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Sleet, plus thunder and lightning...

Winter makes another appearance

From staff, wire reports

Ole' man winter took another swipe at Scurry County early today as residents awoke to ice-covered windshields and slushy streets.

A mixture of freezing rain and sleet began falling around 1 a.m., and the wintry mix was accompanied by spring-like lightning and thunder.

Snyder's water plant had recorded 1.3 inches at 11 a.m.

The Snyder water treatment plant suffered damage to its controls this morning as lightning hit the facility.

The frozen conditions forced cancellation of the Hermleigh schools, and Snyder ISD and Ira ISD both started later than normal.

Snyder schools opened at 10 this morning, with the buses running at 9, while the school at Ira was delayed until 10:30.

Classes at the Hobbs Alternative School were cancelled, and the Texas Workforce Commission was closed on the Western Texas College campus.

Day classes went on as normal at the college, however.

Night classes at WTC were cancelled for this evening.

Area schools also were affected by the wintry conditions.

Snyder firemen responded to a weather-related fire at 5:46 this morning at 5727 West Highway 180.

A regulator froze on a home's propane system, causing a fire in a hot water closet and an adjoining hallway. The fire basically extinguished itself, as plastic water pipes melted, spraying the fire with water.

The home belongs to Ben Veazey. There were no injuries.

Six firemen and two trucks responded to the call.

There have been no major accidents reported to sheriff's dispatchers, although several vehicles have slid off the road on Highway 84, including an 18-wheeler near Rip Griffin's around 9:45 this morning.

The wintry conditions extended from the Panhandle to the Concho Valley and west to the Guadalupe Mountains.

Slow-moving thunderstorms dumped over an inch of rain within a two-hour period at Conroe in Montgomery County, north of Houston.

Higher totals were reported between Conroe and the Woodlands.

The arctic front stretched through South Texas before sunrise today.

Early-morning lows ranged from the teens in the Panhandle and West Texas to 70s in the far south.

At 5 a.m. this morning in Snyder, the temperature was 28 degrees with a wind-chill factor of 15.

It was 16 degrees at Dalhart, 70 degrees at Houston, 37 at Junction, 47 at El Paso, 35 at San Angelo and 73 at Harlingen.

The National Weather Service posted a winter storm warning for the Permian Basin and snow advisories for the northeastern Panhandle and West Texas mountains for today.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Today, people can be divided into two distinctive classes – those who still possess the fierce hunting instinct and those who pay for valet parking."

John Cline is now a two-month veteran of retirement, after 32 years as court reporter for the 132nd Judicial District.

Cline said he enjoyed a recent column that took some excerpts from a book, "Disorder in the Court."

The book was actually compiled by a longtime friend of Cline's, and that column made him recall some of the crazy stuff that he encountered while he was doing official duty.

Cline said he was reminded of the following exchange that happened during a deposition being taken in Colorado City several years ago.

Q. Tell me what happened at the accident scene.

A. The state trooper came up and started accusing me of pulling out in front of the boy and accused me of lying.

Q. Lying. What did you say to him?

A. Well, I asked him if wearing a Texas State Trooper's uniform made him next to God.

Q. Is that when he arrested you?

A. No. Actually I called him a stupid (explicative deleted).

Q. Is that when he arrested you?

A. Well, it was about that time.

Cline said this question has to be at least on the list of the top 10 dumbest questions:

Q. What was the name of the Dairy Queen.

A. The Dairy Queen.

And one of the defendants in court here had been very precise in answering his attorney's questions. The answers to the questions appeared well rehearsed and sounded memorized. He ended up his last answer by saying:

A. ...and that's the truth, so help me God.

Defense Counsel: I pass the witness to the State.

Defendant: Uh-oh.

Cline said there was a time when he wished he had remained silent.

Q. Where is the Deep Creek Saloon?

A. I believe it's on Avenue T.

Court Reporter: For your information, Jack, the Deep Creek Saloon is on Avenue U.

Plaintiff's Counsel: The record should reflect that the Court Reporter is well acquainted with the location of the Deep Creek Saloon.

What a difference a few hours make...

BLOOMS ONE DAY — Lilli Valdez of 2800 33rd Street looks at an apricot bloom in her backyard on Tuesday. All over town, fruit trees could be seen blooming.

ICE NEXT — Ice and snow was the scenery today as old man winter made another appearance in Snyder and across West Texas and the Panhandle. Forecasters are calling for a chance of more sleet tonight. (SDN Staff Photos by Joyce May)

Reed, Martin file for city council positions

John R. Reed, president of Southern Electric, Tuesday became the second candidate to file for two an at-large seats on the Snyder city council.

Reed, a resident of Snyder since 1949, heads the family business that his father, Harry Reed, founded the same year. Reed's brother Herb, is a former mayor pro tem.

Red and his wife, Sue, have three grown children - Johnny, Richard and Camille.

This is Reed's first run an an elective office, but he served as a member of the Scurry County Appraisal District Board for a number of years.

Reed said he chose to run because he is interested in the long-term future of the community. "This is my home. I believe that in the present economic times, we need to run the city as a business and on a budget."

On Friday, incumbent Terry Martin filed for his third term as an at-large councilman.

Martin said he is running for another term because of some on-going projects the council has been involved in, including replacing deteriorating water lines in the community.

Two candidates have filed for mayor, present councilman James Ashley and Francene Allen-Noah.

The mayor's post will become vacant as Dayton Robertson has said he will not seek another term.

Two incumbents have filed for the Snyder ISD board – Luann Burleson and Cathy Peoples.

At Ira, Kirby Sterling has filed for the position currently held by Bo Robinson on the school board. Robinson is not seeking re-election.

Three incumbents have also filed at Ira – Shane Smith, Doug White and Keith Clements.

The terms of Sherene Digby and David Higgins expire at Hermleigh, but neither has filed for re-election.

The filing period for the Snyder city council and the school board posts ends March 21.

John Reed

Terry Martin

Budget highlight of Bush's first address

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is setting out to sell his plans for tax cuts, debt repayment and restrained federal spending while Congress begins dissecting them in a debate likely to last for months.

"The growing surplus exists because taxes are too high and government is charging more than it needs," the new president said Tuesday night in a nationally televised address — his first before Congress.

"The people have been overcharged and on their behalf, I am here asking for a refund."

He drew cheers for that, and across-the-board praise from Republicans afterward. Democrats swiftly signaled their determination to resist a cut of $1.6 trillion over 10 years, arguing it threatens Social Security, Medicare and other important programs.

Ira teen to rehabilitation center

An Ira teen injured in a one-vehicle accident last December is expected to be released from Lubbock's Covenant Medical Center on Friday and transferred to a rehabilitation center in Carrollton.

Stephan Kirk will be transferred to Pate Rehabilitation Center.

"They will get me back to where I can go to school," she said. Kirk, 15, said she expects to be at the neuro-skills learning center for approximately six weeks.

"We are hoping that it's not for too long. It's up to her," Stephan's mother, Barbara Richards, said.

Cards and letters can be mailed to her at One Metro Square 2655 Villa Creek, Suite 140 in Dallas, 75234.

Kirk was seriously injured Dec. 20 in a one-vehicle accident west of Snyder on County Road 362.

Cable TV makes lineup changes

Effective April 1, there will be at least two changes on the cable TV lineup.

The Fox Network station out of Abilene, KXVA, will now occupy channel 8, and Dallas' WFAA will be moved temporarily to channel 22.

For the time being, all other stations will remain in their present position, said Charlie Moore, Cox Communication's manager.

"We'll now have two Fox channels," said Moore, noting that the cable company will continue carrying the Lubbock Fox channel, KJTV-34.

"The latest Nielsen ratings listed Snyder in the Abilene market and the FCC says we have to carry the Abilene station if they want us to," said Moore.

ASK US

Q— How does the year-to-date rainfall total for 2001 compare to the same time last year?

A—To date, Snyder has received 3.47 inches. On this date in 2000, the city had only received 1.48 inches.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 58; low, 26; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 26; no precipitation Tuesday; total for 2001, 2.34 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy, cool, chance of sleet, freezing rain, low near 30. E wind 5-15 mph. Thursday, mostly cloudy, 20% rain chance, high near 50, SE wind 5-15 mph.

Allison Swigert
Chance of sleet

Sunset:
6:42 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:11 a.m.
Of 58 days in 2001, the sun has shone 50 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Man does not live by words alone, despite the fact that sometimes he has to eat them.

—Adlai Stevenson

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Cisneros speaks out about pardon

DALLAS (AP) — Former Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros says that President Clinton pardoned him partly to redress the "extremes" of independent counsels.

Cisneros told the Dallas Morning News for a story today that he didn't seek the pardon. He added he sometimes wishes it hadn't been awarded in light of controversies surrounding other pardons — most notably one granted fugitive financier Marc Rich.

When he called the former president to thank him, Cisneros said Clinton told him "he abhors the extremes of the independent counsels, and he felt he just wanted to ... end a bad chapter of American jurisprudence.

"Secondly, he felt that people came after me principally because I was associated with him.

"Now, I don't agree with that," Cisneros added. "I made mistakes, and I've got to own up to them and be responsible for them."

Cisneros, following a lengthy investigation, pleaded guilty to one misdemeanor count of lying to the FBI about payments he made to former mistress Linda Medlar Jones before joining the first Clinton cabinet in 1993.

The pardon did not have a great legal effect on Cisneros because he didn't lose significant rights, such as the ability to vote, with his misdemeanor conviction. But it helped Ms. Jones, who was convicted of a felony in the case and sentenced to prison.

"For her, it meant something," said Cisneros, whose payments to Jones began in 1990. "And I'm happy if it helps her get her life on track."

Jones, a former political campaign fund-raiser, told the newspaper that Clinton did the right thing in her case.

"He put an end to something that should never have happened in the first place," said Jones. "It was just horrible. One of the things they had taken away from me was my right to vote. Since I had always been so involved in that, it really did hurt."

A Clinton spokesman couldn't be reached for comment today.

A spokesman for the Justice Department, under whose auspices the independent counsel operates, declined to comment.

Medicaid 'unique' contract under investigation

AUSTIN (AP) — A one-of-a-kind contract for the private company that is under investigation on accusations that it overbilled for Texas Medicaid allows it to keep part of the money it saves the state in Medicaid claims, health officials say.

The state's Medicaid contractor, National Heritage Insurance Co., kept nearly $4 million in savings two years ago, state records show.

Texas Health Department officials said the contract also requires National Heritage to pay a portion of any unexpected costs that arise, but the company has taken in extra money in 16 of the past 18 years.

"To have some limited risk shared by your contractor is to the state's benefit," Associate Health Commissioner Rodger Love told the Austin American-Statesman in Wednesday's editions. "It could also be to our disadvantage if they get heavy-handed on denying services because they benefit from it. But that's what we're here for — to make sure they don't get too heavy-handed."

Grand jurors have been investigating accusations that National Heritage Insurance, a subsidiary of Electronic Data Systems Corp., has been cheating Texas by overcharging for administrative costs for Medicaid.

Investigators of the Travis County District Attorney's Public Integrity Unit earlier this month seized Medicaid records from the company's offices. No criminal charges have been filed. National Heritage Insurance officials have called the allegations "baseless."

State Health Department contend that the agreement with the contractor is an anti-fraud mechanism that encourages National Heritage to keep costs low and reject any claims it considers medically unnecessary.

