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Home of Sallie Bailey

# Oxy Permian announces major project

By Wade Warren
*SDN Managing Editor*

Snyder's economy will get a positive boost this summer, and if things go as planned, for a number of more years to come.

This is a result of Oxy Permian an announcement Wednesday afternoon plans to begin a $30 million-plus carbon dioxide project at the Cogdell Canyon Reef Unit, located some 17 miles north of Snyder.

Leamon Hood, leader of the reservoir management team out of Houston, said the project would extend the life of the field significantly, and produce approximately 10 million barrels of oil that would otherwise not be recovered.

Work is to begin next week with an initial work force of some 25 people involved in the pipeline construction.

Hood said he expects most of the first workers to be from out of town, but during the summer, when as many as 100 will be working on the project, there will be local people employed.

"This project will immediately impact motels, restaurants, gas stations, and other businesses," said Hood.

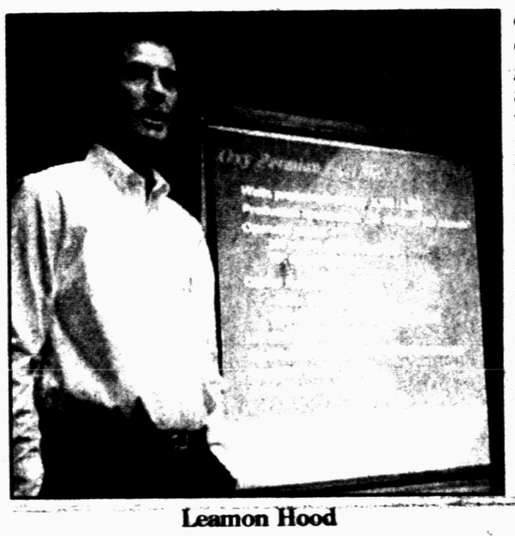
The peak work months will be April, May and June.

Making the announcement with Hood was Marty Toombs, a Snyder-based senior engineering advisor with the company.

Toombs said nine company people are currently based here, but that number could be increased.

Besides the influx of workers, the project has additional benefits, Hood added.

"This will provide more work for local oil field service companies, and the increased production will raise the tax base," added Hood.



Leamon Hood

The project calls for 48 miles of steel and fiberglass pipe, and additional work will entail equipping 19 present wells for CO2 injection, and preparing 34 wells for the CO2 flood production. Four wells will be drilled to complete the CO2 flood pattern.

The project came into being as the unit is near the economic end as a water flood, and Hood added that if this phase is successful and the CO2 flood is expanded, the life of the unit could be extended by as much as 25 years.

He also said the project is feasible as long as oil prices do not drop below $20 per barrel.

"If the price is much below $20, it would be difficult to move ahead. At $20, it would be profitable," said Hood.

Kinder Morgan and SACROC will provide the CO2, added Hood.

"This is a good example of companies working together for the betterment of the community," said Hood. "We're very happy to be here and to be a part of your community. This is a partnership."

This project is part of Oxy Permian's five-year plan in the Permian Basin.

The company evolved when Altura Energy purchased Apache in 1998. Altura was subsequently acquired by Occidental Oil and Gas a year ago, and is an aggressive player in the Permian Basin oil patch.

It operates more than 14,000 producing wells in West Texas and southeastern New Mexico.

"We want to be in the Permian Basin for a long time." said Hood. "We want to be the one that turns out the lights."



SPREADING THE NEWS — Oxy Permian representatives, Marty Toombs and Leamon Hood, from left, visit with Western Texas College president Dr. Harry Krenek following the news conference Wednesday afternoon (SDN Staff Photo)

## THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

**The feller on Deep Creek says, "Freedom of speech – sometimes - will make your eye black."**

Free speech comes in various forms – and among the most popular these days are expressions on the bumpers of vehicles up and down the road.

Somebody has categorized some current ones by subject.

Advice for living:

—If you do something you'll regret in the morning...sleep 'til noon.

—Don't take your organs to Heaven. Heaven knows we need them here on earth.

—Honk if you like peace and quiet.

—Don't mess with a cat unless you are wearing gloves.

—The early bird gets the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

Culture, politics:

—Women who seek to be equal to men lack ambition.

—Attention teens. Hurry up and graduate, millions on welfare are depending on you.

—My wife and dog are lost in the woods. Reward for dog.

Driving, car topics:

—If you don't like the way I drive, stay off the sidewalk.

—Don't laugh. This is my other car.

—Friends don't let friends drive like you.

—My other car is a Broom.

—Forget about world peace. Visualize using your turn signal.

Insanity:

—I don't suffer from insanity. I enjoy every minute of it.

—I used to be insane, but we're okay now.

—I do what the voices in my head tell me to do.

Education:

—If you can read this, thank a teacher.

—If you think education is expensive, try ignorance.

—I is an honor student.

—There are three kinds of people. Those who can count and those who can't.

—Your child may be an honor student, buy you're still an idiot.

—Bad spellers of the world – younight.

—I took an IQ test and the results were negative.

—Minds are like parachutes. They only function when open.

—Five out of four people have trouble with fractions.

Insults:

—Your village called. Their idiot is missing.

—Your mother loves you, but nobody knows why.

Religion:

—It's hard to stumble when you're on your knees.

—Want a taste of religion? Bite a minister.

## Rainfall reports

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| Snyder | .37 | Loyd Mountain | .38 |
| North of city | .50 | Camp Springs | .60 |
| East of city | .30 | Dunn | .40 |
| West of city | .45 | Hermleigh | .25 |
| Fluvanna | .70 | Ira | .34 |
| Dermott | .50 | Gail | .90 |



PROBLEM TREE — City backhoe operator Randy Seale looks over the remains of tree roots that caused a 10-inch water line to break in the 3600 block of Beaumont on Wednesday. (SDN Staff Photo)

# WTC, Ira and Snyder schools will dismiss for annual break

Two county schools and Western Texas College will be out for spring break next week.

Ira and Snyder public schools release Friday for a week's vacation with Ira dismissing at noon and Snyder at regular time.

Residence halls at WTC will close at 2 p.m. Friday.

Hermleigh ISD does not take a week off for spring break, but rather opts for longer weekends throughout the semester. School will be out on Friday. Hermleigh's next scheduled holiday after Friday is March 30.

WTC dorms will re-open at 2 p.m. March 18 and classes resume March 19.

Snyder and Ira also go back to the books on March 19.

After the break, the end of school will be fast-approaching as Western Texas' graduation ceremony is May 4. Snyder has graduation set May 18 while Ira commencement is scheduled May 19. Hermleigh's ceremony is planned for May 25.

## Two Hermleigh students placed in bootcamp

Two Hermleigh sophomores have been enrolled in the S.T.A.R. bootcamp program after reportedly making threats against a teacher's life.

Scurry County sheriff's deputy TJ Wood said Hermleigh Principal Clarence Spieker had called on Tuesday and requested he come and speak with a 16-year-old juvenile and her parents on Wednesday morning.

Wood said he learned after arriving at the school that another 16-year-old female was also involved in making the threats. The deputy also spoke with that juvenile and her parents.

The two were not expelled, but placed in the disciplinary bootcamp program.

Supt. Jerry Church declined to comment on the incident this morning, saying it was still under investigation.

"Right now, until we get through, I am not going to release any information," he said.

Wood said, however, that his investigation is closed.

# Teens' auto mishap results in civil suit

The family of a 15-year-old Ira girl, injured in a one-vehicle accident last December, has named two Snyder teens in a civil suit filed this week in 132nd District Court

Barbara Richards, on behalf of her minor daughter, Stephan Kirk, is seeking unspecified damages for injuries sustained in the Dec. 20 mishap that occurred about three miles west of Snyder.

Defendants named in the suit include 15-year-old Stafford Gray of Snyder who was driving a 2000 Isuzu owned by David Cotton. Cotton's son, Taylor, also a minor, also was named as a defendant.

The vehicle driven by Gray contained Kirk and two other teens, April Lollar of Ira and Randall Rich of Snyder. Kirk suffered the most severe injuries and last week was dismissed from a Lubbock hospital and transferred to a Carrollton rehabilitation center.

The suit alleges that Gray, an unlicensed driver, operated the vehicle in an unsafe manner to include speed and while under the influence of alcohol.

The suit further claims that Taylor Cotton allowed the vehicle to be operated by Gray. Cotton disputes that permission to use the vehicle had been granted.

The accident occurred about 10:15 p.m., and earlier reports indicated that the two Snyder teens were giving the two Ira girls a ride home.

Filing the lawsuit on behalf of Kirk was Mary Noel Golder with the San Angelo law firm of Webb, Stokes and Sparks.

Last week, county attorney Michael Hartman, based on an affidavit filed by Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission agent James White of Big Spring, charged Artie Collins Rollins of Snyder with providing alcohol to minors.

The TABC investigation was conducted following the mishap. The charge against Rollins, 22, is a misdemeanor.

A warrant has not been issued for his arrest. Hartman said Rollins has agreed to turn himself in.

## ASK US

**Q—Is the city still accepting plastic and paper for recycling?**

**A—Yes, plastics such as milk jugs or soft drink bottles, and paper, such as newsprint and computer paper, are acceptable.**

## FORECAST - ALMANAC

**Snyder Temps:** High Wednesday, 69 degrees; low, 42; 7 a.m. Thursday, 53; .37 of an inch precipitation; total for 2001, 4.13 inches.

**Area Forecast:** Tonight, mostly cloudy, 30% rain chance, low near 40, NW wind 10-15 mph. Friday, partly cloudy, high near 60, light, variable wind.

Alex Hernandez
Partly Cloudy

**Sunset:**
6:48 p.m.
**Sunrise:**
7:01 a.m.

**Of 66 days in 2001, the sun has shone 57 days in Snyder.**

## TODAY'S THOUGHT

**What convinces is conviction.**
**—Lyndon Baines Johnson**

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# Student with hit list expelled from S. Texas campus

HARLINGEN (AP) — A student found with a hit list of pupils he reportedly wanted to kill has been expelled from a South Texas campus.

The Harlingen High School freshman's letter listed cheerleaders and athletes among the 40 names, administrators said.

The letter that surfaced this week suggested the boy wanted to commit the same attack as 15-year-old Charles Andrew "Andy" Williams did Monday at Santana High School in Santee, Calif. That shooting in a San Diego suburb killed two students and wounded 13 others, including a school administrator.

The suspect was expelled and reassigned to an alternative academic and counseling program Tuesday afternoon after he was found with a letter that stated he wanted to murder 40 students, school officials said.

One 15-year-old freshman cheerleader listed as a target said the letter was written "a long time ago," but it surfaced this week, frightening students who saw their names.

"He put the names (of people) on the list who he thought were rich or popular or snobby. Those were the people he didn't like," the girl, who said she was in the boy's biology class but spoke on condition of anonymity, told the Valley Morning Star in Harlingen and The Monitor in McAllen.

"He secluded himself from everybody and wouldn't talk to us," she said.

Speech teacher Jason Segel overheard students in his class discussing what they had seen in the letter and reported the situation to Principal Rick Renaud.

Told about the discussions, campus resource officer Arturo Gonzalez located the boy. He said the student had the letter with him.

"We did find a letter of a threatening nature," said Linda Wade, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, on Wednesday. "We immediately began an investigation and disciplinary action was taken."



COMMUNITY READING — Pizza Inn hosted the monthly community-wide reading program last Saturday morning. Melinda Arellano, left, and Kara Herrley, began reading a book and then mothers and their children also took turns reading. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

# State to appeal ruling

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas attorney general's office will ask a federal appeals court to allow the state to require doctors who perform more than 300 abortions a year to license their offices as abortion facilities.

The Legislature in 1999 passed a bill to require such licensing. The bill also would have increased the criminal liability of doctors who operate abortion clinics without a license.

Medical clinics in Houston, Denton and Austin and five doctors successfully challenged the law later that year.

U.S. District Judge John Rainey in Houston ruled it violated the equal protection under the U.S. Constitution and was unconstitutionally vague.

