney was groggy and sedated, but Reiner said he should be back at work this week. When asked whether Cheney could face travel restrictions, or any restrictions at all, Reiner said, "no."

"There is a very high likelihood he can finish out his term in his fully vigorous capacity," Reiner said. Cheney quickly resumed a full schedule after the November operation.

President Bush called the vice president to wish him well, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said. "During their five-minute phone call, the vice president told the president that he was feeling fine and looked forward to returning to work."

In this latest incident, Cheney checked himself into George Washington University Hospital, about six blocks west of the White House, after feeling chest pain briefly on two occasions Monday. He also had felt chest discomfort Saturday after stepping off an exercise machine, and on Sunday, after taking a walk.

He said the episodes were "much milder and very brief" compared with the chest pains he experienced in November. "The symptoms were subtle" this time, Reiner said.

Cheney attended a birthday party for Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan Sunday night, capping a weekend in which he and his wife, Lynne Cheney, moved into the vice president's residence at the U.S. Naval Observatory. They also sold their townhouse in McLean, Va.

On Monday, doctors inserted a flexible tube into the narrowed artery carrying a collapsed balloon. Once the balloon was in place, it was inflated, reopening the artery.

During the November procedure, doctors had implanted a wire scaffolding-like device called a stent to prop open the same artery, which had been found to be 90 percent closed.

Reiner said that following such stent procedures, there always was a chance of the artery becoming blocked again.

Cheney has had four heart attacks, the first when he was 37. In 1988, he had quadruple bypass surgery to clear clogged arteries.

His latest troubles could not have been prevented, doctors said.

"The vice president has been exceedingly diligent at adhering to what we've wanted him to do, including very, very regular exercise and really a very strict adherence to a diet, which is hard for people to do, and he's been very good at it," Reiner said.

Wal-Mart and Amazon will join forces

NEW YORK (AP)— Shares of Amazon.com climbed more than 26 percent Monday after a published report said the online retailer was forming a strategic alliance with Wal-Mart Stores Inc.

Britain's Sunday Times said that under the deal, expected to be announced in six weeks, Amazon would handle Wal-Mart's online strategy, similar to a deal Amazon struck with Toysrus.com in August. In return, Amazon would gain presence in Wal-Mart's stores.

Wal-Mart spokesman Tom Williams and an Amazon.com spokesman declined to comment.

Henry Blodget, an analyst at Merrill Lynch, said in a research report Monday that the alliance, if struck, would "act as an effective marketing vehicle."

"Wal-Mart shoppers who might not otherwise use or think about Amazon would now encounter it every time they went shopping," he wrote.

But another analyst dismissed the reported partnership.

"I think Wal-Mart is very satisfied with their efforts (on the Web). I don't see them going in and rescuing Amazon.com," said Bob Buchanan, an analyst at A.G. Edwards & Sons.

Wal-Mart hasn't been able to translate its success on land to the online world. The company has redesigned its Web site twice in the past year, and last week cut 10 percent of its 250-person work force.

Panel OKs bill against using race as factor

AUSTIN (AP) — Prosecutors would no longer be able to mention a defendant's race when trying to convince a jury that the defendant is likely to commit future crimes under a bill approved by the Senate on Monday.

"This type of testimony undermines the basic principles of our criminal justice system," said bill sponsor Royce West, D-Dallas. "Because of the wide range of discretion we give our juries, I think ... the use of race to determine future conduct should not be a part of that deliberation.

The bill now moves to the House.

The Texas attorney general's office has acknowledged state prosecutors made a constitutional error in seven death row cases where a psychologist testified blacks and Hispanics could be more likely in the future to commit crimes.

West said his bill came as a result of the case involving an Argentine man on death row for the 1995 abduction, robbery and fatal shooting of Paul King in Collin County.

Attorney General John Cornyn acknowledged before the U.S. Supreme Court that trial testimony about Victor Hugo Saldano's Hispanic background was inappropriate. A psychologist had testified it was among several reasons why the Argentine laborer was a future danger to society.

