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Home of Carol Graves

Baugh resigns effective at end of term

Head coach has been at Snyder High School for 13 years

By Eric Drennan
SDN Sports Editor

After 45 years of football, as both a player and a coach, David Baugh has decided to walk away from the game he loves.

Baugh, the Snyder High School head coach and athletic director for the past 13 years, announced his retirement Thursday evening at an SISD school board meeting.

"I will be retiring, effective the end of the current school year," Baugh told the board. "From the bottom of my heart, I want to truly thank the school board and administration for all of your help and support. It's been an enjoyable 13 years. The memories and experiences have been tremendous for my family and myself."

After months of speculation, Baugh retires as the all-time victory leader among Snyder High School coaches with 69 wins. Under his tutelage, the Tigers advanced to the playoffs six times, after making only five postseason appearances in the 30 years prior to his arrival in 1988.

"I believe we have an excellent athletic program in place," Baugh said at the meeting. "We have a tremendous administration, dedicated coaches and hard-working kids. It's been a pleasure coaching your children, and I hope I left a positive mark on their lives."

SISD superintendent Gayle Lomax commended the coach for his job of rebuilding the SHS program.

"Under your guidance, every time a Snyder team has stepped on the field in any sport, they have represented Snyder well and always given 100 percent," Lomax told Baugh.

"We appreciate everything you've done. You are leaving the school district in better shape than it was when you came here."

Following the meeting, Baugh said there were influencing factors in his decision, other than his family and his ranch.

"I've been at this for a long time," Baugh said later. "It's a hard decision to make. You don't want to get out too soon, and you don't want to stay too long.

"My main focus will now be on getting our ranch back to a profitable status, and I want to get reacquainted with my grandkids. We plan on staying in Snyder for awhile. I'm still black and gold at heart, but I think I'm ready to try other things."

There were no indications who Baugh's successor might be, but the board hopes to have a new coach in place by the end of the school year.

"We thank you for all you have done, and we appreciate your timeliness in telling us," school board president Mark McCormick said at Thursday's meeting. "It will give us time to attempt to find your replacement. You have been a mentor to numerous coaches and kids, and you'll surely be missed."

Lomax hopes to have a candidate's name to bring before the board by the March meeting.

"If we have a candidate by the March meeting, then he could be in place by the start of April. This would give the new coach an opportunity to work alongside Coach Baugh through the end of the school year."

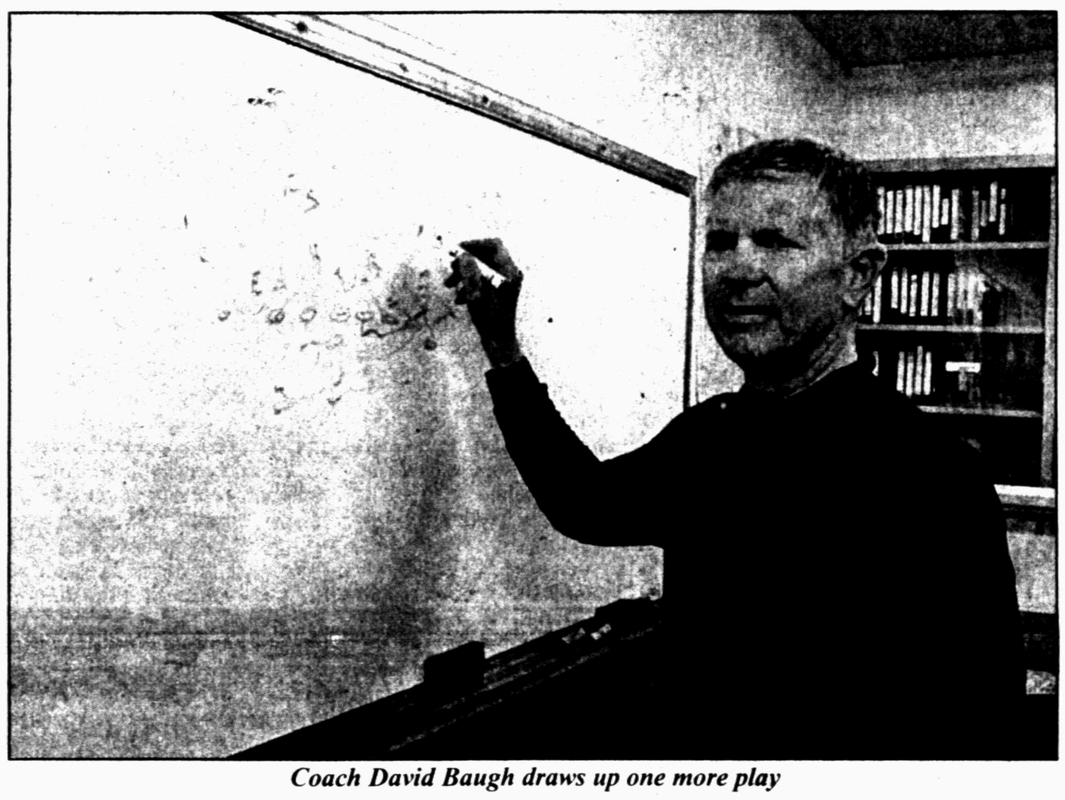
As for Baugh missing the sidelines come next year, the 57-year-old coach said there were certain aspects he was sure he would miss.

"I'll mainly miss working with the kids and my coaches. I truly love coaching football," Baugh stated. "I won't miss a lot of the aspects of athletic director, but I've always enjoyed teaching the game of football.

"I have had some great assistant coaches, and they're a big reason for the success I've had. Joe Granato is probably the coach I've relied on the most, because I always felt that as long I had Joe, then we would be as good as we could be, defensively."

The Tigers finished this past season with a 6-4 mark, and missed the playoffs for the first time in four years, but Baugh said wins and losses were not a factor in his decision.

"I would have retired even if we would have made the playoffs this year," Baugh remarked. Forty-five years of football is just enough. When I came to Snyder, I didn't figure I would stay for 13 years. But I'm certainly glad that I did."



Coach David Baugh draws up one more play

Hermleigh trustees to meet

The Hermleigh ISD board of trustees will hold its regular monthly meeting at 8 a.m. Saturday with several items of business to consider.

Ricki Webb has requested to address the board concerning her children riding the bus to school.

Supt. Jerry Church said that Webb lives in Hermleigh and is not actually on the bus route at this time.

Board president Tim Dacus has requested that several items be placed on the January agenda.

Those include discussion of the district's bus maintenance, security lighting at the school and gym and advertising for bids on lots the school acquired through delinquent taxes.

In a routine item, the board will discuss the district's technology plan.

Church said approving the plan, which outlines long-term goals concerning integrating technology into curriculum, is considered annually.

Trustees are also expected to conclude Church's annual evaluation and discuss his contract.

The board is also scheduled to discuss the 2001-2002 school year including problems Hermleigh faces with declining enrollment and property taxes.

"We will explore the possibilities of where we are and what we need to do," Church said.

Monday is day off for some locally

Local financial institutions will be closed Monday in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

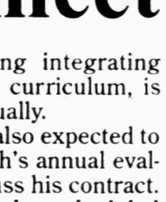
American State Bank, First American Bank, Snyder National Bank, Texas Savings Bank and West Texas State Bank will close at regular time today and not reopen until Tuesday.

Snyder Post Office also observes the national holiday and will not be open Monday. Mail will be placed in post office boxes, but there will be no home deliveries.

Compton to perform with All-State Choir

Michael Compton, a senior Snyder High School choir student, was selected for the All-State Choir, following auditions held Saturday in Odessa.

Compton, who sings Bass I, and Matt Coronado, Tenor II, both auditioned. Crissida Tyler and Marcie Podriguez were alternates, but did not get the opportunity to audition.



Compton

Compton will perform with the Texas All-State Choir in San Antonio on Feb. 10 in the Lila Cockrell Theater. The choir will perform together again in March at the American Choral Directors Association meeting, also in San Antonio.

The choir's appearance will be part of the 2001 Texas Music Educators Association Clinic/Convention meeting. Compton was chosen for the honor in competitive auditions held this year across the state at district, region and area levels.

This will be Compton's second time to perform as a member of the TMEA All-State Group.

He is the son of Don and Linda Compton.

SISD improvement plans are presented

Plans are proceeding on schedule for the Snyder Independent School District to begin making improvements to various campuses' heating and cooling facilities.

Mike Briggs with BGR Engineering presented a set of plans for the improvements at Thursday night's board meeting and told the board of the bid schedule, and that work is expected to start on May 21.

The plans include several options on how to spend $520,000 in maintenance tax funds, and trustees are expected to decide in February what campuses will get the improvements.

Plans call for eliminating inefficient boilers for heating, and to provide individual units for classroom heating and cooling.

Other areas on the campuses will also have new equipment installed, including the cafeterias, gyms and auditoriums.

The trustees were also updated on planned usage of the school's cable TV channel that is becoming available with the City of Snyder's new franchise agreement with Cox Communications.

Dr. Melissa Jones said money would be available through the city to purchase a text-generating machine that could scroll messages across the school's designated channel.

"We could use the machine to announce early dismissals, weather information, or other information," said Supt. Gayle Lomax.

Lomax said the school is not getting into the TV production business.

"We're certainly not going to be set up to do what WTC can do," said Lomax.

Dr. Jones said one of the long-term benefits of the agreement between the district and Western Texas College would be a tuition variance for 20 SHS students yearly for the life of the 15-year franchise.

The program is planned to get underway in January 2002.

Trustees also heard the annual report on the district's Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS).

The report comes from the Texas Education Agency and details the district's TAAS results, and other information.

Dr. Jones said the district received an overall ranking of recognized for the 1999-2000 school year.

She also made note of new information published for the first time this year involving student disciplinary action.

Dr. Jones said the district had eight total instances of students disciplined possessing or using marijuana or other controlled substances, with five of the students at SHS, two at the junior high and one at West Elementary.

There were also eight instances where students were disciplined for using tobacco products.

Seven of the students were at the high school, while one was at West Elementary.

In action items, the board formally approved the contract of Theresa Stephens to teach second grade at Stanfield. Stephens is a graduate of Texas Tech and has public school teaching experience in Midland.

The board also approved three grant applications, including one for the school resource officer and the other two for educational programs.

Board president Mark McCormick presided and members in attendance included Luann Burleson, Richard Chambers, Cathy Peoples, Glenn Clarady and Mike Levens. Janet Stribling was absent.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "In just two days, tomorrow will be yesterday."

About some of your former neighbors:

Ken McAllister, executive director of the U.S. Tennis Association, Texas Section, has recently been inducted into the Texas Tennis Coaches Hall of Fame.

Now living in Austin, McAllister penned the following note:

"Snyder and its wonderful people, from the parents and players to the first class school system, ...contributed to my induction into the Texas Tennis Coaches Hall of Fame. I am writing to thank the community and to share this with them.

"I still keep up with many of my former players that I coached for Snyder High School from 1964-70. I play golf these days with **John Phillips** who reached the state finals from 1968-70 and won it in 1970 at the same time as **Max Falls** and **Ronnie Maddux** won the title in boys doubles.

"We'll all miss **Bill Boles** who worked with me there, but his daughter, **Deanna**, continues in the educational field in Big Spring.

