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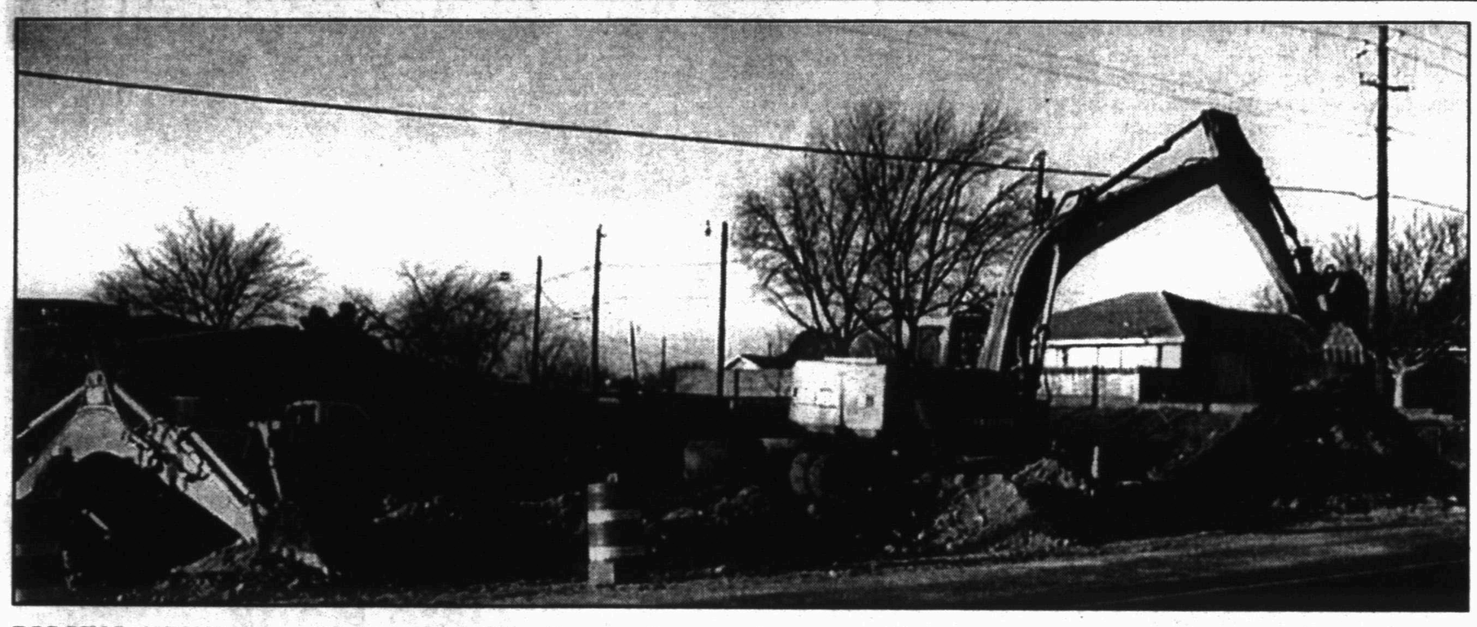
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Home Of Clarence & Mary Wright



DIGGING A BY-PASS — Workers with Allen Doggett Construction are working on by-passing a sewer line under 37th Street and to the east. Work activity is picking up along the street in preparation for the Texas Department of Transportation's widening project. The project is scheduled to be let in March and construction should begin around May 1. (SDN Staff Photo)

Big Country Electric Co-Op sets board election for April

Following the election in April, the number of directors on the Big Country Electric Cooperative board will downsized from 16 to 14.

This is the first step in reducing the board from 16 members to nine, as result of the consolidation of Midwest Electric Cooperative and Stamford Electric Cooperative in 1998.

"The plan is to reduce the board over a three-year period from 16 directors to nine directors," General Manager Jerry Stapp said.

Big Country Electric is divided into nine districts and the plan is to hold elections in three districts each year for the next three years to eventually narrow to one the number of representatives each district has. Currently, some districts have two board representatives.

In 2000, elections will be held in districts 9, 8, and 2. In 2001, elections will be held in districts 3, 4 and 7 and in 2002, elections will be held in districts 1, 5 and 6.

Stapp said districts and their election years where selected at random.

"We drew district boundaries for directors in January, 1999 and drew districts out of the hat so we would know who was standing for election and when."

In the elections, District 9 incumbent Sue Herring will be picking up Jimmy Stribling as an opponent.

There are currently two directors on the board from District 8. Following the elections, however, there will be only one representative.

Incumbents Carl Williams and John Ward will be running against each other for the single board spot. Both were on the former Midwest board.

It is the same scenario in District 2 as incumbents J.F. Dozier and Billy Middlebrook will be running for the single representative slot in that district.

Big Country Electric Cooperative's first member meeting since consolidation is tentatively set for noon on April 29 in Stamford.

Registration and lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the business meeting will immediately follow.

Before consolidation, Midwest Electric held its annual meeting in the evening in Snyder.

"The reason we are holding it at noon instead of in the evening is so we don't have people driving at night from Stamford to the Snyder area. We have had a lot of people suggest we have it at lunchtime," Stapp said.

He added that the meeting would be held in Snyder in 2001.

"We will alternate back and forth between the two," he said.

Current directors are Jimlee Baucum, president; Carl Williams, vice president; Lewis Corzine, secretary; John Ward, treasurer; Jerry Upshaw; Walter Buerger; Bobby Gruben; Carl Thompson; Sue Herring; John Ben Glover; Mickey Sterling; J.F. Dozier; Vance Lakey; Wilbert Klose; Billy Middlebrook; and James Seidenberger.

Lady Duster coach subject of WTC meet

Board to meet in executive session

The Western Texas College board of trustees is scheduled to meet in executive session this evening to discuss women's basketball coach Valery Jackson.



Valery Jackson

"The board is going to discuss Miss Jackson's future with the college," WTC President Dr. Harry Krenek said.

He said he the college had not received a letter of resignation from Jackson.

Dr. Krenek also said he expected the executive session to be lengthy, but did not anticipate any action.

The board convenes at 7 p.m. and has several items on the agenda before the session, including two personnel items.

Trustees will consider the resignation of Ronald Wells, who was hired in the fall as an instructor for the new truck-driving program.

Dr. Krenek said that the implementation of the program probably would be delayed until the summer.

Also for consideration is the employment of Ruby Smith as director of human resources. Terry Busby previously held the position, but has moved from Snyder.

In other business, the board will consider approval of the order and notice for the May 6 trustee election.

Three positions are up for election, including Place 5, held by Lee Presswood; Place 6, held by R.C. Patton; and Place 7, held by Eddie Peterson.

Filing begins Feb. 21 for the election.

Trustees will also look at a staff recommendation to increase technology fees and room and board at the college.

The recommendation is to increase technology fees from $2 to $4.

Dr. Krenek said the increase would bring in approximately $58,000 a year and would be used for such items as computers, software and printers and the increased use of the Internet.

The staff is also recommending that room and board fees increase from $1,150 to $1,300.

Dr. Krenek said this is primarily to cover the increased costs of dining services, which are provided by Great Western Dining.

The board is also being asked to consider waiving bid requirements on repairs to the college-owned residence of Dr. Krenek at 2801 Denison.

He said repairs are needed in the master bathroom due to a leak under the floor. The item cannot be bid in the traditional way due to the nature of the leak and the uncertainty of what it will cost to repair.

Pre-bid consideration will also be given for roof repair at the residence. Insurance will cover the cost, but it still must be bid out.

Other routine items for the board's approval are tuition variance for workforce education requests and the small class report.

The board also has several items of information and discussion including:

—Spring enrollment report.

—Presentation by Ms. Charlene Akers, director of Scurry County Museum.

—Tax and Valuation Survey for Texas Community Colleges.

—Arnold Lorber Memorial Scholarship.

—Energy report from Johnson Controls.

—Report of LVN Admissions Committee.

In addition, trustees will give pre-bid consideration for purchase of a van for the Senior Citizen Center. Dr. Krenek said the money would come from the center's funds and not from tax revenues.

Ritz Theatre auditions are set

Auditions for the Ritz Community Theatre spring production "God's Favorite," a Neil Simon comedy, are scheduled from 5-7 p.m. today and Tuesday at the theatre on the south side of the square.

The cast includes five men and three women.

Simon's witty dialogue, zany characters and hilarious situations make this re-telling of the Job story from the Bible delightfully funny.

The setting is transferred to a Long Island mansion where a business tycoon Joe Benjamin resides. Also living there are his wife, Rose, a prodigal son, David, and a pair of kooky twins, Ben and Sarah.

Joe is a hard working man who has risen from poverty to great riches. Through it all, he has maintained a deep faith in God.

Rose is a neurotic wife who is possessed by her possessions.

The prodigal David doesn't profess faith in God or capitalism, but spends his time partying and mooching off Dad.

The twins, Ben and Sarah, have an IQ of 160 between them and have a habit of repeating what they hear each other say.

The faithful servants are Mady and Morris.

God's messenger, Sidney Lipton, hired from an agency in Queens, shows up one night to tell Joe that God and the devil made a bet that Joe would not renounce God no matter how miserable the devil could make his life.

Sidney delivers the warning that if Joe cherishes his family, his possessions, his business and the flesh that covers him, that he'd better renounce God.

Ellie Dryden will direct and additional information may be obtained by calling 573-9739, or 573-8880.



FOR THAT SOMEONE SPECIAL — Tracy Hunter was shopping this morning for something for her husband for Valentine's Day, which is today in case someone has forgotten. (SDN Staff Photo)

Hermleigh trustees will meet today

Hermleigh ISD trustees will meet at 7 this evening in the high school to call the school board election for May 6.

The terms of Alan Culp, Tim Dacus and Vance Reynolds expire.

All positions are for three-year terms.

Trustees will also consider the annual evaluation of Supt. Jerry Church and a contract extension, along with school principal Clarence Spieker's contract as well.

The board will also consider Feb. 24 as an early-release day, and consider a co-op purchasing agreement for next year.

McDonald's blaze kills firefighters

HOUSTON (AP) — The first female Houston fighterfighter to die in the line of duty was among two firefighters killed today in a fire at a McDonald's restaurant.

The pair was killed when the roof collapsed on them as they battled a three-alarm fire that broke out at the southwest Houston restaurant about 4 a.m.

Fire officials did not immediately identify either victim, nor a third firefighter who suffered a heart attack while inside the building.

The male victim was pulled from the blaze and taken to Memorial Hermann Hospital, where attempts to revive him failed. It took more than hour to locate the body of the female firefighter.

About 90 firefighters responded to the blaze and many of them and others were gathering at a nearby fire station for an impromptu memorial service.

The fatalities are the first in five years for the Houston Fire Department.

"Those two firefighters are in a better place now. They can serve God now, because they have done their duty on Earth," Houston Fire Chief Lester Tyra said.

No cause has been determined for the blaze, which destroyed the restaurant.

Arson investigators, members of the Houston Police Department's homicide unit and agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms were on the scene, but Tyra said their presence was just a precaution.

Three firemen died in Fort Worth last year.

On Feb. 15, 1999, Brian Collins, Phillip Dean and Gary Sanders died while fighting a wind-stoked fire stoked at Precious Faith Temple in Lake Worth, a Fort Worth suburb about 250 miles northwest of Houston.

