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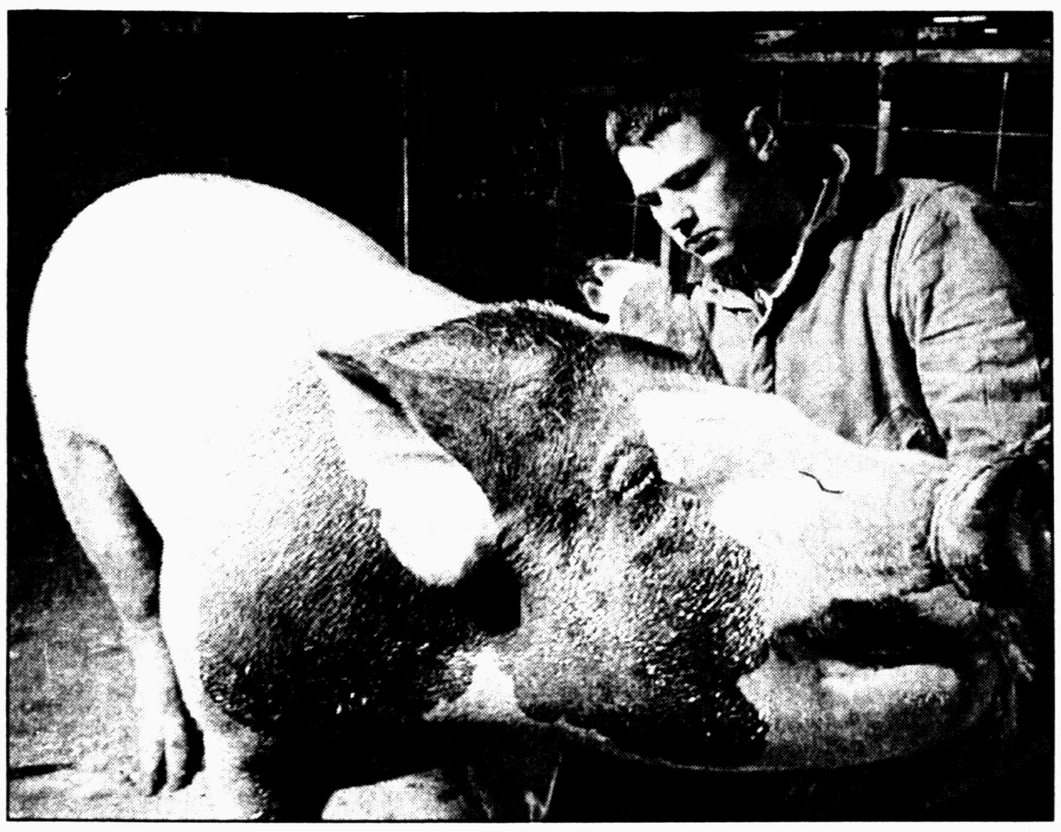

ALMOST SHOW TIME — Snyder FFA member David Beard clips a hog in preparation for the Scurry County Junior Livestock Show and Sale, which gets underway today. Hogs will weigh-in at 5 p.m. today at the Scurry County Coliseum ag annex. Steers will be weighed at 1 p.m. Thursday while lambs and goats will weigh-in at 3:30 p.m. Thursday. (SDN Staff Photo by Joyce May)

Hogs, goats, sheep, steers ready to vie for show honors

The annual Scurry County Junior Livestock Show gets underway this afternoon as exhibitors begin the weigh-in of show hogs at 5 o'clock.

The event will be held in the Scurry County Coliseum annex.

Steers will be weighed at 1 p.m. Thursday while lambs and goats will weigh-in at 3:30 p.m. Thursday.

The show continues through Saturday when the buyers' meal, awards presentation and auction will take place.

The actual show gets underway at 5 p.m. Thursday as Eddie Smallwood of O'Donnell will begin judging hogs.

On Friday, show action begins with the judging of lambs at 6 p.m. immediately followed by the goat judging. Steers will be judged 30 minutes after the goat show.

Steve Sturtz of Glasscock County will judge both the lambs and goats while Michael Schertz of Bridgeport will judge the steers.

A meal for buyers will be at 11:15 a.m. Saturday, followed by the awards presentation at noon. The auction gets underway at 1 p.m.

Ricky Miller again serves as the president of the show, while Kirby Sterling is the vice president.

Incoming secretary-treasurer is Susan Blackard, assisted by outgoing secretary-treasurer Jennifer Voss.

Other directors are Billy Grimmett, Skip Craig, Jerry Boyd and Jeff Gilbert.

Serving as show advisors are ag teachers from Snyder, Hermleigh and Ira school districts.

David Frazier and Mike Williams serve from the Snyder FFA while Jay Waller is from the Ira FFA.

Richard Smith will represent Hermleigh FFA while Greg Gruben serves as Scurry County 4-H advisor.

Some of the participants in this week's local show will be showing stock through March as they enter major shows in Fort Worth, El Paso, San Antonio, San Angelo and Houston.

The public is invited to all events at the annex and a snack bar is available.

Museum display will feature family violence

The battered and shattered lives of victims of family violence are spotlighted in an exhibit opening today at the Scurry County Museum.

Definitely a somber subject, Charlene Akers, museum director, said it is necessary to have exhibits such as this one in order to educate the community about domestic violence.

"That's the only way the cycle of abuse will be broken. If this exhibit helps one person, it will be worth it," said Akers.

The exhibit includes life-size, free-standing wooden silhouettes, representing 20 women and three children who have died as a result of family violence in a five-county area served by Gateway Family Services Inc.

Each of the red-painted forms has an engraving providing a brief synopsis of the person's death. These "silent witnesses" are also used as a visual aid for programs served by Gateway, the local shelter for victims of family violence. Gateway has helped the museum set up the exhibit.

The five counties include Scurry, Nolan, Mitchell, Fisher and Kent. Scurry County jail trustys cut out each silhouette.

A coffin, symbolic of those killed in domestic violence incidents, is also included in the exhibit. The display will include artwork such as poetry, paintings, painted T-shirts and collages, all made by people who have lived in the local shelter. Teddy bears made by victims will also be on display.

Dee Wilson, Gateway executive director, said the art projects were all created during "art release" sessions, which allows victims to express how they feel about domestic violence. Children also write stories about their teddy bears, and some put bandages on them, Wilson noted.

Chalk drawings from adult survivors of domestic violence who are in women's prisons will be also be included in the exhibit.

Wilson said they have been collecting the items in the exhibit for about a year. She said it will be a "real powerful exhibit" and it is appropriate for all ages.

The "Battered and Shatterd Lives Come Alive" exhibit will open Tuesday, will continue until Feb. 15. A reception will be held at the museum from 1-3 p.m. Sunday.

The items will also be available for display by local organizations, and towns in the counties Gateway serves will also be able to borrow exhibit items.

Man enters guilty plea

Rumaldo Martinez of Lubbock pleaded guilty Tuesday morning in 132nd District Court of breaking into the home of Scurry County resident Jerry Early last September.

The 34-year-old man's attorney, Jeanie Fuller of Colorado City, then requested that a jury be seated to assess his punishment.

A seven-man, five-woman jury was then seated.

District Attorney Dana Cooley began presenting her case Tuesday afternoon by making the jury aware of Martinez' previous criminal record, and then bringing Early to the witness stand.

Early said several items had been taken from his home, including a guitar, television and some guns.

Also testifying Tuesday was Snyder Police Chief Steve Warren.

Cooley had rested the state's case this morning, and the defense began presenting character witnesses. At mid-morning, Martinez' brother, Fort Hood soldier Rosendo Martinez, was on the stand.

Ashcroft is willing to compromise with foes

WASHINGTON (AP) — As Democrats conceded his likely confirmation as President-elect Bush's attorney general, John Ashcroft characterized himself Wednesday as a "commonsense conservative" willing to compromise with political foes.

Chastised about his comments while running for president in 1998 that "there are two things you find in the middle of the road: a moderate and a dead skunk," Ashcroft said it was a humorous effort to emphasize his conservatism.

"I expect our party generally to state pretty strong conservative views, and start negotiating with the idea that by the time you finish, we're going to have ... something people can generally support," he said.

Ashcroft recalled that when he led the National Association of State Attorneys General, "I understood I had to sacrifice some of my advocacy roles."

Ashcroft said he would follow that practice as attorney general.

While questioning Ashcroft about his past rhetoric, Democrats conceded they expect him to win Senate approval.

"You are likely to be confirmed, as we all know," Sen. Herb Kohl, D-Wis, said as the Senate Judiciary Committee held its second day of hearings on Ashcroft's nomination.

ON THE SCENE — Rookie firefighter Michael Alonzo (right) advances a hose line to fellow fireman Kyle Cox. Snyder Fire Department was dispatched to the 936 North Avenue N mobile home of Ronnie Rinehart at 8:37 a.m. Tuesday. The fire, which is under investigation, originated in a water heater closet, but it did not fully engulf the home. (SDN Staff Photo by Joyce May)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

"The feller on Deep Creek says, "An optimist thinks that this is the best possible time. A pessimist fears that this is true."

While nursing a cold right after Christmas, we found time to thumb through a little publication, "Famous Texas Folklorists and Their Stories."

Complied by Jim Gramon of Austin, the gems are from such folks as John Henry Faulk, Kinky Friedman, J. Frank Dobie and Liz Carpenter.

Here's just a few of the items that any real Texan would enjoy:

A Texan visits New York City and a resident there asks if Texas has anything as big as the Empire State Building. "Lady, we got outhouses bigger than that." To which the New Yorker replied, "Brother, you'll need them."

The same Yankee asks if there are any subways in the Lone Star State. "No ma'am, we haven't got any subways. The ground is too oily."Here's some great lyrics from Texan Tim Henderson, a songwriter.

"And on Sunday night the Texan drives his pickup truck to town. Drops his woman at the church and goes to drink a couple down. He's listenin' to the jukebox while his woman kneels and prays 'God forgive him for the Texan in his ways."

"And when I want to be, I have a certain superficial charm that lasts for about three minutes."

One Texan folklorist observes:

—In Texas, you have to be large and loud, even if you are an autistic midget. No, especially if you are an autistic midget.

—Commenting on Big Apple residents, "Texans don't have many folks like them in Texas, and we'd kinda like to keep it that way."

—Money can buy you a dog, but only love can make him wag this tail.

It contained a story about rotary well driller Kemp Morgan who drilled a well plumb to China.

At first, it started spewing out a mountain of white stuff that they quickly identified as rice. Then the well started sputtering, and they watched in amazement as the venture started spewing chop suey.

Another time, they brought in a well that produced nothing but Mexican blankets, and another time their well produced nothing but rubber.

In another venture, it is said that the driller struck a level of pure buttermilk, Going further, he came upon a pay of wonderful cornbread and fantastic turnip greens.

They had to give up their drilling operations because the whole roughneck crew got so fat they couldn't work any more.

Kemp was not a perfect driller. Every once in a while he would hit a dry hold at which he would just pull up the hole and sell it to farmers and ranchers as post holes for their fences.

With a Texan in the White House, we suspect there will be a lot more stories on folks who call the Lone Star State home.

