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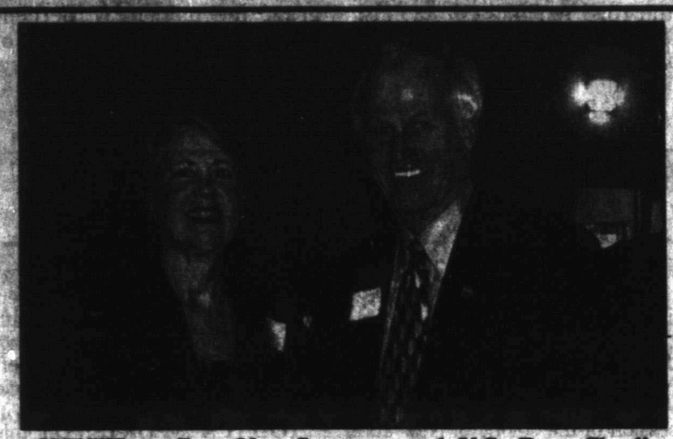

GUESTS — Rev. Nan Swanson and U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm

PRICE DANIEL UNIT — Warden Wilhelmenia Howard, Linda Warren and Capt. Carolyn Stephens

VOLUNTEERS — Rodney Dupree, Cy Posey and United Way president Stephen Covey

CITY OF SNYDER — Perry Westmoreland, John Gayle, Mayor Francene Noah and Stephen Covey

COGDELL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL — Christy Brown, George Parsley and Stephen Covey

Citizens receive awards

Employees of the Price Daniel Unit, Cogdell Memorial Hospital and the City of Snyder were recognized Monday for outstanding service during the 2002 United Way campaign. These entities received the annual Jack Smartt Award, as did Rodney Dupree and Cy Posey.

The total for this year's drive was $91,766, exceeding the goal of $80,000.

UW president Stephen Covey presented the awards.

Also recognized were the officers for next year that includes Covey, president; Dalinda Roberts, first vice president; Peggy Vernon, second vice president; Rana Anderson, executive secretary; Brenda Clem, recording secretary; and Zola Schlegel, treasurer.

Covey introduced additions to the board to include Clem, Stephanie Buchanan, Barbara McGee, Trent Driggers, Will Fewin, Kathy Watts and Dee Blackwell.

Schlegel presented allocations to participating agencies, Snyder Child Day Care, Boys and Girls Club, Gateway Family Services, West Texas Girl Scouts, Buffalo Trail Council Boy Scouts, CADA, Scurry County Food Cupboard and American Red Cross of Southwest Texas.

Inmate numbers rise...

County okays more jail staff

By Brian Brisendine
SDN Staff Writer

Scurry County commissioners' court this morning agreed to hire five additional jailers and also to pursue the possibility of handing over dispatching responsibilities to the city of Snyder – but it wasn't easy.

Three motions concerning the jail – two from Precinct 1 commissioner Ralph Trevey and one from Precinct 4 commissioner Chloanne Lindsey – died for lack of a second before the final motion passed 3-1 with Trevey casting the dissenting vote.

Sheriff Darren Jackson told the court the addition of the jailers will cost the county approximately $175,000 annually and also said a new jail that could cost several million dollars would be necessary within five years.

Talk of upcoming budget shortages and mention of another rollback prompted County Judge Ricky Fritz to comment twice during the meeting "I'm glad I'm not running again."

Jackson told the court all areas of the jail's operation and management passed a Feb. 5 inspection with only one deficiency.

Jackson said the inmate-to-staff ratio, which should be no greater than 48-1, was not in compliance. The jail had more than 48 inmates 19 percent of the time last year and was issued a letter of non-compliance.

"This is a very serious issue, as it will move our facility into a high-risk category with our insurance provider," the sheriff warned. "Since the start of this year, we have had more than 48 prisoners 84 percent of the time. I wish I could tell you that this is our busy time of year, but it is not. Quite frankly, we have outgrown our jail."

The county jail is officially decertified and the Texas Association of Counties, the jail's current insurance provider, could drop the facility if the problem isn't remedied.

"This issue has been brought before us two times before," Trevey said. "This time, we have got to go ahead and bite the bullet and be done with this thing."

Trevey made a motion to hire five new jailers and a relief dispatcher – the plan Jackson favored – but the motion died.

Snyder Police Chief Steve Warren was on hand and said the police department is willing to accept dispatching duties, but warned that is not a decision he can make.

"From the police department's point of view, we would welcome taking dispatch back," Warren said. "But I am not able to decide that and I have not spoken with anyone about the possibility."

Warren said more changes would be necessary if the city were to take over dispatching, because the police department does not have room for the equipment.

"It wouldn't be something we could implement any time soon," he said. "We would need an additional 1,500-square feet of space and we just don't have that where we are."

In other business, the court granted permission to parks director Scott Crenwelge to interview three companies to develop a master plan to dictate the future of the county's recreation facilities.

Five proposals were returned to Crenwelge and three were chosen as finalists. A panel will be formed for the interview process, to include parks employees, parks committee members and two commissioners. Lindsey and Precinct 3 commissioner Howard Limmer volunteered to serve on the panel.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Some sales pitches are like steer horns, a point here and a point there — and a lot of bull in between."

Dorothy Bowden, aunt of Paula Gilbert, sent some column material back to Snyder via Mel Zane Gilbert who says the 84-year-old Fort Worth woman reads everything — sometimes even the SDN.

The contributed story focused on Harry Marlin, humorist, author and yarn spinner. He wrote that friendliness is free.

"Growing up poor in rural Texas in the 1930s was an ordeal, but it did provide zesty fodder for writing.

"We were so poor at the time we had no dirt in our yard. Our rainbows were in black in white.

"A friend who lived in an abandoned beer joint in Johnson City recalled the time as a kid when a tornado hit his family's place and did $7,500 worth of improvements.

"As for tornadoes, the worst part was the trips to the storm cellar. Mama had an inherent fear of tornadoes which she mistakenly called cyclones. Whatever this phenomenon was, she grabbed the kids and a coal lantern and headed for the cellar at the first sound of thunder.

"Tornadoes actually posed a lesser threat than the cellars. They were damp, dark and mostly occupied by spiders and itinerant snakes.

"Many years ago I invited a doctor friend from North Dakota to accompany me on a camping trip to Big Bend National Park. The visitor was amazed that people in every passing car and pickup waved like old friends. The doctor wanted to know if I knew all those people.

"'Well, sort of. This is West Texas, which has been and can still be a hard land. We battle sandstorms, tornadoes, droughts, ticks, rattlesnakes, scorpions and a government that doesn't understand us.

"'Friendliness is the only thing we have that doesn't cost anything, won't land us in jail and brings a helping hand when we need one.'"

It was the late George Dolan, long-time front-page columnist for the Fort Worth Star Telegram, who best described himself and writers like Harry Marlin.

"I have been accused on more than one occasion of doing what Mark Twain called 'stretching the truth.'

"I call it 'euthanizing the truth,' or sort of putting it to sleep in a humane manner. This is not as noticeable as outright lying."

Rep. Stenholm addresses differences in farm bills

U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm (D-Stamford) said Monday that the Bush administration has not signed off on either Senate or House versions of the farm bill currently being debated in Washington, D.C.

Stenholm said he feels the major differences in the two versions center on payment limits, the duration of the farm program, and on how much to emphasize nutrition and conservation over crop production.

Stenholm, the ranking minority member of the House Agriculture Committee, said the House version favors Texas cotton producers.

The House version also has a payment cap about twice that of the Senate's subsidy cap of $275,000.

The House also has a 10-year program, as opposed to the Senate's five-year bill.

The Senate version focuses on conservation and nutrition, while the House bill centers on actual production of crops such as cotton and peanuts, the congressman noted.

The representative added that he would like to see the farm bill out of committee before the end of March.

Stenholm was in Snyder Monday morning, speaking in the Scurry County Museum at Western Texas College. The session was attended by about 50 citizens. He attended the Scurry County United Way awards luncheon before going to Lamesa Monday afternoon.

Rep. Stenholm was scheduled to be in Abilene today attending the Rolling Plains Cotton Growers annual meeting.

At today's meeting, Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs officially declared the 22 counties in the Rolling Plains Central Boll Weevil eradication zone to be functionally eradicated of boll weevils.

The zone was approved in 1994, and an election will be held March 11 on whether to continue the program.

Hermleigh to call trustee election in May

Hermleigh ISD will call its trustee election for May 4 when it meets this evening at 7 o'clock.

The two full terms of Tony Lambaren and Burton Sandefur will be on the ballot, as well as an unexpired term being filled by Larry West.

The trustees will also review the Hobbs Alternative School contract, and hear Supt. Jerry Church's report on school activities.

The board will also consider the extension of the administrative contracts of Church and principal Clarence Spieker.

The meeting will be held in the high school building.

ASK US

Q—Why don't all school board members' terms expire at the same time?

A—To keep a degree of continuity, and not have the possibility of having all new members at the same time.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 71 degrees; low, 44; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 47; no precipitation; total for 2002, 1.46 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear, breezy, low 35-40; W winds 15-25 mph, then 5-15 mph late. Wednesday, mostly sunny, high 65-70; W winds 10-20 mph. Wednesday night, clear, low upper 30s.

Alex Alcala
Sunny

Sunset: 6:34 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:20 a.m.
Of 49 days in 2002, the sun has shone 46 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

To escape criticism, do nothing, say nothing, be nothing.

—Elbert Hubbard

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UA mechanics approve tentative contract

CHICAGO (AP) — In a deal that averted a potentially crippling strike, United Airlines and the union representing its mechanics and aircraft cleaners reached a tentative contract agreement providing industry-leading pay.

Approval by the 12,800 mechanics in a March 5 ratification vote, while not assured, would end a bitter two-year contract dispute and give them their first raise since 1994. If they were to reject it, United would again face the threat of a walkout.

Airline consultant Michael Boyd predicted that the mechanics "will go along with this" even though last today they turned down the same pay increase by a 2-to-1 margin. The key is United's removal of two key issues — delay of retroactive pay for more than a year and insistence that mechanics agree to unspecified pay cuts as part of its recovery plan.

The announcement came on the fourth day of urgent talks at a suburban Chicago hotel following the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers' rejection of United's last contract offer, which was crafted by a presidential emergency board.

Although United, the world's second-biggest carrier, is still loaded down with the baggage of higher costs and lower revenues, the settlement was a breakthrough in efforts to end its protracted labor turmoil.

United chief executive Jack Creighton called the accord "a critical milestone in developing a recovery plan that meets the needs of passengers, preserves jobs and puts the company on the road to financial stability." The Elk Grove Village, Ill.-based airline lost $2.1 billion last year.

Despite Creighton's repeated assurances that he was confident an agreement would be reached, United had acknowledged a decline in bookings for the coming days, reflecting public fears of a shutdown.

The mechanics had been preparing to strike starting at 12:01 a.m. EST Wednesday.

The tentative pact would grant mechanics 37 percent pay raises and make more of them eligible for top-scale pay, which is being bumped up from the current $25.60 an hour to $35.14, or about $73,000 a year.

It also would improve retirement benefits, the union said, and move up the payment of retroactive pay for work dating to July 2001 by 31/2 months. Back wages totaling several hundred million dollars would be paid in quarterly installments beginning Dec. 15 and lasting until Oct. 15, 2004, instead of from 2003 to 2005.

"This agreement fulfills the (union's) promise to negotiate an industry-leading contract," said chief union negotiator Scotty Ford. He said union negotiators — who did not make a recommendation before last today's "no" vote, unanimously recommend approval.