Rainey's ruling said the law set apart physicians who perform abortions from those who perform other outpatient surgeries, violating their right to equal protection under the law.

Other requirements to ensure that patients receive care in a manner that enhances their dignity, maintains their self-esteem and meets their expectations are unconstitutionally vague, the judge said.

Cornyn's office appealed the ruling to the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans, which scheduled arguments for Thursday. In his 1998 campaign, Cornyn said he is opposed to abortion except in cases of rape, incest or when the mother's life is at stake.

The appeal stems from Cornyn's duty to defend the state against lawsuits, "irrespective of his personal beliefs," said Cornyn spokeswoman Jane Dees Shepperd.

The law was meant to make abortions safer, said Jo Pojman, director of Greater Austin Right to Life.

The licensing requirements would make the doctors' offices subject to some state health and safety standards for abortion clinics, he said.

# FCC to review AT&T merger

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is reviewing its merger requirements of cable giant AT&T after a federal court scuttled rules aimed at preserving variety for cable viewers.

The Federal Communications Commission has not determined whether it will appeal the federal court ruling — which wiped out restrictions on the number of cable and satellite subscribers one company can control.

Last week's decision by the appeals court also erased limits on the amount of programming a cable operator can carry in which it has a financial stake.

Experts and public interest groups say the court decision will lead to greater consolidation in the cable industry and fewer program choices for consumers. They are pushing the FCC to act quickly to appeal the decision or impose new limits.

But even as it decides how to proceed, the commission is going back to look at recent major decisions it made that were based on the now-defunct rules. That most directly affects AT&T, the nation's No. 1 cable company.

AT&T completed a merger last summer with MediaOne that brought it over the subscriber limits then in place. The commission determined that AT&T controlled 42 percent of all satellite and cable subscriptions — well above the 30 percent cap.

To comply with commission rules, AT&T was ordered to get rid of its 25 percent stake in Time Warner Entertainment, a subsidiary that owns most of AOL Time Warner's cable systems, by May 19. AT&T has been in discussions to sell the stake back to AOL Time Warner.

Now, the court decision is forcing the agency to review whether that requirement still stands.

"Of course, it implicates our thinking," said FCC Chairman Michael Powell of the court ruling.

Powell, speaking at a conference of the United States Telecom Association, said the commission has an obligation to look at decisions that were based on the cable regulations that have since been struck down.

But, he said, "as to what that conclusion will be, I'm not prepared to say."

If it doesn't appeal the decision, the FCC could rewrite the rules to meet the scrutiny of the court. Some observers believe that Powell, who has indicated his preference for relaxing regulations on companies, would favor less stringent restrictions on the cable industry.

In the interim, cable companies will be looking to gobble up competing systems and invest in companies that create TV programming so that they can pay less to carry those channels, said Pantelis Michalopoulos, a telecom attorney with Steptoe & Johnson.

"You will see deals to try to take advantage of the decision prior to when the commission will have the opportunity to act," he said.

## events

### Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery:

10-31-36-37-45-51

Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot: $85 million.

### Pick 3

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

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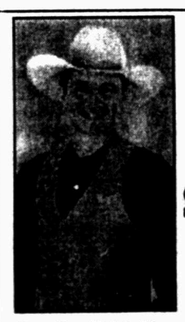
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## Berry's World




# Date Book

**Thursday, March 8, 2001**

Today is the 67th day of 2001 and the 78th day of winter.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1930, Babe Ruth signed a contract with the Yankees giving him a yearly salary of $80,000.

On this day in 1950, the Soviet Union announced that it possessed an atomic bomb.

On this day in 1992, former Mousketeer Annette Funicello announced that she had multiple sclerosis.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. (1841-1935), Supreme Court justice; Cyd Charisse (1923-), dancer, is 78; Lynn Redgrave (1943-), actress, is 58; Susan Clark (1944-), actress, is 57; Jim Rice (1953-), baseball player, is 48.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1986, Martina Navratilova became the first tennis star to make more than 10 million dollars from playing in tournaments.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "To be 70 years young is sometimes far more cheerful and hopeful than to be 40 years old." — Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.

**TODAY'S MOON:** Day before full moon (March 9).

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## Lifestyles



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BRIDE-ELECT HONORED — A bridal shower for Amy Rains, bride-elect of Tommy Morris, was held March 4 in the home of Paula Gilbert. Their wedding ceremony will be held March 17 in the First Baptist Church. From left are Jean Richardson, grandmother of the future bride; Ada Rains, sister-in-law of the honoree; Jay Lee Rains, her niece; Linda Rains, her mother; the honoree; Rethea Morris, mother of the prospective groom; Alexis Proulx, his niece; and Tracy Proulx, his sister. (Contributed Photo)



BABY SHOWER — Kinney and Tess Mabry were given a baby shower Feb. 21 in the 37th St. Church of Christ Family Center. Pictured from left are Dixie Mabry, grandmother-to-be from Abilene; Kinney and Tess Mabry; Jo Ann Foster, grandmother-to-be from Abilene; Lydia Foster, future aunt; and Ina Bolin, great-grandmother-to-be, also from Abilene. Kinney is youth minister for 37th St. Church of Christ. (Contributed Photo)

# Vitamin has many dietary benefits

LUBBOCK — When it comes to vitamins, "C"ing is believing. Vitamin C has many dietary benefits when consumed adequately as a part of a healthy diet.

"Vitamin C can act as an antioxidant, reducing the effects of potential cancer — causing agents," said Gil Hernandez, R.D., a dietitian at Covenant Health System. "Large-scale studies reflect a correlation between high vitamin C intake and cancer prevention, although this may be reflective of a high fruit and vegetable diet with low intake of fat."

According to the American Dietetic Association (ADA), vitamin C. serves in the formation of protein collagen that strengthens blood vessel walls and aids in the formation of scar tissue. The vitamin facilitates the absorption of iron and can help prevent anemia. It also helps keep teeth and gums healthy and prevents scurvy.

"The use of megadoses, 1,000 mg. Or more per day, of vitamin C in prevention of colds is controversial," Hernandez said. "Vitamin C. helps fight infections, and adequate intake keeps the immune system healthy. Any other benefit from the use of vitamin C. may indicate a placebo effect.

"The recommended daily allowance (RDA) of vitamin C for adults is 60 mg per day. A healthy individual could meet his or her daily vitamin C requirement by consuming a half cup of orange juice or one medium-sized orange."

Other citrus fruits;

Dark green vegetables such as broccoli;

Strawberries and papayas;

Green and red peppers; and

Tomatoes.

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Classified Ads 573-5486

# Community Calendar

**THURSDAY**

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

Rock and Roll Quilting Club evening meeting; Hermleigh Community Center; for more information call 863-2426; 6:30 p.m.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Canyon Gun Club; 1910 25th Street; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-4048; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626; 8 p.m.

**FRIDAY**

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center; 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd., Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-9458; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 8 p.m.

**SATURDAY**

Defensive Driving Course; Texas Savings Bank; no reservations necessary, cost $30, for more information call 573-2850; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.Just For Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

**SUNDAY**

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-9458; 10 a.m.







# Bridge

**By Phillip Alder**

North 03-08-01
♠ K 6 3
♥ Q J 2
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♣ K 10 6 3

West
♠ Q 10 8 7 5
♥ 7 4
♦ 9 6 2
♣ A 8 2

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

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

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

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| 1 NT | Pass | 3 NT | All pass |

Opening lead: ♠ 7

Thursday, March 8, 2001

## The sweetest grape on the vine

**By Phillip Alder**

What is an aphorist?

Logan Pearsall Smith, an American essayist and aphorist, wrote, "Happiness is a wine of the rarest vintage, and seems insipid to a vulgar taste."

This deal contains a rare play, one that anyone would be happy to find. It would be as tasty as a wine at its peak.

Cover the South and West hands. Against three no-trump, West leads his fourth-highest spade, the seven. After declarer calls for dummy's three, how should East plan the defense?

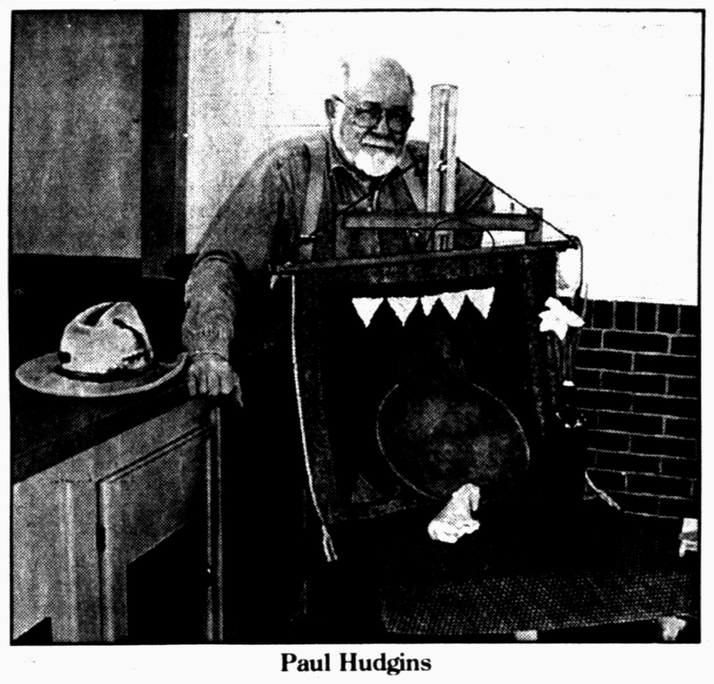
East must start by applying the Rule of Eleven. Subtracting seven from 11 tells East that there are four spades higher than the seven in the dummy, his hand, and declarer's hand combined. And East can see three. So, South has one higher spade, which is almost certain to be the nine. (It cannot be the queen, because that would give West a suit headed by the 10-9-8-7, from which he would have led the 10, not the seven.) So, East knows he can win trick one with his spade jack. However, that blocks the suit. South knocks out the club ace in peace and cruises home.

Instead, East should win with the spade ace and return the jack. Here, that works perfectly, West overtaking with his queen to establish his suit while he still has the club ace as an entry.

Apparently an aphorist is someone who makes either terse, astute observations, or curt comments defining general truths.

Finally, returning to the vinous theme, how well I remember the Beychevelle '76 I drank seven years ago. The 9.95-pound price sticker from Sainsbury's supermarket was still attached to the bottle. The wine was wonderful.

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Paul Hudgins

# Paul Hudgins gives program on designing and illustrating books

Paul Hudgins, longtime western artist who designed art for the cover of *Classic Rhymes and Prose,* by D.J. O'Malley, gave the program for fellow members of the Palette Club.

Taking the likeness of D.J. O'Malley from several photos and, after reading the articles, Hudgins created an illustration for each. He supplied clip art for the poems as well as several general drawings.

Son of a Texas pioneer family, Hudgins has spent most of his life in the Texas countryside. The majority of his work has been for ad agencies, industry and business, making ads, brochures, and annual reports.

Designing and illustrating books, Hudgins received a San Antonio Conservation Society Award for a book that he did for Corona Publishing. He did the concept design for the San Antonio trolleys and designed the 1990 Folklife Festival poster. Hudgins taught at North Texas State and in two community colleges as well as being represented by several galleries.

Several of his posters, oil paintings, sketches and illustrations can be found in the homes of those that enjoy authentic western scenes and drawings of animals and plants of that area.

After a 50 plus year career of graphic design and illustration, he is "retired and loafing on a family ranch in Scurry County. Without the schedule and the deadlines, I'm free to draw and paint whatever interests me at the moment."

He boasts of his residence now of the rolling grass and mesquite country on Ennis Creek. There he enjoys rabbits, quail, woodpeckers and owls, meadowlarks and doves, an occasional deer or bobcat, sometimes a rattlesnake, Grandpa's old fiddle, a new calf, maybe the honeysuckle at the end of the front porch — and always horses and horse people." In his younger days, he worked with selected breeds of horses.