"The **Braziel family** will always be important to me for bringing early diversity to the game of tennis – and doing very well. And I note that **Emily Kincaid** remains in Snyder and has become a good friend. There are many others who are not forgotten, but these are the names that come to mind.

"You have a great new high school coach (**Brad Wikse**) and I understand that the tennis traditions remain high in Snyder."

And **Gaynell Cline** at the Snyder chamber of commerce called to report that **Scott Mason**, a former junior high band director here, is now at Coppell High School in the Metroplex.

Mason's band earlier this month was invited to march in the Rose Bowl parade in Pasadena, Calif.

And while on the subject of Coppell High School, its football team advanced to the semi-finals in the Class 5A playoffs, bowing to Abilene Cooper.

Bryan Bishop, grandson of **Leon** and **Polly Autry**, was a wide receiver on the Coppell Cowboys grid team, and he is one of the state's top college recruits.

The Ira Masonic Lodge has awarded **Jose Juarez** a scholarship. Juarez, a May graduate of Ira High School, is a freshman at Texas Tech.

ASK US

Q—Has Snyder High School selected a date for its junior-senior prom?
A—Yes, March 31.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 49 degrees; low, 31; 7 a.m. Friday, 32; trace precipitation; total for 2001, .82 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy, breezy, 20% rain chance, low near 40, SE wind 15-25 mph. Saturday, cloudy morning, 30% rain chance, high lower 50s, W wind 20-30 mph, gusty.



Jonathan Mayes
Rain Chance

Sunset:
6:02 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:44 a.m.
Of 11 days in 2001, the sun has shone 9 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Love doesn't make the world go around. Love is what makes the ride worthwhile.
—Franklin P. Jones

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Budget for TDCJ less than expected

AUSTIN (AP) — Higher parole rates and a prison population that is leveling off will allow the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to cut its budget request by $544 million, prison officials said Thursday.

The department is now seeking just more than $5 billion for the 2002-2003 fiscal year, said TDCJ spokesman Glen Castlebury.

The average parole rate for 2000 was 22.5 percent, up from 18.2 percent in 1999 and 16.7 percent in 1997.

The rate is increasing steadily because of improved parole policies, said Tony Fabelo, director of the Criminal Justice Policy Council.

"We're not opening the prison revolving door like in the early 1990s when we had a 78.1 percent rate," Fabelo said.

The information was released at a day-long Senate Finance Committee in which several state agencies provided the lawmakers with an overview of their department needs. Formal budget requests will be made starting next week.

The Criminal Justice Department is not scheduled to present its budget request until February.

The $544 million would have been used to build three new prison facilities for more than 14,000 prison beds needed by 2005, Fabelo said.

If the parole rate trends continue and crime rates do not increase, the state will need only an additional 332 prison beds by 2005, Fabelo said.

"It can go the other way quickly," Fabelo warned.

The parole rate has increased steadily over the past few years while the rate of recently released inmates being sent back to prison for new crimes has declined, parole board officials have said.

Sen. Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi, also took time during the meeting to question the department about the Dec. 13 prison escape of seven inmates. The Senate Criminal Justice Committee has called a hearing on the escape.

Truan tried to summon Mac Stringfellow, chairman of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, to the meeting to answer questions about the budget and last month's escape of seven inmates from the Connally Unit near Kenedy.

"I can't help but think that the people of Texas must feel insecure knowing these seven criminals are still at large," Truan said.

Several bills target domestic violence

By The Associated Press

A sampling of bills aimed at curbing domestic violence:

DATING VIOLENCE

Allows victims "who have had a continuing social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature" to apply for a protective order. Texas law requires the victim to be married, live with or have children with their abuser to seek such an order.

Authors: Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth and Rep. Brian Mc Call, R-Plano

PROHIBITING FIREARMS

Prohibits possession of a firearm by a person who has been convicted of a misdemeanor family violence offense or is the subject of a protective order. The provision, which already exists under federal law, would be added to the Texas statue to make it enforceable.

Authors: Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas and Rep. Toby Goodman, R-Arlington

DENYING CUSTODY

Creates a presumption that giving a batterer sole custody of a child is not in that child's best interest. The law would close the loophole to Texas law, which only prohibits joint custody for batterers.

Authors: Sen. Moncrief and Rep. Elliott Naishtat, D-Austin

PROTECTING PRIVACY

Amends the Public Information Act to classify the location, client information and other sensitive data kept by women's shelters and sexual assault programs that receive state funding.

Authors: Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound and Rep. Debra Danburg, D-Houston.

LIMITING DEFENSE

Eliminates "rage, resentment and anger" under the causes for which a defendant may claim that a murder was committed out of "sudden passion."

Author: Sen. Nelson

PROTECTING COMMUNICATION

Creates an offense for interfering with emergency communications such as phone lines used to prevent 911 calls.

Authors: Sen. Nelson

TRAINING LAW OFFICERS

Instructs law enforcement officers to determine the "predominant aggressor" when allegations of family violence are received from two or more opposing persons.

Author: Sen. Leticia Van De Putte, D-San Antonio and Rep. Juan Hinojosa, D-McAllen

SPEEDY ORDERS

Clarifies law enforcement's duty to enter protective orders into the Texas Crime Information Center database within 10 days of receiving them.

Author: Rep. Naishtat and Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston

TRAINING WORKERS

Mandates four hours training for state family violence workers.

Authors: Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo and Rep. Naishtat

FUNDING FOR IMMIGRANTS

Authorizes use of state funs for nonresidential family violence centers.

Authors: Sen. Zaffirini and Rep. Naishtat

ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY

Allows the Secretary of State to accept legal documents and mail on behalf of victims of family violence who have relocated to keep their new address confidential.

Author: Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano

Black Tie and Boots Ball will be festive

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pardon the shopkeepers if the cowboy boots are in short supply. The Texans are back and fixin' to party.

With one of their own kind about to take up residence in the White House, there's been no scrimping on the shindig that has been and continues to be the consummate Texas event during inauguration — the Texas Black Tie & Boots Ball.

Phones haven't stopped ringing with calls from ticket hunters since the Supreme Court opened the White House door for George W. Bush. And they continue to ring even though the Jan. 19 ball has been sold out for weeks.

"When it (the election) was on a whole new life," said Rick Meyers, the Texas State Society's ball co-chairman. "Everybody wanted to come to this party. It's always been a hot ticket but this year it is the hot ticket."

It would be redundant to say this party put on by Texans is big, but is it big enough to meet the definition of Texas excess?

You bet.

— This party is so big the door prize is a Chevy Suburban — the so-called Texas Cadillac — valued at more than $40,000.

— It's so big that a pair of tickets that would cost $175 each were auctioned on eBay for $3,650.

— It's so big that 6,000 pounds of brisket, 6,000 pounds of smoked ham and 60,000 pieces of jumbo shrimp have been ordered as food for the masses.

"Tickets are very, very hot. I think I could finance my son's college if I could lay my hand on some extra ones," joked Rep. Kevin Brady, R-Texas, the society's second vice president. "This is the election night victory party that no one had."

Corporate sponsorships offered at $50,000 came with 50 ball tickets. They were sold out by the time ticket order forms were mailed. The society also sold $25,000 and $10,000 sponsorships, which came with 25 and 10 tickets each. They society got so many calls it expanded its corporate sponsorships, which sold out again.

The society's Web site, last updated in October, lists seven $50,000 sponsors, 39 at $25,000 and 43 at $10,000. That would total $1.755 million. But more have been added.

Watchdog groups have been critical of the donations, saying corporations make them to get close to people in power.

But Meyers and Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, counter that the society's lineup of entertainment including Texas swing band Asleep At the Wheel, country stars Tanya Tucker, Clint Black and Gary P. Nunn, mixed with the scheduled appearance of Bush and first lady Laura Bush have made the event popular.

"This has become traditionally the most fun event of the whole inaugural weekend," said Hutchison, society president. "It's just an integral part of inaugural weekend and it's our time to be outrageously Texan."

Corporate sponsors and other VIP's also will get a sit-down dinner an hour before the ball. Texas musicman Lyle Lovett is the featured entertainment and prime, grain-fed beef ordered from Texas will be served. The guest list includes Dallas Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman and former Cowboys' quarterback Roger Staubach. Actors Chuck Norris, Robert Duvall, Bruce Willis and Arnold Schwarzenegger, golfer Ben Crenshaw and some of Texas' political glitterati.

events

RESULTS

Cash Five

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

3-16-24-36-39

Pick 3

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

0-9-6

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Saturday, Jan. 13, 2001

Don't waste your time or efforts in the year ahead on insignificant involvements. You could be especially successful where major endeavors are concerned.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Someone with strong influence could show special attention to you today and assist you in a social situation you may have thought was hopeless. It could have something to do with a romance. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Don't leave logic out of the equation, but do give credence to your hunches and intuitive perceptions. Used in proper combination, they make you a winner.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) The secret to your success today is your ability to sincerely communicate your ideas, thoughts and feelings to others. A lasting, good effect will ensue.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't fool around or dawdle for one minute on matters that could produce material rewards for you today. Returns could take on a new meaning with longevity involved.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) When confronted with any critical assignment or development today, trade on your past experience and accumulated knowledge. The answers are all there.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Conditions could take a big change for the better today having to do with one of your major concerns. You may finally be able to get on with whatever it is you want to do.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be willing to play a supportive role today, and situations that require a team effort will turn out exceptionally favorable for you. Working together in tandem doubles your strengths.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) What gives you the greatest feeling of worth today is being of service to others. You have what it takes to make life so much easier for all those you encounter.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Half measures will not produce the types of effects required to resolve an important matter today. Don't be afraid to assert your authority and use bold tactics.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Provided what you do is as genuinely advantageous for others as it is for you, the ends could justify the means today. When you look out for the interests of others, you enhance your own.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Fairness and balance will be primary in your dealings with others today. People with whom you have negotiations will be pleased by the way you handle yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Because you're equally adept at both buying and selling today, you should be able to get that for which you strive. Follow your own judgment as to what you do when.

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Berry's World



Date Book

Friday, Jan. 12, 2001

Today is the 12th day of 2001 and the 23rd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1896, in North Carolina, Dr. Henry L. Smith took the first X-ray photograph taken in the United States.

On this day in 1944, the first Victory ship, the USS United Victory, was launched in Portland, Ore.

On this day in 1966, "Batman," starring Adam West and Burt Ward, premiered on NBC-TV.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Edmund Burke (1729-1797), political writer-statesman; John Hancock (1737-1793), American Revolutionary leader; John Singer Sargent (1856-1924), painter; Jack London (1876-1916), writer; Tex Ritter (1907-1974), singer-songwriter; Joe Frazier (1944-), boxing great, is 57; Rush Limbaugh (1951-), talk-show host, is 50; Howard Stern (1954-), radio personality, is 47.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1965, the Pittsburgh Steelers defeated the Minnesota Vikings 16-6, winning their first NFL title.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The people never give up their liberties, but under some delusion." — Edmund Burke

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Jan. 9) and last quarter (Jan. 16).