But regulators in other states have avoided allowing private companies to share in Medicaid profits and losses, saying the system is difficult to create and monitor.

In Texas, the $20 billion Medicaid program is $602 million in the red. The Texas Health Department has told state budget writers that the state overruns are due to cuts in federal funding, increased utilization, rising prescription drug and other health care costs as well as higher-than-expected fees paid to NHIC.

Plano-based EDS, which has Medicaid contracts in 16 other states, has administered Texas' Medicaid program for 23 years.

Before 1998, Texas paid the company a flat fee for every person in Medicaid up to a capped amount. In the new contract, NHIC began charging fees for every transaction — every doctor visit, for example.

events

LOTTO TEXAS™ TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Cash Five

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

1-18-20-24-27

Pick 3

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

5-1-0

Berry's World

Date Book

Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2001

Today is the 59th day of 2001 and the 70th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1861, the government of the Confederacy authorized the issue of $15 million in bonds.

On this day in 1902, Sens. Benjamin Tillman and John McLaurin were censured for engaging in fisticuffs in the Senate chamber.

On this day in 1983, the last episode of "MASH" was broadcast. The show had been on the air since 1972.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Michel de Montaigne (1533-1592), essayist; Mary Lyon (1797-1849), educator-reformer; Ben Hecht (1894-1964), writer; Linus Pauling (1901-1994), chemist; Vincente Minnelli (1910-1986), film director; Zero Mostel (1915-1977), actor; Tommy Tune (1939-), dancer-choreographer, is 62; Mario Andretti (1940-), auto racer, is 61; Bernadette Peters (1948-), actress, is 53.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1967, Wilt Chamberlain made NBA history when he scored his 35th field goal in a row.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "He who establishes his argument by noise and command shows that his reason is weak." — Michel de Montaigne

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Feb. 23) and first quarter (March 2).

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Russell is doting dad

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kurt Russell is acting like a doting dad.

He's hoping Kate Hudson, daughter of actress Goldie Hawn, will bring home an Oscar for "Almost Famous."

"She's the same age as her mom was when she was nominated and Goldie won. It would be a fun night for us if she were to win. And we would have a blast," said Russell, Hawn's longtime companion.

Hawn won an Oscar for 1969's "Cactus Flower."

Hudson, 21, brought home a Golden Globe earlier this year for her role as free-spirited Penny Lane in "Almost Famous," directed by Cameron Crowe.

"It's a spectacular performance," Russell told reporters.

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By Phillip A

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By Phillip Al

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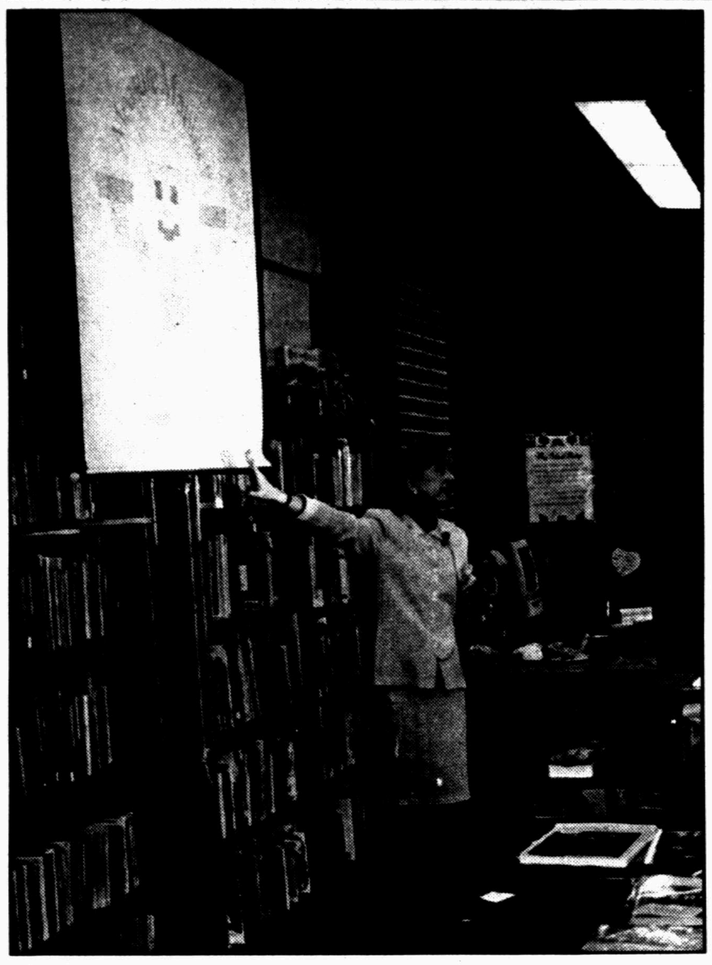

WORKSHOP AT STANFIELD — Linda Tilton presented a workshop at Stanfield Elementary last Friday. She developed her expertise during more than 20 years as a classroom teacher and special educator. She currently teaches graduate level seminars at Hamline University and provides in-service training nationally. Tilton lives with her husband and four children in Shorewood, Minn. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

H&R Block hit with $500,000 penalty

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A federal judge barred H&R Block, the nation's largest income tax preparer, from using misleading phrases to advertise its "Rapid Refund" loan program and ordered to pay more than $500,000 to an upstart rival.

Block has been sued before over its advertising for "Rapid Refund," in which tax filers receive bank loans for the amount of their anticipated refund. But the financial institutions can charge fees or interest.

U.S. District Judge Raymond Jackson in Norfolk accused H&R Block of deliberately and maliciously using deceptive advertising to draw customers in the Hampton Roads area just as a competing tax preparation service, was launching its business there.

"We feel that this is a victory not only for Liberty Tax Service, but also for taxpayers who didn't fully understand the terms of this loan product because they weren't properly disclosed," said Lenny Holt, Liberty's chief operating officer.

The ruling ordered H&R Block to pay Liberty Tax Service $507,477, representing a portion of Block's profits in Hampton Roads in 2000. The advertising also appeared last year in California, Iowa, New York and Ohio.

In 1993 in Connecticut, H&R Block agreed to change its advertising for refund anticipation loans after the state consumer protection agency complained.

The company's "past advertising conduct and prior notice regarding the use of the term 'refund'" along with an internal company report on the program indicate the company acted in "bad faith in repeating such advertising during the 2000 tax season," Jackson wrote in his ruling released Monday.

H&R Block "strongly disagrees with the judge's finding of maliciousness" and will appeal, Linda McDougall, a spokeswoman for the Kansas City, Mo.-based company, told The New York Times.

The company filed a motion Monday asking that it continue to be allowed to use the term "rapid refund," a request Jackson denied, the Times reported. It said Jackson gave the company until March 9 to remove a list of what he called offending terms from its advertising.

Liberty Tax Service operates 500 offices in the United States and Canada. H&R Block operates 10,000 offices in the United States, Canada, Australia and the United Kingdom.

On the Net:
H&R Block:
http://www.hrblock.com
Liberty Tax Service:
http://www.libertytax.com

Superfine shahtoosh fibers, which can be woven into scarves that cost as much as $20,000, are made from the fleecy underwool from the neck of the wildibex goat in the Aksai Chin, a militarized zone on the Chinese side of the Himalayas.

eBay set to monitor site

NEW YORK (AP) — eBay has begun monitoring items for sale on its site for possible copyright infringement, a move in response to pressure from software makers and intellectual property interests.

The new program has removed about 12 listings per day for software, movies, music and other copyright content since it began in December, The Wall Street Journal reported Wednesday.

The software industry's antipiracy trade group and manufacturers of copyrighted products, such as Microsoft Corp, pushed for the change.

"We recognize they have some issues and so we wanted to do everything we could," eBay lawyer Jay Monahan said.

The program is staffed by 15 full-time employees. For software sales alone, the company has two full-time lawyers devoted to fraud prevention, as well as a software-industry liaison and a special e-mail queue for industry complaints.

The company has also instituted a policy to prohibit the sale of anything recorded on a blank compact disc, and it stops sales of certain types of DVD players and gaming equipment that can be used with illegally copied media.

Copyright infringement has risen to rank the software industry's No. 1 issue, with approximate losses of billions of dollars.

Charlotte Clifton

Clifton wins re-election to TCTA post

AUSTIN — Charlotte Clifton, a teacher at Snyder Junior High School, has won re-election as District 14 director for the Texas Classroom Teachers Association. Her new term begins June 1.

Clifton has served on the TCTA board of directors since 1999 and was re-elected to a two-year term on Feb. 9 at TCTA's annual convention in Austin.

TCTA is a professional education association representing more than 42,000 members across the state.

The Snyder teacher was re-elected by convention delegates from District 14, the area she represents on the TCTA Board. District 14 covers 13 counties in North Texas, including Scurry, Stonewall, Haskell, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Stephens, Mitchell, Nolan, Taylor, Callahan, Eastland and Comanche. The 2001-2002 TCTA Board will include two District 14 directors: Clifton and Wendell Whittenburg of Sweetwater.

As a board member, Clifton represents her district, helps set policy for the statewide association and assists members and leaders of TCTA in her 13-county area.

Clifton is a longtime TCTA member and is active in the Snyder Classroom Teachers Association, where she currently serves as president.

TCTA is a non-profit, non-union association founded in 1927. It is the only statewide education association that limits active membership to the public school teachers and related non-administrative education personnel.

Wisconsin tot nearly frozen

EAU CLAIRE, Wis. (AP) — A 2-year-old boy was hospitalized in critical condition Tuesday after being found unconscious and not breathing outside his home in frigid cold, authorities said.

Les Hynek wandered outside his home on a dairy farm early Tuesday and his father found him about three hours later in snow about 50 feet from the house, sheriff's Sgt. John Volger said. Temperatures were about zero.

The boy was taken to St. Marys Hospital and the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., where spokesman John Murphy confirmed the boy's condition.

Volger said Les and two brothers had been with their father in a barn until about 2:30 a.m. while milking chores were done.

The 2-year-old wanted to watch a movie after the family returned to the house, Volger said. The father told investigators he put the videotape on the TV and he must have fallen asleep about 3 a.m. before waking at 6:40 and discovering his son was missing, Volger said.

The incident is strikingly similar to a Canadian case in which a 13-month-old girl survived several hours outdoors in bitter cold temperatures. The girl was moved out of intensive care at a Toronto hospital Tuesday.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 02-28-01
♠ A 6 5
♥ A K J
♦ A 10 8 7
♣ K 7 4

West
♠ K 10 8 7 3
♥ 10 8 3
♦ K J 3
♣ 8 2

East
♠ 9 4
♥ Q 9 5 2
♦ Q 6 4 2
♣ A 6 5

South
♠ Q J 2
♥ 7 6 4
♦ 9 5
♣ Q J 10 9 3

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		1 ♦	Pass
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 7

Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2001

Withholding a way to winners

By Phillip Alder

Who said this, on March 2, 1988? "When a man opens the car door for his wife, it's either a new car or a new wife."

Bridge players need open doors: entries to one hand or the other. Here is an example of maintaining an entry to ensure winning vital tricks.

How would you plan the play in three no-trump after West has led his fourth-highest spade?

South wasn't keen to make a bid with six such soft points. However, he had only two diamonds, and he held a decent five-card suit. So, he was right to respond one no-trump.