ASK US

Q—Does the Snyder ISD have personal injury insurance on students who might be hurt on the playground?

A—No.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 67 degrees; low, 27; high Sunday, 71 degrees; low, 37; 7 a.m. Monday, 37; no precipitation; total for 2000, .88 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, low around 45. SE wind 5-10 mph; Tuesday, partly cloudy, high, mid 70s; S wind 10-20 mph.



Ashley Trotter
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
6:31 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:26 a.m.
Of 44 days in 2000, the sun has shone 43 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Stay focused; stay curious; do what you say you will do.

FEB 14 2000

Arsenal worse than reported

DENVER (AP) — Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold were armed with 95 explosive devices when they launched their attack on Columbine High School last spring — a much larger arsenal than originally reported.

The explosives, enough to wipe out the school and hundreds of students, included 48 carbon dioxide bombs, 27 pipe bombs and 11 1.5-gallon propane containers. Most of the bombs did not explode.

The two Columbine seniors also had seven devices with 40-plus gallons of flammable liquid and two duffel bags containing 20-pound liquefied-petroleum gas tanks.

The extent of their arsenal was revealed last week when members of the Littleton Fire Department met with Gov. Bill Owens' Columbine Review Commission, The Denver Post reported today.

"As bad as this was, we were so very, very lucky," said Chuck Burdick, operations chief of the Littleton Fire Department. "It could have been so much worse."

Following the April 20 massacre, authorities believed Klebold and Harris had made about 60 bombs.

"I look at Columbine High School as a true act of domestic terrorism," Rick Young, an investigator and bomb technician, told the Post.

Young would not explain why the bombs did not go off except to say it was because of "very simple electronic failure." He also said Harris and Klebold used unstable fireworks powder to make the bombs.

Young and other officials are so worried the killers' plans and arsenal could be used as a blueprint to launch other attacks, they would not tell the commission why the bombs failed.

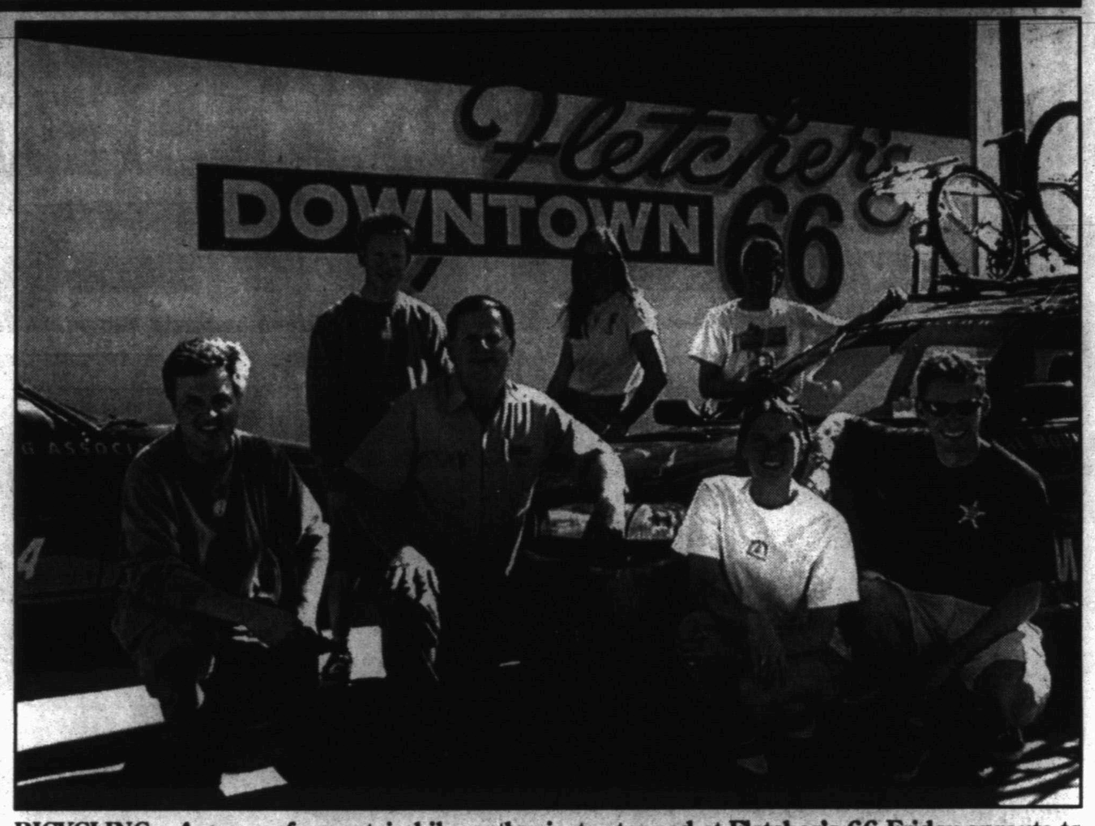
Twelve students and one teacher died in the attack after being shot by Harris and Klebold. The gunmen committed suicide, leaving some of their bombs near their bodies, Young said.

Pipe bombs placed on the street to divert police failed although one went off after a member of a survey crew kicked it, Young said. The two gunmen also placed bombs inside the school, in their homes and in their own cars, parked in the school's lot.

Each of their cars contained two 20-pound propane tanks, another 20 gallons of gas, pipe bombs, clocks and other combustible liquids, Young said. The clocks were face down so no one could see when the bombs would detonate.

Harris and Klebold planned to have bombs explode in the school cafeteria at 11:17 a.m., creating a massive fireball to destroy both the cafeteria and the library above it, Young said.

Then they planned to shoot students as they ran from the school and at noon, their car bombs were supposed to explode, Young said.



BICYCLING – A group of mountain bike enthusiasts stopped at Fletcher's 66 Friday enroute to the International Mountain Bicycling Assoc. national conference in Dropping Springs. Shown with Tommy Fletcher, kneeling second from left, are Peter Webber, Jon Alegranti, Jennifer Lamb, Heather Szabo, Dan Vardamis and Tim Blumenthal. (SDN Staff Photo)

Berry's World



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"Changing positions on issues in order to win is OK. Hey — 'a foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds.'"

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Trump won't run for office

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Donald won't try to be The President.

Colorful and controversial New York tycoon Donald Trump has decided against launching a long-shot bid for the White House, according to sources connected with the Reform Party's New York affiliate, the Independence Party. In typical fashion, the publicity-courting Trump planned to announce his decision in a round of media interviews today.

Thus ends a lengthy flirtation with the notion that the billionaire real estate developer could tap his fortune to capture the White House as a third-party candidate.

After months of speculation about a possible Reform Party candidacy, Trump decided recently that the party is too fractured to support a credible presidential candidate, said the sources, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Trump met over the weekend with advisers to consider a second option, running as an Independence Party candidate, but determined that there is not enough time to get on state ballots.

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Date Book

Monday, Feb. 14, 2000

Today is VALENTINE'S DAY; it is the 45th day of 2000 and the 55th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1958, Walter Cronkite reported that the Iranian government had banned rock and roll.

On this day in 1962, first lady Jackie Kennedy gave the nation a televised tour of the White House. The broadcast was watched by a record audience of 80,000,000 people.

On this day in 1974, Daryl "The Captain" Dragon and Toni Tennille were married in California.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Frank Harris (1856-1931), journalist; Jack Benny (1894-1974), comedian; Mel Allen (1913-1996), broadcaster; Hugh Downs (1921-), TV personality, is 79; Florence Henderson (1934-), actress, is 66; Donna Shalala (1941-), government official, is 59; Carl Bernstein (1944-), journalist, is 56; Gregory Hines (1946-), dancer-actor, is 54; Jim Kelly (1960-), football player, is 40; Molly Ringwald (1968-), actress, is 32.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1951, Sugar Ray Robinson scored a technical knockout against Jake LaMotta in the 13th round, winning the middleweight title.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Age is simply a case of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter." — Jack Benny

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Feb. 12) and full moon (Feb. 19).

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Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Sharp Image Energy Inc. will drill the No. 6-E Ira, a 6,850-foot wildcat located four miles north of Ira. Location is in Section 169, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Borden County

Manti Operating Co. will drill the No. 301 Clayton, a wildcat reentry located 12 miles north of Gail. Planned for a depth of 8,642 feet, location is in Section 13, Block 31, T6N, T&P survey.

Mitchell County

Crownquest Operating will drill the No. 18 Brennand in the Iatan East Howard field, five miles west of Westbrook. Planned for a depth of 3,500 feet, location is in Section 47, Block 29, T1N, T&P survey.

Crownquest will drill the No. 29-A E.H. Brown in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. Planned depth is 3,500 feet, and drill site is in Section 11, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Crownquest will drill the No. 28-A E.H. Brown in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. Also scheduled for a depth of 3,500 feet, location is in Section 11, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Crownquest will drill the No. 27-A E.H. Brown in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. Planned depth is 3,500 feet, and location is in Section 11, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Howard County

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 2018-W Susie B. Snyder in the Snyder field, six miles south of Coahoma. Planned for a depth of 3,500 feet, location is in Section 20, Block 30, T&P survey.

Santa Fe Snyder will drill the 1-22 Bond in the Signal Peak field, four miles southwest of Coahoma. Contracted for a depth of 8,300 feet, drill site is in Section 22, Block 31, T1S, T&P survey.

Santa Fe Snyder Corp. will drill the No. 2-22 Bond in the Signal Peak field, four miles southwest of Coahoma. Planned for a depth of 8,300 feet, location is in Section 22, Block 31, T1S, T&P survey.

Santa Fee Snyder will drill the No. 3-22 Bond in the same field, four miles southwest of Coahoma. Also planned for 8,300 feet, location is in Section 22, Block 31, T1S, T&P survey.

Santa Fe Snyder will drill the No. 4-22 Bond in the Signal Peak field, five miles southwest of Coahoma. Planned for 8,300 feet, location is in Section 22, Block 31, T1S, T&P survey.

Fisher County

Bettis Boyle and Stovall has completed the No. 1 Akers in the Que field, 15 miles west of Roby. The well was finaled to produce 145 barrels of oil and no water. Perforations were from 4,219-226 feet, and location is in Section 48, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Tex-Atic Resources will drill the No. 1 Hartley-Touchstone in the Raven Creek field, six miles southeast of Sylvester. Planned for a depth of 5,800 feet, drill site is in Section 1, Block 19 T&P survey.

Nolan County

Irving Avery will drill the No. 1-A Texaco Fee in the Mulberry Canyon field, four miles northeast of Nolan. Contracted for a depth of 4,100 feet, drill site is in Section 69, Block 5, T&P survey.

R.L. Adkins Corp. will drill the No. 3-115 Kilgore in the Group W. field, three miles southeast of Maryneal. Planned for a depth of 7,500 feet, location is in Section 115, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Be a sweetheart today and love thy spouse

DEAR READERS: It's Valentine's Day already! And what better time to revive my Ten Commandments of Love.

Yes, dear readers, I actually had the chutzpah to write my own Ten Commandments. However, it wasn't as though I was stealing from strangers. One of my ancestors was privileged to have received them on Mount Sinai from the Lord himself — at least that's what the Good Book says.

