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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "It's not necessary to attend every conflict you're invited to."

Former Snyder residents Marvin and Karen Ensor are celebrating Thanksgiving early. In fact, they'll be eternally grateful that none of their family was hurt.

It occurred last week in Seminole where Marvin, a former Scurry County agriculture agent, has the same job in Gaines County. Karen is a public school teacher.

What happened is unlikely in a small West Texas town such as Seminole – a drive-by shooting in broad daylight.

It occurred about 5:15 p.m. Saturday at their home in a quiet residential section in the southwest part of town.

The Ensor family was shaken, of course, but otherwise unharmed by what police believe was a random shooting.

Witnesses told police that several persons had fired shots at the residence from a moving vehicle. A bullet went through a bedroom window and lodged in the hallway. Ensor's daughter had been in the room just moments before.

A total of five people were inside the house, including two daughters and a daughter's friend. Several shots were also fired at Ensor's pickup parked at the residence. One window was shot out.

A neighbor just happened to see the passing car and notified officers who put out an all-points bulletin. Just a few minutes later, a DPS officer observed a vehicle fitting the description, occupied by four people, heading south on U.S. 84.

Officers followed the vehicle to a rural residence where the four were arrested and officers seized a .25 caliber, semi-automatic handgun and a .22 caliber, semi-automatic handgun, along with numerous boxes of ammunition for each.

One of those arrested was from Seminole, one from Odessa and two from Hobbs, N.M. They were charged with deadly conduct and bond was set at $150,000 each. All remain jailed and reportedly are not talking about a motivation.

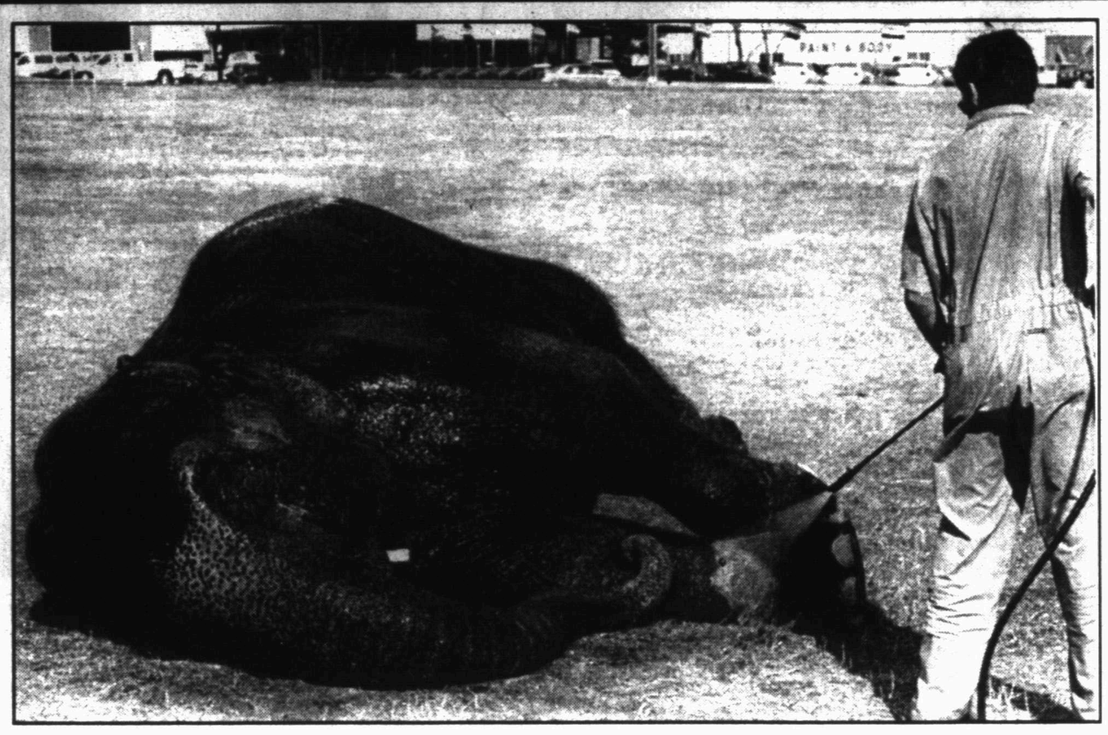
However, investigators do believe the target was random. Karen, a teacher, knew of the 20-year-old Seminole man, but had had no problems or contact with him.

Had the quick action of police not resulted in an arrest, the Ensor family would still be on edge.

That story caught our attention for another reason. About three weeks ago, son Marc was driving between Brownfield and Seagraves, near Wellman, when the passenger side window of his pickup was shot. He also was not injured.

Terry County sheriff's deputies were unable to locate anyone, but believe it was probably a stray bullet from someone hunting or shooting targets off in a pasture.

Crazy things do happen!



SPRUCING UP — Wanda, one of four elephants in the Circus Gatti troupe, received a bath with a pressure washer prior to the circus performing Tuesday at Scurry County Coliseum. The circus is sponsored annually by the Scurry County Sheriff's Posse. (SDN Staff Photo)

County spelling bee set Friday at WTC theatre

The top two spellers at each elementary and junior high campus in Scurry County will square off Friday in the annual county spelling bee.

The action gets underway at 9 a.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre at Western Texas College.

The 16 spellers represent the first place winner and runner-up of campus spelling bees held recently at each school.

The winner of the county bee will advance to the regional spelling bee slated March 4 at Cavazos Junior High in Lubbock.

During the past several weeks, each school held its own campus bee, and the winner and runner-up from each is eligible to compete Friday.

The coordinator of the bee is Dr. Melissa Jones, SISD assistant superintendent. Rebekah Thornton, Northeast fifth grade teacher, will pronounce the words. Head judge will be Janet Halbert, WTC English instructor. Assistants will be Sandra Hall, Tammy Wesson and Jennifer Beard, all WTC staffers.

Paige Anderson and Julie Proctor will represent Snyder Junior High School. Paige, a seventh grader and the daughter of Jack and Rana Anderson, won the junior high bee.

The runner-up was Destiney Proctor. The eighth grader is the daughter of Doug and Julie Proctor.

At East Elementary Chris Williams grabbed first place honors and Ashley Farquhar was the runner-up. Both are fourth graders. Chris is the son of Robert and Theresa Williams and Ashley's parents are J.R. and Shirley Farquhar.

Northeast Elementary saw John Whitworth finish first and Jeremy Rodriguez as the runner-up. Both are fifth graders. John is the son of Jack and Libby Whitworth and Jeremy's parents are Johnny and Olga Rodriguez.

West Elementary's representatives are Tyler Ezzell, first place; and Claire Pollard, runner-up. Tyler's parents are Steve and Leisa Ezzell. Claire is the daughter of Allan and Sandy Pollard.

Ira Elementary winners who advanced to the county bee were Tyrelle Gilbert, first place, son of Jeff and LaChana Gilbert; and Jessica Odom, runner-up, daughter of Todd and Julie Odom. Both are fifth graders.

Ira junior high's top spellers are Bubba Walker, son of Kevin and Laurie Walker, who placed first; and Jackie Thompson, runner-up, the daughter of Larry and Carla Thompson. They are eighth graders. Bubba was also the runner-up in last year's Ira bee.

Hermleigh Elementary winners who will compete are Samantha Berry, sixth grader, and K'Leigh Jackson, fifth-grader. Samantha, who finished in first place, is the daughter of Tommy and Tammy Berry. K'Leigh, runner-up, is the daughter of Barry and Sandy Jackson.

Shae Rinehart and Valerie West are the Hermleigh junior high top spellers. Shae is a seventh grader and Valerie is an eighth grader. Shae, who won first place in the campus bee, is the daughter of James and Vivian Rinehart. The runner-up, Valerie, is the daughter of Larry and Lori West.

PUCKER UP — Western Texas College math instructor Stephanie Ducheneaux "won" the opportunity to kiss this little piggy Tuesday. The contest was a fundraiser for the Student Government Association. (SDN Staff Photo by Joyce May)

Ducheneaux "wins" kiss, raises money

Western Texas College math instructor Stephanie Ducheneaux was the "winner" of the Student Government Association's "kiss the pig" contest.

The contest was held to raise funds for SGA members to attend the state convention April 6-8 in Corpus Christi.

A total of $54.68 was raised with the pig contest. A "date auction" raised $170.01.

Trey Gorman...

SHS senior is merit finalist

Trey Gorman, Snyder High School senior, has been named a National Merit Finalist in the 45th annual National Merit Scholarship Program, the highest academic honor that a high school student can receive.

Finalists are in the top half of one percent of all the students in the nation. There are only about 14,500 students recognized as finalists out of the one million high school students that competed from across the nation.

The selection of some 7,600 merit scholarship winners from the finalist group is now in progress. These selections will be announced in March.

Finalists are selected on their scores on the PSAT and an essay.

As a result of the honor, Gorman has received a full tuition scholarship to Baylor University in Waco.

He is the son of Jack and Kim Gorman.

Throughout his high school career, he has been active in band, basketball, piano and computer programming.

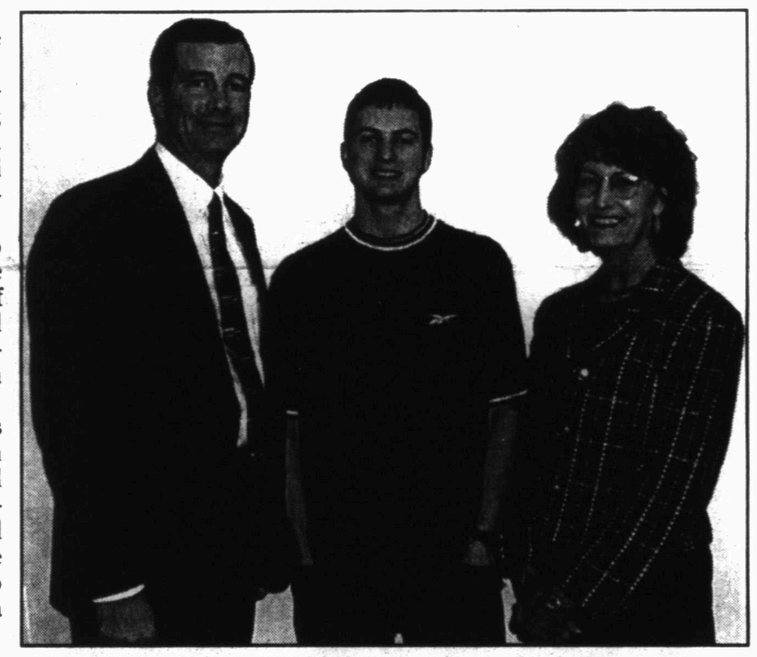
He is a member of the First Baptist Church Praise Band and assists with Snyder Neighbor's Sharing projects.

He is band captain, a member of the National Honor Society, a member of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee and Sun Club treasurer.

He also serves on the Family Life Center committee at First Baptist Church and is a Bible study teacher.

He has earned UIL awards in Calculator Applications, Science and Computer Science. In addition, he has received SHS departmental awards for science and computer science.

He has also earned varsity letters in band and basketball.



NATIONAL MERIT FINALIST — Snyder High School Senior Trey Gorman (center) has been named a National Merit Finalist in the 45th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Gorman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gorman Jr., is pictured with SHS Principal Larry Scott and counselor Charlene Light. (SDN Staff Photo)

Georgia still reeling from vicious storms

CAMILLA, Ga. (AP) — Howling wind and lashing rain were Eugene Lewis' only warnings in the minutes before a tornado tore his mobile home to shreds.

"I was in bed, ready to go to sleep," he said. "Then I heard it."

What he heard was Georgia's deadliest tornado system in more than 50 years. Lewis only had time to huddle his family and pray in Monday's predawn hours.

No one in the house was seriously hurt, but other families weren't as lucky. The twisters killed as many as 22 people, according to reports from emergency crews, hospital officials and relatives. The state put the number killed at 19.

The first of the funerals for the victims was scheduled today in Pelham, south of Camilla. A community memorial service is planned Thursday evening at the First Baptist Church in Camilla.

President Clinton declared disaster areas Tuesday in four southwest Georgia counties, making federal funding available to help people and business owners recover from the storms.

Vice President Al Gore, Gov. Roy Barnes, Sen. Paul Coverdell and James Lee Witt, director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, were expected to visit Camilla today to assess damage and detail plans for government aid.

The Insurance Information Institute estimated the total Georgia storm damage at $25 million, including homes, chicken coops, small businesses and farmland.

Forecasters say they provided as much warning as possible, but people here still had only minutes to leave their homes.

Unlike most tornadoes, which hit in afternoon, these killer storms came in under a cloak of darkness.

Most televisions were off and radios were silent in Mitchell County when the National Weather Service broadcast its first tornado warnings for the area 40 minutes before the first twister touched down.

"You couldn't ask for any worse time for a tornado to strike," said Robbie Hopkins, assistant coordinator of Mitchell County's emergency management agency. "It was dark, people were asleep."

ASK US

Q—Does the Air Force have a Web site for the proposed training flights?