You have five top tricks: two spades (given trick one), two hearts and one diamond. The other four tricks are clearly available from clubs. So, South ran trick one to his spade queen and promptly broached those clubs. However, West played high-low to show a doubleton, and East held up his ace until the third round. Then, a spade through declarer established West's suit. With no entry, declarer had slammed the car door on his own hand.

South should have anticipated an opponent's holding up the club ace until the third round. And if that happens, where is South's entry? The only candidate is in spades. Therefore, declarer must call for dummy's spade ace at trick one. Then, after winning with his club ace, what can East do? Nothing. A spade return immediately establishes South's entry. And if East switches to a diamond, declarer calls for a spade after winning the trick in the dummy.

That cynical comment was made by Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

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Stanfield

Stanfield students who were not absent during the fourth six weeks include Amanda Davis, Ricky DeLuna, Baylee Lewis, Kaden McCarter, Xalee Northcutt, Collin Parsons, Samantha Rogers, Sarah Cearley, Matthew Daniell, Cassie Gunset, Eddy Herrera, Eboni Jackson, Brandon Medrano, Kaitlin Bass, Deidre Foree, Demetri Gunderson, Amanda Gutierrez.

Others are Kaylee Lord, Mac Morin, Jonathan Castaneda, Taran Clemmens, Heather Crawford, Sabrina Moss, Daniel Ramirez, Briana Rose, Gage Welch, Xavier Malone, Kanesha Anderson, Colten Clark, Annie Ezell, Crystal Hernandez, Alex Hook, Bailey Jones, Skylar Jones, Ty Shifflett, Margaret Benitez, Lucero Espinoza, Alex Alcala, Troy Henry, Emma Nunley, Brianne Perry.

Also, Angie Hernandez, Chris Johnston, Freddy Lopez, William Varela, Brice Jackson, Staphany Arizmendi, Kevin Bowers, Taylor Freeman, Justin Gonzales, Daniella Jaquez, Anthony Lopez, Nick Morin, Jim Torres, Savannah Valdez. Chance Young, Kaitlin Bernal, Jakiya Davis.

Others include Jeannie Dean, Britton Hill, Blake Redman, Ashlyn Rocha, Miccah Wesley, Kristofer Wright, Brayden Culwell, Shelby Grice, Donnie Medrano, Meagen Robbins, Chelsea Russell, Nelson Sears, Logan Tabor, Breanna Benitez, Ethan Head, Megan Murdock, Stephen Smith, Mayra Benitez, Roxana Arellano, Frida Corona, Myrka Infante, Lizeth Olivares, Lindzey Larrea.

Also, Anna Rivera, Zachary Bilbo, Jake Freeman, Cameron Lopez, Logan Perry, Dillon Randolph, Bresharre Davis, Caleb Green, Georgette Gunderson, Loran Perry, Will Stephens, Joel Torres, Krysha Burleson, Bridget Garcia, Ayeshia Greathouse, Audriana Rascon, Will Toombs, Kelsi Williams.

Others are Mary Quintano, Miranda Benitez, Kyler Billingsley, Hunter Cox, Bridget Davis, Nolan Duzan, Taylor Duzan, Christopher Garza, Kristal Gomez, Timothy Iglehart, Lance Morris, Jordan Peoples, Lateisha Richardson, Mallorie Warren, Juan Benitez, Mekayla Duzan, Stephan Gunderson, Justin Haggard, Kennon Ward, Brady Williams, Tommy Deno.

The first American society for the abolition of slavery was organized in 1775 by Benjamin Franklin and Benhamin Rush.

St. Elizabeth
Fish Fry
Friday, March 2
5:30 - 8:00 pm
St. Elizabeth Parish Center
30th at Ave. A,
Snyder, TX.
$6 per person
Children 6-12 $4
Meal Tickets Sold At The Door
Proceeds go to
SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Sponsored by
Men's & Women's Association

Snyder Wheels & Sonic Drive In
CAR SHOW & CRUISE
Saturday, March 3rd
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Snyder, Texas
ITINERARY: Car Show
MOVE IN: Friday 5:00-10:00 p.m. &
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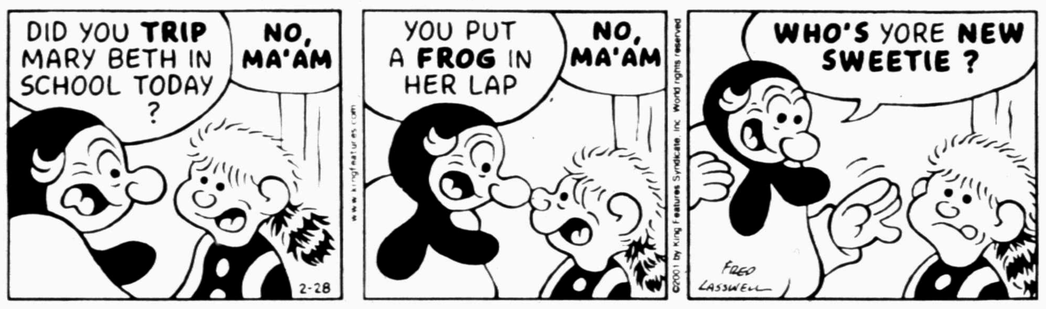

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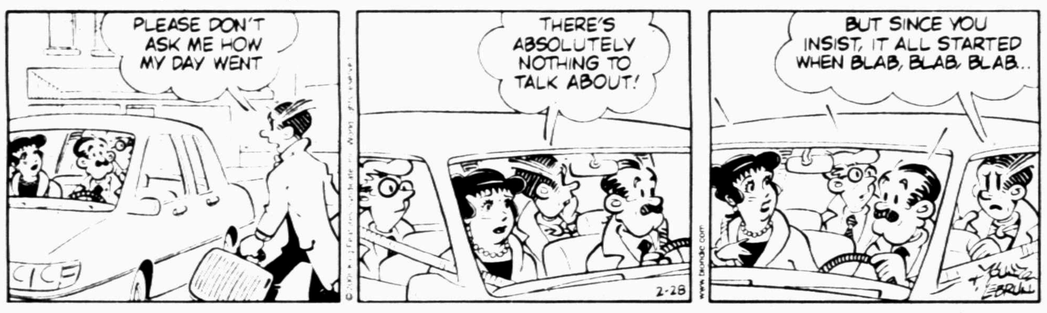

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ACROSS

1 Seeming
6 "Famous" cookiemaker
10 Referee's kin
12 Pulls away
14 Lessened
15 Chalk remover
16 Speck
17 In no way
19 Writer Janowitz
20 They know the answers
23 Paper measure
26 Child's game
27 Tennis player Shriver
30 Pressing
32 Rounded lump
34 Certain compound
35 Infant's need
36 On a — with (equal to)
37 Weapon
39 Theater section
40 Having made a will
42 Finnish first name
45 Common article
46 Basinger or Novak
49 Twist in pain
51 Flightless bird
54 Group of nine
55 Unsealed
56 Whirlpool
57 Tidal wave

DOWN

1 Campus area
2 Center of a shield
3 — — on the back (praise)
4 Cease standing
5 Wrath
6 LAX info
7 Liver and beef
8 Greek peak
9 Flower part
11 Writer Ferber
12 Swampy area
13 Mrs. in Madrid
18 Fall mo.
20 City in Utah
21 Back out of a promise
22 Selfish person
23 Jest
24 Celestial bear
25 Composer Stravinsky
27 Pre-adult insect
28 "Shake — —!" (move it)
29 Simple
31 Had faith in
33 Social appointment
38 Ultimate (degree)
40 Carried
41 Danish island
42 Lamb's mom
43 Sea eagle
44 Cheese coating
46 Martin Luther —
47 Roman road
48 Ancient Persian's neighbor
50 It's for horses!
52 Copy
53 Earl Grey, e.g.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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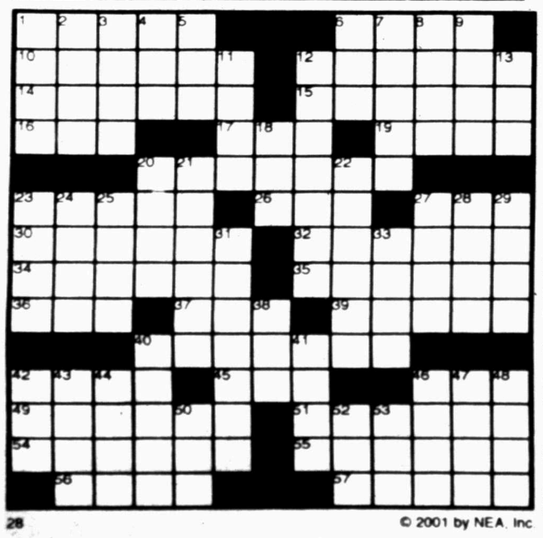

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SPORTS

Five Tigers garner all-district honors

The Snyder Tigers, who made their fourth consecutive playoff appearance this season, placed all five starters on the boys' 4-4A All-District Basketball Team.

Garnering honors from Snyder were seniors Shante Taylor, Heath Pinkerton, Jared Thornhill and Jamaal Wofford, and junior Chris McLeod.

Taylor, a 6-6 post who played only one year of varsity basketball for the Tigers, was named co-newcomer of the year, along with Plainview senior Khaz Heads.

Taylor was the Tigers' leading rebounder, averaging nine boards and nine points per game.

Pinkerton, Thornhill and Wofford were placed on the first team, while McLeod earned a spot on the all-defensive team.

Pinkerton was the Tigers leading scorer during district. The 6-3 senior wing averaged 14.5 points and 4.2 rebounds per contest.

Thornhill, a 6-3 senior, was Taylor's counterpart on the inside, posting over 13 points and 4 boards a night.

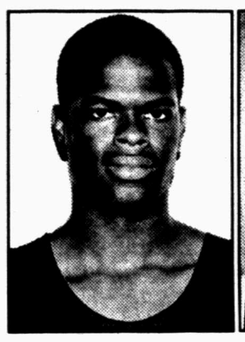
Wofford, the Tigers' 5-9 point guard, was the team's leading free-throw shooter at over 71 percent, while dropping in 11 points per outing.

McLeod was the only underclassman to start most of the season for Snyder. The 5-9 junior typically drew the job of defending the opponent's leading scorer. McLeod also shot 47 percent from three-point range during district play.

Snyder finished 4-4A competition in third place behind Lubbock Estacado and Plainview. The Tigers fell to Hereford in the bi-district round of the playoffs.

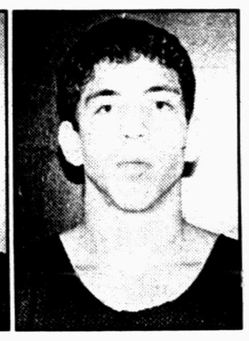
Estacado senior Gerone Duvall was named the district's most valuable player, while Estacado coach Tim Thomas earned coach of the year honors.

Levelland senior Nate Bridges was tabbed as offensive player of the year, with Frenship senior Gentry McGaha receiving the defensive honor.