Still to be resolved is another contract dispute between United and its 23,000 baggage handlers, customer service representatives and reservation agents. That stalemate is expected to be easier to resolve once the mechanics' contract is settled.

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RESULTS

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:
2-6-21-25-26

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
4-2-2

Date Book

Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2002

Today is the 50th day of 2002, and the 61st day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1674, Great Britain and the Netherlands signed the Peace of Westminster. This treaty ceded possession of the colony of New York to the British.

On this day in 1878, Thomas Alva Edison patented the phonograph.

On this day in 1942, President Roosevelt ordered the internment of all West-coast Japanese-Americans.

On this day in 1945, The U.S. Marines launched an invasion against the Japanese-held island of Iwo Jima.

On this day in 1986, the Soviet Union launched the Mir space station into orbit.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Nicolaus Copernicus (1473-), astronomer; Lee Marvin (1924-1987), actor; William "Smokey" Robinson (1940-), singer; "Mama" Cass Elliot (1943-1974), singer; Tony Iommi (1948-), Black Sabbath guitarist, is 54; Margaux Hemingway (1955-1996), actress; Jeff Daniels (1955-), actor, is 47; Benicio del Toro (1967-), actor, is 35.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1980, Eric Heiden sets the world record in the 1,000-meter speed skating race, finishing in 1:15.18.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Before you take a girl and say, 'I do', now. Make sure she's in love with you, now. Make sure that her love is true, now. I'd hate to see you feeling sad and blue, now. My mama told me, 'You'd better shop around" — Smokey Robinson and the Miracles — "Shop Around"

TODAY'S MOON: Between the new moon (Feb. 12) and the first quarter(Feb. 20).

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Proud parents unveil bust of son

HOUSTON (AP) — With parental pride, former President George Bush and first lady Barbara Bush unveiled a 16-foot concrete sculpture of their first son — the nation's current leader.

"This means a lot to a very proud mother and father," Bush said Monday just before a sheet covering the bust of President George W. Bush was pulled down.

The sculpture will join 41 others already in place at a park in South Dakota set to open in June. Presidents Park Sculpture Garden is located about 40 miles north of Mount Rushmore National Memorial.

Sculptor David Adickes began creating the busts in 1995 after being inspired by a visit to Mount Rushmore.

The park sits on 20 acres of land. Beside each bust is a panel with biographical and other relevant information pertaining to that president.

"We hope young people will look at (the busts) and want to learn more about them," Adickes said. "One or two of these idealists may want to aspire to be one of these great men."

Fighter jets escort HA plane to Seattle after bomb threat

SEATTLE (AP) — Two F-15 fighter jets intercepted and escorted a Hawaiian Airlines passenger jet to Seattle on Monday after a bomb threat was received against the plane, officials said.

No bomb was found.

Seattle police received a call at 7:50 p.m. Monday saying there was a bomb on Hawaiian Airlines Flight 22, a duty officer for the Federal Aviation Administration said.

The U.S. Air Force sent fighter jets to escort the plane to Seattle, the officer said. A Hawaiian Airlines spokesman said the fighters met the passenger jet somewhere over the Pacific.

The plane touched down without incident at 9:24 p.m., the FAA said. Passengers were allowed to leave the plane.

Port of Seattle police boarded the plane Monday night with bomb-sniffing dogs, said airport spokesman Bob Parker.

The flight, which originated in Honolulu, had 304 passengers and 15 crew members.

Tax Facts

Taxes: New Rate

By Curt Anderson
AP Tax Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Many taxpayers who didn't receive a rebate check in 2001 could still get the benefit when they file income tax returns this year. Even some children could qualify.

The 10-year, $1.35 trillion tax cut enacted in 2001 by Congress and President Bush created a new 10 percent income tax rate that was retroactive to Jan. 1, 2001. To give people speedy and tangible tax relief, the Treasury Department was told to cut checks of up to $300 for individuals, $500 for heads of households and $600 for married couples filing jointly.

The new 10 percent tax rate applies to the first $6,000 of a single filer's taxable income, $10,000 for a head of household and $12,000 for a married couple.

To figure out who should get a check in 2001, the Internal Revenue Service relied on information from the 2000 tax filing season — the most recent available. That means many people whose 2000 taxable income was low but who had sufficient income to qualify for the full benefit in 2001 might not have received a check or got less than the full amount.

In addition, people who were claimed as dependents on 2000 tax returns were barred from receiving a rebate check, even though they may have had sufficient taxable income in 2001.

To give a tax cut to those people, Congress created a Rate Reduction Credit allowing them to benefit from the 10 percent rate reduction — which will reduce taxes and potentially increase refunds by up to $600.

The credit cannot reduce taxes below zero, however.

The credit can be claimed on line 47 of the 1040 form, line 30 of the 1040A form and line 7 of the 1040EZ form.

Things are a bit different for dependents. They were denied rebate checks, but congressional leaders later clarified the law so that many of them should still benefit from the income tax cut.

Instructions for this year's tax forms include a worksheet for dependents to determine if they qualify. These dependents still must have sufficient taxable income in order to get the maximum of $300 for individuals.

Non-resident alien taxpayers, who also were excluded from the checks, can benefit from the 10 percent rate on their 2001 returns, too, if they had tax liability.

Needless to say, people who got rebate checks in the full amount for their 2001 filing status can't put in a new claim for the same money on their 2001 tax returns.

The 10 percent rate will remain a fixture of the income tax system unless Congress changes it in a future year, increasing take-home pay for all wage earners. In 2008, the rate will begin applying to the first $7,000 of an individual's income and $14,000 for a married couple — but it will remain at $10,000 for a head of household.

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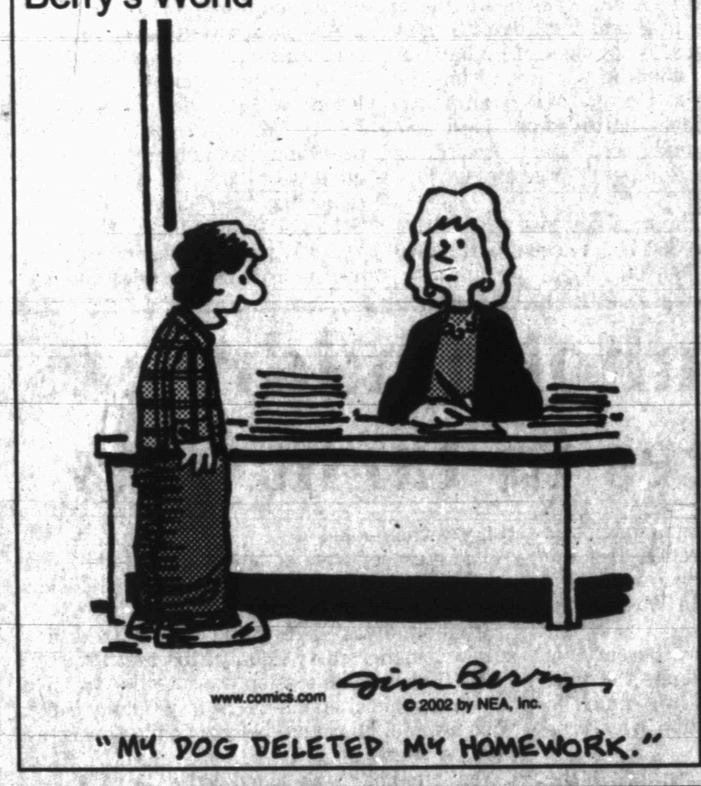

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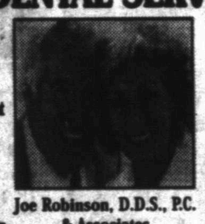

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SHS SWEETHEARTS — Sweethearts were recognized at the SHS Coronation Thursday. They include from left, seated, Anna Williams, band; Kate Wright, National Honor Society (NHS); Amber Alexander, Fellowship of Christian Students (FCS); Boogie Martinez, softball escort; Miranda Eckert, boys basketball. Escorts standing are Dustin Whitson who escorted Williams; Charlie Gorman, NHS sweetheart; Jason Williams, FCS; T.J. Jones, softball sweetheart; and Corey Clay. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

EXCHANGE STUDENTS RECOGNIZED — Snyder High School exchange students were recognized during the SHS Coronation Thursday. From left are Yuni Hong from Japan, Maryna Hulenko from Ukraine, Sosland Yusoyev from Russia, Verena Von Dressler from Germany and Nataly Drozd from Ukraine. Escorts included Shay Franks, Michael Murphrey, Joanna Burk, Zach Rollins and Josh Ortegon. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

MORE SWEETHEARTS — Sweethearts were recognized in the 2002 SHS Coronation Thursday in the Worsham Auditorium. Seated from left are Jessie Keller, cross country; Jeff Scott, cheerleader; Krisi Early, choir; Nick Landes, girls basketball; Stormy Clark, DECA; on the back row are Arthur Hernandez, cross country; Bailey Stoker, cheerleader escort; Cole McLeod, choir sweetheart; Hayli Henderson and Eric Courtney, drama sweethearts. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 02-19-02
♠ Q 9 8 5
♥ Q 10 9 6
♦ K Q J 10
♣ A

West
♠ 10 3 2
♥ 2
♦ 8 3
♣ K J 10 9 7 6 4

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

South
♠ A K J 7 4
♥ 8 5 4
♦ A 7 4
♣ Q 5

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
	3 ♣	Dbl.	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 2

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Continuing to discard on partner's winner

By Phillip Alder

Konrad Lorenz, an Austrian animal behaviorist (ethologist) who died in 1989, wrote, "It is a good morning exercise for a research scientist to discard a pet hypothesis every day before breakfast. It keeps him young."

Today, over breakfast, look at the West hand. Against four spades, you lead your singleton heart. Partner wins with the jack, then cashes the heart ace. How do you plan the defense? In particular, what will you discard?

At favorable vulnerability, you are allowed some flexibility with your pre-empts, especially in first or third position. (In second seat, you should have a "textbook" hand because you have already got past one opponent and are as likely to be upsetting your partner as the opponents.)

North makes a takeout double, and South jumps to game with his good five-card suit and 12 working points. Remember, South must bid even with no points (unless he has sufficient in clubs to pass, converting the takeout double into a penalty double). So, with decent values, he makes a jump bid.

It looks as though you (West) will make two discards on the ace and king of hearts. This should point you in the right direction. Throw first the diamond eight, then the diamond three: high-low with a doubleton.

If partner is paying attention, he will shift to a diamond, which you will ruff to defeat the contract — and to keep you both young!

Note that if partner plays a fourth heart at trick four, hoping either to establish a trump trick for you or to have you ruff away dummy's heart queen, declarer cruises home. He ruffs high, draws trumps, and claims.

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Weight Watchers meeting; Colonial Hill Baptist Church; for more information call Kathy at 573-1289 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.

Gateway Family Services; parenting discussion group focusing on variety of parenting issues and special challenges; free of charge; for more information call 573-1822.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

Beginners' AA open meeting; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 573-8268, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

Cosmorama Study Club; MAWC; "Insight Into Fine Arts," by Ben Sum, Shane Christian, instructors at WTC; hostesses, Jo Flynn and Tizzy Hall; 4 p.m.

Spiritual Solutions for Living Problems Book Study; Snyder Park Club; 574-1292; 6 p.m.

NA Just For Today, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-1438; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; board room; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.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; at the coliseum annex; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th St.; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-4048 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8494 or 573-1141; 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.

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 8 p.m.