Originally, I wrote two sets of commandments — one for men and one for women. Then Mandy Stellman, a lawyer from Milwaukee, pointed out that one set of commandments should apply to both men and women. She was right, of course. So how's this for a gender-bender?

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF LOVE

— Put your spouse before your mother, your father, your son and your daughter — your mate is your lifelong companion.

— Do not abuse your body with excessive food, tobacco, drink, or any foreign substance that goes into your arm or up your nose.

— Remember that cleanliness is a virtue.

— Willingly share all of your worldly goods with your mate.

— Do not forget to say, "I love you." Even though your love may be constant, your spouse needs to hear those cherished words often.

— Remember that the approval of your spouse is worth far more than the adoring glances of a hundred strangers, so be true to him or her, and forsake all others.

— Permit neither your business nor your hobby to make you a stranger to your spouse. The most precious gift you can give is time.

— Keep your home in good repair, because out of it come the joys of old age (not to mention its resale value).

— Forgive with grace, because who among us does not need to be forgiven?

— Honor the Lord your God every day of your life, and your children will grow up to bless you.

Today, be a sweetheart. Call someone you love and say, "I love you." (Make two or three calls; who says you can't love more than one person — in different ways, of course.)

Call someone who's lonely and say, "I'm thinking of you." Or better yet, say, "I'll be over tomorrow to take you to lunch, run some errands for you or give you a ride."

Visit a sick friend. Say a prayer. Donate some blood. Adopt a pet. Will your eyes, your kidneys and all your usable organs to someone who can use them after you're gone. Forgive an enemy. Hug your teen-ager. Write a fan letter. Listen to a bore. Pay your doctor. Tell your parents you think they're wonderful. Spay your dog. Neuter your cat. Quit smoking. Drive carefully. If you're walking — watch where you're going.

And don't wait until next year to be a sweetheart again. — **LOVE, ABBY**

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DEAR ABBY: A month ago I broke up with my boyfriend, "Adam." We had been dating about six months. During the last month of our relationship, his car broke down, so I lent him my spare car. Last night when I called him, I found out that he had resumed his relationship with his former girlfriend. I told him I wanted my car back immediately, and I felt it was disrespectful of him to have kept my car. When he decided to go back with her, he should have returned it.

Who does he think he is, anyway — driving one girl's car while sleeping with another? He thinks I am wrong for saying he disrespected me. What do you think? — **STEWING IN SAN FRANCISCO**

DEAR STEWING: The honorable thing would have been for him to have returned your car when he felt his relationship with you was over. However, you put him in the driver's seat and he enjoyed the freedom your wheels provided, so he felt no guilt in steering the vehicle in a different direction. You're lucky to be rid of him with only a little more mileage on your car.

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McCain, Bush close in South Carolina

WASHINGTON (AP) — John McCain's appeal among independents and Democrats has him in a dead heat with George W. Bush in South Carolina and slightly ahead in Michigan, new polls indicate. Bush has an advantage among Republicans in both states.

McCain turned the GOP presidential race upside down when he won the New Hampshire primary Feb. 1 with a 3-1 edge among independents, and even an edge among Republicans.

Bush had 42 percent and McCain had 40 percent, a dead heat, in a Los Angeles Time poll of likely voters in the South Carolina released today. That mirrors a Newsweek poll over the weekend that also had Bush and McCain in a dead heat in the state with a crucial primary next Saturday.

McCain has a slight lead over Bush — 43 percent to 34 percent — in Michigan, which has a primary three days after South Carolina.

Both South Carolina and Michigan have open GOP primaries, meaning independents and Democrats can vote in the event. Turnout will be a key in both states, because Republicans traditionally are more likely to vote in their own party's primary.

In New Hampshire, a strong turnout of independent voters confounded pollsters and gave McCain an 18-point victory.

The Times poll in South Carolina highlighted the race between McCain's coalition of moderate Republicans and independents and Bush's attempts to motivate Republicans, especially conservatives to vote in the primary.

While both candidates were viewed favorably by three quarters of South Carolinians, a quarter of Bush supporters had an unfavorable view of Bush and four out of 10 McCain supporters thought poorly of Bush.

The surveys suggested that McCain's "I'll always tell you the truth" message is striking a chord in key early states. Honesty was the personal trait mentioned most often by likely voters in both states. McCain led in both states among those who cited that as the top trait.

The Detroit News poll of potential Michigan voters, conducted Tuesday through Friday by Mitchell Research and Communications, involved 607 voters likely to participate in the primary. It has an error margin of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

The Times Poll surveyed 1,047 voters intending to vote in the South Carolina Republican primary; it has an error margin of plus or minus 3 percentage points. The survey was conducted from Thursday through Saturday.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 02-14-00
♠ 9 6 3
♥ Q 8 4
♦ K J 10 6
♣ J 9 4

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

East
♠ 8 7 5 2
♥ 10 7 6
♦ 9 8 3
♣ A 10 8

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

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		Pass	Pass
1 NT	Dbl.	All pass	

Opening lead: ♣ 2

Monday, Feb. 14, 2000

Sadness from below the equator

By Phillip Alder

Last year, two close friends from Down Under died. The first, on September 27, was Lorraine Boyd. Many times a New Zealand international, she succumbed to bone cancer at the cruelly early age of 42.

Lorraine and I met in Seattle at the 1984 World Team Olympiad. The first thing I heard her say was, "All I've done since I got here is play bridge and talk to my husband." Well, she did a lot more of both.

Here is a deal we defended together when I paid a visit to Auckland. South was Vivien Cornell, who became Lorraine's regular partner. She opened with a weak no-trump, showing 12-14 points. My double was debatable with such scattered values, no good lead and a passed partner.

I led the club two: nine ... ? It is normal for third hand to win with the ace, then to return the 10. Instead, to put in the 10 at trick one makes it difficult for partner to read the position. Still, Lorraine realized that she might need the club ace as a late entry, so she did insert the 10 — and it was the only way to defeat the contract. (If East wins trick one, declarer can catch West in an endplay.)

South won with the king and ran four diamond tricks, aided by a finesse through me. Lorraine threw a spade, Vivien and I each released a heart. Now declarer cast adrift with a low club, won by Lorraine's eight. She switched to a spade. I took three tricks in the suit, put Lorraine back in with her club ace, and a heart through sealed declarer's fate.

If either of us needed to discuss something with an "independent observer," we would call. I am going to miss those chats so much.

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First black Episcopal bishop elected

PINEHURST, N.C. (AP) — Episcopalians in North Carolina have made their diocese the first in the South to elect a black bishop, choosing a Baltimore minister to lead their 33,000 members.

The Rev. Michael Curry was elected Friday from among six candidates at the annual convention of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina. He will be installed June 17, replacing the Rt. Rev. Robert Johnson Jr., who is retiring.

About 40 of the 500 delegates were black.

"This is both a joyous and a humbling experience," Curry said. "I'm very grateful and very thankful, and really looking forward to being part of the life of the church in North Carolina."

Curry will oversee 250 pastors, confirm new members and participate in a rulemaking body within the national denomination.

Blacks have served in Southern dioceses as suffragan bishops, essentially assistant bishops, but never as bishop.

Lewis' remarks about women surprise people

ASPEN, Colo. (AP) — Jerry Lewis stunned an audience gathered to honor his work by saying he doesn't like female comics and views a woman as "a producing machine" for children.

Lewis, 73, made the remarks Saturday during a question-and-answer session at the U.S. Comedy Arts Festival. Fellow comedian Martin Short moderated the retrospective on Lewis' life, attended by about 1,000 people, including actor Steve Martin.

TWO FOR TUESDAY
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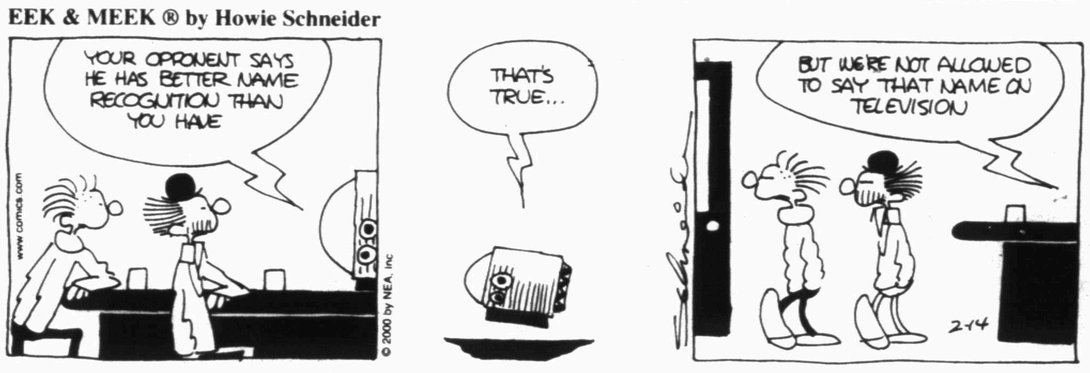
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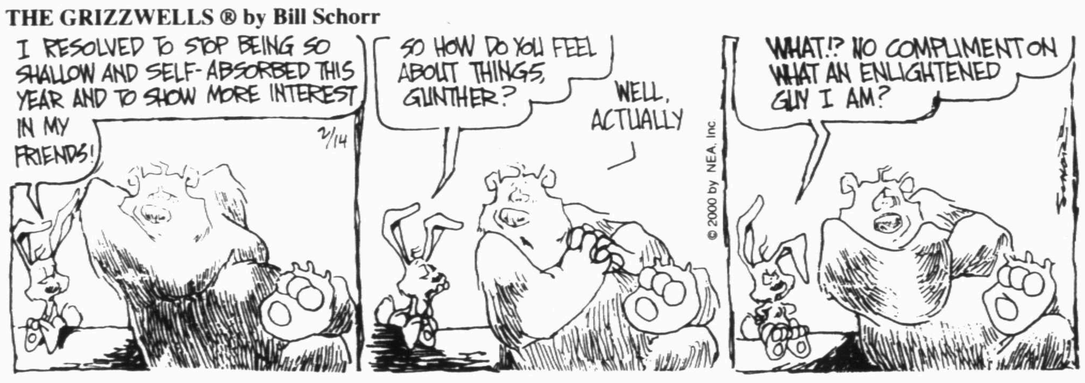
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6 Tears
10 Trapped
12 Act like a vamp
14 Diner
15 At the tip
16 Ram's dam
17 Salamander
19 Gumbo veggie
20 End of ship's spar
23 "— — at the office"
26 One (Scot.)
27 Wall St. worker
30 Splendid
32 Certain compound
34 Famous collie
35 Author Truman —
36 Comedian Philips
37 Highest card
39 Enticed
40 Goes by, as time
42 Disencumbers
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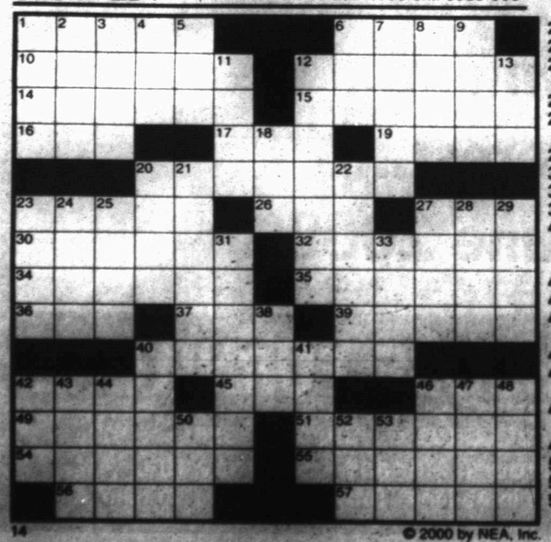
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2 Chew upon
3 Behind
4 Native metal
5 Above (poet.)
6 Agt.
7 Dialect
8 Mischievous sprite
9 Wound mark
11 Clothes tinter
12 Fiendish
13 Guido's high note
18 Public health org.
20 Actor Montand
21 Antenna
22 Secondhand transaction
23 Wight, e.g.
24 Agana's place
25 Lhasa — (dog breed)
27 Cupid
28 Nerve network
29 Raised
31 Since
33 Work of art
38 Clean-air org.
40 Rocky Mountain park
41 Used a pool
42 Massage
43 Freshwater porpoise
44 Excavates
46 Do a jackknife
47 Harness attachment
48 Vases
50 "Indeed!"
52 "Golly!"
53 Atty.'s deg.