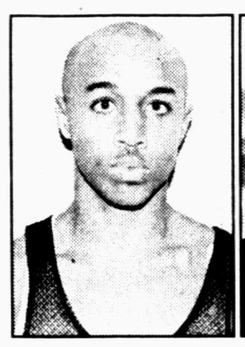
Taylor

Pinkerton

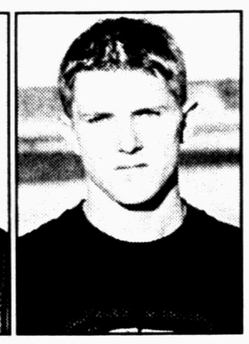


Thornhill

4-4A All-District Basketball Team



Wofford



McLeod

4-4A All-District Basketball Team

Coach of the year: Tim Thomas, Estacado
Most valuable player: Gerone Duvall, 6-0, Sr., Estacado
Newcomers of the year: Shante Taylor, 6-6, Sr., Snyder; Khaz Heads, 5-9, Sr., Plainview
Offensive player of the year: Nate Bridges, 6-5, Sr., Levelland
Defensive player of the year: Gentry McGaha, 6-1, Sr., Frenship
First team: Bryson Davis, 6-3, Jr., Plainview; Heath Pinkerton, 6-3, Sr., Snyder; Corey Morrison, 5-11, Sr., Estacado; Brylon Bradic, 6-2, Jr., Plainview; Maurice King, 6-5, Sr., Plainview; Jared Thornhill, 6-3, Sr., Snyder; Michael Hill, 6-4, Sr., Estacado; Jamaal Wofford, 5-9, Sr., Snyder; Patrick Shelby, 6-3, Sr., Frenship; Lawrence Johnson, 5-9, Sr., Levelland
All-defensive team: Jimmy McKenzie, 5-11, Sr., Estacado; Chris McLeod, 5-9, Jr., Snyder; Nathan Gilliam, 6-2, Sr., Frenship; Curtis Dent, 5-9, Jr., Levelland; Tim Abbott, 6-2, Sr., Lake View; Jeremy Tharp, 6-2, Sr., Andrews; Arthur Belvin, 6-0, Jr., Big Spring; Marty Garcia, 6-1, Jr., Plainview; Ashanti Jones, 6-6, Jr., Estacado

SHS girls ride streak into softball tourney

On the eve of their own tournament, the Snyder Lady Tigers are playing their best softball of the season.

The Lady Tigers will carry a three-game winning streak into the Snyder tournament, which begins play Thursday morning at Cates Softball Complex.

Fifteen teams will take part in the three-day tournament, and Snyder Coach Shelly Hayes believes her squad has turned the corner after a rocky start.

"We have struggled some, partly because we've played some really tough teams with strong programs," said the first-year Snyder coach. "But we've played a lot better in our last few games. We're fielding the ball, and getting some good pitching. Plus our hitting is coming around, so all of those things are promising."

Snyder's rough start included a series of setbacks at the Brenham tournament where the Lady Tigers faced teams accustomed to competing for state championships.

After winning its final two games at the Abilene tournament, followed by a victory over Abilene Wylie, Snyder has turned its season around.

"I'm really pleased with how we're playing right now," Hayes stated. "Coming into the season we knew we had a tough non-district schedule. I told the girls that our record during non-district wasn't important. We just have to work to get better with each game, so that we're prepared when district starts. That's when we'll start counting wins and losses."

Thursday's tournament slate will feature tune-up games in preparation for bracket play Friday and Saturday.

Snyder faces Eastland at 1 p.m. Thursday, followed by a 3:30 meeting with Merkel. The Lady Tigers' first-round game will be at 5 p.m. Friday against Pecos.

Also competing in the tournament are Clyde, Del Rio, Abilene Wylie, Midland Greenwood, Everman, Abilene Cooper, Amarillo Palo Duro, Copperas Cove, Amarillo High, Coahoma and Eula.

Aikman, Jones still undecided

WACO (AP) — When Jimmy Johnson spoke with Troy Aikman about three weeks ago, the former coach never asked whether the quarterback will ever throw a pass for the Dallas Cowboys again.

"We had other things to talk about," Johnson said.

While Johnson is among those waiting to see how things shake out with Aikman and the Dallas Cowboys, he's willing to let the situation play out. And it looks like the drama might last 12 weeks longer than expected.

Aikman's agent, Leigh Steinberg, and Cowboys owner Jerry Jones are expected to soon ask the NFL's management council to allow them to amend Aikman's contract so that both sides can have until June 1 to make some big decisions.

Jones currently has until March 15 to decide whether to give Aikman a $7 million bonus and a contract extension through 2007. Jones could avoid writing the big check by cutting the first player he ever drafted.

Or, Aikman could free Jones from the burden by retiring. The three-time Super Bowl champion quarterback has suffered at least 10 concussions in his 12 seasons, with four coming in his last 20 games. He also has been stymied by back pain.

Although Aikman has said he wants to keep playing, he hasn't ruled out retirement. Dallas also must decide if it wants him back considering his tenuous health and the fact he's coming off his worst season.

"I would advise Troy to do what he wants to do and what his doctors advise him to do," Johnson said Tuesday while in Waco to be inducted into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame.

Johnson said he saw every down the Cowboys played last season and believes Aikman can still be a winner — if he's put in the right situation.

"He can win a Super Bowl; he's done it before and he can do it again," Johnson said. "But he's got to have good talent around him. If he's going to carry the team, he's going to take too many hits. And I don't want to see him take the hits."

Gene Upshaw, executive director of the NFL Players Association, said Tuesday that he would support the request for the 21/2-month extension of the decision deadline.

"You have to make sure he's healthy enough. That's really what this is all about," said Upshaw, who also was inducted in the Waco ceremony. "This is not about the money Troy is going to get. This is not about Jerry trying to get some advantage. It's about trying to give Troy a chance to see if he's healthy."

Nash leads Mavs past Grizzlies

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — If this was going to be the last game at GM Place for Dallas guard Steve Nash, he made sure he savored every moment.

The Grizzlies are on the verge of moving next season, which prompted Nash, a native of nearby Victoria, British Columbia, and a Canadian Olympic team member, to play his best in Dallas' 116-112 victory over Vancouver on Tuesday night.

"I'm really saddened by (the prospect of a move by the Grizzlies)," said Nash, who finished with 22 points in 35 minutes. "They've supported a team that hasn't won. They've only really had one owner and general manager. As soon as the second owner came in, they wanted to move the team. You've got to give someone else a crack. I'm disappointed it doesn't look like its going to happen."

Nash spent nearly an hour after the game with friends and family.

While the Grizzlies are contemplating a move, the Mavericks might be on the way to their first playoff appearance since 1990.

The significance of the win over Vancouver (18-40), which put Dallas (36-22) 14 games above .500 for the first time in 13 seasons, was not lost on coach Don Nelson.

"This was a huge step, winning this game and not letting it get away," said Nelson, whose team raised its road and home records to 18-11. "I was worried about this game, even when we played a great first quarter."

The Mavericks opened the game by hitting 18 of their first 21 shots to take a 41-24 lead.

JV Tigers fall to Post, 6-2

Snyder Gold fell to Post, 6-2, Monday in junior varsity baseball action at Antelope Field.

Clayton Floyd paced the Tigers at the plate with a double and a single. Floyd also scored both Snyder runs. Zach Cain, Brock Tyrell and Matthew Vasquez added singles.

Cain, Tye Collier and Marcus Rodriguez teamed up on the mound for the Tigers.

Snyder Gold will be in action again at 5 p.m. Monday at Abilene High.

Boys' High School Basketball Playoffs

CLASS 5A
Region I Quarterfinals
Odessa High 69, EP Eastwood 52
The Colony 65, Cedar Hill 61
EP Montwood 53, EP Andress 40
Duncanville 68, Coppell 48
Region I Semifinals at Midland College
Odessa High (23-7) vs. The Colony (28-1), 6 p.m. Friday
EP Montwood (27-7) vs. Duncanville (28-6), 7:30 p.m. Friday

CLASS 4A
Region I Quarterfinals
Hereford 67, Lubbock Estacado 55
Southlake Carroll 45, North Crowley 44
Canyon Randall 43, Canyon 41
FW Dunbar 101, FW Southwest 77
Region I Semifinals at Howard College
Hereford (30-4) vs. Southlake Carroll (27-6), 6 p.m. Friday
Canyon Randall (32-1) vs. FW Dunbar (31-3), 8 p.m. Friday

CLASS 3A
Region I Quarterfinals
Dimmitt 71, Crane 59
Graham 75, Hillsboro 72
Seminole 74, Denver City 62
Glen Rose 61, Sweetwater 50
Region I Semifinals at United Spirit Arena
Dimmitt (24-7) vs. Graham (29-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday
Seminole (30-4) vs. Glen Rose (27-6), 9 p.m. Friday

CLASS 2A
Region I Quarterfinals
Plains 50, Reagan County 47
Olney 55, West Texas 43
Colorado City 51, Stanton 37
Hale Center 64, Holliday 58
Region I Semifinals at Abilene Christian University
Plains (25-8) vs. Olney (23-4), 6 p.m. Friday
Colorado City (27-4) vs. Hale Center (27-7), 8 p.m. Friday

CLASS A-DIVISION I
Regions I-II Semi-State Semifinals at Odessa College
Stratford (17-4) vs. Lorenzo (28-4), 6 p.m. Friday
Brock (32-2) vs. Frost (25-6), 8 p.m. Friday

CLASS A-DIVISION II
Regions I-II Semi-State Semifinals at Midwestern State University
New Home (28-4) vs. Nazareth (23-9), 5:30 p.m. Friday
Westbrook (24-3) vs. Utopia (17-9), 7:30 p.m. Friday

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Philadelphia	42	16	.724	—
Miami	34	23	.596	7½
New York	33	23	.589	8
Orlando	29	26	.527	11½
Boston	25	32	.439	16½
New Jersey	20	38	.345	22
Washington	13	45	.224	29

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	35	20	.636	—
Charlotte	31	26	.544	5
Toronto	30	27	.526	6
Indiana	25	29	.463	9½
Cleveland	22	33	.400	13
Detroit	21	35	.375	14½
Atlanta	18	39	.316	18
Chicago	9	46	.164	26

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	38	17	.691	—
San Antonio	37	19	.661	1½
Dallas	36	22	.621	3½
Minnesota	33	24	.579	6
Houston	30	27	.526	9
Denver	29	29	.500	10½
Vancouver	18	40	.310	21½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	40	18	.690	—
L.A. Lakers	37	18	.673	1½
Sacramento	37	18	.673	1½
Phoenix	34	21	.618	4½
Seattle	29	29	.500	11
L.A. Clippers	20	40	.333	21
Golden State	16	41	.281	23½

Monday's Games
Boston 85, Seattle 82
Charlotte 82, Indiana 72
Milwaukee 98, Philadelphia 91
Portland 95, Houston 89
Golden State 85, Chicago 78
Utah 99, Atlanta 82
Orlando 93, Denver 86
Dallas 103, L.A. Clippers 92

Tuesday's Games
Toronto 101, Cleveland 89
Miami 103, Washington 95
New York 101, Seattle 92
Portland 95, San Antonio 87
Dallas 116, Vancouver 112
Sacramento 106, L.A. Clippers 93, OT

Wednesday's Games
Milwaukee at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Houston at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Utah, 9 p.m.
Orlando at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Denver, 10:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Seattle at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Houston at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Portland, 10 p.m.