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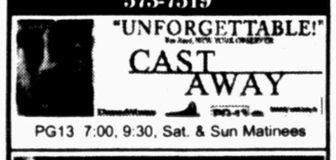
MOVIES

FAMILY MAN PG-13

★★★ Comedy drama romance about a fast-laned executive who wakes up to find his sports car and girlfriend have turned into a mini-van and wife. **Starring Nicolas Cage, Tea Leoni, Don Cheadle**

CAST AWAY PG-13

★★★ Adventure drama about a FedEX executive who survives a crash landing on a deserted island and tries to get his life back. **Starring Tom Hanks, Helen Hunt**

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PG13 7:00, 9:30, Sat. & Sun Matinees


PG13 7:15, 9:15, Sat. & Sun Matinees

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 01-12-01
♠ A K Q 7 4
♥ Q 6 3
♦ Q J
♣ 7 6 2

West
♠ J 3
♥ 10 8 2
♦ A 9 7 5 2
♣ J 9 4

East
♠ 10 9
♥ K J 9 5
♦ K 8 4
♣ Q 10 5 3

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

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT*	Pass	??	

* 12-14 points

Opening lead: ??

Friday, Jan. 12, 2001

What would you bid with that?

By Phillip Alder

After the class in Napier, Ian Clayton asked me about this deal. Look only at the North hand. Your partner opens one weak no-trump, promising 12-14 high-card points. How would you plan the auction?

The deal had occurred during the Hastings Open Pairs Championship on August 19. Yes, I realize that South doesn't have 12 points. But Ian correctly judged that his ace-king-ace were worth 12 points.

His partner, wife Cynthia, had responded two hearts, a transfer bid showing five (or more) spades. Then, she had jumped to three no-trump, offering a choice of games. After some thought, Ian had passed. I think he was hoping I would agree with him — but I didn't! Ace-king-ace suggest suit play, not no-trump. The opponents might have run the diamond suit if partner had had a weaker doubleton. My opinion was that North should have responded three no-trump, not shown her spades. That hand has no-trump written all over it, especially with all those "soft" values on the side. It is quite likely that nine tricks would be the limit in either spades or no-trump.

I felt so confident that I ran a computer simulation using the late John Lowenthal's "Borel" program. Opposite that North hand, Borel randomly dealt 34 weak no-trumps with three or four spades. On eight deals, three no-trump made whereas four spades failed. (Once, South even had four spades.) Four spades was the only game just twice. (Once, South had four spades.)

Here, three no-trump is defeated by an unlikely heart lead, but four spades can fail on any lead.

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New company promises to revolutionize nation's media

WASHINGTON (AP) — Newlyweds America Online and Time Warner promise to harness their vast resources to expand consumer choice for Internet access, entertainment and communications. To make sure the $106 billion merger doesn't have just the opposite effect, the government has set strict limits to keep the companies from crushing the competition.

Those include a requirement that AOL must make future generations of its popular instant messaging service work with competing services.

The companies crossed their last regulatory hurdle and swiftly moved to close their deal late Thursday — a year and a day after announcing the unprecedented combination of old and new media.

The new AOL Time Warner wasted no time in touting the benefits consumers could expect from the fusion of the nation's largest Internet provider and a media titan. Executives said the company would break new ground in emerging technologies such as digital music, high-speed Internet access and interactive television.

"Our brands, services and technologies already touch hundreds of millions of people," said Chairman Steve Case, whose company AOL serves 26 million Internet subscribers. "We will embed the AOL Time Warner experience more deeply into their everyday lives."

Time Warner owns the cable networks CNN, HBO, and the Cartoon Network; magazine titles such as Time, People and Sports Illustrated; and offers movies and other programming under its Warner Bros. labels. It has a vast system of cable lines, second only to AT&T Corp.

New Chief Executive Officer Gerald Levin, said the range of businesses under the company's umbrella — which includes movies, magazines, music and Internet services — will "empower consumers in new and exciting ways."

But William Kennard, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, said the agency wasn't willing to rely on the companies' good intentions. Instead, the agency set in place a series of conditions designed to define the company's role in offering growing services, while at the same time avoiding heavy-handed regulation of new technology.

"I believe that we have found the appropriate balance," Kennard said Thursday. Kennard, a Democrat, is expected to resign from the agency now that the merger review is over. Republican Commissioner Michael Powell, son of Secretary of State-designate Colin Powell, is the leading contender to be nominated by President-elect Bush as the next FCC chairman.

Public interest groups cheered the merger decision. Gene Kimmelman of Consumers Union said the government had "transformed a merger that threatened competition into one that could actually expand consumers' choices for high-speed Internet and interactive TV services."

The combined company will be required to make AOL's popular instant messaging service communicate with services offered by rivals. But that won't happen until instant messaging evolves to next generation services offered over Time Warner cable lines. That could include two-way video teleconferencing or the sharing of music clips and other files between users.

Before AOL Time Warner can offer such advanced services, it must either implement an industrywide standard to make different services communicate with each other or enter contracts to show its system can operate with at least three rivals within six months.

Rivals Microsoft, ExciteAtHome and AT&T had sought a broader condition forcing AOL to open its existing messaging service — the short, real-time text messages millions of consumers now use — to competitors.

The commission also fine-tuned requirements that antitrust regulators had put in place to protect consumer choice for high-speed Internet services.

Gene that controls sleep cycle discovered

By PAUL RECER
AP Science Writer

A study of a Utah family of "morning lark" snoozers has led to discovery of the first human gene that controls the sleep cycle. The finding could lead to new treatments for jet lag, insomnia and other sleep problems.

Researchers, in a report to be published in today's edition of the Science journal, said they found the gene by studying the genetic pattern of four generations of a Utah family identified in 1999 as having a previously unknown condition called "familial advanced sleep-phase syndrome," or FASPS.

"This is a family of extreme morning lark sleepers," said Louis J. Ptacek, a Howard Hughes Medical Institute researcher at the University of Utah, Salt Lake City.

Ptacek said the family gets normal sleep, as deep and long as most people. The difference is that they start earlier and awaken earlier. Members of the family tend to grow sleepy in late afternoon and usually are slumbering in bed by 7 p.m. They generally awaken spontaneously around 2 a.m. For them, he said, it is a natural pattern.

The first FASPS family was identified in 1999 by Christopher Jones of the University of Utah. Since then, more than 20 others have been identified.

The new study, co-authored by Ptacek, Jones and others, used specimens from the family to find the genetic basis for the unusual sleep pattern.

Ptacek said the researchers found that FASPS is caused by a gene on chromosome 2 that changes a single amino acid among the 1,000 that make up a protein called hPer2. This change alters the action of an enzyme that has been linked in animal studies to control of the circadian rhythm, or sleep-wake cycle, he said.

Further study of this gene and the protein it makes might lead to drugs to control jet lag and other sleep disorders, Ptacek said.

"If we can understand how it works, we may be able to formulate a pill to match the FASPS mutation," he said. Such a pill, he said, could, theoretically, allow a jet traveler to advance the sleep cycle by about six hours, ideal for passengers flying from the United States to Europe.

"If we can learn how to advance the sleep clock, then we may also learn how to shift the clock back," which would benefit jet passengers flying west, said Ptacek.

Such drugs also would be useful for shift workers and others who must shift their sleep pattern abruptly, he said.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Teacher's hurtful words set bad example for class

DEAR ABBY: I am the mother of two daughters, one of whom is 9 years old. The other passed away eight years ago just before she turned 3.

My daughter who died had Down syndrome and many other health problems. However, that is not the reason for this letter.

My other daughter is in fourth grade, and at open house for her class, her teacher used a word in her talk to parents that I found deeply offensive. She used it not once, but twice. Demonstrating for the parents a stretching exercise she has the children do midmorning to break the monotony in their routine, she said, "I know this makes me look retarded, but this is the way to stretch." My daughter reports that this teacher uses the word "retarded" often, as if it were an adjective.

I am unsure how to handle this. I don't want whatever I say to be used against my daughter in the classroom, and yet I feel strongly about the poor example this teacher is setting for the children. I considered sending an anonymous letter to her with a copy to the principal of the school, but I would like you to address this subject in your column. If you print this, I just might mail her a copy. — **TWICE A MOTHER IN SOUTH DAYTONA BEACH, FLA.**

DEAR MOTHER: It is deplorable that the word "retarded," as a synonym for "dumb" or "stupid," has become common slang (i.e., "That is so retarded!"). It shows a lack of respect for those who are challenged, and the person to whom the remark is directed may have a sibling or relative who is developmentally or mentally disabled.

Rather than anonymously mailing this to the teacher or penning an unsigned letter, I urge you to meet with the teacher and tell her how hurtful her comments were to you and the reasons why. If that doesn't teach her a lesson she'll never forget, nothing will.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to "Milton" for two years. Actually, we've been together for six years. We have two beautiful daughters, ages 2 and 4. Milton works full time during the day. I work full time at night. We hardly see each other.

I am at a crossroads because I think I am in love with Milton's best friend, "Herb." Herb and I have slept together, and I can't get him out of my mind. He has a girlfriend and two children.

I feel Herb is the person I have waited my whole life to be with. I know what I have done is wrong; however, I ache for him. I am torn between the two men, but I know we can ruin a lot of lives if we pursue this relationship. Therefore, I recently made up my mind to live my life with Milton and my kids.

Abby, please help me to stick with the right decision. — **IRIS IN ILLINOIS**

DEAR IRIS: Actually you didn't "wait your whole life" for Herb. You made a sizable emotional investment when you had the children with Milton and married him. I'm pleased you made the mature decision to stick with your husband. It is going to take time to get over this — but it was the right choice.

Another big step in the right direction will be to avoid Herb and his girlfriend or get them out of your life entirely. Also, you and your husband must get on the same work schedule and get marriage counseling. Marriages die from lack of communication, and unless you act immediately, there won't be much life left in yours. Trust me.

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Elderly man shoots family and himself

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — A 75-year-old man shot his wife, daughter and son-in-law before turning the gun on himself Thursday evening, authorities said.

Billy Hurley, 75, and his 73-year-old wife, Billie T., were at their daughter's home when he shot his son-in-law, Clayton E. Crockett, 51, then chased his daughter and wife outside the home, police said.

Once outside, police said Hurley killed his daughter, Veda J. Crockett, 53, then chased his wife to a nearby elementary school, where he shot her and himself, police said.

Some students were outside for an after school program when the attack occurred but none were injured.

"It was pretty scary, but we stayed cool and calm," said Wanda Soule, who was outside the school with her two sons, their classmates and a teacher.

