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PHANTOM OPENS FRIDAY — The Ritz Community Theatre presents the musical *Phantom*, directed by Mike Thornton. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday. Performances will continue Saturday at 2:30 and March 2-3 at 8 p.m. and March 4 at 2:30. Tickets are $7 and reservations may be made by calling 573-8880. Valery Haines, pictured center, plays Meg. Michael Gibson is accompanist. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Francene Noah says she will be candidate for mayor of Snyder

Snyder voters will have at least two choices for mayor on May 5 as long-time resident and educator Francene Allen-Noah made her intentions known today that she will be a candidate.

On Monday, councilman James Ashley filed for the post presently held by Dayton Robertson.

Robertson, citing increased demands of his job as plant manager at Y-Z Systems, will not seek re-election.

Noah, who works for the Region 18 Educational Service Center out of Midland, said she would file at city hall this afternoon.

Noah, 68, has lived in Snyder since 1954 and taught school in the county for some 30 years. She retired from teaching in 1992 – her last position being a resource teacher at West Elementary.

She married Matt Allen in 1950, and he died in 1987. In 1990, she married Stanley Noah who died in 1999.

Ashley, a salesman for U.S. Foodservice with clients primarily in Snyder and Big Spring, has lived in Snyder for 11 years. He was elected to an at-large council post in 1999.

In addition to the mayor's position, two at-large seats will also



Francene Noah

be on the May 5 municipal ballot – the seat held by Ashley and the one currently held by Terry Martin.

On Tuesday, two incumbents – Luann Burleson and Cathy Peoples - filed for new terms on the Snyder ISD board.

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

Three incumbents – Shane Smith, Keith Clements and Doug White – have all filed for re-election.

At Hermleigh, Supt. Jerry Church said no one has yet to file for the school board. The terms of Sherene Digby and David Higgins expire.

The filing period for the city election and the school board posts ends March 21. Early voting runs from April 18 through May 1.

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "People who long for the good ole days often want what never was."

Monday was President's Day, and tomorrow is Washington's Birthday. Honest Abe's birthday came last week, but it got little fanfare.

With all the attention turned to the new President from Texas, kids are paying closer attention to politics and the White House, at least for the moment.

We liked the following story that can be changed to suit your political leanings.

It seemed that a first grade teacher explained to her class that she was a dyed-in-the-wool, yellow-dog Democrat.

She asked how many students were Democrats, too.

Not really knowing what a Democrat was, but wanting to be like their teacher, all their hands flew up. Well, almost all.

The one exception was a young girl who had not gone along with the crowd. The teacher asked why she was different from the rest of the class.

"Because I'm not a Democrat."

The teacher then asked what she was.

"I'm a proud Republican," beamed the young girl.

The teacher wanted to know why the young girl had decided to be a Republican.

"Well, I was brought up to trust in myself instead of relying on an intrusive government to care for me and do all of my thinking for me. My Dad and Mom are Republicans, and I, too, am a Republican."

"That's no reason," countered the teacher. "What if your Mom and Dad were morons? What would you be then?'

The little girl paused, and then smiled before answering the question. "Then," she said, "I'd be a Democrat."

Prices for natural gas has experienced huge spikes, and the value of a barrel of crude oil remains dependent upon OPEC countries.

We did find one answer why Americans cannot produce enough oil so as not to be dependent on foreign-produced petroleum products.

There is said to be a very simple explanation:

Nobody bothered to check the oil. No one knew we were getting low. The reason for this is purely geographical.

All the oil is in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Wyoming, etc.

Also, all the dipsticks have been holed up in Washington, D.C.

Families urged to take advantage of C.H.I.P.

Rising medical costs and sagging economic indicators have put a burden on some families with children.

But there is help available – at least for Texas children who have been without health insurance.

Gay Idom, a volunteer with the Children's Health Insurance Program, said she got involved when she realized how few Scurry County families are taking advantage of C.H.I.P. (Children's Health Insurance Program).

The program is funded by the settlement of the class-action lawsuit against the tobacco companies.

Mrs. Idom said it's a win-win situation for everybody. "Children, even with pre-existing conditions, who need health insurance can get it and it can help lower the taxes of citizens."

Mrs. Idom said she isn't sure why more families haven't taken advantage of the program, but thinks that there are parents who believe their income level may be too high or may not qualify because of some pre-existing condition.

"The good news," Mrs. Idom added, "is that most uninsured Texas children are eligible for full coverage through the TexCare Partnership and C.H.I.P.

In an era of rapidly-rising health insurance costs, the program is extremely affordable. Depending on family size and income, the premium may rage from $15 annually for a family or up to $18 monthly for a family.

The first of two planned enrollment sessions is planned from 3-7 p.m. Thursday at Texas Savings Bank. A second session is set at the same time Tuesday.

C.H.I.P.
Children's Health Insurance Program

Mrs. Idom also has been in contact with Snyder ISD officials, and plans are being made to make the information and enrollment process available on school campuses.

During Thursday's enrollment session, parents are asked to bring proof of income, either a paycheck stub issued in the past 60 days or the most recent income tax return. Also accepted is a letter from employer or proof of self-employment.

Also needed is proof of legal residence, child's date of birth. Also required is verification of child support or alimony paid out or received, and proof of child care expenses.

The C.H.I.P. program, Mrs. Idom said, is designed for families making too much money for their children to qualify for Medicaid, but not enough to obtain private health insurance.

Benefits include doctor visits, checkups, shots, prescription drugs, dental care, eyeglasses, mental health care, hospitalization and more.

The program also offers a choice of health-care providers. Co-pays vary from $2 to $10, but the total out-of-pocket expense annually is capped at $90.

Eligible children in Texas must be under 19 years of age.

DCOS board to hear report of committee

The Development Corporation of Snyder will hear a report from its prospect committee Thursday afternoon regarding a request from Lorber Industries to amend its incentive package.

The report will be during its regular meeting to be held at 4 p.m. in the DCOS offices at American State Bank.

The committee may also report on other business prospects.

Executive Director John DeLille will also give his monthly report, and the board will consider the financial statements.

Cogdell board to meet

The Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers will meet at 8 a.m. Thursday in the hospital board room for its regular monthly meeting.

Agenda items include the approval of medical staff applications, revisions in health information management policies, and the purchase of office and medical equipment.

The board will also be presented with plans for the area formerly used by the radiology department.

Monthly financial statements will also be considered for approval. Hospital CEO George Parsley will also give his monthly report.

Family Dollar opens new store Thursday

Snyder's newest retail establishment, Family Dollar, will open its doors at 9 a.m. Thursday in the Varsity Square Shopping Center.

The local store is the 426th Family Dollar location in Texas, and the 3,890th store in the North Carolina-based discount chain.

Rona Teel will serve as the store manager and Bonnie Stokes is the assistant manager.

Teel has been with Family Dollar for about a year, having previously been manager of the store in Post.

Teel has ties to Snyder as her grandmother, Gladys Sturdivant, lives here, as does her brother, Paul Sturdivant.

The Snyder store is expected to employ five or six people full time, according to Teel.

Store hours are 9 a.m. until 8 p.m., seven days a week.

Family Dollar carries complete line of merchandise for the family and home, including health and beauty aids, household chemicals and paper products, housewares and giftwares, plus school supplies.

It also has small electronics, candy, snacks, toys, hardware, auto supplies, clothing and shoes.



PREPARE FOR OPENING — Family Dollar manager Rona Teel (right) and assistant manager Bonnie Stokes prepare for the grand opening of the new Family Dollar in the Varsity Square Shopping Center. The store opens at 9 a.m. Thursday. (SDN Staff Photo)

ASK US

Q—Why are there two Class A divisions in basketball playoffs this year?

A—The higher enrollment schools play in one division, while the smaller schools are in the other. The winners of each will meet in the state tourney.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 79 degrees; low, 39; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 42; no precipitation; total for 2001, 2.26 inches.

Area Forecast: Cloudy, low near 40. E wind 5-15 mph. Thursday, mostly cloudy, 20% rain chance, high mid 50s. SE wind 10-20 mph.



Marcos Aguilar
Cloudy

Sunset:
6:37 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:18 a.m.

Of 51 days in 2001, the sun has shone 45 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

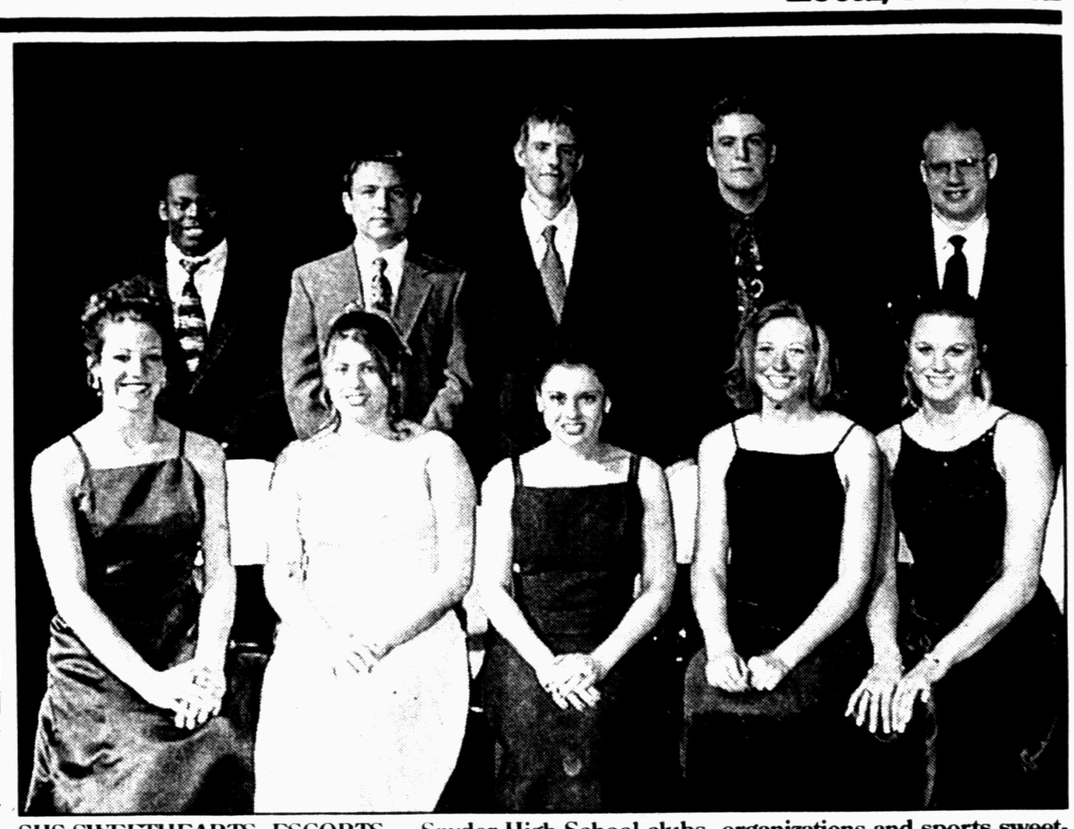
People are never more insecure than when they become obsessed with their fears at the expense of their dreams.

—Norman Cousins

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SHS CORONATION — Sweethearts for Snyder High School's organizations were recognized by Brad Vincent, master of ceremonies, during the annual SHS Coronation in Worsham Auditorium. From right are — softball, Patrick McKamie, escorted by Whitney Webb; student council, T'Leah Eicke; student council, Ryan Gibson; TSA, Melinda Langham, escorted by Jeremy Miller; tennis, Cozy Jones; tennis, Allen Smith; Tiger's Lair, Kasey Crill, escorted by Logan Hill; and Tiger's Tale, Ralph Ramon. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



SHS SWEETHEARTS, ESCORTS — Snyder High School clubs, organizations and sports sweethearts and escorts were recognized in the annual coronation held in Worsham Auditorium. From right are sweethearts — girls' basketball, Marvin Butler, escorted by Kristen Murray; golf, Kara Harrison; golf, Levi Mandrell; KTXS Quiz Team, Kate Wright, escorted by Kyle McClendon; photojournalism, Bernice Ornelas; photojournalism, Devin Williams; and powerlifting, Loryn Brown, escorted by Edwin James. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Medical journal retracts articles

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — A medical journal retracted articles Wednesday by two Stanford University gynecologists who allegedly reported inaccurate information from a series of surgeries a decade ago.