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SATURDAY

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SUNDAY

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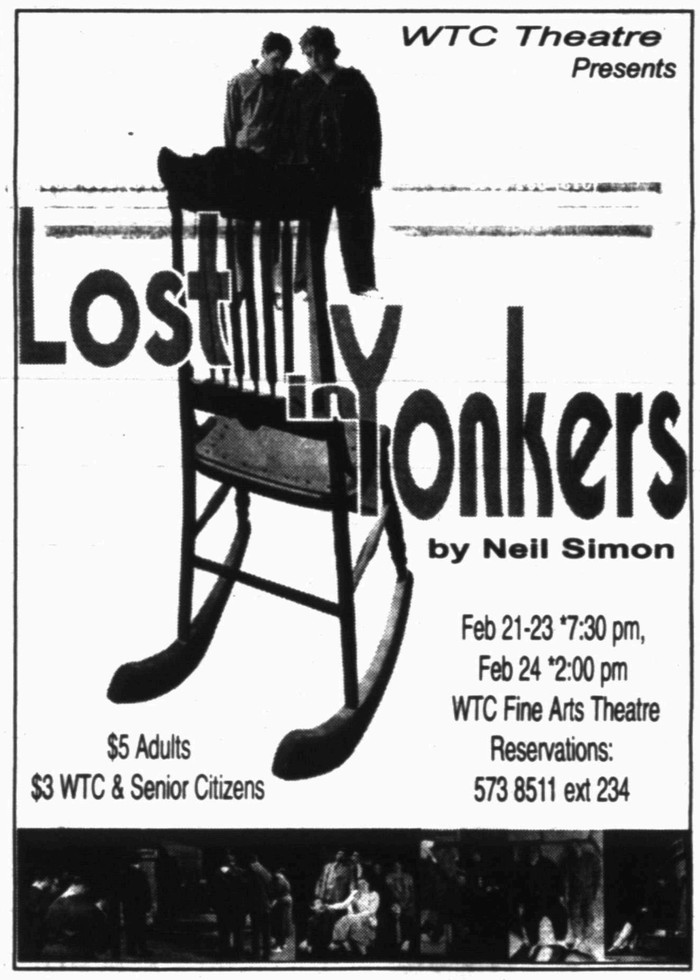

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It makes it a little easier to say if we just spell it. The word "obey" is not difficult to understand or say, but the idea is difficult for us to swallow. If I obey I accept the authority of someone else. Obedience attacks all of my pride and requires that I find humility somewhere. Obedience to someone else with a heart full of pride is like swallowing something you really can't stand. It just sticks in your throat.

A king in the Old Testament was commanded by God to go and do something. He went, but he substituted what he wanted to do and thought was best. When he got back from his errand for God, he was met by the prophet Samuel. Samuel's message to king Saul was clear. God was not looking for creativity in Saul. He wanted Saul to show his faith and trust in Him by obeying what He said. Samuel told Saul:

> Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices
> As much as in obeying the voice of the Lord?
> To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than
> the fat of rams.
>
> I Samuel 15: 22

Jesus spoke and taught with authority that amazed the people who heard Him, Matthew 7: 28, 29. He gave commands to His disciples, not suggestions, and he taught them to pass these commands along, Matthew 28: 20. Jesus told his disciples:

> If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him
> And we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does
> not love me will not obey my teaching. ...John 14: 23, 24

The abundant life in Christ belongs to those who find the faith and humility to obey. There is no other way to really be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey.

Dale Huff

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OLYMPIC COVERAGE

U.S. earns top seed for hockey playoffs

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — And on the 10th day, they rested — at least from climbing the medal stand.

The U.S. Winter Olympic team, following an unprecedented stretch of at least one medal for nine straight days at its first home games in 22 years, didn't win a gold, silver or bronze Monday — appropriately enough, a national holiday.

The American hockey team showed it may help add to the record U.S. haul of medals — 18 and counting — with an 8-1 victory over Belarus. The win, coupled with a loss by Russia, assured the Americans of winning their group and meeting winless Germany in Wednesday's quarterfinal.

Led by John LeClair's two goals, the U.S. team finished its round-robin pool play with a mark of 2-0-1. LeClair has scored five goals in three games for the Americans, who failed to win a medal in 1998. Belarus is the only team still playing without any NHL forwards.

The U.S. team scored five third-period goals, two each by Scott Young and Bill Guerin, as Belarus dropped to 0-3.

"We feel we can beat any team in this town," U.S. forward Jeremy Roenick said. "We dominated defensively in the first three games. We have a lot more to do in the next three games."

Russia, despite its powerful lineup of NHL stars, was upset 3-1 by Finland. The Finns, led by a goal from captain Teemu Selanne, wound up second in the U.S. group with a 2-1 mark, while the Russians (1-1-1) were third.

In the other group, Canada — behind a pair of Mario Lemieux goals — tied the Czechs 3-3. Dominik Hasek stopped 33 shots for the Czechs, who — like the Canadians — finished their first three games 1-1-1. And Sweden, the only team to win all three of its opening games, pounded Germany, 7-1.

The other quarterfinal matchups: Finland-Canada, the Czech Republic-Russia and Sweden-Belarus.

The Germans, on a slow day where only four medals were awarded, took golds in the biathlon relay and the team ski jumping.

Germany remained atop the medals table as the Olympics started its final week with 24 (8 gold, 10 silver, 6 bronze). Next was the United States with 18 (4-7-7), followed by Norway with 14 (8-6-0).

And now, the solution to the figure skating judging controversy: more judges!

The existing judging system in figure skating would be scrapped under a revolutionary proposal made Monday by the president of the International Skating Union.

The plan calls for 14 judges, rather than the current nine, with seven of the scores thrown out. Judges would not know which scores count, reducing the possibility of the judging improprieties that have rocked the Salt Lake City Games.

Currently, skaters begin with a base mark of 6.0, getting deductions for mistakes and missed elements. They can also lose points simply for the aesthetics of their programs.

The new plan would assign point values to each technical element — including jumps, spins, footwork, spirals. A double axel could be worth two points; a more difficult triple, three points.

The reform package needs the approval of the entire ISU, which has a June meeting in Kyoto, Japan. It was unclear how quickly the proposal could be implemented.

On Monday evening, under the old scoring system, Marina Anissina and Gwendal Peizerat of France won the gold medal in ice dancing. Irina Lobacheva and Ilia Averbukh of Russia won the silver and Barbara Fusar Poli and Maurizio Margaglio of Italy won the bronze.

After sailing 405 feet, German ski jumper Martin Schmitt turned and stared at the scoreboard. He waited 10 seconds ... 20 seconds ... 30 seconds ... and discovered he had won the gold medal.

Schmitt was the last to leap for the Germans in team ski jumping, and his jump propelled them to the gold medal by one-tenth of a point.

Finland, by the narrowest of margins in the event's 14-year Olympic history, settled for a silver, while Slovenia won the bronze for its first medal of these games.

What was Schmitt thinking during the wait?

"Please, please, please, please let me win," Schmitt recalled.

The young American team wound up in 11th place.

Australia's Alisa Camplin won the gold in the women's freestyle skiing aerials, an event in which none of the American medal hopefuls qualified for the finals.

Veronica Brenner of Canada won the silver, and Deidra Dionne of Canada won the bronze.

The first-time Olympian won Australia's second gold in Salt Lake City, following the unlikely victory by teammate Steven Bradbury in the short-track speedskating. She had never won a World Cup event and has had nine concussions since taking up the sport four years ago.

"This is the craziest thing that has ever happened to me," she said.

New location, same result.

The German women's team in the 30-kilometer biathlon relay repeated its gold medal performance of four years ago, using impeccable shooting over the final half of the race to claim its prize.

Norway won the silver, finishing 30.6 seconds back, while Russia won the bronze.

The Germans, with two of its four-member Nagano team back in Salt Lake City, was heavily favored. The United States finished last out of 15 teams.

The U.S. women clinched a spot in the curling semifinals with an 11-2 win over Norway, running their record in round-robin play to 6-3. Joining the Americans in the semis were Switzerland and Canada; the Swiss defeated Canada 6-5 on Monday.

In the men's bracket, the U.S. team was eliminated with a 7-6 loss to Britain, its record dropping to 3-6. Making the semifinals were Canada, Norway, Switzerland and Sweden. Canada defeated Denmark 8-3, Switzerland knocked off Germany 10-4 and Norway beat Sweden 9-8.

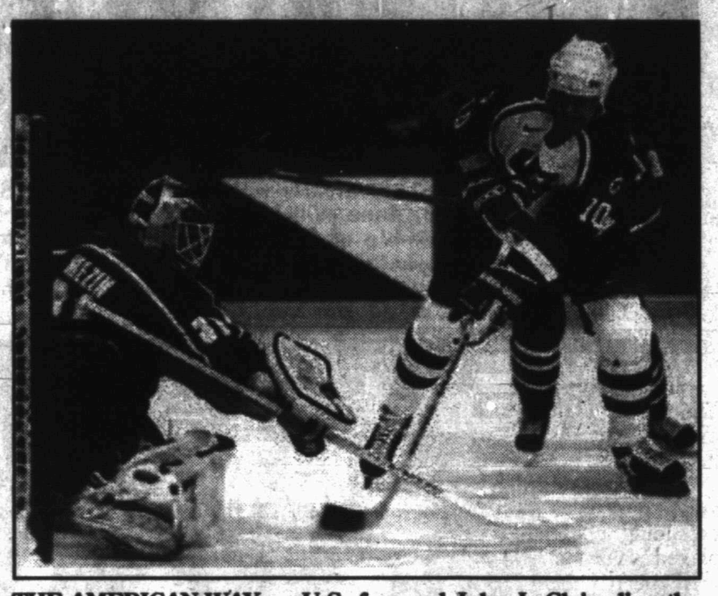
An athlete from Belarus bolted the Olympics rather than submit to a retest after an initial drug test found steroid levels more than 300 times the legal limit.

The unidentified athlete checked out of the Olympic Village before his scheduled Monday retest. "It was a very strange departure," IOC director general Francois Carrard said.

Technically, because of an error in the handling of his sample, the athlete was not considered a drug test failure. But the Belarus NOC, for allowing him to leave, was suspended for the rest of the year from receiving grants and other support worth about $120,000.

The IOC also kicked Belarus team leader Yaroslav Barichko out of the games.

No other athletes have failed drug tests during the games.



THE AMERICAN WAY — U.S. forward John LeClair slips the puck past Belarus goalie Andrei Mezin during the second period of the Americans' 8-1 victory on Monday. USA, the winner of Group D, squares off with Germany in Wednesday's quarterfinals. Germany went winless in Group C. (AP Photo)

Men's Hockey Standings

GROUP C							
Team	Games	W	L	T	GF/GA	+ /-GD	Points
Sweden	3	3	0	0	14/4	+ 10	6
Czech Republic	3	1	1	1	12/7	+ 5	3
Canada	3	1	1	1	8/10	-2	3
Germany	3	0	3	0	5/18	-13	0
GROUP D							
Team	Games	W	L	T	GF/GA	+ /-GD	Points
USA	3	2	0	1	16/3	+ 13	5
Finland	3	2	1	0	11/8	+ 3	4
Russia	3	1	1	1	9/9	0	3
Belarus	3	0	3	0	6/22	-16	0

Monday's final results of group play: Czech Republic 3, Canada 3; Sweden 7, Germany 1; USA 8, Belarus 1; Finland 3, Russia 1.

Wednesday's quarterfinal playoff pairings: USA vs. Germany; Sweden vs. Belarus; Finland vs. Canada; Czech Republic vs. Russia.