A—Yes. Log on to www.cevp.com and look for the Realistic Bomber Training Initiative under National Environmental Policy Act Documents and click on Volumes I, II or III.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 85 degrees; low, 46; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 49; no precipitation; total for 2000, .88 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Tonight, increasing clouds; 20% rain chance; low, 40-45; E-SE wind 5-15 mph. Thursday, 20% rain chance, high, 70-75; S wind, 15-25 mph.

Shelby Carter
Slight Chance

Sunset: 6:32 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:24 a.m.
Of 46 days in 2000, the sun has shone 45 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir the blood.
—Daniel Burnham

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Moms, dads required to take program on sportmanship

JUPITER, Fla. (AP) — Jake Rus had attended his 15-year-old's baseball games for years without ever witnessing an on-field melee.

Then, in July, a Little League player was slammed in the head with a bat and adults threw punches at each other after coaches from both teams traded words, Rus said.

"I couldn't believe it," he said Tuesday night after attending a mandatory sportsmanship class which requires parents to sign a code of ethics promising to set a good example for their budding athletes.

If the parents don't sign, their children don't play ball.

"Parents are losing their perspective," said Jeff Leslie, a father of four and president of Jupiter-Tequesta Athletic Association, the athletic association organizing the class.

"We just want to try to de-escalate the intensity that's being shown by the parents at these games," he said.

The association sponsors basketball, soccer, football, softball and baseball for 6,000 boys and girls in this community 15 miles north of West Palm Beach.

About 2,000 parents showed up for the class at a spring training center for major league baseball teams. Many parents said they didn't mind having to attend the mandatory session.

"There are so many freaks out here; they need this," said Doug Rasmusson of Jupiter, whose 7- and 12-year-old boys wrestle in a league.

Jeff Hardin, a 12-year-old catcher from Tequesta, doesn't think adults should be yelling at anyone during games.

"It's not all about winning," he said. "It's supposed to be fun."

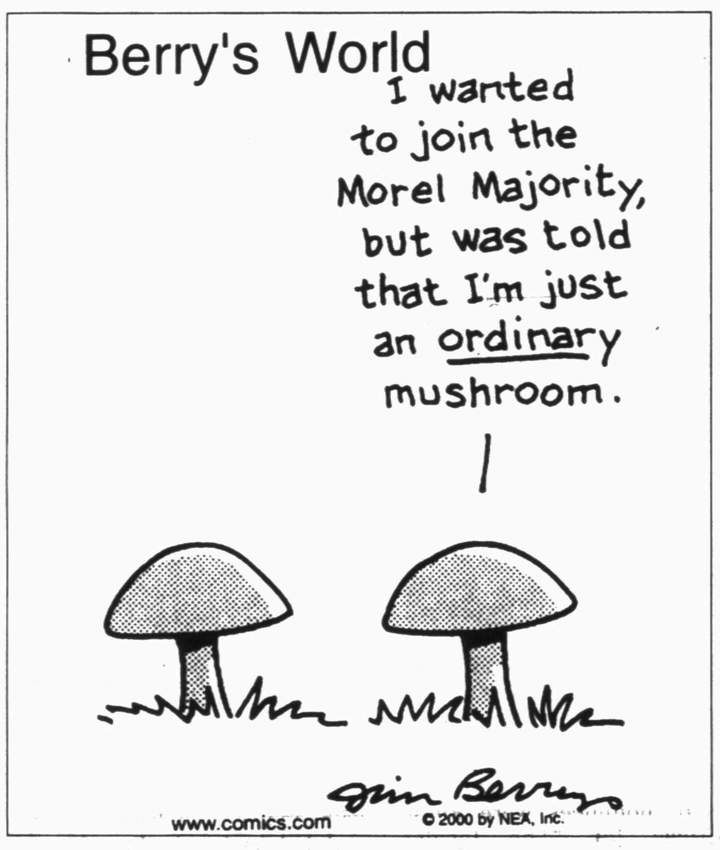
A recent survey of 500 adults in five Florida counties showed 82 percent believe parents are too aggressive in youth sports. Across the country, parents have been arrested for assaulting referees, coaches and players.

In Greensboro, N.C., a soccer mom was charged with hitting a teen-age referee after a game. A Cleveland father punched a 15-year-old boy on the soccer field because he said his son was being pushed around by the bigger player.

Parents at the sportmanship class on Tuesday watched a 19-minute video on the roles and responsibilities of a parent of a youth athlete. Then they had to sign an 11-point code of ethics pledging to behave at youth sporting events.

For a first offense, the parent must go back to class, watch the video again and sign another pledge. If it happens again, the parent and child will be sent home from the ballpark and not allowed to return.

VALENTINE ROYALTY — Gladys and Graham Smith were crowned the 2000 Valentine King and Queen Monday at the Senior Citizens Center. The runners-up were Dawson and Ruth Moreland, Emerson and Marie Armstrong and Wayne and Peggy Eubank. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



Paula Jones sues tycoon for reneging

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Paula Jones no longer has kind things to say about Abe Hirschfeld.

Jones, who hailed the New York tycoon as a "wonderful person" when he offered her $1 million to drop her lawsuit against President Clinton, is now suing Hirschfeld for allegedly backing out of the deal.

"He signed the agreement. Paula signed the agreement. Paula did exactly what she agreed to do, and he has not," Jones' lawyer, Gregory Kitterman, said in a telephone interview Tuesday evening.

Kitterman also said Jones reached an $850,000 settlement with Clinton in November 1998 because she thought a check from Hirschfeld would be on its way.

"Paula would not have settled with the president had she not had Abe Hirschfeld's written promise to pay her. She wouldn't have done it," Kitterman said.

Hirschfeld offered Jones a $1 million check on Oct. 31, 1998 at a news conference where Jones kissed and praised the tycoon.

He later sought to attach conditions to the payment and the offer appeared to fizzle out.

Hirschfeld hadn't seen Jones's lawsuit, filed in Dallas, on Tuesday. However he declared: "I don't owe her nothing."

"She didn't want to take my money," he said. "I gave her the check, she gave it back to me."

Jones contended that Clinton made an unwelcome sexual advance in 1991 in a Little Rock hotel room while he was Arkansas governor and she was a state employee.

A U.S. district judge dismissed the lawsuit, but Jones asked the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to reinstate it. She reached the settlement while the appeal was pending.

Hirschfeld, a real estate developer, has had his own legal problems.

He was found in contempt of court Jan. 25 in New York for violating a judge's order to keep quiet about his trial for allegedly trying to have his business partner killed.

Hirschfeld was accused of trying to hire a hit man to kill Stanley Stahl in 1996. Stahl died in August of natural causes. Hirschfeld's first case ended in a mistrial and his second trial is set to begin this month.

Retailer is recalling children's jackets

WASHINGTON (AP) — About 2,250 infant and toddler jackets have been recalled by Nordstrom Inc., because buttons on their flap pockets could be removed and pose a choking hazard.

The federal Consumer Product Safety Commission said Tuesday that Nordstrom, a Seattle-based department store chain, was recalling the jackets as a preventive measure. No injuries have been reported.

The recalled jackets were made in pink or blue cotton gingham fabric, with a hood and flap pockets. They were sold in infant sizes six months through 24 months, and toddler sizes 2T through 4T.

The words "nowhere but Nordstrom" appear on each jacket's hood label.

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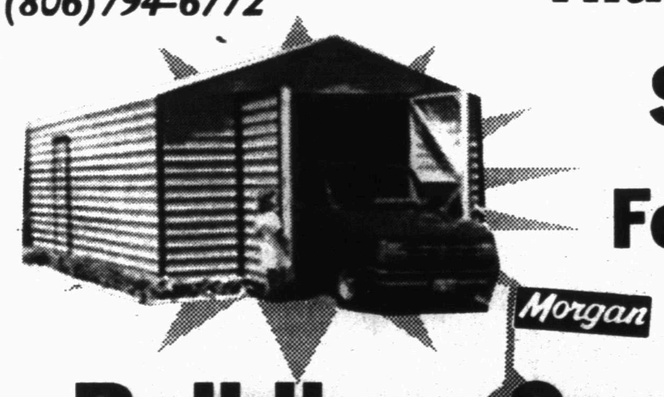

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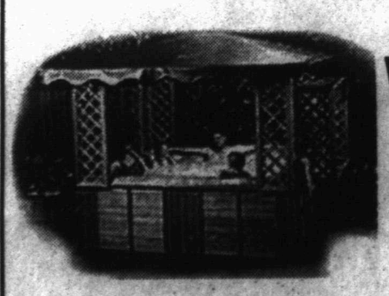
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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, Feb. 17, 2000

A number of constructive changes could be in the offing for you in the year ahead. As several old, unproductive habits are broken, your chances for success will be greatly enhanced.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Things that are for the good of the group are what will bring harmony into play today, while divisiveness invites dissension, so let the majority rule. 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.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Tasks you normally handle with relative ease could turn into real headaches today if you allow your attitude to become negative. Don't make things tougher on yourself than they already are.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It's always wise to be discriminating about one's associates, but today this is especially important for you, because the wrong types could have a bad effect on your reputation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Let your common sense and logic take precedence over your feelings today. Should your emotions become too dominant, it could cause you to behave in an unattractive manner.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Take time to assess critical situations from all angles today, because your first thoughts might not be your best ones. Jumping to conclusions could cause problems.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Prudent management might be required today in order to keep your financial affairs in good order. Any extravagant inclinations you get could lead you astray.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you hope to get others to support your efforts today, you must lead with the proper example. If you look lazy to them, no one is going to step forward and help you out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) This is one of those days where it's especially important to keep what you know to yourself. Even if you accidentally betray a trust, it will be hard for others to trust you again.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Generally, you always take into consideration the desires of others before attempting to ask anything of them, but today you might fail to notice their needs.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) In order to achieve your objectives today, you may need the support and cooperation of others, so don't do anything rash that could deprive you of their back-up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Don't even think about becoming a mediator between two dissenting friends today. There's nothing in it for you. Expect to catch it from both ends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) What you'll gain today is hostility from companions if you attempt to alter the group's plans to placate your needs without any consideration for their desires.

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Georgraphy may innfluence the risk of heart disease

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — A woman's risk of dying from heart disease depends in part on where she lives, and black women everywhere are in greater peril than any other ethnic group, a study released today has found.

Women age 35 and older who live in Mississippi, New York and West Virginia are more likely to die of heart disease than anywhere else in the United States, while those in Minnesota, Alaska and Montana are at lowest risk.

The 200-page atlas produced by West Virginia University and the Centers for Disease Control is aimed at helping health professionals target women at risk. Overall, the study found that the U.S. heart disease death rate between 1991 and 1995 was 401 deaths per 100,000 women.

"Rather than having to do a cookie-cutter approach to research, we can focus on trouble spots," said Lynn Smaha, president of the American Heart Association and a cardiologist in Sayre, Pa.

Among regions with high rates are Appalachia, the Ohio-Mississippi River Valley, the Mississippi Delta and the eastern Piedmont, and coastal regions of Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina.

Smaha said possible reasons for the differing death rates include genetic variations heavily concentrated in a particular region, amount of exercise, smoking habits, ethnic diets and other social or cultural traditions.

Social isolation and limited mobility also may be part of the problem in some high-risk areas, the researchers concluded.

Between 25 percent and 40 percent of women living in the high-risk eastern U.S. regions had limited mobility. In Western states, only about 15 percent of older women were in such straits.

Black women fared far worse than any other group, regardless of geography, with 553 deaths per 100,000. Black women had high death rates in Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina, as well as in pockets scattered throughout the Northeast, Midwest and parts of Texas and Oklahoma.

Among white women, there were 388 deaths per 100,000, compared with 265 for Hispanic women and 221 for Asian and Pacific Islander women.

Historically, women and minorities have often been ignored in health studies.

UNITED WAY HONOR — Paula Williams, employee of Devon Energy, was presented the Scurry County United Way's Jack Smartt award for her efforts during the campaign that well-exceeded its goal of $60,000. The presentation was made by Ann Smartt, center, wife of the late Jack Smartt. Also pictured is out-going president Dr. Bryan Cave. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Security increased at mental hospital

PUEBLO, Colo. (AP) — The escape of a mental health patient who admitted to killing a Houston-area motel clerk has prompted officials to improve security at the Colorado Mental Health Institute.

William Ray Mathews, 38, walked away from the Pueblo facility Dec. 2, 1998, and later was tied to the January 1999 abduction and slaying of 18-year-old Wanda May Pitts of Texas.

Last week Mathews agreed to a plea bargain that sentenced him to 50 years in prison for two other kidnapping attempts with the stipulation that he could never be charged in Pitts' death.

A few days later, authorities announced they had found her body in Texas. Mathews has confessed to the crime.

Shortly after Mathews' escape from the hospital, it instituted a policy to notify the public of escapes, spokeswoman Eunice Wolther said. The public did not hear of Mathews' escape in 1998 until last October, when Texas authorities tied him to Pitts' slaying.

Wolther also said maximum- and medium-security patients, like Mathews, can no longer go to the hospital's unlocked vocational buildings. Mathews escaped during a class.

Dr. Jonathan Olin, director of forensic psychiatry, said the hospital has made other changes, including unspecified physical improvements, to make it harder to escape

In the cases of escapes and other "significant events," Olin said, the treating psychiatrist and sometimes other officials may undergo a peer review.