The articles were written by brothers Camran and Farr Nezhat, who run the Stanford Endoscopy Center for Training and Technology. The retraction appeared on page 1 of the February issue of Surgical Laparoscopy, Endoscopy and Percutanious Techniques, the San Francisco Chronicle reported Wednesday.

The brothers have been accused of performing unnecessary surgeries and concealing complications arising from the operations, as well as research fraud.

"It is a serious matter," said Dr. Peter Gregory, chief medical officer for Stanford Hospitals and Clinics. "Both the reason for it, and the response of the authors, need to be part of our comprehensive review."

The journal retracted research papers published in 1991 and 1992 describing a new surgical technique to remove lesions from women's colons. The original articles said the Nezhats and Dr. Earl Pennington had developed the procedure, which could help up to 185,000 patients.

Since then, other physicians have called the technique "bizarre" and "barbaric."

Farr Nezhat "has now admitted to significant discrepancies between the publication and the original medical records," the editors of the medial journal wrote.

In addition, the journal published a letter Wednesday from Farr Nezhat outlining complications that resulted from the surgeries.

On the Net: http://www-med.stanford.edu/school/endoscopy

Arizmendi now Marine private

Marine Corps Pfc. Juan E. Arizmendi, son of Lupe and David Arizmendi of Snyder, recently completed basic training at Marine Recruit Depot, San Diego.

He is a 1999 graduate of Snyder High School.

Two from Snyder on HSU honor roll

ABILENE — Hardin-Simmons University announces that Snyder residents Cara Best and Kevin Hildebrand made the President's List for the fall 2000 semester.

The HSU President's List honors students who completed at least 12 semester hours with a 4.0 grade point average.

Ex-Demo official pleads guilty

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) — Paul Adler, a former Rockland County Democratic chairman who was a fund-raiser for Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, pleaded guilty Tuesday to mail fraud and tax evasion charges.

In exchange for the pleas, which relate to a 14-count indictment filed last year, federal prosecutors agreed to recommend 18 to 24 months in prison when Adler is sentenced in May.

Adler, 42, a real estate broker, was party chairman from 1996 until he was arrested in September.

He admitted in court that he "offered to use my political contacts" to get a government job for a local planning board member in exchange for approval of a subdivision. The subdivision was never approved and the board member did not get a government job.

Adler also admitted understating his income for 1996 and 1997 by more than $200,000. He said he took illegal deductions, including declaring as a charitable contribution the tuition he paid for his children's private schooling.

Attorney Murray Richman said the tax charge "seemed to break the camel's back" in Adler's decision to plead guilty. The other charges, he said, were "defendable."

Adler declined to comment.

His name surfaced on a list of overnight guests at the White House. Karen Dunn, a spokeswoman for Clinton, said the senator "knows that this must be a very painful time for the Adler family and her thoughts are with them."

Adler must refile his tax returns for 1996 through 1998. Richman said he would be paying $60,000 to $70,000 in additional taxes.

Romine graduates

STILLWATER, OKLA. — Joshua Reed Romine of Snyder received a bachelor's of science degree in aviation sciences in fall commencement exercises at Oklahoma State University.

A total of 1,372 students received academic degrees in December, including 307 graduate degrees.

Jessica Mills on fall Dean's List

NACOGDOCHES — Jessica Francis Mills of Snyder, a theatre major, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Stephen F. Austin State University.

To be eligible for this honor, a student must be enrolled in 12 or more semester hours and maintain an excellent grade point average.

Jessica is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kent Mills of Snyder.

Date Book

Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2001

Today is the 52nd day of 2001 and the 63rd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1828, the Cherokee Phoenix was first published in New Echota, Ga. It was the first Native American newspaper.

On this day in 1878, the first telephone directory was issued by the New Haven District Telephone Company of Connecticut. It had about 50 listings.

On this day in 1972, President Richard Nixon became the first U.S. president to visit the People's Republic of China.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Anais Nin (1903-1977), diarist; W.H. Auden (1907-1973), poet; Erma Bombeck (1927-1996), humorist; Nina Simone (1933-), singer, is 68; Barbara Jordan (1936-1996), U.S. politician; Rue McClanahan (1936-), actress, is 65; David Geffen (1943-), entertainment mogul, is 58.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1992, Kristi Yamaguchi won a gold medal in the Olympic figure skating competition.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Each friend represents a world in us, a world possibly not born until they arrive, and it is only by this meeting that a new world is born." — Anais Nin

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Feb. 14) and new moon (Feb. 23).

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Original entries sought for spring publication

The Mesquite Country Writers Guild requests original poems for the spring issue of "Bards of a Feather." The theme is open and the limit is 20 lines. The deadline is March 1.

Submissions should be mailed to Mesquite Country Writers Guild, 9221 S. Hwy. 208, Hermleigh, 79526 or e-mailed to dade@bigcountry.net.

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The loss of a British fleet through the sinking of at least 50 ships off Yorktown, Va., in 1781 — some sunk by cannon fire, others intentionally scuttled to block a French landing or prevent capture — helped change the world and secure a new nation, the United States

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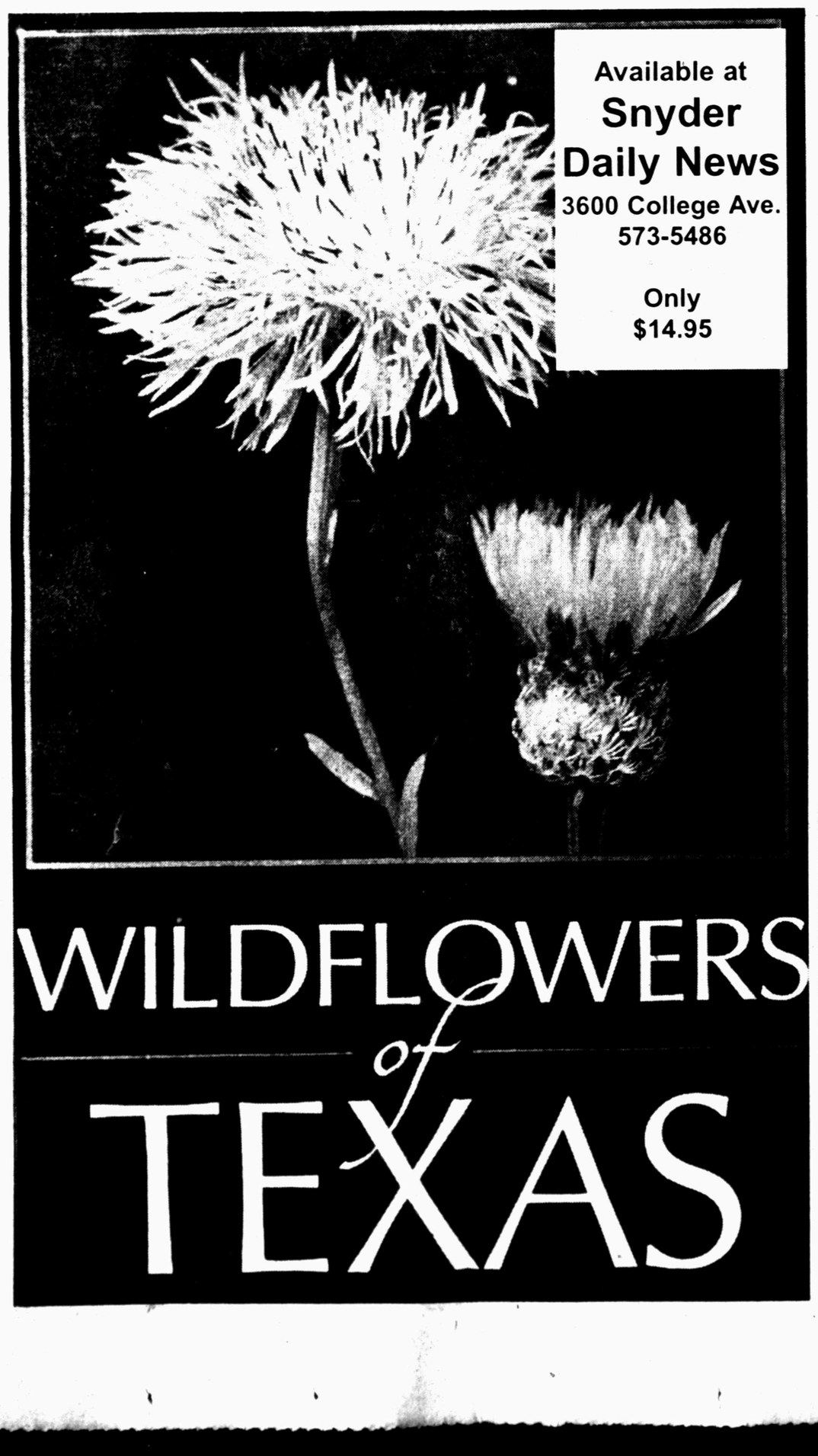
AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

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Security concerns silence prison paper

By The Associated Press

Published by inmates for inmates, a prison newspaper has ended publication over security concerns heightened by the escape of seven prisoners from a maximum-security lockup in the nation's largest correctional system.

The Echo for more than 70 years was newspaper of record for the Texas prison system, officials said Tuesday.

Sharon Keilin, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's management liaison over the newspaper, said she learned last week that prison officials considered the office at the Walls Unit in Huntsville, where the newspaper is published, to be a security risk.

"The staffing was not adequate to cover the publication of The Echo," Keilin, an assistant director for operational support in Huntsville, told the Houston Chronicle in Wednesday's online edition. "It was decided they would temporarily put the guys to other jobs and search for a more secure location."

A staff of five inmates, including a former journalist serving a 60-year sentence for aggravated robbery, produced The Echo each month. They used correspondents from throughout the Texas correctional system to publish 130,000 copies of a 12-page newspaper, distributed free at the prison units.

A paralegal with a law firm that represents inmates said prisoners would suffer without the newspaper from which they gained valuable information. Chuck Hurt, a former convict, said he suspects a desire to curtail communications between inmates — not security — is the issue.

"If it were simply a Walls Unit problem, you would think that in 72 years, they would have determined any problems and resolved them long ago," he told The Dallas Morning News.

Keilin said she was told that once a more secure location for the newspaper's office was found, publication could resume. But others were doubtful of those prospects.

"If they just closed (The Echo) down to fix security, that's fine," said attorney Donna Brorby, who has spent decades in federal court battling the state over treatment of prisoners. "If they end up using this to shut down The Echo, that would be really sad."

George Rivas and six other inmates at the Connally Unit in Kenedy County overpowered civilian workers and a guard and escaped on Dec. 13. Authorities say the inmates then robbed an Irving sporting goods store on Dec. 24, leaving a police officer dead of multiple gunshot wounds.