The possibility of future danger is one of the aggravating factors jurors must consider when deciding whether someone convicted of capital murder should be sentenced to life in prison or death.

The psychiatrist said Saldano's Hispanic ethnicity "was a factor weighing in favor of future dangerousness."

Based on that testimony, the U.S. Supreme Court ordered Saldano to be resentenced.

Last week, Cornyn's office argued before the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals that Saldano should be resentenced without the racial testimony, even if it results in him getting the death penalty.

State prosecutors, however, urged the court not to change its position, saying that defense attorneys are required to object to evidence if they are going to raise it on appeal. Nobody objected to the race-based testimony, state prosecuting attorney Matthew Paul said.

The Court of Criminal Appeals, which took the case under advisement, could order a new sentencing hearing for Saldano or issue an order reaffirming its previous decision.

The racial evidence bill is SB 133.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Wednesday, March 7, 2001

Enterprises or endeavors you conduct on your own will have greater chances for success in the year ahead than those you share with others. Be your own person as much as possible.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your precious time is likely to be wasted today, because you could choose to participate in a frivolous activity rather than keeping your nose to the grindstone. Pisces, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper. P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It's a waste of time to get people all stirred up today over something about which they can do nothing. All it'll produce is frustration that could be taken out on the innocent.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Making impulsive changes today where a critical goal is concerned because things aren't going fast enough to please you could derail your entire project. Use that patience you're so famous for.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) One careless remark today could ignite someone whose views and position on politics or religion are diametrically opposed to yours. Keep all such subjects under wraps.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Even though you're known for being a careful thinker who never makes any snap decisions on important matters, today you could violate this stance and do something quite costly.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Before rearranging your schedule today that involved others to make things more comfortable for yourself, consider the inconvenience to them. They won't take kindly to you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You could be asking for an accident to happen today if you attempt to do on your own a job that calls for experience in handling unfamiliar tools or materials.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Why would you even expect to have a good time today spending your day with people who enjoy activities you dislike? Be more selective when choosing recreational companions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Be prepared, consistent and tenacious when tackling a difficult assignment today. If you approach it in an adlib fashion, the results will be problematical to achieve.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Don't try to take advantage of having a captive audience today to foist your views or opinions on them. You won't win them over, merely anger them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Usually you're a give-and-take person. Today, however, you may be inclined to self-serving ways, but what makes it worse is you might have to deal with someone who also wants his/her way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you do not think for yourself today, I guarantee it that someone will come along who will be more than willing to think for you. Unfortunately, you'll not like the results.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Grandparents favor the children who treat them with respect

DEAR ABBY: I must comment on the letter you reprinted from "Your Son's Wife" about grandparents who don't buy gifts of equal value for their grandchildren. I am a grandfather who would like to treat each of my grandchildren equally, but I don't. Here's why:

One of my daughters-in-law is loving and respectful toward my wife and me as grandparents, has taught her children good manners and, in short, is a joy to all of us.

My other daughter-in-law has done exactly the opposite. Much as we might like to, we do not treat this granddaughter the same as her cousins. Of course, this granddaughter is not responsible for her mother's conduct, but she suffers the consequences in more ways than one. In short, she's spoiled, and it shows.

If a son's wife feels her children's paternal grandparents don't treat her children as well as they treat their cousins, I suggest the son's wife do some soul-searching. Perhaps she'll find the reason lies, at least in part, in the different relationship she and the other son's wife have established with their husbands' parents. — **H.C. IN TAMPA**

DEAR H.C.: I hate to see children suffer for the sins of the parents. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My grandmotherly reaction to the letter from "Your Son's Wife" is that many times — but not in all cases — sons' wives are the carpenters of their own crosses. Perhaps unintentionally, they don't encourage their children to treat their paternal grandmothers with as much attention and respect as is accorded maternal grandmothers. THIS grandmother finally decided to treat grandchildren as they treat her! — **TOUGH-LOVE GRANDMA, HOULTON, MAINE**

DEAR TOUGH LOVE: Please read the reply to H.C. (above). **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: I have a few questions for "Son's Wife":

— Do you treat your mother-in-law the same as you treat your own mother?