"It's a multidisciplinary review, so there will be members present from psychiatry, maybe internal medicine, possibly from surgery, nursing and other disciplines if it was felt to be relevant," he said. "Each will review the case and there will be a group discussion."

The institute also began reviewing the cases of patients who have a history of escape, Olin said, and staff members are encouraged to obtain past criminal, psychiatric and hospital data upon patients' admission.

Mathews escaped from the hospital five times after being admitted in September 1987 when a Boulder County judge found him innocent by reason of insanity in a robbery. He returned voluntarily three times.

Last fall, institute Superintendent Bob Hawkins said he was barred by law from giving details about Mathews' diagnosis but that his treatment had not gone well.

During his escapes, Mathews was arrested twice in connection with crimes including burglary and kidnapping in Fort Worth and Houston. While at the state mental hospital, he was convicted of second-degree assault.

Studios to promote nominated movies

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — The nominations are out and the 40-day countdown to the Oscar ceremony has begun. Already, though, winners and losers are apparent.

The victors in Tuesday's nomination process were "American Beauty," "The Cider House Rules," "The Green Mile," "The Insider" and "The Sixth Sense" — all poised to cash in on the ubiquitous advertising phrase: "Nominated for Best Picture."

The losers are acclaimed films that had been among the frontrunners but failed to grab armfuls of nominations, including "The Hurricane," which took only one nod, for lead actor Denzel Washington.

Studios now will gear up to make hay on two fronts: Marketing their Oscar success to lure new viewers to their movies and selling Academy voters on the notion that their films are the most deserving of the coveted statuettes come March 26.

Disney, whose films include "The Sixth Sense" and "The Insider," led all studios with 17 nominations. The Disney-owned independent distributor, Miramax, was second with 14.

The two best-picture nominees that have not been widely seen by the public, "The Cider House Rules" and "The Insider," have the most to gain, whether at the box office or eventual video release.

"The Insider," the story of tobacco whistleblower Jeffrey Wigand, grossed a disappointing $26.7 million in wide distribution, while "Cider House" has taken in $22.7 million in more narrow release.

"Cider House" distributor Miramax has become an expert in capitalizing on Oscar nominations with such recent winners as "Shakespeare in Love," "Life Is Beautiful" and "The English Patient."

Now playing in about 800 theaters, "Cider House" will expand to twice that many by next week and could go wider after that, said Mark Gill, Miramax West Coast president.

"It's a really satisfying movie that never has had huge heat on it," Gill said. "It's always been this gentle discovery of a film as opposed to one where people think you must go see this now. Now all of a sudden the nominations hopefully will give audiences an urgency to see it."

"American Beauty" led all contenders with eight nominations, including nods for lead actors Kevin Spacey and Annette Bening and director Sam Mendes. "Cider House" and "The Insider" had seven each, and "The Sixth Sense" received six.

The U.S. theater count has dwindled to a handful for "American Beauty" since its debut last September, but its awards success has prompted distributor DreamWorks to re-release it to 1,200 cinemas Friday. The modestly budgeted movie stands to add millions to the $75 million it already has grossed.

The Oscar race could shape up into a replay of last year's slugfest between Miramax with "Shakespeare in Love" and DreamWorks with "Saving Private Ryan." Like last year, DreamWorks heads into awards season with the generally acknowledged frontrunner in "American Beauty."

Miramax' aggressive marketing, though, helped "Shakespeare" win best picture last year over "Saving Private Ryan." This year's battle to woo Academy voters promises to be equally fierce among DreamWorks, Miramax and studios for the other nominees.

Besides "The Hurricane," another notable Oscar disappointment was "Man on the Moon," which was shut out entirely. Star Jim Carrey was overlooked again after last year's Oscar snub for "The Truman Show."

In addition to Spacey and Washington, the other best-actor nominees were Russell Crowe for "The Insider," Richard Farnsworth for "The Straight Story" and Sean Penn for "Sweet and Lowdown."

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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♦ 9 6
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♥ K Q J 6
♦ A 10 7 3
♣ Q 4 3

South
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♣ K 8 7

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Dealer: North

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Opening lead: ♠ J

The second twin has passed on

By Phillip Alder

Arguably the best natural bidders in the world were twins Bob and Jim Sharples. Jim died in 1985, but Bob lived until last September, dying at the age of 91.

They were identical twins who never married. They lived together in their family's house south of London. They dressed alike, worked at the same bank, and never learned how to drive.

Bob Sharples declared this deal many years ago. The auction is typical of the point-and-shoot style used before bidding became "scientific." Still, one wonders why West didn't sacrifice in four spades at the prevailing vulnerability. It would have cost only 500.

West led the spade jack: three, queen, ace. Declarer played a diamond to dummy's jack and East's ace. Back came the heart king.

Bob paused to take stock. He needed to bring in the clubs. And finessing through West would, in normal circumstances, be normal. However, there were abnormal clues available. From his unblock of the spade queen at trick one, East must have begun with only one or two spades. This made his takeout double dangerous. To compensate for the spade shortage, East had to have full high-card values. So, Bob placed him with the club queen.

After winning with dummy's heart ace, declarer called for dummy's club jack. East played low, as did Bob. The successful backward finesse generated five club tricks and the contract (with one or two overtricks; the report doesn't specify).

East's short-spade double isn't recommended. Most modern-day experts would overcall one heart, getting into the auction safely and indicating a good lead.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Wife would like to cut short husband's visit to hairdresser

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married 34 years. We are both 53. For the last few years, our marriage has been strained, but we have never cheated on each other that I'm aware of.

Now my husband is doing something I'm afraid spells trouble. A few months ago he started "helping" his female hairdresser learn how to use her computer at her house, which is close to ours. Then he decided he should "help her" buy a printer by taking the weekly sales ads from the Sunday paper to her house every Monday night. I knew nothing about it for the first couple of months. It just "slipped out" one night.

I thought he was working a lot of overtime on Mondays, and now he's consistently two hours late — but only on Monday nights.

When I told my husband I thought seeing her could lead to something more than business, he agreed. But he swears he only wants to help her because he admires her for raising her 10-year-old son alone, and she needs his help. He estimates it might take one and a half to two years to find her the right printer.

I say that's hogwash. I doubt that she's even looking — for a printer, that is. I think she's looking for a man, because she has no boyfriend and is very short on money.

I don't want to push him into doing anything if this is innocent, but I also don't want to be a fool and get dumped in the end. I have stuck with this marriage through a lot of turmoil, and I think I deserve some loyalty. What do you think I should do? — **FAITHFUL IN WASHINGTON**

DEAR FAITHFUL: Pay attention to your intuition. Finding a reliable, reasonably priced printer is as easy as visiting the library and checking out Consumer Reports. At most, it should take a couple of hours. That's a far cry from a year and a half.

I urge you to do the following: Seek the advice of an attorney who specializes in family law. It's important that you know what the laws are in your state that affect the division of family assets. If your husband is in business for himself, you may also need the advice of an accountant. If he's having an affair — and I'm willing to bet he is — he may have already started hiding money that belongs to both of you.

If you don't have your own credit rating, establish one now. You may need it. Begin upgrading your job skills and prepare a resume in case you have to find a job.

Then give your husband an ultimatum — because you do deserve some loyalty, and you shouldn't have to share your husband with his hairdresser or any other woman.

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DEAR ABBY: As a retired nurse, I think someone needs to correct the stereotyping of elderly people as complainers. There is a fine line between complaining and explaining.

The elderly in our society are, generally, people who have been hard workers most of their lives and, in my experience with them, are mostly embarrassed by their limitations. Also, families need to know the health history of their elders.

The next time Mom or Dad or Uncle Charlie seems to be complaining, listen up! You may be hearing something you'll need to know someday. — **BEA HYVARE, R.N., FRIDLEY, MINN.**

DEAR BEA: You could be right. However, if a relative complained repeatedly to me about the same ailments, my first response would be: "Does your doctor know how you've been feeling? What did he (or she) have to say about it?"

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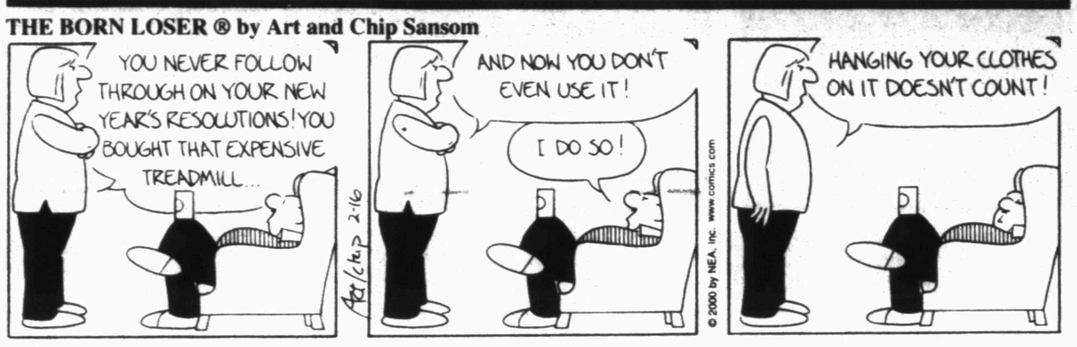

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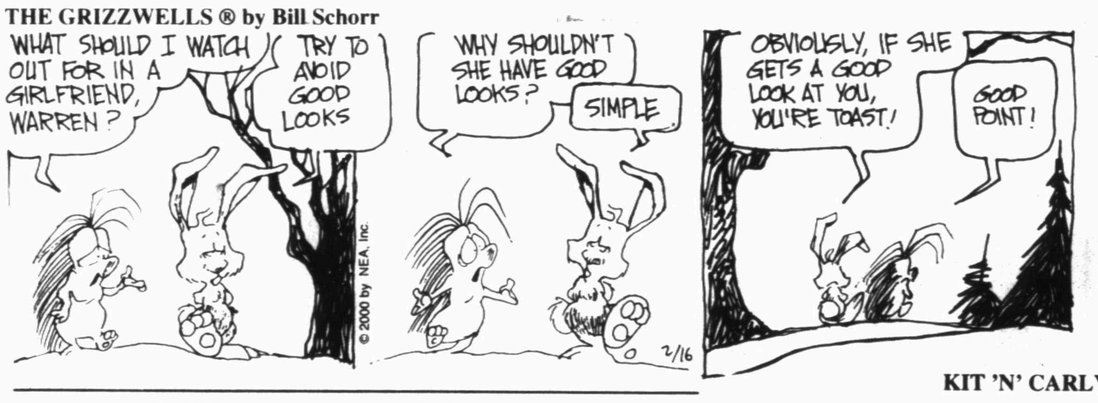

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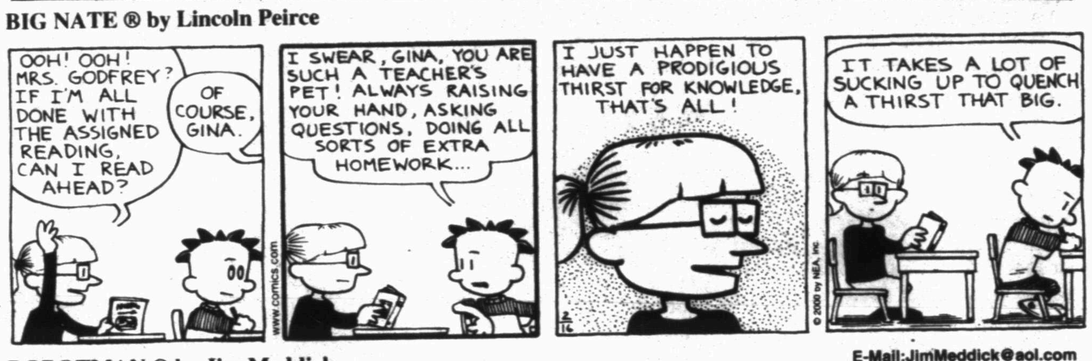

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7 Crowded into a small space
13 Big lizard
14 Romantically involved (2 wds.)
15 Jack the —
16 Inexpensive cigar
17 "Japan" finish
18 Very small
20 Like centenarians
21 Moved
25 Unlocks again
28 Journeys
32 Walking — — (elated)
33 Marriott holding
34 Rich cake
35 — nous
36 Ancient chariot
37 Rich
39 Gave
41 Cooking fat
44 Jackie's 2nd mate
45 Arizona mining town
48 Arm joints
51 Actress Merle —
54 Cowboy gear
55 Actor — L. Jackson
56 Brisk
57 With no trouble

DOWN

1 Cable
2 Protection
3 Sucker
4 Bounce stones on water
5 Chemical suffix
6 "Origin of Species" writer
7 More sagacious
8 Med. specialty
9 Unclaimed mail dept.
10 Type of dancer
11 Sinister
12 Homeowner's document
19 Ums' kin
21 Behaved maliciously to
22 Shipworm
23 Fruit ripener
24 Hummed
25 Learn by — (memorize)
26 Baseball's Slaughter
27 Rower's needs
29 — -bitty
30 Pierre's dad
31 Iditarod vehicle
37 Deface
38 Ineffective
40 Disgusting
41 Night birds
42 Oil exporter
43 Italian money
45 Wild sheep
46 Singer Billy —
47 Sole
49 Drink slowly
50 Hit lightly
52 Sheepish remark
53 Printer's measures

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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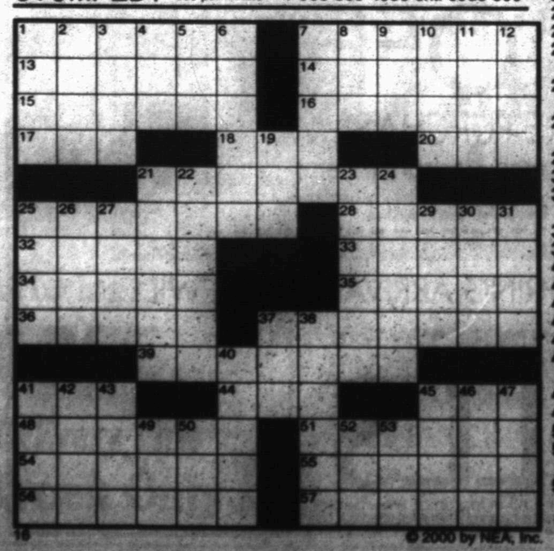

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"IF I EVER START LIKIN' GIRLS... I'M GONNA KEEP IT A SECRET."