Girls' Basketball Playoffs

STATE TOURNAMENT
at Frank Erwin Center, Austin
Class 5A Semifinals, Friday
Sugar Land Dulles (34-2) vs. Mansfield (34-1), 3 p.m.
Spring Westfield (32-1) vs. Buda Hays (29-7), 7 p.m.
Class 4A Semifinals, Thursday
Plainview (34-1) vs. Corpus Christi Calallen (26-7), 7 p.m.
Dallas Lincoln (28-5) vs. Brenham (29-4), 8:30 p.m.
Class 3A Semifinals, Thursday
Abilene Wylie (31-2) vs. Sour Lake Hardin Jefferson (27-9), 2 p.m.
Winnsboro (35-4) vs. Llano (30-5), 3:30 p.m.
Class 2A Semifinals, Friday
Boyd (32-1) vs. Somerville (27-7), 9:30 a.m.
Wall (32-3) vs. Nacogdoches Central Heights (32-4), 11 a.m.
Class A Semifinals, Thursday
Nazareth (31-4) vs. Saltillo (33-2), 8:30 a.m.
Kennard (34-2) vs. Windthorst (30-1), 10 a.m.

Local Schedule

THURSDAY
Softball
Snyder vs. Eastland, 1 p.m.; vs. Merkel, 3:30, at Snyder tournament
Baseball
Snyder vs. Lockhart, 12:30; vs. Seguin, 3 p.m., at Seguin tournament
Track
Snyder hosts junior high track meet

FRIDAY
Softball
Snyder vs. Pecos, at Snyder tournament, 5 p.m.
Baseball
Snyder at Seguin tournament
Tennis
Snyder at New Braunfels Open
Golf
Snyder varsity boys at Andrews Invitational
Snyder varsity girls at Midland Invitational

SATURDAY
Track
Snyder boys and girls at Abilene Wylie's Bulldog Relays
Softball
Snyder at Snyder tournament
Baseball
Snyder at Seguin tournament
Tennis
Snyder at New Braunfels Open
Golf
Snyder varsity boys at Andrews Invitational
Snyder varsity girls at Midland Invitational

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Sports Briefs

Football booster club

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

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

Junior golf applications

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

Giants' coach signs new deal

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Jim Fassel, whose guarantee of a playoff berth ignited the New York Giants' run to a Super Bowl appearance, signed a new four-year contract.

Financial terms of the deal were not immediately available, but Fassel reportedly will earn $11 million over the length of the contract. He earned $1.1 million last season, when Giants turned from an also-ran into the NFC champions.

The long-anticipated deal came about a month after the Giants were beaten 34-7 by the Baltimore Ravens in the Super Bowl in Tampa, Fla.

Carruth cohort sentenced

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The getaway driver in the ambush slaying of Rae Carruth's pregnant girlfriend was sentenced to up to 14 years and two months in prison after pleading guilty to murder.

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Anadarko Petroleum Corp., P.O. Box 2497, Midland, TX 79702 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Glorieta/Clearfork Formation, Van Norman Lease, Well Number 3R. The proposed injection well is located 12 Miles SW of Snyder in the Sharon Ridge (Clearfork) Field, in Scurry County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2100 to 3500 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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Faults could produce bigger quakes

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Faults buried deep beneath the streets of California could produce larger earthquakes than previously thought, say researchers who studied India's recent 7.7-magnitude quake.

The type of fault that produced the deadly Jan. 26 quake — a blind thrust fault — is also found in California, including at least one running directly beneath the skyscrapers of downtown Los Angeles.

A group that assesses the state's earthquake potential previously assumed Southern California's blind thrust faults weren't capable of producing earthquakes greater than magnitude 7.3. But its members said Tuesday they are now questioning that ceiling after studying the India quake, which left more than 19,000 people dead.

The difference between the two measures is significant: A magnitude 7.7 earthquake releases about 2.5 times more energy than a 7.3 quake.

By comparison, the 1989 earthquake that killed 67 people and caused $7 billion in damage in the San Francisco area registered 7.1. The 1994 Northridge quake, linked to a blind thrust fault near Los Angeles, registered 6.7.

"It sort of raises the bar for what the maximum earthquake detection threshold is for blind thrust faults," said William Lettis, an earthquake hazard consultant and member of the research team sponsored by the National Science Foundation and the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute. "As a geologist, can you go out and easily find a fault that will produce a future 7.7 earthquake? The answer is no, and that's an important lesson."

By definition, blind thrust faults remain buried and do not break the surface of the ground, making them more difficult to map. The India earthquake ruptured at a depth of about 12 miles.

Preliminary findings from India suggests similarly large earthquakes could occur in areas of California where blind thrust faults exist — and that those earthquakes could be much larger than anticipated.

"The question here is, could an earthquake like this happen in California? And if it could — and I am not saying it can — if it could, the fact that it did not break the surface could potentially be of great concern," said Jonathan Stewart, an assistant professor of civil engineering at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Earthquakes along thrust faults, in which one side moves over the other as if on a ramp, tend to accelerate vertically, which can destabilize tall buildings and other structures. Quakes along strike-slip faults, such as the San Andreas fault, tend to move horizontally.

Lettis cautioned that researchers are still studying the nature of the India earthquake and said there may not be a direct analog in the United States to its tectonic setting. It also may more closely resemble the large earthquakes in 1811 and 1812 along the New Madrid fault in Missouri than any earthquake in California.

Regardless, the blind thrust faults known to exist remain a risk for California, said Thomas Heaton, a professor of engineer.

Report: Many with criminal records become naturalized citizens of U.S.

BOSTON (AP) — The government may have allowed thousands of immigrants with criminal backgrounds to become naturalized citizens in Massachusetts, due in part to pressure to reduce a backlog of citizenship requests.

Immigration and Naturalization Service memos obtained by The Boston Globe show an internal audit of the Boston office, conducted in 1998, found an average of five out of every 30 immigrants approved for citizenship had criminal records, and 16 percent had been convicted of a crime not known to the FBI.

Data about other states was not included in the Globe's report.

The Boston office naturalized 21,052 citizens in 2000, compared to 5,923 in 1990, the Globe reported Wednesday.

The Globe said the pressure was partly a byproduct of a now-disbanded 1996 Clinton administration initiative aimed at reducing the citizenship application backlog.

Because of pressure to reduce the backlog, agents check criminal backgrounds with the FBI but normally don't review state criminal records, the Globe reported. The audit found that felons from Massachusetts don't always show up on FBI records.

Under INS policy, all people applying for citizenship submit to a 10-fingerprint, which is sent to the FBI to check for matches, but many police departments in Massachusetts don't send prints to the FBI, so those felons don't show up on FBI checks, according to INS Special Agent Thomas Carroll, a quality control officer, who wrote the memo obtained by the Globe. He declined to comment on it.

Steven Farquharson, district director of the Boston INS office, said that after receiving Carroll's audit he sent a memo to INS headquarters asking for guidance, but he told the Globe the response several months later said he was not allowed to use other databases.

Russell Bergeron, spokesman for INS headquarters, said the fault lies with the FBI for not requiring all police departments to file fingerprints and with the departments themselves for not sending them.

A Department of Justice investigation of the Citizenship USA program concluded last summer that the flaws in the program were the result of an agency that is "a mess" with systemic problems, including poor criminal history background checks, that date back decades.

In the national program's granting of citizenship to 1.2 million people, the investigation found that a number of people with criminal histories became citizens.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Second opinion for surgery

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 73-year-old woman with emphysema and heart failure. I also have partial blockage of the carotid arteries in my neck, for which my cardiologist advises surgery. How dangerous is the procedure, and how long is the recuperation?

DEAR READER: Carotid endarterectomy, an operation to clean out arteriosclerotic plaque from inside the arteries, is serious surgery that carries a small but definite risk of stroke. Recuperation from this operation, if no complications develop, is minimal — a week or two at most.

However, because of your lung and heart diseases, you have added risk factors. Therefore, you rightly need to be absolutely sure the operation is necessary before you consent to it.

Why not obtain a second opinion from a vascular specialist? You would certainly benefit from another perspective. The advice given by both doctors would enable you to make an informed decision. If the two doctors agree that endarterectomy is appropriate, you may choose to proceed. On the other hand, if the doctors disagree, you'll have to explore other options, such as anticoagulant medication — or even obtain a third opinion from super specialist in a teaching hospital.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "An Informed Approach to Surgery." 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 am an 80-year-old woman with a sluggish thyroid gland who cannot tolerate Synthroid. My doctor has yet to suggest an alternative therapy. What should I do?

DEAR READER: Hypothyroidism can affect people of all ages. However, in the elderly, thyroid function may naturally wane. In its mild form, this thyroid deficiency causes few symptoms other than constipation and lassitude. As time progresses and the thyroid gland produces less and less hormone, more serious consequences become apparent: hair loss, intolerance to cold weather, depression, fatigue, slow pulse, and heart failure. Such symptoms reflect a slowing of body metabolism that is not strictly age-related.

Because good health depends on a proper amount of thyroid hormone, hypothyroid patients must take supplemental thyroid pills to overcome the glandular deficiency. This medicine is readily available by prescription and is relatively inexpensive. Several forms of thyroid replacement are commonly used, ranging from old-fashioned thyroid extract to synthesized purified substances, such as Synthroid.

I have never heard of a hypothyroid patient who could not tolerate Synthroid, providing the drug is given in an appropriate daily dosage. Problems develop when patients are prescribed too much, resulting in doctor-induced hyperthyroidism — too much thyroid hormone — leading to metabolic over-stimulation.

I suspect that you could tolerate Synthroid if your doctor were to adjust the dose according to blood tests that measure your level of thyroid hormone.

However, if you are truly reacting to Synthroid, your physician should consider changing brands; for example, Euthyroid, Levothyroid, or Cytomel are three popular alternatives.

In any case, hypothyroid patients need treatment in order to prevent the serious health problems I mentioned. Ask your doctor to prescribe another brand and make sure that you get suitable follow-up blood tests to document the proper dose.

As a final option, you could request a referral to an endocrinologist, a specialist trained in the diagnosis and treatment of glandular disorders, including hypothyroidism. Working together, the two doctors should be able to arrive at the correct amount (and type) of thyroid hormone replacement.

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New York parents can pick which bilingual program they prefer

NEW YORK (AP) — Parents of students in the city's bilingual education program will get to choose how quickly their children face English immersion under a plan approved by the New York City Board of Education.

The new policy ends the automatic assignment of children who fail an English competency exam to the bilingual program, in which enrollees are taught core subjects, such as math and science, in their native tongue.

Parents will be allowed to choose from four programs for their children: the bilingual education program; English as a second language, in which core subjects are taught in English; a new program that would provide after-school and weekend instruction to move students rapidly into an English language program; or a dual language program.

The board's unanimous approval Tuesday of Schools Chancellor Harold O. Levy's $75 million proposal follows years of criticism that parents had little say on whether to place their children in bilingual classes.

There are currently 176,000 New York students enrolled in New York's bilingual education or English as a second language program. More than 65 percent of the students are Hispanic; the rest are largely Chinese and Russian.

The new policy is expected to be fully in place by June.

The board directed Levy to come up with a plan to pay for the program. Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani has set aside roughly $9 million to pay for after-school and weekend bilingual programs.

The board Tuesday also was served with a lawsuit that seeks to block its $250 million proposal to turn over five failing schools to a private education company.