— Do your children write thank-you notes and show appreciation when they receive gifts?

— Do you involve your mother-in-law in activities such as school programs?

— Do your children take care of their toys and clothes, or do they lose pieces and break toys?

— Do you buy so many things for your children that they cannnot appreciate what others give them?

Perhaps there's a reason for the favoritism. — **ALSO HURTING, MAYFIELD** VILLAGE, OHIO

DEAR ALSO HURTING: A parent who has a bone to pick with a child or in-law should verbalize it rather than making the grandchildren bear the brunt of their passive-aggressive anger. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I had to laugh when I read the letter from "Your Son's Wife." For years, we have laughed with our children about not being their grandmother's favorites. We have accepted the fact that being a stepgrandchild brings with it consequences: fewer gifts, less attention and support at events, and less recognition of accomplishments.

Life is not always fair. Sometimes we have to realize that's the way it is and find humor in the situation. Parents will defend themselves and their actions to the end. What we can do is recognize something we don't appreciate in a parent — AND BE SURE WE NEVER REPEAT IT. — **BEEN DOWN THAT ROAD, ST. GEORGE, UTAH**

DEAR BEEN DOWN THAT ROAD: I admire you for your perspective. That's excellent advice.

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Teen talked about shooting plans

SANTEE, Calif. (AP) — Friends say the scrawny freshman accused in the nation's latest high school bloodbath talked about his plans over the weekend, and they took him seriously enough to pat him down before school.

One adult even warned Charles Andrew Williams not to commit "a Columbine," and tried to call the father of the boy everyone knew as Andy, but didn't follow through. But no one is known to have reported the threats that preceded the attack Monday that left two dead and 13 wounded.

Santana High was closed today. A counseling center was open to students and their families at a church. Teachers were to report to school district headquarters.

As authorities in this tidy suburb dug into the case, the first question for many was: How could so many people see the warning signs and fail to act?

"That's going to be haunting me for a long time," said Chris Reynolds, 29, who heard the threats and didn't report them.

Williams, held in a juvenile facility today, will be charged as an adult with murder, assault with a deadly weapon and gun possession, said District Attorney Paul Pfingst. The adult prosecution is mandatory under a ballot measure approved last year, and the boy could face multiple life terms. Arraignment was set for Wednesday.

Pfingst said the gun belonged to Williams' father, Charles, a lab technician at the Naval Medical Center-San Diego, since July. Sheriff's and FBI officials Monday night searched the Williams' apartment and said they removed seven rifles, a computer, a plastic crate filled with papers and files, and about a half dozen bags filled with evidence.

The slain students were identified as Bryan Zuckor, 14, and Randy Gordon, 17, sheriff's Lt. Jerry Lewis said. Wounded were 11 other students and two adults, a student teacher and a campus security worker. Four students and the two adults remained hospitalized today, all in good or fair condition.

The shooting happened about 9:20 a.m. Monday in this overwhelmingly white, middle-class suburb of San Diego.

Youngsters were out and about, as one "block" of students who start early in the day headed to their next classes and another group — Williams' "block" — arrived for their first classes of the day.

The boy shot two people in a restroom, then walked into a quad and fired randomly, Lewis said. He stopped to reload as many as four times, getting off 30 or more shots, Lewis said.

"It was total chaos. People were trying to take cover," said student John Schardt, 17. One thing he noticed: The shooter had a smile on his face.

Near-blizzard conditions reported

RYE, N.H. (AP) — A nor'easter covered parts of New England with near-blizzard conditions today and hammered coastal communities with high waves, after failing to live up to expectations in much of the mid-Atlantic region.

From New Jersey to Maine, schools were closed, flights were canceled and offices shuttered today as an unofficial holiday for many people stretched into a second day.