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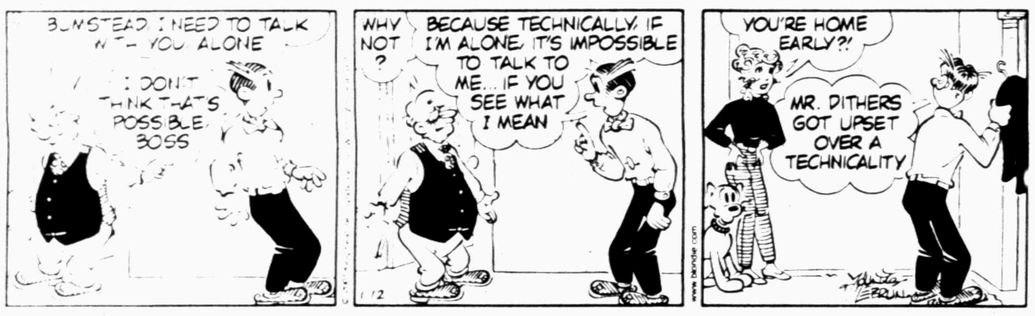
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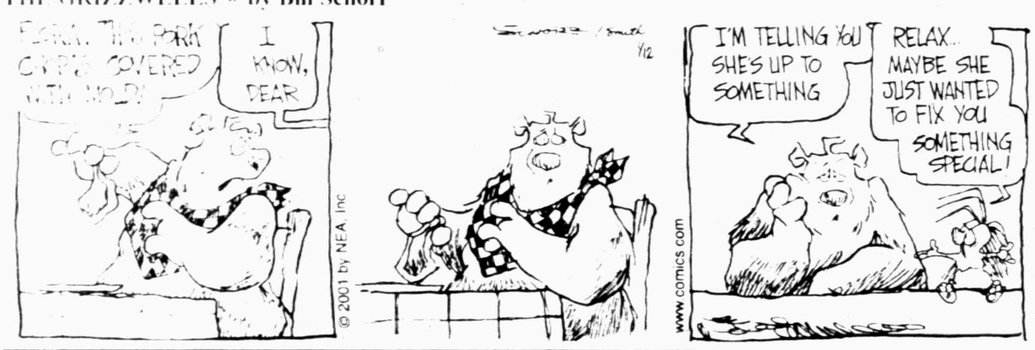
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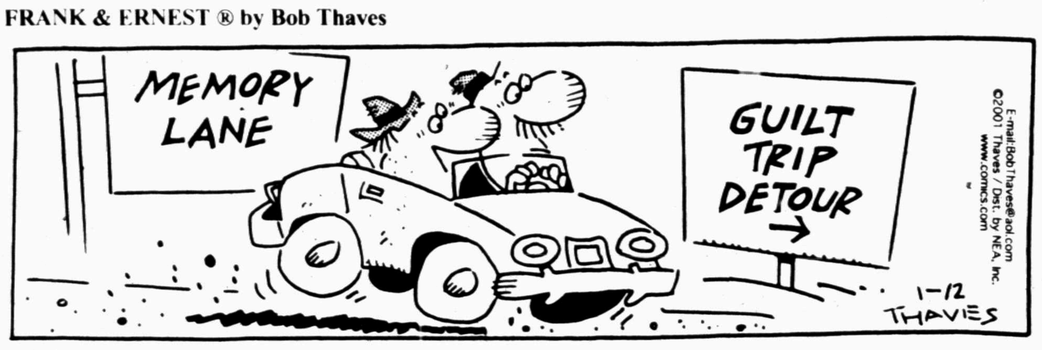
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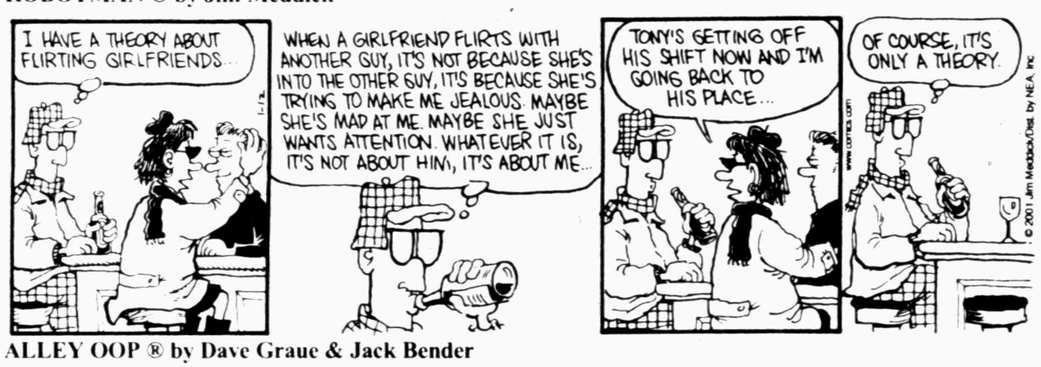
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ACROSS

1 Ice houses
7 Refrain from noticing
13 Iron grating
14 Rents
15 Less difficult
16 Diminish
17 Keyboard blunder
18 Written avowal of a debt
20 — and hearty
21 Fidgety (sl.)
23 Singer Paula —
27 Adolescent
32 Praying figure
33 Tardier
34 Gymnast Comaneci
35 Climbing plant
36 Love or hate, e.g.
39 Colorado park
40 Kitchen utensil
42 Missile abbr
46 Piece of cut timber
47 Capri, e.g.
51 Carport
53 Helen — Brown
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56 Futile
57 Oarsmen
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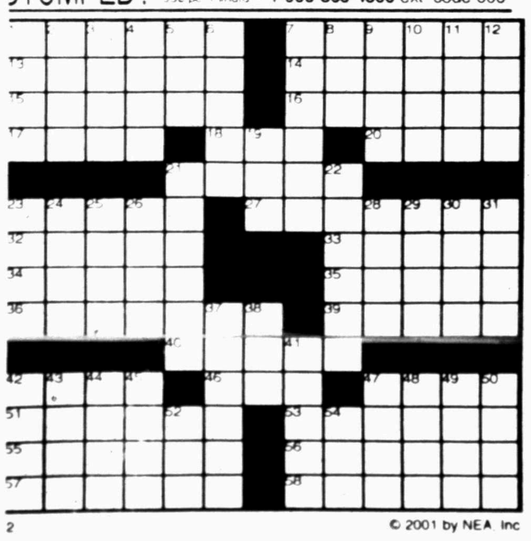
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1 "By the time — — to Phoenix"
2 Neutral color
3 Talk imperfectly
4 Mixture
5 Bullring cry
6 Finch
7 Mistreat
8 "Gosh!"
9 Crosby, Stills, — and Young
10 Greek peak
11 Stagger
12 Anglo-Saxon slave
19 Baseball's Mel —
21 Star in Aquila
22 Shouter
23 First-rate (2 wds.)
24 "Dracula" author Stoker
25 Pedestal part
26 Textbook section
28 River nymph
29 Rat- — - —
30 Biological determinant
31 Epochs
37 Edmonton hockey team
38 Sgt., e.g.
41 Prod (2 wds.)
42 Composer Stravinsky
43 Guitar player's device
44 Make tea
45 Lion's pride
47 Writer Murdoch
48 Vegas machine
49 — majesty
50 Observed
52 Neighbor of Fr.
54 Colorado Indian

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SPORTS

Wofford sidelined for tonight's game

On the eve of one of their biggest games of the season, the Snyder Tigers received some of the worst news of the year.

Senior point guard Jamaal Wofford will miss tonight's match-up at Lubbock Estacado due to a hip injury. The contest, which tips off at 7:30, is for the outright lead in the District 4-4A standings.

Wofford, who is averaging 14.5 points per game in district play, will be held out of action until a bone scan can be done Tuesday to determine the nature of the injury.

"His hip has been bothering him off and on for the past couple of months," said Snyder coach Bud Birks. "It finally got to the point where it was really hampering him after Wednesday's workout.

"I was told the x-rays were normal, but they want to make sure everything else with his hip is normal. You don't ever want to take any chances with a young kid, so holding him out is in his best interest."

The Tigers (14-6, 4-0) will start junior point guard Brandon McGuire against the Matadors (13-9, 4-0). Sophomore T.J. Jones was also elevated from the junior varsity squad.

"The way I look at it is that we have other guys who will step up and play well," said Birks. "Younger players have to make plays sooner or later, so it might as well be now."

Prior to the boys' match-up, the Lady Tigers will battle the Lady Matadors at 6 o'clock.

The Snyder girls are coming off a disappointing setback to Andrews on Tuesday, but still remain tied for second place.

Tonight's game will be the second time the Lady Tigers have taken the floor without senior Kameron Kallemeyn, who will miss the remainder of the season with a knee injury.

"We've had to shuffle our line-up, and we struggled Tuesday night," said SHS coach Sam Tipton. "But the more this new line-up plays together, the better they're going to get. We're going to get after our opponent, no matter who we have on the floor."

In other action around the area, the Ira Bulldogs look to improve to 3-0 in district play when they host Westbrook tonight, while the Lady Bulldogs will try to push their mark to 2-1. Girls' action tips off in Ira at 6:30, followed by the boys' game at 8 o'clock.

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Giants, Vikings set for clash

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — The New York Giants' surprising surge to the NFC championship game is rooted in a guarantee and a winning streak.

The impetus for the Minnesota Vikings' appearance in the title game is a losing streak and the belief that the December version of the team wasn't the real Vikings.

Clearly, the Giants have taken the more conventional route. New York was 7-4 following a poor performance in a home loss to Detroit when coach Jim Fassel issued a guarantee that his team would make the playoffs. He didn't mention the upcoming schedule featured such weaklings as Arizona and Dallas and such mediocrities as Pittsburgh, Jacksonville and fading Washington.

But the Giants beat all of those teams, and the Vikings faltered in December. Suddenly, it was New York that held the home-field advantage in a conference where no road team has won a playoff game in four tries. Minnesota will try to break that trend on Sunday.

"I think the Detroit loss was the lowest point," Fassel said. "I wasn't depressed over it. As much as anything, it challenged me. I was mad. I was angry.

"But I didn't look at other people and say, 'Well, you've got to do this better, coaches; you've got to do this better, players.' It's up to me. I've got to get this thing changed around. I'm not going to stand for this."

And what did the players think when Fassel stood before the media and declared his team a postseason qualifier with five weeks left in the season?

"I tell you what we were thinking: Is this guy crazy?" defensive tackle Keith Hamilton said with a chuckle. "When you start looking at what he did, he took a lot of pressure off of the young guys that we had here, just allowed us to go out and play football.

"I think that was the biggest thing he did. The media was all on us. He took a lot of pressure off us by saying what he did, just allowed us to go out and play football, what we do best. It's paid off."

Sure has. The Giants (13-4) are one victory from their first Super Bowl trip in 10 years.

The Vikings (12-5) got this close in 1998, then lost the NFC title game at home to Atlanta, blowing a late lead and falling in overtime. They claim that game is a distant memory, but the three-game slide to conclude the 2000 schedule is very fresh.

By dropping those games — albeit to three winning teams, the Rams, Packers and Colts — the Vikings nearly threw away the NFC Central crown. They did force a road trip to a cold locale this week, something dome teams prefer to avoid in January.

But they also learned something from that December flop, and their 34-16 victory over New Orleans last week indicates that the real Vikings are the ones who were 11-2.

"I think you could see that from the way we came out against the Saints," said quarterback Daunte Culpepper, who had three touchdowns passes vs. New Orleans in his first postseason action.

"It's difficult to stay up for an entire season," said Robert Smith, the NFC's leading rusher with 1,521 yards. "I think at the end of the season, it got a little difficult. I think two of those three games were on the road, we had already clinched a playoff spot. It's tough to do week-in, week-out. It's a long year."

But they hope the year last two weeks longer and ends with a victory in Tampa.