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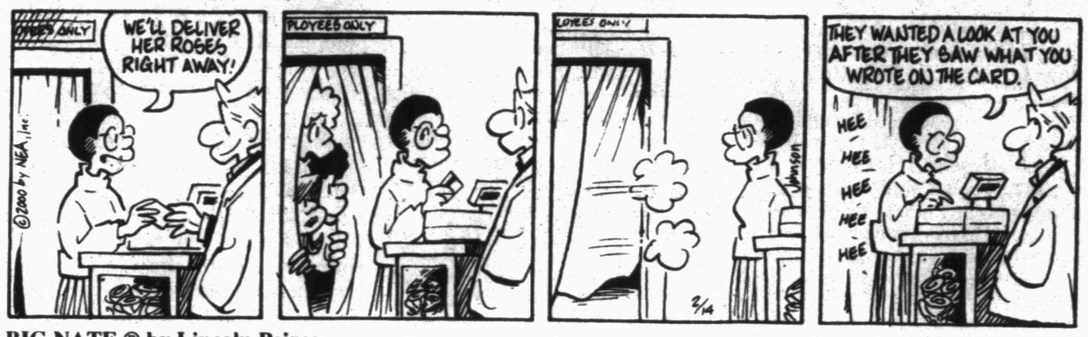


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SPORTS

Lady Tigers face Cleburne Tuesday night...

Snyder holds off Big Spring

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

BIG SPRING — With the No. 2 seed going to the winner, Snyder once again relied on its defense to get the job done.

Snyder held Big Spring to only 10 second-half points Saturday to secure the runner-up spot out of District 5-4A with a 48-35 victory at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The Lady Tigers (12-16) will square off with Cleburne (19-10) in a bi-district tilt Tuesday at 8:30 at Jim Ned High School in Tuscola.

To earn a date with Cleburne, the Lady Tigers showed a new wrinkle defensively to hold off Big Spring. The last time the two teams met, Melissa Forth and Latrisha Rollins carried the Lady Steers past Snyder, 45-36.

On Saturday, the Lady Tigers employed a triangle-and-two defensive scheme, with T'Leah Eicke and Cameron Mackey playing man-to-man against Forth and Rollins, while Snyder's other defenders played zone.

"Forth and Rollins gave us problems the last two times we played them, so we wanted to make them beat us with somebody else," said Snyder coach Sam Tipton. "Our defense made Big Spring make some adjustments that they didn't want to make, and it gave us the upper hand."

Rollins and Forth were held scoreless in the first half, with Brittany Bryant shouldering the offensive load for the Lady Steers. Bryant drained four three-pointers in the first half to spur the Big Spring offense.

But on the other end of the floor, T'Leah Eicke and Kameron Kallemeyn matched Bryant's output. Eicke nailed three long-range buckets, and Kallemeyn poured in 10 first-half points to keep Snyder in the game.

Eicke and Kallemeyn posted all seven of Snyder's field goals in the first half, as Big Spring held a 25-21 lead at the break.

"Our girls were very disciplined on the defensive end," said Tipton. "Even though Bryant was hitting some buckets early, our kids stayed with the game plan, and it paid off in the second half."

After sinking everything in sight during the first two quarters, Bryant went cold in the second half, and her teammates followed suit.

The Lady Steers were 4-of-27 from the floor in the second half, and Rollins finished the game without scoring a point. Forth finished with five points.

While continuing to take care of business on the defensive end, the Lady Tigers picked up the pace offensively.

Kallemeyn and Katie Voss dropped in six points apiece in the third quarter, before Snyder preserved the victory with a 7-of-8 effort from the free-throw line in the final period.

Kallemeyn led all scorers with 20 points and eight rebounds. Bryant finished with 16 points, and Eicke totaled 11.

Big Spring advances to face Stephenville in a bi-district contest Tuesday night in Abilene.

As for the Lady Tigers' playoff match-up with Cleburne, Tipton said one key will be controlling the tempo.

"They like to run the floor," the SHS coach said of Cleburne. "They're not a great shooting ballclub, but they will put up the shots if you give them an open look. We have to keep the tempo at a pace we can handle."

Snyder must also battle a size disadvantage. Cleburne has five players over 5-10 who can cause problems in the paint.

"They like to play a 1-2-2 zone and it really closes down the paint area," Tipton said. "When we get a good look early from the outside, we need to hit it to loosen up that zone.

"I expect a good ballgame. If we play like we have in five of our last games, then we have a chance."

The winner of Tuesday's game will advance to face Weatherford in the area round on Friday.

Snyder	**12**	**09**	**16**	**11**	**— 48**
Big Spring	**13**	**12**	**04**	**06**	**— 35**

Snyder
Kallemeyn 8 4-5 20, Eicke 3 2-2 11, Voss 3 1-3 7, Murray 2 0-0 4, Mackey 0 3-4 3, Bane 1 0-0 2, Geiger 0 1-2 1. **Totals 17 11- 16 48.**

Big Spring
Gwyn 3 0-0 6, Forth 2 0-0 5, McGee 1 1-2 3, Flenniken 1 0-0 2, Bryant 5 2-3 16, Churchwell 1 0-0 3. **Totals 13 3-5 35.**

Three-point goals: Snyder 3 (Eicke 3), Big Spring 6 (Bryant 4, Churchwell, Forth). Rebounds: Snyder 25 (Kallemeyn 8), Big Spring 25 (Flenniken 6). Total fouls: Snyder 10, Big Spring 18. Fouled out — Rollins.

Landry remembered for wins, classy style

DALLAS (AP) — Forget two Super Bowls, the fedora, 20 straight winning seasons, and "The Look." Friends and family remembered Tom Landry as a man of class and Christianity.

"There is a great difference between a winning team and a team with class," Tex Schramm, former Cowboys general manager, said Sunday night. "No team was looked upon as the Dallas Cowboys were.

"When you left the organization, for the rest of your life you could be proud you were a Cowboy."

Landry died around 6 p.m. Saturday at Baylor University Medical Center surrounded by his immediate family. He was 75 and had been fighting a form of leukemia since May.

Funeral arrangements were expected to be released today.

Landry coached the Dallas Cowboys for 29 years, from their inception in 1960 until Jerry Jones bought the team Feb. 25, 1989. He maintained a low profile in retirement, but remained one of the most beloved members of the community.

Faith was more important to Landry than football. He became a born-again Christian in 1959 and was a member of Highland Park United Methodist Church for 43 years.

At the church Sunday, Landry was remembered as a devout Christian who learned to appreciate life and taught others to do the same.

The Rev. Mark Craig focused his sermon on making memories. The theme was based on a sermon Landry gave several years ago, one Craig called the best he'd ever heard.

"He talked about joys and pain and happiness," Craig told more than 1,000 worshipers. "Through all the good and the bad, he said he was thankful God gave him another day. If you want great memories, you need to live each day fully and thank God for another day."

Throughout the Dallas area, fans paid their own tributes.

Outside team headquarters in Irving, several mourners created a makeshift memorial with bouquets, candles and cards.

An index card placed in the ground behind several candles read: "Coach Landry, We will always love you. You were a great person first and a great coach. We know you are in heaven and in peace. Thank you for everything."

At Texas Stadium — which one local columnist suggested Sunday should be renamed Landry Stadium — another gathering point was beneath a giant photo of Landry that is among many pictures surrounding the facade.

Delores Castorena bought a blue flag featuring the team's helmet at a concession stand in the parking lot. She wrote, "A legend never dies" near the star, signed her name and attached it and a photo to the chain-link fence under Landry's image.

In Mission, Texas, Landry's hometown, people gathered the downtown mural on a street named in his honor.

"He's one of our heroes," said Marco Ramos, who visited the painting with his mother and brother. "He's a role model and example for all of us."

Dr. Bryan Frank, who leads the medical outreach at Highland Park United Methodist Church, said his first memories of Landry were his lectures to members of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes when Frank was a teen-ager running track.

Lady Tigers rally to tie for tourney's top spot

BIG SPRING — Thanks to a second-round comeback, the Snyder Lady Tigers earned a share of the Big Spring Invitational title.

Snyder fired a 318 Saturday to rally from a seven-stroke deficit and tie Abilene High for the top spot at the Big Spring event. Both squads

The Lady Tigers opened with a 335 to trail the Lady Eagles by seven strokes after Friday's round.

Lacey Kidd led the comeback for Snyder, recording a double-eagle to card a final round 71. The Snyder senior finished third in the medalist race at 155.

Randi Reed posted consecutive rounds of 80 to finish at 160, with Sally Barham turning in an 80-81—161. Andra Lancaster tallied a 91-86—177, while Kara Harrison finished with a 97-91—188.

Snyder's district foe Fort Stockton finished third at 665, with Andrews taking fourth at 674.

Tiger netters scrimmage with abbreviated line-up

With several players gone to take their college entrance exams, Snyder High School's tennis squad had to scramble its line-up for Saturday's scrimmage.

Snyder scrimmaged Canyon and Dumas, but was without the services of Jordan Hardin, Whitney Graham, Natalie Alexander, Allen Smith and Justin Guy.

Leading the way for the boys' squad was the doubles duo of Adrian Gonzales and Ryan Gibson. The Gonzales-Gibson tandem won all four of its matches, dropping only one set along the way.

For the girls, Patricia Vargas recorded Snyder's only victory with a 6-3, 6-2 decision over Canyon's Erin Hicks.

Boys' doubles
Gonzales-Gibson def. Monhkong-Jones, 2-6, 6-3, 6-0; def. Richard-Kesler 6-1, 6-2; def. Crouch-Kozak 6-2, 6-1; def. Tebest-Ward 6-1, 6-1.
Best-Gorman def. Richard-Kesler 6-1, 6-2; def. Nickson-Thomas 6-1, 6-1; lost to Tebest-Ward 6-4, 6-1; lost to Crouch-Kozak 7-5, 6-3.