ASK US

Q—Has a time line been set for Snyder ISD to hire a new football coach?

A—Tenatively, the item is set for the March board meeting.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 42 degrees; low, 30; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 30; .06 of an inch precipitation; total for 2001, .90 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy, 30% show chance, low upper 20s, NE wind 5-15 mph. Thursday, cloudy, 30% snow chance, high mid 30s, N wind 5-15 mph.

Colton Lane
Cloudy

Sunset: 6:07 a.m.
Sunrise: 7:43 p.m.
Of 16 days in 2001, the sun has shone 13 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Most stress is caused by people who overestimate the importance of their problems.

—Michael LeBouoef

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Chiquita may end up in bankruptcy

CINCINNATI (AP) — Chiquita Brands International Inc. hopes to negotiate an arrangement with bondholders that could culminate with the banana company filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection later this year.

Chiquita has $862 million in public debt. The company said it has stopped paying the debt, including $87 million worth of bond repayments due on March 28.

Steven G. Warshaw, president and chief operating officer, said Tuesday that Chiquita plans to set up meetings with bondholders in the coming months to try to work out an arrangement.

The financial restructuring would involve the parent company leaving its subsidiaries to keep doing business, he said.

"During the negotiating process, it's business as usual," Warshaw said. "That means explicitly that employees get paid, customers get their products, suppliers get paid and all obligations are honored."

Chiquita's stock opened at $2 per share Tuesday.

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TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Cash Five

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

5-7-11-30-32

Pick 3

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

3-7-9

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Midland home to number of notables

MIDLAND (AP) — This West Texas city of 100,000 is taking it in stride that its favorite son is headed for the highest office in the land.

After all, this city has been called home by two governors and a president. Before the week is done, another U.S. president and a first lady will be added to the list when President-elect Bush takes office.

"People tend to forget about Jeb," Midland Mayor Bobby Burns said of Bush's older brother, who is Florida's governor.

But Midlanders won't ever forget about his now more famous brother or father or a number of others who have risen from the West Texas oil patch.

"Midland has always been a town that is full of confidence," Burns said.

That confidence can partially be attributed to the city's soaring bank accounts during the oil booms, which eventually went bust. The booms, however, did leave a sizable percentage of the population two steps ahead of counterparts in the rest of the region.

"In Midland, the sky's the limit," Burns said. "George W. Bush has proven that even if you're from Midland, Texas, you can be the president of the United States, if you work hard, believe in what you say and remember your values."

Bush says in order to understand him, people must come to understand Midland.

Midway between Fort Worth and El Paso, Midland's economy has diversified some since the oil bust of the mid-1980s, but it is still the administrative center for the petroleum-producing region known as the Permian Basin. About 20 percent of America's oil and gas reserves are located here.

A billboard between Midland and Odessa, both of which have seen hard times over the past decade, reminds people that if they turn to God, their land will be healed and prosperity will come.

Sue Brannon, Midland County Republican chairwoman, says it is Bush's strong faith in God and Midlanders strong faith in Bush that has helped propel him to the nation's top office.

"George W. Bush is a very loyal person," she said. "He'll never forget where he came from or the people who helped get him there."

Midland is the place where Bush first met some of the friends who remain his closest advisers.

That's part of the reason he saw it as so important to thank the people of Midland before he heads to the White House, family friend and longtime Midland resident Joan Baskin said.

In late October, when the election polls were so close, more than 50 Midlanders headed to Michigan to tell those in the Great Lakes state of their hometown hero.

"Success has many parents and often when people become successful they don't tend to remember their earlier friends and their earlier mentors," Baskin said. "It's very touching to me that he does. By coming, he is saying that Midland is important to him."

Before becoming the hometown of the president-elect, Midland was most well known as the place where toddler Jessica McClure was saved after falling into an abandoned water well in 1987 and for the Midland Lee High Rebels, who won their third straight state football championship in December.

President George H.W. Bush may claim Houston as his home, but Midlanders claim him as one of their own, along with a number of other notables, including: businessman and politician Clayton Williams, who lost the 1992 Texas governor's election to Ann Richards after making a comment that rape should be enjoyed like the weather; actor Tommy Lee Jones, who was one of Al Gore's housemates at Yale; professional baseball players Mike Stanton, Mike Timlin and Randy Velarde; and Midland's Lee's Cedric Benson, who has verbally committed to attend the University of Texas.

Don Evans, a close Bush confidant, is expected to become yet another of Midland's famous. He will take over as head of the Commerce Department under Bush.

The two met in Midland when Bush moved back in the 1970s after attending Harvard Business School. Ever since, Evans has been a Bush loyalist, raising money for the president-elect during an unsuccessful run for Congress in 1978 and again in 1994 and 1998 during Bush's successful bids for the Texas governor's mansion.

"I considered him the luckiest man on earth when he owned the Texas Rangers and his father was president," Burns said. "That was two steps ahead of where he is now. I think we all had high expectations of him.

Moistened toilet paper may be next big break through

DALLAS (AP) — Seeking to wipe out potty discomfort, Kimberly-Clark Corp. is plunging into the market with a new product: moistened toilet paper on a roll.

The maker of Kleenex, Huggies and Kotex believes its latest creation could be the biggest advancement in toilet paper in a century — since someone thought to sell tissue on a roll.

The Irving-based company said Tuesday it plans to spend $40 million marketing Fresh Rollwipes under the Cottonelle brand name, one of its biggest product introductions ever. Company officials say annual sales could hit $150 million within a year and $500 million in six years.

"Using a moist product cleans and freshens better than dry toilet paper alone," said Peggy Nabbefeldt, a Kimberly-Clark marketing director. "They have to realize this should be a normal part of a universal task."

The product will be introduced in early summer in the Northeast and Southeast, the company said.

The advertising must also be, well, subtle.

"There's only so much people want to hear about with a product like this," Nabbefeldt added.

For several years, Kimberly-Clark has sold flushable moistened toilet paper that comes in a tub — similar to baby wipes, except the fibers break apart in water, like ordinary tissue. The rapid growth of the wet-paper market persuaded company officials to see if they could refine the product.

The company surveyed 2,000 consumers and found that 63 percent of them occasionally used something wet — often a baby wipe or regular toilet paper sprinkled with water — after going to the toilet. About a quarter did it daily.

On the Net: http://www.kimberly-clark.com

Berry's World

Date Book

Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2001

Today is the 17th day of 2001 and the 28th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1949, the first television sitcom, "The Goldbergs," debuted.

On this day in 1966, near Palomares, Spain, two U.S. warplanes collided, killing seven fliers. Four hydrogen bombs were on one of the planes. When three of the bombs fell to the earth, explosions caused massive radioactive contamination of hundreds of acres of farmland. The fourth bomb fell in the sea and was recovered 80 days later.

On this day in 1990, the Who, Simon and Garfunkel, the Four Tops, Hank Ballard, the Four Seasons, the Platters and the Kinks were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790), U.S. statesman-publisher-inventor; David Lloyd George (1863-1945), British prime minister; Mack Sennett (1884-1960), film producer; Al Capone (1899-1947), racketeer; Betty White (1924-), actress, is 77; Moira Shearer (1926-), ballerina, is 75; James Earl Jones (1931-), actor, is 70; Shari Lewis (1934-1998), puppeteer; Muhammad Ali (1942-), boxing great, is 59; Jim Carrey (1962-), actor, is 39.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1986, "Terrible" Tim Witherspoon won the World Boxing Association heavyweight championship by defeating Tony Tubbs in a 15-round bout.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "If passion drives you, let reason hold the reins." — Benjamin Franklin

TODAY'S MOON: Day after last quarter (Jan. 16).

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Couple: Adopted twins taken back, resold

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A California couple claims twin girls they adopted through the Internet were taken from them and sold to a British couple who whisked the children to England.

Richard and Vickie Allen say they adopted the 6-month-old girls in October through Tina Johnson, an Internet adoption broker.

Two months later, the children were taken back and given to a British couple who paid about $12,000 in adoption fees, double the sum paid by the American couple, according to The Sun, a British tabloid.

The FBI has launched a preliminary investigation of the case, according to Matthew McLaughlin, a bureau spokesman in Los Angeles.

Johnson could not be located for comment and her Web site appeared to have been taken offline.

British attorney Alan Kilshaw and his wife, Judith, 47, defended the adoption.

"We haven't done anything either immoral or unethical," Alan Kilshaw, 45, said Tuesday in northern Wales. "We have given two children, who would not have a home, a good home. There's a lot we can offer them. They are much better off with us than in America."

The Kilshaws denied paying for the babies, originally named Kiara and Keyara but renamed Belinda and Kimberley by the couple. Rather, they said the money they handed over was a fee for the broker, who runs an online business called Caring Heart Adoption from her home in San Diego.

The Sun reported that the Allens gave the twins to their birth mother — a St. Louis woman in her 20s — after she requested a final visit with them in California in December.

Instead, she and the Kilshaws took the infants to Arkansas, where the adoption was arranged, the newspaper said.

The Kilshaws said they did not know the twins had been promised to the Allens until they arrived in California and after they had paid the $12,000.

According to the Sun, Alan Kilshaw said on a British TV show that the mother "was adamant we were her first choice. She wanted the children to come with us to Britain."

The Allens, who also have a 2-year-old adopted son, maintain the Arkansas adoption was illegal because the birth mother had not been a resident of the state for 30 days, as is required.

"This case demonstrates why private adoption is illegal in Britain," said Felicity Collier, chief executive of British Agencies for Adoption and Fostering. "We often hear criticisms by prospective adopters about the checks which are carried out before adoptive parents are considered suitable and comparisons are made far too often with the ease with which people can adopt in the U.S."

The Allens, who took the twins into their San Bernardino home as the adoption was being finalized, say they are heartbroken.

"I feel like I've failed my wife and my family," Richard Allen told KNBC-TV in Los Angeles on Tuesday. "It's been like a death. But the last 24 hours have given us some hope about reuniting our family."

Kilshaw said he and his wife turned to America for adoption as a last resort after trying fertilization treatments and looking to other countries.

He said they did not try to adopt in Britain because they felt they would be turned down despite recent efforts to make the process easier in their native country.

The Kilshaws already have two boys of their own, ages 4 and 7, and an 18-year-old daughter from a previous relationship of Mrs. Kilshaw's. They are applying for British citizenship for the girls, who have six-month tourist visas.

Home Secretary Jack Straw, Britain's top law-enforcement official, said he was concerned about the circumstances that led to the girls entering Britain.

"It is illegal, completely illegal, in this country for people to buy and sell babies or children, and that is entirely as it should be, because it is frankly a revolting idea," Straw told Britain's Channel 4 News.

David H. Baum, president of the Academy of California Adoption Lawyers, noted that adoption facilitators, unlike adoption agencies, are not licensed by the state.

"What (facilitators) are offering to adoptive couples causes them to leave their good judgment at the door," Baum said.

Coffey steps down as chief of CNNfn

NEW YORK (AP) — CNNfn chief Shelby Coffey is stepping down as the cable network goes through a major shuffle that will cost hundreds of jobs, CNN executives said late Tuesday.