The artwork he displayed at Snyder Palette Club meeting depicts his love for western art. The bread bowl he used belonged to his grandmother, Fanny Hamlett. The bottle, an 1886 malt whiskey bottle, he found at a brick pier in Dallas, and he acquired the weaving in Albuquerque years ago. It was a girl's first piece to weave.

Hostess was Nettie Faye Gardner.

# Hospital

ADMISSIONS: March 7-Etta Copeland of Abilene, Velma Elder, Christina R. Goswick, Lora B. Moore, Dominga Torres, Oddie Wall, Melissa Duran, Elbert Hill, Willie Thomas and Bertha White.

DISMISSALS: Geneva Smith, Victor Zajicek, Ronnie Black and Cindy Copeland.

CENSUS: 47 (Med./Surg.-18, Long-term Care-24, ICU-2, OB-2 and Nursery-1)

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Try potato flakes instead of crumbs or potato chips as a topping for casseroles. They provide crunch and taste, without the fat.

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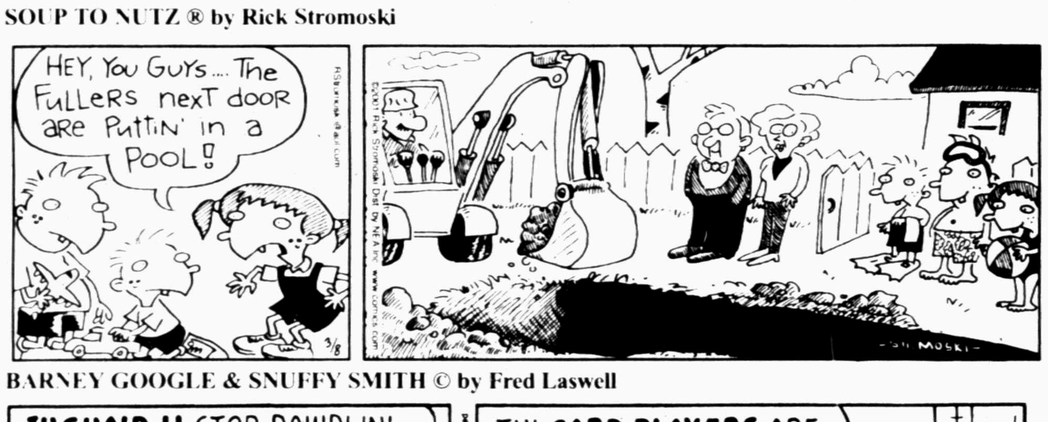
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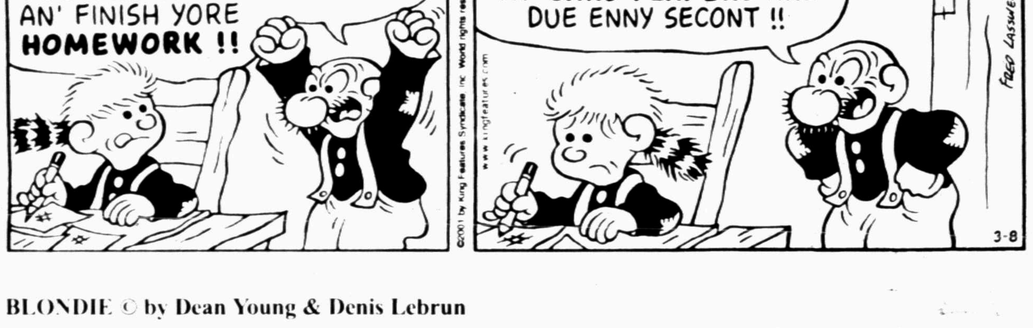

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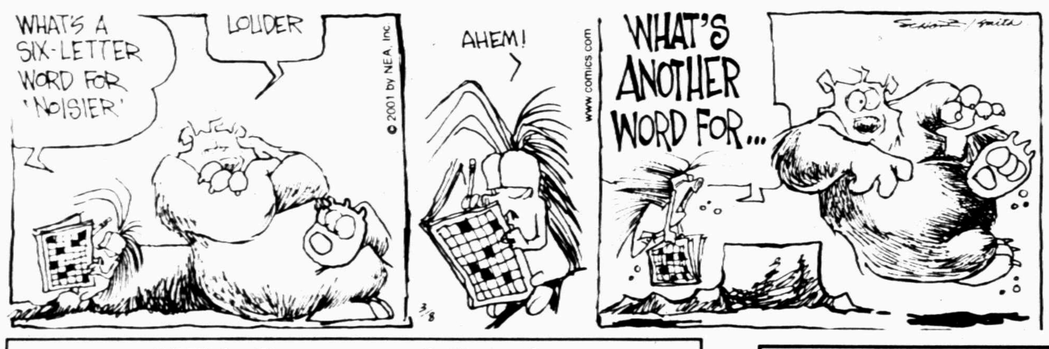

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## NEA Crossword Puzzle

**ACROSS**

1 Ice houses
7 Tropical lizard
13 Unicellular plant
14 Duplicates
15 Actress Kitt
16 Actress Merle —
17 Cuckoo's relative
18 Coolidge nickname
20 Compass pt.
21 Photocopy
23 New Zealand parrot
24 Jacob's son
25 Leading actor
27 Walks imperiously
29 Labor org.
31 Part of a corn plant
32 Wish undone
33 — de Janeiro
34 Trucker
37 Perfume quantity
40 Wine casks
41 Footlike part
43 Singer Ed —
45 Ending for "see"
46 "Cyan" finish
47 Friend
48 Army order (2 wds.)
51 Not susceptible to disease
54 Depends (on)
55 Tacked
56 Biblical mountain
57 Church officials

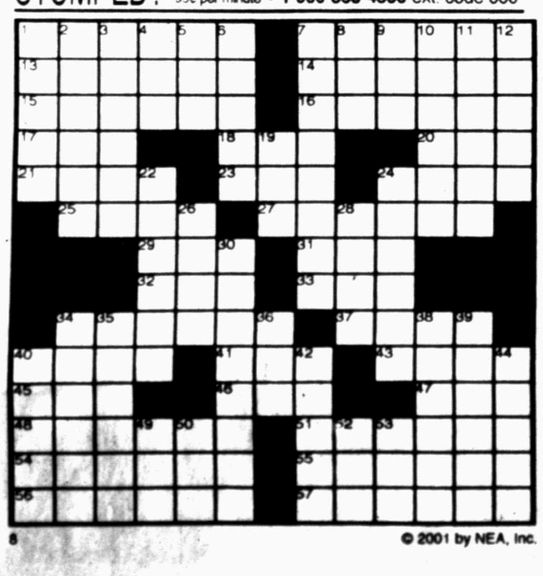
**DOWN**

1 Brainstorms
2 Huge people
3 Lasso
4 Baseball player Mel —
5 Companion of aah
6 Hit hard
7 Image worshipper
8 Crane arm part
9 Colorado Indian
10 Not moving (2 wds.)
11 Loops
12 Actor Ed —
19 DDE rival
22 Sign of the bull
24 Polar lights
26 Actor — Julia
28 Invasion
30 Most tearful
34 Seeker
35 Actress Lansbury
36 Blushing
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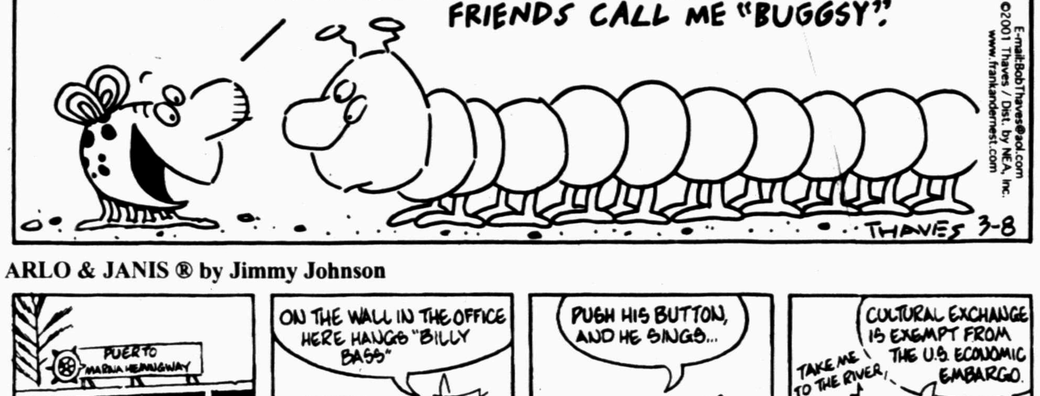
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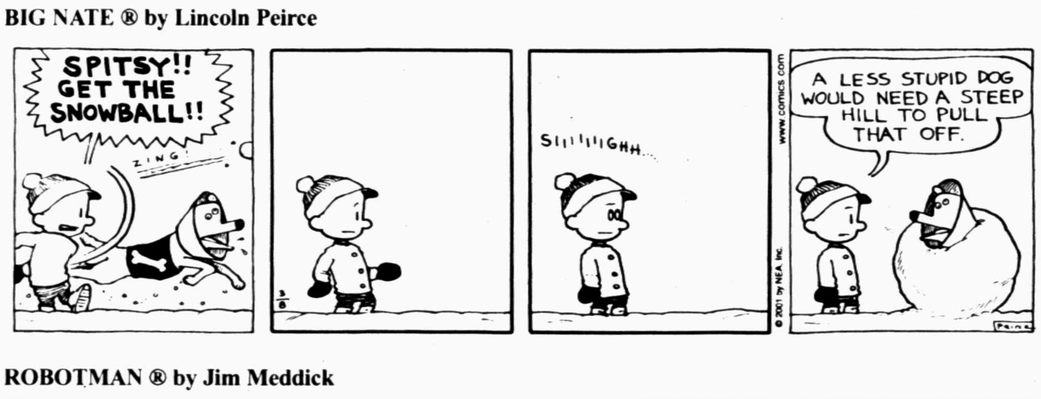
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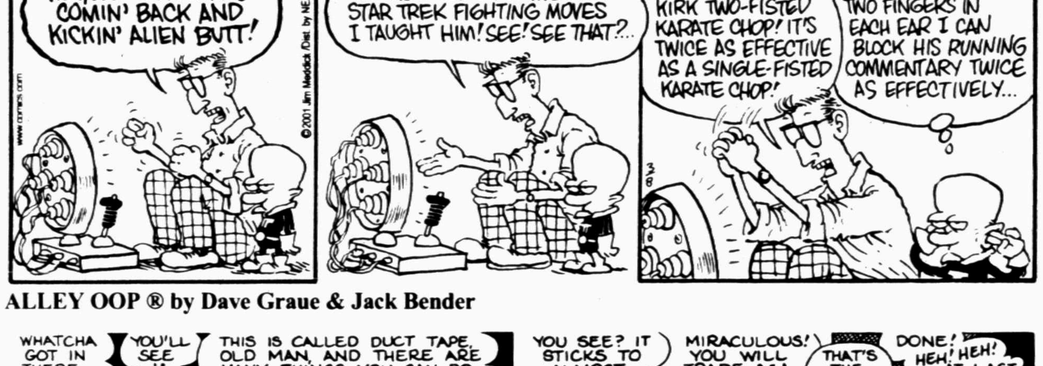

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**KIT 'N' CARLYLE ® by Larry Wright**




# Snyder Daily News Comics

**DENNIS THE MENACE ® by Hank Ketcham**



# SPORTS

## *Rain postpones start of baseball tourney*

The Snyder High School baseball tournament is in a holding pattern.

Early morning rain forced SHS officials to postpone its annual baseball tournament.

The three-day event, which hosts 13 teams this year, was scheduled to begin this morning at Moffett Field, the SHS practice field, and Rotan High School.

Rotan's field and the practice facility have been deemed unplayable for today, but Snyder coach Roland Herrera believes there will be action this evening at Moffett Field.

"If the sun stays out, and we don't get anymore rain, then we could probably start playing at Moffett by 3 or so this afternoon," Herrera said. "There's no way we can play at Rotan or the practice field today, but we should be able to on Friday."