SPORTS

Cleburne halts Lady Tigers' run

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

TUSCOLA — After an inspired two-game rally that carried Snyder from out of the postseason running into the runner-up spot, the Lady Tigers playoff journey came to an abrupt halt Tuesday night.

Snyder committed 31 turnovers and made only nine shots Tuesday, as Cleburne rolled to a 71-29 bi-district victory at Jim Ned High School.

The loss ends the Lady Tigers' first campaign under Sam Tipton with a 12-17 record. But the Snyder coach is quick to point out the positive aspect of his team.

"Our girls went through so much this year, just to get here," said Tipton. "I am very proud of this season. Of course, we would like to have played better tonight. But give Cleburne credit, they are a tough team. And tonight's outcome in no way takes away from what our girls accomplished this year."

The Lady Tigers, who reached the playoffs on the strength of their defense, had a hard time matching up with Cleburne's taller line-up.

After Kameron Kallemeyn recorded Snyder's first bucket of the game for a 3-2 tally, the Lady Jackets went on an 8-0 run that set the tone for the rest of the night.

The Lady Tigers committed four turnovers during the stretch, and Cleburne used its height for six second-chance shots to maintain the run.

"Their press gave us a few problems at the first," said Tipton. "And offensive rebounds really hurt us. It seemed like every time we forced them to take a bad shot, they got the rebound and put it back."

Even more devastating to the Lady Tigers was foul trouble. Leading scorer Kameron Kallemeyn picked up three fouls in the first three minutes of the game, forcing her to sit for most of the first half.

After Cameron Mackey's three-pointer that just beat the first-quarter buzzer trimmed the deficit to nine points, Cleburne went back to rebuilding their lead.

The Lady Tigers managed only four shot attempts in the second period, making two of them. Meanwhile, the Lady Jackets poured in 13 points to pull ahead, 30-17, by halftime.

Cleburne's defensive scheme gave Snyder problems most of the night. The Lady Jackets sank 27 buckets in the contest, while the Lady Tigers attempted only 27 and made nine.

"It's hard to break down their defense," Tipton stated. "They pack it in there, and the only way to get them to move out is to make some shots from the perimeter."

The second half was similar to the first, only more lopsided.

Cleburne outscored Snyder, 23-8, in the third quarter, and 18-4, in the fourth.

Katie Voss finished with 12 points for the Lady Tigers, while Kallemeyn tallied six.

Angie Wallace's 14 points paced Cleburne.

The Lady Jackets advance to face Weatherford in the area round.

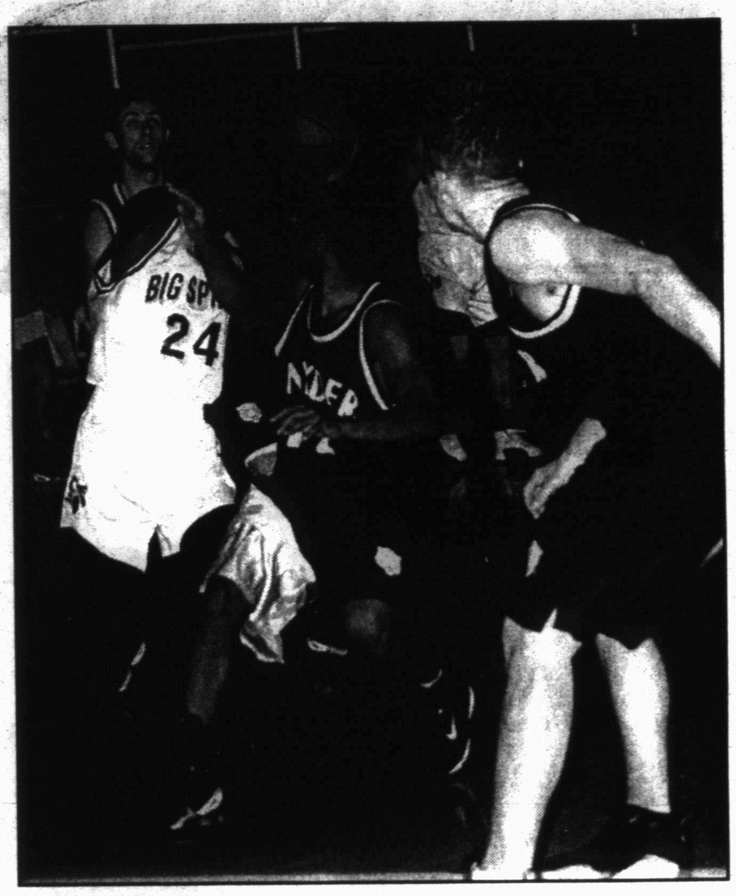
In other playoff action involving District 5-4A teams, Stephenville pummeled Big Spring, 81-51. District 5-4A champion Sweetwater will square off with Wichita Falls Hirschi in an area match-up Friday in Cisco.

Cleburne	17	13	23	18 —	71
Snyder	08	09	08	04 —	29

Cleburne
Wallace 4 6-6 14, Massey 5 3-6 13, Lackey 5 0-0 11, K. Kiel 5 0-0 11, Oppel 1 2-2 5, Stepp 2 1-2 5, T. Kiel 2 0-0 4, Mann 1 1-2 3, Ricketts 1 1-4 3, Jackson 1 0-0 2. **Totals 27 14-22 71.**

Snyder
Voss 4 4-7 12, Kallemeyn 2 2-4 6, Murray 1 2-4 4, Mackey 1 0-0 3, Eicke 0 1-3 1, Geiger 1 0-0 2, Bane 0 1-4 1. **Totals 9 10-22 29.**

Three-point goals: Cleburne 3 (Oppel, Lackey, K. Kiel), Snyder 1 (Mackey). Rebounds: Cleburne 34 (K. Kiel 6), Snyder 25 (Voss 7). Total fouls: Cleburne 22, Snyder 22. Fouled out — Kallemeyn.



TEAM DEFENSE — Snyder's Sonny Cumbie (right) and Jamaal Wofford (12) team up on a Big Spring player during the district finale Tuesday night in Big Spring. The Tigers won the contest, 67-59. (SDN Staff Photo)

Owls hold off Bulldogs, 51-42

BIG SPRING — In what turned out to be a defensive battle, the Reagan County Owls took advantage of their second-chance opportunities.

Reagan County controlled the action on the boards, and turned the extra chances into points to hold off Ira, 51-42, in a practice game Tuesday night at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Reagan County, state ranked in Class 2A, held the Bulldogs scoreless for the first seven minutes of the game, before Ira got on the board for an 8-3 tally at the end of the first quarter.

The Bulldogs rallied in the second period, posting 13 points to trail by only two at the break.

"They did a good job defensively, but we did too," said Ira coach Bubba Edwards. "We were getting some good looks, but the shots wouldn't fall. Both teams were pretty cold from the outside. But our guys stayed patient and started working the ball inside."

But in the third quarter, the Owls rebuilt a 10-point lead thanks to their work on the glass.

"We got killed on the offensive boards," said Edwards. "We were getting one shot only on our end, and they were getting two and three shots on the other. That was a big difference."

Both teams opened up in the final period, combining for 37 points.

Logan Daves paced the Bulldogs with 15 points on the night, while Jerek Brown and Bryce Wilkins added eight apiece.

Richard Wilkins dropped in five points, with Nathan Smith notching four, and Jose Juarez chipping in two.

Ira's final playoff tune-up will be Friday when it takes on Lorenzo at 7:30 in Jayton.

The Bulldogs square off with Klondike in the bi-district round Tuesday at 8 o'clock at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Sports Briefs

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.

Lewis released on bond

ATLANTA (AP) — Ray Lewis was released from jail on $1 million bond and is free to return home to Maryland.

Lewis, charged with murdering two men after a post-Super Bowl party, stepped into a waiting BMW and pulled away from the Fulton County Jail with his lawyers, mother and fiance.

Lewis' lawyer, Ed Garland, said the NFL linebacker would spend time with his family in Atlanta and return home to Baltimore on Wednesday.

About 90 minutes before Lewis left jail, another defendant in the Buckhead stabbings, Reginald Oakley, arrived with his lawyer to turn himself in. A third suspect, Joseph Sweeting, turned himself in Monday.

Sanders must pay back Lions

DETROIT (AP) — Retired Lions running back Barry Sanders must pay back $1.83 million of his $11 million signing bonus, an arbitrator ruled.

The Lions wanted Sanders to return $5.5 million of the bonus he got in 1997. He played two years of a six-year contract, but abruptly walked away from the game last July 28.

NFL Players Association lawyer Richard Berthelsen said Sanders, 1,500 yards short of Walter Payton's NFL career rushing record, could come back to play out his entire contract.

Bears sign free agents

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP) — The Chicago Bears signed defensive end Chris Mims and cornerback Todd McMillon.

Mims, who signed a one-year deal, saw limited action last season for San Diego before being cut in early December. The 6-foot-5, 300-pounder has 42 sacks in eight NFL seasons with the Chargers and Washington Redskins.

McMillon, a 5-10, 183-pounder who spent the last three seasons with Saskatchewan of the CFL, signed a two-year contract.

Minnesota player suspended

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A day after being selected Big Ten Player of the Week, Minnesota sophomore center Joel Przybilla was suspended indefinitely from the team for failing to meet academic requirements.

Przybilla is averaging 17 points and 11 rebounds in Big Ten play this season.

Dan Monson took over in July as coach of the Gophers, inheriting a program that is under NCAA investigation for allegations of academic fraud. The allegations cost former coach Clem Haskins his job, as well as the team being banned from postseason play this year.

If Przybilla forgoes his final two years of college eligibility, he would be a projected NBA lottery pick.

Red Sox, Everett agree to deal

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Red Sox agreed to a three-year contract with Carl Everett, avoiding arbitration with the switch-hitting outfielder acquired in a trade from Houston.

Everett hit .325 with 25 home runs and 108 RBIs for the Astros last season.

Tigers close out district with convincing win over Steers

BIG SPRING — The Snyder Tigers made sure there would be no need for overtime this time around.

After edging Big Spring in overtime in its first meeting, Snyder put the Steers away early Tuesday night, closing out the district schedule with a 67-59 victory at Big Spring gym.

The Tigers finish district with a 9-1 mark and 22-10 record overall. Snyder receives a first-round bye in the playoffs, by virtue of its district title. The Tigers will begin their postseason trek Feb. 25.

Against Big Spring, the Tigers used their patented man-to-man defense to stymie the Steers early. Big Spring netted only nine points in the first quarter, as Snyder jumped out to a 17-9 lead.

The Tigers stretched the margin in the second period, building a 12-point advantage at the break.

The Steers came to life in the second half. Lance Brock, who had only two points in the first half, poured in eight points in the third quarter, and eight more in the fourth.

But the Tigers remained solid on both ends of the floor. Heath Pinkerton shouldered the offensive load in the third period, knocking down 11 points to fight off Big Spring's run.

Snyder led by 15 points at the close of the third quarter, before the Steers managed a small rally in the final frame to cut the deficit to eight.

Pinkerton led all scorers with 20 points, while Brock finished with 18.

Sonny Cumbie and Jamaal Wofford added 13 apiece for Snyder, with Jared Thornhill draining 10.

Snyder	17	17	22	11 —	67
Big Spring	09	13	19	18 —	59

Snyder
Pinkerton 9 2-2 20, Cumbie 6 0-1 13, Wofford 6 1-1 13, McAnaw 2 0-0 5, Hester 1 1-3 3, Thornhill 5 0-0 10, Scott 1 1-3 3. **Totals 30 5-10 67.**

Big Spring
Brock 8 1-1 18, Woodruff 4 1-2 10, Dille 3 0-0 6, Belvin 3 0-1 6, Purcell 2 0-1 4, Harris 2 0-0 5, Wilkins 2 2-2 6, Smith 2 0-0 4. **Totals 26 5-8 59.**

Three-point goals: Snyder 2 (Cumbie, McAnaw), Big Spring 2 (Woodruff, Harris). Total fouls: Snyder 17, Big Spring 16. Fouled out — None.