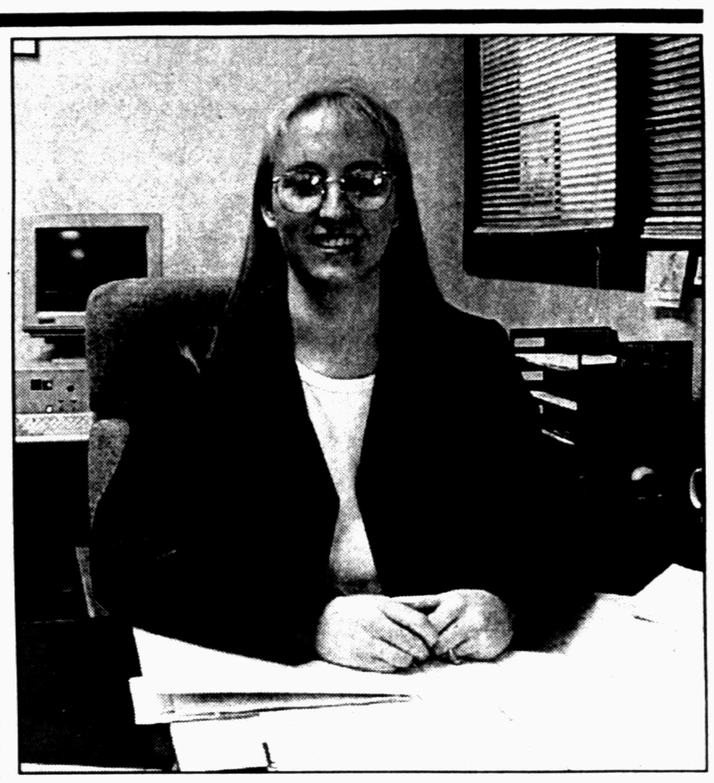
The escapees then drove to Colorado, where four were captured and one killed himself on Jan. 22. The other two surrendered two days later.

Brorby said she was concerned The Echo may go the way of other prison programs that have been temporarily suspended, like the work program for death row inmates that was implicated in an attempted escape.

State prison officials suspended the death row work program in 1998 after seven inmates used the time together to plan an escape attempt. Brorby said it has not been reinstated.

The prison publication, which included letters to the editor from inmates and summaries of articles from other newspapers around the state, had frequently won honors in the American Penal Press Contest.

Relatives of inmates and others who could subscribe to The Echo relied upon the newspaper, which contained no advertising.



NEW CPA — Brandy Schlueter was recently notified she had completed requirements and is a certified public accountant. She has been employed at Ben Murphy, CPA, located at 1815 25th Street, since May, 1998. She earned her bachelor's and master's degree at Angelo State University. Brandy and her husband, Shawn, reside in Roscoe where he is a science teacher and technology coordinator for the Roscoe ISD. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



MORE SWEETHEARTS — Sweethearts and escorts recognized at the Snyder High School Coronation included — Tiger's Tale, Kelli Henderson; Tiger's Tale, Eric DeLeon; track, Callie Bane; track, Josh Arizmendi; and volleyball, Jeff Neal, escorted by Cameron Mackey. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Berry's World



Coke, P&G form new company

NEW YORK (AP) — Care for a Minute Maid fruit juice to wash down your Pringles potato chips? Procter & Gamble and Coca-Cola sure hope so.

The consumer-products giants are forming a jointly owned company to sell their drinks and snacks, The Wall Street Journal reported today. The new company, with about 40 brands, 6,000 employees and 15 manufacturing plants, would have annual sales of around $4.2 billion.

An announcement of the deal was expected Wednesday.

Coke brings its global distribution system to the table, while P&G boasts research expertise.

Coke will contribute to the new company its Minute Maid juice division, which includes Hi-C and Five-Alive beverages, plus its Fruitopia drink. P&G will contribute Pringles chips and Sunny Delight juice drinks.

The new company, yet to be named, will have its own management and two directors from each parent company. Veteran Coke executive Donald Short will be the chief executive officer.

Two receive A&M degrees

COLLEGE STATION — Diplomas were awarded to approximately 3,400 Texas A&M University graduates during fall commencement ceremonies.

John Michael Purcell Jr. of Snyder received a bachelor of business administration in finance.

C'Ella Chevette Clayton of Snyder earned a bachelor of science in agriculture economics.

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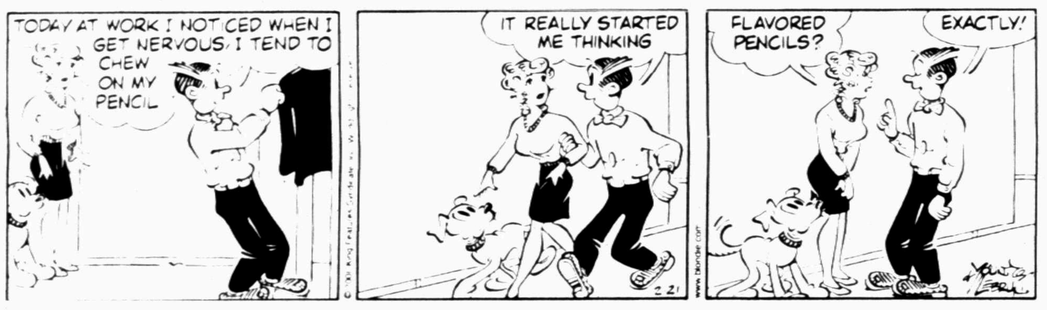
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30 Exchange premium
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36 Hebrew lyre
37 Uncle
38 Large amount
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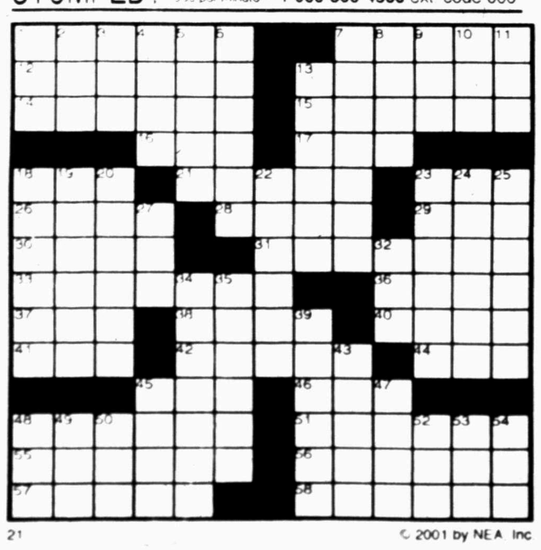
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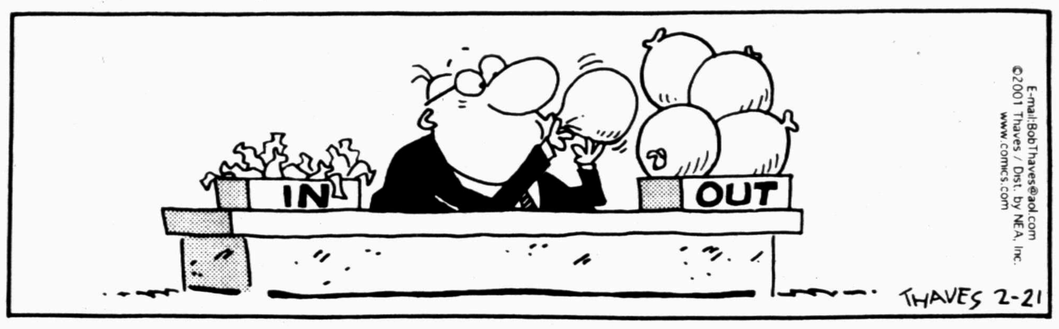
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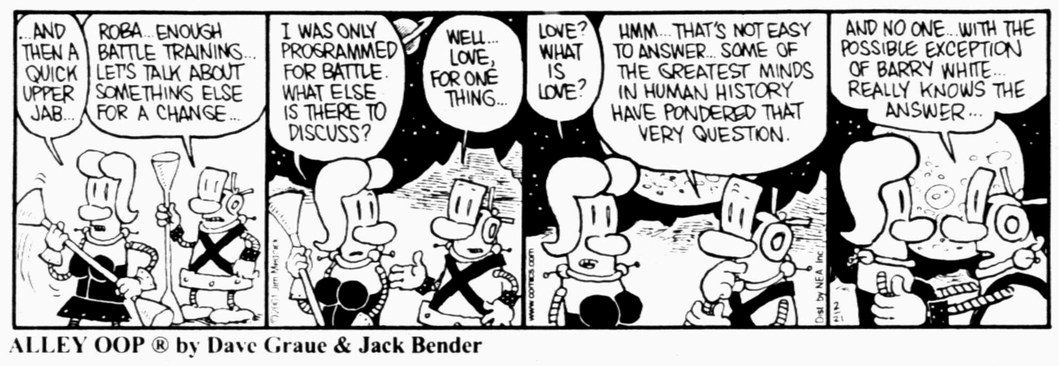
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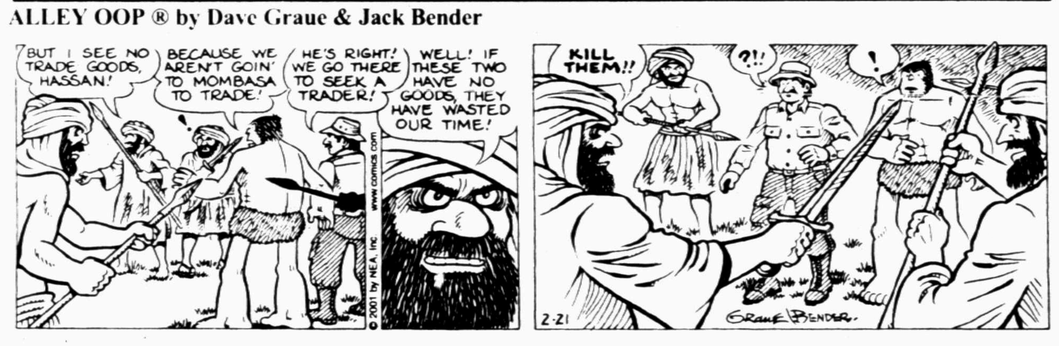
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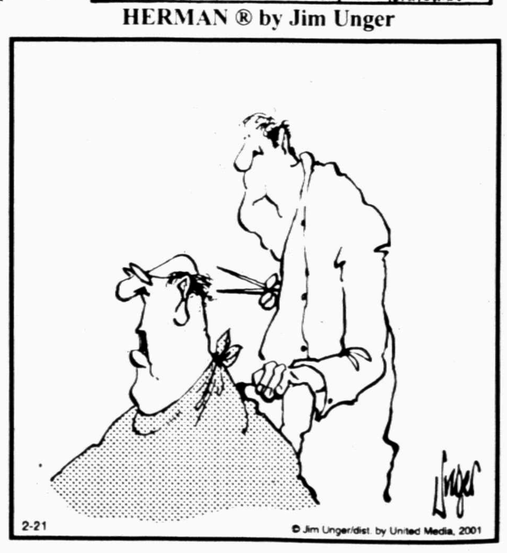
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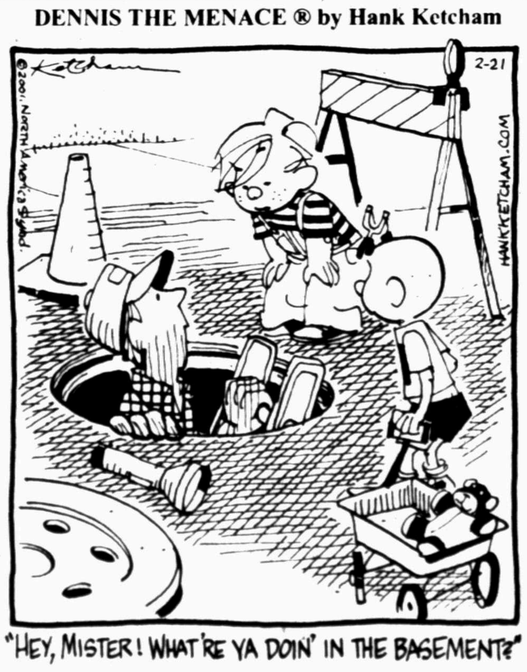
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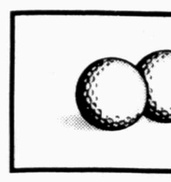
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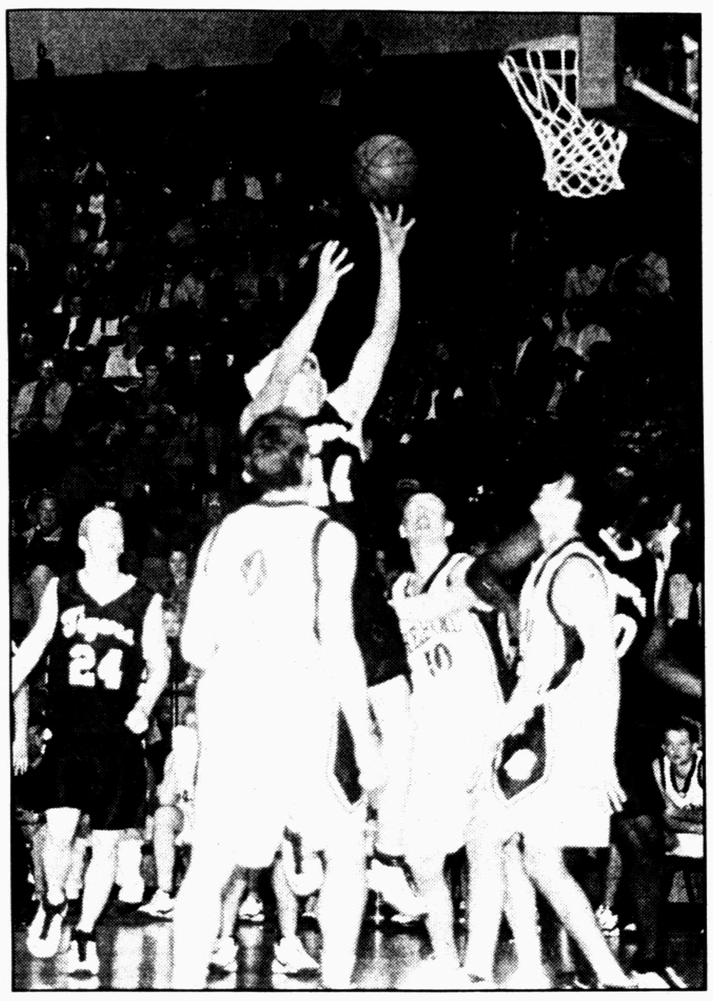
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TWO FOR THE TIGERS — Snyder's Jared Thornhill puts up a shot Tuesday night, while teammate Heath Pinkerton (24) looks on during the Tigers' 64-54 setback to Hereford in a bi-district playoff in Levelland. Thornhill led the Tigers with 20 points. (SDN Staff Photo)