The suit was filed by a coalition of parents, politicians, civil rights groups and education organizations.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, March 1, 2001

Don't look for things to be handed to you on a silver platter in the year ahead, but if you're prepared to work hard for what you want, you will be capable of remarkable achievements.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A testy development won't overwhelm you today, much to your ability to see the brighter side of the matter. It'll demonstrate that you can place your destiny in your own hands. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't grind for more than you deserve, but it might prove to your advantage to be a bit stubborn regarding business matters today. If you think you merit something, stick to your guns.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Furthering a self-interest might be considerably important to you today. Much to your credit, however, you'll do so without having others believe you're selfish.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Additional responsibilities could be thrown at you today and make you feel squeezed into a corner. Don't fret. You'll get everything done in record time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Temporarily set aside any new interest today and take care of an old endeavor that's vying for attention. Getting that out of the way will make it easier to accomplish anything new.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Conditions are favorable today for feeling the boss out for that raise or promotion to which you believe you're entitled. The deserving can be rewarded at this time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Express your creativity today as the mood hits. If you apply the necessary time and effort, you're quite capable of producing things that will give you lasting pride.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Should someone whom you helped in the past make an effort today to do something for you, don't reject his or her efforts. Everyone needs to feel appreciated.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) An associate's tempo might not leave much room for small talk today, but once you get in step with him or her, you'll actually take pride in accomplishing your aims so succinctly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Personal gain is not an evil motivator. In fact, without it, little would be accomplished in this world. You'll prove this today by functioning at your best for a material reward.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You should be able to read complex people more easily than usual today and treat them in a manner they'll respect. There could be a material reward involved.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Through your dogged efforts, a condition you've been anxious to change could become a fact today. Once you make your initial move, you'll be surprised at how easy it is to change.

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NEW YORK (AP) -

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AOL TimeWm	45.50	44.00	44.17	—.53
AT&T Corp	23.74	23.20	23.63	+.72
Albertsons	29.75	29.27	29.31	—.12
Alltel	55.10	54.03	54.03	—.48
AmEl Pw	48.00	47.05	47.32	—.16
AndarkPtr	64.35	62.89	63.14	—.81
ATMOS Egy	23.15	23.02	23.14	+.10
Aviall	7.50	7.49	7.49	—.01
BP Amoco	49.96	49.60	49.64	+.04
BakerHughes	40.20	39.44	40.00	+.38
Bank of Amer	51.30	49.25	49.27	—1.60
BellSouth	42.96	42.00	42.01	—.39
Beth Steel	2.48	2.34	2.46	+.10
BurlNoSFe	30.45	30.01	30.19	—.05
Caterpillar	43.18	41.91	41.91	—.58
Chevron	86.05	85.52	85.65	—.05
Citigroup s	50.20	48.60	48.64	—1.16
CocaCola	52.80	52.02	52.25	+.25
ColgatePal	59.42	58.99	59.10	+.35
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CooperIn	44.20	43.86	43.86	—.21
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LockheedM	38.15	37.40	38.11	+.11
Lowes Cos	58.00	56.87	56.95	—.55
Lubys	7.15	7.00	7.01	—.07
LucentTech	12.36	11.94	11.96	—.15
MayDeptStr	39.60	38.85	39.60	+1.30
Medtronic	52.35	51.90	51.92	—.01
Motorola s	15.48	15.07	15.07	—.22
NCR Corp	45.90	44.81	44.82	—.65
Navistar	26.05	25.67	25.70	+.30
Penney JC	16.55	15.85	16.17	+.52
PepBoys	5.73	5.42	5.60	—.15
PepsiCo	46.47	45.80	45.90	—.16
Pharmacia	51.65	50.55	51.52	+1.27
PhelpDodge	46.50	45.75	45.84	—.15
PhilipPet	55.01	53.69	53.72	—1.28
Polaroid	5.40	5.00	5.04	—.25
Praxair	44.25	43.60	44.20	+.64
ProctGamb	70.85	69.85	69.85	—.85
PubS NwMx	25.93	25.50	25.50	—.30
RadioShack	43.20	41.50	43.00	+2.15
ReliantEngy	42.55	41.53	41.99	—.40
RoyalDut	60.09	59.25	59.25	—.19
SBC Comm	50.85	50.01	50.06	—.52
SaraLee	22.22	21.90	21.92	—.18
Scripps EW	62.95	62.70	62.70	—.20
SearsRoeb	41.60	41.05	41.43	+.94
SherwinW	26.05	25.60	25.90	+.38
SouthernCo	30.94	30.20	30.67	—.16
SwstAirl s	19.39	18.89	19.00	—.20
SprintFON	22.90	22.22	22.25	—.25
SprintPCS	27.15	26.41	26.75	+.26
Sunoco Inc	33.90	33.25	33.33	—1.30
TXU Corp	41.48	40.62	41.05	—.10
TempleInland	48.43	47.45	47.68	—.27
Texaco	64.42	63.87	64.17	+.10
TexInd	28.45	27.90	28.11	—.23
TexasInst s	31.40	29.63	30.27	+.27
Textron	54.60	53.53	53.70	—1.04
TriconGlbR	38.71	38.20	38.36	+.16
TrinityInds	22.49	21.85	22.00	—.11
TritonEngy	22.10	21.47	21.47	—.03
USX-Marathn	28.00	27.61	27.68	—.21
USX-USS	15.75	15.39	15.45	—.08
UnionPacif	55.99	55.40	55.81	+.10
UnitedTech	79.85	78.34	78.45	—1.20
Unocal	36.20	35.25	35.57	—.60
Venator Grp	11.39	11.01	11.07	—.32
VerizonComm	51.35	50.25	50.77	—.08
WalMart	51.30	50.06	50.06	—.93
WellsFargo	50.58	49.27	49.30	—.77
WstnGasRs	26.04	25.90	25.90	—.15
WinnDixie	26.60	25.90	25.98	—.10
Xerox Cp	6.07	5.94	5.98	—.04

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Scurry County Country

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

Garden Checklist for March

- Prepare beds for planting warm-season flowers and vegetables.
- For every 100 square feet of bed area, work in a 2 to 3-inch layer of organic material such as compost, pine bark, or sphagnum peat most.
- Select and order caladium tubers as well as geranium and coleus plants for late April and early May planting. Do not plant caladiums until soil temperature reaches 70 degree F.
- As camellia and azalea plants finish blooming, fertilize them with 3 pounds of azalea-camellia fertilizer per 100 square feet of bed area.
- Check mulch on azalea and camellia planting and add where needed. Consider using pine needles, pine bark or similar organic materials.
- Beware of closeout sales on bare-root trees and shrubs. The chance of survival is rather low on bare-root plants this late in the season. Best bets for now are damaged or killed each year by the careless application of weed killers, including those found in mixed of fertilizers and weed killers. Always read and follow label directions very carefully. Weeds in a lawn usually indicate a poor lawn management program and can usually be crowded out in a healthy turf.
- Start hanging baskets of petunias and other annuals for another dimension in landscape color.
- Freeze damaged beds of Asiatic jasmine ground cover should be sheared back just as new growth starts to encourage new growth from the base.
- For early color in the landscape, try some of the following annuals as transplants: ageratums, cockscombs, fibrous rooted begonias, coreopsis, cosmos, cleomes, marigolds, nasturtiums, petunias, phlox, portulacas, salvias, sweet alyssums, sunflowers, and zinnias.
- Divide existing clumps of fall-blooming perennials, such as chrysanthemums, autumn asters, Mexican marigold mint, and physcostegia (obedient plant). Separate the clumps into individual plants and set them 8-10 inches apart in grouping of five or more. Be sure to prepare the bed area well by spading in 3-5 inches of organic material into the top 8-10 inches of soil. For long-lasting fertility add 3-5 pounds of cottonseed meal or slow release fertilizer per 100 pounds of bed area.

NRCS Report

By Mark Sides, Range Conservationist

Windbreak and other tree/shrub plantings increase property values, promote healthier livestock, reduce energy bills, enhance wildlife habitat and provide other benefits.

Russian olive is deciduous, and classified as a large shrub or small tree. When fully mature, it will range from 15 to 35 feet in height. The plant is rapid growing, with a long life span.

Its silver-gray foliage is offset, during the late spring, by tiny yellow flowers. Foliage is moderately dense. The fruit is creamy white to yellow. It is edible by humans, and highly prized as a food source for wildlife.

Russian olive is cold and drought tolerant when mature. It does well in medium to course soil, but is not suited to fine soils such as heavy clays. Russian olive requires good drainage. It is well suited to shallow, caliche soils; and is salt-tolerant.

Potential problems with Russian olive are this year's thorns, which become next year's branches, and the tendencies to root sprout if broken or mowed off.

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District still has several Russian olive, thornless honey locust, Shumard oak, aromatic sumac, and Australian pine seedlings for sale.

The district office is in the USDA Service Center, located at 5309 Big Spring Hwy in Snyder. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Gail rancher owns bull listed in 2001 spring sire report

GAIL — Joe Canon of Gail owns one bull listed in the 2001 Spring Sire Evaluation Report published by the American Angus Association, headquartered in St. Joseph, Mo.

Issued in both the spring and fall, the new report features the latest performance information available on 4,916 sires.

"The American Angus Association has the most complete and comprehensive beef cattle database in the world," says John Crouch, American Angus Association director of performance programs. "Of the sires listed in the main report, 65 percent have expected progeny differences (EPDs) for carcass traits, which should assist cattlemen in choosing genetics that will produce a more consistent, higher quality beef producer."

Additionally, 66 percent of the sires posted an ultrasound body composition EPD. EPDs are generated from performance data submitted by breeders through the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) program.

Traits in which EPDs are available include birth weight, milk, yearling weight and height, mature daughter weight and height, and scrotal circumference, as well as carcass traits including carcass weight, marbling, rib eye area, external fat thickness and percent retail product.

The analysis for the sire evaluation report is done in cooperation with Iowa State University.

Teen-ager beaten after throwing candy

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — A teen-ager who was throwing candy at passing cars was beaten unconscious by three men, police said.

Angel "Shaggy" Rodriguez, 14, and a friend were walking home from an after-school program Monday when they began tossing Skittles at passing vehicles, police said.

The men punched Rodriguez in the face until he fell, then stomped and kicked him in the head, police said.

Markets

Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 735 head of cattle for the Saturday, Feb. 24, sale. Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers were steady to $4 higher. Slaughter cows were $2 to $3 higher, bulls were steady. Bred cows and pairs were steady. Trading was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:
200-300: 127-135
300-400: 122-130
400-500: 112-118
500-600: 104-108
600-700: 90-96

Feeder heifers:
200-300: 119-126
300-400: 109-116
400-500: 102-106
500-600: 88.50-94
600-700: 85.50-90.50

Replacement cows:
Young bred cows: 630-735
Aged cows: 530-650
Pairs: 790-845
Aged pairs: 600-730

Slaughter cows:
Boners: 1000-1250 Lbs.: 44.50
Lean: 1000-1200 Lbs.: 46.50-48.50
Boners high yielding, 1150-1350 Lbs.: 48.50-52.50
Lean: 900-1200 Lbs.: 44.50-46
Lean 800-1000 Lbs.: 37.50-40

Slaughter bulls:
Yielding Grade 1-2 1300-2100 Lbs.: 49-56
Low Dressing 1000-1300 Lbs.: 48.50
Bone High Yielding: 1100-1350 Lbs. 32.50-37
Lean: 900-1200Lbs. 22.50-30.50
Slaughter bulls: Yield Grade 1-2 1300-2100 Lbs. 48-53
Low Dressing: 1,000-1,130 lbs. 45

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards Inc. had a run of 759 head of cattle for the Thursday, Feb. 21, sale. Cows were $2 to $3 better. Yearlings and calves were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 48-54.50
Canner and low cutters: 37-46
Slaughter bulls: 50-65

Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 100-135
400-500: 100-110
500-600: 90-105
600-700: 85-93
700-800: 83-90

Feeder heifers:
300-400: 100-120
400-500: 90-105
500-600: 85-95
600-700: 82-88
700-800: 78-84

Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 85-105
700-800: 80-87

Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 650-875
Grade: 600-690
Springers: 450-750
Baby calves: 150-200
Doodlers: 125-250

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LAMESA - The Country Store(806) 872-2422 2:00-3:00 p.m.
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FAREWELL RECEPTION — Dee Wilson, departing executive director of Gateway Family Services, was honored at a reception Tuesday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Wilson will become executive director of Noah Project Inc. in Abilene starting tomorrow. Pictured with Wilson are Tom Holcomb, Gateway chairman, and Temi Matthies, board member. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Hastert thinks full House will vote on tax cuts next week

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush sent Congress a $1.96 trillion budget Wednesday that would curtail spending in programs ranging from farm aid to transportation while using ballooning surpluses to provide Americans with a $1.6 trillion tax cut over 10 years.