Cards fall to Cougars in postseason tune-up

STERLING CITY — With their focus on next week's bi-district match-up, the Hermleigh Cardinals were grounded by the Christoval Cougars.

Christoval opened up a 10 point first-quarter lead, then held off Hermleigh to post an 80-54 victory in a playoff practice action at Sterling City High School.

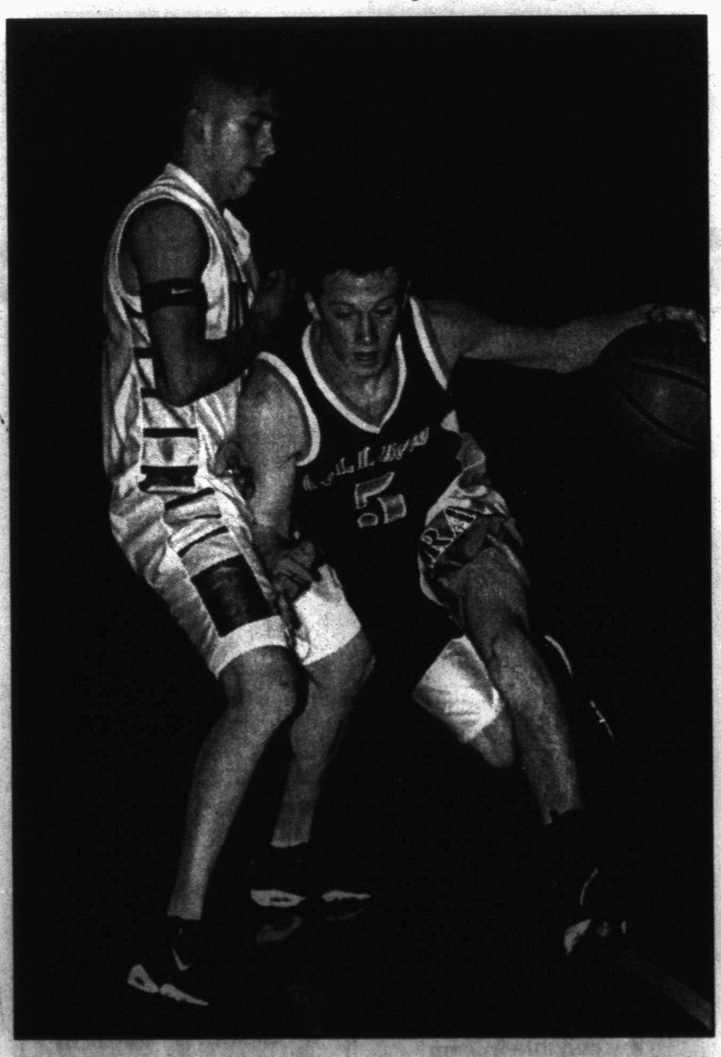
Hermleigh, which falls to 16-12, dropped in 16 points in the second quarter, but still trailed by 15 at the break.

The Cougars netted 39 points in the second half to preserve the win.

Caleb Callaway poured in 15 points to pace the Cardinals, with Andy Luna adding 11.

Billy Lambaren notched nine points, while Jared Higgins drained eight. Joey Garza registered seven points, and Chris McClure chipped in four.

Hermleigh faces Roscoe in a bi-district tilt Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Sweetwater.



BULLDOG BALLHANDLER — Ira point guard Nathan Smith tries to drive past a Reagan County defender during Tuesday night's playoff practice game at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. (SDN Staff Photo)

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EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Miami	31	17	.646	—
New York	29	19	.604	2
Philadelphia	27	23	.540	5
Orlando	24	26	.480	8
Boston	22	28	.440	10
New Jersey	19	31	.380	13
Washington	15	35	.300	17
Central Division				
Indiana	32	16	.667	—
Charlotte	28	20	.583	4
Toronto	27	21	.563	5
Milwaukee	27	24	.529	6½
Detroit	25	24	.510	7½
Atlanta	20	28	.417	12
Cleveland	20	30	.400	13
Chicago	10	38	.208	22
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
San Antonio	32	18	.640	—
Utah	29	19	.604	2
Minnesota	27	21	.563	4
Denver	22	27	.449	9½
Houston	21	30	.412	11½
Dallas	20	29	.408	11½
Vancouver	14	34	.292	17
Pacific Division				
Portland	39	11	.780	—
L.A. Lakers	38	11	.776	½
Seattle	32	20	.615	8
Phoenix	30	19	.612	8½
Sacramento	30	19	.612	8½
Golden State	12	36	.250	26
L.A. Clippers	11	39	.220	28

Tuesday's Games
Charlotte 95, Philadelphia 93
Toronto 91, New York 70
Atlanta 103, New Jersey 86
Cleveland 92, San Antonio 81
Miami 107, L.A. Clippers 88
L.A. Lakers 88, Chicago 76
Denver 107, Minnesota 104, OT
Milwaukee 112, Dallas 99
Houston 107, Detroit 102
Boston 101, Utah 99
Seattle 114, Washington 85
Portland 92, Golden State 83
Phoenix 117, Sacramento 108

Wednesday's Games
Toronto at Indiana, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at New York, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Portland, 10 p.m.
Washington at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Denver at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Miami at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Utah, 9 p.m.

Men's College Basketball Scores

EAST
Boston U. 58, Northeastern 55
Hofstra 73, Drexel 50
Holy Cross 73, New Hampshire 53
La Salle 59, St. Joseph's 56
Penn 55, Princeton 46
St. John's 73, Boston College 69
Villanova 87, West Virginia 77

SOUTH
Centenary 66, Ark.-Little Rock 64
Virginia 76, Clemson 62
Wake Forest 71, N.C. State 53

MIDWEST
Michigan St. 83, Ohio St. 72
Xavier 95, Duquesne 66

SOUTHWEST
Florida 80, Arkansas 71
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FAR WEST
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Bush, McCain walk fine line in debate

By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Debating familiar differences in sharpened tones, Gov. George W. Bush and Sen. John McCain each tried to prove the other guilty of negative campaigning, without offering Republican primary voters any new evidence on which to judge their rival bids for the White House.

Their arguments restated at close quarters the disputes about campaign tactics, taxes, abortion and conservative credentials they have been aiming at each other from a distance as they seek votes in the South Carolina primary on Saturday.

Again, as in debates before, there were no breakthroughs and no blunders, nothing apt to change the close, testy campaign for the primary that will reinstate Bush as the clear Republican front-runner, or validate McCain's campaign to topple him nationally as he did in New Hampshire.

The ninth installment in the Republican debate series, down to three men now, had some incongruous moments, as when the aggressive Alan Keyes interceded to chide the leaders for their tone. He said they should stop the "spitting match" and get to the issues.

Bush and McCain were the principals in the 90-minute debate Monday night in Columbia, S.C., broadcast nationally by CNN as a "Larry King Live" special. At times, it had a talk show flavor, with King addressing the candidates as Alan and John, though he always said governor to Bush.

"Please call me Senator, or Your Highness," McCain joked after King mentioned the first-name familiarity.

Amid the bickering, Bush said he considers McCain a conservative, not a liberal, and "a fine man." McCain said Bush is "a good man."

But they also exchanged accusations of nasty, negative campaigning, and argued about who started it. "This campaign spiraled down," McCain said. "I want the negativism out of it."

"I kind of smiled my way through the early primaries, and got defined," Bush said. "I'm not going to let it happen again."

He also got beaten, soundly, in New Hampshire, where McCain won the primary by 18 points and dented the Texas governor's front-runner status. Bush won in Iowa and Delaware; McCain bypassed both states.

Bush repeated his complaint at a McCain ad that accused him of twisting the truth like President Clinton, a comparison he called "about as low a blow as you can give in a Republican primary."

McCain said Bush "really went over the line" by letting an ally accuse him of abandoning veterans. "You're putting out stuff that's unbelievable, George, and it's got to stop," he said.

"This is probably the nastiest campaign that people have seen in a long time," McCain said. "But look, I'm enjoying it, this is a great and exhilarating experience."

Bush said McCain was playing the victim. "Wait a minute," he said. "Remember who called who untrustworthy."

So it went, alternating between words of outrage and of agreement on issues. They squabbled about abortion, on which they basically agree, with Keyes the absolutist denouncing them both for favoring exceptions to the ban they both advocate. They argued taxes, as they have before, Bush saying he wants to send more money back to taxpayers, McCain urging a smaller tax cut, with more funds to be used for Social Security and debt reduction.

Neither candidate wanted to be cast as the attacker, a role that can turn off voters. But neither wanted to let the other's offense go unrebutted. So they both tried to balance offense and defense, hard lines and softer ones, to use needles instead of hammers.

As in McCain's double-edged retort after Bush called his tax plan a reflection of the Washington mentality. "It's the grown-up mentality," McCain said, the mentality that recognizes obligations like the national debt have to be paid.

"I want to give people their money back," Bush said. "... And John, you know, grown-up or non-grown-up ... that's kind of a line you're trying to come across with."

Indeed it was, against the rival whose father, the former president, had come to New Hampshire and urged people to vote for his boy.

To Keyes, sitting between the leaders and talking more than either of them, their arguments were "pointless squabbling."

Bush and McCain certainly squabbled. The question now is whether either of them scored points in the process.

Lawmakers addressing new challenges

WASHINGTON (AP) — With all the advances in high-speed Internet technology, Americans may one day be able to watch most TV broadcasts on the Web — but not before overcoming some challenging hurdles.

For one, copyright holders, Internet companies and Congress need to tackle new thorny licensing issues. By shattering the bounds of geography, the Internet is also confounding the traditional laws governing copyright protections.

"Online technology has transformed the way consumers receive information and entertainment," said House Commerce Committee Chairman Tom Bliley, R-Va., in remarks prepared for a hearing today. "Because this transformation strengthens our economy, it is essential that we ... carefully assess whether Congress needs to amend current law."

The committee's telecommunications panel was examining the issue at a time when a high-profile legal case has focused attention on Internet providers "streaming" live TV broadcasts to their audiences.

Last week, several motion picture studios and TV networks, along with two of the nation's professional sports leagues, persuaded a judge to prohibit a Canadian Internet site, called iCraveTV.com, from transmitting live broadcasts that U.S. audiences can view.

The premise was that, under Canadian law, iCraveTV could capture programming — including NFL games and television sitcoms and dramas — from stations in Toronto and Buffalo, N.Y., and rebroadcast them live over the Internet. But when U.S. viewers began logging on, copyright holders yelled foul.

Officials of the Toronto-based operation assert that they are operating within their country's copyright laws and are also implementing new safeguards to ensure that people outside Canada are not viewing the programming. For example, the company is looking at using software that permits access only to people that are using Internet providers based in Canada, officials said.

"We are acting in good faith to follow the laws of the country in which we operate," Ian McCallum, a vice president for the company that operates iCraveTV, will tell the House panel, according to prepared testimony.

But U.S. laws are more complicated on this matter. Cable operators and satellite companies are eligible for special blanket licenses that allow them to retransmit broadcast programming without getting individual consent from each company. Instead, the companies pay a portion of their revenues into a fund, which is distributed to the copyright holders.

Last year, a provision was introduced into a telecommunications bill that would have prevented Internet service providers from getting these so-called compulsory licenses. It was eventually removed, with Bliley and others arguing that the issue needed further discussion.

Lawmakers and copyright holders see iCraveTV as just the beginning of future challenges.

Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., chairman of the telecommunications subcommittee, called iCraveTV the "first puffing wind in a storm" at a conference of broadcasters on Monday.

And copyright holders — including sports, advertising, TV programming and film groups — this week banded together to form an assembly to protect their interests.

"We are all eager to be part of this revolutionary technological magic. But we worry lest the great potential, the immense future worth of the Internet becomes tangled by overt and covert piracy of copyrighted material," said Jack Valenti, president and chief executive officer for the Motion Picture Association of America, in prepared testimony.

Municipal Court

There were fifteen cases heard in the municipal court on Feb. 7-9.

A 15-year-old female pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct and was ordered to spend six weeks in the STAR program with a 90-day deferral.

The charge against a 15-year-old male was transferred to county court on a Class C assault-family violence offense.

A 22-year-old female pleaded guilty to two counts of speeding, one count of failing to have liability insurance and two failure to appear charges. Fines and court costs totaled $1,177.25. She was also given 78 hours of community service.

A 30-year-old male pleaded guilty to public intoxication, fines and court costs were $249.75. He was ordered to serve 20 hours of community service.

A 37-year-old male pleaded guilty to public intoxication. Fines and court costs were $149 and he was given credit for time served.

A 27-year-old male pleaded no contest to public intoxication. Fines and court costs amounted to $149. He was given one-day jail credit and 4 hours of community service.

A 34-year-old female charged with displaying an expired motor vehicle registration and no liability insurance provided proof of both and the ticket was dismissed.

A 17-year-male pleaded guilty to no driver's license. Fines and court costs were $79 and an extension of time to pay the fine was given.

The judge dismissed one of two dog-at-large tickets issued to an individual, the remaining charge was a fine of $75 and was paid in full.