A replacement for Coffey was expected to be announced today along with a successor for Bob Furnad, the head of CNN's "Headline News," who retired on Friday.

Rumors of a big shakeup at CNN had been swirling for weeks. The network's ratings have been in a slump and CNNfn, its financial news operation, has been left far behind by NBC's CNBC.

CNN executives announced to their staff Tuesday that four business shows would be canceled: "Movers," "Your Money," "Entrepreneurs Only" and "Street Sweep." Other organizational changes were expected.

Coffey, a former editor of the Los Angeles Times, joined CNN in November 1999, a turbulent time for the network after the sudden departure of Lou Dobbs, CNN's top business news executive as well as the anchor of its highly rated show "Moneyline."

Coffey, who had been at ABC before joining CNN, is leaving to create a medical foundation with his wife, who is an emergency room physician. The group will introduce new medical techniques to developing countries.

The CNN job cuts, which are believed to number in the hundreds, are expected across the organization. Online jobs would be especially hard hit, but CNN executives played down rumors that CNNfn was due for a major jobs cutback.

The shakeup comes less than a week after CNN's parent company Time Warner Inc. completed its merger with online giant America Online Inc.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Young wife backed into corner by amorous old family friend

DEAR ABBY: I am 20 years old and happily married with one child. A longtime family friend has a huge crush on me. "Mr. Jones" is in his late 40s and is always buying me gifts — items of jewelry, etc. He keeps trying to persuade me to go to bed with him. He has even asked me to leave my husband, saying he would treat me better.

Abby, I'm scared to tell my husband. He is protective of me, and I'm afraid he'll kill Mr. Jones. I also am reluctant to ruin a longtime family friendship, but I'm tired of being scared to be around him alone — afraid he'll do something to me.

What should I do? Should I tell my husband? Should I confront Mr. Jones? Help! **— ON THE SPOT, SIDNEY, OHIO**

DEAR ON: Stop being passive and tell Mr. Jones in no uncertain terms that you're happy with the husband you've got, have no desire to "trade up," and his attentions are insulting. Return the jewelry and inform him that if he propositions you again, you will inform your husband and the rest of your family. Curtail the amount of time this intimidating "friend" can spend alone with you, and if it happens again, keep your word.

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DEAR ABBY: Although I'm a longtime reader, I've never felt compelled to write until I read the letter from "Bowled Over in California." It's the one from the prisoner who communicated with another prisoner by talking through the toilet bowl.

The letter disgusted me. I am a female deputy in a county jail in California (probably the same one in which the writer is incarcerated). We call that method of communication "toilet talking," and it goes on daily in our jail. If we catch inmates communicating that way, we give them a "major write-up," because it's a violation of the rules.

Yes, many an unsuspecting woman (or man) has "fallen in love" in this manner, but I'll bet you won't find a single couple who have met this way, married, and are still together. It is a scam used to get the new, weak and uninformed inmate to send mail or money. The overwhelming majority of these toilet talkers are already married or tied up with someone else. Oh, the lies and schemes we've heard.

If "Bowled" has a brain in her head, she will run away from this so-called relationship as fast as she can. Think about it: Would you want to strike up a relationship with a person who may be locked up for many months or years (or a lifetime)? Or would you rather marry a fine, upstanding citizen who will be by your side, especially in times of need?

Most of these guys are ex-cons or have been through the system many times. They know how to manipulate. When they get out of prison, poor "Bowled Over" gets used and abused and taken to the cleaners before she's dropped like a hot potato and finds herself alone, pregnant and hooked on drugs, with no place to go and no one to turn to.

Please forgive the length of this letter; I could go on and on. If even ONE new, unsuspecting inmate turns her life around because of my letter, then it has been worth my time and effort. **— DISGUSTED DEPUTY IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR DISGUSTED: Thank you for the warning. I hope that those who need it will heed it. A real prince would communicate FROM his throne, not THROUGH it.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, Jan. 18, 2001

Several splendid opportunities might be offered to you in the year ahead that could better your overall lifestyle. The ones authored by those who have been lucky for you will be the best.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You're not apt to be in the mood for playing one-upsmanship games today, so it stands to reason that it'd be wise for you to avoid those who always like to make a contest out of who's better at what. 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.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Some kind of domestic rumble that is still lingering about could ignite itself again today if you inadvertently pour fuel onto the smoldering ambers.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Anything that could alter conditions that were agreed upon in the past must be strictly avoided today. As time unfolds, instead of improving your position, it's likely to do otherwise.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Just because some time has passed concerning a financial situation that was tricky to begin with doesn't mean it is any less problematical now. Treat it with considerable care.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If faced with whether or not to take on others who want to participate in something new you're attempting today, you must consider whether they would be more of a liability than an asset.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Believing co-workers will automatically take care of an important issue that arises without directives from you today will lead to disappointment. No one is likely to do more than they have to.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Optimism should always be part of our daily lives, but it must be tempered with a strong dose of realism as well. There's a fine line today between wishful thinking and positive expectancy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Even though conditions in general look rather favorable today, things might not come out exactly as you anticipate, mainly because you'll leave too much up to luck.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It is extremely important that you guard your words carefully today, because there's a good chance that a detractor is waiting to blow out of proportion the slightest misspeak on your part.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Someone may attempt to convince you today that what you've acquired should be shared with him or her. Don't feel obligated to spit up anything you singularly earned.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Verbal agreements have their place, but when it comes to any legal negotiations today, make sure everything is signed, dated and properly witnessed. Save the handshakes and use the pen.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It might be wise today to discuss anything important with someone whose wisdom you respect. Your judgment regarding practical issues might not be up to par.

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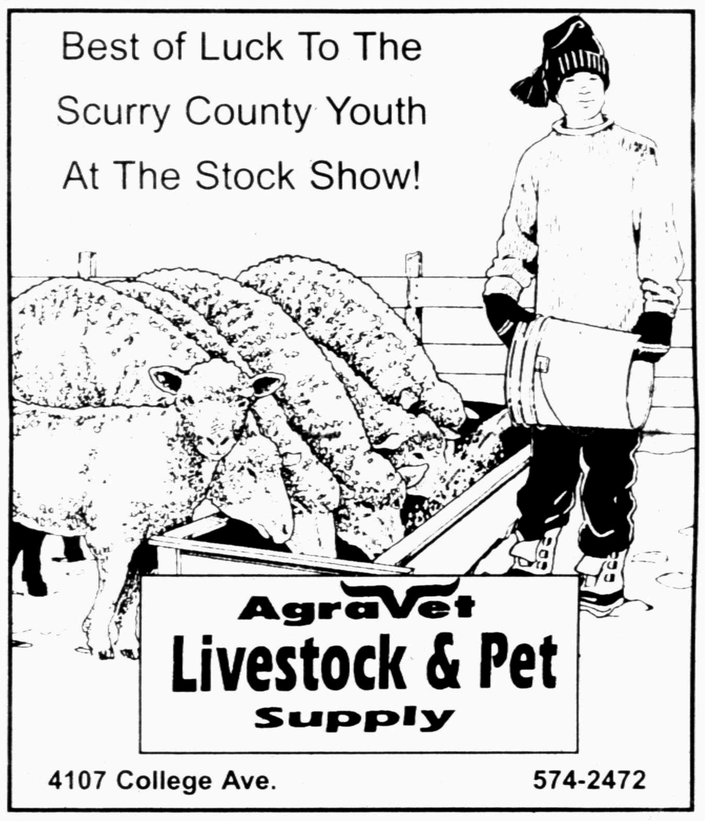

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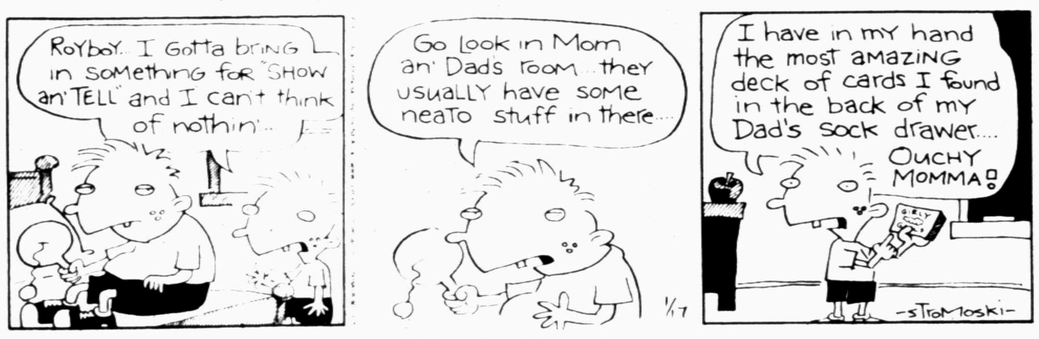

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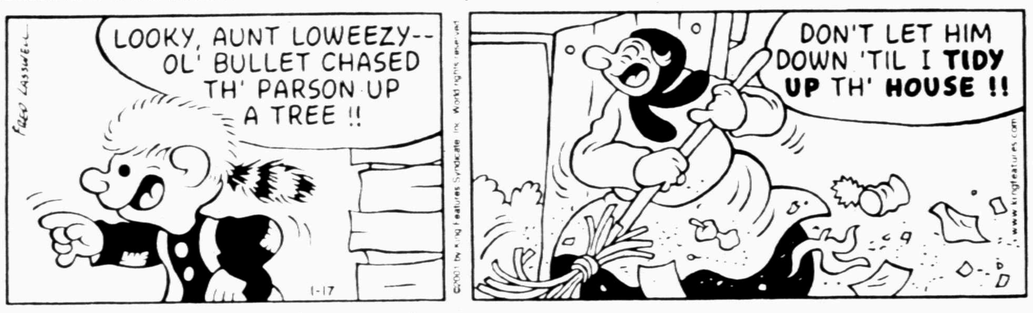

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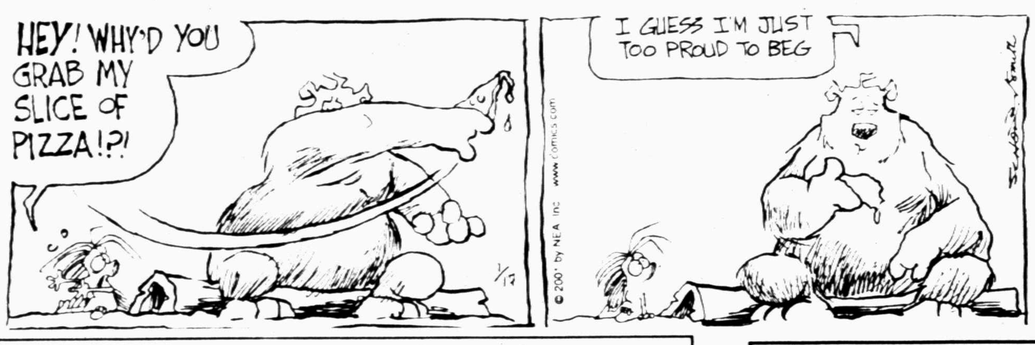