Sluggish start dooms Tigers in bi-district tilt with Herd

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

LEVELLAND — Facing the ninth ranked team in the state, the Snyder Tigers knew they would need their best game of the year to stay alive.

Instead, the Tigers turned in an effort that epitomized their sporadic season.

Snyder showed the determination and hustle that earned it a playoff berth, but couldn't overcome stretches filled with turnovers and poor shot selection, eventually bowing out to Hereford, 64-54, in Tuesday's bi-district playoff at Gano Tubb Gymnasium.

The Tigers, whose season was filled with ups and downs, finish with a record of 20-11, while Hereford (28-4) advances to face Fabens in the area round.

"We're disappointed in the way we played at times, in the turnovers and the shots we took," said Snyder coach Bud Birks. "But did we quit? No. We kept battling until the very end.

"It was a good season, overall. We weren't picked to make the playoffs, but we went through a tough district and made it in anyway. These kids put out the effort all year long. Hereford has an outstanding team, and throughout the game, we didn't do enough of the little things right."

Snyder's worst stretch of the game came in the opening four minutes, and the Tigers faced an uphill battle the rest of the way.

Snyder's first seven possessions resulted in four turnovers and three misses from long range. The miscues resulted in easy baskets for the Whitfaces who were a perfect 6-for-6 to start the game, and built a 13-1 lead midway through the first quarter.

"We said coming in that the keys for us were to limit our turnovers and take good shots," Birks stated. "We didn't do either of those things in the first quarter. That was the difference. Hereford was getting layups, and we were settling for tough jump shots."

Following the initial blitz in the first four minutes, Snyder outscored Hereford, 53-51, through the remainder of the game.

The Tigers trailed by as many as 19 points midway through the second period, as the Whitefaces continued their torrid scoring pace.

Hereford shot 85 percent from two-point range in the first half that included a 7-of-7 effort from Slade Hodges.

The Tigers problems were compounded late in the first half when senior Heath Pinkerton, the team's leading scorer, went down with a hamstring injury. Pinkerton tried to return in the third quarter, but re-injured the leg and missed the majority of the second half.

"I think not having Heath on the floor hurt us quite a bit," Birks remarked. "I'm not saying we would have definitely won with him out there. But anytime you take away your leading scorer, not to mention the toughness he brings to the team, it's going to effect you."

Trailing by 17 points at halftime, Snyder used the break to regroup, and made a second half charge to get back in the game.

The Tigers changed to a triangle-and-two on the defensive end to try to slow down Slade and Cody Hodges. The switch was effective. Slade netted only five of his 18 points in the second half, and the Whitefaces connected on only 32 percent of their shots in the final 16 minutes.

The Tigers started pounding the ball inside to senior posts Shante Taylor and Jared Thornhill who combined for 18 points in the second half. It was a bucket by Taylor that cut the deficit to four points with 6:15 remaining.

"I think the switch on the defensive end gave Hereford some problems," said Birks. "On the offensive end, we started getting the ball to the people we wanted to shoot."

The Tigers were still within four points when Thornhill scored at 4:30 mark. It was as close as the Tigers would get.

Hereford scored six consecutive points to extend the margin back to 10, and Snyder would get no closer than six points the rest of the way.

The Tigers committed 20 turnovers on the night, and struggled to contain the Hodges duo. Cody finished with a game-high 25 points, and Slade added 18.

Thornhill dropped in 20 points to pace the Tigers. Taylor scored 14 to go along with 11 rebounds.

"Give Hereford credit," Birks stated. "They are extremely good, especially the Hodges, and their whole team played well. I'm proud of the way our guys battled back. We never gave up. We just couldn't overcome the rough start."

Snyder	**11**	**12**	**16**	**15**	**—**	**54**
Hereford	**22**	**18**	**07**	**17**	**—**	**64**

Snyder
Thornhill 8-9 4-5 20, Taylor 4-4 6-9 14, Wofford 2-9 4-6 9, Pinkerton 1-5 3-4 5, McLeod 1-4 0-0 3, Landes 1-2 0-0 2, Pruitt 0-0 1-2 1, Mendoza 0-1 0-0 0. **Totals 17-36 18-26 54.**

Hereford
C.Hodges 6-13 11-13 25, S.Hodges 7-9 3-4 18, Marsh 4-6 3-5 11, Rives 3-7 0-0 6, Marquez 0-3 0-0 0, Stow 1-3 2-2 4, Dudley 0-2 0-0 0. **Totals 21-43 19-24 64.**

Three-point goals: Snyder 2 (Wofford, McLeod), Hereford 3 (C.Hodges 2, S.Hodges). Rebounds: Snyder 20 (Taylor 11), Hereford 19 (C.Hodges 6). Total fouls: Snyder 20, Hereford 20. Fouled out — Taylor, Wofford.

Bulldogs fall short of Hornets, 48-46

ABILENE — The Blackwell Hornets couldn't miss to start the game, and the Ira Bulldogs couldn't connect from the free-throw line. The result was a Blackwell victory, and an end to Ira's season.

Blackwell jumped out to an early lead, then held on down the stretch for a 48-46 victory over Ira in Tuesday's Class A-Division II bi-district playoff at Abilene High's Eagle Gymnasium.

The Bulldogs end their season with a record of 13-12, while Blackwell advances to face Grandfalls-Royalty in the sectional semi-finals.

After trailing by nine points early on, Ira battled back to within a point in the final minute.

Blackwell broke a 42-42 deadlock with a three-pointer with 50 seconds remaining, before Bryce Wilkins scored for Ira to trim the deficit to one.

Another Blackwell bucket extended the margin to 47-44, but was answered by Ira's Nathan Smith who cut the gap to 47-46 with four seconds left on the clock.

The Bulldogs were forced to foul and Blackwell made one of two free throws, before a last-second heave by Smith at the buzzer was off the mark.

"We gave ourselves a chance at the end, but Blackwell came up with some big buckets," said Ira coach Bubba Edwards. "I think the difference in the game was their shooting in the first half, and our performance from the free-throw line. If we shoot 50 percent from the line, we win the game."

The Bulldogs made only four of 15 attempts from the stripe on the night. On the other end, the Hornets shot 65 percent in the first half, and led by nine points at the end of the first quarter.

Eric Dickerhoff got Ira rolling in the second period. Dickerhoff drained three three-pointers in the second quarter to fuel a Bulldog run that cut the margin to 26-25 at halftime.

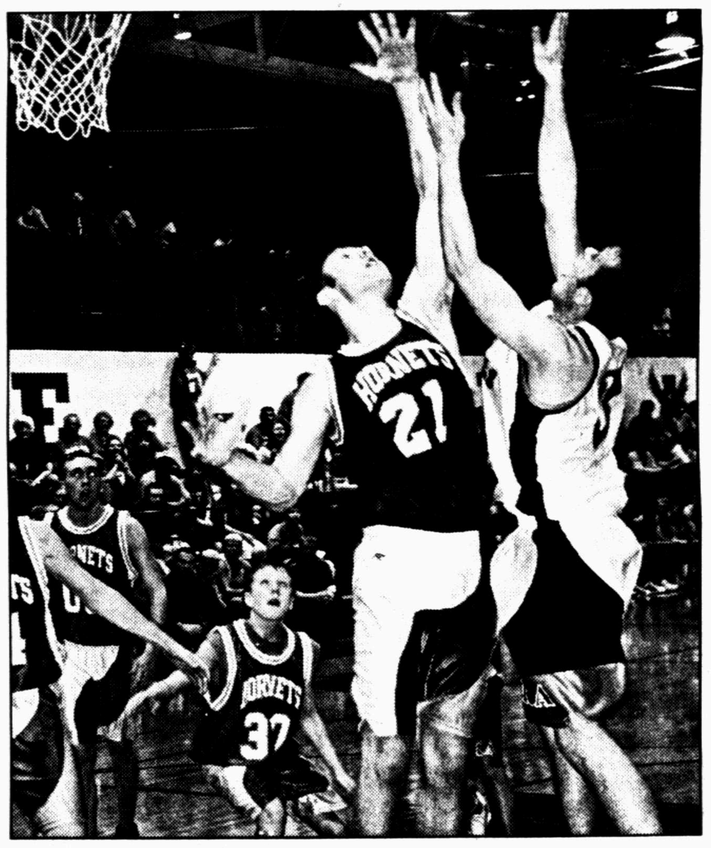
Both squads tallied nine points in the third quarter, and matched each other down the stretch, with the Hornets holding on in the end.

"It's disappointing, because we thought we should have won the game," Edwards remarked. "We thought we had a good enough team to get to the next round.

"But it was still a successful season. Nobody picked us to make the playoffs, and we had to battle through some rough times early in the year. I'm proud of the way these guys kept working. We became a lot batter ballclub as the season wore on."

Dickerhoff finished with 16 points to pace the Bulldogs, while Smith added 11.

Jake Barnes netted six points. Wilkins posted five, and Cade Tucker and Seth Sterling chipped in four apiece.



REACH FOR THE SKY — Ira's Cade Tucker (32) tries to shoot over a Blackwell defender Tuesday duirng the Bulldogs' bi-district setback in Abilene.

Coahoma girls top C-City

Coahoma stepped up its defense in the second half Tuesday night to hold off Colorado City, 50-46, in a girls' Class 2A regional quarterfinal playoff at Scurry County Coliseum.

Trailing by six points at halftime, the Lady Bulldogs outscored Colorado City, 32-22, in the second half.

Coahoma improves to 24-8 on the season and advances to the regional tournament, while the Lady Wolves season ends with a record of 18-12.