More than 20 inches of snow piled up early today at Keene, in southwestern New Hampshire, half of it falling in just three hours, according to the National Weather Service. In upstate New York, 28 inches had fallen since early Monday at Ballston Spa in Saratoga County, north of Albany. But only a few inches fell in Boston and New York City.

At least five people were killed in weather-related traffic accidents, four in New York state and one in Connecticut.

At Cranston, R.I., part of the roof of the Rhode Island Lottery Commission collapsed under the weight of ice and 5 inches of snow this morning, sending workers scrambling from the building. No one was hurt.

Lottery director Gerald Aubin said he and others ran after hearing crackling noises. "Everyone started to scream," Aubin said.

Road crews were out all night in Rye and had a tough fight, said dispatcher Al Rule. "Some are winning the cause, and some aren't," he said. "You go through with a plow, and 10 minutes later, it's all covered again."

Some 23,000 customers were without power in Massachusetts and 3,000 were blacked out in Connecticut. Scattered outages were reported in New Hampshire, and the Seabrook nuclear power plant was shut down because the storm knocked out power lines that bring in outside electricity for backup safety systems.

Forecasters had grappled with conflicting computer models before predicting that New England would get clobbered. "I believe all hell is going to break free," said Everett Jordan, a Rye public works manager.

The region braced for wind gusts up to 50 mph and snow.

President Bush pushing for timely overhaul of Medicare

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, pushing for a timely overhaul of Medicare, is urging Congress to use one of its current plans as a "framework" and promises his own road map in the coming weeks.

On the campaign trail, Bush embraced legislation by Sens. Bill Frist, R-Tenn., and John Breaux, D-La., aimed at saving the government money by making Medicare more like the health benefits many younger Americans get from employers.

But on Monday, the president suggested that far-reaching change is on his agenda. Senate aides say the White House has promised Congress a blueprint on how it can bring that change to the 36-year-old federal health program for the elderly and disabled.

"I believe the framework for a bipartisan consensus about how to make sure the Medicare system fulfills its promise is at hand. And we've got a lot of work to do," Bush said after meeting with five senators who are leaders on the Medicare issue, including Breaux and Frist.

Yet leaders of the Senate Finance Committee, which will shepherd any Medicare legislation through the Senate, have said that they do not anticipate enacting comprehensive Medicare reform this year.

Sens. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, and Max Baucus, D-Mont., have said they expect to add a prescription drug benefit to the program and make other management changes that stop short of restructuring the program.

"We have to put together a prescription drug benefit that's universal, affordable and flexible enough to meet a lot of different needs," Grassley said Monday.

Breaux and Frist include a prescription benefit in two bills they've introduced this session. Their ideas are borne of a bipartisan task force's recommendations, which were introduced by the two senators as a Senate bill. The measure stalled in the last session of Congress.

In the second, more-ambitious, Breaux-Frist bill, senior citizens would choose among preapproved private health plans and Medicare would pay a standard portion of the premium. Those choosing higher-cost plans would pay more out-of-pocket but supporters say competition among plans would bring costs down for many.

A government-run Medicare option would continue to be available. But it would have to compete under the same financial constraints as private plans. White House advisers compare the proposal to the health insurance program open to federal employees.

The more-modest proposal starts with bringing popular prescription drug benefits to Medicare, with incremental changes in other parts of the program.

Obituaries

P.C. Romero

1923-2001

Pascual C. "P.C." Romero of Snyder died this morning at his home after a brief illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Romero, 77, is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Steven Pena, pastor of the Mt. Sinai Assembly of God Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Snyder Cemetery.

Born Aug. 23, 1923, in Piedras Negras, Mexico, he married Consuelo Romero on Dec. 8, 1941 in Snyder. Mr. Romero was a bricklayer for a number of years and was a member of Mt. Sinai Assembly of God.

He was preceded in death by a son, Tom Romero on May 5, 1972; and by a brother, Apolinor Romero in 1995.

