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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A person sitting around and waiting for a break could end up broke."

Keeping tabs on our neighbors: The Sweetwater Reporter, like most community newspapers, gets all types of telephone calls.

When ad rep Shellie Glass answered the telephone a little over a year ago, little did she imagine that the conversation would lead to reuniting the caller to his biological parents.

Going the extra mile, Glass helped Daryl Oxford find his birth parents after having been adopted in Sweetwater some 24 years ago. Just before the holidays, the family was reunited in Lubbock.

Also from the Sweetwater newspaper, Russell Smith told this computer story:

A customer service rep received a call from a consumer who was having trouble with his new computer.

Customer service: Hello, how can I help you today?

Confused customer: I'm having trouble with my computer — the cup holder on my computer is jammed and I can't get it to close.

Customer Service: Which model do you have sir?

Confused customer: It's a 7200 with 16 meg of RAM and 1 gig on the hard drive.

Customer Service: Let me see, I don't see a cup holder on that model. Was this a special feature you had bundled in with the hardware.

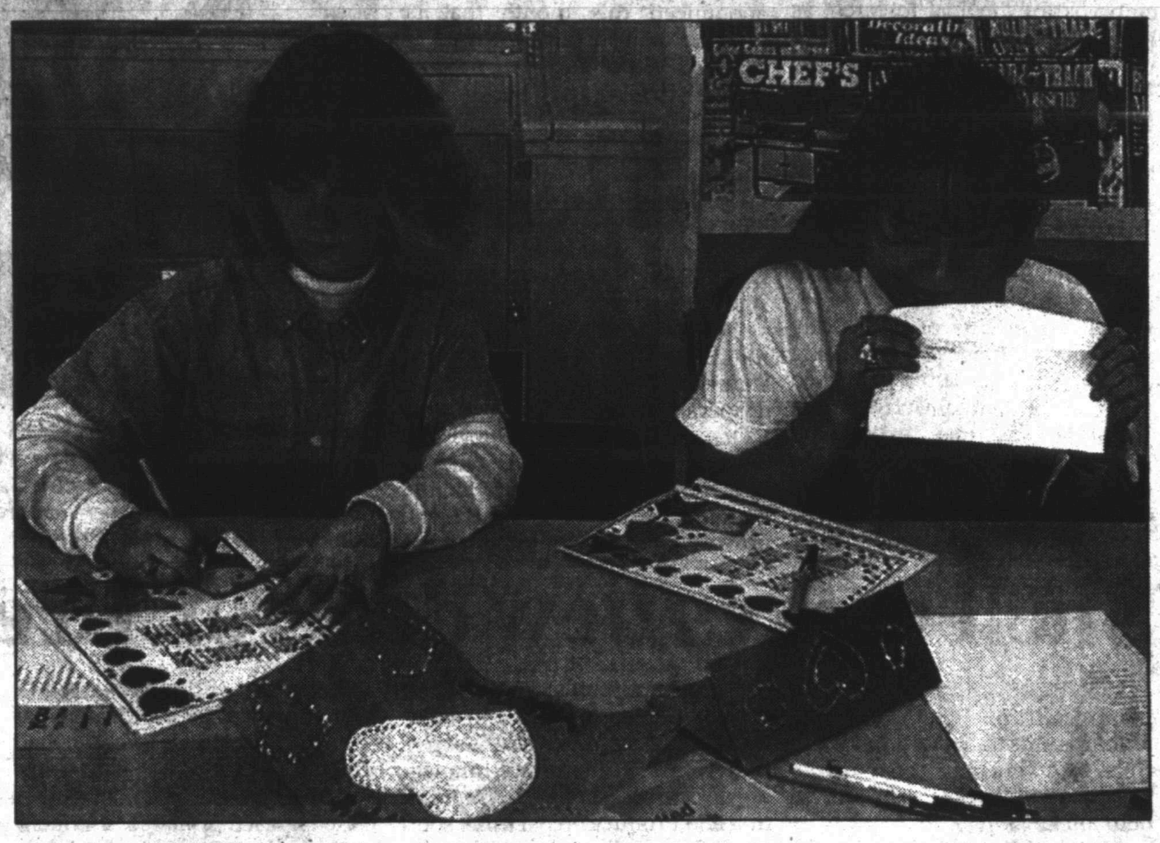
Confused customer: No, it just came with it.