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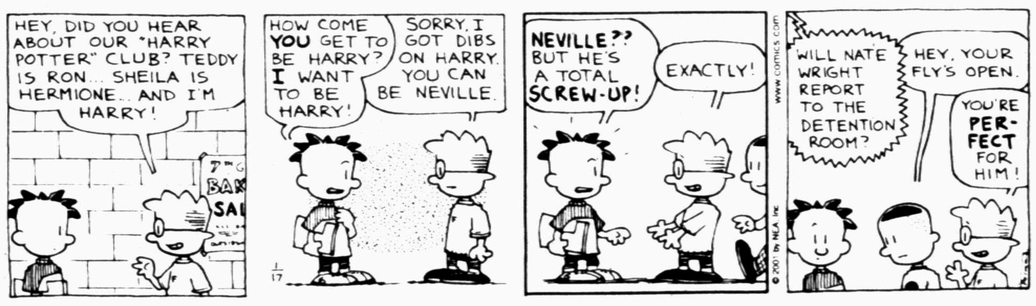

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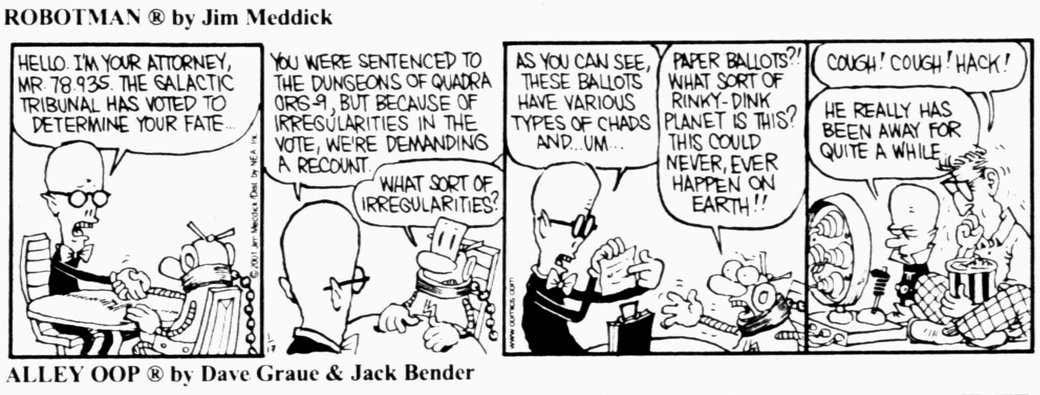

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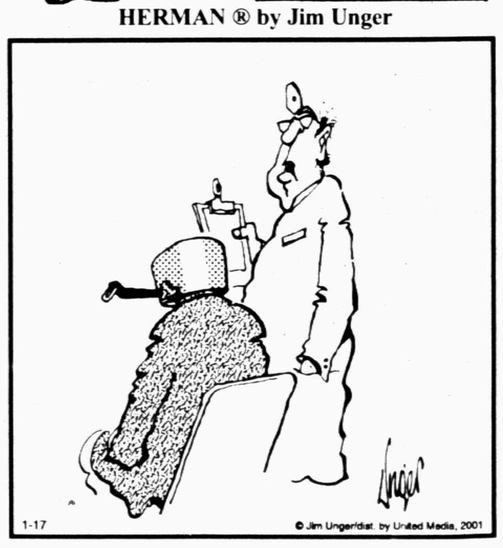

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1 Of medicine
7 Poetic foot
13 Long cigar
14 Sentence part
15 Tooth coating
16 Spring holiday
17 Ornamental pattern
18 Roman 2,100
20 Proofreader's word
21 Customary
23 Tennis pro Borg
27 Gushed forth suddenly
32 Turnpike vehicles
33 Actress Cynthia — of "Northern Exposure"
34 Clear soup
35 Stan's partner
36 Small opening in a door
39 Fixed shoes
40 — Lama
42 Flying saucers (abbr.)
46 Mother of Mlle.
47 Toboggan
51 Merciful
53 Mark Twain's specialty
55 Advantageous
56 Sedative
57 Because of this action
58 Curled (hair)

DOWN

1 Glazes
2 First-rate (2 wds.)
3 Streetcar
4 Italian city
5 "Opal" end
6 Soothes
7 Polar feature
8 Pie — — mode
9 Church service
10 — in (meddle)
11 Plaintiff
12 Spanish artist
19 Bernstein's realm (abbr.)
21 Barefoot
22 Actor Bela —
23 Baseballer Ruth
24 Courtroom panel
25 Sioux Indian
26 Author Philip —
28 Move, in real estate lingo
29 Like most cagers
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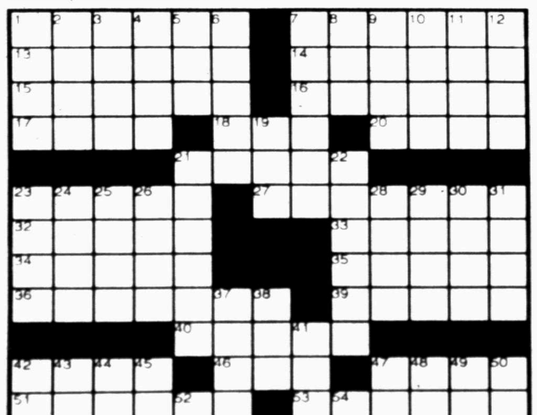

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SPORTS

Lady Tigers outlast Maidens

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO — With only eight players on their roster, the Snyder Lady Tigers must win games based on a team effort. But when it comes to point production, the Lady Tigers always look to Ashley Delce.

But with Delce hampered by fouls the majority of the game Tuesday night, someone else had to step up. That someone was T'Leah Eicke.

Eicke poured in a game-high 19 points, including two long-range buckets that put the Lady Tigers over the top, as Snyder held off the pesky Lake View Maidens, 48-39, in Tuesday's District 4-4A match-up at Babe Didrickson Gymnasium.

With the win, the Lady Tigers (17-5) keep hold of the second spot in the district standings at 6-2, while Lake View (8-16) falls to 0-8.

"We're beginning to see this more and more, where other kids are stepping up and delivering when we need them to," said Snyder coach Sam Tipton. "When it came time to win or lose in the fourth quarter, we found the open player, and Eicke delivered."

But the victory didn't come as easily as the first meeting, when Snyder rolled over the Maidens, 43-24.

Delce picked up her third foul only five minutes into the game, and was forced to sit for the remainder of the first half.

Clinging to a five-point halftime lead, the Lady Tigers changed to a zone defense in the third quarter to protect Delce from further foul trouble.

With Snyder in the zone, Lake View outscored Snyder, 10-6, in the third quarter and took its first lead of the night when Jennifer Hill scored 10 seconds into the fourth quarter.

After buckets from Snyder's Kristin Murray and Rina Geiger, and one from Lake View's Dashia McDonald, the Lady Tigers held a one-point lead with six minutes left on the clock.

On Snyder's next two possessions, Eicke gave Snyder the breathing room it needed. The senior guard drained back-to-back three-pointers to push Snyder's advantage to 39-32 with 5:25 remaining, and the Lady Tigers never looked back.

"All we were looking for was a chance to win it in the fourth quarter. That's why we went to the zone in the third quarter," said Tipton. "And once Lake View took the lead in the fourth, we looked like a whole different ball club from that point on."

The Lady Tigers were a perfect 6-for-6 from the floor in the final eight minutes, and went 5-of-7 from the line. Snyder stretched its lead to as many as 10 points in the final minute.

Eicke's 19 points came on a 5-for-8 shooting performance that included three buckets from behind the arc. Geiger finished with 10 points, and Delce added nine to go along with 10 rebounds.

Kristi Caples paced the Maidens with 18 points, 11 of them in the first half. Hill finished with 13 points and five rebounds.

The second quarter was crucial for the Lady Tigers, with Delce on the bench. Sophomore Afton Schwertner filled in with quality minutes, helping limit the Maidens' inside production and grabbing some key rebounds.

"We would have been in trouble without Afton in the first half," Tipton remarked. "She really did a great job for us, and with only eight players, that's what we need to win tight district ball games."

A three-pointer by Eicke, and two baskets by Murray, fueled the Lady Tigers' offense in the second quarter.

Next up, Snyder hosts a battle Friday with Levelland. The Lady Lobos are third in the district standings, only one game behind the Lady Tigers.

In Tuesday night's other district action, Estacado knocked off Big Spring, 58-48. Levelland downed Andrews, 48-29, and Plainview took care of Frenship, 84-37.

Snyder	12	11	06	19 —	48
Lake View	07	11	10	11 —	39

Snyder
Eicke 5-8 6-7 19, Geiger 4-8 2-2 10, Delce 4-8 1-2 9, Murray 3-9 0-0 6, Mackey 1-1 2-3 4. **Totals 17-34 11-14 48.**

Lake View
Caples 8-16 2-5 18, Hill 4-10 5-6 13, Leifeste 1-7 2-2 4, McDonald 2-3 0-0 4, Russell 0-1 0-0 0, Gould 0-2 0-0 0. **Totals 15-39 9-13 39.**

Three-point goals: Snyder 3 (Eicke 3), Lake View 0. Rebounds: Snyder 25 (Delce 10), Lake View 16 (Hill 5). Total fouls: Snyder 12, Lake View 18. Fouled out — Leifeste.

Trent uses early push to knock off Hermleigh

TRENT — Neither Hermleigh squad could get out of the blocks Tuesday night, and it went downhill from there.

The Hermleigh boys scored only 10 first-half points Tuesday in a 53-23 setback to Trent, while the Lady Cardinals trailed by 23 points in the first quarter of their 81-44 loss to the Lady Gorillas.

Both Hermleigh teams fall to 1-3 in district competition.

In the boys' match-up, the Cardinals couldn't find their rhythm on the offensive end.

Trent raced to a 19-3 advantage in the opening period, and held a 28-10 lead at the break.

Billy Lambaren paced the Cardinals' scoring effort with 12 points, while David Digby added six. Chris McClure posted three points, and Justin Williamson finished with two.

In girls' action, the Lady Gorillas dominated the first eight minutes of the contest, before Hermleigh settled down.

Trailing by 23 points, the Lady Cardinals picked up their defensive effort in the second quarter, but couldn't make up ground.

Hermleigh's largest output of the night came in the final frame when the Lady Cards registered 16 points.

Sheena Callaway's 24 points paced Hermleigh. Samantha Smith notched 11 points, and Sabrina Terry tallied nine.

Hermleigh will take Friday off, before returning to action Tuesday at Loraine.

Ira squads hold off late Grady charges

GRADY — Just like Friday's district loss to Westbrook, the Ira Bulldogs' meeting with Grady on Tuesday came down to free throws.

This time, the Bulldogs were up to the challenge.

Nathan Smith and Bryce Wilkins drained two charity tosses apiece in the final 30 seconds Tuesday night to preserve Ira's 44-41 district victory over Grady.

The Bulldogs improved to 3-1 in league competition, as did the Ira girls with a 51-44 win over the Lady Wildcats.

In the boys' match-up, Ira broke open a 10-10 tie with suffocating defense in the second quarter. The Bulldogs limited the Wildcats to only three points in the second period to build a 21-13 advantage by halftime.