Bush, who embarked on a two-day road trip to sell his program, declared in Beaver, Pa., that his budget plan was responsible, a matter of fairness and a battle to brake runaway government spending.

"The surplus is your money, it's not the government's money," he said, earning cheers.

Bush said in his 207-page budget plan, called "A Blueprint for New Beginnings," that the proposal would create a federal government "that is both active to promote opportunity and limited to preserve freedom." The budget provides "reasonable spending increases to meet needs while slowing the recent explosive growth that could threaten future prosperity," he said.

But Democrats complained that his $1.6 trillion, 10-year tax cut was too generous to the wealthy, saying $750 billion in tax relief weighted to lower income Americans would be more responsible. They also pledged that during the upcoming congressional battle, they would protect various programs Bush is trying to trim.

"All of the democratic principles he espoused, we support. It just doesn't fit into a budget process," said Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., the House Ways and Means Committee's top Democrat.

Democrats contended GOP leaders were trying to ram Bush's massive tax cut through Congress, scheduling a Ways and Means vote on Thursday. "Something with such consequence should not be delivered in such haste," said Rep. John Spratt, D-S.C., the top Democrat on the House Budget Committee.

But House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill. predicted Bush's across-the-board tax cuts would clear Ways and Means this week and be debated by the full House next week. He said speed was essential because of the weakening economy.

"Obviously, there are some on the other side of the aisle that don't want us to have success," Hastert said. "They would like to see us go into a recession."

Mitchell Daniels, Bush's budget director, told reporters the huge and growing budget surpluses provided "vastly more than enough room" for the president's full $1.6 trillion tax cut.

Slowdown in economy has yet to run its course, Greenspan tells Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, delivering a sober assessment of the U.S. economy, told Congress Wednesday that the sharp slowdown that began in the second half of last year "has yet to run its full course."

Greenspan's comments sent a clear signal that the Fed, which already reduced interest rates by a full percentage point in January, is ready to do more to prevent the faltering economy from skidding into a recession.

Testifying before the House Financial Services Committee, Greenspan blamed much of the economy's weakness on an effort by businesses to cut back quickly on production in the face of falling sales.

At a factory in Beaver, Pa., President Bush said Greenspan's downbeat remarks were "all the more reason to accelerate the tax cut ... as soon as possible." Bush wants to cut individual tax rates retroactive to Jan. 1.

Wall Street apparently found little to like about Greenspan's message. After the first 90 minutes of trading, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 120 points and the Nasdaq index was down 36 points.

Although companies are working hard to bring their excess inventories of unsold goods into better alignment with demand, Greenspan said, the process may take more time.

Excess inventories "built up in 1999 and 2000 have engendered a retrenchment that has yet to run its full course," Greenspan said, in a departure from testimony he delivered to the Senate Banking Committee on Feb. 13.

Economists said Greenspan's remarks revealed more concern about the state of the economy than was evident in his Senate appearance.

"He is more worried today then he was two weeks ago and he does feel the economy's problems will continue on longer than he previously thought."

Births

Chris and Laura Parnell of Sugar Land announce the birth of their son, Michael Christopher Parnell. Michael was born, weighing eight pounds, five ounces, at 12:05 a.m. on Dec. 29, 2000 in Herman Memorial Hospital Southwest in Houston.

Maternal grandparents are David and Kay Shifflett of Snyder, and paternal grandparents are C.B. and Peggy Parnell of College Station.

Warrants land two in jail on Tuesday

• ***Arrests***

A 48-year-old man was booked into Scurry County Jail at 9:27 a.m. Tuesday on a warrant for Class B criminal mischief.

At 2:07 p.m. Tuesday, a 38-year-old man was arrested in the 500 block of College on city warrants for expired motor vehicle registration and failure to appear and Abilene Department of Public Safety warrants for expired license plate and failure to appear.

Obituaries

Deanna Adams

1952-2001

BIG SPRING – Deanna Adams, the daughter of Una Boles of Snyder, died Monday, Feb. 26, in a Big Spring hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Adams, 48, is set for 4 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church with Community Care Hospice Chaplain Walter McCall officiating. Burial will follow in Trinity Memorial Park and arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickel & Welch Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 23, 1952 in Abilene, she was a 1970 graduate of Snyder High School. She married Joe Mark Adams on Aug. 9, 1974 in Snyder.

Mrs. Adams had been a teacher in the Big Spring school district since 1974. She started the tennis program at Big Spring Junior High and was the cheerleader sponsor at Goliad Middle School for many years. Mrs. Adams was a member of the First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her father, longtime Snyder tennis coach Bill Boles, in 1981.

Survivors also include her husband, Joe Mark Adams of Big Spring; a daughter, Julie Adams of Lubbock; and one brother, Mike Boles of Dallas.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association, 3525 Andrews Hwy, Suite 111 in Midland.

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Bill Machen

1921-2001

ODESSA – W.H. "Bill" Machen, the brother of Tom Machen of Snyder, died Tuesday, Feb. 27, in Odessa's Medical Center Hospital following a brief illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Machen, 79, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors Chapel with the Rev. Jimmy Braswell officiating. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.

Born Dec. 29, 1921 in Munday, Mr. Machen was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, fighting in the Philippines liberation at Luzon in the Asiatic Pacific Theater. He was awarded the bronze star, good conduct medal, combat infantryman badge as well as the victory medal.

A resident of Odessa since 1952, Mr. Machen was a retired shop foreman for Montgomery Trucking. He was a member of the Friendship Masonic Lodge and a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and previously served in the honor guard.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William Henry and Ella Hope Machen; a sister, Mary Meeks; a granddaughter, Lesa Drennon; and his first wife, Earlene Machen.

Survivors also include his wife, Jean Machen of Odessa; three sons, Willard Machen of Devine, Bobby Machen of Grand Prairie and Don Machen of Odessa; two stepdaughters, Louise Griggs and Barbara Roberts; two stepsons, John Sisk and Charles Prine; 16 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

Grace Latimer

1904-2001

RICHARDSON — Grace Marie Latimer, mother of Gail Latimer of Snyder, died Saturday, Feb. 24, at a Richardson nursing facility.

Graveside service for Mrs. Latimer, 96, is set for 11 a.m. Thursday in Shannon Rose Hill Memorial Park. Her nephew, the Rev. Gene Tyson, will officiate.

Born March 14, 1904 in Chanute, Kan., she married John Latimer of Fort Worth in June of 1923. He died in August, 1986.

She also was preceded in death by a son, Royce R. Latimer, last August; four sisters and two brothers.

Other survivors include a granddaughter; two step grandsons; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Oscar Slaughter

1939-2001

HARKER HEIGHTS – Oscar Carlus Slaughter, the brother of Kenneth Slaughter of Snyder, died Monday, Feb. 26, at his home in Harker Heights.

Funeral service for Mr. Slaughter, 61, was set for 11 a.m. today in the Crawford-Bowers Funeral Home Chapel in Killeen. Cremation is planned.

Born April 11, 1939 in Cross Plains, he had been a resident of Harker Heights since 1965.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda Slaughter of Harker Heights; two sons, Steven Slaughter and Scott Slaughter, both of Killeen; two daughters, Sharon Prato of Harker Heights and Sondra Arch of San Marcos; his mother, Odell Pemberton of Bellingham, Wash.; two other brothers, Clyde and Donny Slaughter, both of Bellingham; a sister, Janis Ingram of Bellingham; and six grandchildren.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Ash Wednesday service

First Presbyterian Church and First Christian Chruch will celebrate Ash Wednesday at 7 tonight at the First Presbyterian Church.

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.

FBC worship service

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

Garden Club rescheduled

Snyder Garden Club has rescheduled its Thursday meeting for 11 a.m. Tuesday at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

St. Elizabeth fish fry

St. Elizabeth fish fry will be held from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Friday in the parish center, 30th and Ave. A. Tickets are $6 with children ages 6-12 eating for $4. Tickets sold at the door. Proceeds go to the scholarship fund.

Kiwanis pancake day

The annual Kiwanis pancake feast will be from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday at the West Elementary cafeteria. Cost is $4 per person. Children under six can eat free if accompanied by their parents. All-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage and bacon will be served. Proceeds go to local children's projects and there will be a drawing for a color TV.

Community-Wide Reading Program

Snyder ISD will sponsor its monthly Community-Wide Reading Program at the Pizza Inn at 10 a.m. Saturday. Call Mary Ann Juarez at 574-6012 for more information.

Car wash

Northside Baptist's Relay for Life team will hold a car wash from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart. Proceeds go to the American Cancer Society Life Walk scheduled in April.

Car show, cruise

Snyder Wheels Car Show and Cruise will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Scurry County Coliseum followed by the cruise starting at 6 p.m. down College Ave. and around the Sonic Drive In.

Museum exhibit

The courthouse exhibit will open Sunday at the Scurry County Museum.

Fluvanna First Baptist special

Jodie Boudreaux Wilson of Lamesa will perform at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Fluvanna. Cecil Foster, pastor, invites the public to attend.

Senior parents meeting

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

Bible study tapes

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

County, Gospel music night

Country and Gospel music night is scheduled for 6 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at the Senior Citizens Center. For information, call 573-3996.

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.

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Highlights Tuesday from Texas Legislature

AUSTIN (AP) — The Senate Finance Committee approved a two-year, $4.9 billion budget Tuesday for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

That doesn't include $171 million the agency wanted for prison guard raises. A special Senate working group is studying the issue.

The TDCJ budget approved by the Senate committee represents an $31 million increase over what lawmakers originally proposed. The agency didn't get everything on its wish list.

New residential beds for people on probation and more funding to cover the cost of rising prescription drug costs were among the items left out.

The House Appropriations Committee postponed acting on the TDCJ budget until it could look more closely at parole rate projections and health care costs.

ENROLLING IN MEDICAID

A fraud investigation involving the state's Medicaid contractor hasn't sidelined the quest to streamline the Texas Medicaid system, several lawmakers said.

"We know that there are problems out there. We know we are dealing with a tight budget. But we also know we have a responsibility to these children and to the care providers and the hospitals in our districts who are trying to provide this care," said Rep. Patricia Gray, D-Galveston, chairwoman of the House Public re than enough votes needed to pass a package of Medicaid reform legislation in the House. So far, 100 of 150 members have signed on, said Rep. Glen Maxey, D-Austin.