"It's an opportunity that doesn't come along for a lot of people, even if you're lucky enough to play in professional football and stay healthy, do it for some years," Smith said. "There's definitely no guarantee that you'll have a chance to play in a championship game. Certainly playing in a Super Bowl is an honor that I think, as players get older, they realize what the game is all about, winning the world championship.

"It's definitely something that you think about and something that motivates you throughout the year."

Streaking Bucks down Mavs

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The Milwaukee Bucks were playing as well as anyone at home, and the Dallas Mavericks seemed unbeatable on the road. Something had to give.

The Bucks won their eighth straight at the Bradley Center on Thursday night with a 102-94 victory over the Mavericks, who had won a franchise-record seven straight on the road.

"One of us had to go down," said Dallas' Michael Finley, who scored 30 points. "Unfortunately, it was us."

Sam Cassell scored 21 points and had nine assists, Glenn Robinson added 20 points, and Ray Allen and Tim Thomas each scored 18 for the Bucks, who improved to 20-15 and moved one game behind Charlotte in the Central Division.

"It was a solid win over a good team," Milwaukee coach George Karl said. "We're in the middle of a nice run. Hopefully, we'll keep the snowball rolling."

Dirk Nowitzki had 23 points and 11 rebounds for Dallas, and Christian Laettner scored 16 and had 12 rebounds.

The Mavericks had won four straight on their current road trip.

It was only fitting that the Mavericks' streak ended in Milwaukee. Dallas has never won at the Bradley Center. Their last win in Milwaukee came in 1987, when the Bucks still played at the Milwaukee Arena.

The Bucks' eight-game home winning streak is their longest in 10 seasons.

"We want to make it known this is a tough place for opponents to play in," Robinson said.

The Bucks held the third-highest scoring team in the NBA under 100 points for the first time on the Mavericks' road trip.

"It might be our best home win of the year," Karl said. "I'm glad they played last night. I saw some fatigue in their team at the end."

Cassell said coming from behind is always tough.

"You spend so much energy when you're coming from behind," Cassell said. "You need everything to go right for you. We fought them off."

The Bucks took a 10-point lead into the fourth and saw their lead dwindle to five when Finley rebounded his missed free throw and made a layup to make it 91-86 at the 5-minute mark.

Finley sank a fadeaway jumper to make it 91-88 with 3:08 left, but he missed two free throws with 2:36 left. Thomas made a 3-pointer with 1:46 that put the Bucks up 98-90 and sealed it.

"I think we just ran out of gas," Dallas interim coach Donn Nelson said. "This was a long road trip. I'm proud of the effort our guys made.

"We made four to five good runs at them, but they made the plays they had to each time. Sam (Cassell) is the key to how they play. We threw a lot of things at Sam tonight, and he handled them all. He takes big shots and makes big shots."

Finley said the Mavericks still had a good road trip.

"It could have been a great trip if we had won tonight," Finley said.

Late surge lifts Rockets to win

NEW YORK (AP) — Too bad the Houston Rockets aren't in the Eastern Conference. They'd probably have the best record in the NBA.

Cuttino Mobley drove around Latrell Sprewell for a layup with 8.7 seconds left to complete a game-ending 7-0 run as the Rockets took advantage of a horrible offensive collapse by New York to defeat the Knicks 76-75 on Thursday night.

The Rockets are 9-1 against the East; 9-16 against the West.

"I'm happy we're 9-1 against the East, but this was just a stepping stone for us," said Steve Francis, who had 22 points, nine assists, eight rebounds and three of Houston's 12 3-pointers.

The Knicks held their opponent under 100 points for the 29th consecutive time, breaking the record set by the Fort Wayne Pistons in 1954, but it was of little consolation as they had their winning streak snapped at seven games.

New York missed its final six shots and failed to score in the final 3:20.

"I don't care if those guys have the record, that's not the issue. The issue is winning the game," Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "It shows that you never give up. If you do the right things on the court, it doesn't matter who the other guys are, what their record is, how much money they make. If you do the right things, you can win a game."

New York's lead reached 10 when Larry Johnson converted a three-point play with just under six minutes left to make it 73-63, but the Knicks then went into a drought and made only one field goal the rest of the way — a jumper by Allan Houston with 3:21 left that made it 75-69.

The Rockets scored their next five points from the foul line, but Mobley, Francis and Shandon Anderson each missed a free throw in the final 21/2 minutes.

Anderson's free throw with 45.7 seconds left pulled Houston to 75-74, and Houston missed on a drive with 20 seconds left. The Rockets rebounded and called timeout, then isolated Mobley against Sprewell for the game-winning basket.

Sources: Pitino in at UNLV

BOSTON (AP) — Rick Pitino, barring unforeseen circumstances, will shortly be introduced as basketball coach at UNLV, the Boston Globe reported Friday.

"I think it could be very soon," Pitino, who resigned earlier this week as coach of the Boston Celtics, told the Globe on Thursday from Florida. "They've made it clear that they want me. I just have to go out there and check out the situation myself. It will all be decided in the next two weeks."

Pitino said that a possible snag in the negotiations could be the severity of sanctions recently imposed by the NCAA against UNLV for allowing a booster to give money to Lamar Odom when he was being recruited by the university.

The sanctions, which led to the firing of Bill Bayno last month and the promotion of Max Good, will keep UNLV out of the NCAA tournament this year and take away two scholarships for each of the next two years. The school also can't take part in outside tournaments next season.

"I just want to see what shape the program is in, look at the players and see if the sanctions will make it hard for me to win right away," Pitino said. "The rest of it will take care of itself."

Pitino quit Monday as Celtics coach after 31/2 years following a 112-86 loss to the Heat in Miami.

Local Schedule

TODAY
Basketball

Snyder girls at Estacado, varsity at 6 p.m., JV at 7:30

Snyder boys at Estacado, JV at 6 p.m., varsity at 7:30

Westbrook at Ira, girls at 6:30, boys at 8 p.m.

Snyder freshman girls at Snyder tourney

Snyder Gold 8th grade boys at Andrews tourney

SATURDAY
Basketball

Snyder freshman girls at Snyder tourney

Abilene Cooper at Snyder freshman boys, 10 a.m. and 11:30

Snyder Gold 8th grade boys at Andrews tourney

NFL Playoffs

All Times EST
Saturday, Dec. 30
Wild-card Playoffs

Miami 23, Indianapolis 17, OT
New Orleans 31, St. Louis 28

Sunday, Dec. 31

Baltimore 21, Denver 3
Philadelphia 21, Tampa Bay 3

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 6

Minnesota 34, New Orleans 16
Oakland 27, Miami 0

Sunday, Jan. 7

Baltimore 24, Tennessee 10
New York Giants 20, Philadelphia 10

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 14
NFC Championship

Minnesota at New York Giants, 12:30 p.m. (FOX)

AFC Championship

Baltimore at Oakland, 4 p.m. (CBS)

Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 28
At Tampa, Fla.

AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6 p.m. (CBS)

National Basketball Association

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	25	9	.735	—
New York	22	13	.629	3½
Miami	21	16	.568	5½
Orlando	15	20	.429	10½
Boston	13	23	.361	13
New Jersey	11	25	.306	15
Washington	7	30	.189	19½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	22	15	.595	—
Milwaukee	20	15	.571	1
Cleveland	17	16	.515	3
Toronto	17	18	.486	4
Indiana	16	21	.432	6
Detroit	14	21	.400	7
Atlanta	13	22	.371	8
Chicago	6	28	.176	14½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	22	11	.667	—
Dallas	24	14	.632	½
Utah	22	13	.629	1
Denver	20	16	.556	3½
Minnesota	20	17	.541	4
Houston	18	17	.514	5
Vancouver	10	24	.294	12½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	27	10	.730	—
Sacramento	23	9	.719	1½
L.A. Lakers	23	11	.676	2½
Phoenix	21	12	.636	4
Seattle	19	18	.514	8
L.A. Clippers	13	24	.351	14
Golden State	11	24	.314	15

Thursday's Games

Atlanta 107, Golden State 96
Houston 76, New York 75
Orlando 101, New Jersey 87
Portland 83, Charlotte 70
Milwaukee 102, Dallas 94
Phoenix 93, Indiana 85

Friday's Games

Philadelphia at Washington, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Detroit, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Denver, 9 p.m.
Vancouver at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Cleveland at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Portland at New York, 5:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Orlando, 8 p.m.
Miami at Indiana, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Atlanta, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Utah, 9 p.m.
Cleveland at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Charlotte at Toronto, 5:30 p.m.
Portland at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

Boys' Little Dribblers Results

MINOR DIVISION

Knicks 30, Wolfpack 14
Knicks: Rance Dunn, 26; Kelton Garcia, 4.
Wolfpack: Jordan Gafford, 11; Kylor Fine, 3.

Bulls 29, Lakers 23
Bulls: Dominic Cabrera, 12; Caleb Harrison, 8; Nick Zajicek, 5; Will Stewart and Anthony Taylor, 2. **Lakers:** Brandon Ramirez, 17; Paden Kinney, 4; Isaac Martin, 2.

Nuggets 49, Trail Blazers 4
Nuggets: Rey Juarez, 18; Bubba Perales, 12; Shade Roemisch, 8; Kenyan Gafford and Nathan Rose, 4; Kasey Young, 3. **Trail Blazers:** Seth Cotton and T.J. Wright, 2.

Grizzlies 37, Kings 6
Grizzlies: Seth Sanchez, 20; Jake Crenweige, 9; Ernesto Arellano, Garrett Hale, Alex Hernandez and Chad Greene, 2. **Kings:** Kaden Seale, 4; Eric Morin, 2.

Knicks 28, Lakers 15
Knicks: Rance Dunn, 18; Kelton Garcia, 6; Tye Holley, 4. **Lakers:** Brandon Ramirez, 7; Quinton Bass, 4; Toby Lopez and Paden Kinney, 2.

Pistons 42, Bulls 22
Pistons: LaShondric Richardson, 16; Jared Cave, 9; Riley Davis, 7; Gage West and Matthew Rios, 4; Will Toombs, 2. **Bulls:** Dominic Cabrera and Caleb Harrison, 10; Anthony Taylor, 2.

MAJOR DIVISION

Tarheels 27, Warriors 26
Tarheels: Ryan Claxton, 8; Donald Jeffrey, 7; Craig Robertson and Michael Martinez, 4. Jacob McFatridge, 2. **Warriors:** Colton Brewster, 11; Chase Medina, 6; Corbin Clements, 5; Preston Munson, 4.

Blue Devils 33, Spurs 24
Blue Devils: Lance Day, 23; Michael Mann, 8; Kaden Billingsley, 2. **Spurs:** Jesse Connor, 12; Brandon Hagins, 4; Quentin Shafer, Chad Franks, Josh Hoover and James Simmons, 2.

T-Wolves 39, Rockets 31
T-Wolves: Brent Bollinger, 18; Jamie Arnold, 12; Tyler Driggers, 7; Casey Arnold, 2. **Rockets:** Pete Villa, 17; Brandon Robbins, 10; Travis Hatfield and Taylor Groat, 2.

Raptors 26, Celtics 15
Raptors: Brooks Gafford, 16; Bryce Westmoreland, 8; Brandon Jones, 2. **Celtics:** Dustin Murdock, 6; J.W. Wesson, 5; Andy Garvin, 4.