Survivors include his wife, Consuelo Romero of Snyder; four sons and three daughters-in-law, George and Connie Romero, Adam and Belia Romero and Jimmy Romero, all of Snyder, and Eddie and Hortencia Romero of Lubbock; one brother, Joe Romero; 14 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

William Brazee

1939-2001

ROTAN – William D. Brazee, a retired Halliburton Company employee, died Sunday, March 4, in the Fisher County Hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Brazee, 61, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Weathersbee Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Henry Walton officiating. Burial was to follow in the Hobbs Cemetery.

Born Oct. 20, 1939 in Roby, Mr. Brazee was a Baptist.

Survivors include two sons, William Chip Brazee of Aspermont and Toby Lynn Brazee of Spur; a brother, Carol Brazee of Aspermont; a sister, Julia Mae Holmes of Ozona; his parents, Owen and Viola Pauline Brazee of Hobbs; and one granddaughter.

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Roosters cause problems

• ***Roosters complaint***

Dispatchers received two complaints Monday from the 3000 block of 40th Street in reference to roosters creating a noise disturbance. An officer spoke to the owner of the birds, and she advised she would make arrangements to have the roosters moved to another location.

• ***Gas drive-off***

A clerk with Town & Country on East Coliseum Drive reported a gas drive-off in the amount of $20 at 3:41 p.m. Monday.

The store also reported a $6.76 gas drive-off at 6:20 p.m. Monday.

• ***Runaway located***

A 16-year-old female reported as a runaway over the weekend was located and released to her father at 2:18 a.m. today.

• ***Felony arrests***

Jessica Lynn Hamman, 19, of 3705 North Golder in Odessa was arrested at 3:05 p.m. Monday n the 3900 block of College on a Seward County, Kan. warrant for probation violation on an original charge of felony forgery. In addition, she had Scurry County misdemeanor charges for possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to identify and minor in consumption of alcohol.

At 6:42 p.m. Monday, a deputy arrested 26-year-old Ruben Garza of 1034 North Avenue L at his residence for parole violation.

David Earl Haywood, 50, of 1800 Avenue I was taken into custody at 7:35 p.m. Monday at his residence on a grand jury indictment for failure to register as a sex offender.

A deputy arrested Jeremy Paul Ramos, 20, of 1408 19th Street at 8:27 p.m. Monday on a grand jury indictment for sexual assault of a child.

• ***Other arrests***

A 17-year-old female was taken into custody at 11:31 a.m. Monday in the 3000 block of Avenue N on a Taylor County warrant for Class A assault and family violence.

Officers arrested a 23-year-old man at 1:09 p.m. Monday in the 5300 block of College on San Angelo Department of Public Safety warrants for speeding and failure to appear.

• ***Accident***

A two-vehicle mishap occurred at 10:12 a.m. Monday in the 3300 block of College. Involved were a 1998 Jeep Grand Cherokee owned by Doug Brunson of 2407 27th Street and a 2000 Dodge 1500 pickup owned by Jim Edmonds of 2518 County Road 317.

Both vehicles were unoccupied and parked at the College Avenue Car Wash. According to the report, the Jeep was in neutral when it rolled forward and struck the Dodge.

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West book fair

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

Northeast reading night

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

Track booster club

The track booster club will meet at 7 this evening in the SHS Student Center. All parents are urged to attend.

Girls softball association

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

FBC worship service

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

West family reading night

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

Country, Gospel music night

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

Retired teachers meeting

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

Income tax help

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

1961 SHS class reunion

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

1986 class reunion

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

SHS '91 class reunion

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

Adult basic education classes

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

WTC swimming pool opens

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

Glory Room open

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

Cancer treatment transportation

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

Discovery School registration

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

Alzheimer support group

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

Jackson makes PUSH finances public

CHICAGO (AP) — The Rev. Jesse Jackson has revealed financial details for the four civil rights organizations he leads — details that have long been kept private.