Local Sports Schedule

THURSDAY
Baseball

Snyder varsity at San Angelo tourney

Snyder JV Gold at Abilene tourney

Snyder JV Black at Midland tourney

Softball

Snyder varsity & JV at Abilene tourney

Sports Briefs

Ground Hog golf tourney

The Ground Hog Open will be held Saturday and Sunday at Snyder Country Club. Format is a two-man scramble, and entry fee is $80 per team.

The field will be pre-flighted by total handicap, with a five-shot maximum differential between players. Play will begin at 1 p.m. both days. To enter, call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Junior golf applications

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

Jones wins record arbitration deal

Atlanta outfielder Andruw Jones won a record $8.2 million in salary arbitration when a panel selected his request instead of the Braves' $6.4 million offer.

Jones' salary eclipses the previous arbitration high of $7.25 million set last year by New York Yankees closer Mariano Rivera — who had requested $9.25 million but lost his hearing.

Jones, who made $3.7 million last season, had his best year in 2000, hitting .303 with 36 homers, 104 RBIs and 21 steals. The center fielder also won his third straight Gold Glove.

Nelson back on Mavs' bench

DALLAS (AP) — Leave it to Don Nelson to turn his return from beating cancer into a laughing matter.

Seeking levity on what could have been an emotional night, the Dallas Mavericks' coach celebrated the end of his 52-day absence to treat prostate cancer by wearing a red foam ball on his nose and ending his pseudo-feud with Shaquille O'Neal.

The Lakers spoiled Nelson's comeback by beating the Mavericks 119-109.

Nelson, looking tan and about 10 pounds lighter, was beaming as he walked into Reunion Arena for his pregame introduction for the Mavs' game against the Los Angeles Lakers.

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Atlantic Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Philadelphia	40	14	.741	—
New York	31	21	.596	8
Miami	32	22	.593	8
Orlando	28	24	.538	11
Boston	24	30	.444	16
New Jersey	18	37	.327	22½
Washington	13	41	.241	27
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Milwaukee	32	20	.615	—
Toronto	28	25	.528	4½
Charlotte	28	26	.519	5
Indiana	23	28	.451	8½
Cleveland	21	30	.412	10½
Detroit	20	33	.377	12½
Atlanta	18	36	.333	15
Chicago	8	44	.154	24

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Utah	35	16	.686	—
San Antonio	35	17	.673	½
Dallas	33	21	.611	3½
Minnesota	32	22	.593	4½
Houston	28	26	.519	8½
Denver	28	27	.509	9
Vancouver	18	36	.333	18½
Pacific Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Portland	38	16	.704	—
Sacramento	34	17	.667	2½
L.A. Lakers	34	18	.654	3
Phoenix	31	21	.596	6
Seattle	28	26	.519	10
L.A. Clippers	17	38	.309	21½
Golden State	15	38	.283	22½

Monday's Games
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Milwaukee 102, San Antonio 98
Utah 114, Boston 99

Tuesday's Games
Toronto 113, Golden State 102
Vancouver 116, Washington 104
Phoenix 110, Orlando 104
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Houston 101, Boston 84
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Portland 104, Denver 94
Sacramento 94, Atlanta 80

Wednesday's Games
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Toronto at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
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Skakel to be tried as an adult

STAMFORD, Conn. (AP) — The murder case against Kennedy nephew Michael Skakel shifted formally to adult court Wednesday with a brief arraignment.

Skakel spoke only once — to say he fully understood his rights — during the five-minute hearing before Superior Court Judge John F. Kavanewsky Jr. He did not enter a plea.

Skakel has maintained his innocence. If convicted, he could be sentenced to life in prison.

Skakel, 40, is charged in the October 1975 beating death of his Greenwich neighbor, Martha Moxley. Skakel and Moxley were 15 at the time, and the case had been in juvenile court until a judge ruled last month that it should be transferred to adult court.

Skakel's defense lawyer, Michael Sherman, has appealed that decision. That could have delayed todays arraignment, but Sherman said Skakel did not want "needless delays." The appeal continues and Skakel reserved the right to ask for a stay later.

Sherman asked for a probable cause hearing, in which a judge will determine whether there is enough evidence to continue to trial. Kavanewsky scheduled that hearing for April 18.

Skakel had already had a probable cause hearing in juvenile court, where Judge Maureen Dennis found there was enough evidence to continue. But he now gets to repeat the process in adult court, and outside the courthouse, Sherman said a new judge could see matters differently.

"I think it's very conceivable upon hearing the evidence that a judge may not find probable cause," Sherman said.

Moxley lived next door to Skakel in an exclusive gated community. Her body was found on her family's estate on Oct. 31, 1975.

Authorities concluded Moxley was beaten with a golf club that was matched to a set owned by the Skakel family. Skakel is the son of Rushton Skakel Sr., the brother of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's widow, Ethel.

No arrests in the case were made until January 2000, when Skakel was charged after an investigation by a one-judge grand jury.

Kavanewsky had also been scheduled to hear arguments today on prosecutors' request to move the trial from Stamford to Bridgeport. He delayed that hearing until Feb. 28 after prosecutors said they had not received a defense brief on the issue until late Tuesday afternoon.

Dennis ruled last month that the case should be tried in Stamford, which borders Greenwich, where the crime was committed. Stamford is the seat of the judicial district that includes Greenwich.

Prosecutors say the case should be moved because in 1975 all major crimes in the area were handled in Bridgeport Superior Court.

Some attorneys not involved in the case have said Skakel may be better off facing trial in Stamford, where jury members from wealthy communities in the area may identify with his wealth and privilege. Bridgeport has a largely blue-collar population.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Dangers of obesity

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have cardiomyopathy caused by extreme overweight. My doctor prescribed Inderal, which I abruptly stopped a month ago. Now I am experiencing premature ventricular contractions. Could the sudden withdrawal of the medicine cause the PVCs?

DEAR READER: Morbid obesity often leads to health problems, including heart disease, hypertension and difficulty breathing. Cardiomyopathy, a degeneration of the heart muscle impairing cardiac contractions, can be a consequence of obesity — or of the other risk factors stemming from overweight, including ectopic beats (periodic extra cardiac beats).

PVCs are random contractions triggered by maverick electrical impulses arising within the heart's thickest muscles, the ventricles. Ordinarily, PVCs are merely annoying. They do not indicate heart disease. However, in patients with potential health risks such as yours, I'd worry that the ectopic beats could be caused by inadequate blood circulation to the heart muscle.

Evidently, your doctor agrees. You were probably prescribed Inderal, a beta-blocker, to reduce your blood pressure and suppress the premature contractions. Now that you l ve stopped the medicine, the PVCs are occurring more frequently.

I believe that you were unwise to discontinue Inderal without your doctor's approval and supervision. The medicine could well protect your heart from damage by stabilizing the pulse rate and reducing cardiac work. I urge you to restart the drug and check with your physician.

In addition, you clearly need to lose weight. You should also address this issue with your doctor. I believe that if you were to shed unneeded pounds and follow your physician's advice, you would markedly improve your health status and quality of life.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Understanding Heart Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus and 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 live in a part of the country where poison ivy flourishes 12 months a year, and I am very susceptible to it. I've always been told not to scratch the blisters because this will spread the itching. Is this true?

DEAR READER: Poison ivy is caused by contact with an offending oleoresin in the plant itself. Contrary to popular misconception, scratching the blisters doesn't spread the rash, although the practice may lead to secondary infection. However, the resin can get stuck under the fingernails and, in this way, spread the eruptions. Therefore, it's important to keep the fingernails clean and clipped short. Remember also to wash the skin thoroughly with soap and water as soon as possible after contact with the poison ivy plant, thereby reducing the amount of oleoresin and avoiding more extensive eruptions.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My infant son is a year old and suffers from a chronic cough that is not relieved by over-the-counter remedies. We have repeatedly seen the pediatrician for antibiotic prescriptions. Should I insist on a chest X-ray?

DEAR READER: I believe that any youngster with a chronic cough should have a chest X-ray, because children sometimes have low-grade pneumonia, bronchitis or other lung irritations that are not evident on physical examinations but may show up as a shadow on the X-ray.

However, your son is under medical supervision and the pediatrician may have a valid reason for omitting the chest film. Ask the doctor about this and, at the same time, share your concerns that your child seems to be chronically ill.

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Senate approves over counter sales of 'morning-after'

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — The Virginia Senate approved a measure to let women receive the "morning-after" pill without a doctor's prescription.

The House endorsed a version of the bill earlier this month. The Senate version, passed Tuesday, left off a House amendment requiring minors to get a parent's consent before obtaining emergency contraceptives.

If differences between the two versions can be resolved and the bill becomes law, Virginia would join Washington as the only states to allow women access to emergency birth control without a prescription.

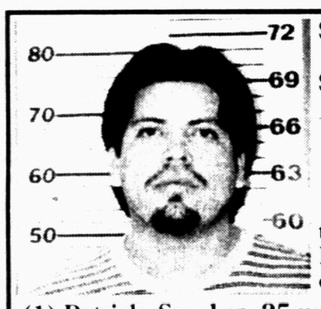
The pills can prevent pregnancy if taken within 72 hours of unprotected sex. Supporters want it sold over the counter because some women can't get a prescription in time.

"If we can get this in the hands of women faster, they can take it faster and have a prophylactic approach against pregnancy," Democratic Del. Viola Baskerville said.

The pills prevent fertilization of an egg or stop a fertilized egg from implanting in a woman's uterus. Proponents stress that emergency contraception doesn't cause abortion because it won't work if a woman already is pregnant.

Virginia's health commissioner, Dr. E. Anne Peterson, has expressed concern that easy availability of the pills would encourage unprotected sex and increase the spread of sexually transmitted diseases.

LEGAL NOTICE



SNYDER POLICE DEPARTMENT
COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION
SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION
February 13, 2001

NOTICE

The following person has registered with the Snyder Police Department as a convicted sex offender.

(1) Patrick Sanchez, 25 years of age, male, 800 28th Street Snyder, Texas 79549, convicted of "Indecency With A Child, By Exposure". Victim was a female child 10 years old.

(2) Risk Level - (2)

NOTIFICATION

El siguiente persona se a registrado con el Departamento de Policia de Snyder, y fue convicto de una offensa sexual.

(1) Patrick Sanchez, Un hombre, 25 anos de edad, 800 28th Street, Snyder, Texas 79549, convicto de "Indecencia Con Un Menor Por Descubrir". La victima era nina, diez anos de edad.

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(s) Stephen W. Warren
Chief of Police

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North	02-21-01
	♠ J 9 7 2	
	♥ Q 10 7 6 5	
	♦ J 5	
	♣ A J	
West		**East**
♠ 10 3		♠ 8 5 4
♥ 8 4		♥ A K 9
♦ A 6 2		♦ 7 4 3
♣ Q 9 8 5 3 2		♣ K 10 6 4
	South	
	♠ A K Q 6	
	♥ J 3 2	
	♦ K Q 10 9 8	
	♣ 7	

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ??

Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2001

How do we get more publicity?

By Phillip Alder

Bridge won't be shown live on television, because the play is too slow. Matches could be broadcast later in an edited form. (On the Millionaire show, one contestant took nearly an hour to decide on an answer!) Yet how about some sponsorship? Several European bridge organizations, notably those in France, Italy and the Netherlands, have persuaded major companies to put money into bridge. Perhaps this is because European tournaments, unlike those in North America, have cash prizes. Also, presumably these European sponsors think bridge fans will buy their products; and if true, surely that would be the case here too. Microsoft has shown some interest, but how do we get, say, General Electric or General Motors to sponsor the Reisinger, Spingold or Vanderbilt? If you have any ideas, please write in.

Here is another deal featuring Omar Sharif. He was partnering Zia Mahmood in the sponsored 1995 Macallan International Pairs, held in London. Look only at the West hand. What would you lead? The bidding is natural except for four clubs, which is a control-bid (cue-bid) showing a maximum with the club ace.

Zia led the heart eight. Omar won with the king, cashed the ace, and gave Zia a heart ruff. Then the diamond ace produced one down.