Magic 37, Warriors 27
Magic: Ricky Sanchez, 10; Cody Burney, 9; Charone Hill and Ryan Mitchell, 6; Matthew Schoolcraft, 4; Jamie Schooler, 2. **Warriors:** Corbin Clements, 12; Chase Medina, 11; Colton Brewster, 4; Preston Munson, 2.

Raptors 30, Spurs 21
Raptors: Brooks Gafford, 16; Brandon Jones, 4; Joel Rocha and Bryce Westmoreland, 3; Blain Knipe and Layton Westmoreland, 2. **Spurs:** Jesse Connor, 8; Cord Welsh and Quentin Shafer, 4; Brandon Hagins, 3; Chad Franks, 2.

Sports Briefs

Men's Golf Association

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College will hold a two-man scramble at 1:30 Saturday, weather permitting. Cost is $5.

Fast-pitch softball clinic

Herman Martinez will hold a fast-pitch pitching clinic Wednesday at the Boys' and Girls' Club. For more information, contact Martinez at 573-0390.

Jets hire new GM

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) — Terry Bradway was hired to replace Bill Parcells as general manager of the New York Jets. Bradway spent the last nine years with the Kansas City Chiefs, most recently serving as vice president of player personnel.

Broncos' safety fined for hit

DENVER (AP) — Broncos strong safety Billy Jenkins was fined $7,500 by the NFL for a helmet-to-helmet hit on Ravens quarterback Trent Dilfer during a wild-card playoff loss at Baltimore on Dec. 31.

Leonard leads PGA opener

KAPALUA, Hawaii (AP) — Tiger Woods shot a 3-under 70 that left him three strokes out of the lead after the first round of the Mercedes Championships. It was his 48th consecutive round at par or better on the PGA Tour.

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Rumsfeld urges national missile defense system

WASHINGTON (AP) — The military must refashion itself, including building a national missile defense system, to protect America against new global threats, Defense Secretary-designate Donald Rumsfeld said Thursday.

Improving force readiness and strengthening intelligence and space capabilities also are important, Rumsfeld said at his confirmation hearing before the Senate Armed Services Committee.

"The old deterrence of the Cold War era is imperfect for dissuading the threats of the 21st century," he said in a hearing that lasted more than six hours.

In the hearing, which ranking committee Republican John Warner called a "thorough discussion" of issues facing Rumsfeld, the nominee and senators touched on international peacekeeping missions, relations with Russia, problems with military recruiting, military assistance in Colombia's anti-drug war and North Korea's nuclear program.

But over and over, senators kept coming back to questions on the effectiveness, cost and need for a missile defense system.

Rumsfeld said the Pentagon will need a substantial budget increase to counter the range of new threats — including ballistic missiles, cyberspace attacks and terrorism.

"The American people, our forces abroad and our friends and allies must be protected against the threats with which modern technology and its proliferation confront us," Rumsfeld said in seeking support for his second stint as defense secretary.

He testified that he won't know how much money will be needed until the administration of President-elect Bush completes a comprehensive review of defense policy.

"We must work together if we're to be able to address the problems of inadequate funding — which has been the case — unreliable funding ... and resistance to change," Rumsfeld said.

He said "effective missile defense ... must be achieved in the most cost-effective manner that modern technology offers."

Sen. Carl Levin of Michigan, the committee's senior Democrat, touted improvements in the armed forces already made in the 1990s, saying Rumsfeld "will inherit the most dominant military force in the history of the world."

He argued against developing and deploying a system to defend against incoming missiles. Levin pointed out the expense, world opposition and questions about whether a workable system can be developed.

"Missile attack ... is a threat, but it is one we have successfully deterred," Levin said.

Committee members said Rumsfeld has broad bipartisan support and is expected to easily win the panel's approval. Senators said he is likely to get the full chamber's vote on Jan. 20, the day Bush is inaugurated.

A veteran of Republican administrations going back to the Nixon years, Rumsfeld, 68, was hailed at Thursday's hearing as a candidate of great experience and ability. Among previous posts was his 14 months as secretary of defense under President Ford from late 1975 to early 1977.

And senators noted that though he has been out of government, Rumsfeld has remained involved in big defense issues. He led a national commission that examined the risk of missile attacks against the United States and another that looked at possible threats to U.S. satellites.

But among concerns expressed by Democrats were how fast the new administration will want to move on the proposed missile defense program and how it plans to pay for it and other big-ticket plans such as modernizing the Army and boosting military salaries in a slowing economy.

A native of Chicago, Rumsfeld was elected to the first of four congressional terms at 30.

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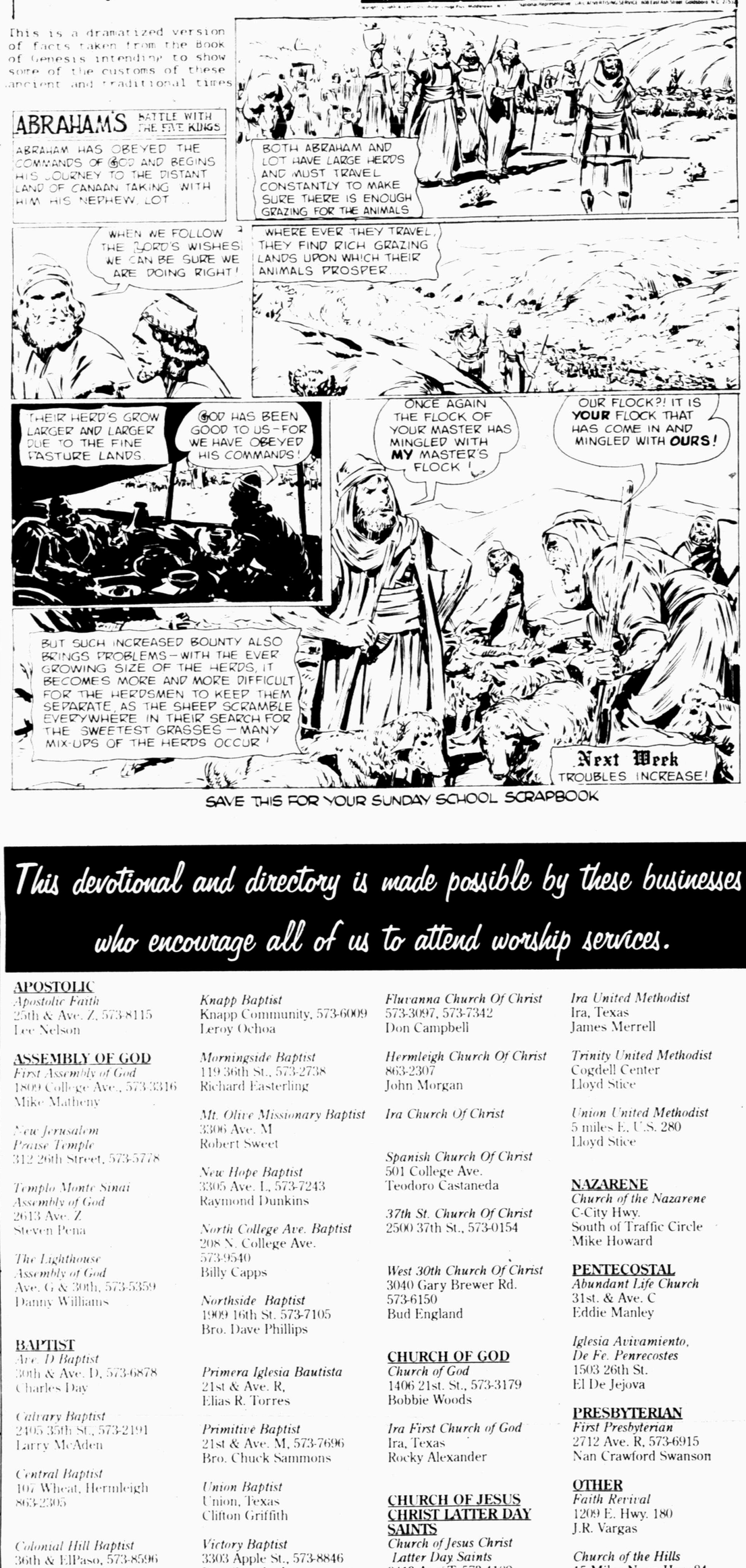
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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

'Healing tone' sought for speech

AUSTIN (AP) — In his first words as president, George W. Bush wants to set a unifying, "healing tone" for the nation and place a coda on the bitter controversy that made the White House his.

"It's a speech designed to unite our nation," senior adviser Karen Hughes said of the inaugural address that Bush will deliver from the Capitol steps after he takes the oath of office on Jan. 20.

After two major drafting sessions this week in Washington and some tweaking at his Texas ranch, Bush was slated to rehearse the 12-to-15-minute speech in sections over the weekend — his last as a regular civilian.

Hughes, speechwriter Mike Gerson and Bush huddled Tuesday and Wednesday nights at Blair House across the street from the White House to read aloud from a staff draft of the speech, changing words and moving sentences, Hughes said.

"It's a speech that sets a tone for the country, a tone for the new administration — a healing tone to call on the best of the country," Hughes said in an interview as she and Bush flew home to Texas.

Criminal mischief investigated here

• Vandalism

Snyder Police are investigating a report of criminal mischief at the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication office at 711 26th Street. A pane glass window at the business was found broken Thursday morning.

According to the report, a rock was found beside the broken window and is possibly what the vandal or vandals used.

• Harassment

A woman called authorities at 10:20 a.m. to report that another woman was harassing her by phone.

• Runaway located

A 17-year-old male reported as a runaway earlier this week was located Thursday at Burger King and escorted to the police department where he was later released to his parents.

• 911 calls

Several 911 calls were received from the Ira gym around 6 p.m. Thursday. A deputy was dispatched and advised that there was no emergency. A number of juveniles were located in the area for a basketball game.

• Loud music

Officers spoke to a man in the 2600 block of 23rd Street at 8:41 p.m. Thursday in reference to a complaint of loud music.

• Family violence

An offense report was taken at 10:08 p.m. Thursday for assault and family violence.

• Bicycle found

A woman in the 2300 block of 40th Street notified police at 4:46 a.m. today that she had found a bicycle on her front porch. The bicycle was taken to the Law Enforcement Center.

• Arrests

Outstanding warrants for driving with no driver's license, no liability insurance and two counts of failure to appear landed an 18-year-old man in jail Thursday. He was booked into custody at 9:37 a.m.

At 1:52 a.m. today, a 33-year-old man was taken into custody on outstanding DPS warrants for allowing a child under four to ride unrestrained in a vehicle and then failing to appear on the charge.

• Accident

A two-vehicle accident occurred at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the parking lot of Noah's Attic. Involved were a 2000 Ford Ranger pickup driven by Tiffany Ann Rule, 19, of Sweetwater and a 1994 Oldsmobile Achieva driven by Anniely Martinez, 21, of 4503 College, Apt. 11.

Births

Aaron and Mel Childress of Midland announce the birth of their daughter, Zoé Adele Childress, weighing six pounds 3.8 ounces. She was born Jan. 9 at 4:25 p.m. in Midland Memorial Hospital.