A 23-year-old female pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct, fines and court costs were $298.25 and an extension of time to pay was granted.

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A 20-year-old male pleaded guilty to public intoxication and failure to appear. Fine and court costs totaled $388.75. He requested to lay them out in jail.

A 32-year-old male pleaded guilty to no liability insurance,. Fine and court costs were $334. He requested time to pay.

An 18-year-old male pleaded no contest to minor consuming alcohol, he was given 121.5 community service hours. He was also required to take an alcohol awareness class his drivers license were suspended for 30 days.

Shooting in L.A. 'out of policy,' commission rules

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The fatal shooting of a homeless woman by an officer last year violated Los Angeles Police Department policy, a sharply divided civilian Police Commission ruled.

The 3-2 vote Tuesday endorsed a report issued last week by the commission's inspector general, who concluded Officer Edward Larrigan used faulty tactics that unnecessarily put himself at risk and violated department policy on use of lethal force.

Larrigan has said he shot Margaret Mitchell on May 21 after she lunged at him with a screwdriver while being questioned about a shopping cart the officers suspected was stolen.

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NEW YORK (AP)

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Alltel	63⅝	61⅞	63⅜	— ⅛
AmerOnline s	54½	52	52⅛	— 1⅝
AndarkPtr	33 3-16	32 9-16	32⅞	
AtlRichfld	70 11-16	69⅝	70 11-16	+ 1 3-16
ATMOS Egy	18	17¼	17⅞	+ 7-16
Aviall	8½	8 5-16	8½	+ 3-16
BP Amoco s	49¾	47⅝	49 7-16	+ 2 1-16
BakerHughes	26⅛	25 3-16	25½	
Bank of Amer	46½	45⅞	46 1-16	+ 7-16
BellAtl	55 5-16	54 1-16	54 15-16	+ 11-16
BellSouth	43⅝	42⅝	43	+ ⅜
Beth Steel	6⅝	6 5-16	6 5-16	
BurlNoSFe	22⅞	22⅜	22 7-16	+ 5-16
CBS Corp	62 13-16	60 13-16	60 13-16	— 1 11-16
Caterpillar	40⅝	39⅝	39 15-16	— 1-16
CenSoWst	18¾	18 7-16	18 9-16	— 1-16
Chevron	78 15-16	77 11-16	78⅞	+ 2 1-16
Citigroup s	54⅞	54	54⅝	+ ⅛
Coastal	42 11-16	41 9-16	41¾	— 3-16
CocaCola	55 7-16	54⅛	54½	— 1 3-16
ColgatePal s	56¾	55¾	56⅝	+ 15-16
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CooperIn	35 11-16	35¼	35 7-16	— 5-16
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DeltaAirl	45⅜	44 11-16	44 15-16	— 15-16
Dillards Inc	19 1-16	18 11-16	19	+ 15-16
DowChem	109½	106⅝	107 5-16	— 1⅝
DuPont	55¼	53 5-16	54	— ¾
EastmanChem	39 13-16	39 5-16	39⅜	— ⅛
EstKodak	58⅞	57 13-16	58 7-16	+ ⅝
EDS Corp	75	73¾	75	+ 13-16
Entergy	22 13-16	22½	22 9-16	— ¼
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GaPacGP s	39 7-16	37¾	38⅝	— 5-16
GlobalMar	20¾	20 1-16	20¼	— 3-16
Goodrich	23⅛	22½	22⅝	— ¼
Goodyear s	25¼	23⅝	24	— ¼
GtAtlPac	25 15-16	25⅝	25⅝	— 1-16
Halliburtn	39¾	38⅝	39⅛	+ ⅝
Hanson ADS	32¼	32	32⅛	— 1-16
HarteHanks	24⅜	24 3-16	24⅜	— 3-16
HomeDepot s	59⅜	57½	57¾	— 2
HoneywellInt	46¼	45⅝	45 7-16	— 11-16
IBM s	117¼	115 15-16	117	— ⅛
IntlPaper	44 5-16	43	43⅜	+ 1-16
JohnsonJn	80⅝	79 3-16	80¼	+ 9-16
K mart	8 5-16	8 3-16	8 3-16	— 1-16
Kroger Co s	17	16 9-16	16 13-16	— 3-16
Litton	31¾	31 9-16	31 11-16	— 1-16
LockheedM	18 1-16	17½	17 15-16	— 3-16
Lowes Cos	45 11-16	44 5-16	44 11-16	— 1 5-16
Lubys	10 15-16	10⅜	10 15-16	
LucentTech s	53½	52 13-16	52 15-16	— 11-16
MayDeptStr s	27 1-16	26⅞	26 15-16	— ⅛
MediaOne	77⅜	76⅛	76¾	+ 3-16
Medtronic s	45 7-16	44 7-16	44½	— 15-16
Monsanto	40¾	40⅜	40⅝	— ½
MorganJP	117⅛	115⅝	116 3-16	+ 1-16
Motorola	151	148 3-16	149 11-16	+ ¾
NCR Corp	41⅛	40 7-16	40½	— 1⅛
Navistar	36⅝	35⅝	35⅝	— ⅝
Penney JC	16¾	16	16⅝	— 3-16
PepBoys	6 11-16	6¼	6¼	— 3-16
PepsiCo	34 5-16	33 15-16	34 5-16	+ ⅛
PhelpDodge	55 13-16	54 3-16	54½	— 7-16
PhilipPet	38 9-16	37 11-16	38 9-16	+ 11-16
PilgrimPrd B	7⅜	7¾	7⅞	+ ⅛
Polaroid	23 5-16	22 9-16	23 1-16	+ 1-16
Praxair	40⅝	39⅞	40 3-16	— 1-16
ProctGamb	96¼	94 11-16	95⅜	— ⅜
PubS NwMx	16¼	16⅛	16⅛	+ ⅛
ReliantEngy	22⅛	21⅞	22	— ⅛
RoyalDut	57½	56⅜	57⅜	+ 13-16
SBC Comm	40 11-16	40¼	40½	
SaraLee	16 9-16	15 15-16	16¼	— 7-16
Scripps EW	45⅝	44 11-16	44 11-16	— 1
SearsRoeb	29 11-16	29	29 9-16	+ 5-16
SherwinW	20	19 11-16	19 11-16	— 5-16
SmithkBchm	54¼	52½	54¼	— 1⅝
SouthernCo	24 5-16	24 1-16	24 3-16	— ⅛
SwstAirl s	15 7-16	15¼	15 5-16	— 3-16
SprintFON s	65 5-16	64 7-16	64¾	— ⅜
SprintPCS s	47 11-16	46⅞	47 9-16	+ 7-16
Sunoco Inc	25 15-16	25¼	25 15-16	+ 11-16
TNP Ent	43⅛	42¾	43⅛	+ ⅜
Tandy s	40 1-16	39 3-16	39⅝	— ½
TempleInland	54 13-16	53½	53⅝	— 11-16
Texaco	50 15-16	50¼	50⅜	+ 1-16
TexInd	37⅛	36½	36½	— 9-16
TexasInst s	139¾	135 5-16	139½	+ 4½
Tex Util	34½	34 3-16	34¼	— ⅛
Textron	60⅜	59	59 5-16	— 1 1-16
TriconGlbR	28¼	27⅞	28¼	— ⅛
TrinityInds	22¼	22⅛	22¼	+ 1-16
TritonEngy	29 9-16	28 3-16	28 9-16	— 13-16
TylerTech	4 7-16	4¼	4 5-16	— 1-16
US West Inc	76 7-16	75⅛	75 15-16	+ ½
USX-Marathn	24¾	23 15-16	24⅛	+ 9-16
USX-USS	25½	24⅝	24 13-16	+ ⅛
UnCarbde	54 5-16	53 3-16	53¼	— 1 9-16
UnionPacif	39⅜	38⅜	38 7-16	— ⅜
UnitedTech s	53½	52½	53½	+ 1 5-16
Unocal	29 7-16	28 13-16	29 5-16	+ ⅝
Venator Grp	5 15-16	5 13-16	5⅞	+ 3-16
WalMart s	56½	54	54 7-16	— 2 9-16
WellsFargo	37¾	37⅛	37⅜	— 5-16
WstnGasRs	13	12⅝	12 15-16	+ 5-16
WinnDixie	17¼	17	17	— 1-16
Xerox Cp	21⅞	21½	21 11-16	— 5-16

Midday Stocks

Local Interest STOCKS

Patterson	17 13/16	-1/8
Dell	37 7/16	-7/16
Wal Mart	54 9/16	-3 7/16
Compac	26	-1
Del. Gen.	19 7/8	-5/16
GTE	65 7/8	+1 1/8
SBC Comm.	40 3/8	-5/16
BJ Services.	50 1/4	-9/16
LU	52 15/16	-1/2
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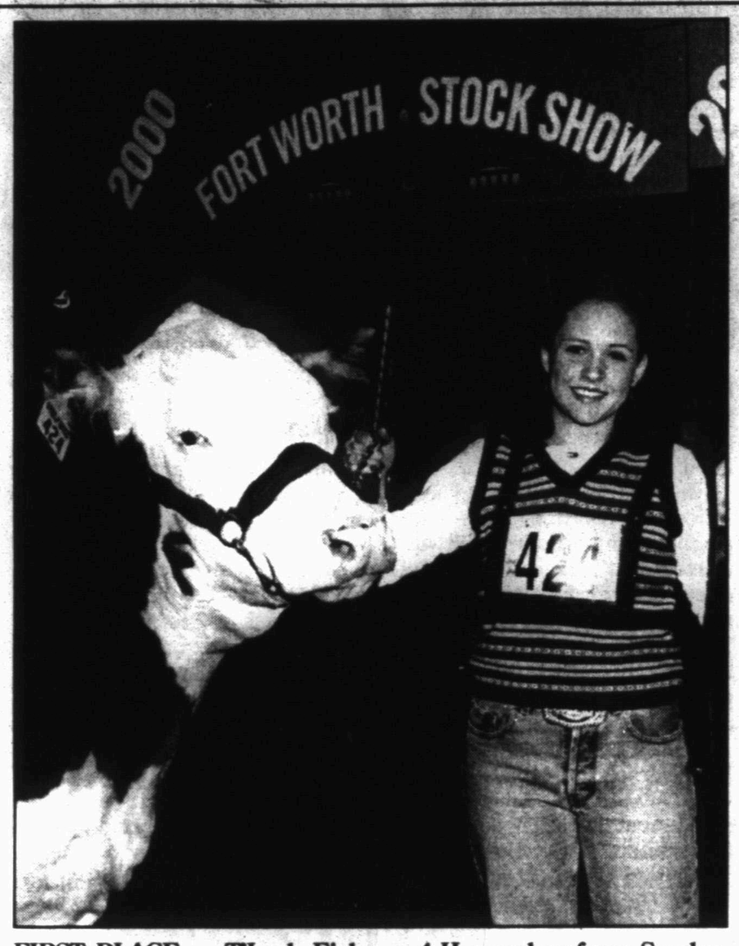
Scurry County Country

Eicke shows first place Polled entry

FORT WORTH — T'Leah Eicke of Snyder, a 4-H member, exhibited a first placed Polled Hereford in Fort Worth's Junior Stock Show on Feb. 3.

Mark Core of Pleasantville, Iowa was the judge. Some 1,761 head were entered in the show.

The Stock Show's Junior Division this year is hosting a record 8,800 entries by youth of Texas as the culmination of yearlong agricultural educational projects in various areas of livestock productions. Junior premiums will exceed $63,850.



FIRST PLACE — T'Leah Eicke, a 4-H member from Snyder, exhibited a first place Polled Hereford in the Junior Steer Show held in Fort Worth on Feb. 3. (Contributed Photo)

Lubbock auction

The Lubbock Stockyards Inc. had a run of 774 head of cattle for the Thursday, Feb. 10, sale. Cows were steady to $2 cheaper. Yearlings and calves were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 35-41
Canner and low cutters: 28-34.50
Slaughter bulls: 42-50
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 100-125
400-500: 90-110
500-600: 85-93
600-700: 86-87.50
700-800: 80-84
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 90-105
400-500: 82-95
500-600: 82-85
600-700: 77-83
700-800: 72-77
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 80-93
700-800: 65-75
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 625-750
Grade: 550-625
Springers: 350-660
Baby calves: 50-150
Doodlers: 150-240

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The state bird of Oklahona is the scissor-tailed flycatcher.

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Tennessee is the 16th state.

Colorado City livestock auction

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 1,583 head of cattle for the Saturday, Feb. 12, sale. Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers were $1 to $5 higher. Slaughter cows were $1 to $2 lower. Bulls were $2 lower. Bred cows were $100 to $150 higher. Pairs were $$100 to $200 higher. Trading was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:
200-300: 119-125
300-400: 121-123
400-500: 101-111
500-600: 90-99
600-700: 84-90
700-750: 78.50-86
Feeder heifers:
200-300: 103-110
300-400: 96-105
400-500: 92-102
500-600: 84-92
600-700: 78.50-81.50
700-800: 77-81
Replacement cows: 650-800
Bred cows: 500-625
Pairs: 725-875
Cow and calf pairs: 600-700
Slaughter cows: High yielding: 40-43
Slaughter bulls: High dressing: 50-50-52

TDA offers rules for organic cotton in eradication zones

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Agriculture has proposed rules establishing guidelines for organic cotton production in active boll weevil eradication zones.