True, an excellent decision by Zia, but he received a big assist when Omar didn't make the mistake of doubling the four-club control-bid. The auction made it clear that South had only one club. Also, as Omar hadn't doubled four clubs, Zia correctly assumed that Omar could envision a more effective opening lead.

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Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp s	31.25	30.70	30.86	— .24
AOL TimeWrn	46.85	43.50	46.43	+ 1.48
AT&T Corp	20.63	20.20	20.54	— .20
Albertsons	29.10	28.63	28.92	— .02
Alltel	54.15	53.41	53.51	— .19
AmEl Pw	47.95	46.83	47.73	+ .76
AndarkPtr	68.21	67.26	67.50	+ .45
ATMOS Egy	23.99	23.60	23.95	— .15
Aviall	7.40	7.15	7.25	— .10
BP Amoco	49.70	48.96	49.00	— .20
BakerHughes	41.27	40.60	41.01	+ .13
Bank of Amer	49.39	48.80	48.88	— .24
BellSouth	42.00	41.06	41.06	— .41
Beth Steel	2.33	2.26	2.31	+ .06
BurlNoSFe	29.97	29.76	29.90	— .05
Caterpillar	42.28	41.36	41.50	— .30
Chevron	87.22	86.20	86.71	+ .21
Citigroup s	51.30	49.90	50.30	— .90
CocaCola	56.30	54.00	55.10	—3.37
ColgatePal	60.00	58.80	58.90	—1.15
ComclMetals	24.71	24.70	24.70	— .08
CooperIn	46.23	45.53	45.64	— .36
DaimlrChry	52.40	52.00	52.26	+ .97
DallSemicn s	34.83	32.50	34.27	+ .22
DeltaAirl	43.25	42.80	42.93	+ .06
Dillards Inc	18.73	18.40	18.40	— .31
DowChem s	31.10	30.00	30.04	— .95
DuPont	42.28	41.49	41.63	—1.02
EastmanChem	49.57	48.18	48.59	— .98
EstKodak	42.98	42.38	42.60	— .35
EDS Corp	63.85	63.15	63.39	— .61
Entergy	38.94	37.95	38.70	+ .92
ExxonMobil	85.20	84.27	84.29	+ .49
FstBksAm	22.65	22.60	22.60	— .15
Flowers	17.50	17.27	17.31	— .19
GenDynam	70.35	69.99	70.20	+ .21
GenlElec s	48.40	47.69	48.02	+ .33
GenMills	44.98	44.71	44.71	+ .10
GenMotors	53.65	52.46	52.83	— .72
GaPacGP	29.70	28.79	28.85	— .36
GlobalMar	30.27	29.77	29.99	
Goodrich	40.25	40.04	40.15	— .30
Goodyear s	25.65	24.95	24.95	— .30
GtAtlPac	10.74	10.60	10.67	— .06
Halliburtn	42.48	41.61	41.95	+ .26
Hanson ADS	32.15	31.80	31.85	— .65
HarteHanks	23.25	23.02	23.10	
HomeDepot	43.49	42.01	42.02	—2.07
HoneywellIntl	49.84	49.30	49.54	+ .34
IBM	110.52	108.67	109.50	—2.00
IntlPaper	37.29	36.00	36.15	— .56
JohnsonJn	97.24	96.36	97.05	+ 1.02
K mart	9.12	9.00	9.09	— .07
Kroger Co	24.83	24.53	24.75	+ .09
Lifton	79.10	78.94	78.98	+ .03
LockheedM	37.94	37.13	37.91	+ .43
Lowes Cos	57.93	56.27	56.27	—2.03
Lubys	7.20	7.06	7.06	— .13
LucentTech	12.70	12.10	12.14	— .20
MayDeptStr	38.40	37.54	37.56	—1.34
Medtronic	51.00	50.44	50.98	— .40
Motorola s	18.25	17.76	18.12	— .18
NCR Corp	48.75	48.28	48.49	— .18
Navistar	24.86	23.60	23.69	—1.35
Penney JC	14.81	13.78	13.96	— .89
PepBoys	5.90	5.60	5.60	— .21
PepsiCo	47.50	47.00	47.04	—1.46
Pharmacia	50.20	48.75	48.80	—1.15
PhelpDodge	44.12	42.92	42.93	— .98
PhilipPet	56.04	55.65	55.66	— .33
PilgrmPrd B	10.52	10.51	10.51	— .04
Polaroid	5.91	5.75	5.75	— .19
Praxair	45.15	44.10	44.23	— .86
ProctGamb	77.00	76.15	76.55	+ .34
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RadioShack	45.95	44.70	45.01	—1.93
ReliantEngy	43.30	42.20	42.94	+ 1.03
RoyalDut	59.67	59.10	59.52	— .43
SBC Comm	48.57	47.75	48.00	— .37
SaraLee	21.99	21.44	21.44	— .36
Scripps EW	64.00	63.99	64.00	
SearsRoeb	40.16	39.50	39.50	— .75
SherwinW	25.85	25.27	25.27	— .49
SouthernCo	31.13	30.88	30.95	+ .09
SwstAirl s	20.40	20.00	20.15	— .11
SprintFON	21.18	20.50	20.80	— 1.80
SprintPCS	22.62	21.85	22.19	— .74
Sunoco Inc	35.12	34.75	34.79	+ .08
TXU Corp	42.64	42.00	42.41	+ .77
TempleInland	48.25	46.60	46.64	— 1.07
Texaco	65.45	64.51	65.07	+ .31
TexInd	28.50	28.15	28.20	— .31
TexasInst s	35.10	33.44	34.70	+ .20
Textron	53.97	53.25	53.73	+ .21
TriconGlbR	38.20	37.85	37.85	— .47
TrinityInds	21.83	21.50	21.50	— .40
TritonEngy	26.25	25.90	25.95	— .05
TylerTech	1.40	1.26	1.40	
USX-Marathn	28.58	28.31	28.35	+ .04
USX-USS	14.87	14.30	14.32	— .58
UnionPacif	54.30	53.55	53.56	— .74
UnitedTech	79.00	77.85	78.71	— .04
Unocal	37.22	36.89	36.90	— .15
Venator Grp	11.54	11.10	11.25	— .30
VerizonComm	51.15	50.29	50.29	—1.16
WalMart	52.96	51.55	51.56	—1.64
WellsFargo	49.20	48.02	48.05	— .63
WstnGasRs	27.42	27.28	27.28	+ .13
WinnDixie	24.79	24.38	24.64	+ .44
Xerox Cp	6.98	6.75	6.75	— .21

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Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

NEW VIOLETS

Violets were once considered indispensable perennials for the well-designed garden. Although numerous native violet species occur in Texas, the violet of choice for most southern gardens was V. odorata, dark blue or purple being the dominant color. Well into the 20th century, violets were among the most popular florist cut flowers. Their fragrance, rich colors and relatively easy culture contributed to nationwide popularity.

Violets prefer a rich, moist but well-drained soil high in organic content. Partially shaded locations are preferred. Their natural bloom period is late winter and early spring. Although, evergreen, garden violets become semi-dormant during our long, hot summers, they can endure considerable drought and heat stress and usually become lush and healthy with the onset of cooler and more moist fall and winter conditions.

Landscape uses include borders and ground covers. Large container shrubs can often be enhanced by a mass of violets at their base, providing attractive foliage, fragrance and color at a season when few other plants are at their peak. Mature height is usually 8 to 10 inches. The rounded foliage is attractive even when plants are not in bloom.

Usual propagation is by division of mature clumps during early to mid fall. Seeds can also be used to produce new plants, but require considerable attention during the early stages. Borders of garden violets may still be found in some of the old gardens of Eat and Central Texas. They can be long-lived and relatively low-maintenance perennials. Few plants perform as well in shady areas and offer color and fragrance during January, February and March.



WIN AT SAN ANTONIO — Four Ira FFA students exhibited animals recently at San Antonio's Livestock Show and Sale. From left are, Kelbi Pitner, first place medium wool lamb; Lacie Thompson, sixth place cross lamb; Kaci Waller, ninth place cross lamb; Tyler Frey, 10th place cross lamb. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Louisiana produces large pecan crop

By The Associateed Press

Pecan farmers in Louisiana grew the nation's fourth-largest pecan crop last year, at 17 million pounds, but got the nation's lowest price — less than 67 cents a pound.

One big reason is that 82 percent of the harvest in Louisiana came from varieties of trees that are native to the state, rather than newly developed varieties. The native trees tend to produce nuts of lesser value, and they all tend to produce nuts at the same time, "so the buyers kind of get saturated," said Dr. John Pyzner, an associate specialist in horticulture with the Louisiana Agricultural Extension Service..

Another reason is that many Louisiana growers have relatively few trees.

Scurry 4-Hers earn awards

Scurry County 4-H members exhibited livestock this past week at the San Antonio Livestock Exposition.

Bringing home an eighth place award was Kailea Shaw in the class VIII Duroc swine division, while Malorye Miller placed third with her steer in the light weight Maine class. Morgan Miller also placed third in the middle weight Gert class with her steer.

Also placing in the steer event were Jordan Stansell with a ninth place win in the class II Chi division, while T'Leah Eicke had a ninth place award in the Class V Chi division.

Chelsea Hackfeld earned a fourth place honor with her lamb in the middle weight fine wool class.

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Area students on Tech honor rolls

LUBBOCK — More than 4,000 Texas Tech University students qualified for academic honors lists at the end of the fall semester.

Students on the President's List earned a 4.0 (A) grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of class work. Students who earned 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 qualified for the Dean's List.

Area students making the honor rolls include the following.

Misty Lynn Chance of Ira earned the Dean's List. She is a freshman majoring in chemical engineering and computer science. Lindsey Anne Stansell of Fluvanna, freshman, communications studies, is on the President's List. Alesha Lynn Miller of Hermleigh is on the President's List. She is a freshman majoring in early childhood. Misty Lynn Chance of Ira is on the Dean's List. She is a senior majoring in chemical engineering and computer science.

The following students from Snyder have been named to the Dean's List. They include Amanda Kay Baker, senior, family studies; Regina D'Ann Hager, freshman, pre-pharmacy; Amber Adrienne Stalvey, junior, multidisciplinary studies; Carol Vina Strayhorn, junior; human development; Misty Jane Williams, junior, early childhood.

The following students from Snyder have been named to the President's List. They include Vanessa Danielle Jones, sophomore, early childhood; Kevin Andrew Kerr, junior, mechanical engineering; Amy Rae Patterson, senior, multidisciplinary studies and French; Trevor John Kerr, freshman, mechanical engineering.

Markets

Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 264 head of cattle for the Saturday, Feb. 17, sale. Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers were steady to $4 higher. steady. Slaughter cows were $1 to $2 higher in a light test, bulls were steady. Bred cows and pairs were steady. Trading was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:
200-300: 126-135
300-400: 120-126
400-500: 109-116
500-550: 98-105
600-700: 89-93.50
Feeder heifers:
200-300: 118-126
300-400: 106-110
400-500: 105-108
500-600: 85-85
Replacement cows:
Young bred cows: 640-710
Aged cows: 530-650
Pairs: 760-830
Aged pairs: 650-760
Slaughter cows:
Boners: 1000-1250 Lbs.: 40.50-41.50
Lean: 1000-1200 Lbs.: 42.50-45.50
Boners high yielding, 1150-1350 Lbs.: 47.50-49.50
Lean: 900-1200 Lbs.: 39.50-43
Lean 800-1000 Lbs.: 34.50-36.50
Under 750 Lbs.: 35.50
Slaughter bulls:
Yielding Grade 1-2 1300-2100 Lbs.: 50-54
Low Dressing 1000-1300 Lbs.: 46
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 607 head of cattle for the Thursday, Feb. 15, sale. Cows were $2 to $3 better. Yearlings and calves were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 40-48
Canner and low cutters: 30-41
Slaughter bulls: 48-58
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 100-135
400-500: 100-110
500-600: 90-105
600-700: 85-93
700-800: 82-88
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 100-113
400-500: 90-105
500-600: 85-93.50
600-700: 82-87.50
700-800: 78-84
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 85-105
700-800: 80-86
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 650-900
Grade: 600-675
Springers: 400-740
Baby calves: 150-210
Doodlers: 125-250

Two receive Tech degrees

LUBBOCK — More that 1,500 students at Texas Tech University received degrees during the 2000 fall commencement exercises.