Customer Service: Please hold. I'm looking up the specs on that model. (Rep returns) Sir, can you please describe the cup holder to me?

Confused customer: Well it's got a little white button to the left of it. When you press the button, the cup holder comes out. It was fine until today when I put a heavier cup in it and got it jammed.

The customer service rep had to put the customer on hold again, so as not to giggle in his ear. It wasn't a cup holder that was broken, but rather the tray on the built-in CD ROM drive.

And again from Sweetwater, the Rolling Plains Co-op Compress reports setting a record with 392,000 bales of cotton processed in 1997.



FHA STUDENTS PREPARE VALENTINES — Eleven Snyder High School FHA members met Thursday after classes to work on valentines for servicemen and servicewomen located stateside and overseas. FHA treasurer Amanda Holloway, left, wrote notes and signed valentines while vice president Loretta Rios stuffed envelopes. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

County residents nominated to sit on water planning board

Snyder City Manager John Gayle and Fluvanna farmer James Beaver are among those who have been nominated to serve on a regional planning group to assist in formulating a state-wide water plan.

Gayle was nominated by several people, including State Representatives David Counts, Robert Junell, Gary Walker and Buddy West. He was also nominated by the Big Spring City Council.

Beaver's name was put into nomination by the Scurry County Commissioners Court.

Snyder Mayor David Holt submitted three names to the board: Okla Thornton Sr., John Grant and a representative of TU Electric.

Thornton is a wildlife biologist who has worked on several environmental issues in the area, including those of Ivie Reservoir, while Grant is the general manager of the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

Those individuals join more than 140 people from 31 counties who have been nominated to serve this part of the state in developing the water plan. The area is bordered on the north by Scurry and Borden Counties and to the east by Brown, McCulloch and Mason. The southern-most counties are Crockett, Sutton and Kimble, while counties on the western edge are Reeves and Pecos.

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) will appoint the planning group from those nominated.

The TWDB sought nominations from 11 interest groups, including public officials, counties, municipalities, industries, agriculture, environmental, small business, electrical generating utilities, river authorities, water districts and water utilities.

Senate Bill 1 was adopted on June 1 of last year and calls for the TWDB to adopt a state water plan by 2001. It also calls for the board to review the plan every five years.

The law calls for regional plans to be submitted by Sept. 1, 2000 for approval to be submitted in the state's overall water plan.

The bill also calls for a conservation plan to be formulated for all municipal and industrial water rights of 1,000 or more acre-feet

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Amid criticism, Tripp lashes out

Claims she was present when Clinton telephoned Lewinsky

WASHINGTON (AP) — The woman whose secret tape recordings led to a criminal investigation of whether President Clinton tried to cover up a sexual affair with Monica Lewinsky says she overheard Ms. Lewinsky on a late-night phone call from the president.

Linda Tripp, a Pentagon employee who had worked at the White House, broke her silence today amid criticism of her true intentions in prompting an obstruction of justice investigation by Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr.

Her comments came a day after Clinton won a major victory when an Arkansas judge ruled that evidence concerning Ms. Lewinsky will be excluded from the trial in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case against the president.

Lewinsky's attorney, William Ginsburg, was back at Lewinsky's Watergate complex apartment to meet with his client this morning.

Bob Weiner, a spokesman for Clinton drug policy director Barry McCaffrey, said he was being summoned before Starr's grand jury this morning. He said he did not know Ms. Lewinsky and did not know why he was being questioned.

Two tracking polls conducted Wednesday night show Clinton gaining support.

A CBS News poll shows 73 percent of the public approve of the job Clinton is doing as president, retaining the bounce he received immediately after his State of the Union speech Tuesday night. The approval rating, up from 57 percent on Monday, is Clinton's highest ever, CBS said.