The match-up between Odessa Permian and Hereford was moved to Odessa, while Dumas and West were to have met at Coahoma High School.

Snyder was scheduled to face Mineral Wells at 2 p.m. at Moffett Field.

"If everything keeps going well, then Snyder will play today," Herrera stated. "We might even play two. It might be late tonight when we start the last one, but if that's what has to be done, then we'll do it."

The tournament is scheduled to continue Friday, with the final rounds slated for Saturday.

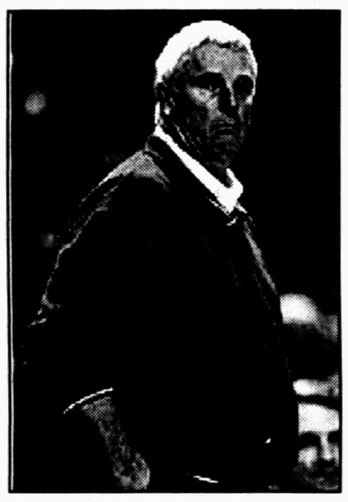
*Knight-time at Texas Tech...*

# Tech officials talk with Knight about Red Raiders' cage job

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech coach James Dickey says he will continue focusing on his team, its players and winning games despite reports that school administrators have talked with former Indiana coach Bobby Knight about his job.

"My focus is on having our team prepared as well as we possibly can and making sure these players are given every opportunity to have every chance they can to succeed," Dickey told The Associated Press this morning from his hotel room in Kansas City.

The Dallas Morning News reported in today's editions that Dickey will be dismissed after this season. The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reported that Texas Tech administrators have approached Knight about taking over.



Bobby Knight

A former college coach, who is close to Knight but asked not to be identified, told the Avalanche-Journal that Tech president David Schmidly and athletic director Gerald Myers traveled to Naples, Fla., earlier this week to discuss with Knight the possibility of replacing Dickey.

"I've heard the same reports but I have not had any information at all from our administration," Dickey said.

His team is in Kansas City for the Big 12 Tournament, which starts today and lasts through Sunday. Tech first faces Oklahoma State at 2:20 p.m.

Tech sports information director Chris Cook said Myers would not discuss the report.

"Gerald will not comment," Cook said.

Myers also declined comment to the newspaper, saying he would not make any statements until after he has a chance to talk with Dickey following the Red Raiders' final game of the tournament.

Knight was fired from Indiana last fall after violating a no-tolerance policy. He violated the policy when he grabbed an IU student by the arm.

Knight indicated at the time he wanted to coach again.

Tech spokeswoman Cindy Rugeley said Chancellor John Montford spent Wednesday in Washington, D.C., and President David Schmidly was en route to Kansas City.

"All I know is we still have a coach," she said. "I cannot imagine them doing anything while our team is still playing."

But Rugeley admitted she would not necessarily know. "I don't do sports," she said. "I don't know and I wouldn't to be very honest. I do know that Coach Myers and Bobby Knight are friends."

Myers, who coached the Red Raiders from 1971-1991, is said to have hand-picked Dickey as his successor.

Dickey said he first learned of the report from reporters and friends in Lubbock who saw the story on television.

"We have had a lot of our friends call us from Lubbock," said Dickey, who is in Kansas City with his wife and children. "They just wondered if we knew anything and the answer is: 'No, we don't.'"

Last week, Tech administrators said they would conduct an evaluation of Dickey and his team's performance. The Red Raiders have dropped 11 of the team's past 12 games and have struggled for four straight seasons.

"I don't think anybody's satisfied with the season," Myers said at the time. "Not the coach, the fans, anybody."

Dickey, who has three years remaining on his contract, has been at Tech for 10 years.

He said he has met with both Myers and Schmidly. He said neither gave him an indication of what his future with the school might hold. Dickey wouldn't elaborate.

Since coming to Tech, Dickey has compiled a 166-123 record. The Red Raiders finished 9-18 overall and 3-13 in the Big 12.

Dickey said last week he won't leave unless asked. According to his contract, neither win-loss records nor attendance records can be considered "good cause for termination" without compensation.

"I'm not going to fire myself," he said. "I'm not going to quit."

# Cowboys regret loss of Aikman

DALLAS (AP) — Longtime Dallas Cowboys executive Tex Schramm was disappointed to learn his old franchise had waived Troy Aikman, one of the team's few remaining links to its prosperous past.

"The old Cowboys are gone," Schramm said Wednesday. "That's sad. When your quarterback leaves like that, there's not many links to the past."

Schramm helped usher in a new era of prosperity for the Cowboys when he made Aikman the first overall pick in the 1989 National Football League draft.

During Aikman's 12 seasons with the Cowboys, he won three Super Bowl rings and earned six Pro Bowl selections.

"The era is gone, the players are gone, there's no need in him sticking around and risking his life," Schramm said of Aikman, who has suffered 10 concussions in his career.

Only Emmitt Smith and Darren Woodson remain from the teams that won Super Bowls in 1992, '93 and '95.

"I can't even put into words the emotions I'm feeling right now," Smith told The Dallas Morning News in Thursday's editions. "We all know decisions come down and they happen, but I didn't know it was going to be like this.

"He's been the main fixture of the Cowboys for 12 years," he said. "He was Jerry Jones' first draft pick with the Cowboys."

Dallas severed ties with the 34-year-old quarterback because his contract counted too heavily against the salary cap.

Aikman wasn't surprised by the team's decision, but said he still isn't prepared for life with another team.

"I never envisioned the opportunity would present itself to play for another team," Aikman said. "I've always realized it was a business. But to achieve what we've been able to achieve, it transcends business."

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones expressed regret at releasing Aikman, but insisted Wednesday night the team would still be competitive.

"Troy will always be a Dallas Cowboy," Jones said. "But we had to do what was in the best interests of the team."

Daryl Johnston, who was Aikman's teammate for 11 seasons, told Dallas television station KDFW that he was disappointed Aikman couldn't end his career with the Cowboys.

"That's the sad thing for Troy," Johnston said.

Aikman was one of the last players ever drafted under Schramm's watch, who was the Cowboys president and general manager for 29 years.

Schramm retired in April 1989, almost two months after Jones purchased the Cowboys from former owner Bum Bright and two days after Aikman signed his first contract with the team.

# JV boys fall to Eagles

ABILENE — Snyder couldn't overcome Abilene High's offensive production in a pair of junior varsity baseball games Tuesday night.

Snyder Gold fell to the Eagles, 12-7, while Snyder Black dropped a 13-1 decision.

Bradley Price belted a double for Snyder Gold. Marcus Rodriguez, Matthew Vasquez, Zach Cain, Clayton Floyd and Brett McClendon all singled.

Vasquez and Tye Collier handled duties on the mound for the Tigers.

Snyder Black mustered only four singles off the Eagles, with Blake Grimmett slapping two of them. Shawn Roemisch and Theodore Vasquez also had base hits.

Danny Hoyle pitched the first four innings for the Tigers, before giving way to Joshua Key.

## Jr. High Golf Intrasquad Scores

**BOYS**

**Eighth grade:** Alan Gray, 47; Zach Hopkins, 50; Tanner Blume, 54; Cole Robertson, 58; Michael Parsley, 61; Lico Castillo, 64; Chris Smauley, 65; Jason Hook, 66; Brad Richardson, 68; Matthew Morris, 73.

**Seventh grade:** Jay Weaver, 51; Wes Chandler, 52; Blake Seale, 54; Cale Lancaster and Tyler Hogan, 58; Jason Cave, 69; Seth Cooper, 72; Bryan Clifton and Danny Ortegon, 73; Justin Burns, 74.

**GIRLS**

**Eighth grade:** Brooke Jackson, 57; Jessica Davis and Kendra Martinez, 59; Traci Jordan, 63; Meggan Minor, 70.

**Seventh grade:** Katie Kerley, 58; Wendy Reed, 61; Bianca Gonzales, 64; Christie Williams, 66; Dondi Brock and Kiki Wofford, 74; Ashly Hyer, 75; Megan McCormick, 76; Jana Lewis, 79.

## Sports Briefs

### Bledsoe signs for $103 million

BOSTON (AP) — Drew Bledsoe signed the biggest contract in NFL history, agreeing to a 10-year, $103 million deal that virtually guarantees he will spend his entire career with the same team.

The deal surpasses the reported 10-year, $100 million contract signed by Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre only last Friday. It also gives Bledsoe a chance to do something Favre and most other athletes never could: stay with one team for their careers.

### Cowboys keep Coakley

IRVING (AP) — After a decade of letting linebackers leave as free agents, the Dallas Cowboys finally decided to keep one of their own, signing Dexter Coakley to a $25 million, six-year deal.

Coakley was a third-round pick in 1997 who became a starter on the weak side as a rookie and made the Pro Bowl in 1999.

### Belle's career likely over

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — Albert Belle and the Baltimore Orioles agree that it's "highly unlikely" he will ever appear in another baseball game, according to a source familiar with his conversations with the team.

Belle, who hasn't played in any spring training games because of his injured right hip, was examined by two team doctors.

Baltimore owes Belle $13 million in each of the final three seasons of his $65 million, five-year contract, but 70 percent of each season's total is covered by insurance.

### Commissioner upholds trade

DUNEDIN, Fla. (AP)— The six-player trade that sent David Wells to the Chicago White Sox for injured pitcher Mike Sirotka was upheld by baseball commissioner Bud Selig, who denied Toronto's bid to change the deal.

Chicago sent Sirotka to Toronto on Jan. 14 along with pitchers Kevin Beirne and Mike Williams and outfielder Brian Simmons in exchange for Wells and pitcher Matt DeWitt.

Sirotka, 29, passed one Toronto physical, but a second test showed a possible torn labrum. Dr. James Andrews said Sirotka has a partial tear of the rotator cuff and a torn labrum in his left shoulder.

### NBA suspends Odom, Rider

NEW YORK (AP) — Lamar Odom of the Clippers and Isaiah Rider of the Lakers were suspended for five games each by the NBA for violating the league's anti-drug program.

No further details were given. The NBA is not allowed to disclose information about the testing or treatment of any player in the program.

## Local Schedule

**TODAY**
**Baseball**
Snyder hosts Snyder tourney
**FRIDAY**
**Baseball**
Snyder hosts Snyder tourney
**Golf**
Snyder boys at San Angelo Invitational
Snyder girls at Andrews Invitational
**SATURDAY**
**Track**
Snyder boys and girls host Canyon Reef Relays
**Softball**
Snyder at Levelland, 3 p.m.
**Baseball**
Snyder hosts Snyder tourney
**Golf**
Snyder boys at San Angelo Invitational
Snyder girls at Andrews Invitational

## Boys' Basketball Playoffs

**STATE TOURNAMENT**
**at Frank Erwin Center, Austin**
**Class 5A Semifinals, Friday**
Bryan (32-3) vs. The Colony (32-1), 3 p.m.
Sugar Land Willowridge (37-0) vs. Converse Judson (31-3), 7 p.m.
**Class 4A Semifinals, today**
Dallas Lincoln (30-2) vs. San Antonio Lanier (31-5), 7 p.m.
Beaumont Ozen (34-0) vs. Hereford (32-4), 8:30 p.m.
**Class 3A Semifinals, today**
Gainesville (23-10) vs. Mexia (31-2), 2 p.m.
Dimmitt (26-8) vs. Corpus Christi West Oso (32-3), 3:30 p.m.
**Class 2A Semifinals, Friday**
Grapeland (26-9) vs. Ponder (26-7), 9:30 a.m.
Hale Center (29-7) vs. Danbury (27-8), 11 a.m.
**Class A Semifinals, today**
Goodrich 62, Nazareth 51
Evadale (29-5) vs. Stratford (19-4), 10 a.m.