Wesley Don Everett of Snyder received a bachelor of science degree in environment conservation of natural resources.

Michael Richard Post of Snyder received a bachelor of business administration degree in finance.

ASSE seeking families to sponsor foreign exchange students

ASSE International Student Exchange Program is seeking local host families for boys and girls from Europe, Asia, the former Soviet Union, Canada, South America, Australia and New Zealand.

Students are 15 to 16 years of age and will be coming to the local area for the upcoming high school year. The students are sponsored by ASSE, a non-profit student exchange program organization.

These personable and academically select exchange students are well screened and qualified by ASSE. Students speak English and are anxious to learn about this country through living as part of a family, attending high school and sharing their own culture and language with their new adopted host family.

Host families may select the youngster of their choice from extensive student applications, family photos and biographical essays.

The students arrive from their home countries shortly before school begins and return at the end of the school year. Each ASSE student is fully insured, brings his or her own spending money, and expects to bear his or her share of household responsibilities. Students are included in the normal family lifestyle and activities.

If you are interested in obtaining more information about becoming a host family, contact Kellyn Tolly at 903-862-2986 or call 1-800-473-0696. You can also visit us on the Web at www.asse.com.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, Feb. 22, 2001

In the year ahead, you should begin to profit from past, painful experiences in which you had to learn something the hard way. However, now it'll put you a few steps ahead of the others.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you hope to win the respect of your peers today, you'll have to show the courage to be forthright about what you know to be true. Sometimes tough love is called for. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) What works for associates might not necessarily work for you, so before you try to adopt their ideas for your project today, you'd better know if they'll fit the bill.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A progressive new endeavor might look a heck of a lot better on paper than it will in practice. Try to do a dry run today before putting your John Hancock on it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Aim high today, but try to stay in the shadows where you'll encounter less opposition. You'll be able to accomplish a great deal more if you don't draw attention to yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Should an old friend tell you something in confidence today, make certain his or her trust in you is justified or else you could lose a pal. The trail of the betrayer will lead back to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Working harder on something because your methods or procedures have failed won't be the only way to accomplish your aims today. It'll take a little brainwork, as well.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Wishful thinking could lead you astray today by making you believe that something that didn't work out before will be different this time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Unfortunately, the performances of others might not be up to your standards, so it might be extremely unwise to delegate a project that needs tending.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Trouble could be hidden among the tiny details today. When negotiating an important agreement, if you fail to check out the small print, expect losses in the future.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Having little to show for all the hard work you put in today could be due to a failure to plan ahead. Redoing everything could occupy most of your time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today, events might reveal just how much someone means to you when you'll be asked to stand by this person with your resources as well as your words. It could be quite a test.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) This might not be one of your better days as either a buyer or a seller. If you lack prudence and treat material involvements with indifference, losses will occur.

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Farmers: Geese destroy crops

BUCKINGHAM, Pa. (AP) — David Crooke's alfalfa has barely begun to poke through the icy ground, but already thousands of geese are grazing on the plants intended to feed several dozen dairy cows.

"It's worse than it's been in years," said Crooke, whose family has owned the 200-acre farm for four decades. "They're just out there mowing it off like a bunch of mini-mowers."

He and other farmers in counties across Pennsylvania are asking the federal government to increase the number of geese they may kill to lessen the burden on their crops and their profits.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimated the geese, some of which migrate and some of which remain throughout the year, cost the county's farmers $300,000 in damages for 1998 and 1999. This year, according to some area farmers, the geese problem is worse.

"Is this a bad year? Yes. Is it getting worse? Yes," said Penn State Extension Agent Michael Fournier.

The 1999 survey also found golf courses were losing money because of the burgeoning goose population. It found that geese cost 44 golf courses in suburban Philadelphia about $213,000. Most of that money was spent replacing turf and paying for control tactics such as dogs and noise makers.

At Lake Galena in suburban Philadelphia, biologists from the USDA used laser beams to sweep a lake clear of geese in January. The lake provides water to about 140,000 utility customers.

The geese left the lake, but returned in force the next day, Fournier said. That's the same effect farmers see during a sanctioned 10-day hunting period in the Philadelphia region. Farmers are only allowed to shoot one a day.

"What happens is you shoot one goose out of 1,300, they leave for two days, and then come back," Crooke said.

Fournier says the resident goose population is expanding at an exponential rate. Meanwhile, the federal government has placed strict hunting restrictions on the birds because of a decline in a certain population of the migratory Canada goose.

"They don't want to endanger the migratory population, but we've got problems with the native ones," said Pennsylvania Game Commission spokesman Jerry Feaser.

Farmers and other interested parties have been asking the federal government to make the native birds exempt from the regulations.

"Any damage to summer crops and golf courses is not caused by the migratory bird," Fournier said. "The summer losses — golf courses, vegetables, corn, soybeans — that is generally the native population."

According to the National Audubon Society, Bucks County's goose population has grown from 500 birds 30 years ago to more than 60,000. It is unclear how many of the birds are nesting in the entire region.

Fournier would also like Pennsylvania farmers to get permission to shoot geese that are damaging crops — the same way they have permission to shoot deer. Farmers are fined $500 for shooting geese out of season right now.



JUMP ROPE FOR HEART — Central Elementary School recently raised $3,180 for the American Heart Association, through its annual Jump-Rope-For-Heart fund raiser. Top money makers are from left, Brance Scott, $303; Christian Kuliga, $145; Tanner Bragg and Aryn May, both $125. The event was coordinated by Nancy Jones, physical education teacher. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Central Awards

Positive Action Super Kids

Pre-K: Flor Garcia.

Kindergarten: T.J. Villa, Jaqueline Rubio.

First grade: Armando Monroy, Ajay Garcia, Benjamin Alvarado.

Third grade: Brance Scott, Josie Ornelas, Kylie Moreland, Autumn Castillo, Alexander Rios, Rachael Dupree, Marcos Aguilar, Zackary Ball, Kimberly Nolan, Laura Ortega.

Unit Recognition Awards

Kindergarten: Zachary Simpson, Jennifer Facio.

First grade: Mercedes Navarette, Robby Alba, Victor Pena.

Most Improved Award

Third grade: Rainie Moore, Justin Rivera, Natasha Garcia, Janie Ornelas, Jose Antonio Ferruzca, Amber Gutierrez, Shane Hicks, Brittni Chaidez, Kenyon Gafford, Roberto Aquirre.

Students who had earned 25 or more Accelerated Reader points for the six weeks were also recognized.

Ira

Ira School students who were not absent during the fourth six weeks include:

First grade: Cristian Ornelas, Conner Smith.

Second grade: Amber Baker, Kylor Fine, Sarah Gunset, Kellner Odom, J.P. Wilson.

Third grade: Olivia Juarez, Brandon Lunsford.

Fourth grade: Austin Calley, Rance Dunn, Kirk Krop, Shandy McMullen, Any Rivera, Seth Sanchez, Ismael Tavaraz, Ashley Trotter.

Fifth grade: Colby McMullen.

Seventh grade: Brittany Dickerhoff, Kerry Jamison.

Eighth grade: Brandon Crane, Wesley Kellner.

Ninth grade: Amanda Calley, Vanessa Espinoza, Phillip Payne, Lacie Thompson.

Tenth grade: Colter Brown, Tyler Frey.

Eleventh grade: Jessie Green, Kendra Krop, Nathan Smith.

Twelfth grade: Casey Chaney, Kristen Harless, Mikanna Herring, Cody Kellner, Blake White.

Rapist sentenced to 3 life terms

RENO, Nev. (AP) — A rapist was sentenced Tuesday to three consecutive life terms in prison for assaulting two women, including one whose claims of kidnap and rape were ridiculed by police.

Timothy Mobly's two victims testified through tears how he kidnapped them, bound them and repeatedly threatened to kill them after separate sexual assaults in 1998 and 1999.

"There is no doubt you are a sexual predator and you will do danger to any community where you preside," Judge Janet Berry said in imposing the maximum sentence.

Mobly, 28, must serve at least 311/2 years before he is eligible for parole.

Jennifer W., 26, reported her 1998 rape to Sparks police and was called a liar. Investigators accepted her story only after a 17-year-old high school student was abducted and raped by Mobly and his former roommate.

Jennifer's civil suit against the city of Sparks was resolved in August with a $24,999 judgment and she reached an undisclosed settlement with four officers.

Mobly apologized in court Tuesday for the assaults, which he told police stemmed from his fantasies about domination and bondage of women.

"If I could go back and change things, I would. It was not my intention for the situations to get out of hand," he said.

Mobly had pleaded guilty but skipped bail and his sentencing hearing. A girlfriend in Mexico City turned him in to authorities there last month.

"While the monster had his freedom, I was shut into a world of fear and panic because he was on the loose, and I was terrified he would come after me again," Jennifer told the judge.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Women now carry their own weight as funeral pallbearers

DEAR ABBY: Although I read your column daily, I have never had a reason to write until now. I read the obituaries and have noticed that lately there are female pallbearers listed. Is this proper, or should it be a man's role? I always thought that men were supposed to do it. I'm sure other people wonder about this, too. **— VICKI IN JOPLIN, MO.**

DEAR VICKI: In the days when coffins were actually carried, it required strong men to lift them. However, today the coffin is placed on a church "truck," and it's perfectly acceptable for women to be pallbearers.

In early America, it was the women who cared for the dead. It was they who bathed and shrouded the body for burial. In a sense, women are now taking their rightful place again by acting as pallbearers. It is much better when family members of both sexes physically participate in funerals. Doing so can be therapeutic. Twenty years ago morticians were mostly men. Today, 40 percent of graduating morticians are women, according to the Funeral Consumers Alliance. Instead of being ghoulish, the business is becoming "girlish."

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DEAR ABBY: My husband of almost 25 years presented me with a beautiful diamond heart necklace for Valentine's Day. Now I am trying to decide if I should keep it.

Several years ago, he had a "female friend." One of the things that hurt most was finding out that he had bought her expensive jewelry. Among the items was a diamond heart pendant.

When I opened the gift, all I could think about was her. Should I explain to him that, although the necklace is very beautiful, it brings back painful memories? Are men really this dense? **— CRYING IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR CRYING: Apparently your man is. Dry your tears and tell him, as tactfully as possible, that while you are grateful for the gift, his selection has painful associations for you. The two of you should return it and select something more appropriate.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a professional woman marrying another professional woman. We have lived together for two years and are able to communicate very well. We are growing and changing beautifully as partners.

Because it is not legal in the state where we live, we will be going to Vermont for a private ceremony. My question: How do we approach the wedding reception with those family members who are not "comfortable" with it? We don't want anyone to feel slighted, but at the same time, we don't want to deprive those members of the family who offer support and take joy in our union. Do we invite everyone and just see who shows up? **— NEEDS TO KNOW**

DEAR NEEDS TO KNOW: Send invitations to everyone you would like to have at your reception, including those who are not comfortable with your union. If they don't wish to attend, they will decline. You already know some of them will not welcome this marriage, but extending the invitation will show them that you want to encourage close family relationships. And you may be surprised that some of them may put aside their misgivings in the interests of family unity.

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Former bin Laden associate testifies

NEW YORK (AP) — Several militant Muslims left Osama bin Laden's alleged terrorist organization after it began eyeing possible civilian targets in a holy war against Americans, a former bin Laden lieutenant testified.

Jamal Ahmed Al-Fadl, a key prosecution witness in the trial of four men accused in the 1998 U.S. embassy bombings in Africa, also admitted for the first time in court Tuesday that he offered Saudi officials a plan to assassinate bin Laden.