Boys singles
Kris Casas lost to Nickson 6-0, 6-0; def. Kesler 6-3, 6-0; lostto Melban 6-1, 6-4; lost to Boardman 6-2, 6-1.
Jason Hall lost to Boardman 6-3, 6-3; lost to Melban 6-0, 6-1; lost to Nickson 6-0, 6-1; lost to Kesler 6-1, 6-1; lost to Monhkong 6-0; lost to Jones 6-4.

Girls doubles
Cotton-Jones lost to Yirak-Franklin 6-4, 6-0; lost to Carthel-Monhkong 6-2, 6-3.
Cotton-Vargas lost to Ames-Mitchell 4-6, 6-1, 6-2; lost to Fewell-York 6-0, 6-1.
Sutter-Casas lost to Carthel-Monhkong 6-2, 6-1; lost to Yirak-Franklin 6-1, 6-0.
Casas-Beccue lost to Fewell-York 7-5, 7-5.
Beccue-Sutter lost to Ames-Mitchell 6-0, 6-0.

Girls singles
Patricia Vargas def. Hicks 6-3, 6-2; lost to Porter 6-1, 1-6, 6-4.
Jackie Beccue lost to Porter 6-4, 6-0; lost to Hicks 6-3, 6-2.
Cozy Jones lost to Pool 6-0, 6-1.
Afton Sutter lost to Schubert 6-3, 7-5.
Cozy Jones split Schubert 3-6, 6-3.
Kristen Casas lost to Pool 6-3, 6-0.

In hoops action...

SJHS boys finish strong at tourney

Snyder Junior High squads grabbed the fourth and fifth spots at the Snyder boys basketball tournament over the weekend.

Snyder Black captured the fourth spot after falling to Big Spring, 40-32, and to Lamesa, 44-33, on the final day of action.

Eder Borrego poured in 12 points to pace the Tigers against Big Spring. Jarrod Fletcher drained 11 points, with Chris Smauley adding four. Jerry Ashley and Jose Velasquez finished with two apiece, and Brandon Bragg chipped in one.

Against Lamesa, it was Walter Ezell's 11 points leading the way. Borrego and Fletcher tallied six each, with Bragg draining five. Velasquez and Tyler Thompson registered two apiece, and Thomas Hefner posted one.

Snyder C nabbed fifth place with a 37-30 win over Big Spring, and a 46-20 victory over Sweetwater.

Lico Castillo poured in 17 points against Big Spring, with Patrick Jones notching six. Dustin Babcock, Alex Neal and Antwoine Cobb tallied four each, while Manuel DePaz finished with two.

In the win over Sweetwater, Castillo accounted for 11 points, while DePaz drained eight. Babcock, Neal and Hadley Hirt dropped in six apiece, with Logan West totaling four. Cobb finished with three, and Jones chipped in two.

Sports Briefs

Ira game times changed

Starting times for a pair of Ira practice games have been changed.

The Bulldogs will tip off against Reagan County Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Big Spring's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Ira will also face Lorenzo Friday at 7:30 in Jayton.

Ira's squares off with Klondike in a bi-district tilt Feb. 22 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Starting time has yet to be announced.

Pitching clinics held weekly

Fastpitch softball pitching clinics will be held every Wednesday. Class size is limited. For more information, contact Herman Martinez at 573-0390.

Teen activities scheduled

A 4-on-4 volleyball tournament will be held Feb. 25-26 for ages 14 and up. Entry fee is $35 per team, and deadline to register is Sunday. Proceeds benefit the Keystone Club.

The Smart Moves Spring Teen Basketball League, for ages 14-19 will be taking entries through March 10. Registration fee is $10 per player, and includes a new mesh jersey. The league will be limited to eight teams.

For more information on either event, call the Boys and Girls Club at 573-3344.

Teams sign free agents

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP) — The Bears signed former Buffalo cornerback Thomas Smith to a $22.5 million, five-year contract Sunday.

Seattle defensive end Phillip Daniels agreed to a five-year contract with Chicago worth $25 million.

Bruce Smith, NFL's second-leading career sacker, released Thursday by Buffalo, signed a five-year, $23 million contract Saturday with Washington.

Dallas acquired receiver Joey Galloway from Seattle for first-round picks this year and next, signing him to a seven-year, $42 million deal.

Atlanta signed cornerback Ashley Ambrose from New Orleans and receiver Shawn Jefferson from New England.

Cleveland agreed on a six-year deal with Orpheus Roye.

National Basketball Association

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Miami	30	17	.638	—
New York	29	18	.617	1
Philadelphia	27	22	.551	4
Orlando	24	26	.480	7½
Boston	21	28	.429	10
New Jersey	19	30	.388	12
Washington	15	34	.306	16
Central Division				
Indiana	32	16	.667	—
Charlotte	27	20	.574	4½
Toronto	26	21	.553	5½
Detroit	25	23	.521	7
Milwaukee	26	24	.520	7
Atlanta	19	28	.404	12½
Cleveland	19	30	.388	13½
Chicago	10	37	.213	21½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
San Antonio	32	17	.653	—
Utah	29	18	.617	2
Minnesota	27	20	.574	4
Denver	21	27	.438	10½
Dallas	20	28	.417	11½
Houston	20	30	.400	12½
Vancouver	14	34	.292	17½
Pacific Division				
Portland	38	11	.776	—
L.A. Lakers	37	11	.771	½
Sacramento	30	18	.625	7½
Seattle	31	20	.608	8
Phoenix	29	19	.604	8½
Golden State	12	35	.255	25
L.A. Clippers	11	38	.224	27

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New Jersey at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Denver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Boston at Utah, 9 p.m.
Washington at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Portland at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

National Hockey League

All Times EST

Saturday's Games
Philadelphia 3, Buffalo 2, OT
Florida 5, Boston 1
Vancouver 4, Toronto 1
Montreal 5, Ottawa 4
N.Y. Islanders 5, Pittsburgh 1
Chicago 4, Atlanta 3
Carolina 5, Tampa Bay 2
St. Louis 6, Anaheim 3
Washington 4, Nashville 2
Phoenix 4, Calgary 3

Sunday's Games
New Jersey 3, San Jose 1
Edmonton 2, Buffalo 2, tie
N.Y. Islanders 4, N.Y. Rangers 2
Dallas 2, Washington 1
Detroit 4, Colorado 3

Monday's Games
Carolina at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Florida at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Calgary at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
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Colorado at Washington, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
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Attacks on Internet raising concerns

NEW YORK (AP) — For Randy Sandone, last week's Internet attacks were a sober reminder that cyberspace is more fragile than many people had thought.

"The Web," he said, "is rotten at its core."

Sandone, of Argus Systems Group Inc., isn't alone in his pessimism. Many believe that the Internet may be growing too fast for security to keep up with technology.

Some security experts believe it's time to focus on making the Net safer, which could mean rebuilding much of the underlying infrastructure from scratch. After all, consumers and businesses now use the Internet for tasks unforeseen 30 years ago.

Security was an afterthought when Internet standards were developed by university thinkers and computer administrators, says Russ Cooper, who runs the NTBugtraq Web site devoted to security.

"This is now the foundation for billions of dollars worth of commerce," Cooper said. "It is inherently flawed because we don't check to see if what it's being used for is what it is intended for."

Yahoo!, Buy.com, eBay, ETrade and other prominent sites were paralyzed for hours at a time last week when hackers overloaded them with fake traffic.

The attacks followed several computer virus outbreaks last year — such as Melissa — which spread rapidly by taking advantage of functions that were designed to make Internet use friendlier.

And last month, a hacker stole credit card numbers from the Internet music retailer CD Universe, then released thousands of them on a Web site after the firm refused to pay $100,000 ransom.

"I fully expect the Internet to ultimately be safe and stable," said Stephen Gorrell, program manager for Norton Internet Security software.

'Scream 3' mutes debut of Leonardo DiCaprio's 'Beach'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Horror spoke louder than romance at the box office over the Valentine's Day weekend.

The slash-'em-up sequel "Scream 3" took in $16.4 million in its second weekend to hang onto the top spot at the box office, outdoing "The Beach," romantic hero Leonardo DiCaprio's new movie, according to industry estimates Sunday.

"The Beach," about an American backpacker's ill-fated search for paradise in Thailand, debuted in second place with $15 million.

Two kid flicks also opened in the top five. "Snow Day," a comedy about children wreaking havoc when a blizzard closes their school, grossed $14.8 million for third place. The movie co-stars Chevy Chase, Jean Smart, Chris Elliott and Pam Grier.

"The Tigger Movie," Disney's animated Winnie the Pooh tale, was No. 4 with $9.2 million.

Last weekend's No. 2 film, the Oscar contender "The Hurricane," dropped to fifth place with $3.6 million.

Ticket sales for "Scream 3" dropped 53 percent from its $34.7 million opening last weekend, although it held up better than "Scream 2," which declined 65 percent its second weekend. "Scream 3" has grossed $57 million in 10 days.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2000

In the year ahead, striving to make changes that could better your lifestyle and well-being can be productive, provided they are not based upon impractical, unrealistic thinking.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You may mean well today by reworking the facts a bit in order to spare the feelings of another. Unfortunately, when the truth is uncovered later, chances are it will anger this person. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Of course, you don't have to feel obligated to share a payoff with someone who has done nothing to deserve it, but do divide the bounty fairly with those who aided in the achievement.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Watch carefully what you say or do today, because there's a strong chance that a well-intentioned gesture on your part could be misinterpreted and produce the opposite effects you desire.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Usually you're a most determined person who isn't easily dissuaded from your purposes, but today friends could readily talk you out of doing what you know you should be doing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Try to see things today for what they really are and not as you merely wish them to be. Disappointment is possible when you pin your hopes on unrealistic premises.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you are too indecisive or wishy-washy, you know darn well that nothing worth bragging about is likely to be accomplished today. Plus, this behavior is apt to annoy your companions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Stop worrying about whether others are getting their jobs done and begin concentrating on your responsibilities and if you're doing a proper job. That's what brings you success.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be careful attempting to imitate a tactic that worked well for a friend. There are no assurances that you will get the same results, and you could end up empty-handed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Involvements in endeavors where you'll have no say in the decision making could be a big mistake today. The judgments rendered may not serve your best interests, only theirs.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Hold yourself accountable today for things you do that go wrong. By trying to blame someone else for your mistakes, you could lose the faith of those who are important to you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) The chances for accomplishing your desires today lessen in direct proportion to the time you spend dilly-dallying. Time will prove to be a critical factor in your productivity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Anything upon which you and your mate may be having difficulty in agreeing should be worked out between just the two of you, instead of discussing it with outsiders or in-laws.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



More chuckles from the O.R.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I very much enjoyed your October column titled "Things You Don't Want to Hear During Surgery." Here are a few additions:

— "I hope his life insurance is paid up."

— "Oops! Good thing he had two of those."

— "Watch out, you idiot! That's my finger you just sliced."

— "Uh-oh. I think we cut off too much."

— "I don't have a clue, but let's try and see what happens."

— "You better wipe that off before you stick it in there."

— "Where's all that blood coming from?"

— "Don't ask me; I thought you knew how."

— "Careful, you're dripping coffee inside of her."

— "I forget — was it the right one or the left one?"

— "Hey, that's fun. Squeeze it again and watch it turn purple."

— "That's OK. Just sew it up. She won't know the difference."