Now that they've got the votes, the legislators have to find the money for the $400 million proposal.

Similar legislation has been filed in the Senate.

MENTAL ILLNESS HELP

Texans who suffer from mental illness rallied at the Capitol for more funding for community mental health services.

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Texas and several other advocacy groups are uniting to ask that legislators build on current state mental health spending by $265 million.

Spending money to help the mentally ill in their communities can avoid more expensive problems later that arise if mentally ill people are wrongly diverted to jail because of their problems, the advocates said.

MEDICAL SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Two senators want to replenish the state's supply of doctors in poor areas. So they've filed a bill that would require Texas' eight medical schools to reserve 10 percent of first-year slots for low-income students.

The bill by Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, and Royce West, D-Dallas, would establish the Joint Admission Medical Program providing financial and academic support to 128 new medical students each year.

TRAINING ATTORNEYS

The Senate Finance Committee has approved a $2.4 million request from the Court of Criminal Appeals for money to train attorneys to handle court-appointed cases, including training in capital murder cases. Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Sharon Keller had requested the additional money after committee members challenged her to show leadership on the issue of indigent defense.

CHILDREN'S DAY

Lots of young Texas children who were born overseas visited the Capitol as the House and Senate passed resolutions commemorating Child Citizenship Act Day.

A federal law went into effect Tuesday that eases the process for foreign-born children of U.S. parents to become American citizens. The law covers children adopted from overseas as well as some foreign-born biological children of American citizen parents.

Across the country, 75,000 foreign-born children became American citizens Tuesday, said Nancy Gates of the Central Texas chapter of Families With Children from China.

ARE YOU COVERED?

The Texas Department of Insurance will soon find out. They've just received a $1.4 million federal grant to determine who has health insurance, who doesn't and why. By the end of the one-year study, the department has to report back to federal officials a detailed plan for expanding coverage in the state. Texas is among nine states to receive the grants totaling $10.2 million.

ONE MILLIONTH 4-H'er

Texas lawmakers honored the state's 4-H program for new enrollment numbers that show more than 1.2 million children ages 5 to 19 participated in the group last year.

Texas leads the nation in 4-H participants, accounting for one-sixth of the total national enrollment of 6.6 million youths.

The House approved a resolution honoring the Texas group that began in 1908 with 25 boys near Fort Worth.

DNA

The House Jurisprudence Committee approved a bill that would give convicts greater access to DNA testing that could ultimately free them from prison.

The measure has already been approved by the Senate. Prosecutors, defense lawyers and the American Civil Liberties Union support the legislation.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If Tony starts getting it right and matching it up exactly, we're taking him to Vegas." — House Appropriations Chairman Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, on Criminal Justice Policy Council Executive Director Tony Fabelo's parole rate projections.

White House to display 3 Texas paintings

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Art with strong Texas ties is headed for the walls of the White House.

As part of President Bush's move, two paintings from the Witte Museum in San Antonio — one with an Alamo theme — and one from the San Antonio Museum of Art are being loaned at first lady Laura Bush's request.

The paintings will hang in either the Oval Office or the living quarters of the first family's new home.

The first lady requested paintings by San Antonio impressionist Julian Onderdonk, who, with the exception of eight years spent studying in New York, lived in San Antonio until he died in 1922 at the age of 40.

The paintings were being crated for shipment on Wednesday.

"In the Texas art market, Julian Onderdonk is probably the most desirable painter to collect," Witte Curator of Archives Rebecca Huffstutler said in Wednesday's editions of the San Antonio Express-News.

Huffstutler declined to give an exact value of the paintings, but a catalog lists other Onderdonk works at $14,000 to $20,000.

The Witte has about 20 of his paintings and several more of his watercolors and sketches.

The Witte is sending the works "Chili Queens at the Alamo," which had been hanging in the office of the Witte president, and "Cactus Flowers," which was in storage after a recent exhibit.

Both are part of the museum's Texas Collection of Art.

The San Antonio Museum of Art is sending the piece "Near San Antonio," a bluebonnet landscape by Onderdonk.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Family of six tries not to be a burden on weekend hosts

DEAR ABBY: I have tried for years to contact some of my husband's Army buddies. I have finally gotten in touch with one of them, and we'll be visiting him and his family for a weekend in the near future.

They told us our large family is no problem, and it would be easier for us to stay with them than in a motel. Because of the size of our family, I feel we should stay in a motel. My husband thinks we should stay with them.

Abby, what should I take with me when we visit them? What would be an appropriate hostess gift? I have never met these people, although we've communicated often via phone calls and online communications. Should I bring groceries or go shopping with the hostess and pay for some of the food? Should I send money in advance to help with the extra expenses of our visit? Should I take towels for our family? Six showers a day equals a lot of laundry.

I would appreciate your guidance. — **UNEASY VISITOR IN BATH, N.Y.**

DEAR UNEASY: Because of the size of your family, ask your hosts if the would like you to bring towels, pillows, sleeping bags or linens and blankets. If they aren't needed, they will tell you. Forget about taking groceries since this is only a weekend visit, but do take your hosts out for a meal during your stay.

Take along a lovely basket of fruit you can all enjoy as your hostess gift, and following your visit, be sure to thank your hosts in writing for their hospitality.

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DEAR ABBY: Last fall, you printed a letter from a woman who gave her friend a hat shower. The friend had lost her hair from chemotherapy treatments. Because you printed that letter, I was the recipient of two hat showers! You have no idea how much they meant to me.

At one of the showers, the hostess asked everyone to explain how they knew me and to tell what I meant to them. It was a very special and emotional time. I have never felt so loved and embraced as I did that night. The hostess also asked the attendees to give me a card to open at a later date. I now have cards to open over the next four months — and I look forward to opening them. What a thoughtful way of letting me know how much I am loved long after the shower.

The school bus drivers I work with gave me the second shower. To see all the drivers wearing pink ribbons on their I.D. badges was awesome!

The first time I went through chemo was 13 years ago. This time I have almost 100 hats from which to choose. It makes being bald not quite so hard.

Thank you, Abby, and also the woman who wrote the letter. I love all my hats. Each one has a special memory. — **CONNIE OLIVER, MOSES LAKE, WASH.**

DEAR CONNIE: I hope your terrific letter inspires other readers to follow suit. We all need affirmation in times of trouble. I wish you successful treatment and a speedy recovery.

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DEAR ABBY: You were wrong when you told "Happily Dating in N.J." that "years ago girls used to dream about a little white house with a picket fence. Now they're likely to dream about a corporate office with a couple of windows."

Many girls still dream about that "little white house," but today they are focused on providing it for themselves instead of waiting for a man to get it for them. — **GRANDMA GAYLE IN TENNESSEE**

DEAR GRANDMA GAYLE: Your point is well taken. However, I think we are both right.

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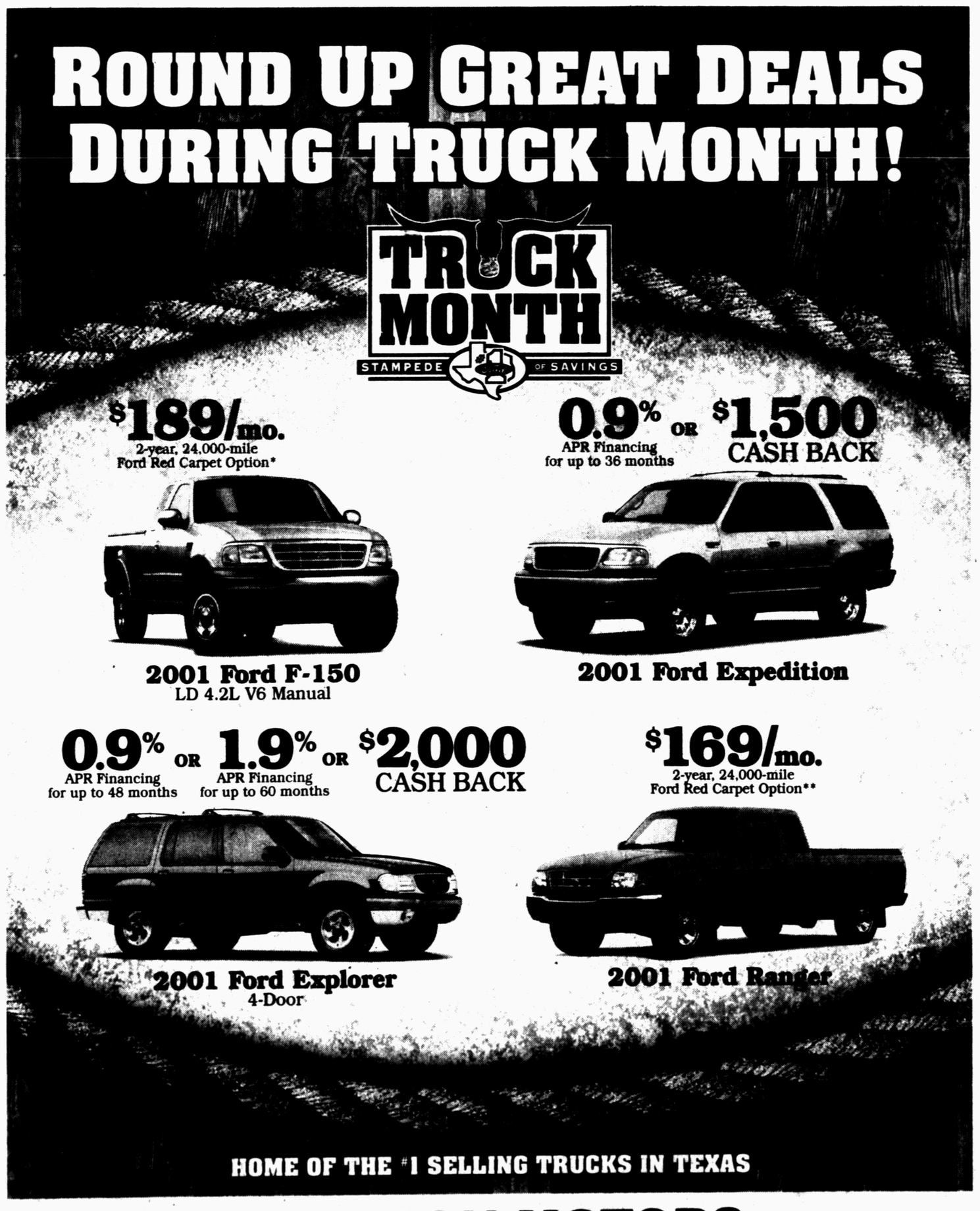
Michael Jackson breaks his foot

NEW YORK (AP) — Singer Michael Jackson says he broke his right foot in a fall at his Neverland Ranch in central California.

Although in a cast from foot to knee, Jackson told the New York Post he plans to make a scheduled March 6 appearance at Oxford University in England for Heal the Kids, a program he runs with New York Rabbi Shmuley Boteach.

"I am determined to speak ... despite my injury," Jackson said in a statement released to the Post, the newspaper reported Wednesday. "The message of Heal the Kids is far too important to me to allow a broken foot to keep me from this commitment."

The Post reported that more than 20,000 people have tried to get tickets to the event. Also scheduled to appear is psychic Uri Geller.



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