## National Basketball Association

**All Times EST**

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

**Atlantic Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Philadelphia | 45 | 16 | .738 | — |
| Miami | 37 | 25 | .597 | 8½ |
| New York | 36 | 25 | .590 | 9 |
| Orlando | 33 | 27 | .550 | 11½ |
| Boston | 26 | 35 | .426 | 19 |
| New Jersey | 21 | 42 | .333 | 25 |
| Washington | 14 | 47 | .230 | 31 |

**Central Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Milwaukee | 38 | 22 | .633 | — |
| Charlotte | 34 | 27 | .557 | 4½ |
| Toronto | 33 | 29 | .532 | 6 |
| Indiana | 26 | 33 | .441 | 11½ |
| Cleveland | 22 | 38 | .367 | 16 |
| Detroit | 22 | 39 | .361 | 16½ |
| Atlanta | 18 | 44 | .290 | 21 |
| Chicago | 11 | 48 | .186 | 26½ |

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Midwest Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Utah | 42 | 18 | .700 | — |
| San Antonio | 41 | 19 | .683 | 1 |
| Dallas | 38 | 23 | .623 | 4½ |
| Minnesota | 37 | 24 | .607 | 5½ |
| Houston | 33 | 28 | .541 | 9½ |
| Denver | 30 | 33 | .476 | 13½ |
| Vancouver | 19 | 43 | .306 | 24 |

**Pacific Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Portland | 42 | 19 | .689 | — |
| L.A. Lakers | 41 | 19 | .683 | ½ |
| Sacramento | 40 | 19 | .678 | 1 |
| Phoenix | 36 | 24 | .600 | 5½ |
| Seattle | 31 | 32 | .492 | 12 |
| L.A. Clippers | 22 | 41 | .349 | 21 |
| Golden State | 16 | 45 | .262 | 26 |

**Wednesday's Games**
Philadelphia 102, New Jersey 94
Milwaukee 101, Boston 94
New York 79, Indiana 75
Dallas 93, Miami 86
Washington 88, Cleveland 83
Orlando 112, Detroit 102
Houston 104, Atlanta 98
Sacramento 100, Phoenix 89
Utah 86, Seattle 82
L.A. Lakers 97, Toronto 85

**Thursday's Games**
Orlando at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Portland, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

**Friday's Games**
Cleveland at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Washington at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
New York at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Utah, 9 p.m.
Toronto at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Portland at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Denver at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

## Snyder Bowling Leagues

**Men's Commercial League**

| Team | W | L |
|---|---|---|
| Snyder Lanes | 71.5 | 26.5 |
| YZ Systems | 55 | 43 |
| Blue Sunco | 55 | 43 |
| Cutting Edge | 54.5 | 43.5 |
| Snyder Iron | 50.5 | 47.5 |
| The Shack | 49 | 49 |
| Larry's Trucks | 43 | 55 |
| Timely Finance | 42.5 | 55.5 |
| Tiger Mart | 35.5 | 62.5 |
| Tinder Storage | 33.5 | 64.5 |

**High series:** Rick Mammolite, scratch, 563; Stacey Browning, handicap, 663.

**High game:** Kevin Jones, scratch, 210; Jessie Salas, handicap, 251.

**Splits and special mentions:** Elbert Klein, 2-4-10, 6-7-10; Wayne Monroney, 7-8, 2-7; Cory Maxfield, 3-10; Manuel Garcia, 5-10; Harold Kornegay, 6-7-10; Don Pavlovsky, 3-10.

**Jack N Jill League**

| Team | W | L |
|---|---|---|
| Snyder Iron | 18 | 10 |
| Countryplace | 17.5 | 10.5 |
| BCEC | 14 | 14 |
| Renegades | 13.5 | 14.5 |
| Do Overs | 12 | 16 |
| J.Shea Jewelers | 9 | 19 |

**High series:** Scratch: David Lyle, 600; Daphene Thompson, 473. Handicap: David Lyle, 660; Leesa Johnson, 651.

**High game:** Scratch: David Lyle, 222; Daphene Thompson, 165. Handicap: Jessie Salas, 249; Leesa Johnson, 234.

**Roll N Hope League**

| Team | W | L |
|---|---|---|
| Snyder Nat'l Bank | 54 | 30 |
| Snyder Machine | 53.5 | 30.5 |
| NAPA | 51 | 33 |
| Martin Herefords | 49 | 35 |
| Allen Compressor | 37.5 | 46.5 |

**High series:** Michelle Ewing, scratch, 481; Dorris Martin, handicap, 591.

**High game:** Donna Garvin, scratch, 214; Terri Blocker, handicap, 226.






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To those indebted to, or holding claims against the estate of GUY JOYCE ADAMS, deceased, Probate Case Number 5,653:

The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executrix of the estate of Guy Joyce Adams, deceased, late of Scurry County, Texas, by RICKY FRITZ, Judge of the County Court of said county, on the 6th day of March, 2001, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said Estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to Ina Myrhl Adams, 11727 FM 1606, Hermleigh, TX 79526, within the time prescribed by law.

Executed this 6th day of March, 2001.

(s)INA MYRHL ADAMS
Independent Executrix
of the estate of
Guy Joyce Adams,
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# Embassy bombings meant to weaken U.S., agent says

NEW YORK (AP) — The deadly embassy bombings in Kenya and Tanzania were driven by a deep hatred of America and a belief that overseas attacks would clear the way to targets within the United States, an FBI agent testified.

In federal court Wednesday, Agent Stephen Gaudin read from notes of the disputed confession of Mohamed Rashed Daoud Al-'Owhali, one of four men on trial for the Aug. 7, 1998, attacks. The twin bombings killed 224 people, including 12 Americans.

"There are targets in the United States that we could hit," Gaudin quoted Al-'Owhali as saying during four days of interrogation shortly after the attacks. "Yes, but things aren't ready yet. Many attacks outside the United States would weaken the United States and make way for our attacks in the United States."

Al-'Owhali, 24, has said in court papers that the confession was coerced by U.S. investigators who threatened to hang him "like a dog." U.S. District Judge Leonard Sand initially disqualified the confession but later concluded it "was a consequence of the strong desire he (Al-'Owhali) expressed to be tried in America so that he could confront directly his avowed enemy."

If convicted of murder conspiracy, Al-'Owhali could face the death penalty.

In the confession, Al-'Owhali said the embassy in Nairobi was targeted because it was easy to hit and, in part, because it had a female ambassador, whose death would bring more publicity, Gaudin said. The ambassador, Prudence Bushnell, survived.

The embassy also fulfilled goals of striking ambassadors, military attaches, press attaches and "most importantly, the intelligence officers," Al-'Owhali allegedly said.

Gaudin portrayed Al-'Owhali, the Britian-born son of a prominent Saudi family, as part of Saudi millionaire Osama bin Laden's plan of attacks worldwide and later in America by his alleged terrorist organization, al Qaeda.

He said Al-'Owhali told the FBI he was "never specifically told this was an Osama bin Laden mission but he understood it to be."

Al-'Owhali said he met bin Laden after going to Afghanistan for military training, Gaudin said. "At this audience, bin Laden impressed upon them the need to fight the Americans and cast them out of the Arabian Peninsula," Gaudin said.

He said in subsequent meetings, Al-'Owhali pressed for a military mission until bin Laden told him, "Take your time. Your mission will come in time."

It came as a martyrdom mission: to ride as a passenger in the bomb-laden vehicle, fire a gun and toss stun grenades to force guards to lift gates at the embassy in Nairobi and die, the agent said.

After leaping from the vehicle and tossing the homemade grenades, Al-'Owhali instead ran for his life, sustaining injuries requiring medical treatment, Gaudin said.

# Powell says Bush still wants to move embassy in Israel

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is sticking by his campaign promise to move the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, Secretary of State Colin Powell says, but the time hasn't been right.

The comment could run the risk of increasing already strong anti-American sentiment among Palestinians and other Arabs, because moving the embassy would lend support to Israeli claims to the city.

"President Bush is committed to moving our embassy to Jerusalem," Powell said in answer to a question at a House International Relations Committee hearing Wednesday.

The secretary is to appear today before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

"The process is ongoing. We have not started any actions yet," Powell said of the proposed embassy move, noting the "very difficult situation that exists right now."

"But it does remain his commitment to move the embassy to the capital of Israel, which is Jerusalem," Powell said of Bush.

Other U.S. presidential candidates have talked about moving the embassy to Jerusalem. But in the interest of peace talks, they have backed off the promise after taking office to avoid affecting negotiations between the two sides. Peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians have been shattered by months of violence in the occupied territories.

After Wednesday's hearing, the State Department issued a clarification, insisting Powell was only restating what has been U.S. policy for some time.

"The secretary described the situation on the ground," spokesman Philip Reeker said.

A senior State Department official later said U.S. policy continues to be that the parties have agreed that the status of Jerusalem is a matter to be resolved between the Israelis and the Palestinians, a policy that Powell's predecessor Madeleine Albright restated as late as last summer in an appearance in Atlanta.

When former President Clinton first ran in 1992, he advocated moving the embassy. But he never acted, even though Congress several times tried to force his hands by approving funds for it.

The issue resurfaced last August, when then-Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak told Israel television he understood that Clinton planned to move the embassy on his last day in office. Again, the move never materialized.

In other testimony before the House committee, Powell denied that restructuring sanctions against Iraq represents a retreat by the Bush administration.

Instead, it "gives us a new floor that all can agree to," he said, adding that sanctions as they were have been collapsing.

Although it is still formulating a policy for Iraq, the administration has said it thinks curbs on trade of consumer items should be eased and sanctions should be focused instead on assistance to President Saddam Hussein's weapons program and on the flow of oil.

"What we've been trying to do ... is to see how we could stabilize this collapsing situation," Powell said.

Powell has said he hopes revisions could be completed before Arab leaders hold a summit in Amman, Jordan, in late March.

U.N. sanctions were put in place at the end of the Persian Gulf War in 1991, but support for them among Arab and Western nations that were coalition partners during the war has been fast deteriorating. Many complained that Iraqi civilians, particularly children, were being hurt most, not Saddam.

Powell also said he released money for an anti-Saddam group, the London-based Iraqi National Congress, so regime opponents could step up their activities. The move, taken by Powell on March 5, allows the organization to draw $4 million from a fund set up by Congress to carry out information-gathering inside Iraq.

On other topics during his two-hour appearance include, Powell:

—Said he planned a meeting today at the State Department to talk about options for helping end the almost two-decades-old civil war in Sudan, where 2 million people have died from fighting and starvation.

# Ramseys settle tabloid lawsuit

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — John and Patsy Ramsey have reached a settlement with the Globe tabloid magazine over allegedly damaging headlines and stories about the couple's teen-age son.

The Daily Camera of Boulder reported the lawsuit Thursday, which was settled for an undisclosed amount.

The Ramseys filed a $35 million lawsuit in Atlanta last May against Globe International Inc., saying the November 1998 headlines and stories subjected Burke Ramsey, 14, to public hatred, contempt and ridicule and permanently damaged his reputation.

Court clerks said the amount and terms of the settlement were sealed under a confidentiality agreement.

Lin Wood, a Ramsey lawyer, said Wednesday that he could not comment other than to say, "The parties are pleased with the resolution."

Globe publisher Tony Frost declined comment.

Wood said he plans other lawsuits on behalf of the Ramseys. He said Wednesday that he would file suit against author and former Boulder Police Detective Steve Thomas by the end of the month.

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# Senate rejects bankruptcy exemption

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic opponents in the Senate are trying to temper bankruptcy legislation that would force many consumers to eventually repay their credit card and other debts instead of having them dissolved.

Their first attempt failed on Wednesday, when the Senate voted not to allow people seeking bankruptcy protection because of disastrous medical bills to have a better chance of erasing their debts in court than consumers filing for other reasons.

Senators voted, 65-34, to reject the exemption for medical debts from the bankruptcy overhaul legislation, which overwhelmingly passed the House last Thursday and is expected to be signed by President Bush if it reaches his desk.

The bipartisan bill was vetoed in December by then-President Clinton, who contended it would hurt ordinary people and working families that fall on hard times. It has been pushed by the banking, credit card and retail credit industries, while consumer groups and unions have opposed it.