"We played great defense all night long," said Ira coach Bubba Edwards. "In the second quarter, we didn't let them get any rhythm going at all. We communicated well on the floor, and Grady never got a good look at the basket in the second."

The Wildcats slowly whittled at the deficit, before having a chance to tie the game in the final half minute of play. Grady connected on two of three free throws with 30 seconds left on the clock to trim the margin to one point, but would get no closer.

A few seconds later, Smith went 2-for-2 from the line, followed by a missed shot by the Wildcats and two more free throws from Wilkins.

"We're playing a lot better right now than we were earlier in the season," Edwards stated. "We've improved in all areas. We're shooting better, playing better defense, and getting on the boards."

Smith finished with 12 points to pace the Bulldogs, while Eric Dickerhoff added 10, and Wilkins tallied eight.

Jess Wall posted six points. Jake Barnes registered four, and Todd Wall and Seth Sterling chipped in two apiece.

In girls' action, Ira used a third-quarter spurt to break open a tight contest.

After building a four-point advantage in the first half, the Lady Bulldogs put together a 13-3 run in the third quarter to extend the lead to 33-19.

Grady tried to rally with 25 points in the final frame, but couldn't overcome the large deficit.

Morgan Clements poured in 23 points to pace the Lady Bulldogs, while Celeigh Sterling drained 11.

Both Ira squads will take Friday off, before returning to action Tuesday at Sands.

Tigers turn up defense, turn away Chiefs

SAN ANGELO — Early on, it seemed as if it might not be Snyder's night. But as usual, the Tigers used their defense to quickly put that notion to rest.

Snyder held Lake View to only two points in the final five minutes of the first half Tuesday night, then poured it on in second half to pull away for a 67-39 victory in a District 4-4A contest at Babe Didrickson Gymnasium.

Coming off Friday's setback to Estacado, only their third district loss in the past three seasons, the Tigers (15-7) got back on the winning track Tuesday to remain in second place at 5-1. Lake View (10-14) falls to 2-4 in league play.

"We struggled in the first quarter, and Lake View was playing well," said Snyder coach Bud Birks. "But we kept our composure. Our guys know that everything starts on the defensive end, and we got after them in the second quarter. Once we started playing better defense, everything fell into place."

The Tigers managed to end the first quarter at a 10-10 deadlock, thanks to a pair of three-pointers from Heath Pinkerton.

Snyder built a five-point lead early in the second quarter, before the Chiefs trimmed the lead to only three at the 5:07 mark. But Jimmy Cortez' bucket would be Lake View's final field goal of the first half.

The Tigers closed out the half with an 11-2 run that was capped by another long-range bucket from Pinkerton to push the margin to 29-19.

Other than a two-minute stint in the third quarter, Lake View's shooting problems continued in the second half. The Chiefs shot only 29 percent on the night, compared to 54 percent for the Tigers.

The Chiefs' only run of the night came after Snyder had built a 35-17 advantage midway through the third quarter. Lake View hit seven straight points to cut the gap to 13, before Shante Taylor ended the run with a pair of free throws.

Snyder stretched the lead to 28 points early in the fourth, then held the margin down the stretch.

The Tigers received some good news prior to the contest. Senior point guard Jamaal Wofford, who missed Friday's game, was cleared to play. The senior finished with 10 points, including a three-pointer.

Pinkerton led all scorers with 22 points on a 9-of-12 effort from the floor. Taylor added 10 points to go along with 10 rebounds.

Tim Walker paced the Chiefs with 13 points.

Snyder	10	19	18	20 —	67
Lake View	10	07	10	12 —	39

Snyder
Pinkerton 9-12 1-2 22, Taylor 4-4 2-3 10, Wofford 3-8 3-3 10, Thornhill 2-4 0-2 4, McLeod 1-3 0-0 2, Landes 3-5 2-4 8, Pruitt 2-5 1-2 5, Mendoza 1-3 2-2 4, McGuire 0-0 2-2 2, Dorsett 0-2 0-0 0. **Totals 25-46 13-20 67.**

Lake View
Walker 5-9 2-2 13, Cortez 3-7 3-5 9, Abbott 4-7 0-0 8, Duran 1-12 2-4 4, Hallman 0-1 2-4 2, Pena 0-1 1-2 1, Dendle 0-1 1-2 1, Mason 0-2 1-3 1. **Totals 13-45 12-23 39.**

Three-point goals: Snyder 4 (Pinkerton 3, Wofford), Lake View 1 (Walker). Rebounds: Snyder 31 (Taylor 10), Lake View 23 (Walker 7). Total fouls: Snyder 24, Lake View 19. Fouled out — None.

Local Schedule

THURSDAY
Basketball
Snyder 7th and 8th grade girls at Big Spring tourney
Snyder 7th grade boys at Lubbock Slaton, 4:30 and 6 p.m.

FRIDAY
Basketball
Levelland at Snyder girls, varsity at 6 p.m., JV at 7:30
Levelland at Snyder boys, JV at 6 p.m., varsity at 7:30
Hermleigh, idle
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New Jersey	12	26	.316	16½
Washington	7	32	.179	22
Central Division				
Milwaukee	23	15	.605	—
Charlotte	23	17	.575	1
Toronto	19	19	.500	4
Cleveland	18	19	.486	4½
Indiana	18	21	.462	5½
Atlanta	14	23	.378	8½
Detroit	14	24	.368	9
Chicago	6	31	.162	16½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Utah	24	13	.649	—
San Antonio	23	13	.639	½
Dallas	24	16	.600	1½
Denver	22	16	.579	2½
Minnesota	21	18	.538	4
Houston	19	19	.500	5½
Vancouver	11	26	.297	13
Pacific Division				
Portland	29	11	.725	—
Sacramento	25	10	.714	1½
L.A. Lakers	25	12	.676	2½
Phoenix	22	13	.629	4½
Seattle	21	19	.525	8
L.A. Clippers	13	28	.317	16½
Golden State	11	26	.297	16½

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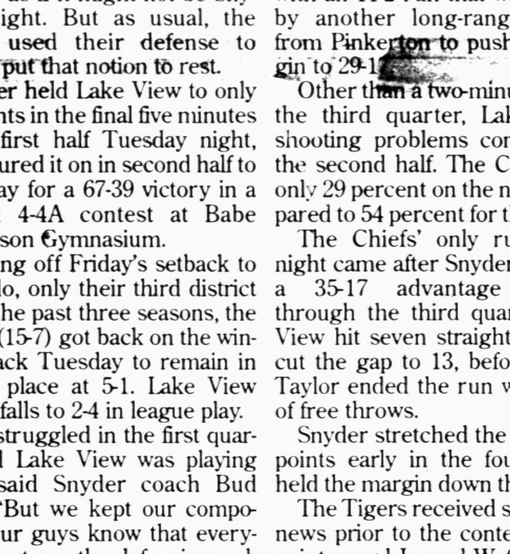

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McVeigh given May execution date

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — As the government set an execution date for Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh, survivors and relatives of those killed in the blast pondered what motivated McVeigh to drop his appeals.

Some speculate McVeigh wants to become a martyr for anti-government causes or wants to mock the government with a petition for clemency, knowing federal authorities haven't put anyone to death in nearly 40 years.

"I just feel like it's his way of controlling things right down to the very end," said Jeannine Gist, whose daughter died in the April 19, 1995, explosion.

The Federal Bureau of Prisons on Tuesday set a May 16 date for McVeigh to die by lethal injection.

McVeigh, 32, who is on death row at a federal prison in Terre Haute, Ind., has said he doesn't plan any more appeals and last week allowed a deadline for resuming that process to expire. However, he has reserved the right to seek executive clemency.

"That's something Mr. McVeigh has under consideration," said his attorney, Nathan Chambers.

McVeigh has 30 days to file a petition for clemency with the Justice Department, which would make a recommendation to the president.

George W. Bush, who will be inaugurated Saturday, is a firm death penalty supporter. During his nearly six-year tenure as Texas governor, 152 inmates were put to death; only once did he use his power to stop an execution.

"If there is any individual who deserves the ultimate punishment, it is Timothy McVeigh, who forfeited his life the moment he detonated that deadly cargo he had brought to downtown Oklahoma City," Gov. Frank Keating said.

McVeigh was convicted of murder and conspiracy for the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building that killed 168 people and injured hundreds of others.

Pastor candidates embrace rural life

MINOT, N.D. (AP) — When they got off the train here, many of the budding pastors from Dubuque, Iowa, had never worked the land, milked a cow or harvested grain.

That all changed over the past week with the "Rural Plunge," an immersion experience in country life that is part of a joint rural ministry class at Wartburg Theological Seminary and the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary.

This month's session was the second organized by the Presbyterian Church of the Northern Plains and the Western North Dakota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Last week, it scattered 16 seminary students, one professor and one assistant to farms and ranches from Minot to Ross to Tuttle to Rolla.

After arriving Jan. 10 in Minot, attending a brunch and an orientation, the students joined their host families. During the five days of their visit, each student lived with farm and ranch families and visited with implement dealers, bankers and grain dealers.

"I was absolutely amazed at the sense of community," said one seminary student, Susan Zerbe. She recalled one afternoon at a cafe where everyone celebrated the birthday of a 92-year-old man.

"Everybody signed a card, including me, and then he bought us all ice cream," she said.

The Rev. Allan Wagner, pastor of the Tuttle-Robinson parish, brought seminary student Carol Martin to her Rural Plunge experience near Tuttle.

Having lived in Montana and Wisconsin, Martin, 43, a mother of three and United Methodist pastor in training, was not a total stranger to rural life.

And by only her second day on the third-generation farm of Jack and Kathy Spah east of Tuttle, Martin already looked like she belonged.

Coveralls, down jacket and borrowed black rubber boots kept out the icy northwest wind as she trekked from the calf barn, lugging the white plastic pails of feed for the winter-shaggy Gelbvieh-Limousins lingering in the frozen corral, waiting for the sight of a person with a pail.

She tracked through the clean straw bedding, offered a feeding pail to a 3-month-old calf, helped with the morning milking and shook out arcs of drifting feed into the trough.

"People who have no rural background have absolutely no idea of what the life is like," Martin said.

Dolphin who survived shark attack dies

STONINGTON, Conn. (AP) — Stormy, a dolphin rescued after a shark attack in 1998, died Tuesday morning at the Mystic Aquarium.

The 5-year-old male dolphin became ill over the weekend and stopped eating, said Timothy Binder, the aquarium's director of zoological operations.

A necropsy performed Tuesday did not give any immediate indication of what killed Stormy.

Gaynelle Crofts, one of Stormy's trainers, had worked with him since he arrived at the aquarium two years ago. She stayed with him until 11:30 p.m. Monday when it appeared he was doing better. He died before she arrived at the aquarium Tuesday.

"It's a very big loss. He's been such a big part of our lives for a long time," she said. "So it's been a long day for us. We're trying to hold it together and put our focus on Misty. She's the one who needs us now."

Misty, a 24-year-female dolphin who shared the marine theater pool with Stormy, has shown no signs of illness, Binder said.