Note: During group play, teams were awarded two points for a win, and one point for a tie. In the playoffs, the four quarterfinal winners advance to the semifinals. The semifinal losers compete for the bronze medal, while the semifinal winners square off for the gold.
Key: (GF/GA) = goals for/goals against; (+ /-GD) = goal differential.

Medal Count

By The Associated Press
(Through Monday, Feb. 18)
(48 total medal events)

Nation	G	S	B	Tot
Germany	8	10	6	24
United States	4	7	7	18
Norway	8	6	0	14
Austria	1	3	9	13
Russia	4	5	3	12
Italy	3	2	3	8
France	3	3	1	7
Canada	2	1	4	7
Finland	3	2	1	6
Switzerland	3	1	2	6
Netherlands	2	2	0	4
China	1	0	2	3
Bulgaria	0	1	2	3
Sweden	0	1	2	3
Australia	2	0	0	2
Spain	2	0	0	2
Croatia	1	1	0	2
South Korea	1	1	0	2
Estonia	1	0	1	2
Japan	0	1	1	2
Poland	0	1	1	2
Czech Republic	0	0	1	1
Slovenia	0	0	1	1

A look at NBC's Olympic coverage

By The Associated Press

SUNDAY'S RATINGS: After two straight days of declines, the national rating of 17.1 for 7:30-11:15 p.m. EST represented a 22 percent jump from Saturday. The rating is 5 percent lower than for Day 10 of the 1998 Nagano Olympics on CBS. The 10-day prime-time average is 18.3, 10 percent higher than for Nagano (the lowest-rated Winter Games since 1968). Sunday night's rating increased throughout the show until 10:30 p.m., then declined 5 percent over the final 45 minutes, which included the ceremony awarding extra gold medals to Canadian figure skating pair Jamie Sale and David Pelletier. Each rating point represents about 1.05 million U.S. television homes.

HIGHLIGHT: Comprehensive, live coverage of women's 1,000-meter speedskating, which included Chris Witty's world record.

LOWLIGHT: Al Trautwig's melodramatic call, including an overproduced introductory segment, on cross-country skiing Sunday night. Viewers were told all about "an eerie trend" at a venue that's "not a place for the timid," while "the legend of Soldier Hollow grows step by step."

Television Schedule

TUESDAY
MSNBC, noon-5 p.m.
Women's hockey: Semifinals.
NBC, 3-4 p.m.
Cross-country skiing: Men's and women's 1.5km sprint.
CNBC, 5-6 p.m.
Women's hockey: Semifinals.
NBC, 7-10:30 p.m.
Bobsled: Two-woman. **Figure skating:** Ladies' short program. **Speed skating:** Men's 1500m. **Freestyle skiing:** Men's aerials finals.
NBC, 11:05 p.m.-12:35 a.m.
Highlights.
Events not televised
Women's hockey: Fifth and seventh-place games.

WEDNESDAY
MSNBC, noon-5 p.m.
Men's hockey: Quarterfinals.
NBC, 3-4 p.m.
Biathlon: Men's 4x7.5km relay.
CNBC, 5-11:30 p.m.
Men's hockey: Quarterfinals.
NBC, 7-10:30 p.m.
Skiing: Women's slalom. **Skeleton:** Men's and women's finals. **Short track speed skating:** Men's 1500m finals; Women's 3000m relay finals. **Men's hockey:** Quarterfinals. **Speed skating:** Women's 1500m.
NBC, 11:05 p.m.-12:35 a.m.
Highlights.
Events not televised
Skeleton: Men's and women's preliminaries. **Short track speed skating:** Women's 1000m preliminaries. **Curling:** Semifinals.

THURSDAY
MSNBC, noon-6 p.m.
Women's hockey: Bronze medal game. **Curling:** Women's gold and bronze medal matches.
NBC, 3-4 p.m.
Cross-country skiing: Women's 4x5km relay.
CNBC, 6-9 p.m.
Women's hockey: Gold medal game.
NBC, 7-11 p.m.
Figure skating: Ladies' free program. **Skiing:** Men's giant slalom. **Women's hockey:** Gold medal game. **Nordic combined:** Sprint K120.
NBC, 11:35 p.m.-1:05 a.m.
Highlights.

FRIDAY
MSNBC, noon-6 p.m.
Men's hockey: Semifinals. **Curling:** Men's gold medal match.
NBC, 3-4 p.m.
Speed skating: Men's 10,000m.
CNBC, 5-8 p.m.
Men's hockey: Semifinals.
NBC, 7-10:30 p.m.
Skiing: Women's giant slalom. **Bobsled:** Four-man, initial runs. **Nordic combined:** Sprint 7.5km.
NBC, 11:35 p.m.-12:35 a.m.
Highlights.
Events not televised
Curling: Men's bronze medal match.

SATURDAY
NBC, 12:30-4:30 p.m.
Men's hockey: Bronze medal match. **Speed skating:** Women's 5000m.
NBC, 7-10:30 p.m.
Skiing: Men's slalom. **Bobsled:** Four-man, final runs. **Short track speed skating:** Men's 500m finals, 5000m relay finals; Women's 1000m finals. **Cross-country skiing:** Men's 50km classical.
NBC, 11-11:30 p.m.
Highlights.

SUNDAY
MSNBC, 8-10 a.m.
Olympic review.
NBC, 1:30-5 p.m.
Men's hockey: Gold medal match.
NBC, 7-10 p.m.
Cross-country skiing: Women's 30km classical. **Closing Ceremony.**

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SPORTS

Defending state champs thwart Tigers in opener

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

MIDLAND — It took six and a half innings to see that the Snyder Tigers are an improved ballclub. It only took four pitches to see why the Midland High Bulldogs are defending 5A state champions.

Midland blasted two home runs in the bottom of the first, then held off Snyder down the stretch for a 6-3 victory in the season opener Monday at Zachery Field.

While the setback gave the Tigers an 0-1 start, it also proved they can play with just about anybody.

"It never felt like we really got going. But considering they're the defending champs, I guess we played them pretty well," said SHS coach Roland Herrera. "We made a few crucial mistakes in the early innings that gave them some runs, then we left some guys in scoring position in the late innings.

"Those are things that we'll need to correct. We learned a lot from this game, and it should make us better for the next one."

Midland jumped on top early when leadoff hitter James Gripp belted the first pitch from Tito Alaniz over the left field fence. Three pitches later, James Smith followed suit with a drive over the center field wall for a 2-0 Bulldog lead.

Midland padded its advantage with two runs in the bottom of the second on two hits, two passed balls and a pair of Snyder errors, which occurred on a botched pick-off attempt at second base.

Another passed ball and three more hits gave the Bulldogs two more runs in the third to stretch the margin to 6-0.

It was all Tigers from there on out.

Snyder manufactured three runs in the final four frames, but it could have been more. The Tigers made the last out at home in the fourth, and left runners on third in each of the final three innings.

Snyder cut the deficit to 6-1 in the fourth when Alaniz drew a two-out walk, moved to third on a Michael Pendleton double, and came home on a single up the middle by Shay Franks. Pendelton, trying to score from second on Franks' single, was tagged out at the plate by Midland catcher Robert Cedillo.

With the Tigers finally on the board, Franks came to the mound and took care of the Bulldog hitters. The senior right-hander threw three solid innings of no-hit baseball to keep Snyder in the game.

The Tigers posted another run in the fifth after Shawn Roemisch was hit by a pitch to start the inning. Roemisch went to second on Riki Dorsett's walk, then to third on Brandon McGuire's base hit to right.

Stephen Ortegon plated Roemisch with a deep fly ball, but Dorsett was stranded at third when reliever Casey Zachry struck out Brooks Nunley to end the inning.

The Tigers' final run came in the sixth. Alaniz drew a leadoff walk, and slid home on a double to center field by Roemisch. Roemisch advanced to third on a passed ball, but could get no further when Zachry caught Dorsett looking to halt the threat.

In the top of the seventh, McGuire delivered another hit to keep the Tigers' hopes alive. The senior went to third on a pair of wild pitches, but was stranded there when Midland closer Robert Friday got the final two outs on a pop fly and a grounder.

The Bulldogs managed only seven hits, all of them off Alaniz, while the Tigers registered six. Snyder struggled at the top of the order with its first four hitters going a-combined 2-for-16.

The Tigers are in action again Thursday when they face Canyon Randall in the opening round of the Best of the West Classic in San Angelo.

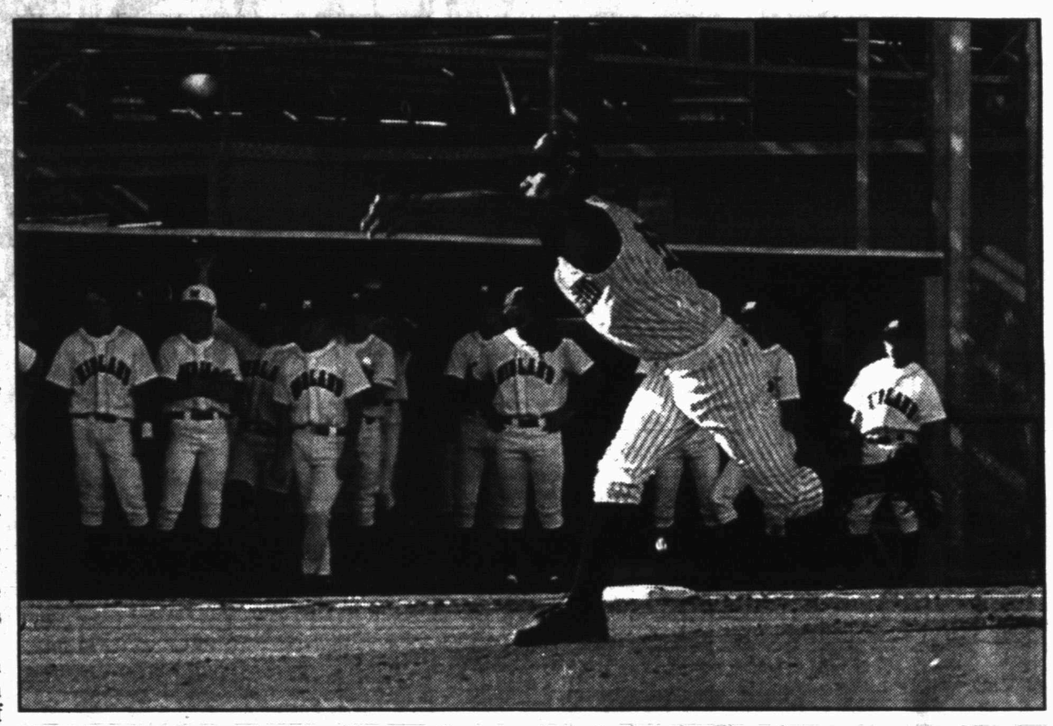
Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Pena ss	4	0	0	0
McGuire cf	4	0	2	0
Ortegon dh	4	0	0	1
Nunley 2b	4	0	0	0
Alaniz p	1	2	1	0
Pendleton 1b	3	0	1	0
Franks 3b	3	0	1	1
Roemisch c	2	1	1	1
Dorsett lf	2	0	0	0
Totals	**27**	**3**	**6**	**3**

Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Gripp lf	2	1	1	1
Smith cf	2	1	1	1
Stovall 3b	3	1	1	0
South rf	3	1	1	0
Overstreet 1b	3	0	0	0
Riddle ss	3	1	2	1
Russell 2b	3	0	0	0
Cedillo c	3	0	1	1
Dominguez cr	0	1	0	0
White p	1	0	0	0
Farisk ph	1	0	0	0
Zachry p	1	0	0	0
Totals	**25**	**6**	**7**	**4**

Snyder	0 0 0 1 1 1 0—	3 6 2
Midland	2 2 2 0 0 0 x—	6 7 1

LOB - Snyder 7, Midland 3. 2B - Pendleton, Roemisch. HR - Gripp, Smith.