The amendment exempting medical debts was proposed by Sen. Paul Wellstone of Minnesota, one of the Senate's most liberal Democrats and a leading opponent of the bankruptcy legislation.

"We know that in the vast majority of cases, bankruptcy is a drastic step taken by families in desperate financial circumstances and overburdened by debt," Wellstone said in debate before the vote. "We know that nearly half of all debtors report that high medical costs forced them into bankruptcy. This is an especially serious problem for the elderly."

A study published last May found that catastrophic medical bills play a significant role in personal bankruptcies, accounting for about 40 percent of the filings in 1999.

About 500,000 Americans filed for bankruptcy protection that year at least in part because of heavy medical expenses, according to the study.

The financial misfortune can befall people with health insurance as well as the uninsured because some insurance policies are inadequate, the survey of bankruptcy filings showed. It also found that seniors and women, as well as families headed by single women, were the groups in bankruptcy that were hardest hit by medical expenses.

But Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said Wellstone's amendment "unwisely creates two classes of debtors" and would establish an unfair loophole.

Spokesmen for major credit card companies didn't dispute the findings of the study by Harvard law professor Elizabeth Warren; Teresa Sullivan, dean of graduate studies at the University of Texas; and Melissa Jacoby, an attorney.

The spokesmen maintained, however, that the findings did not diminish the need for legislation making it tougher for those who can afford to repay their debts — including medical bills, as well as credit card balances — to dissolve them through bankruptcy.

The study examined bankruptcy filings in 1999 in eight federal judicial districts in California, Illinois, Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas and Wisconsin.

Personal bankruptcies in this country reached a record 1.4 million in 1998, despite the strong economy, up more than 300 percent since 1980. But the rate declined to about 1.3 million in 1999 and 1.2 million last year, according to government figures.

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On the Net:
Information on the bills, S. 420 and H.R. 333, can be found at http://thomas.loc.gov

# New surgery fails to cure Parkinson's

By The Associated Press

An experimental treatment for Parkinson's in which holes are drilled in the skull and cells from aborted fetuses are implanted in the brain does not cure the disease, according to a controversial new study.

The study had raised ethical questions because some participants, for the sake of comparison, underwent sham surgery in which mere indentations were drilled in their heads.

The implanted stem cells — cells that can develop into many types of tissue — survived and grew into the right kind of brain cells. But they did not help patients older than 60.

Younger patients — who make up about 40 percent of the 60,000 people diagnosed each year in the United States — improved a bit, but only for a year.

After that, the cells apparently did their job too well in some patients, causing excess movements because they produced more of the needed nerve transmitter dopamine than the body could use.

"There was tremendous hope that stem cell therapy could be a cure. This study really points out the problems we have to solve before that can happen," said neurologist Dr. J. William Langston, founder of the Parkinson's Institute in Sunnyvale, Calif.

The study was conducted by doctors at Columbia University and the University of Colorado and was published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

Dr. Curt R. Freed, who led the study as director of the University Of Colorado Neurotransplantation Center for Parkinson's Disease, has begun work to see if he gets better results by dripping the cells into other parts of the brain. Langston said the results indicate that stem cell research for Parkinson's should go back to the animal laboratory.

Parkinson's disease, whose sufferers include former Attorney General Janet Reno and actor Michael J. Fox, is a progressive brain disease marked by tremors, stiffness, slowness and loss of balance. The symptoms grow as the brain loses cells that produce dopamine, a transmitter that carries messages to the nerve cells controlling motion.

Medicine can reduce or eliminate some symptoms for a while by helping the brain produce more dopamine. But after four to eight years, the medicine itself causes tremors and other side effects, and eventually it no longer helps. The patient cannot move, speak or swallow.

In the new study, 20 patients received the operation, in which four holes are drilled in the skull. Twenty others underwent sham surgery, in which the drill did not go all the way through. Fourteen of the 20 in the sham-surgery group got real transplants later.

(Fox underwent a different type of surgery — a thalamotomy, a decades-old operation that destroys overactive, tremor-causing nerve cells by burning or freezing a pea-size spot in the brain.)

Some doctors said that because of the pain and the risk of complications, it is unethical to perform sham operations, even though patients knew ahead of time they had only a 50-50 chance of getting a transplant.

Others said sham surgery is the only way to get a valid comparison and account for the so-called placebo effect, in which patients feel better simply because they are being treated, even if the treatment is a dummy medicine, such as a flour pill or a water injection.

None of the patients in the Parkinson's suffered any ill effects from the sham surgery.

Langston said the study showed that the procedure itself is safe and that the grafts survive.

"It was a pioneering study and one that I think was desperately needed in the field," he said. "It was the first really controlled trial of this type of surgery."

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On the Net:
University of Colorado School of Medicine: http://www.uchsc.edu/
Parkinson's Institute: http://www.parkinsonsinstitute.org/

# Woman, kids found dead

GREER, S.C. (AP) — A man allegedly shot and killed his estranged wife, her daughter and their son and then tried to destroy the couple's antique shop before fleeing.

Police have begun a nationwide search for Michael Hilderbrand Sr., 43, and have signed arrest warrants charging him with three counts of murder in the deaths of his wife, Sandra, 36; his stepdaughter, Caitlin Williams, 8; and his son, Michael Jr., 5.

The three bodies were found early Wednesday in their beds. Sandra Hilderbrand had been shot several times in the face and head and each child was shot once in the head, Greenville County Coroner Parks Evans said.

Police believe they were shot on Monday, after a judge ordered Hilderbrand to stay away from the family's home and have no contact with family members. In court filings, Sandra Hilderbrand said she was afraid of her 6-foot-4, 300-pound husband, who she said had bipolar disorder.

Her husband was "very unstable and violent at times," she said. He had recently bought a gun and she was "terrified as to what he may do with it during one of his episodes."

# Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



## Your Birthday

**Friday, March 9, 2001**

There's a good chance you could enter into a partnership arrangement in the year ahead that turns out to be very important to your success. Each will be able to offer what the other can't.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Between you and your mate today, each must be allowed to have his or her input when discussing something important to you both. Without parity, nothing will get resolved. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead.

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Every member of a business or a household has the responsibility to pitch in and pull his or her own weight. If you're not doing your share, expect to experience the wrath of others.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** A hostile situation you've recently had with another is not yet fully resolved, so avoid any gathering or social activities where that person might be present. Another blow up is possible.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Take care today not to attempt to advance your interests at the expense or offense of another. This person might not be one who readily forgets or forgives.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Overkill is all too likely for you today when trying to convince somebody of something. If you don't know when to stop talking, your prospect will stop listening.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** So long as you're working on the behalf of another today, chances are you'll be able to put together good deals, but when it comes to stringing your own beads, you'll be all thumbs.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** There's a good chance you and an ally might be aiming at different targets today. If you want to get any place, it's best you consult with one another and point in the same direction.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** What might appear to be a shortcut could, in reality, turn out to be a detour. Be wary of complicating things that should be relatively easy to accomplish.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Should you involve yourself today with an associate who is a dictatorial know-it-all, you might not have the patience needed to contend with this person. An argument could ensue.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Unless you have a plan that covers both victories and rewards, you might not have the know-how to properly capitalize on your accomplishments, and you could come out looking like a loser.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Two friends of yours could place you in an awkward position today of having to make a decision of choosing from their different points of views. Try not to get caught in the middle.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** You must be careful today not to get caught up in a joint endeavor where the person is not capable of making contributions equal to yours. You'll end up carrying the whole load.

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# Teen commended for persuading girl to give up her gun

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) — A teen-ager who had ducked for cover when a classmate was shot inside their crowded cafeteria emerged when he recognized the alleged shooter and persuaded her to drop the gun.

"The principal told me to get back, but you could tell she was really mad and she looked like she was about to go off on everybody," Brent Paucke, 14, said after Wednesday's shooting. "I got up and started talking to her. I didn't want anyone to get hurt."

Police commended Paucke for his courage in approaching the 14-year-old girl, getting her to drop the revolver and then kicking it away when she turned to listen to school officials.

A 13-year-old girl was hit in the shoulder during the shooting, but no one else at the Roman Catholic school was injured.

The alleged shooter was arrested and charged as a juvenile with attempted homicide and aggravated assault.

Her attorney, George Lepley, said the girl had been subjected to "a lot of name-calling, derogatory comments and innuendoes."

Police said the suspect had feuded with the victim, Kimberly Marchese, in the past. Michael Marchese, Kimberly's father, denied that Thursday on ABC's "Good Morning America."

He said he saw the girls chatting regularly after school and that "Kimmy got along good with everybody."

At a news conference Wednesday, Williamsport police Officer David Ritter described Paucke as a "very courageous student."

Paucke and fellow student Andrew Miller, 16, said they were already in the cafeteria when the girl came in screaming.

"She told everyone to get down," Miller said. "She fired toward the ceiling, then fired into the ground, which ricocheted and hit the girl in the shoulder."

Paucke said he ducked under a lunchroom table when he heard the shots, but then he recognized the girl from his school bus.

"She was saying, 'I don't want to live. I should just commit suicide right here.' And she pointed the gun at her head," Paucke said.


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By Abigail V

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# Old-fashioned mammograms best to detect breast cancer

WASHINGTON (AP) — No new breast cancer detection systems, including highly touted digital mammograms, so far have proven better than old-fashioned mammograms, a congressional advisory panel said Thursday.

But because mammograms aren't perfect, the report by the Institute of Medicine urged more study of technologies, such as MRI, that might one day help catch cancer more effectively in certain women.

For now, "mammography is still the best way we have," said Dr. Janet Baum, a Harvard Medical School radiologist who co-authored the report.

Consequently, access to mammograms for uninsured women must be increased, the report said.

A program by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that gives free mammograms to the uninsured so far reaches only 15 percent of eligible women but strives to help 70 percent, the institute said. Additionally, a new federal law ensures Medicaid payment for women whose cancer is detected in the CDC program, but states haven't yet adopted that change, the report said.

American women undergo 30 million mammograms a year. The breast X-ray, which costs between $75 and $150, can detect early-stage tumors, when they're easier to treat. Routine screening mammograms can decrease breast cancer deaths by 25 percent to 30 percent, experts say.

But they're not foolproof. They can miss suspicious spots that turn out to be tumors. They can be ambiguous, leaving a doctor in doubt as to whether to do a biopsy immediately or wait six months and X-ray again. More often, suspicious spots on a mammogram are biopsied only to turn out to be benign lumps.

"Patients have to understand that it's not black-and-white," Baum said. "Few can say, 'This is an obvious cancer.' Most need further evaluation."

So scientists are hunting for improved technologies.

Last year, the Food and Drug Administration approved the first digital mammograms, computerized X-ray images that proponents tout because the computer images may be lightened or otherwise manipulated for a closer look.

For women, getting a digital mammogram is no different than getting one recorded on film — the breast is compressed and X-rayed the same way. And the institute, citing an ongoing U.S. Army study of 7,000 women, says so far there's no evidence digital mammograms are superior to film ones in spotting cancer.

So if a woman's doctor offers digital mammograms, just be sure the physician is properly trained and feel confident it's an equally effective choice — but don't feel it's necessary to search out the newer technology, Baum said.

# Eight California students arrested

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Authorities arrested eight California students for allegedly making threats that included a plot to put a bomb on a teacher's desk and the creation of a hit list.

In the desert town of Twenty-nine Palms, two 17-year-old boys were arrested at their homes Tuesday night on suspicion of conspiracy to commit murder and civil rights violations.

At one of the boys' homes, deputies found a rifle. At the other, there was a list of 16 fellow students at Monument High that the pair planned to target, San Bernardino County sheriff's spokesman Chip Patterson said. The teens' motives were unknown.

Police said they were tipped by a classmate, who told her father she had overheard the boys discussing a hit list in recent weeks. She came forward after a student in suburban San Diego on Monday opened fire at his high school, killing two students and wounding 13 others.