Grandparents are Lee Roy and Patsy Childress of Midland and David and Cheryl Lindsey of Brownwood. Great-grandparents are Edith Childress of Memphis, Tex., and the late Roy Childress, and Pat and Beverly Ainsworth of Fluvanna.

DWI nets five-year probated sentence for Snyder man

A 34-year-old Snyder man pleaded guilty Wednesday in 132nd District Court.

Daniel Arellano of 208 Elm pleaded guilty to a Dec. 17 charge of felony driving while intoxicated.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong sentenced Arellano to five years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, probated for five years. The defendant also was fined $1,000 and ordered to serve 240 hours in the Scurry County Jail and participate in a court-approved substance abuse program.

Obituaries

Joe Michie

1925-2001

A Masonic memorial service for Joe Michie, retired manager of Oilwell Supply in Snyder will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday on the No. 1 tee box at Snyder Country Club.



Joe Michie

Mr. Michie was cremated and arrangements were under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral home.

Mr. Michie, 75, died Sunday, Jan. 7, at his home in Snyder.

Born Nov. 13, 1925 in Childress, he was reared in Wichita Falls where he graduated from high school and attended Midwestern State University for two years.

He married Sophie Zeck on May 11, 1980 in Quanah. A resident of Snyder since 1966, Mr. Michie worked for Oilwell Supply for 37 years and had also managed stores in Abilene and Anson. He also was active in the Men's Golf Association at Snyder Country Club. Mr. Michie served in the Merchant Marines in World War II. He was a Shriner, a Scottish Rite Mason and a member of Scurry Masonic Lodge 706.

He was preceded in death by his parents, T.B. and Eulalie Michie; and a brother, Earl Michie.

Survivors include his wife, Sophie Michie of Snyder; a daughter, Jan Michie of Austin; a son, Rodney Glen Michie of Austin; two stepdaughters, Elizabeth Eveland of Snyder and Judy Harrell of Troy, Mo.; a stepson, Ted Allen Bueneman of Troy, Mo.; a sister, Joy Dorsey of Roswell, N.M.; a brother, Ted Michie of Tulsa; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and three step grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. today at 3109 Ave. A.

The family suggests memorial to the Shriner Children's Hospital in Dallas.

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James Haynes

1915-2001

BIG SPRING – James Whitcomb Haynes, a native of Scurry County, died Tuesday, Jan. 9, in a Big Spring nursing home.

Graveside service for Mr. Haynes, 85, is set for 11 a.m. Saturday in the Trinity Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 30, 1915 in Scurry County, Mr. Haynes was a longtime resident of Big Spring. A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he had worked for Mobil Oil Co. and was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Evant.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Haynes of Big Spring; a daughter, Kay Henry of Houston; a sister, Nadine Hodnett of Big Spring; and 15 nieces and nephews.

Eugene Mauldin

1911-2001

BAIRD – Eugene Sherwood Mauldin, the father of Irene Masters of Snyder, died Tuesday, Jan. 9, in Coronado Nursing Center in Abilene after a brief illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Mauldin, 89, is set for 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church in Baird. The Rev. Miller Robinson of Snyder will officiate, assisted by Dr. James Shields.

Burial will follow in the Belle Plaine Cemetery under the direction of Parker Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 20, 1911 in Shields, Tex., Mr. Mauldin married Verna Belle Cooper on Dec. 27, 1929 in Sylvester. She died last Oct. 16.

The Mauldins, married for 70 years, lived in the Rowden community near Baird for 62 years, in Snyder for three years and in Abilene for the past three years.

Mr. Mauldin was a farmer most of his life but he also worked for Foremost Dairies and Abilene Reporter News. He also worked for the highway department in various locations, including Snyder. He also was employed at the Robo car wash and Snyder Farm & Ranch Supply. Mr. Mauldin was a member of First Baptist Church in Baird and a former member of Colonial Hill Baptist in Snyder. Mr. Mauldin served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher. He also served on the school board at Bayou.

Survivors include another daughter, Majorie Brown of San Antonio; three sons, Carl Mauldin of Comanche, Roland Mauldin of Clyde and Don Mauldin of Cape Coral, Fla.; two brothers, Raymond Mauldin of Weatherford and Nolan Mauldin of Fort Worth; 17 grandchildren, including Charlotte Clifton of Snyder; 38 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

Wanda McAnelly

1934-2001

Wanda McAnelly of Andrews, a former Snyder resident, died Wednesday, Jan. 10, at her caretaker's home in Andrews.

Funeral service for Mrs. McAnelly, 66, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Owen Sharp, Community Care Hospice of Odessa chaplain, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.



Wanda McAnelly

Born on March 26, 1934 in Matador, Mrs. McAnelly had worked for the Snyder schools and Cogdell Memorial Hospital in the dietary departments.

She was preceded in death by a twin brother, Dean Cain; two other brothers, Paul and Jack Cain; and by two sisters, Edith Crady and Faye Stiller.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Charles Kittles of Snyder and Martha and Henry Dever of Andrews; a son and daughter-in-law, Herman and Danna McAnelly of Odessa; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Weldon and Pat Cain of Snyder and Don and Anita Cain of Conchas, N.M.; a sister-in-law, Chess Cain of Carthage; a brother-in-law, Al Stiller of Sun City, Calif.; and her former husband, Don McAnelly of Hamlin; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Family visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Mary Etta Autry

1905-2001

Mary Etta Autry of Snyder died Friday, Jan. 12 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Autry, 95, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born Sept. 26, 1905 in Grit, Tex., she came to the Snyder area in 1921 and married J.J. "Doc" Stringer on June 14, 1924. He died Jan. 4, 1966. She married Leland T. Autry on April 29, 1971. He died Sept. 28, 1988. Mrs. Autry was a homemaker and a member of Colonial Hill Baptist Church.



Mary Etta Autry

She was also preceded in death by five brothers.

Survivors include a daughter, Ozane Pylant of Snyder; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Bob and Zona Nobles of Colorado City and Ben and Liz Nobles of Mesquite; a stepdaughter, Donna Manning of Amarillo; two sisters-in-law, Mildred Nobles and Bertie Sandlin, both of Snyder; a granddaughter, Becky Eaton of Grapevine and her husband, Cal; one grandson, Bradley Pylant of Snyder; two great-grandchildren, Preston and Bryce Eaton of Grapevine; two step grandchildren; and four step great-grandchildren.

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events

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ONGOINGS

Country and gospel music program

The next country and gospel music program at the Scurry County Senior Citizen Center will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday. For additional information, call 573-3996.

Snyder Neighbors Sharing

The board of directors of Snyder Neighbors Sharing will meet at 5:15 p.m. Monday in the office of Sam Robertson Insurance, 1926 26th St. Anyone interested in the organization is welcome to attend.

Bible study tapes

Bible study videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Abraham, a Servant of God," followed by "Happy Father's Day."

SHS baseball booster club

The Snyder High School baseball booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the high school student center.

AARP meeting

AARP Chapter 2063 will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Senior Citizens Center.

Vocational nurse program testing

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

Defensive driving class

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

GED testing dates

Testing dates this month for GED (high school equivalency) are on Friday, Jan. 19, and Friday, Jan. 26. For more information call Molly Kattes, 573-2919, or Emily Hataway, at home at 574-2112, or 573-8511, ext. 297 at WTC between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Medical fund

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

1981 class reunion

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

Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at WTC are held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include E.S.L., GED and refresher courses. Certified teachers and Spanish speaking aides teach these classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Ira annual deadline

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

Windbreak trees

The Upper Colorado SWCD will take orders for windbreak trees until Jan. 31. Evergreens are $2 and hardwoods are $1 for 12 to 18 inches tall. Come by 5309 Big Spring Hwy or call 573-6317.

Glory Room open

The Glory Room, a Christian library located at Trinity United Methodist Church, is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Everyone is asked to return materials so that others may check them out. If other hours are needed, contact the church at 573-3988.

Cancer treatment transportation

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

Discovery School registration

Registration for summer Discovery School at First United Methodist Church is underway. The session is for June and July. Registration will continue until classes are filled. Summer hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for children ages six weeks through five years. For more information, call 573-4770.

Escapees threatened to kill all in store, employee says

DALLAS (AP) — A clerk at a suburban Dallas sporting goods store told a Dallas television station that he remembers the leader of a group of robbers holding up the store on Christmas Eve as being very precise.

"Just be calm and do what we say, and no one's gonna die," he recalled the robber saying as the bandits prepared to steal firearms and ammunition. "If we have to shoot one person, everyone's gonna die."

According to authorities, the bandits holding up the Oshman's Superstore USA in Irving were at least three of the seven fugitives who broke out of the Connally Unit state prison, near Kenedy, on Dec. 13.

The escaped convicts are charged with fatally shooting Irving police Officer Aubrey Hawkins, 29. Hawkins was shot 11 times — six times in the head — and his body was run over by a car as they made their getaway.

The clerk identified fugitive George Rivas as the bandit's leader. He also identified fugitive Jesse Garcia as one of the robbers.

"I feared for my life. I think everyone in the store feared for their lives," the teen-ager told WFAA-TV, who concealed the youth's identity.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



The facts on narcolepsy

DEAR DOCTOR GOTT: My 19-year-old son has been diagnosed with narcolepsy and is being treated with Ritalin. Do you have any information on this peculiar disease?

DEAR READER: Narcolepsy is a rare neurological disorder of unknown cause, marked by recurrent attacks of sleep and/or sudden loss of muscle tone. The attacks can occur without warning and at inappropriate times, such as while driving or carrying out every day activities.

Loss of muscle tone may be equally unpredictable, although such episodes seem to be triggered by feelings of surprise in some patients. For instance, narcoleptic patients can experience momentary paralysis from spontaneous emotional reactions, including joy, anger or fear.

The symptoms of narcolepsy usually begin in otherwise healthy adolescents and persist throughout life. The disease, which is four times more common in males than in females and tends to run in families, does not cause ill health or shortened life span. The diagnosis is made on the nature of the typical attacks.

Treatment, which is almost always successful, consists of stimulant drugs, such as Ritalin. When taken regularly, the medicines block sleep attacks and lessen the muscular weakness. Although narcolepsy is not curable by present methods, its symptoms are certainly controllable. If your son follows medical advice, he should be able to live a full and normal life.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Consumer Tips on Medicine." 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 DOCTOR GOTT: I'm a 37-year-old working mother who suffers from chronic exhaustion. I've been tested for diabetes, thyroid problems and lupus with negative results. Could my birth control pill be the culprit?

DEAR READER: Quite possibly. Oral contraceptives do cause depression and fatigue in some women. The reason for this is unknown.

However, the combination of a full-time job and a family are, to me, a more compelling explanation. Most men and women who hold down jobs outside the home are tired enough when they return home, without the additional responsibility of a family with all the typical chores and problems. Therefore, perhaps your exhaustion might be lessened if you were to obtain some help at home, either from a considerate husband or from a care-giver.

Of course, your doctor was correct in checking you for treatable metabolic causes of fatigue. (I hope he also ruled out anemia, a common cause of exhaustion.) In order to test the contraceptive-pill theory, discontinue the medication for a month or two to see if you notice any improvement in your energy level. (Remember to use an alternative method of birth control during this trial period!)