Snyder	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Alaniz	3	7	6	6	1	7
Franks	3	0	0	0	1	2
Midland	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**
White	4	3	1	1	1	4
Zachry	2	2	2	2	2	5
Friday	1	1	0	0	0	1



LEFTY — Snyder senior Tito Alaniz delivers a pitch during the Tigers' season opener Monday at Midland High. The Bulldogs, who captured the Class 5A state title a year ago, won the game, 6-3. (SDN Staff Photo)

Bulldogs prepared for tonight's bi-district rematch with Hornets

Looking back, Ira basketball coach Bubba Edwards admits his squad might have underestimated the Blackwell Hornets prior to last year's first-round playoff game.

With the resulting 47-45 loss still fresh in their minds, the Bulldogs have made sure they're well prepared for tonight's bi-district rematch.

Ira and Blackwell square off at 7 tonight in a Class A, Division II bi-district tilt at Merkel High School.

The Bulldogs (23-3) carry a 20-game winning streak and the state's No. 7 ranking into the contest, while the Hornets are a meager 15-9 on the season. But with the way Ira has prepared, it would appear to be the other way around.

"Blackwell came out last year and ran a defense they hadn't ran all year," said Edwards. "They played zone for the whole season, until they played us. Then they went man-to-man. We weren't prepared, and it cost us. This year we're ready for either one.

"We're confident that we can handle anything they throw at us. If they go man-to-man, we've been doing an excellent job of penetrating and getting high-percentage shots. If they go zone, we've been shooting the ball well enough to make it ineffective."

Ira's first objective is to limit the production of Blackwell's two top players, wingman Chris Morgan and post A.J. Monroe. Both average around 14 points and 10 rebounds per game.

"Jake (Barnes) will guard their big guy, and Todd (Wall) will be on Morgan," Edwards stated. "Todd's kind of been my defensive specialist this year, and he can really wear guys down."

Rounding out the starting five for Ira are Nathan Smith, Jase Olvera and Eric Dickerhoff.

The winner of tonight's game advances to face Balmorhea in the second round. The Bears improved to 21-1 on the year after knocking off Marathon, 89-27, Monday.

Class A Playoffs

CLASS A
Division I, Region I
Bi-district

Stratford (15-8) vs. Claude (18-10)
Farwell (25-6) vs. Petersburg (12-9)
O'Donnell (23-1) vs. Robert Lee
Marfa vs. Iraan
Booker (15-15) vs. White Deer (19-5)
Hart (15-15) vs. Lorenzo (20-8)
Crosbyton (24-4) vs. Roscoe (14-6)
Fort Hancock vs. Irion County

CLASS A
Division II, Region II
Bi-district

Balmorhea 89, Marathon 27
Ira (23-3) vs. Blackwell (15-9)
Panther Creek (20-4) vs. Richland Springs
Utopia (26-1) vs. Cherokee (13-8)
Fort Davis vs. Sanderson
Grady (18-8) vs. Trent (21-5)
Novice (15-6) vs. Brookesmith (21-7)
D'Hanis vs. Lometa (19-4)

Sports Briefs

Groundhog golf tournament set

The Groundhog Tournament is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at Snyder Country Club. Format is two-man scramble, and cost is $80 per team. There will be a 1 p.m. shotgun start both days.

Texans take Boselli with top expansion pick

HOUSTON (AP) — With face-painted fans shouting his name, Tony Boselli became the Houston Texans' top pick — the second time an expansion team began building a franchise around him.

The first eight choices came from just three teams — Jacksonville, the New York Jets and Baltimore, all of whom had serious cap problems.

The Texans will play their first game against the New York Giants on Aug. 5 in the Hall of Fame game in Canton, Ohio.

NBA suspends three players for altercation

NEW YORK (AP) — Indiana's Reggie Miller and Philadelphia's Derrick Coleman and Corie Blount were suspended by the NBA for their roles in an altercation in a game Sunday.

Miller was suspended for one game and fined $7,500 for throwing a punch at Coleman. Coleman was suspended for two games and fined $12,500 for grabbing Miller's throat and throwing a punch. Blount received an automatic one-game suspension and was fined $5,000 for leaving the vicinity of the bench during the altercation.

Also, Charlotte guard Baron Davis was fined $7,500 for verbally abusing officials in the Hornets' 92-78 loss to Memphis on Sunday.

Kansas regains top spot in poll

NEW YORK (AP) — Kansas, the only team besides Duke to be ranked No. 1 in the AP college basketball poll this season, moved back into the top spot.

The Jayhawks (23-2) took advantage of Duke's loss at Maryland on Sunday to reclaim the top ranking, receiving 48 first-place votes and 1,745 points from the national media panel.

Maryland (21-3) moved up one place to second following the 87-73 victory over Duke. The Blue Devils had been No. 1 for all but one week this season, including nine when they were a unanimous choice.

Local Sports Schedule

TODAY
Basketball: Ira boys vs. Blackwell at Merkel, 7 p.m.
THURSDAY
Baseball: Snyder at San Angelo tourney
Softball: Snyder at Midland tourney
FRIDAY
Baseball: Snyder at San Angelo tourney
Softball: Snyder at Midland tourney
Golf: Snyder girls at Midland tourney
Tennis: Snyder at Odessa tourney
SATURDAY
Baseball: Snyder at San Angelo tourney
Softball: Snyder at Midland tourney
Golf: Snyder girls at Midland tourney
Tennis: Snyder at Odessa tourney

National Basketball Association

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	34	17	.667	—
Boston	30	23	.566	5
Washington	27	24	.529	7
Orlando	27	25	.519	7½
Philadelphia	26	26	.500	8½
Miami	21	30	.412	13
New York	20	31	.392	14

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	29	22	.569	—
Milwaukee	29	22	.569	—
Toronto	29	26	.527	2
Charlotte	26	26	.500	3½
Indiana	26	27	.491	4
Atlanta	19	33	.365	10½
Cleveland	18	34	.346	11½
Chicago	12	40	.231	17½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	37	16	.698	—
Minnesota	35	17	.673	1½
San Antonio	33	18	.647	3
Utah	30	24	.556	7½
Houston	18	34	.346	18½
Denver	16	34	.320	19½
Memphis	15	37	.289	21½

Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	39	13	.750	—
L.A. Lakers	35	15	.700	3
Portland	28	24	.539	11
Seattle	27	25	.519	12
L.A. Clippers	26	28	.481	14
Phoenix	25	27	.481	14
Golden State	15	34	.306	22½

Monday's Games
Houston 102, Washington 89
Utah 103, Cleveland 92
Philadelphia 110, Denver 83
Miami 102, Chicago 80
Detroit 89, Toronto 76
Charlotte 101, Milwaukee 92
Portland 80, L.A. Clippers 79

Tuesday's Games
Golden State at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Memphis at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Seattle at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Atlanta at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Boston at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Big 12 Basketball

MEN

	Conference W	Conference L	Conference Pct.	All Games W	All Games L	All Games Pct.
Kansas	13	0	1.000	24	2	.923
Oklahoma	9	3	.750	20	4	.833
Texas	8	4	.667	17	8	.680
Texas Tech	7	5	.583	18	6	.750
Oklahoma St.	7	5	.583	20	6	.769
Missouri	7	5	.583	18	9	.667
Colorado	4	8	.333	13	10	.565
Nebraska	4	8	.333	11	12	.478
Baylor	4	8	.333	14	11	.560
Kansas St.	4	8	.333	10	13	.435
Iowa St.	3	10	.231	11	16	.407
Texas A&M	3	9	.250	9	17	.346

Saturday's results
Texas Tech 97, Colorado 79
Oklahoma 73, Kansas State 62
Kansas 87, Baylor 72
Oklahoma State 71, Texas A&M 66
Iowa State 85, Nebraska 79

Sunday's result
Texas 72, Missouri 70

Monday's result
Kansas 102, Iowa State 66

Tuesday's game
Oklahoma at Baylor

Wednesday's games
Missouri at Texas Tech
Oklahoma State at Texas
Nebraska at Texas A&M
Colorado at Kansas State

Saturday's games
Texas A&M at Texas Tech
Texas at Oklahoma
Baylor at Oklahoma State
Missouri at Colorado
Kansas State at Iowa State

WOMEN

	Conference W	Conference L	Conference Pct.	All Games W	All Games L	All Games Pct.
Oklahoma	12	1	.923	22	2	.917
Kansas St.	10	4	.714	22	5	.815
Colorado	9	4	.692	19	7	.731
Baylor	9	4	.692	21	4	.840
Texas	7	5	.583	16	7	.696
Iowa St.	7	6	.538	19	6	.760
Texas Tech	6	7	.462	15	9	.624
Missouri	5	7	.417	14	9	.609
Texas A&M	5	7	.417	13	11	.542
Oklahoma St.	5	8	.385	13	13	.500
Nebraska	4	9	.308	14	11	.560
Kansas	0	13	.000	5	21	.192

Saturday's results
Oklahoma 81, Nebraska 47
Baylor 76, Texas 69
Texas A&M 85, Missouri 61

Sunday's results
Texas Tech 78, Wisconsin 62
Kansas State 65, Kansas 40
Oklahoma State 64, Iowa State 63

Tuesday's games
Texas A&M at Texas Tech
Oklahoma at Texas

Wednesday's games
Iowa State at Missouri
Colorado at Baylor
Oklahoma State at Nebraska

Saturday's games
Nebraska at Texas Tech
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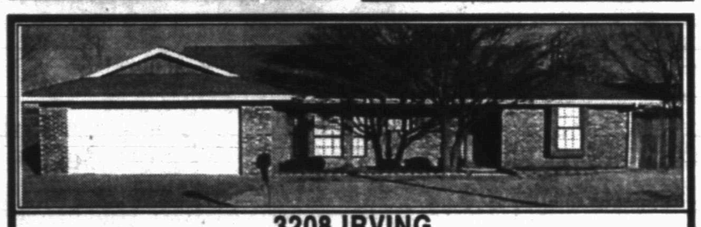

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Doctors, listen to your patients

DEAR DR. GOTT: I don't know what kind of doctor you are but I hope that you listen to what patients have to say. I take L-thyroxine to treat an underactive thyroid gland. Last year, I began having symptoms - such as hair loss, fatigue, feeling cold and a slow pulse - which my doctor ignored. Eventually, I convinced him to perform a thyroid blood test. He was surprised that my level was so low, increased my dosage of L-thyroxine and agreed that inadequately treated hypothyroidism was my problem. If my doctor had listened to me in the first place, I could have avoided having my life - and health - unnecessarily disrupted.

DEAR READER: I couldn't agree more. However, I'll take your argument a step further. People's needs for thyroid supplement medication do vary and change over time. Therefore, in my view, a physician shouldn't wait until the patient develops symptoms of hypothyroidism before adjusting the dose of medicine. I routinely recommend a yearly thyroid blood test for any patient who appears to be stable on medication. Depending on the results, the doctor can make the necessary adjustments before the situation deteriorates to the point that yours had. Obviously, if the patient is not stabilized on drug therapy, the thyroid blood tests should be obtained at more frequent intervals. For instance, in such a situation I may test and evaluate a patient every month or two - until I can ascertain the proper dosage of L-thyroxine.

The thyroid gland controls many vital metabolic functions. Too little (or too much) thyroid hormone can lead to disastrous consequences. This is the reason that competent medical personnel traditionally monitor patients on thyroid therapy. As I said, this testing should be performed at regular intervals, in an attempt to prevent problems before they develop. When this practice is disregarded, avoidable difficulties are the rule.