Also Tuesday, three junior high school students in San Bernardino County were arrested for threatening to place a bomb on a teacher's desk, authorities said. Classmates at Woodcrest Junior High alerted the principal.

The two 12-year-olds and a 13-year-old talked about the plot last week after one of the boys had a disagreement with a teacher, Ontario Detective Mike Macias said. But no bomb-making materials were found at their homes.

"It was no secret that these three kids were going to carry this out," Macias said. "They were planning to plant the bomb this Friday."

Police said the boys cried and confessed during questioning.

In two other incidents, two teens were arrested at their schools in Perris.

At Perris High, school guards found a 4-inch knife in the backpack of Luis Benavides, 18, and he was arrested for investigation of possession of a weapon. Deputies found two rifles and ammunition at his home.

"He made the comment that he needed help because he felt like killing somebody," said sheriff's spokesman Sgt. Mark Lohman. "The teacher, in light of everything that's going on, took this very seriously."

In the second arrest, a woman was enrolling her son at the Perris Community Day School for troubled youth when, according to a sheriff's report, the 14-year-old told an administrator: "If you make me come here, I'll bring a gun and shoot the place up." The boy was taken to a juvenile jail.

And at Wheatland High, an hour north of Sacramento, a boy was arrested after he allegedly threatened to bring a gun to school and kill people.

# Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



## Foreign drugs may be untested

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** I have recently learned of a remarkable medication used in Mexico to cure all liver diseases. It's called "Sen." Have you heard of it? Is it approved by the FDA?

**DEAR READER:** Drug-testing in underdeveloped nations is often sloppy and unscientific. In contrast, before a medicine is marketed in the United States, it must undergo stringent analyses to determine its usefulness — and its dangers. This procedure is vital, protecting consumers from quack cures and harmful compounds.

I have not heard of "Sen"; as far as I know, it has not been tested or approved by the Food and Drug Administration. And it probably won't even be submitted for testing.

Frankly, I'm always skeptical about claims that a new, "remarkable" but untested drug can cure a variety of ailments. For instance, liver disease has many causes, ranging from genetic abnormalities (such as hemochromatosis) to damage (from drugs and alcohol) to infections (hepatitis). I cannot conceive of how one drug could possibly "cure all liver diseases" when the causes are so varied.

Therefore, my advice is to insist on drug validation. Don't take medications that are not FDA-approved. If you do, you will certainly waste your money and may run a real risk to your health.

**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 DR. GOTT:** Is circumcision painful to a newborn? Our doctor says that new studies confirm that it really does hurt, there is no compelling medical reason to perform the procedure, and the practice is declining in the United States. What do you think?

**DEAR READER:** For obvious reasons, newborns cannot tell us whether or not circumcision is painful. However, babies cry when circumcised, so the procedure must cause significant discomfort. It is certainly painful for older children and adults.

Your doctor is correct that circumcision is not a medical necessity for newborns. It's true, however, that cancer of the penis — which is virtually unknown in circumcised men — does occur in uncircumcised individuals. In addition, some studies have suggested an increase in cancer of the cervix in women whose sexual partners are uncircumcised.

The issue is largely a cultural one. In my opinion, the decision to circumcise — or to leave well enough alone — should be left to the parents, with help from the pediatrician.

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** Here's an issue that has puzzled me for decades: if post-menopausal women would donate blood every month, wouldn't the chance of arterial blockage and heart disease be lessened? These problems usually strike women after their menstruation has ceased, so why not mimic the natural cycle and maintain health?

**DEAR READER:** Young women are not protected from cardiovascular disease because they menstruate and lose blood periodically. Experts believe that the protection reflects the high levels of hormones in these pre-menopausal women. When the levels fall, as they invariably do as a function of age, women stop menstruating and become at higher risk for heart problems. Therefore, simple blood donation is unlikely to modify these risk factors, unless supplemental hormones are administered. If your theory were correct, young women who have had hysterectomies would have a higher incidence of vascular disease. Such is not the case.

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## Man convicted of shooting 2 DEA agents

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — A federal jury convicted a man Wednesday in the 1982 kidnapping and shooting of two Drug Enforcement Administration agents in Colombia.

Rene Benitez was found guilty on five counts, including conspiracy to commit murder, assault with a deadly weapon and robbery. An accomplice, Jose Ivan Duarte Acero, was previously convicted on the same counts.

DEA agents Kelly McCullough and Charles Martinez, who both survived the attack, were abducted from a hotel in Cartagena, Colombia, on Feb. 10, 1982, after four armed men posing as police forced their way into their room. The agents were in Colombia as part of an operation to stop shipments of marijuana to the United States.

The two were taken by their abductors to the countryside, where both men were shot and left for dead. One managed to make his way to a road where a driver picked him up.

Sentencing for Benitez, who was caught in 1995, and Duarte Acero, arrested in 1997, was scheduled for May 17. Each could face a maximum sentence of life in prison.

# Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



## Regretful teens tell tales of having had sex too soon

**DEAR ABBY:** Please print this so "Out in the Cold Up North" can see it. She's the 14-year-old girl who thinks she should have sex because her friends do.

I felt the same way she does when I was 14. My reason was very similar — to be like my friends. That decision was the worst I ever made. I am now 18 and have a sexually transmitted disease I can't get rid of.

When you're young, you don't think something like an STD can happen to you, but I'm here to tell you it CAN. I live in pain every day — emotionally and physically — and if I could make one wish, it would be to take back my decision.

I hope that girl realizes there are plenty of other ways to fit in. Sex doesn't have to be one of them. Next time she's tempted to have sex in order to be popular, she should remember, "What is popular is not always right — and what is right is not always popular." — **ANNONY-MISS IN HELENA, MONT.**

**DEAR "MISS":** I hope "Out in the Cold" heeds your advice. If you aren't already receiving support in coping with your STD, you would be wise to contact the American Social Health Association (ASHA). The organization can be very helpful. Write: ASHA, P.O. Box 13827, Research Triangle Park, N.C. 27709. The Web address is www.ashastd.org. And there's a special Web site for teens, filled with helpful information: www.iwannaknow.org. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** Please urge that girl not to have sex because her friends are doing it! When I was 14, I decided to have sex with someone I thought I loved. He, on the other hand, wanted to have sex with a virgin. I regret the decision to this day. Needless to say, the guy told all his friends, and they all tried to have sex with me, too. I have had 10 partners since then, and I'm 18.

I have been married to my last partner for a year, and we have a newborn daughter. I don't regret the family I have, but I would rather go out with my friends and have fun than stay home.

I'm not saying this will happen to "Out in the Cold," but she might end up pregnant and the guy won't care. Every time she has sex with someone, a part of herself will be taken away, and she'll regret it. Sex isn't a solution to anything; it just brings more problems to a teen-ager's life.

I wish I had waited until I met my husband, because then I wouldn't have all the heartbreak and pain that I do now. — **BEEN THERE, DONE THAT**

**DEAR BEEN THERE:** If you can possibly arrange to have some counseling to come to terms with your guilt and pain, I urge you to do so. It will greatly improve your life. Ask your doctor to refer you, or seek out a family services center where fees are based on your ability to pay. Your county's department of mental health may also be able to refer you to affordable counseling, as can the United Way. Please check it out. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** I agree with you that "Out in the Cold" should thank her lucky stars that she hasn't been subjected to the pressure her friends have. When I made the choice not to have sex until I was married, I channeled my energies into studying, working and earning an advanced degree. I cultivated many rewarding relationships with family and friends along the way. I found there were many nice young men who were looking for nice young women — and there still are. That girl needs some new friends.

There is a growing movement of teens who are committing themselves to purity before marriage. It may seem hard now — but if she will just enjoy her current status, she'll have a far happier life. — **MARIETTA, GA., READER**

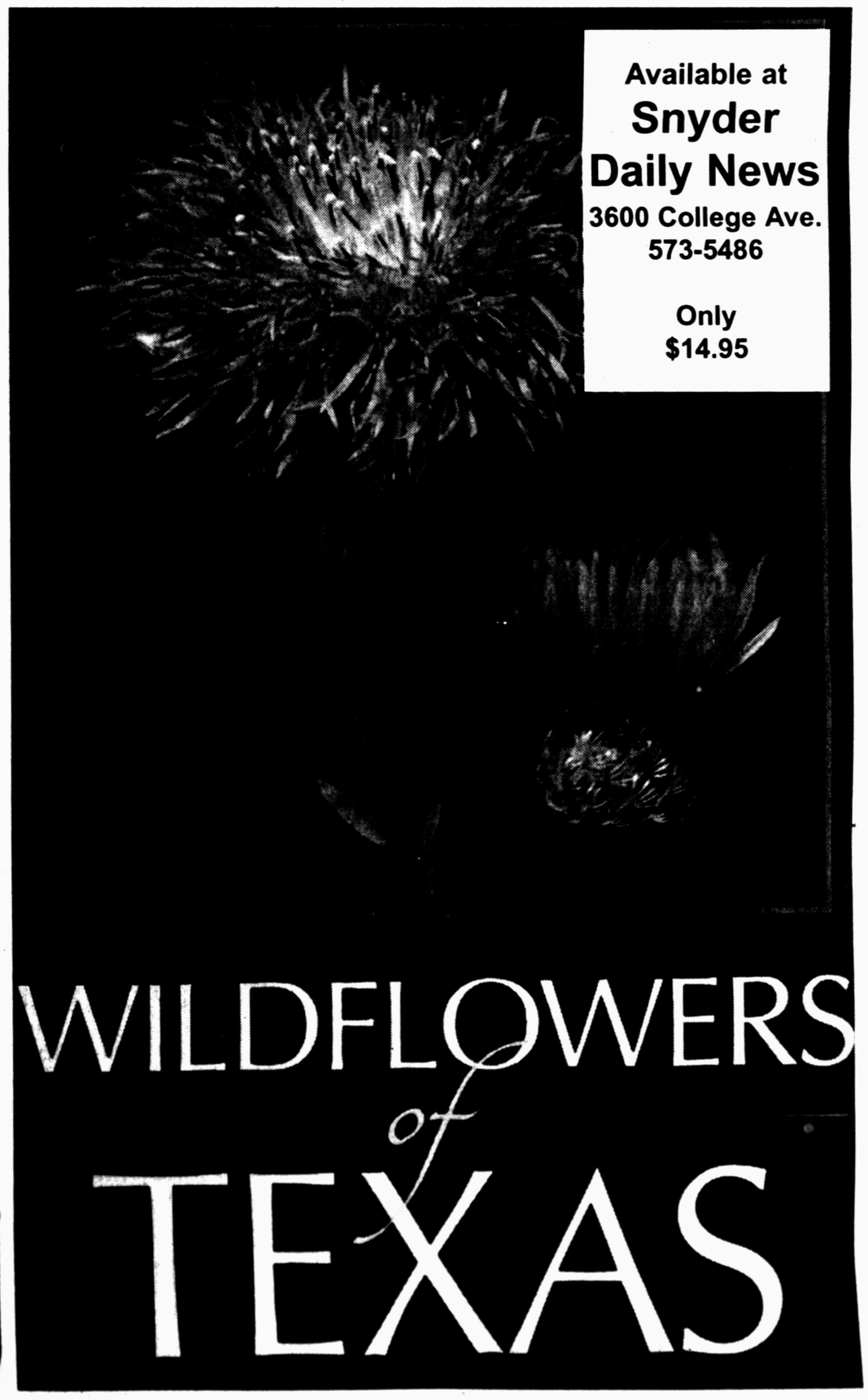
**DEAR READER:** I am aware that many teen-agers are signing purity pledges these days and wearing promise rings that signify their determination to remain that way. However, I seldom hear from them because they are not the ones having problems.

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# Discovery blasts off today

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Discovery blasted off today on a mission to replace the weary crew of the international space station with three fresh workers.

The shuttle climbed through a clear, chilly, peach-tinged sky just moments after sunrise, carrying six astronauts and one cosmonaut as well as a full load of station supplies.