Stormy had been one of the aquarium's top attractions. He had survived the loss of his mother in a tropical storm and a shark attack that left him near death on a Port Aransas, Texas beach in 1998.

The tip of his dorsal fin has been ripped off and the shark's teeth had torn open his body cavity. Volunteers from the Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network spent several days holding him afloat in a pool so he could breathe.

Stormy had never totally recovered from his ordeal and battled a series of infections and an inflammatory bone disease at the base of his tail, Binder said.

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AOL TimeWrn	49 00	47 80	48 52	+ 1 82
AT&T Corp	24 50	23 75	24 44	+ 44
Albertsons	25 06	24 69	24 94	+ 19
Alltel	68 13	67 25	67 94	+ 31
AmEl Pw	41 44	40 13	40 50	— 19
AndarkPtr	62 65	61 10	61 53	—1 69
ATMOS Egy	25 50	25 00	25 00	
Aviall	5 69	5 50	5 50	
BP Amoco	50 63	50 06	50 44	+ 1 06
BakerHughes	42 56	41 06	41 56	—1 69
Bank of Amer	50 94	49 63	50 00	— 94
BellSouth	44 38	43 44	44 25	+ 19
Beth Steel	2 13	2 00	2 06	+ 06
BurlNoSFe	29 50	29 13	29 44	+ 19
Caterpillar	45 25	44 31	45 13	+ 44
Chevron	80 75	79 38	80 44	— 56
Citigroup s	54 94	53 38	54 31	— 38
Coastal	79 31	77 63	78 50	
CocaCola	58 69	57 06	58 13	+ 1 13
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Dillards Inc	15 69	15 19	15 63	+ 13
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DuPont	45 06	43 50	44 88	+ 13
EastmanChem	46 06	44 94	45 63	— 44
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EDS Corp	58 94	57 00	57 56	— 69
Entergy	35 13	34 19	34 75	+ 38
ExxonMobil	81 44	80 50	81 13	— 69
Flowers	16 00	15 75	15 75	— 06
GenDynam	69 19	67 69	68 06	— 30
GenElec s	48 50	47 63	47 94	+ 56
GenMills	41 69	41 31	41 38	— 63
GenMotors	56 44	54 75	54 88	— 88
GaPacGP	29 75	28 94	29 19	— 81
GlobalMar	27 75	26 94	27 13	—1 38
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JohnsonJn	94 13	92 63	92 75	—1 44
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Kroger Co	24 25	23 50	23 75	+ 31
Litton	79 00	78 81	78 94	
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Lowes Cos	49 44	48 88	49 25	— 21
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Quail Management Practices Should Begin Soon

Now is the time for landowners and land managers to begin planning their bobwhite quail management practices. Practices such as discing and spot grazing can stimulate the growth of forbs that quail and other wildlife species prefer as food. This is achieved by creating a soil disturbance, resulting in a backward swing of the plant succession process.

In addition to providing food in the form of seeds and greens, forb production is also advantageous by attracting insects that are very important in the diet of nesting hens and quail chicks. Quail chicks depend heavily upon insects as food during their first eight to ten weeks of life. Practices such as half-cutting can provide quality loafing cover for quail by increasing the cover value of mesquite.

Discing should be performed by mid-March prior to the beginning of the growing season. The soil disturbance caused by discing can stimulate the growth of forbs or "weeds" that are preferred food items for quail and other wildlife species. Disc in strips near existing woody cover such as a brushy field border or timbered creek. Using a tandem disc at a depth of three to six inches should work well. Different soil types will result in different forb response to discing.

Forbs such as annual sunflower and giant ragweed may be produced by discing on bottomland soils. Discing on upland soils may produce croton, partridge pea, western ragweed and broomweed. "Spot or flash grazing is another practice that can stimulate forb growth. This practice involves heavy, short duration grazing of small enclosure such as waste areas or traps. Forb growth is stimulated as a result of soil disturbance created by the hoof action of the grazing animals. "Spot" grazing should be completed and cattle removed by mid-March, prior to the growing season.

Half-cutting is best performed on smooth barked, multi-trunked mesquites. A "living brush pile" is created by cutting halfway through the top side of the outer trunks approximately 3 feet above the ground. The trunks or limbs should be pulled outward, away from the center, allowing the tops to lie on the ground forming a wagon wheel pattern. Half-cutting should be performed in late spring or early summer when the sap is flowing. Half-cut mesquites should be spaced approximately 75 yards apart.

Free technical assistance with your wildlife management efforts is available through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Private Land Enhancement Program. For technical assistance in the Snyder area, contact Jim Lionberger, wildlife biologist at 915-863-2755. For technical assistance in the Panhandle, contact Danny Swepston, district wildlife biologist at 806-655-3782, for the wildlife biologist in your area.

Markets

Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 857 head of cattle for the Saturday, Jan. 13, sale. Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers were firm. Slaughter cows too few to test. Bred cows and bulls were steady; pairs too few to test. Trading was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:
200-300: 137-148
300-400: 118-126
400-500: 109-118
500-600: 95-101
600-700: 89.50-91.50
Feeder heifers:
200-300: 112-120
300-400: 106-113
400-500: 96-105
500-600: 88.50-93
600-700: 87-87.50
700-800: 79-84
Replacement cows:
Young bred cows: 570-630
Aged cows: 475-570
Pairs: 700
Aged pairs: 560-650
Slaughter cows: Boners: 1000-1250 Lbs. 37-41.50
Lean: 1000-1200 Lbs. 36-39
Bone High Yielding: 1100-1350 Lbs. 32.50-37
Lean: 900-1200 Lbs. 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 730 head of cattle for the Thursday, Jan.11, sale. Cows were steady. Yearlings and calves were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows:
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 37-44
Canner and low cutters: 30-36
Slaughter bulls: 47-54
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 100-127.50
400-500: 100-120
500-600: 90-100
600-700: 85-95
700-800: 82-88
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 90-107
400-500: 88-102
500-600: 85-95
600-700: 84-90
700-800: 78-84
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 85-100
700-800: 78-83
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 575-900
Grade: 550-625
Springers: 350-900
Baby calves: 125-190
Doodlers: 175-250

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

Winter Honeysuckle

Winter Honeysuckle (Lonicera fragrantissima) is no newcomer to Texas gardens. It can be found growing in old cemeteries and home sites where few other ornamental plants survive.

The two most often used common names are winter honeysuckle and standing honeysuckle. Robert Fortune, the great plant explorer from Scotland, found winter honeysuckle in China and brought it to Europe in 1849. Soon thereafter, it appeared in American gardens.

The flowers are small and creamy white. They appear during midwinter and, although not outstanding in appearance, are highly fragrant. Foliage is rounded and bluish-green in color.

In all but far South Texas, winter honeysuckle, is deciduous, and the flowers occur on bare branches. It is unusually well adapted, and can be found in far North as well as South Texas.

Any good garden soil is sufficient, with quality plants being found in either moderately alkaline or acid soils.

Maximum height is about 8 feet with an arching form to the branches. Red fruit in spring will often follow the winter flowers. Landscape uses include background plants, specimens, or hedges. Winter Honeysuckle is a very cold and drought tolerant specimen. Propagation is from seed, cutting, or diversion of older clumps.

Availability on a national scale is fairly good. Winter honeysuckle is often sold as a packaged deciduous shrub during winter. Although not a spectacular plant, the form is nice. Its winter flower and fragrance are welcome, and its hardy character is a real asset. Early Texans often placed a plant near a gate to the garden so the fragrance and flowers could be enjoyed. Stems are also nice to cut and bring into the home. Like many of the plants popular in the last century, it is enjoying a renewal of popularity. Few plants will thrive in Texas gardens with less attention.

Red Cross bans some blood donors

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — As a precaution against mad cow disease, the American Red Cross intends to ban blood donations from people who have lived anywhere in Western Europe since 1980, USA Today said Wednesday.

The Red Cross also plans to urge a federal panel to make the restriction apply to all blood collection agencies this week.

"This will have a serious impact," Bernadine Healy, president of the Red Cross, told the newspaper. She estimated a loss of 6 percent of current donors, or 360,000 people.

The American Red Cross collects about 6.5 million units of blood annually, about half of the nation's medical blood supply.

Fear over mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy, arose in the mid-1990s when Britain discovered a new version of the human Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease apparently was caused by eating infected beef. About 80 people have died of the new Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease in Britain since then, and now France, Germany and other European countries are grappling with infected livestock.

Some scientists believe the disease is transmitted by blood contact. Last year, the United States restricted blood donations from people who had lived in Britain for at least six months since 1980.

Some experts believe the Red Cross is taking the wrong approach with the latest ban.

Dairy state trying out 'pharming'

By The Associated State

Vienna Farms isn't the typical Wisconsin dairy farm.

A full-time veterinarian keeps careful watch over a herd housed in climate-controlled barns. Delivery trucks are hosed down with disinfectant. And farm workers wear colored overalls to designate their level of biosecurity clearance.

The cows at this DeForest facility look, feel and smell just like any other herd in America's Dairyland.

"You would never in a million years be able to tell the difference," said Mark Clarke, the farm's operations manager.

But under a scientist's microscope, they are fundamentally different. The cows at Vienna Farms and two other farms like it in Wisconsin are raised from genetically altered embryos to produce milk with human proteins.

The milk, rather than being bottled or used for making cheese, could be sold to pharmaceutical companies to help make lifesaving medicines.

Wisconsin is at the forefront as a testing ground for the merging of two fields — dairy farming and biotechnical research.

Reporting program is behind

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Stalled by meatpacker questions and software testing, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's long-awaited mandatory livestock reporting program will not make its Jan. 30 debut, an agency official said.

"We are not ready yet," said Jerry Alexander, officer in charge of the USDA's Mandatory Reporting office in St. Joseph, Mo., where all the nation's live cattle and sheep prices are being compiled and reported.

Also not ready to begin its mandatory reporting program is the USDA's office in Des Moines, Iowa, where the nation's prices for hogs and boxed beef are being put together, he said.

The program requires the nation's meatpackers to report the prices they pay for livestock. The agriculture department then collects and publishes the data.

Congress included the reporting program last year when it passed its bailout measure to address concerns that large packing plants were taking over an increasing share of the market.

The published rule carried a 60-day implementation period ending Jan. 30.

Alexander said that date was not a deadline but was the earliest date which the agency could begin its price reporting program.

However, he said it could be weeks — or longer — before USDA can start it.

"Nobody intends us to keep dragging our feet and waiting, but I am not aware of a mandatory maximum date," Alexander said.

The delay is because packing plants have a lot of questions concerning how to report prices.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Quake's death toll mounts

ARMENIA, El Salvador (AP) — Although 682 people had already lost their lives to this weekend's earthquake, it was the 683rd death that brought the sense of tragedy home to the shocked people of El Salvador.

Sergio Moreno, a 22-year-old musician who was pulled alive from the rubble after spending 31 hours entombed under cinderblocks and dirt, died late Tuesday at a hospital.

His near-miraculous rescue had captured Salvadorans, providing a ray of hope amid the despair. After calling for help from beneath the rubble with a cellular phone, rescuers worked more than two days to free him. But his heart and kidneys failed shortly after he was rescued. Doctors revived him and later amputated his legs, but were unable to save him.