You are correct that doctors should listen to their patients. Fortunately, the good ones do. Perhaps this experience will be an important lesson for your practitioner, who will - I hope - modify his approach appropriately.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Five years ago, my daughter developed an over-active thyroid and prominent eyes for which she was treated with radioactive iodine. The therapy was supposed to cure the condition by burning out the thyroid gland.

Rather than improving, she has worsened. She is increasingly weak and cannot walk or work without becoming shaky. Her heart pounds, and she has lost weight. The radiotherapist refuses to see her and her primary care physician is at a loss. Is there a specialist that could help her?

DEAR READER: Although your daughter may be suffering the consequences of continuing hyperthyroidism, I'm concerned that something else may be amiss. I believe that an endocrinologist would be her best option. Such a specialist will perform tests of her thyroid and metabolism to identify the cause of her symptoms. Request a referral through your primary physician.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Medical Specialists." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title.

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Bush remarks reassuring, Cheney says

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney said Monday he believes most Americans are reassured by a president who describes Iran, Iraq and North Korea as an "axis of evil."

"The president's remarks caused a certain amount of hand-wringing in certain quarters but most Americans find it reassuring to have a commander in chief who tells the truth and means exactly what he says," Cheney told about 2,500 Marines and their families at the start of his four-day swing through California.

The phrase, used during Bush's State of the Union address, raised concerns among U.S. allies that the United States might be rushing toward military confrontation with the three nations.

But Cheney said Iran, Iraq and North Korea have a history of acquiring weapons and providing sanctuary to terrorist groups.

"As the president said, the United States will not permit terrorist organizations and their terrorist allies to threaten us with weapons of mass destruction," the vice president said.

Cheney visited Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, the home base of nine Marines who were killed during the war in Afghanistan.

"The families of all of these Marines can be forever proud," he said. "For wearing the country's uniform and serving the nation in an hour of need, these young Americans have an honored place in our nation's memory."

LEGAL NOTICE

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF SCURRY §

WHEREAS by virtue of a Writ of Execution issued out of the 132nd District Court of Scurry County, Texas, on the 3rd day of January, 2002, in Cause No. 20,554, where Weldon Key and Leroy Key, as Trustees of the Opal Key Irrevocable Trust, dated January 25, 1997, and as the Independent Co-Executors of the Estate of Opal Key, Deceased, were Plaintiffs, and Jimmie Joe Key was Defendant, on a judgment rendered in said Court against Defendant and in favor of the said Plaintiffs, for the sum of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHT AND 64/100 DOLLARS ($122,288.64), with interest thereon at the rate described below:

1) **As to $51,474.01 of the principal judgment amount, with interest from May 26, 1999, at the rate of 7.250 percent per annum until paid; and**

2) **As to $21,028.65 of the principal judgment amount, with interest from May 26, 1999, at the rate of 6.500 percent per annum until paid; and**

3) **As to $19,785.98 of the principal judgment amount, with interest from May 26, 1999, at the rate of 6.650 percent per annum until paid;**

I did, on the 9th day of January, 2002, at 10:41 o'clock A.M., levy upon the following described lots, tracts, and parcels of land, and personal property, situated in Scurry County, Texas, as the property of Jimmie Joe Key not exempt from execution by law, to-wit:

1) **BEING an undivided one-tenth (1/10) interest in All of Lot Four (4), in Block A, of the Westridge Addition to the City of Snyder, Scurry County, Texas, as shown on the map or plat of said Addition on file in the office of the County Clerk of Scurry County, Texas, SAVE AND EXCEPT all oil, gas, and other minerals, same having been previously reserved; and**

2) **BEING 1,428.6 shares of the common stock of Key Bros. Implement Co., Inc., a Texas corporation;**

and on the 5th day of March, 2002, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. on said day, at the north courthouse door of said County, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash to the highest bidder, all of the right, title and interest of Jimmie Joe Key in and to said above-described property.

WITNESS my hand on this 11th day of February, 2002.

Darren Jackson
Sheriff, Scurry County, Texas

By: W.C. West, Deputy

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	24.91	24.58	24.75	+ .25
AOL TimeWrn	26.04	25.00	25.40	—.65
AT&T Corp s	14.78	14.50	14.55	—.25
Albertsons	28.59	28.21	28.24	—.35
Alltel	54.90	54.25	54.58	—.51
AmEl Pw	42.10	41.75	41.91	—.17
AndarkPtr	49.19	48.50	48.98	—.60
ATMOS Egy	22.37	22.10	22.21	—.21
Aviall	7.18	7.05	7.05	—.18
BP PLC	48.94	48.70	48.90	+ .08
BakerHughes	34.11	33.05	33.73	—.68
Bank of Amer	60.50	59.23	59.48	—1.32
BellSouth	39.73	39.30	39.53	—.02
vjBeth Steel	.42	.38	.40	
BurlNoSFe	27.58	26.80	27.23	—.22
Caterpillar	49.81	49.00	49.29	—.64
ChevronTex	82.25	81.35	81.66	—.69
Citigroup	43.50	42.55	42.75	—1.38
CocaCola	46.87	46.30	46.46	—.49
ColgatePal	56.20	55.47	55.50	—.50
ComclMetals	35.48	35.26	35.29	+ .03
CooperIn	34.44	33.66	33.78	—.62
DaimlrChry	35.92	35.38	35.55	—1.33
DeltaAirl	33.15	32.45	32.56	+ .07
Dillards Inc	17.40	17.15	17.29	—.11
DowChem	30.22	29.79	29.89	—.68
DuPont	45.91	44.98	45.84	+ .94
EastmanChem	40.45	39.82	39.92	—.28
EstKodak	29.68	29.30	29.68	+ .09
EDS Corp	60.15	59.39	59.75	—.15
Entergy	40.95	40.56	40.66	—.04
ExxonMobil s	38.99	38.73	38.98	+ .08
FstBksAm	31.65	31.65	31.65	—.15
FootLocker	15.85	15.57	15.85	+ .25
GenDynam	90.20	88.85	90.06	+ .03
GenElec	37.00	36.55	36.66	—.45
GenMills	47.45	46.77	46.86	—.01
GenMotors	51.09	50.19	50.23	—.09
GaPacific	24.05	23.49	23.78	—.02
Goodrich	28.04	27.66	27.85	—.14
Goodyear s	24.55	24.02	24.20	—.48
GtAtlPac	25.60	25.12	25.21	—.41
Halliburtn	16.00	15.35	15.80	—.47
Hanson ADS	31.30	30.95	31.30	—.35
HarteHanks	29.70	29.20	29.23	—.37
HomeDepot	51.31	50.36	50.70	+ .18
Honeywellntl	33.90	33.35	33.85	+ .21
IBM	101.80	100.10	100.51	—2.38
IntlPaper	43.65	43.15	43.53	
JohnsonJn s	57.49	57.01	57.04	—.20
vjK mart	1.10	1.00	1.04	+ .05
KinderMorg	50.08	49.60	49.76	—.11
Kroger Co	20.67	20.44	20.53	—.04
LockheedM	54.40	53.75	54.12	—.75
Lowes Cos s	46.40	45.00	45.47	—.13
Lubys	6.11	6.01	6.10	+ .08
LucentTech	5.50	5.31	5.31	—.10
MarathonOil	27.83	27.40	27.46	—.37
MayDeptStr	35.55	34.97	35.53	+ .29
MedtronIc	48.37	47.97	47.99	—.29
Motorola	12.65	12.39	12.60	—.14
NCR Corp	40.80	39.80	40.08	—.59
Navistar	37.40	36.90	37.18	—.55
PNM Rescs	26.02	25.80	25.89	+ .14
Penney JC	22.35	21.76	22.00	+ .30
PepBoys	14.45	14.23	14.29	—.17
PepsiCo	49.73	49.50	49.50	—.38
Pharmacia	39.66	39.16	39.33	—.67
PhelpDodge	38.10	37.55	37.70	—1.00
PhilipPet	57.59	56.91	57.20	—.59
PilgrmPrd B	12.75	12.65	12.65	—.10
Praxair	57.20	56.18	56.35	—1.14
ProctGamb	84.60	84.00	84.18	—.81
RadioShack	27.45	26.75	26.84	—.75
ReliantEngy	21.95	21.50	21.70	+ .10
RoyalDut	49.72	49.41	49.68	—.72
SBC Comm	37.08	36.65	37.05	—.07
SaraLee	21.74	21.30	21.67	+ .03
Scripps EW	73.40	72.85	73.15	—.10
SearsRoeb	53.24	52.40	52.96	—.18
SherwinW	26.99	26.30	26.41	—.82
SouthernCo s	25.19	24.95	24.99	—.03
SwstAirl	20.32	19.95	20.21	+ .16
SprintFON	13.11	12.77	13.08	—.22
SprintPCS	9.60	8.95	9.08	—.19
Sunoco Inc	38.85	38.06	38.50	—.43
TXU Corp	50.12	49.70	49.76	—.41
TempleInland	55.86	55.28	55.62	—.24
TexInd	37.40	37.05	37.25	+ .04
TexasInst	31.00	29.94	29.98	—1.52
Textron	44.25	43.55	43.71	—.25
TriconGlbR	56.10	55.35	55.61	+ .08
TrinityInds	22.66	22.50	22.51	—.14
TylerTech	3.85	3.85	3.85	—.04
UnionPacif	60.13	59.52	59.95	+ .06
USSteel	18.50	17.95	18.02	—.60
UnitedTech	69.57	68.40	68.63	—.64
Unocal	35.40	34.77	35.15	—.22
VerizonComm	45.85	45.30	45.47	—.14
WalMart	60.18	59.25	59.46	—.57
WellsFargo	46.10	45.38	45.47	—.71
WstnGasRs	31.10	30.83	30.85	—.32
WinnDixie	14.66	14.35	14.44	+ .04
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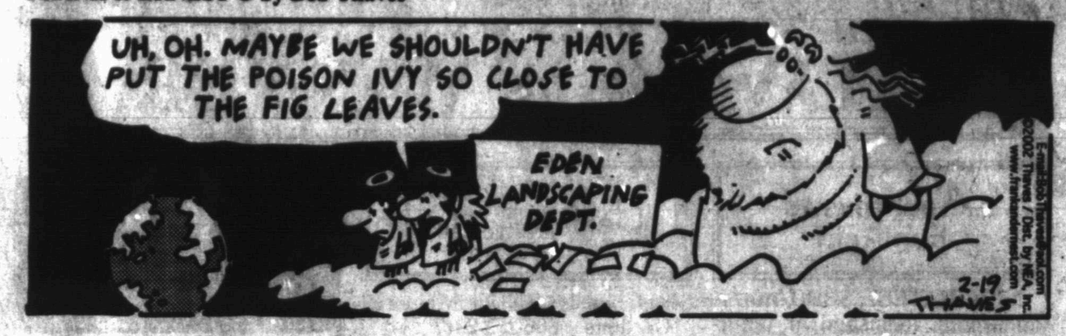

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ACROSS

1 Newscaster Brokaw
4 Valve lifters
8 Temp job
11 Sugarloaf locale
12 Give off
13 Catherine — - Jones
14 Hgt.
15 Albright of films
16 "Woe is me!"
17 Bronze and silver
19 — vivant
21 Portuguese lady
22 Pine for
26 Driveway material
30 "For shame!"
31 Khayyam or Sharif
34 Ocean
35 "Kon-Tiki" craft
36 Lots
37 Elected ones
38 Hera's son
39 Before
40 Away from home
42 Stair post
44 Exercise system
47 Tonic partner
49 History
51 Patron saint of sailors
54 Jet-black gem
56 Goose formation
57 Shrill barks
58 Bridegroom
59 Riviera summer
60 Breakfast item
61 Frat letters
62 Highland youth