TDA is hosting hearings in Lubbock, Lamesa and Muleshoe to take comments on the proposed rules.

"The proposed rules are merely a draft," said Matt Brockman, special assistant for producer relations. "We want the cotton industry to take the hearings and the comment period seriously and provide us with the best input possible."

TDA developed the rules to maintain the effectiveness of the boll weevil eradication program as well as to protect the integrity of TDA's organic certification standards and the crops marketed under the program. The proposed rules published in the Texas Register established an indemnification program for growers who must destroy organic cotton crops due to infestation in active eradication zones.

Growers who must destroy organic cotton crops, or who forgo the planting of organic cotton in favor of an alternative crop, will be compensated according to a proposed formula. The plan takes into consideration the growers' historical planting patterns, yields used in the federal crop insurance program and historical data relating to prices paid for organic cotton lint and seed.

Adjustments will be made to any indemnification due from the proceeds of the alternative crop and for other factors like administrative costs, ginning costs and other costs associated with treatments around organic cotton fields. Only growers who have an established history of organic cotton will be eligible for indemnification. Acres not having an established planting history before the 2000 crop year will not be eligible for indemnification.

"We need to develop a system that respects the integrity of the eradication effort, but also does not place financial hardship on the organic cotton growers who will be impacted by the program," Brockman said. "In the long run boll weevil eradication will be good for all cotton farmers."

Texas recently has seen a dramatic reduction in boll weevil numbers. Significant reduction in the pest has reduced production costs and increased yields in areas of the state where eradication program have been in operation for three or more years. More than three million acres of Texas cotton is in active eradication.

TDA will take comments for 30 days, which started Feb. 11. Those who would like to comment can write TDA at P.O. Box 12847, Austin, 78711, or fax at (512) 463-1104. To comment over the telephone or for more information, call Matt Brockman or Scott Heselmeyer at 512-463-7593.

TDA's three hearings will be at the following locations: Lubbock, 10:30 a.m., Feb. 21, Texas Agricultural Research and Extension Center, one-half mile east of I-27 on FM 1294; Lamesa, 3 p.m. Feb. 21, Dawson County Annex, 609 N. First; and Muleshoe, 9 a.m., Feb. 22, Muleshoe State Bank, 101 West American Blvd.

Cotton growers to have annual meet

ABILENE — The Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Inc. annual meeting will be held Tuesday in conjunction with the West Texas Farm and Ranch Show, on the Taylor County Fairgrounds in Abilene. The meeting will be held in the Big Country Hall at 10 a.m.

Featured guest speakers include U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm, Parks Shackleford, and Dr. Carl Anderson. Stenholm, minority ranking member of the House Agriculture Committee, will provide an update on federal agricultural issues.

Shackelford, associate administrator for programs of the Farm Service Agency (FSA), is primarily responsible for the supervision, administration and implementation of FSA Farm programs, Farm Loan Programs and Commodity Operations. He will discuss the administration's recently released farm safety net proposal.

Anderson, an extension economist with the Texas A&M University System, will address forecasting cotton prices for 2000 and beyond.

A steak lunch sponsored by industry representatives will be served at the conclusion of the meeting. Following lunch, participants are invited to attend the Cotton Production Conference that is scheduled for 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Producers will have the opportunity to earn three CEU hours toward their Applicators License.

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In each advertisement you will find a face from the past. Identify the faces on the entry blank opposite the name of the sponsoring business. Bring or mail the entry blank to the Snyder Daily News, 3600 College, PO Box 949, Snyder, Texas 79550. The deadline for entering is 5 p.m. Monday before the next contest appears on Wednesday. The weekly prize winner will be drawn from all the correct entries. The winner will be notified. This week's faces will be identified in next week's contest. Only one entry per person, and please do not make copies of the entry blank. Employees of the SDN are not eligible to enter.

Last Week's Photos: 1. David Poe 2. Van Spikes 3. Richard Suttenger 4. Vicki Hall 5. Sharon Hamm 6. Keith Belze 7. Gerald Bowlin 8. Debra Ashley 9. Lynda Burgess 10. JoAnn Hudson

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Gas prices likely to stay high

NEW YORK (AP) — As Lydia Gamos filled up her fuel tank, she refueled her complaints about rising gas prices.

The homemaker grudgingly paid $1.45 per gallon to gas up her Honda in Houston. "It certainly does hit you in the pocket" she complained Tuesday.

The hefty prices at the pump have Gamos holding her driving to a minimum "until it gets a little cheaper."

She may be in for a long wait.

Prices that now average $1.41 a gallon in the United States could stay high into the summer travel season. Some analysts even predict pump prices up to $1.60 and $1.70 per gallon before the problem eases.

Americans already are talking about curtailing their driving just as resorts and other vacation spots are starting to gear up for summer.

"It's ridiculous at this point," Mike Fox, 33, said of gas prices as he filled up at a gas station in midtown Manhattan. "I do as little driving as possible because it's so expensive."

Gasoline prices have been rising steadily since last March, when the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries cut crude oil production by 7.5 percent, or more than 2 million barrels a day, to try to boost prices that had fallen to 12-year lows.

It worked — perhaps too well for Americans.

Fears that gas prices will go even higher were raised Monday when the price of crude oil futures closed at $30.25 a barrel — topping $30 for the first time in nine years.

Analysts believe that OPEC will come under increasing pressure — especially from industrialized nations such as the United States — to raise production at its next meeting in late March.

Roger Diwan, managing director for global oil markets at The Petroleum Finance Co. in Washington, expects OPEC will increase oil production 1.5 million to 1.7 million barrels a day. But because inventories at refineries already are low, "that won't be enough to bring prices down dramatically and change the gas outlook in the United States."

He suggests "people better get ready" for national gas prices averaging $1.60 a gallon before they begin easing.

FBI investigation into hacker attacks ongoing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Janet Reno today acknowledged substantial challenges in tracking the hackers responsible for last week's attacks against major Web sites, even as the FBI was contacting several vandals in its investigation.

Reno, testifying before a Senate panel, called the challenge of averting cybercrime "one of the most critical issues that law enforcement has ever faced."

"I would simply say that we are taking the attacks very seriously and that we will simply do everything in our power to identify those responsible and bring them to justice," Reno said.

FBI Director Louis Freeh, in written testimony, said hackers in many cases falsified the Internet addresses of the computers involved in the attacks, "meaning that the address that appeared on the target's log was not the true address of the system that sent the messages."

Freeh also disclosed that FBI field offices in five cities are participating in the high-profile investigation: Los Angeles, San Francisco, Atlanta, Boston and Seattle.

"Agents from these offices are following up literally hundreds of leads," Freeh said in his statement prepared for the Appropriations subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and judiciary.

The FBI is contacting several hackers, known by their online nicknames, about the attacks, said a Justice Department official, speaking on condition of anonymity. He stopped short of calling them suspects, although one of them claimed responsibility for at least one attack.

Four plead guilty in 132nd District Court

Four persons pleaded guilty Tuesday in 132nd District Court with one defendant ordered to spend 18 months in the Scurry County Jail while three were placed on probation.

Frances Medrano Silva, 38, of 413 33rd Street, entered a guilty plea for a Nov. 27 offense of possession of a controlled substance.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong sentenced Silva to serve 18 months in the Scurry County Jail.

Omero Castelan, 20, of 1303 18th Street, pleaded guilty on two counts of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and a third count of burglary of Snyder One Stop. All offenses occurred Oct. 30.

Castelan will serve two years in a state jail facility, probated for five years on each count with the sentences being served concurrently.

Castelan was fined $500 on each of the three counts and ordered to pay $1,278 in restitution to one vehicle owner and $320 to a second. He also must pay $100 restitution to the convenience store owner.

Also pleading guilty was Augustine Roy Torres, 36, of 6299 West FM 1609 in Ira.

He was charged with unlawful restraint for a Sept. 30 family violence incident.

Judge Armstrong sentenced Torres to 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, probated for 10 years. Torres was also fined $750 and ordered to attend batterers' intervention counseling.

Jo Ann Mitchell, 36, of 1968 North Ave. O pleaded guilty to a July 10 charge of credit card abuse. She was assessed a five-year term in a state jail facility, probated for five years and with deferred adjudication. Mitchell also must make $982 in restitution to First U.S.A. Bank.

Shuttle likely to finish work

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Thanks to fuel-efficient changes in steering and flushing aboard space shuttle Endeavour, NASA is optimistic that astronauts can complete their mapping of the world.

By Tuesday, flight controllers had come up with 17 ideas for conserving fuel aboard Endeavour, ranging from changes in shuttle maneuvers to changes in urine disposal. Five were implemented.

The astronauts have had to use more shuttle fuel than planned to keep a 197-foot radar antenna mast pointed in the right direction. Thrusters on the shuttle are being fired more often to compensate for a malfunctioning thruster on the end of the mast.

Obituaries

Earl E. Odal

1919-2000

Funeral service with military honors for Earl E. Odal, 80, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Remains will be inurned at Ft. Sam Houston in San Antonio.

Earl E. Odal

Mr. Odal died Monday, Feb. 14, at his home in Snyder after a lengthy illness.

Born June 1, 1919 in Chicago, Ill., he graduated from high school in Chicago in 1937 as a major in the ROTC.

As a member of the Illinois National Guard, the unit was activated in 1941, and he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

During World War II, he earned the Bronze Star for infantry action on Guadalcanal and advanced to the rank of captain.

After the war, he continued in the Illinois National Guard and entered college where he earned a Diploma in Commerce in 1947 and a BA in business administration in 1948, both from Northwestern University.

He joined the Illinois Society of Certified Public Accounts in 1948 and earned a master's degree in business administration in 1950 from the University of Illinois.

He resigned the National Guard to accept a commission in the Army Finance Corps, and returned to active duty during the Korean War. After the war, he remained active in the Army Reserve. He retired in 1969 with 30 years military service.

He then began a career as a financial officer in the insurance industry and as an investment adviser.

Mr. Odal married Lorraine Fensterer of Galesburg, Ill., on June 15, 1947. She died April 20, 1999.

The Odals moved to Houston in 1968. He retired from corporate finance in 1972 and moved to the Lake Conroe area where he continued as a consultant and investment manager. He and his wife moved to The Woodlands Retirement Center in 1995 and to Snyder in 1997.

Mr. Odal also was preceded in death by his mother, Helen Smith; and a half brother, Mark Smith.

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

Family visitation will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Anita Alcantar

1956-2000

COLORADO CITY – Anita Alcantar, the sister of Lulza Tavarez of Snyder, died Sunday, Feb. 13, at her home in Leander.

Funeral service was set for 2 p.m. today in the 22nd and Austin Street Church of Christ with Carlos Payer officiating. Burial was to follow in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Born July 22, 1956 in Loraine, she married Marcus Alcantar on Jan. 29, 1982 in Abilene. A former resident of Colorado City, she was a teachers' aide for the Leander Independent School District and was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Marcus Alcantar of Leander; two sons, Salvador Alcantar of Georgetown and Lupe Alcantar of Abilene; five daughters, Melissa Alcantar and Veronica Alcantar, both of Leander, Alice Phelps, Jackie Alcantar and Michelle Alcantar, all of South Dakota; two brothers, Jesse Gutierrez of Colorado City and Eloy Gutierrez Jr. of Sweetwater; seven other sisters, Amelia Lopez of Austin, Lili Espinosa, Maria Conreras and Dilila Torrez, all of Colorado City, Juana Perez and Beatrice Adames, both of Sweetwater, and Esperanza Velez of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and 16 grandchildren.

Tuesday activity light for officers

Activity was light for local peace officers Tuesday.

An officer was requested at 2103 43rd Street at 9:47 p.m. in reference to a burglary. Belia Romero reported the incident and advised that jewelry had been taken. An offense report was submitted for burglary of a habitation.

Officers also took a hit-and-run accident report Tuesday. The incident reportedly occurred Monday between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at Snyder Healthcare Center. Involved were a parked, unoccupied 1994 Nissan Sentra owned by Linda Ruiz of 106 College and an unknown vehicle that left the scene.

A one-vehicle rollover around 6:39 p.m. sent two Lubbock women to Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Melissa Ponce, 20, and Vicky Ochoa, 21, were transported to Cogdell by Snyder EMS where they were both treated and released.

A Department of Public Safety trooper worked the accident, which occurred some five miles north of Snyder on U.S. Hwy. 84. No additional information was available this morning.

Miscellaneous other calls were handled Tuesday, including reports of barking dogs and dogs running at large. Officers also assisted several motorists in unlocking keys from their vehicles.

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

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.

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 do no order pictures, the proofs must be back by Friday.

Victory Baptist 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. Monday, at Trinity Methodist Church. For more information, call the church office at 573-3988, or Dorothy Petersen at 573-7044.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air weekly on TV channel 2. The videos to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "The Scheme of Redemption," followed by "Historical Christian Evidences, Lesson I."