In a 102-page report Jackson gave the Chicago Tribune, he indicated he receives a total annual salary of $120,000 from the four organizations, the newspaper reported Tuesday.

Jackson has been under scrutiny since Rainbow/PUSH acknowledged in January it paid $35,000 in severance pay to Karin Stanford, with whom Jackson had a child during an extramarital affair.

In an interview with the Tribune, Jackson said the revelation had sparked a "concerted attack" against him.

"I've seen this attack by the right wing before," Jackson said. "It's about trying to dismember our organization.

"What we have to be judged by is the work we try to do," Jackson said. "It's public service, not perfect service."

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Students increasingly report peers who threaten violence

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's deadliest school shooting in nearly two years prompted new pleas from safety advocates and education officials for adults and students to keep an eye on youths who seem troubled or threaten violence.

On Monday, police in Santee, Calif., said a freshman at Santana High School opened fire in a school bathroom, killing two people and wounding 13. Students and an adult acquaintance said they had heard threats from the 15-year-old suspect over the weekend, but thought he was joking and did not report him to authorities.

The shooting was in stark contrast to recent incidents in at least four other communities, where students reported threats and averted violent episodes at school, authorities said.

"These are such tragic events, and this one in particular could have been averted if people had come forward in a timely fashion," said Gerald Tirozzi, executive director of the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Since two students at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., killed 12 students, a teacher and themselves in April 1999, authorities have begun taking threats of violence more seriously, asking students to report them to authorities.

Among recent incidents in which classmates alerted authorities about threats at school:

— In Fort Collins, Colo., students at a high school in January reported two students' plans to re-enact the 1999 Columbine High School massacre on its second anniversary next month.

— In Hoyt, Kan., an anonymous tip on a hot line last month revealed plans by three heavily armed students to duplicate the Columbine massacre. Authorities said the students had bomb-making materials and an AK-47 assault rifle.

— In Elmira, N.Y., a student who last month received a note threatening violence passed the note to a teacher. Police found the student in the school cafeteria with a .22-caliber Ruger and a duffel bag containing pipe bombs, a propane bomb and a sawed-off shotgun with several rounds of ammunition.

—In Cupertino, Calif., a De Anza Community College freshman working as a photo lab worker called police in January when she noticed that pictures of a fellow student contained shots of him posing with an arsenal of pipe bombs and firearms. Police said the student had planned a shooting rampage for the following day.

In Monday's shooting, police said the 15-year-old suspect had been picked on and had talked about shooting classmates.

In a written statement, Education Secretary Rod Paige said, "I urge every parent and every student to listen closely to children who express concern, anger or fear concerning their school, their teachers and their classmates."

Bill Modzeleski, director of the Education Department's Safe and Drug Free Schools Program, said the shooting shows that students can't ignore peers' threats of violence.

"When they hear other kids talking about coming to school with a gun ... they cannot be taken lightly," he said. "It's better to be safe and report these things than have others killed or injured."

Modzeleski and others said statistics on violent crime show that schools remain among the safest places in most communities, but school safety consultant Ken Trump said even one shooting, robbery or assault hits families hard.

Stephen Sroka, a school safety consultant for the Center for Adolescent Health at the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, said many violent students show clear warning signs that they're troubled, including depression, drug use, turbulent sexual relationships and signs they're suicidal.

Police report eight-year-old brought 9 mm gun to school

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — An 8-year-old boy was briefly taken into custody Monday after bringing a gun to school and allegedly threatening a third-grade classmate.

"He said he's going to shoot me. He said he's going to make it a blood bath and throw me in the Dumpster," Fatimah Edwards, 9, told WCAU-TV. She reported the threat to a teacher, who called police.

The boy brought the 9 mm gun in his book bag: "Ammunition was there, but the gun was unloaded" and no shots were fired, police Sgt. Roland Lee said.

It was unclear where the boy got the gun, but police said Monday night they were holding Murid Brown, the boy's 24-year-old uncle, on a charge of reckless endangerment.