To NASA's relief, the temperature stayed in the mid to high 40s during the final few hours of the countdown, not nearly cold enough for ice to form on the shuttle's external fuel tank. At liftoff, it was 45, one of the colder launch-time temperatures.

"Looks like a beautiful day to go fly," launch director Mike Leinbach told the shuttle crew right before liftoff.

Replied Discovery's commander, James Wetherbee: "Expedition 2 is ready to relieve Expedition 1."

The international space station, Alpha, and its three residents were soaring above the Indian Ocean near Australia when Discovery took off at 6:42 a.m. The shuttle should reach the station early Saturday.

The main objective of Discovery's 12-day flight is to exchange Alpha crews. Russian cosmonaut Yuri Usachev and American astronauts Jim Voss and Susan Helms will move into the space station for a 41/2-month stay, relieving the orbiting outpost's first crew.

# Senate adopts state agriculture policy

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas would have a statewide agricultural policy that addresses everything from water availability issues to the promotion of Texas agricultural products under a bill approved by the Senate.

The bill was drafted to be a guideline for future agricultural legislation, said sponsor Tom Haywood, R-Wichita Falls.

"It offers a means of preventing the state's agriculture industry and rural voices from becoming obsolete," Haywood said. "With Texas becoming more urban by the minute, it takes the first step in developing a foundation to help protect our state's agricultural interests."

The bill approved Wednesday addresses 16 specific areas of the agriculture industry, including water availability. Years of drought and urban demands on the water supply have highlighted the need for such a policy, lawmakers have said.

The policy also encourages tax policy that promotes the agriculture industry; the preservation of farmland, ranchland and timberland; and the state's participation in forming federal programs and policies.

Getting the policy on the books this session is vital to ensure protection of agriculture, lawmakers say, because sparse rural areas are expected to lose representation during redistricting to fast-growing urban areas. With fewer rural lawmakers, issues such as agriculture could take a back burner, some fear.

Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, opposed the bill because of a provision in the bill that says the policy should prevent the state from imposing laws or regulations "that would be inconsistent with the efficiency and profitability" of the agricultural businesses or have an adverse effect on the health and safety of the state.

Sibley, who said he represents a large number of farmers, said he supported the rest of the bill, but was not sure if health and safety was the primary concern. Haywood assured him that it would be.

The legislation is a result of a study by the Joint Interim Committee on Agriculture Policy, chaired by Haywood and Rep. David Swinford, R-Dumas.

Agriculture is the state's second-largest industry with an annual economic impact of $80 billion on the Texas economy, according to the Texas Department of Agriculture.

"Agriculture has been a stalwart in our state's heritage and economy," Haywood said. "It has been a critical element in our economic, cultural and historical development as well as a vital component of a diversified state economy and a self-renewing natural resource."

Others opposing the bill were Sens. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi, and Sen. Mario Gallegos, D-Houston.

A similar bill by Swinford was up in the House Tuesday, but members decided to wait for the Senate bill.

The House, however, approved a measure to set up the Agriculture Policy Board.

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The state agricultural policy bill is SB331.

## Man attempts suicide, stopped for DWI

• ***Attempted suicide***

A 42-year-old man was admitted to Cogdell Memorial Hospital for treatment and observation early this morning after reportedly cutting his wrist prior to being stopped for drunk-driving.

Snyder Police Sgt. Brian Peterson stopped the man at 12:51 a.m. today in the 2200 block of 25th Street for investigation of driving while intoxicated.

According to reports, Sgt. Peterson noticed that the man had a cut on his right wrist. Officer Dan Hicks transported the subject to Cogdell where he was admitted.

The man faces a charge of driving while intoxicated. Offense reports for threatening and attempting suicide were also filed.

• ***Theft***

Emily Harding contacted officers at 9:38 p.m. Wednesday in reference to someone stealing her purse from a 2001 Buick while it was parked at 2307 41st Street.

• ***Gas drive-offs***

A $2 gas drive-off was reported from Town & Country on East Coliseum Drive at 5:53 p.m. Wednesday.

A clerk with Town & Country on North College reported at 7:25 a.m. Wednesday that a subject had left the store without paying for $8 in gasoline.

• ***Resists arrest***

A 19-year-old man was taken into custody at 4:15 p.m. Wednesday from the 400 block of Coliseum Drive for resisting arrest.

• ***Loud music***

Dispatchers received a complaint of loud music at 10:57 p.m. Wednesday in the 2100 block of 40th Street. Officers spoke with a subject who agreed to keep the music down.

# 'Chaos' reported where winning ticket was sold

AUSTIN (AP) — The store that sold the single winning ticket for the $85 million lottery jackpot was the object of wide-scale attention Thursday.

Speculation centered on the unknown buyer. Store clerk Marvin Bailey, 53, said he just hopes it is one of his regular customers.

"They put that kind of money into it, and they keep taking care of the business," Bailey said. "Hopefully, we could give something back."

Visitors descended on Shoppers Mart on North Lamar after news spread of its sale of the winning ticket. The sole winner gets the entire $85 million jackpot — no sharing.

Drivers on Lamar honked their horns when they passed the store, about 2 miles from computer giant Dell. Some came in and looked around.

"This is total chaos," Bailey said. "I've seen more news media and telephone calls this morning than I can shake a stick at."

Interest in Wednesday's jackpot was overwhelming.

"It's against the law not to buy tickets when it's that high," said Nicholas Banks, bartender at Side Pockets, a nearby pool hall.

Banks unleashed a torrent of expletives when finding out the winning ticket was sold down the street, and was going to check his ticket when he got home.

"I spent 10 bucks, but I never buy 'em," Banks said. "If I win, I'm going to fix everybody up! I'm going to improve the pool hall."

A delay prevented the Texas Lottery Commission from releasing the winner information until about 12:20 a.m. Thursday.

Following a delay, the commission said one ticket matched all the numbers drawn from a field of 54. They were 10-31-36-37-45-51.

The store is eligible for a one percent bonus up to $500,000 for selling the winning ticket, she said.

The bartender at Clicks, another billiard hall even closer to the winning convenience store, said she would pay off her student loans, buy a car and then buy her mom everything she wanted, and then maybe go on a spending spree.

"I'd give it all away and be broke in three years," Casey Jones said jokingly. "It would be beautiful."

Earlier in the day, people poured over the borders to join millions of Texans in their dreams of getting rich quick.

At 5 p.m. CST, tickets were selling at a rate of 43,238 a minute across the state. To add to the lottery fever, people from Oklahoma, Arkansas, New Mexico and Mexico were driving to the nearest Texas convenience store.

# Obituaries

## Bobbye Mason

1928-2001

Bobbye Jean Mason, longtime Hermleigh resident, died Wednesday, March 7, at her home.

Funeral service for Mrs. Mason, 72, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the 37th Street Church of Christ. Bill Looney, associate minister, will officiate.

Burial will follow in the Hermleigh Cemetery under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Born July 20, 1928 in Rotan, she was the daughter of O.D. Dial Sr. who was once the minister of the 25th Street Church of Christ in Snyder. She married Harold Mason on Aug. 5, 1947 in Hermleigh.

A homemaker, she also assisted her husband in the management of the Hermleigh Water Works. She was a member of the 37th Street Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Harold Mason of Hermleigh; two sons and daughters-in-law, Royce and Kathleen Mason of Kingsland and Steve and Cheryl Mason of Midland; a brother, O.D. Dial Jr. of Sweetwater; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

## Juanita Donalson

1909-2001

Juanita Donalson, a resident of Snyder since 1981, died Wednesday, March 7, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.



Mrs. Donalson

Funeral service for Mrs. Donalson, 91, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in East Side Church of Christ. Tom Holcomb, minister, will officiate. Burial will follow in Highland Cemetery in Stamford. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born May 30, 1909 in Anson, she married Henry Donalson on Aug. 31, 1927 in Abilene. He died in 1953.

Mrs. Donalson worked as a dormitory monitor at Abilene Christian University for 23 years, and was a member of Snyder's East Side Church of Christ.

Survivors include a daughter, Virginia Cox of Snyder; a son, Robert Donalson of Lynchburg, Tenn.; and six grandchildren.

## Ike Eischeid

1917-2000

A memorial service for Ike Eischeid, a former Scurry County resident, is set for 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Hermleigh United Methodist Church. The Rev. Bunny Cox will officiate.

Family visitation will follow in the fellowship hall of the church.

Mr. Eischeid, 83, died Dec. 22, 2000 in a healthcare facility in Ashville, N.C.

Born March 4, 1917 in North Washington, Iowa, Mr. Eischeid was a former resident of Dunn and a stock farmer. He was a member of the Marshall United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mary A. Eisheid of Asheville; one daughter, Samantha Wynn of Arden; one son and daughter-in-law, Charles Thomas and Melinda Hallmark of Bryan; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Henry J. and Kay Eischeid of New Hampton, Iowa, and Dale Eischeid of Indianapolis, Ind.; three step grandsons; and two step great-grandsons.

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ONGOINGS

### Choir boosters

SHS Choir Boosters will meet at 6:30 this evening in the choir room to discuss the annual awards dinner.

### Northeast reading night

Family Reading Nights at Northeast Elementary will begin at 6:30 today. Pizza and soft drinks will be served. Child care is available.

### West family reading night

West Elementary holds its family reading night from 6-7:30 p.m. every Thursday. New sessions have been added. Childcare and refreshments are provided.

### Country, Gospel music night

Country and Gospel music night is scheduled for 6 p.m. Saturday at the Senior Citizens Center. For information, call 573-3996.

### Retired teachers meeting

Scurry County Retired Teachers Association will meet at noon Monday at The Shack. Dorothy Rosson will present a book review.

### United Way board meeting

Scurry County United Way board meeting will be held at noon Monday at the chamber of commerce.

### Bible study tapes

Bible study videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Growing in Christian Virtues," followed by "Let Us Love One Another."

### Alzheimer support group

The Alzheimer family support group meets at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at Snyder Oaks Care Center.

### Income tax help

An IRS-approved program for elderly and low-income persons of any age is held from 9 a.m. until noon and from 1-3 p.m. every Wednesday at the Snyder Senior Citizens Center.

### FBC worship service

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

### Ira sophomore fundraiser

Ira sophomore class will hold a fundraiser from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, March 17, at Western Golfland. Miniature golf and batting cages will be $3 for kids and $3.50 for adults. The class will also conduct a car wash with donations accepted.

### Parents meeting

Parents of all eighth grade students are urged to attend a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 22, at the junior high auditorium. High school counselor Debbie Phillips will provide information and answer questions concerning high school registration procedures, course selection and requirements for the diploma programs.

### 1961 SHS class reunion

The class of 1961 is seeking current e-mail and mailing addresses of class members for a summer reunion. To submit information call Ginny Sims Griffith, 573-0212, or e-mail griffdg@bigcountry.net, or Gilbert Merritt, 573-1921, or e-mail gmerritt@snydertex.com.

### 1986 class reunion

The SHS class of 1986 is seeking current addresses of class members for a reunion set for July 6-7. To submit names and addresses or for more information call Mike McWilliams, 573-6543 or Xalyn Harris Palacios, 574-3343 or 573-2148.

### SHS '91 class reunion

The SHS class of 1991 reunion is set for July 20-21. Addresses are being sought for classmates. Send information to Robbie Braziel at 2303 Ave. H, or 573-6632, or Melissa Jones at 1045 CR 132 or call 574-8005.

### 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.

### Senior citizens swimnastics

Snyder Senior Citizen Center swimnastics is held from 1-2 p.m. on Thursdays, and from 10-11 a.m. on Mondays. For additional information, call 573-4035.

### WTC swimming pool opens

The WTC swimming pool is now open for public use. Lap swimming: M-F 6:30-8 a.m., and 12-1 p.m. Open swimming: M-TH 7-9 p.m. Cost is $2 per person or $50 for a semester pass. The pool is also available for parties on Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, contact Lisa Christensen at 573-8511, ext. 290.

### 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 or Blakely Fargason at 574-8041. 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.