On Wednesday morning, jurors watched a 1997 CNN television interview in which bin Laden said the U.S. government was "unjust, criminal and tyrannical."

Bin Laden said the American people "are not exonerated from responsibility because they chose this government and voted for it despite their knowledge of its crimes in Palestine, Lebanon, Iraq and in other places."

On Tuesday, Al-Fadl told the jury the split in bin Laden's group, al Qaeda, came in 1993 after Egyptian members proposed bombing the U.S. embassy in Saudi Arabia. He said they wanted to retaliate for the FBI arrest of Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman, the radical cleric later convicted in a plot to blow up New York landmarks and assassinate Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

Al Qaeda leaders rejected the proposal but ruled in a series of religious decrees that killing civilians eventually would be necessary, Al-Fadl said.

He said under cross-examination by defense lawyer Sam Schmidt that the decision to not spare "innocents" caused as many as 20 bin Laden followers to quit the group, then based in Sudan, because they believed Islamic law only allowed attacks on military targets.

Schmidt has sought to discredit Al-Fadl, who had identified his client, Wadih El-Hage, as a key player in al Qaeda. Prosecutors allege the group targeted Americans worldwide.

El-Hage, 40, of Arlington, Texas, is the only U.S. citizen among the four defendants charged with conspiracy in the Aug. 7, 1998, bombings of embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. The attacks killed 224 people, including 12 Americans.

The defense has suggested El-Hage had a legitimate business relationship with bin Laden, who Al-Fadl conceded had business dealings in everything from bananas to machines that crush rocks.

Justices limit reach of disability law

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court limited the reach of the Americans With Disabilities Act, ruling today that state workers cannot file employment-discrimination lawsuits against their employers under the federal disability-rights law.

The 5-4 ruling, a further cutback of the federal government's power over the states, said Congress exceeded its authority when it let state workers file such claims under the 1990 law.

The federal law does not trump states' 11th Amendment immunity against being sued in federal courts, the justices said.

"We decide here whether employees of the state of Alabama may recover money damages by reason of the state's failure to comply with the (employment discrimination) provisions of Title 1 of the Americans With Disabilities Act. We hold that such suits are barred by the 11th Amendment," Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist wrote for the court.

The ruling in an Alabama case added to the court's series of decisions that have increasingly tipped the federal-state balance of power toward the states.

Those decisions have all featured the same 5-4 split among the justices, and that lineup was repeated in today's decision.

Joining Rehnquist were Justices Sandra Day O'Connor, Antonin Scalia, Anthony M. Kennedy and Clarence Thomas. Dissenting were Justices John Paul Stevens, David H. Souter, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen G. Breyer.

Writing for the four, Breyer said, "The court ... improperly invades a power that the Constitution assigns to Congress."

In January 2000, the justices barred state workers from suing their employers in federal court under the federal Age Discrimination in Employment Act. That ruling said the law could not override states' immunity against being sued in federal court.

The ADA is perhaps best known for requiring wheelchair ramps in buildings across the country.

The law bans job discrimination against the disabled, requiring employers to offer reasonable accommodations to disabled people who are otherwise qualified to perform a job. It also bans discrimination in the provision of government programs and services.

Chief of FBI says alleged spy damage 'exceptionally grave'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI is trying to calculate the national security damage allegedly wrought by one of its own agents, Robert Philip Hanssen, accused of spying for Russia for more than 15 years. FBI Director Louis Freeh says the intelligence losses appear to be "exceptionally grave."

An FBI affidavit describing Hanssen's alleged spying said he passed along to Soviet and later Russian agents 6,000 pages of documents — a virtual catalogue of top secret and secret programs.

The case marked the third time that an FBI agent has been accused of espionage, and it brought a quick reaction from President Bush and members of Congress.

"Allegations of espionage are a reminder that we live in a dangerous world, a world that sometimes does not share American values," Bush said in a statement he read to reporters on Air Force One. Declaring that espionage remains a threat to the nation even with the Cold War gone, the president added: "To anyone who would betray its trust, I warn you, we'll find you and we'll bring you to justice."

"This could be a very, very, very serious case of espionage," said Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee. "Here's an agent who is a veteran of the FBI, who's been doing counterintelligence for a long time.

Search for missing helicopter called off

AMARILLO (AP) — Fog and freezing temperatures forced the continued suspension of a search for a helicopter that disappeared last week as an elderly Panhandle couple flew home to Amarillo from their granddaugther's basketball game in Gruver.

Meanwhile, the daughter of Gene and Bobbie Sue Webb said she takes solace in the fact that her parents disappeared in the Robinson R-22 helicopter they were both licensed to fly.

"They left us doing what they loved to do, and they left us doing it together," Christy Hart said from her home near Gruver. "It's been very hard on the family. I think we have resigned ourselves to the fact that the search is a search and not a search and rescue."

The couple took off from Hart's front yard at 9:30 p.m. and should have arrived at home about an hour later. At 12:45 a.m. Friday, relatives notified authorities that the couple still hadn't landed.

The search, which began Friday morning after a wall of fog lifted, was called off Tuesday afternoon and most likely won't resume until sometime Thursday, DPS Trooper Wayne Beighle said.

"You can't even see past the hood of your car," he said. "We've suspended everything temporarily, but we are going to pick it back up."

Beighle said ice was expected in the Borger area, where the search was to focus today. He said a DPS dive team from Austin is on its way to Amarillo. If weather permits, the dive team will begin searching Lake Meredith on Thursday.

Obituaries

Erna Chauncey

1906-2001

Erna Lilly Chauncey, a resident of Scurry County since 1940, died this morning in Medical Center Hospital in Odessa after a lengthy illness.



Erna Chauncey

Graveside service for Mrs. Chauncey, 94, is set for 10:30 a.m. Friday in Hillside Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Arthur Lowe, pastor of the Grace Lutheran Church in Abilene officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 12, 1906 in Yorktown, Tex., Mrs. Chauncey had been a resident of Scurry County since 1940 and farmed for many years in the Inadale community. She was an active quilter at the Scurry County Senior Center and a member of the Lutheran Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Erma Devers of Snyder and Patsy Channell and her husband, James, of Odessa; a son and daughter-in-law, James and Dorothy Lauw of Abilene; six grandchildren, including Connie Irvine of Snyder; and 13 great-grandchildren.

W.D. Breed

1918-2001

MONAHANS – W.D. Breed, the brother of Patsy Floyd of Snyder, died Saturday, Feb. 17, in Seton Northwest Hospital in Austin.

Graveside service for Mr. Breed, 82, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Monahans Memorial Cemetery with arrangements under the direction of Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home of Austin.

Born March 12, 1918 in Hennepin, Okla., he was a longtime resident of Monahans and Midland. He was in the oilfield business and was a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge in Monahans and a member of the Southside Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Janie of the home; a son, Bob Breed of Monahans; a daughter, Linda Sligh of Austin; two other sisters, Lela LeBlanc of San Jose, Calif. and Sue Johnson of Levelland; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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CENSUS: 42 (Med./Surg.-18, Long-term Care-23 and OB-1)

Report for assault on student is filed

• ***Assault***

An offense report for Class A assault was filed at 3:42 p.m. Tuesday in reference to a 16-year-old male being assaulted by a 17-year-old male at the Hobbs Alternative School bus stop. The 16-year-old sustained minor injuries.

• ***Coin machine taken***

Police were called to the Oasis car wash at 4:56 p.m. Tuesday where a change box had been taken from one of the wash bays.

• ***Arrests***

A 21-year-old female was booked into the Scurry County Jail at 10:55 a.m. Tuesday on a misdemeanor warrant for theft.

At 11:11 a.m. Tuesday, a 25-year-old man was taken into custody on a Pierce County Department of Public Safety warrant for unsafe speed. A trooper arrested the subject on U.S. Hwy. 84 near the West Texas Animal Clinic.

• ***Accidents***

Officers filed an accident report in the Western Texas College parking lot Tuesday in reference to a parked, unoccupied 1995 Ford being struck by an unknown vehicle between 9:30 a.m. and noon. The vehicle is owned by Morris Allred of 3112 37th Place.

A two-vehicle mishap occurred at 9:39 a.m. Tuesday in the 2500 block of Avenue W. Involved were a 1992 Chevrolet pickup driven by Rosetta Lynn Maldonado, 27, of 2505 Avenue W and legally parked, unoccupied 1985 Dodge pickup owned by R.E. Payne of 812 28th Street.

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Victory Baptist Church, 3303 Apple Street, concludes its revival at 7 tonight. Dr. Clyde Spann is evangelist.

West Elementary yearbooks

Orders for West Elementary annuals are being taken through Friday. Cost is $7 each and must be pre-paid. No extras will be ordered.

CPR heartsaver course

A CPR heartsaver course will be taught at Western Texas College from 6 to 10 this evening. Cost is $35. Call 573-8511, ext. 350, for additional information.

SHS class of 1951

The SHS class of 1951 will hold a planning session today. For more information call Patsy Sitton, 573-4359; Islasu Minor, 573-8412; or Anne vonRoeder, 573-7485.

FBC worship service

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

C.H.I.P signup

Parents of children without health insurance are encouraged to investigate the Children's Health Insurance Program between the hours of 3 and 7 p.m. Thursday at the community room at Texas Savings Bank. A second session is set from 3-7 p.m. Tuesday.

Relay for Life

A team captain meeting for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life will be held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at city hall. All team captains and anyone wishing to form a team are encouraged to attend.

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.

Northeast family reading night

Northeast Elementary's family reading night will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday. Pizza, soft drinks will be served and childcare is available.

GED testing dates

Testing date this month for GED (high school equivalency) will be Friday. For more information call Molly Kattes, 573-2919, or Emily Hataway, 574-2112 at home, or 573-8511, ext. 297 at WTC between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Ira class group pictures

Envelopes are due back at the Ira school Friday to order a 5x7 class picture for $7. Parents who wish to see a copy of the pictures may go to the school and see Mrs. Hudgins for grades 6-12, or the classroom teacher for grades K-5.

Enchilada dinner

Ira First Baptist youth set an enchilada dinner at noon Sunday in the fellowship hall. $5 for adults, $3.50, 12 and under; and $20 for a family. Proceeds will benefit summer camp and youth trips.

Enchilada dinner

The Knights of Columbus #8875 is hosting the second annual enchilada dinner from noon until 5 p.m. Sunday at West Elementary. For tickets call 573-9855 or 573-8164. Adult plates are $5 and children's are $2.50.

SHS Baseball boosters

A meeting of the SHS baseball booster club will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the SHS Student Center. Door and yard signs will be made.

United Way luncheon

The annual awards luncheon for the Scurry County United Way will be held at noon Monday at The Shack.

Substance abuse class

Monday is the deadline to register for Western Texas College's class on understanding substance abuse that starts March 1 and ends April 26. Class will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Thursdays and the cost is $40. Call 573-8511, ext. 390, to reserve a space.

Dee Wilson reception

Gateway Family Services board of directors invites the public to a reception honoring executive director Dee Wilson from 4-6 p.m. Tuesday at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Wilson is moving to Abilene to become the executive director of Noah Project Inc.

Hospice dinner

Community Care Hospice staff and volunteers invite all caregivers to a dinner in their honor at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Garden Room of First Baptist Church. Call 573-0212 or 573-4296 to RSVP.

Alzheimer support group

The Alzheimer family support group meets at 4 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday each month at Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Kiwanis pancake day

The annual Kiwanis pancake feast will be from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 3, 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.

Shattered Dreams 2000 tapes

Videotapes of Shattered Dreams 2000 are available by calling Lori or Penny at Snyder EMS at 573-1912. Proceeds will go to scholarships for students who participated in the program last April.

Spare change roundup

The American Heart Association is sponsoring a Spare Change Roundup during February, National Heart Month. Deposit coins in collection canisters located around Snyder, or call 573-2913 for locations.