Local television stations broke away from regular programming to report his death.

Even as signs emerged that everyday life was returning after the earthquake — lines snaked around the block at newly reopened banks in the capital — the isolated countryside largely stood still in hunger and mourning.

In Las Colinas, a neighborhood near San Salvador that was buried by a landslide, a few crews looked for bodies on Wednesday morning. But they worked more slowly, the sense of urgency gone with the hope of finding survivors.

Meanwhile, a magnitude-5 earthquake rattled nearby Nicaragua at about 1 a.m. Wednesday, sending residents of the capital, Managua, running into the streets. The quake cracked walls and shook buildings slightly, but no deaths or injuries were reported.

The death toll stood at 683 in El Salvador and six more in neighboring Guatemala. More than 2,500 people were injured and nearly 45,000 others were evacuated.

In many places, authorities were overwhelmed by the sheer number of bodies. Many were buried in a long pit at the municipal cemetery in Santa Tecla, the town where Las Colinas is located.

Powell cautious about peacekeepers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State nominee Colin Powell pledged at his Senate confirmation hearing Wednesday that the Bush administration stands ready to help "every country that has a desire to be free."

Introduced by Sen. John Warner, R-Va., as a "a role model for generations of Americans," Powell faced easy approval to become America's first black secretary of state.

In a prepared opening statement, Powell struck a cautious stance on the U.S. peacekeeping operations in the Balkans, saying the vulnerability of troops must be considered when they are deployed, whether for peace operations or potential conflict.

He said the Bush administration would take a close look at U.S. commitments in the region "with the hope of reducing our troop levels there over time and in consultation with our allies."

On another key front, North Korea, Powell said the new administration is aware of the work done by the Clinton administration in talks with Pyongyang. "We are open to a continued process of engagement with the North, so long as it addresses political, economic and security concerns," he said.

He said the United States faced a challenge in China "to do what we can that is constructive, that is helpful and that is in our interests." He pledged to work with Japan, South Korea, Australia and other allies in the region.

"We have the strength to take risks for peace," he said. "We must help the world that wants to be free."

Powell, a former national security adviser and chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, took on folk-hero status when he led U.S. troops against Iraq in the Persian Gulf War.

Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., said that in choosing Powell, President-elect Bush "hit a home run. ... I can imagine no better qualified person to serve as the first U.S. secretary of state in the 21st century."

Sen. Joseph R. Biden, D-Del., too, raved about the nominee's qualifications.

Clinton will have to watch for return of skin cancer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton will have to do two things in his first six months as an ex-president: Take extra precautions in the sun, and see his dermatologist.

A growth removed from Clinton's back last week turned out to be basal cell skin cancer, a most common and highly treatable form of cancer that strikes thousands of people a year.

Dr. Martin Weinstock, chairman of the American Cancer Society's skin cancer advisory group, said although Clinton probably will have no further problems in the area where the lesion was removed, he still is at greater risk of a recurrence.

"That one basal cell carcinoma that you're diagnosed with is a sign that you're the type of person who is vulnerable to these things," Weinstock said. He suggested that Clinton adhere to what he called the "slip, slop, slap" philosophy of prevention — as in slip on a shirt, slop on sunscreen, and slap a hat on his head — and be on the lookout for sores that could indicate some other form of skin cancer.

"It's prudent for him to protect himself from sun exposure at this point," Weinstock said. "The most important thing he could do is be vigilant for warning signs of new lesions that could be cancer. He is at increased risk not only of another basal cell carcinoma but of other skin cancers as well."

Clinton will have a follow-up visit with a dermatologist in six months. If he has not developed new lesions, he can have annual follow-ups.

Doctors at Bethesda Naval Hospital found the flat lesion during a routine physical Jan. 12. They removed it, and, as a precaution, they treated skin around it in a procedure known as "scraping and burning."

Clinton has had skin growths before. A precancerous lesion was removed from his nose in 1996, and a benign cyst was taken from his chest a year later.

This new lesion marked the first time that skin cancer was suspected, Dr. David Corbett, retired chairman of the naval hospital's dermatology department, said last week.

Pathology results confirmed basal cell carcinoma, a slow-growing cancer usually confined to the surface of the skin. Thus doctors almost always can remove it with a shallow incision, as was the case with Clinton's lesion.

"So while the president, I guess it could be said, had skin cancer, that has been removed and he no longer has it," said White House spokesman Jake Siewert.

Clinton does have an increased risk of recurrence because of his fair skin and years of exposure to the sun, Siewert said. But, he said, pathologists feel the possibility of a recurrence remains low.

Sun-caused tumors usually begin as small, waxlike nodules on the skin, sometimes looking like pearly white scars. They also can form scabs that alternately bleed and heal.

Besides the skin cancer and a slightly elevated cholesterol level, doctors pronounced Clinton in good health as he prepares to leave the White House.

Obituaries

Mary Denton

1915-2001

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — Mary Woellert Denton of San Francisco, former Scurry County resident and sister of Henry Woellert of Snyder, died Saturday, Jan. 13, in the San Francisco General Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Graveside service for Mrs. Denton, 85, will be held Thursday in San Francisco.

Mrs. Denton, born Oct. 9, 1915 in Scurry County, attended Dermott School in the 1920s. She had lived in San Francisco for more than 60 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, M.A. Denton, and a son, Douglas Denton.

Survivors also include two daughters and sons-in-law, Marylyn and Jim McCain of Fallon, Nev., and Leola and Mike Montana of Philo, Calif.

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Extra confinement for sex predators okayed by court

WASHINGTON (AP) — Keeping sexually violent predators confined after their prison terms expire does not automatically violate their constitutional rights, the Supreme Court ruled Wednesday.

A state's failure to provide treatment required by law does not turn a lawful sex-predator's confinement into unlawful punishment, said the 8-1 ruling in the case of a six-time rapist in Washington state.

Instead, the justices said sex predators can take other action, such as filing a civil-rights lawsuit, to try to force a state to provide proper treatment or otherwise improve conditions.

The high court held that such prisoners cannot win their release by merely by challenging the conditions of their confinement. Instead, the justices said that sexual predators can take other action try to force a state to provide proper treatment or otherwise improve conditions.

The case is a followup to the justices' 1997 ruling in a Kansas case that allowed states to keep sexually violent predators locked up even after they have finished serving their prison terms. Such confinement, intended to protect society, is not punitive and therefore does not amount to double punishment for the same crime, that 5-4 ruling said.

Washington state's sex-predator law served as a model for the Kansas statute upheld by the Supreme Court.

Andre Brigham Young, who was convicted of six rapes over a 31-year period, challenged his confinement under the law, saying he should get a chance to show that he was being subjected to unconstitutional double punishment.

In 1990, shortly before Young was to complete a prison term for the last of his convictions, state officials began proceedings that resulted in him being confined indefinitely as a sexually violent predator.

Young sued the state in 1994, saying he was being denied the treatment required under state law and therefore his confinement amounted to punishment.

Stolen rings valued at $2,000; felony report submitted

• ***Theft***

At 10:49 a.m. Tuesday, Liffin Molter requested an officer at East Side Church of Christ's Joy School in reference to her rings, valued at $2,000, being stolen. Moulter is a teacher at the school.

An offense report for state jail felony theft was filed.

• ***Criminal mischief***

Frank Wilson contacted a deputy at 11 a.m. Tuesday to report damage to his trailer parked at the Lake Thomas trailer park.

• ***Close patrol***

A representative for Rip Griffin's requested a close patrol of the business in reference to people parking in the fire lane and unauthorized people parking in spots marked for the disabled.

Store personnel requested that anyone caught doing so be issued a citation.

• ***Arrests***

A report of a noise disturbance in the 4400 block of Avenue U at 11:50 p.m. led to the arrest of two minors for consuming alcohol. A 19-year-old male and a 20-year-old male were arrested. The 20-year-old was also charged with failing to identify himself to a police officer.

• ***Accident***

A two-vehicle mishap occurred at 8:37 a.m. Tuesday in the 2900 block of Avenue E. Involved were a 1991 Geo Storm driven by Luz Quiros, 48, of 200 26th Street and a 1995 Chevrolet Tahoe driven by Daniel Salazar, 42, of 3608 38th Street in Lubbock.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Jan. 16-Doris Comer, Ladean Rhodes, Leona Smallwood and Weldon Cooley.

DISMISSALS: Stephanie Crisp, Lisa Garcia, Gerrel Bigham and Elbert Hill.

CENSUS: 41 (Med./Surg.-16, Long-term Care-23 and ICU-2)

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ONGOINGS

West reading night

West Elementary's family reading night is held every Thursday from 6-7:30 p.m. New sessions have been added. Refreshments and child care will be provided.

Deep Creek Cloggers

Deep Creek Cloggers will offer clogging lessons for beginners at 7 p.m. Thursday at the American Legion building, 1800 Ave. R. Call 573-0807 or 573-3315 for more information.

FBC worship service

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

Defensive driving class

A 55/Alive defensive driving class will be held Thursday and Friday at the Senior Center in Snyder. Cost of the two-day course, four hours each day, is $10. Classes each day begin at 8:30 a.m. To pre-register, call 573-4035. Completion of the course results in a reduction of auto insurance premiums by most companies.

GED testing dates

Testing dates this month for GED (high school equivalency) are Friday and also Friday, Jan. 26. For more information call Molly Kattes, 573-2919, or Emily Hataway, at home at 574-2112, or 573-8511, ext. 297 at WTC between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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

Married for Life outreach

Outreach night for the Married for Life seminar will be held at 7 p.m. Monday in the Word is Life Deliverance Church, 312 Coliseum Drive. Groups will be forming soon. For information, call 573-7471.

Ira school photos

Spring portraits and friendship pictures will be taken at the Ira schools on next Wednesday. Each student will be photographed, as will each class group. Sitting fee cost for the friendship pictures is $2 per person.

Ira annual deadline

Thursday, Jan. 25, is the last day to purchase a 2001 Ira Bulldog yearbook with your name on the cover. Cost is $26. Price without name is $22.

Life Changing Power

The Potter's House Christian Fellowship Church will sponsor a "Life Changing Power" revival at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Jan. 25-26, at Central Elementary, 2700 Ave. K. Daniel Gutierrez will be the evangelist. Call 573-0510 for more information.

'Music Man'

Snyder High School's Fine Arts Department will present "The Music Man" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, through Jan. 27 and at 2 p.m. on Jan. 28. Adult tickets are $6, student tickets are $5 and reserve seat tickets are $8. Directors are Ronda Haire, choir director, and Brad Vincent, drama director.

Girl Scout cookie sale

Girl Scouts are taking cookie orders until Sunday, Jan. 28, for February deliveries. Anyone not contacted by a Girl Scout who wishes to order cookies may call Carla at 574-8004 or Peggy at 573-6725.

Chili supper

Ira Baptist Church will sponsor a chili supper Saturday, Jan. 27, to raise funds for the GA and RA programs. The meal will be served from 5-7:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Cost is $5 for adults, tickets for children under 12 are $3.50 and a family can eat for $20.