— "Enough already, guys. Stop fooling around with those buttons."

— "You heard me. I'm not taking the blame again for this screw-up."

— "Boy, have I got a wicked hangover this morning."

— "Relax. I always shake like this when I try something for the first time."

DEAR READER: Thanks for sharing. I hope that my readers also get a kick out of this.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband is being treated for congestive heart failure. Nonetheless, he often coughs so violently that he vomits. Then he is clear for an hour or two. His doctor doesn't seem concerned. Am I right to worry?

DEAR READER: Persistent cough is often a sign of heart failure, which causes an over-accumulation of fluid in the lungs. I think that you are right to worry, because your husband's treatment doesn't appear to be doing the job.

Moreover, he could have another disorder — such as a primary pulmonary problem, chronic pneumonia and so forth — causing his cough. In my opinion, your husband should have further testing, including a chest X-ray and a cardiac ultrasound exam.

If the doctor isn't helping your husband with this cough, request a referral to a pulmonary specialist for a second opinion. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Understanding Heart Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've successfully used saltpeter for my Labrador during the mating season. The substance reduced his sexual interest and made him less obnoxious.

DEAR READER: Well, OK. Labrador owners take notice. Saltpeter is not appropriate for human use, however, despite the decades-old mythology that it was commonly added to the food in all-boy boarding schools.

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Markets

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NEW YORK (AP) -Morning stocks:

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	54⅛	53¼	53⅝	+ 3-16
AT&T Corp s	49¼	48¾	48⅞	+ ¼
Albertsons	27 9-16	26¾	27⅛	— ¼
Alltel	64½	62 7-16	63	—1 5-16
AmerOnline s	56⅞	54 13-16	55⅞	—11-16
AndarkPtr	30⅝	30 1-16	30 9-16	+ 7-16
AtlRichfld	67 11-16	65⅝	67 5-16	+ ¼
ATMOS Egy	16¾	16⅛	16¾	+ ⅞
Aviall	8¾	8 5-16	8 11-16	— 5-16
BP Amoco s	47	45 11-16	46¾	+ ⅛
BakerHughes	23 3-16	22 3-16	23	+ ¼
Bank of Amer	45 15-16	45¼	45⅝	+ 7-16
BellAtl	56 3-16	55⅝	56 1-16	+ 1-16
BellSouth	43 9-16	42⅞	43⅛	— 1-16
Beth Steel	5 11-16	5 9-16	5⅝	
BurlNoSFe	22	21 11-16	22	+ 9-16
CBS Corp	65 3-16	64¼	64 9-16	+ ⅛
Caterpillar	37½	36¼	37⅜	+ 1⅜
CenSoWst	19 3-16	18⅞	19⅛	+ ¼
Chevron	75⅛	73⅝	75	+ 1
Citigroup s	54 9-16	53 13-16	53⅞	— ⅛
Coastal	40 7-16	39¾	40¼	+ 15-16
CocaCola	55¼	54	54¼	—1 5-16
ColgatePal s	55 15-16	54¼	54⅜	— 1½
ComclMetals	30⅞	29⅞	30¾	+ 7-16
CooperInd	35⅞	35 1-16	35 7-16	+ 3-16
DaimlrChry	64 15-16	64 9-16	64¾	+ 13-16
DallSemicn	72 15-16	70¾	71 1-16	—1 7-16
DeltaAirl	46 15-16	45 13-16	45 13-16	— 1⅛
Dillards Inc	18½	18 3-16	18½	
DowChem	105¾	103½	105⅜	— ⅜
DuPont	51⅜	50 1-16	51⅛	+ ⅜
EastmanChem	38 9-16	38⅛	38⅜	— 3-16
EstKodak	58 9-16	57 5-16	57⅞	— ⅞
EDS Corp	72 11-16	71½	71 13-16	— 1-16
Entergy	23 7-16	23	23 7-16	+ 5-16
ExxonMobil	76 3-16	74 7-16	75 15-16	+ 2 1-16
FstBksAm	17⅞	17⅞	17⅞	
Flowers	12⅜	12 1-16	12 1-16	+ 1-16
FordMotor	46	45	45⅞	— ¼
GTE Cp	67 1-16	66¼	66 9-16	— 1-16
GenDynam	42	41	41⅜	— 1-16
GenElec	135 15-16	133 9-16	135 3-16	+ 1 7-16
GenMills s	31	30½	30⅞	+ 7-16
GenMotors	74	72 11-16	73⅛	— 5-16
GaPacGP s	37⅞	36¼	36 9-16	—15-16
GlobalMar	18 7-16	17¾	18¼	+ ⅜
Goodrich	22⅛	21 11-16	21 11-16	— 5-16
Goodyear s	21 13-16	21⅝	21 13-16	+ ¼
GtAtlPac	26	25 5-16	25½	— ⅝
Halliburtn	35	33 11-16	34 11-16	+ 7-16
Hanson ADS	31 1-16	30⅞	30 15-16	— ⅛
HarteHanks	24½	23¾	23 15-16	— ¾
HomeDepot s	60¼	59 7-16	60	— 1-16
HoneywellIntl	43⅞	42 11-16	43⅞	+ 1⅝
IBM s	116⅜	114½	116	+ ⅝
IntlPaper	42⅞	41 9-16	42 3-16	— ½
JohnsonJn	77½	76 11-16	77¼	+ 1¼
K mart	8⅜	8⅛	8 3-16	
Kroger Co s	16½	16 1-16	16 3-16	— 9-16
Litton	32⅞	31 9-16	31 13-16	—13-16
LockheedM	17 13-16	17½	17⅝	+ ⅛
Lowes Cos	46¾	45⅝	46 11-16	+ 11-16
Lubys	10⅛	10 7-16	10⅝	+ 1-16
LucentTech s	54 5-16	53⅜	54	+ ¾
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MediaOne	77 7-16	76 15-16	77 3-16	
Medtronic s	47 3-16	46⅝	47 1-16	+ 1 1-16
Monsanto	41	39 9-16	39⅝	—13-16
MorganJP	116 5-16	114⅝	116	+ 3⅜
Motorola	152⅛	148¾	150¼	— 1
NCR Corp	41⅛	40¾	41 7-16	+ 7-16
Navistar	34½	33	34	— ⅜
Penney JC	17¾	17½	17½	— ⅛
PepBoys	6⅞	6 7-16	6⅝	— 3-16
PepsiCo	34½	34 3-16	34⅜	
PhelpDodge	53⅛	51½	52¼	— 7-16
PhilipPet	37 11-16	36 15-16	37⅛	+ 1-16
PilgrimPrd B	8	7⅞	7⅞	— ¼
Polaroid	23½	22¾	23½	+ ⅝
Praxair	37 9-16	37	37 9-16	— 1-16
ProctGamb	93 13-16	92 5-16	92⅝	— 1⅛
PubS NwMx	16 3-16	16	16 3-16	+ 3-16
ReliantEngy	22 5-16	22¼	22 5-16	+ 7-16
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SBC Comm	39 15-16	39 7-16	39¾	— 7-16
SaraLee	17 7-16	16 13-16	17 1-16	— ½
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SouthernCo	24½	24 5-16	24 7-16	+ 1-16
SwstAirl s	15⅜	15 3-16	15¼	— 3-16
SprintFON s	64½	63⅝	64⅜	+ ⅝
SprintPCS s	49¾	48¾	48½	+ ⅛
Sunoco Inc	24 15-16	24½	24 15-16	+ 7-16
TNP Ent	43	42¾	42 13-16	— 1-16
Tandy s	41¼	39 7-16	39½	— 1⅛
TempleInland	52⅜	51⅛	51⅝	—13-16
Texaco	48 13-16	47¾	48 13-16	+ ½
TexInd	36⅜	35⅝	36 3-16	+ ½
TexasInst s	139¼	132	132 13-16	—4 13-16
Tex Util	34 15-16	34⅝	34 15-16	+ ⅛
Textron	60 3-16	59¾	60	+ ⅛
TriconGlbR	28⅜	27½	27 15-16	
TrinityInds	21⅞	21¼	21 5-16	— 9-16
TritonEngy	25 5-16	25	25⅛	+ 5-16
TylerTech	4 11-16	4½	4 11-16	— 1-16
US West Inc	74 3-16	73⅜	74	+ 9-16
USX-Marathn	23½	22¾	23 7-16	+ 11-16
USX-USS	23½	22⅞	23½	+ 13-16
UnCarbde	51⅝	50⅜	51 9-16	+ 5-16
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UnitedTech s	50 13-16	48 13-16	50⅜	+ 2
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Venator Grp	6 1-16	5 13-16	5 15-16	— ⅛
WalMart s	57 3-16	56½	56 15-16	+ ⅞
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WstnGasRs	12¼	12 3-16	12¼	
WinnDixie	17 9-16	17 1-16	17⅜	+ 7-16
Xerox Cp	21 11-16	20⅞	21 11-16	+ 1 7-16

Local Interest STOCKS

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Dell	36 7/8	0
Wal Mart	57 5/16	+1 1/4
Compac	25 1/8	-9/16
Dol. Gen.	20	-3/16
GTE	66 9/16	-1/16
SBC Comm.	39 3/4	-11/16
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Schulz dies just as final 'Peanuts' delivered

SANTA ROSA, Calif. (AP) — Monte Schulz, eldest son of the "Peanuts" creator, saw his father's spirits sag as the cartoonist battled illness and was forced to give up his beloved comic strip.

For the son, it was no coincidence that Charles Schulz's last strip featuring Snoopy and the gang was published on the very day the artist died.

"He just didn't seem all that willing and interested to fight the colon cancer," Monte Schulz said. The diagnosis came in November, and the cartoonist announced plans to retire his strip a month later.

The 77-year-old cartoonist died in his sleep Saturday at home with his wife, Jeannie. The exact cause of death wasn't known. A public memorial service was tentatively set for Feb. 21 in Santa Rosa, the artist's adopted hometown.

In addition to his wife and son Monte, Schulz is survived by son Craig and three daughters, Meredith Hodges, Amy Johnson and Jill Schultz Transki; two stepchildren and 18 grandchildren.

Schulz's final strip showed Snoopy at his typewriter and other "Peanuts" regulars along with a "Dear Friends" letter thanking readers for their support.

"I think maybe he decided that his true passion was in the strip, and when that was gone, it was over," Monte Schulz said. "He had done what he had wanted to do, and that was it for him ..."

Year after year in "Peanuts," the long-suffering Charlie Brown faced misfortune with a mild, "Good grief!" Tart-tongued Lucy handed out advice at a nickel a pop. And Snoopy, Charlie Brown's wise-but-weird beagle, re-fought World War I atop his doghouse.

It was an intensely personal effort. While some cartoonists hire assistants, Schulz would have none of it, said Sergio Aragones, a longtime friend and colleague.

"He sat there and he drew," he said.

Schulz had a clause in his contract dictating that no one else could ever draw "Peanuts." His last daily comic ran in early January, though old strips will continue to be published.

Fans and colleagues hailed Schulz as an irreplaceable artist whose work had become infused in American popular culture. Even in orbit, the crew of space shuttle Endeavour heard the uptempo "Peanuts" theme song early today.