Chronic fatigue is often a medical challenge because there are no definitive tests for it. And it is becoming more of a problem as many mothers have committed to the delicate balancing act of managing a family AND forging a career outside the home.

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TWA already taps into debtor financing

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Trans World Airlines, in desperate need of cash to sustain operations, has already tapped into debtor-in-possession financing provided by American Airlines.

Despite assurances that TWA customers would not be affected by the company's bankruptcy filing, TWA's chief financial officer Michael J. Palumbo told U.S. District Judge Sue L. Robinson in a hearing late Wednesday that the beleaguered carrier had just $20 million in cash on hand, and needed $40 million to operate a normal schedule Thursday.

Robinson granted the request Wednesday, allowing TWA to access $175 million of the $200 million in debtor financing offered by AMR Corp.'s American. Earlier Wednesday, American announced plans to buy most of the bankrupt airline's assets for $500 million cash.

Robinson's approval of the debtor financing was finalized Thursday, despite the objections of billionaire corporate raider Carl Icahn. Icahn, TWA's former owner who retains a lucrative ticket deal with the carrier, also offered to provide debtor financing.

TWA spokesman Mark Abels said Thursday the airline had not received any kind of written proposal for financing from Icahn since the financier presented his offer to the court, and because the deal with American has already been negotiated, it was the best choice.

"We have a global solution with American Airlines," Abels said. The deal with American includes assurances from the nation's second-largest airline to keep most of TWA's 20,000 employees and maintain St. Louis as a hub city.

Neither Icahn nor his attorney immediately return phone calls Thursday from The Associated Press. Officials at Icahn and Co. in New York declined to comment on Icahn's plans.

Icahn has reportedly bought up much of TWA's outstanding debt, although he was not listed among the company's 20 largest unsecured creditors in TWA's Chapter 11 filings in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Wilmington, Del.

While speculation has centered on Icahn joining the bidding process for TWA's assets, he most likely is just seeking a better seat at the bargaining table in bankruptcy court, said Todd Milbourn, a professor of finance at Washington University in St. Louis.

"For him, this is just free money on the table," Milbourn said. "He'll make an investment in time and a set of lawyers, but the goal is to get a claim that's worth 10 times what he had to pay both to buy these debt claims, and what he's going to pay his lawyer over the next few months."

Milbourn said it would be hard to determine just how much debt Icahn has been able to acquire.

"Most of the debt he's probably been buying up was privately placed with people," Milbourn said. "It's very hard to document what percentage that he has."

The debtor financing will allow the airline to continue operating for the next several months while it proceeds through bankruptcy court and the proposed sale of assets to American.

Representatives of TWA's workers unions bristled at suggestions Icahn could try to disrupt the American deal.

Icahn "has certainly made breakfast, lunch and dinner out of TWA for a long time," said Frank Larkin, of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, which represents the vast majority of TWA's 20,000 employees. "TWA is still standing because of its employees who Icahn hit hard over and over again."

"We're feeling positive about the deal (with American) and that's what we are going to support," said Scott Sherrin, a spokesman for the Air Line Pilots Association.

Icahn is generally blamed for the airline's financial distress, partly stemming from his 1988 decision to take the company private. The move saddled the airline with $540 million in debt and returned $469 million to Icahn.

Part of the deal to rid TWA of Icahn in 1993, a year after TWA filed its first bankruptcy, included a unique ticket deal, which gives the financier the right to buy some TWA tickets for 55 cents on the dollar. Airline experts said last year the arrangement was "killing" TWA as it tried to return to profitability.

American executives said Wednesday that is one TWA contract they are not interested in honoring.

First black woman executed in United States since 1954

McALESTER, Okla. (AP) — Victims' family members said the execution of convicted killer Wanda Jean Allen brought them closure as they decried protesters who fought the nation's first execution of a black woman since 1954.

Allen, 41, raised her head and smiled, and a tear appeared in the corner of her eye before she received a lethal dose of drugs Thursday night at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. "Father forgive them," she said, echoing Christ's words as he was crucified. "They know not what they do."

She was condemned for killing her lesbian lover, Gloria Leathers, whom she met in prison. She served two years for fatally shooting childhood friend Dedra Pettus in 1981.

"We're the victims, not Wanda Jean," said Leathers' daughter, LaToya Leathers. "We are the victims and justice has been served."

In the days before her death, Allen served as the rallying point for death penalty foes, including the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who was arrested along with two dozen other demonstrators Wednesday.

Gov. Frank Keating refused Allen's late request for a 30-day stay, and last-minute rejections by appeals courts cleared the way for the death sentence.

"This is not easy because I'm dealing with a fellow human being," said Keating, an ardent death penalty supporter. "This is not easy because I'm dealing with a fellow Oklahoman."

Outside the prison gates, death penalty supporters and opponents gathered in clusters, talking in low voices and shivering in the cold.

Ann Scott, whose daughter Elaine Marie Scott was killed in 1991, said she resented Jackson coming to Oklahoma to try to stop the execution.

"I highly resent his being here and teaching Oklahomans civil disobedience," she said. "I think the system works."

Ajamu Baraka, acting director of Amnesty International USA's Program to Abolish the Death Penalty, said Oklahoma had no business executing Allen.

"Any state that exercises this ultimate punishment against a person who is mentally impaired is acting not only immorally, but also irrationally and illegally," Baraka said.

Before Thursday, 44 women had been executed in the United States since 1900. The last execution of a black woman came in 1954, when Ohio electrocuted Betty Jean Butler.

The most recent woman to die was Christina Marie Riggs, 28, executed in Arkansas last May for smothering her two young children.

Keating considered giving Allen a stay based on the narrow issue of whether the Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board had enough information regarding her education.

Allen's attorneys have pointed to her score, a 69, on an IQ test she took in the 1970s, arguing she is in the range of mental retardation.

Prosecutors said Allen testified during the penalty phase of her trial that she had graduated from high school and received a medical assistant certificate from a college.

But they said Allen dropped out of high school at 16 and never finished course work in the medical assistant program.

The execution was the second of eight planned in Oklahoma over the next four weeks.

Convicted murderer suspect in killing at prison in Texas

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A Missouri man convicted of murdering a bank president and dumping his body in an Oklahoma lake in 1989 is now suspected of beating an inmate to death in a Texas prison last week.

Shannon Wayne Agofsky, 30, is already serving life sentences for robbing a Noel, Mo., bank and murdering its president, Dan Short. He could face the death penalty if he is charged in the Jan. 5 death of inmate Luther Plant, of Orange, Texas.

FBI agent Robert Loosle confirmed that Agofsky is a suspect in Plant's death in a federal prison in Beaumont, Texas.

Plant was in his eighth year of a 15-year term for arson and firearms violations related to the 1987 burning of a Texas nightclub.

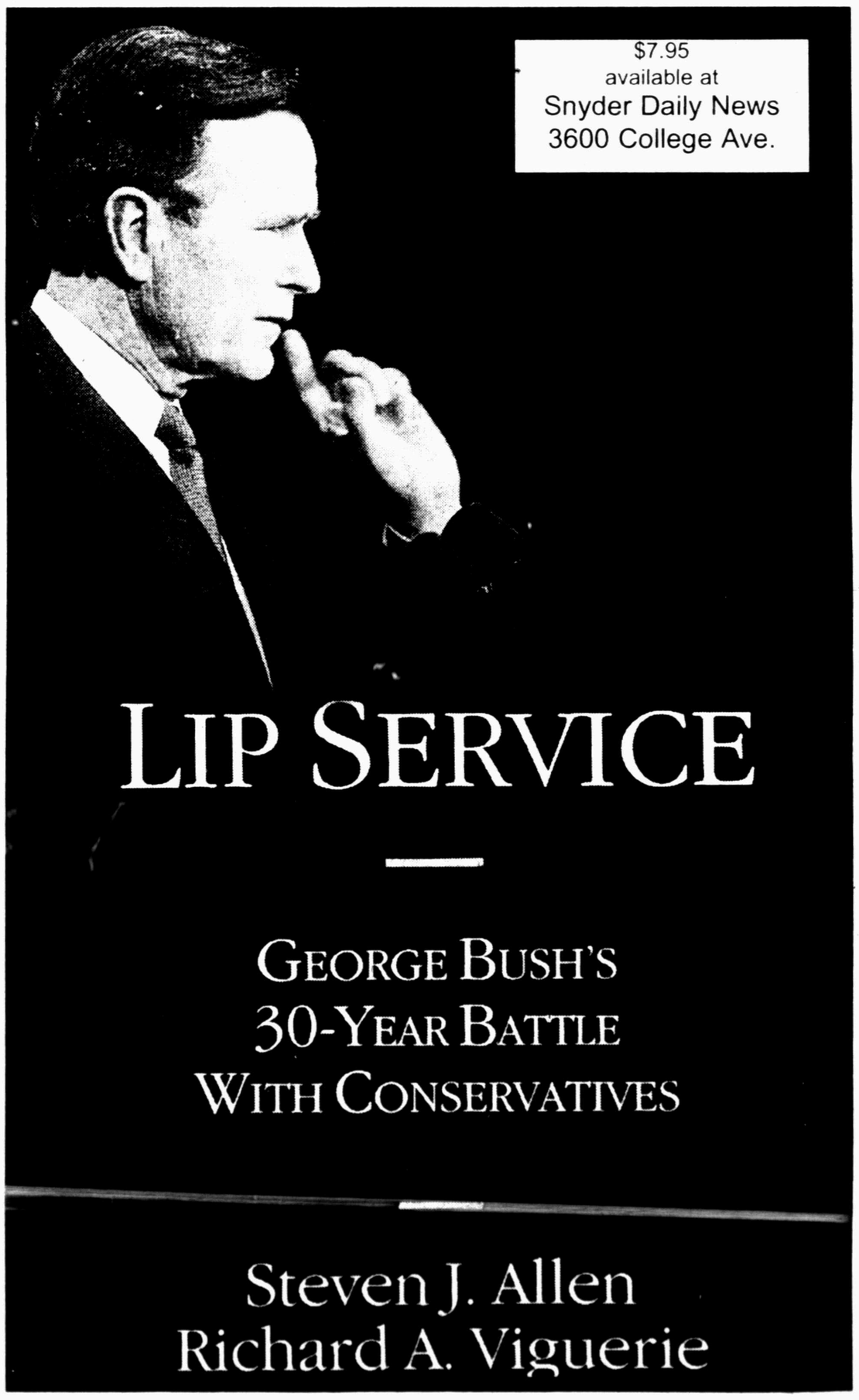
Plant, 37, was beaten, kicked and stomped to death in a recreation area of the prison, authorities said.

The FBI has interviewed 30 witnesses in connection with Plant's death and is waiting for laboratory results from a blood examination, which will be given to federal prosecutors.

Plant's death marks the fourth murder at the Federal Correction Complex in Beaumont since March 1997.

Agofsky and his brother, Joseph, were convicted in federal court in Missouri of conspiracy, armed bank robbery and using a firearm to rob the State Bank of Noel on Oct. 6, 1989.

The brothers then were charged with first-degree murder in Oklahoma in connection with the drowning of the bank's president, Dan Short, whose body was found five days after the robbery.



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