Jury call postponed

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

Multi-cultural day

WTC will have a multi-cultural day in the college cafeteria from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Tuesday. It will be an all-you-can-eat buffet for $6 and proceeds will go to the International Student Club.

Cancer board meeting

The Scurry County unit of the American Cancer Society will hold a board of directors meeting at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Cogdell Hospital board room.

Amateur radio operators

Snyder area radio operators will conduct its weekly check in/ragchew net at 7:30 p.m. 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.

Pesticides class

WTC will host a pesticides class for area farmers from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, in the Learning Resource Center. Cost is $5. Three CEUs will be awarded for attendance. The program is sponsored by WTC and the Texas Agriculture Extension Service. It will also be transmitted to Stamford and Anson High Schools via ITV. To register, call 573-8511, ext. 390.

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.

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.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information call Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Pick 3

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

1-6-2

(one, six, two)

Cash Five

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

3-4-14-20-36

(three, four, fourteen, twenty, thirty-six)

Judge allows lawsuit to go forward

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A judge has rejected a last-minute bid by the city to end a federal civil rights lawsuit by family members of a bank robber who bled to death after a televised shootout in North Hollywood.

U.S. District Judge Christina Snyder ruled Tuesday that sufficient evidence exists to let a jury decide whether police violated Emil Matasareanu's rights by keeping paramedics away from him for an hour as he died on the street.

Questioning of prospective jurors was scheduled for today.

Matasareanu, 30, and Larry Eugene Phillips Jr., 26, fired more than 1,200 rounds.

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Texas fugitive is captured

LUSK, Wyo. (AP) — A fugitive accused of killing a farmer and wounding two law officers in Nebraska surrendered after a three-day manhunt that ended shortly after he walked into a couple's farmhouse and gave up his gun.

"It doesn't sound like there was a struggle of any substance," said Sgt. Perry Jones of the Wyoming Highway Patrol. "It sounds like maybe he was cold and tired and ready to give up."

Charles Lannis Moses Jr., outrun authorities first by pickup, then on foot, in the soggy hills just over the Nebraska-Wyoming state line. Moses was caught around 8:40 p.m. after surrendering a gun to the couple.

Col. Tom Nesbitt of the Nebraska State Patrol expressed relief at the surrender. "This has been very taxing situation for all of us."

Moses was not injured when surrendering but he was taken to a hospital for treatment of injuries he suffered in a shootout with Nebraska officers on Saturday night, Sgt. Troy McLees of the Wyoming Highway Patrol said.

Moses, a 31-year-old construction worker from Nocona, Texas, was spotted in Lusk about 1:30 p.m. MST, Jones said.

Moses sped away and a number of state troopers, county deputies and the FBI joined in pursuit until Moses crashed his vehicle into a ditch about 2:45 p.m. He then fled into a remote, rocky area dotted with ranches, and police expanded the manhunt after creeping up on his empty pickup.

Police were cautious in pursuing Moses on foot because of his previous encounters, authorities said.

The search had shifted to eastern Wyoming from western Nebraska. In the Paxton, Neb., area, military helicopters were called in and schools closed as more than 100 state troopers searched for Moses.

Nebraska Gov. Mike Johanns declared a state of emergency, which allowed the guard to use two unarmed Blackhawk helicopters in the search. The Nebraska State Patrol also used a helicopter and two airplanes.

A first-degree murder warrant was issued for Moses on Tuesday, one day after Robert Sedlacek, 48, was found shot to death near an abandoned farmhouse eight miles from Paxton. Police believe Moses had been hiding out on the farm and killed Sedlacek to steal his pickup truck.

Sedlacek was speaking with his father-in-law, Paul Fisher, on a cell phone and said he noticed unusual tire tracks on the property, Keith County Attorney Deborah Gilg said.

Fisher said his last words with Sedlacek were to warn his son-in-law about the fugitive. "I heard him say, 'What are you doing here?' and the phone went dead," Fisher said.

Before being seen in Wyoming, Moses' last confirmed sighting had been about 12:30 p.m. MST on Monday at the Ogallala, Neb. interchange on Interstate 80.

Moses' pickup truck with Texas license plates was found riddled with bullet holes Monday on the Dickens farm where another car had been stolen. That car was subsequently found on the farm where Sedlacek was killed.

Moses' truck contained chemicals and glassware commonly used to manufacture methamphetamine, police said.

Officers shot at Moses during the initial chase Saturday, which began after a Lincoln County sheriff's deputy tried to arrest him on the Texas warrants. Moses pulled a handgun, which the deputy wrestled away, then he fled in his truck.

With no tail lights on the truck, Moses outran about two dozen officers on icy roads in the dark Saturday. One officer was shot in the stomach, another was shot in the hand.

State Trooper Jeffrey Crymble, who was shot in the stomach Saturday night, underwent surgery Tuesday at Great Plains Regional Medical Center in North Platte. Capt. Jim Parish of the Nebraska State Patrol said Crymble could be removed from intensive care as early as today.

Chatterbox and his partner steal safe

NEW YORK (AP) — A smooth-talking man engaged a restaurant bookkeeper in a riveting discussion about garbage collection while his partner tiptoed in and stole a safe containing $200,000, police said.

The theft occurred around noon Monday at a Japanese restaurant.

The restaurant was closed when a man knocked on the front door. The bookkeeper, the only employee inside, opened the door.

Rolling Plains set meeting in Abilene

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Dr. Billy Warwick, extension agronomist, will address cotton production in the new century. Extension entomologist Dr. Chris Sansone will provide information on insect management after the boll weevil. Billy Henderson of the TDA will conclude the conference with an update on Texas herbicide law.

Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Inc. was formed in October of 1964 by an area-wide meeting of farmers held in Knox City. The non-profit organization unites cotton producers from the 25 counties of the central and northern Rolling Plains, with the mission to improve the conditions under which Rolling Plains cotton is produced and sold.

There is no charge for the meeting or production conference. All cotton producers and other interested associates are invited and strongly encouraged to attend this educational meeting.

Date Book

Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2000
Today is the 47th day of 2000 and the 57th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1937, Dr. Wallace Carothers patented nylon.

On this day in 1941, Duke Ellington recorded "Take the A Train."

On this day in 1959, Fidel Castro appointed himself premier of Cuba.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Henry Brooks Adams (1838-1918), historian; George Macaulay Trevelyan (1876-1962), historian; Edgar Bergen (1903-1978), ventriloquist George F. Kennan (1904-), U.S diplomat-historian, is 96; Patty Andrews (1920-), singer, is 80 Sonny Bono (1935-1998), singer politician; John McEnroe (1959-) tennis player, is 41.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1988, Australian pastry che Craig Logan won the 11th Annua Empire State Building Run-Up by running up 102 flights of stairs in New York City's Empire State Building in 11 minutes, 29 seconds.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Modern politics is, at bottom, a struggle no of men but of forces." — Henry Brooks Adams

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

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Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Daughter needs an examination

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 12-year-old daughter has problems at home and in school. She exhibits bizarre behavior and inappropriate remarks. Could she have Tourette's syndrome?

DEAR READER: Possibly. The syndrome is a poorly understood genetic disorder that begins in childhood and is marked by random tics (muscular movements), compulsive utterances (often of foul words) and various behavioral abnormalities. Although your daughter could have Tourette's syndrome, she might have other diseases, such as an emotional ailment, a seizure disorder or a mental disease.

I urge you to have her examined by a physician. Once a diagnosis has been established, she can be treated. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Tourette's Syndrome." 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: My wife has recently suffered temporary visual loss in one eye. The attacks last about an hour, during which she can see only half the object she's looking at. Doctors mutter "optic nerve" but that's as far as it goes. Can she be helped?

DEAR READER: The loss of half a visual field is usually due to a circulatory problem.

For example, a blood clot in a retinal artery may affect only half the retina. Arterial spasm acts the same way: Some patients with migraine will temporarily lose part of their vision because of the spasm.

If your wife's episodic blindness is caused by emboli (fragments of blood clot carried in the blood stream), she should be examined to find the source of the clots. Ultrasound testing of the carotid arteries in the neck is such an examination. If the tests reveal arterial clots, she may have to take anticoagulant medication — or even undergo surgery to clean the arterial linings.

On the other hand, if her problem is a migraine equivalent, the treatment would be non-surgical: beta-blockers may prevent migraine, Imitrex may abort an attack.

Your wife needs a diagnosis. This should be made possible through the combined efforts of an eye specialist and an internist, a physician trained in diagnosis.

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English springer named best

NEW YORK (AP) — Her father was a champion. Her breeder was a giant in the field. With odds like that in her favor, it was little wonder the English springer spaniel Samantha skipped so lightly to the head of the pack.

The 51/2-year-old dog, like her sire seven years ago, took best-in-show honors Tuesday night at the Westminster Kennel Club Show, sailing energetically on snowy, feathered feet to the sound of applause.

"I just depended on her to give me a good show, and she gave me a good show," handler Kellie FitzGerald said. "I can't describe the feeling at the end of the lead. She was just working. She was going around the ring, looking at the crowd, getting pumped up by it."

Samantha won the sporting group title earlier in the evening, then bested a favored standard poodle to win the 50th best-in-show title of her career, which will end now.

"She's going from here to be a mom," said FitzGerald, who's has worked with Samantha for her 21/2-year career. The dog will join her father, 1993 winner Salilyn's Condor, at FitzGerald's home in Troy, Mich.

Samantha — registered as Salilyn 'N Erin's Shameless — is owned by Carl Blain and Fran Sunseri of Sacramento, Calif., and was bred and co-owned by Julia Gasow, who died in 1999 after devoting 63 years to the breed.

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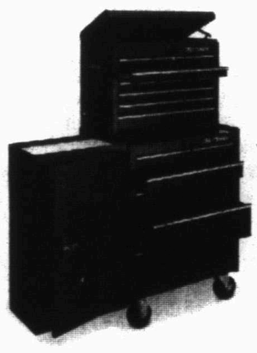

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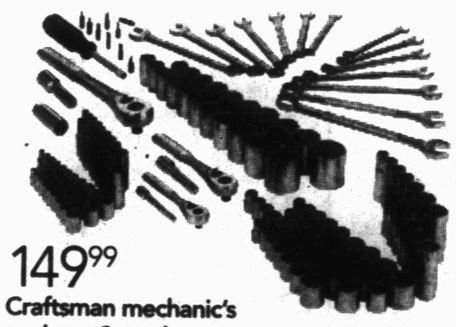

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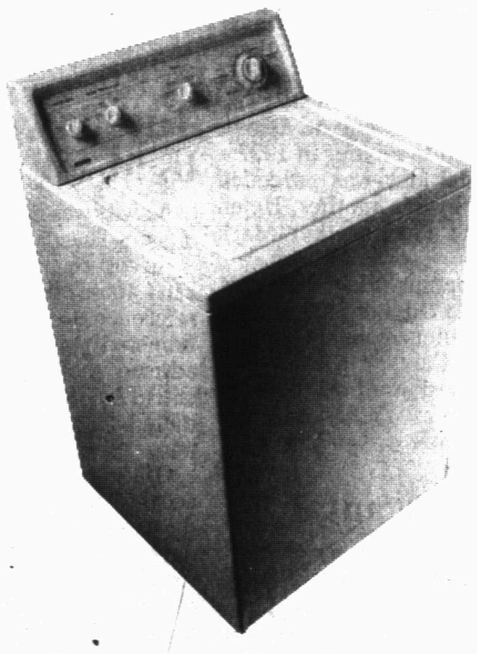

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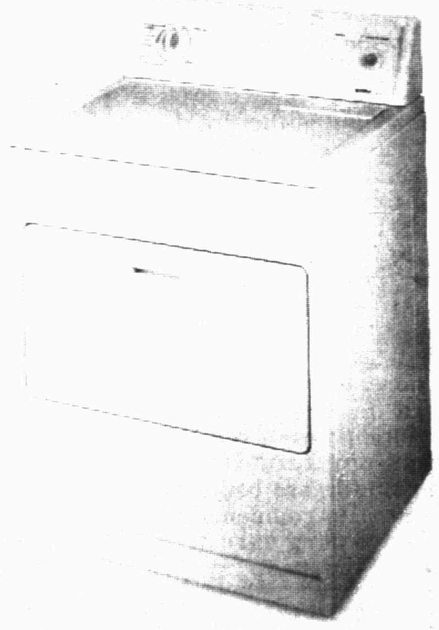

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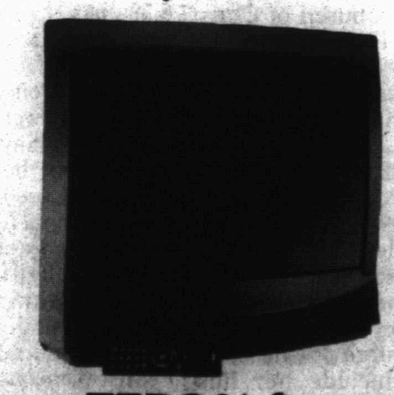

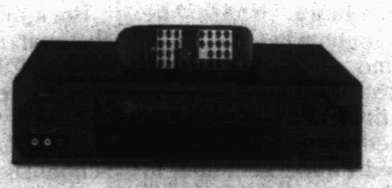

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