City police detectives questioned the boy several hours before releasing him Monday evening, said Lt. Sue Slawson, a police spokeswoman.

The boy, whose name was not released, will not face criminal charges. Under Pennsylvania law, children under 10 cannot be charged, said Cathie Abookire, a spokeswoman for the Philadelphia district attorney's office.

The incident came the same day a 15-year-old freshman allegedly opened fire at a high school in Santee, Calif., killing two students and injuring 13 others.

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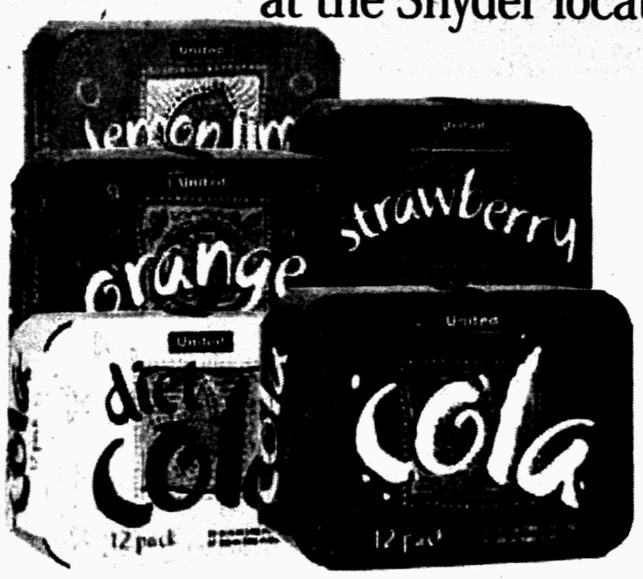
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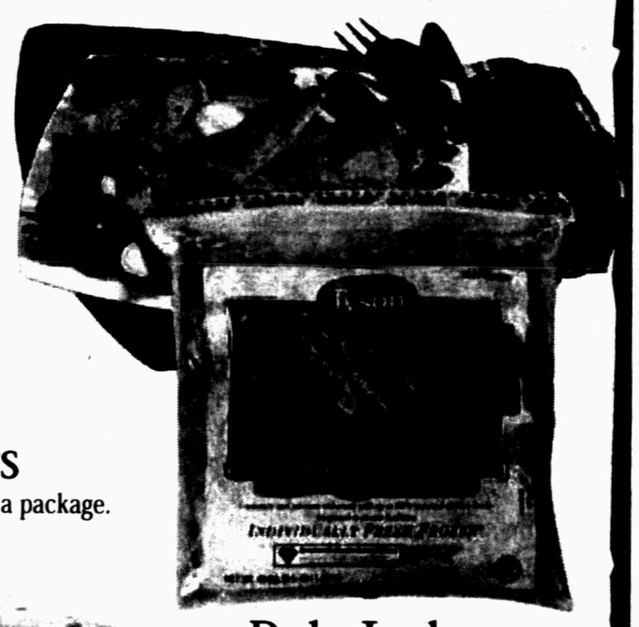
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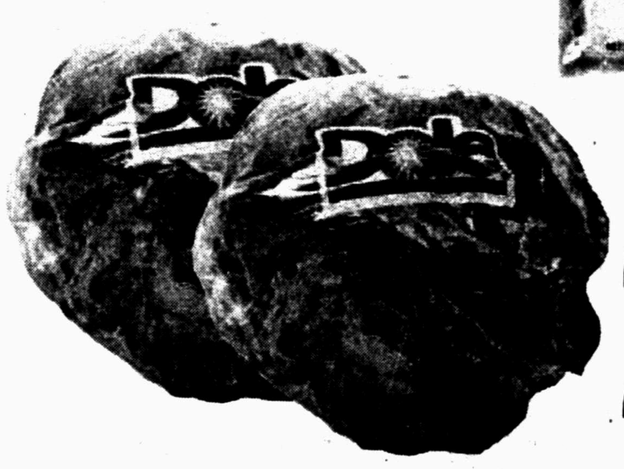
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