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1 London streetcar
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3 Slogan
4 Storage place
5 Singer Tori
6 Wire measure
7 Wild guess
8 Stylist's goo
9 Give —— shot
10 Car's fill-up
13 Writer Grey
18 Piqued
20 Popeye's Olive
23 Remote
24 Crawling with
25 Earns as profit
27 "— — I cared!"
28 —, vidi, vici
29 Unburden
31 Warning, perhaps
32 Adult filly
33 From the top
35 Toxic emanation
40 Cassius Clay, today
41 Wildcats
43 Self-images
45 Mallet
46 Comic-strip queen
48 Alaskan city
49 Auel heroine
50 Nut, actually
51 Needle hole
52 Dawdle
53 Fuel-consumption mess.
55 — "King" Cole

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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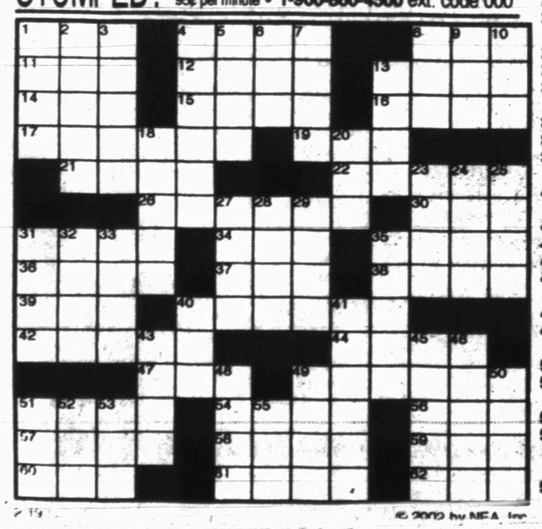

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Snyder Daily News Comics

DENNIS THE MENACE ® by Hank Ketcham

"YEP! THERE'S A SNOWMAN, JOEY, JUST WAITING FOR US TO PUT HIM TOGETHER."

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By Abigail V

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Burn victims hope to return to work

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lt. Col. Brian Birdwell jogged five miles on Sept. 10, from his Pentagon office, over a Potomac River bridge, down the National Mall and back.

Two days later, just standing up was a challenge.

Birdwell had just left a second-floor men's room when terrorists crashed their hijacked jetliner into the Pentagon on Sept. 11, fewer than 50 yards from him. He was helped outside before the floors above him collapsed, but he was seriously burned on his hands, arms, face, ears and forehead.

After several operations during a 12-week hospital stay, Birdwell is heading back to his job next month in an Army management office. Others have much further to go.

Dozens were injured in the attack that killed 125 people inside the Pentagon and all 64 on the American Airlines jetliner that crashed into it. Among the victims taken to Washington Hospital Center, which treated some of the most seriously burned survivors, one woman died a week later and the others have been released.

Birdwell, 40, of Lorton, Va., feels blessed.

"I was injured very badly, but by the grace of God I was not killed," he said in a hospital interview five months after the attack. He had come for the often painful physical therapy he endures three times a week to keep his limbs flexible and his newly grafted skin smooth.

Kevin Shaeffer credits three miracles with saving his life.

The 29-year-old Navy lieutenant suffered severe burns on more than 40 percent of his body and had serious respiratory injuries caused by inhaling acrid smoke and jet fuel spray.

Shaeffer recalls the horror of Sept. 11 but doesn't remember Oct. 4. That's the day doctors had to revive him — twice.

"But what I remember is the next morning waking up and I could tell something serious had happened," the Fredericksburg, Va., resident said. He asked for his wife, Blanca, "and from that point on I was pretty much on the road to recovery."

Doctors still don't know what happened, he said. "But to me that was kind of the third miracle that I was able to make it through that day as bad as it was." The first miracle, he said, was surviving the attack. The second was escaping his first-floor office.

Shaeffer was "medically retired" from the Navy last year because of his injuries and says he's giving himself a year to recover fully before launching a new career.

John Yates, a civilian Pentagon employee, has a new daily ritual.

"Every morning when I wake up I just look up and I say thank you," said Yates, a security manager in the Army personnel office.

Yates, who was in his second-floor office, had just talked to his wife and was watching TV coverage of the World Trade Center attack when he heard an explosion and saw flames. Knocked to the ground, he crawled first toward voices, then eventually to safety.

But the five-month anniversary of the event that severely burned a third of his body, from his head down to his legs, almost slipped by without his noticing.

"That didn't dawn on me until just a few minutes ago," said Yates, 50, of Fredericksburg, who was also at Washington Hospital Center for therapy.

Hurt less seriously than Birdwell and Shaeffer, he can drive, dress himself, tie his shoes, even make a sandwich. He hopes some normalcy will return soon for him and his second wife — they married only 15 months before the attack. And he wants to go back to work at the Pentagon.

Dr. Marion Jordan, director of the hospital's burn unit, says all three should be well enough to return to some type of job within six months.

2001 not record year for shark attacks

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — A study released Monday shows shark attacks for 2001 were actually down from the previous year, despite a spate of widely publicized attacks.

There were 76 unprovoked shark attacks around the world last year, compared to 85 in 2000, according to the University of Florida's International Shark Attack File. Fatal attacks dropped to five from 12 the previous year.

Shark attacks in waters off the United States increased by one to 55; Florida, which leads the nation, had 37, one less than in 2000, said George Burgess, who heads the research center.

"Last year was anything but an average year, but that's because it was more like the summer of the media feeding frenzy," Burgess said.

Most of the injuries were minor. But shark attacks figured prominently in media coverage for weeks, intensifying in July after an 8-year-old was attacked by a bull shark in the waters off Pensacola.

The shark bit off Jesse Arbogast's right arm, but the boy's uncle wrestled the shark out of the water, retrieved the arm and surgeons reattached it. Severe blood loss, however, left the boy brain damaged.

Weeks later, a 10-year-old boy was fatally mauled in the Virginia Beach surf. Two days after that, a shark killed a man and gravely injured his girlfriend off a North Carolina beach.

Burgess said the gradual upswing in attacks over the past decades is due to humans spending more time in the water and more reliable reporting when there is an attack.

Black man who served in WWII gets posthumous military honors

BEAR LAKE, Mich. (AP) — A light-skinned black man who pretended to be white so he could fight for the U.S. military in World War II was honored posthumously Monday for his outstanding bravery.

Calvin Clark Davis flew 50 missions in the Pacific theater — enough to exempt him from further combat — but he then volunteered to fight in Europe, where he was killed during a bombing run over Germany.

On Monday, Davis' family received seven military medals honoring his service, including his World War II Victory Medal and the Purple Heart.

"This is one of the most incredible stories of dedication to country I have ever heard," said Rep. Pete Hoekstra, who read a description of each medal as Rep. John Conyers presented them.

Hoekstra said Davis was one of many blacks who passed themselves off as white so they wouldn't be relegated to non-combat duty under segregation rules.

"Even (with) the imperfections and the hostility that was shown to them by their country, they loved America," the Republican congressman said at a ceremony before students at Davis' alma mater, Bear Lake High School.

Davis was descended from a white plantation owner and a black slave, said Calvin Murphy, Davis' cousin who worked for two years to obtain the medals for the relative he never knew.

Murphy, 54, came across a newspaper article a couple of years ago saying Davis might have been in line for medals and he contacted numerous agencies, including Hoekstra's office.

"I just wanted him to get what he's entitled to, and I wanted to make sure his story would live on after I'm gone," Murphy said.

Orphaned as a child, Davis was raised in poverty by his older sister.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Man's best friend soothes aching hearts, anxious minds

DEAR ABBY: Since Sept. 11, I have been re-evaluating my life. It has been a traumatic time.

We all need compliments, humor, and a reconnection to our inner selves. I can nurture others with a smile, a phone call, an invitation to go out for coffee, or allow a stranger to pet my dog.

What a wonderful equalizer my dog is. I conjure up the image of a dog lying in front of a warm fireplace, his expression quietly conveying calm and reassurance. I believe we can reduce our anxiety by creating peace in our minds and hearts. — **R.C. DUNCAN, COTTONWOOD, ARIZ.**

DEAR R.C.: Being a nurturer can be as simple as reminding ourselves that our needs do not always come first. I love the mental image of the dog in front of the fireplace to symbolize peace and reassurance. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: I want your readers to know that there are no bad dogs — only bad owners. Contrary to recent press coverage, rottweilers are loyal, hardworking dogs that originated in Germany. Here in the United States, they are used extensively by the police and have received awards for their assistance.

I had the privilege of owning a rottweiler named Otto for nine years. He was trained to be loving and obedient — not to attack.

I am epileptic and can attest to Otto's loving loyalty. Because of his acute sensitivity, he sensed exactly when I was going to have a seizure. Otto would stay next to me to protect me, allowing only close family or friends to come near. He would gently lick my face until I regained consciousness and recovered from my attack. Even after my recovery, Otto would never be more than a few feet away from me.

My loyal 160-pound friend passed away last year due to cancer. I will never be able to fill the void in my heart.

Abby, these gentle and beautiful dogs do not get the recognition they deserve for the good they do. We shouldn't condemn a marvelous breed of animal for the malicious and abusive training of a few bad owners. — **PATRICK J. KENDRICK, MORTON GROVE, ILL.**

DEAR PATRICK: I agree. Please accept my condolences for the loss of your stalwart guardian.

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I just finished a wonderfully readable and informative book, "The Healing Power of Pets," by Dr. Marty Becker and Danelle Morton. It is published by Hyperion, and it's now available in bookstores. It made me laugh, it made me cry, but most of all it educated me about a benefit of pet ownership I had been unaware of before.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002

Those things of a personal nature may take precedence over your other affairs in the year ahead, and you might be one of those lucky ones who'll have many changes that convert into victories.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — A veiled matter that is affecting other family members as well as yourself can be resolved. However, it may be up to you to inspire everyone to probe for solutions. Pisces, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You may find yourself in a position of being able to act as a middle person in bringing two perfect factions together. This union will benefit all involved.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Experience and know-how could steer you into making a brilliant deduction pertaining to a financial situation involving your work or career. A promotion could be in it for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Your faith and deep convictions will give you an edge in dealing with all aspects of life, even with something where the competition is keen.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Keep your secret ambitious desires to yourself, and you'll find that you'll be far more effective in bringing them to fruition. Act first, talk later.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — This is a good day to get out and mingle, especially if you want to champion some kind of worthwhile cause. You're in your element when participating in some form of group endeavor.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today can hold a big achievement for you if you focus your efforts, attention and energies on a meaningful objective, even if it seems unattainable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — It behooves you to listen attentively to the ideas and concepts of others. You have the ability to take their thoughts, and reshape them to work for you as well.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Take something you believe is out of phase or pass□, and follow your instincts in transforming or updating it. You'll innately know what types of revisions to do to make them viable again.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Someone important to your cause may be prepared to reappraise his or her position, and facilitate a better understanding and arrangement with you. Be equally cooperative.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — No matter if you are working for another or for yourself, you will take all of your responsibilities very seriously. Your focus will produce pleasant benefits.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Those you encounter will want to bask in the spotlight you attract wherever you go. Your loyalty and pleasant manner make you very popular.

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Police testify at Andrea Yates' trial

HOUSTON (AP) — When Andrea Yates said she had just killed her children, the police officer stood at the door in disbelief.