"I think 'Peanuts' has been, for most of its existence, the best comic strip in history," said Mell Lazarus, who draws the "Momma" and "Miss Peach" strips and was a friend of Schulz's for 42 years.

At the Santa Rosa ice rink built by Schulz, 8-year-old Trevor Jones offered a bouquet of flowers decorated with a drawing of the cartoonist on skates. "I like you," it read.

At the International Museum of Cartoon Art in Boca Raton, Fla., Schulz fans became mourners as they came to see an exhibit featuring his work.

"I said when they called me, 'It's not true,'" said a tearful Jeanne Greever, the museum's director of operations.

Schulz was born in Minneapolis on Nov. 26, 1922, and was raised in St. Paul. He studied art after he saw a "Do you like to draw?" ad. He was drafted into the Army in 1943 and sent to the European theater, although he saw little combat.

After the war, he did lettering for a church comic book, taught art and sold cartoons to the Saturday Evening Post. His first feature, "Li'l Folks," was developed for the St. Paul Pioneer Press in 1947.

In 1950, it was sold to a syndicate, and "Peanuts" made its official debut in seven newspapers on Oct. 2 of that year. Eventually, it ran in more than 2,600 newspapers in 75 countries.

"It had that rare ability to appeal to 5 year olds and 85 year olds," said Greg Evans, creator of the "Luann" cartoon, who lives in San Marcos, Calif.

Schulz went on to win the Reuben Award, comic art's highest honor, in 1955 and 1964. In 1978, he was named International Cartoonist of the Year, an award voted by 700 comic artists around the world.

The 1965 CBS-TV special, "A Charlie Brown Christmas," won an Emmy and became a holiday classic, paving the way for more television specials. A play, "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown," debuted off-Broadway in 1967 and was revived on Broadway in 1999.

Several times, Schulz was listed as one of Forbes magazine's best-paid entertainers. But despite his success, he struggled with depression and anxiety, according to his biographer, Rheta Grimsley Johnson.

The emotional turmoil only improved his work, she found, as he poured those feelings of rejection and uncertainty into the strip, turning Charlie Brown into Everyman.

"Rejection is his specialty, losing his area of expertise. He has spent a lifetime perfecting failure," Johnson wrote in her 1989 book, "Good Grief: The Story of Charles M. Schulz."

Schulz himself left little doubt about the strip's role in his life.

"Why do musicians compose symphonies and poets write poems?" he once asked. "They do it because life wouldn't have any meaning for them if they didn't. That's why I draw cartoons. It's my life."

Only last Wednesday, Schulz spoke to local radio station about his retirement. He said he had had difficulty speaking and seeing after suffering a series of strokes since November and couldn't draw the way he used to.

"All of a sudden, one day, it's taken. It's gone. I can't do it," he said.

When asked about the outpouring of adulation that followed his decision to stop drawing his beloved characters, Schulz said he was touched.

"I'm pleased that I was able to live long enough to see it all," he said.

Light rail commuter train strikes barrier

LINTHICUM, Md. (AP) — A light rail commuter train arriving at Baltimore-Washington International Airport hit a safety barrier at the end of the line Sunday, sending almost two dozen people to area hospitals.

The train's operator, who suffered minor injuries, and the 22 passengers were taken to area hospitals. One passenger was in serious condition, but details on the others were not available.

The one-car train originated at Baltimore's Penn Station and normally would have been traveling about 13 mph as it neared the end its trip about 2:45 p.m., Fulton said.

Investigators were trying to determine how fast it was moving when it hit the barrier.

Witnesses said they heard the train's brakes screeching just before the crash. The impact crumpled the front end of the car and derailed it, but the car train remained upright in the airport train station.

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Georgia tornadoes claim 13

CAMILLA, Ga. (AP) — Tornadoes slashed through southwest Georgia early today, killing at least 13 people and injuring more than 100.

The Mitchell County town of Camilla appeared to be hardest hit, with a tornado cutting a 5-mile path through a housing development south of town.

"It's like somebody took a bulldozer and leveled it," volunteer firefighter Mikie Newsome said. He and his father had watched a large dark funnel cloud dip down about three miles from their house near Camilla, about 200 miles south of Atlanta.

"All you heard was a roar, woo-woo-woo," said Johnny Jones, whose mobile home south of Camilla was lifted up and thrown on its side. He said he freed his 14-year-old son, who was pinned under a washing machine, and they crawled out a window.

Newsome estimated that 50 to 60 homes were demolished, 90 percent of them mobile homes.

Six people were reported dead in Mitchell County, but some officials said they expected that number to rise. Six more were confirmed dead in Grady County, and one in Colquitt County.

Search and rescue teams went into the area to look for more dead and injured.

"You just don't know until you turn over all the trees and houses and dig through the rubble," said Grady County Administrator Rusty Moye, who confirmed the six deaths in his county.

Mitchell County Hospital said it treated as many as 100 people, but had to send many of them to nearby cities because of a power outage.

Willie Nelson said his three-bedroom house near Camilla was carried about a quarter of a mile by the storm, but he only suffered abrasions.

"The whole house came up and I came up with it," said Nelson, 41. "I was just praying to the Lord to take care of me."

High wind and hail also caused scattered damage in much of Alabama, including widespread damage in Cullman, and knocked out power to an estimated 22,000 customers.

The roof was blown off Charlie Jones' house in Ada, Ala. "I will not rebuild," Jones said.

Robot spacecraft becomes first to orbit asteroid Eros

LAUREL, Md. (AP) — After a near-flawless rocket firing, a robot craft today became the first spacecraft to orbit an asteroid, settling into a Valentine's Day rendezvous with a space rock named for the Greek god of love.

The Near Earth Asteroid Rendezvous (NEAR) spacecraft automatically fired for 57 seconds and then sent signaled success to Earth.

"The NEAR spacecraft is in orbit around the asteroid Eros," mission director Robert Farquhar announced as engineers in Mission Control cheered and shook hands.

The NEAR rocket thrusters fired at 10:33 a.m., but it took more than 20 minutes for engineers to evaluate and confirm the rocket firing. It was "about perfect," Farquhar said. It missed the targeted energy thrust by less than 1 percent.

NEAR will spend a year in orbit of Eros, dropping to lower orbits. It will gather basic research that one day may help humans defend the Earth against a "killer asteroid" like the one thought to have wiped out the dinosaurs.

As if nature were celebrating Valentine's Day, photos taken during the approach captured an image of a heart-shaped crater on the surface of Eros.

Obituaries

Earl E. Odal

1919-2000

Lt. Col. Earl E. Odal, USAR retired, died today at his home in Snyder after a lengthy illness.

Services for Lt. Col. Odal, 80, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born June 1, 1919 in Chicago, Ill., he married Lorraine Fensterer on July 15, 1947 in Galesburg, Ill. She died April 20, 1999.

Lt. Col. Odal was retired from the U.S. Army reserves and was also a retired CPA. He received an MBA from Northwestern University and his CPA from the University of Illinois.

He moved to Snyder from the Woodlands about four years ago and also was a longtime resident of Willis, Tex.

Survivors include a daughter, Dr. Marcia Odal of Snyder; and a half brother, Donald Smith of La Habra, Calif.

Frances Daniel

1920-2000

ABILENE –Mary Frances Daniel, a former Snyder resident, died Sunday, Feb. 13, in an Abilene nursing home.



Frances Daniel

Funeral service for Mrs. Daniel, 79, is set for 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Abilene Funeral Home Chapel.

Graveside service is set for 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Roby Cemetery.

Born in Roby, she graduated from Roby High School. She married C.E. "Tobe" Daniel on Oct. 31, 1938 in Roby. He died in 1984.

Mrs. Daniel moved to the Longworth community in 1938, to Sweetwater in 1952 and to Snyder in 1960. She was a licensed vocational nurse for many years and was a member of Snyder's Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Russell David Daniel of Clyde and Paul Daniel of Abilene; three brothers, James Simmons and Dan Simmons, both of Midland, and William Simmons of Lubbock; four sisters, Clara Hammitt and Vera Sue Covington, both of Midland, Betty Shelley of Rotan and Georgia Shipman of Lubbock; nine grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Hospice of the Big Country in Abilene or to the Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

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Vernon James II

1981-2000

PRAIRIE VIEW – Vernon Maurice James II, a member of the Prairie A&M University track team, died Friday, Feb. 11, as a result of an accident involving the team's van.

Four persons were killed and six were injured as the team was en route to a track meet.

Mr. James, a freshman 800-meter runner, has relatives living in Snyder.

Services for Mr. James, 18, are pending in Vallejo, Calif. He was born in Beaumont. His father, Vernon James, died in 1974.

Snyder survivors include his grandmother, Verleatha Anderson; a half sister, Pamela James; a half brother, Kim Allen; and nephew, Tremaine Johnson.

Tomasa Gonzales

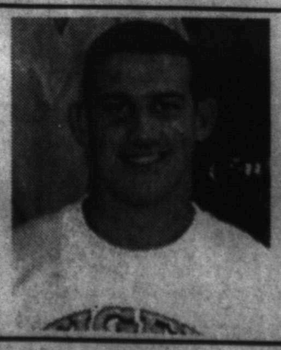
1924-2000

COLORADO CITY – Tomasa Gonzales, the sister of three Scurry County residents, died Saturday, Feb. 12, in a Colorado City nursing home.

Funeral service for Mrs. Gonzales is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the 22nd and Austin Church of Christ. Brono Aguilar will officiate and burial will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Born in Lockhart, she married Louis Gonzales in 1945. She was a homemaker and had lived in Colorado City since 1945.

Survivors include her husband, Louis Gonzales of Colorado City; three daughters, Minnie Jiminez of Colorado City, Natalie Martinez of Sweetwater and Cristina Fernandez of Fort Worth; six sons, Raymond, Ricardo, Henry, Juan, Raynaldo and Roy Gonzales, all of Colorado City; two brothers, George Rodriquez of Hermleigh and Fred Rodriquez of San Bernardino, Calif.; five sisters, Mary Luna and Georgia Luna, both of Snyder, Matilde Balondran of Fort Worth, Paubla Gutierrez of Stockton, Calif., and Nat Ventura of Liberal, Kan.; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



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2 Columbine students killed at restaurant

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — Two Columbine High School students were found dead early today after a shooting at a sandwich shop about two blocks south of the school, authorities said.

Investigators could not offer a motive but ruled out murder-suicide.

A woman who worked at the Subway sandwich shop was driving by just before 1 a.m. and noticed a light on inside. Since the business was supposed to be closed by 10 p.m., she stopped, went inside and found the bodies of a 15-year-old boy who also worked there and a 16-year-old girl who wasn't an employee, Jefferson County sheriff's spokesman Steve Davis said.

Davis said both victims, students at Columbine, suffered apparent gunshot wounds, but could not say if the wounds were the cause of death. He did not know whether investigators had recovered a weapon.

Eight jailed over the weekend

Law enforcement activity over the weekend included eight arrests.

At 9:50 a.m. Saturday, officers took a 34-year-old male into custody in the 2800 block of Avenue U on municipal court warrants for public intoxication and failure to appear.

A 19-year-old male was arrested at 10:31 a.m. Saturday in the 1100 block of 20th Street on a warrant for failure to pay a fine for disorderly conduct/fighting.