Ex-resident on 'Nick News'

Julie Zeck Smithey, former Snyder resident, and her fifth grade class in Adriana, Mich., will be featured on "Nick News," which airs at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, on Nickelodeon. Smithey's students wrote letters explaining what they thought should be done with the Kennewick Man, a 9,000- year-old skeleton unearthed four years ago in Washington State.

Credit union annual meeting

The annual membership meeting of the Scurry County School Federal Credit Union will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 29, in the SHS cafeteria.

Vocational nurse program testing

The next testing dates for the March vocational nursing class at WTC are 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, and 9 a.m. Friday, Feb. 9. To schedule an appointment, call 573-8511, ext. 313.

Medical fund

A medical fund has been established at West Texas State Bank to detray medical expenses of Christa Lane Arnold who was born four months premature to Ruby and Larry Arnold. The baby is in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock with medicine expenses alone totaling over $900 per day. The account number at the bank is 3113906-01. Arnold is a DJ at KSNY.

1981 class reunion

The SHS class of 1981 reunion committee is seeking current addresses of class members for a reunion scheduled June 29-30. Submit names, addresses and e-mail addresses at shsclassof81@hotmail.com, or by calling Beth Bowen (573-2670), or Charlotte Clifton (573-2430).

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.

JAN 17 2001

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 01-17-01
♠ K 9 8
♥ 10 9 8 7 6 5
♦ 7 5
♣ J 9

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

East
♠ Q J 10 2
♥ —
♦ A K Q 10 9 6 4 2
♣ K

South
♠ 6 5
♥ Q 4
♦ —
♣ A Q 10 8 7 6 4 3 2

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♦
3 ♣	3 ♦	Pass	4 ♣
5 ♣	Pass	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	6 ♦	Pass	Pass
7 ♣	Dbl	All pass	

Opening lead: ♥ A

Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2001

Still infamous after all these years

By Phillip Alder

In New Plymouth, I stayed with Judy O'Neill. She became well-known in New Zealand bridge following this deal at the annual congress in 1999.

O'Neill was South, competing against top New Zealand youngsters Ashley Bach (East) and Ishmael Del'Monte. Most players would leap straight to five clubs with her hand, but she decided to take things slowly to try to judge what to do later in the auction.

Four clubs was a control-bid (cue-bid), showing interest in a diamond slam. (Normally, this would guarantee a first-round control — the ace or a void — but Bach had no better action available.) Holding the spade ace and heart ace-king, Del'Monte was happy to bid the slam. Trusting her opponents, O'Neill sacrificed in seven clubs. She was doubled and went three down for a loss of 800.

At the other table, West opened one spade, showing four-plus spades with perhaps a longer suit on the side. (They like this type of thing Down Under.) East's two-club response announced any hand worth a game-force or more. After South bid five clubs, East jumped to six spades. South doubled, asking for an unusual lead. Understandably, as East had never bid diamonds, North led a heart, so East's club king disappeared, and the doubled slam rolled home for plus 1660.

The New Zealand Congress is highly recommended. Everyone is there not just to play bridge (which always feels like the case at an American Nationals), but also to have a fun time. It is held in mid-July (midwinter), but the warmth of the welcome will soften the blow from the chilly weather.

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In the early morning hours of April 15, 1912, the Titanic, a luxury liner on its maiden voyage, sank in the North Atlantic off Newfoundland less than three hours after striking an iceberg. Some 1,500 of the more than 2,200 people aboard died in the disaster.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

An uncommfortable place for acne

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 29-year-old woman with acne on my buttocks. I bathe daily, but the skin infection persists. I'm too embarrassed to see a dermatologist. Is there an over-the-counter remedy that I might try?

DEAR READER: Acne on the buttocks is unusual. When it occurs, it is probably because this area is usually covered and the skin tends to be moist — a combination that encourages bacterial growth. As a start, try an anti-bacterial bath soap, such as Dial or Lever 2000. Also, non-prescription topical remedies for acne elsewhere on the body can often help patients with infected buttocks.

Because you are understandably distressed about your skin condition, I urge you to put your embarrassment on hold and ask a dermatologist for some practical advice. For example, the prescription antibiotic tetracycline might clear up your problem in a few days, making you wonder why you took so long in getting help.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Last month, after a 12-hour fast, my cholesterol level was 165. Last week, in a screening program at work, my cholesterol (after breakfast) was 240 by a finger stick. I am shocked, but my doctor assures me that the 240 is incorrect because I was not fasting. Do you agree that the non-fasting finger stick cholesterol level is misleading?

DEAR READER: Yes, I do. You will obtain a much more accurate serum cholesterol reading from blood taken from a vein after you have fasted for at least eight hours. Sometimes, cholesterol is measured from a drop of blood obtained during a finger stick, but this test is not as reliable as the standard one is.

When you eat, constituents of the food — notably sugar and fats — enter your blood stream. Therefore, a blood analysis obtained shortly after a meal will give a reading that unfairly represents what you ate, not what your true cholesterol level may be.

After a period of fasting, these components have been metabolized and the cholesterol reading becomes a more reliable indicator of your true level. The 240 figure was probably a correct measurement of your blood cholesterol at that time but, for the purposes of comparison and valid analysis, you will fare better having future determinations obtained after fasting.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have been scheduled for routine colonoscopy. However, I may refuse to have it done because I'm afraid that in the process of having the tube introduced into my rectum, I'll get AIDS.

DEAR READER: Your fears are groundless. Experts believe that anal intercourse can spread AIDS because the virus may enter the body through tiny tears and minute abrasions that are commonly produced by this sexual activity.

The risk of AIDS from a properly performed colonoscopy, where a flexible fiberoptic tube is used to examine the lining of the colon, is negligible. The examination — although quite uncomfortable (hence, the need for sedation) — is so gentle that it does not cause an abrasion or break in the skin. Furthermore, the instrument is thoroughly cleaned and sanitized between uses.

Routine colon exams are important for all men and women over the age of 50. The tests enable physicians to identify and remove polyps from the bowel lining. Benign, harmless polyps — tiny outgrowths of tissue from the intestinal lining can, over years, sometimes become pre-malignant. During a colon study, these potential problem areas can be painlessly removed to prevent future difficulties. Colon cancer itself is, therefore, preventable in this day and age. Follow your doctor's recommendation.

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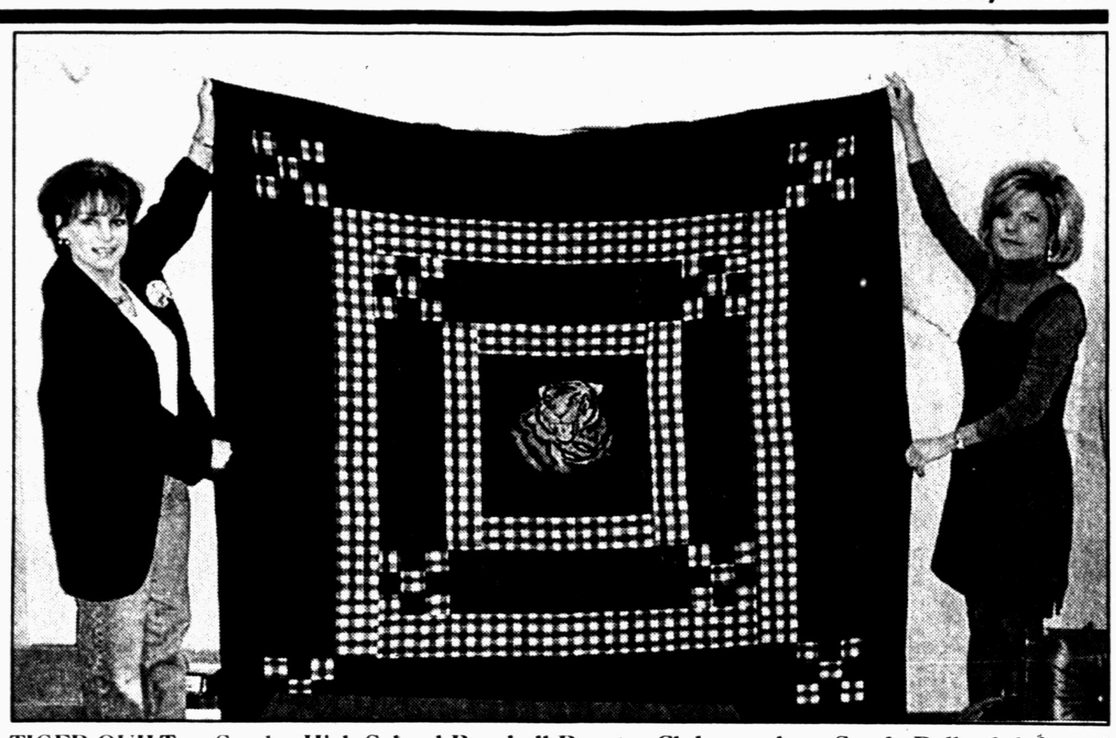

TIGER QUILT — Snyder High School Baseball Booster Club members Sandy Pollard, left, and Carla Nunley display a black and gold Snyder Tiger quilt. Tickets for donations to win the handmade quilt by Pollard are $2 each or three tickets for $5. Proceeds will help sponsor the Snyder Tiger baseball teams. Tickets will be available the Hair Station and several other businesses, or by calling Pollard at 573-1686 or Nunley at 573-7134. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Bankruptcy judge approves Legend's $20 million financing

DALLAS (AP) — Grounded Legend Airlines Inc. said Tuesday it would soon return to the air after a federal judge allowed it to tap $20 million from investors who stepped forward after the carrier filed for bankruptcy.

The Dallas-based airline did not set a date for resuming limited service — a target of mid-January won't be met, a spokeswoman said.

A lawyer for the lenders said the money would be available Monday.

The company shut down in early December, citing higher-than-expected fuel costs and an expensive legal battle with American Airlines and the city of Fort Worth.

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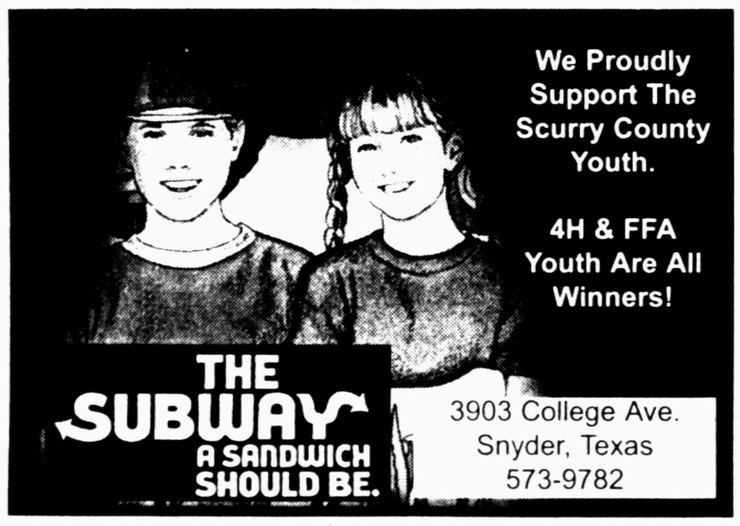
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