Officer David Knapp followed her into the house, and in the bedroom he saw a child's arm protruding from under a wet sheet. Knapp lifted it and saw the lifeless bodies of Mary, 6 months, Luke, 2, Paul, 3, and John, 5. Noah, 7, was floating face down in the bathtub.

"She was standing behind me ... and I didn't hear her cry" or show any emotion, Knapp said Monday as Yates' capital murder trial started.

Yates, 37, is charged with two counts of capital murder for the June 20 drownings and faces the death penalty. She has pleaded innocent by reason of insanity.

Testimony was to resume today.

Defense attorney George Parnham told jurors that Yates had a history of suicide attempts and was so psychotic that her delusions drove her to drown her children.

"Postpartum depression with psychotic features, as will be testified to from the stand, is the cruelest and most severe of mental illnesses," Parnham said. "It takes the very nature and essence of motherhood — to nurture, to protect and to love — and changes the reality."

Prosecutors say she knew her actions were wrong when she held each of her five children beneath water in the bathtub until they stopped breathing.

"She knew this was an illegal thing," Harris County assistant district attorney Joe Owmby said during opening statements. "It was a sin. She knew it was wrong."

Jurors on Monday also heard Yates' 911 call. During the call, Yates paused frequently and breathed heavily. When asked if she was alone, Yates first said "yes." But the second time, she responded "no, my kids are here" and then told the dispatcher their ages.

Knapp said Yates answered his questions in a monotone voice and followed his instructions to sit down and show identification.

"Her eyes were wider that what I'd consider normal," Knapp said.

Frank Stumpo, the second Houston police officer who arrived at the house, testified that he found the oldest boy dead in the bathtub, then went into the living room and asked Yates if she realized what she had done.

"Yes, I do," was Yates' response, the officer testified.

Stumpo said Yates did not appear to be upset or distraught and that she would answer his questions without prompting when he spoke aloud to himself.

2 British peacekeepers sent home after killing in Afghan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Two British peacekeepers who allegedly fired at a car carrying a pregnant woman have returned home amid accusations the shooting, which killed her brother-in-law, was unprovoked, an official said today.

Afghan and British police are investigating the shooting, but the soldiers only will answer questions from British police, said Capt. Graham Dunlop, a spokesman for the British peacekeeping force.

"Britain retains exclusive jurisdiction over the soldiers," Dunlop said, insisting any legal action against the two soldiers sent home would be taken in Britain. "If they need to be punished, they will be dealt with by us," he said.

The pre-dawn shooting last week has angered Afghans in Kabul, who say the soldiers fired 60 bullets at a car that violated a nighttime curfew as it raced to take a pregnant woman to a hospital.

The paratroopers were manning an observation post atop an abandoned grain silo overlooking a muddy slum.

The area is largely abandoned at night and the soldiers apparently opened fire moments after the car's noisy engine and headlights were turned on.

Dunlop had no information on whether the two soldiers were the only members of their six-man patrol to fire. Each soldier's SA-80 rifle carries 30 rounds.

Amaun Isaq, 20, was killed by a gunshot wound to the head. His sister-in-law, Faria, gave birth that night.

No weapons were found at the scene.

Mohammed Isaq, the brother of the slain man, reacted with anger at news the paratroopers were sent home and demanded an open trial in Afghanistan.

"I will not know if they went to England to rest at home or to be investigated," Isaq said. "I will be satisfied that justice has been done if there is a trial that I can see and if the trial is in Afghanistan."

Today, the British-led peacekeeping force launched a nighttime ambulance service for people who need to get to the hospital during the curfew.

"At the moment there is no ambulance service. If people need to be moved at night to hospital then they have to run the curfew and try to get a taxi. It's pretty hit-and-miss as to whether they get to hospital or not," said Maj. Alan Hawley of the peacekeeping force.

Four ambulances will be operating every night, Hawley said.

Although the shooting has angered many, most Afghans consider the 4,500-member peacekeeping force in Kabul vital protection against the brutal factional fighting that has left much of the city — including Faria's neighborhood — in ruins.

Contract extended for principal at Ira

Ira trustees extended the contract of principal Mike Duke for one year during Monday night's board meeting.

Supt. Jim Rumage said today that Duke, who had also been coaching girls basketball, would relinquish those duties, but would continue to coach golf and tennis.

"We're now in the market for a girls basketball coach," said Rumage.

In other business last night, the trustees set the district's school board election for May 4. The terms of Sid Wall, Fran Farmer and Lance Autry will expire. The trustees appointed Micky Flowers as election judge.

Trustees also moved graduation to Saturday, May 25, from Friday, May 24.

"This was necessary to have our Project Graduation party at the WTC pool," Rumage said.

Also approved Monday night was a class size waiver for third grade, and the gifted and talented criteria for all grades. The board also agreed to fund SAT testing fees for each student on a one-time basis.

Deputies look for man near Hermleigh Allsup's

•Close patrols

A clerk at Allsup's in Hermleigh contacted officers just before 10 p.m. Monday and advised a man with a dirty complexion in his late 30s or early 40s walked into the store and inquired about the security system.

The clerk told officers the man was acting strange and also asked how much money was left in the cash register.

Sheriff's deputies and DPS troopers were informed and a close patrol was initiated.

A woman contacted deputies at 8:40 a.m. Monday due to problems with her ex-husband and requested a close patrol of her residence.

At 6 p.m. Monday a woman on Payton Ave. requested a close patrol of the area for the remainder of the night.

A woman in the Windridge Village apartments reported a man repeatedly trying to gain entry into her apartment Monday night and requested a close patrol until morning.

Officers initiated a close patrol in the 3000 block of Austin Ave. at 11:59 p.m. Monday at the request of a man who reported hearing scratching and knocking on his windows and there being excessive traffic in the area.

9-1-1 operators received a call at 2:30 this morning from a woman reporting a prowler at her back door. She advised two elderly people live in the residence and requested a close patrol.

•Theft

A woman requested that officers attempt to locate a black Ford Ranger pickup Monday afternoon in reference to its occupants taking some of her property. An officer contacted the woman and advised an offense report for Class C theft would be submitted.

Obituaries

Mary Ann Jones

1938-2002

Mary Ann Jones of Snyder died Monday, Feb. 18, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Jones, 64, is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Mike Henson, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 20, 1938 in Brownwood, she married Hood Jones on July 17, 1955 in Big Spring. They lived in Big Spring before moving to Snyder in 1956 and then to Kermit in 1958. They moved back to Snyder in 1974.

A member of First Baptist Church, Mrs. Jones was a secretary for Patterson Drilling Co. for a number of years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Maurine Waterson Leonard.

Survivors include her husband, Hood Jones of Snyder; two daughters and a son-in-law, Karon Keller of Snyder and Cynthia and Ed Peet of Tulsa, Okla.; a sister, Olene Benham of Odessa; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Dulane and Bobbie Leonard of Big Spring and Bobby and Brenda Leonard of Odessa; three grandchildren, Jason Grantham of Tulsa, Samantha Keller of Denton and Jessie Keller of Snyder.

Pallbearers will be Stan Benham, Bruce Benham, Jerry Leonard, Charlie Dee Reed, Rick Grant, Glenn Wayne Reed, Freddie Leonard, Todd Reed, Craig Jones and David Jones.

Honorary pallbearers are Mark Cullifer, David Cain, Larry Price, Glenn Patterson, Cloyce Talbott, Jody Nelson, A.J. Henderson, David Strong, Nolan von Roeder, Terry Allen, James Brown, Eric Johnson, Jim Bullock and Buck Boatman.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, the First Baptist Church or to the East 4th Street Baptist Church in Big Spring.

Ray Heath

1930-2002

Alford Ray Heath, 71, died Sunday, Feb. 17, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Heath is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Charles Day, pastor of the Ave. D Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born Dec. 7, 1930 in Snyder, Mr. Heath was a veteran of the Korean Conflict and served two tours in Vietnam working as a helicopter mechanic for the department of defense.

He worked for Bell Helicopter and spent 3½ years in Iran. He later was employed as a mechanic by Owens-Corning Fiberglass in Amarillo, retiring in 1993 after 15½ years.

Mr. Heath returned to Snyder in 1994.

Survivors include a daughter, Jerrilynn Flores of Las Vegas, Nev.; two sons, Gerald Heath and Marvin Heath, both of Las Vegas; two sisters, Margie Sumruld Cole of Snyder and Betty Sue Dye of Roscoe; one stepdaughter, Vickie Moore of Amarillo; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Tiger baseball booster club

The Snyder Tiger baseball booster club will meet at 7 tonight in the athletic film room. Parents of all high school players need to attend to discuss the Snyder tournament.

Ira TAAS testing

Ira schools is administering TAAS tests and the exit level math test is Wednesday and the exit level reading test is Thursday.

Team captain meeting

There will be a meeting for Relay for Life team captains at 5:30 p.m. today at city hall.

Emmaus meeting

Mesquite Country Emmaus community meeting will be held at 7 p.m. tonight at Calvary Baptist Church in Colorado City, 1025 E. 15th.

Free income tax help

Free income tax aid for low to middle income citizens of any age is available each Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon, and 1-3 p.m. at the senior center located, 2603 Ave. M.

First Church of Nazarene series

Snyder First Church of Nazarene will be discussing "The Doctrine of Holiness" during a five-week series beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

State board candidate here

The public is invited to a reception for Lubbock resident Bob Craig at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Martha Ann Womans Club. Craig is a candidate for the state board of education.

Vocational nurses graduation

The vocational nursing program at Western Texas College will hold a graduation and pinning ceremony at 7 p.m. Thursday at First United Methodist Church. The public is invited.

WTC production

Lost in Yonkers> opens Thursday at Western Texas College's Fine Arts Theatre. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for WTC students and senior citizens. Call 573-8511, ext. 234 to make reservations.

FBC services televised

First Baptist Church services are televised on channel 2 at 3 p.m. each Thursday.

Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes taught by certified teachers and Spanish-speaking aides are held at WTC from 8 a.m. until noon Tuesday through Thursday, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include G.E.D., E.S.L., and refresher courses. For more information call 573-8511, ext. 322.

WTC pool hours

Lap swim: M-F, 6:30-8 a.m. and noon to 1 p.m.; open swim, M-TH 7-9 p.m. Memberships for the semester: $50. The swimming pool is also available for rental, contact Lisa Christensen, ext. 290.

ESL, GED classes

Classes for E.S.L., GED and computers are held at 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Region 14 classroom at 4200 College Ave. For more information, call 574-6012.

Ira class of 1944's 58th reunion

The class of 1944 of Ira High School will have its 58th reunion Saturday in the Ira Baptist Church fellowship hall. Visitors are welcome. Call 573-6655 or 573-0604 for more information.

Cancer board meeting

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

Kiwanis pancake day

Kiwanis pancake day will be from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, March 2, at West Elementary cafeteria. A color TV will be given as a door prize.

Community choir class

A community choir class will begin Monday, March 4, in Western Texas College's Fine Arts Theatre. The class will meet Mondays from 7-9 p.m. for seven weeks, followed by a performance on April 26. The class is free and registration will be on the first day of class. Call 573-8511 for more information.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

American Legion spring convention

The American Legion's spring convention will be March 16-17. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. on March 16. For more information call 574-6805.

Windbreak trees

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District has windbreak trees available for sale. Extra hardwood trees are $1 each and Evergreens are $2.25. Call 573-6317 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Discovery School

Discovery School will be providing summer childcare from 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. for children ages birth to 10 years. For more information call 573-4770.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland is available free of charge. Call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakey Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.