A 23-year-old male was jailed on municipal court warrants for speeding and two counts of failure to appear, and San Antonio Department of Public Safety warrants for speeding and failure to appear. He was arrested by officers at 11:04 a.m. Saturday in the 1700 block of 37th Street.

Officers took a 27-year-old male into custody at 8:29 p.m. Saturday in the 3000 block of College for no driver's license, no liability insurance and for allowing an unrestrained child in the vehicle.

Deputies arrested a 44-year-old female at 10:06 p.m. Saturday in the 9800 block of CR 397 for assault/family violence.

A charge of public intoxication resulted in the arrest of a 39-year-old male at 11:09 p.m. Saturday at the Latin American Center.

Officers arrested a 22-year-old male at 12:12 a.m. Sunday in the 1900 block of 17th Street for public intoxication.

At 9:19 p.m. Sunday, Department of Public Safety troopers took a 21-year-old male into custody in the 900 block of Old Lubbock Hwy. for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and driving while license suspended.

Officers took an offense report for assault/family violence at 7:47 p.m. Saturday.

Officers responded to a one-vehicle accident at 6:30 p.m. Sunday in the 2600 block of Westridge. A 1999 Chevrolet Malibu driven by Morillon Hernandez, 24, of 2610 Avenue U struck a tree. There were no injuries.

Births

Sam and Joanna Lefler of Poplar Bluff, Mo., announce the birth of their son, Samuel Brandt, on Feb. 11.

He is the grandson of Charles McNew of Mountain Home, Ark., formerly of Westbrook. Maxie McNew of Snyder is his great-grandmother.

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Jury call postponed

The jury panel called for today in 132nd District Court has been postponed until 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22. Call 573-5641 after 5 p.m. Friday for an updated message concerning the jury call.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air weekly on TV channel 2. The videos to be shown at 7 this evening are "What Will We Be Like in the Next Life?" followed by "The Lost Art of Discipline."

Northeast parent council

The Northeast parent council will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the school auditorium. Plans will be made for the disbursement of fund-raising money.

Sixth grade science fair

The sixth grade science fair will be from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the National Guard Armory in Towle Park. There is not admission charge.

Senior Citizens swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens is held from 2-3 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday at the WTC pool. For more information, call 573-4035.

Parkinson's support group

The Parkinson's support group will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Cogdell Hospital board room. Program will include a discussion, "What's New With You," and a Video, "Coping with Parkinson's Disease."

Lions Club

Snyder Lions Club will have a Partners-In-Service banquet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Martha Ann Woman's Club. The club will not have its regular noon meeting that day.

WTC basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at Western Texas College are taught Tuesday and Thursday from 8-11 a.m., and from 6-9 p.m. Classes include G.E.D. and E.S.L. refresher courses. For additional information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Amateur radio operators

Snyder area radio operators will conduct its weekly check in/ragchew net at 7:30 Tuesday. This net will operate on frequency 146.920 with PL tone 67. All licensed amateurs are welcome to check in. For more information call Mike @ KM5TC (573-2222), or David @ KC5GFM (573-8182).

Free tax help

There is free tax help for low income and elderly people each Wednesday at the Snyder Senior Center by an IRS-trained counselor. Times are from 9 a.m. until noon, and 1-3 p.m. Call 573-4035 or 573-3822 for additional information.

Farewell party

A farewell party in honor of Johnnie and Wilma Penn will be held from 4-5 p.m. Thursday in the Snyder Junior High Library.

Horseshoe pitching club

Snyder Slingers Horseshoe Club will meet at 6 p.m. each Thursday at the courts on the coliseum grounds. League play begins April 4, and the Duncan Classic for sanctioned pitchers is set April 15. The club's project for 2000 is to install lights at the court.

Ira picture orders

The Ira school casual/friendship picture orders are due no later than Friday. Even if students are not ordering pictures, the proofs must be back in on that date.

Victory Baptist Church revival

Victory Baptist Church will hold a revival Feb. 20-25. Dr. Clyde Spain will be the guest speaker. Services Sunday at 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., and weekdays at 7 p.m.

Weigh down workshop

The weigh down workshop is a 12-week Bible-based weight loss program starting at 7 p.m. next Monday, at Trinity Methodist Church. For more information, call the church office at 573-3988, or Dorothy Petersen at 573-7044.

Windbreak trees

Windbreak tree seedlings have arrived at the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation office in Snyder. If you missed the ordering deadline, there are plenty of extra trees for sale at the USDA complex, 5309 Big Spring highway.

WTC planetarium shows

The planetarium at WTC is available for spring offering of star shows. Presentations will be held on Fridays by special arrangements. Shows are by reservation only and there is no charge. Shows are available to fit any age group. For reservations call 573-8511, Ext. 312.

Road to Recovery program

Volunteers are needed to take patients to Abilene or Lubbock one day a week for cancer treatment. Following approval American Cancer Society, drivers will be provided liability insurance and can be reimbursed for fuel expenses incurred for the trip. For more information, contact ASC Road to Recovery volunteer coordinator Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 to leave a message.

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $4 million.

The ticket was sold in Brenham.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were 3, 10, 17, 36, 37 and 48.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $4 million.

Pick 3

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

9-2-3

(nine, two, three)

Scientist says gunfire possible during seige

WACO (AP) — One military scientist's on-the-spot analysis proves there's a slight possibility videotape recording the final moments of the Waco standoff could show if gunshots were fired, according to federal officials.

But Justice Department lawyers did not contact the scientist — a U.S. Air Force research physicist — after he told them in 1996 he recommended field tests to help determine if the flashes recorded on the tape were shots fired during the Branch Davidian siege. A report on the scientist's opinion appears in today's The Dallas Morning News and cites anonymous government sources.

The airman, who refused to be interviewed by the newspaper, recently answered questions from U.S. Senate and House committees and the Waco special counsel's office re-examining the government's handling of the deadly April 1993 standoff.

Federal officials familiar with his interviews said the scientist explained how his "back of the envelope" mathematical modeling and lab studies found a small but significant statistical probability that flashes on the FBI's infrared videotape came from gunfire. The scientist proposed a field test as the next step, but the Justice Department never responded.

"He said that he had offered a test protocol. They neglected it and ignored him," said one official, who questioned the airman, according to The News.

Defense Department officials asked that investigators keep his name confidential because of his work on sensitive military projects. And a Justice spokesman said he could not talk about the scientist's work because it was "privileged" information.

At issue is the FBI's contention that its agents never fired a shot during the 1993 assault, which began just after dawn April 19.

The Waco federal judge overseeing a wrongful death lawsuit arising from the siege ordered a court-supervised field test next month at Fort Hood. Parties to the re-enactment are scheduled to meet Wednesday to discuss specifics.

The spokesman for the House committee re-examining the standoff said the Justice Department's handling of the Air Force scientist's recommendations and the recent field test proposals are the latest examples of what appears to be a long effort to avoid full disclosure of government actions in Waco.

During testimony, the scientist reportedly told officials he began a mathematical study of the videotape — recorded by the FBI's airplane-mounted infrared equipment — and concluded the camera used could detect muzzle flashes at Waco.

Branch Davidian leader David Koresh and some 80 followers died in an inferno at their compound near town that day, ending a 51-day standoff with members of the FBI and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Some died from fire, others from gunshots. The government has said all along that the sect members were responsible for their own deaths.

Information age too fast for standards

WASHINGTON (AP) — Veteran Washington Post reporter David Broder worries that today's Internet-driven push to deliver news and information quickly brings with it a sacrifice in quality.

Broder said many errors that have resulted in a loss of public confidence can be attributed to the absence of a good and thorough editing. Stories at the Post, he said, often are posted on its Web site unedited, and television runs into similar problems.

"I think the fast part of it is the really damaging thing to ... our credibility," Broder told a National Press Club audience on Saturday.

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I knew we were SOUL MATES first time I looked at you. Your roses are red my violets blue; soul mates forever

Love, Love
MMA

To my darling wife, Kim Cobb, on Valentine's Day.. I want to wish you a happy one, and more to come.

Love,
Tony Cobb

Luis,
I know I don't say it, but I love you for helping create our two beautiful children and I thank God for giving me you.

Love forever.
Your Wife



Happy Valentine's Keagan
Love, Granna, PawPaw, Starla



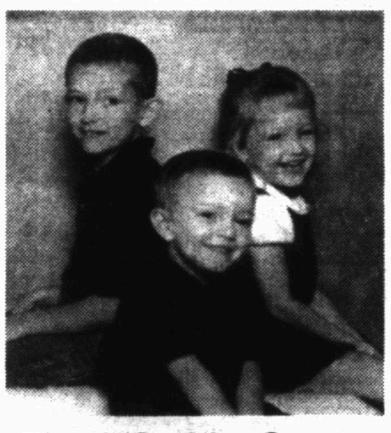
Happy Valentine's Day
I love you Ragan Mariah
From your Mom



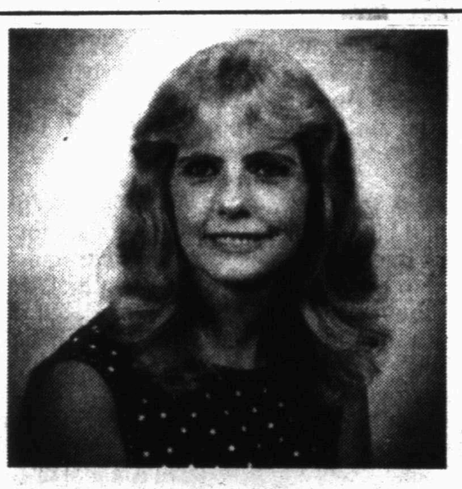
Daddy, you're better than Santa because you're here year around!
Happy Valentine's Day
Your Girls



To our little Sweethearts
Love, Mommy, Banks, Granny, Papoo, Aunt Candace and Uncle Bubba



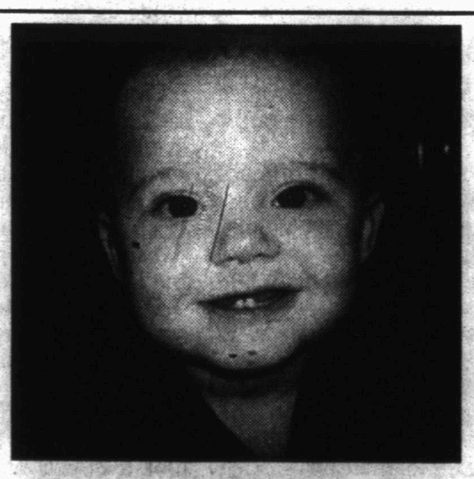
Thank God for Grans
Anthony, Hayley, Hayden
Oma loves you
Happy Valentine's Day



Happy Valentine's Day Becky!!
Love,
Tiny, Missy, Amy, Jennifer, Michael, Cerise



Our relationship is a lot more than love, we are each others best friend.
Jennifer & Steven



Happy Valentine's Day
Vance
Granny & PaPa



April...Be My Valentine
Love you...Eoi



Katie..You suit me to a tee
Love you...Eoi



Happy Valentine's Day to my Papaw & Granny
(Dick & Jane Browning)
Lots of Love, Amanda



Happy Valentine's Day and Love to Larry & Brandon Bagwell

Mother and Grandma Vera