In a Fox News/Opinion Dynamics survey, 77 percent believed Clinton would finish out his term. Forty-five percent of the respondents said they believe Clinton's denials of the allegations while 43 percent don't.

Presidential press secretary Mike McCurry said it was probably wise to take polls with a grain of salt. But he added: "It's probably a testament to the American public's common sense. They have not rushed to judgment, unlike some others, and they want to have some time to consider all the facts."

Tripp, in a two-page statement issued through her attorney, said Ms. Lewinsky described "every detail" of the alleged relationship with Clinton during hundreds of hours of conversations over the past 15 months.

"In addition, I was present when she received a late-night phone call from the president. I have also seen numerous gifts they exchanged and heard several of her tapes of him," Tripp said.

She said she "was also present when Monica made and received numerous phone calls which were of a volatile and contentious nature directly relating to her relationship with the president."

Her attorney, Jim Moody, said in an interview that Tripp had been staying overnight in the guest bedroom at Ms. Lewinsky's apartment in the Watergate complex when she was awakened by a ringing telephone.

"Linda did hear parts of" Lewinsky's side of "the conversation; I'm not going to characterize them, but the call lasted about 20 minutes," Moody said.

Area school districts awarded more than $180,000

Scurry County's two rural school districts are getting a help up the technology ladder with more than $180,000 in telecommunications grants.

The grants were announced last week, but the exact amounts weren't released until later.

Hermleigh ISD is receiving $84,726 while Ira will get $98,010. Schools were able to apply for up to $100,000 in funding by the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund (TIF) board.

"We are very pleased to receive this award," said Hermleigh ISD Superintendent Jerry Church. "We will use TIF funds, along with the matching funds we have committed to the project, to bring the Internet into the classroom as a teaching tool."

Schools receiving the grants are required to commit 10 percent in matching funds — in Hermleigh's case, some $8,500.

Schools also had to fulfill a series of requirements, including the creation of a technology task force consisting of teachers, administrators, students and community members, and submit an approved technology plan.

Ira and Hermleigh will use the funds for computers, equipment needed to connect to the Internet and a T1 line, plus service agreements and training of personnel.

The T1 line also brings the future possibility of distance learning to the campuses. Ira ISD Superintendent Rick Howard said earlier that he expects grants for telecommunications equipment to receive and broadcast will be the next major technological step.

TIF was created by the 74th Legislature, under House Bill 2128, and is designed to provide grants and loans to improve telecommunications infrastructure around the state. It serves K through 12 public schools as well as institutions of higher education, public libraries and non-profit health care facilities.

Government, having nurtured Internet, wants to set it free

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration proposed today to reduce the government's role as traffic cop for the Internet, a medium born as a research tool that has grown into a freewheeling means of mass communication.

More Internet functions would be managed by the private sector and opened to competition under the plan. It includes a long-anticipated new structure for assigning Internet addresses that would expand the number of address suffixes, or "domains."

Domains are broad categories used at the end of Web and electronic mail addresses. Among those in use now are .com (pronounced dot com) for commercial businesses, .org (dot org) for nonprofit organizations and .edu (dot edu) for educational institutions. Five additional major domains would be authorized.

The new domains are not named in the plan, prepared under the direction of presidential adviser Ira Magaziner and released by the Commerce Department.

Previous proposals for the global network have suggested names such as .firm for businesses, .store for companies selling products, .web for sites emphasizing the World Wide Web, .arts for cultural sites, .info for information services, .nom for individuals and .rec for recreational activities.

The government plans a two-year transition of many Net operating functions to the private sector and close federal supervision during that time.

"From its origins as a U.S.-based research vehicle, the Internet is rapidly becoming an international medium for commerce, education and communication," the plan says. "The traditional means of organizing its technical functions need to evolve as well."

A not-for-profit private corporation would be set up to improve and supervise systems that run critical parts of the network and currently are operated by a patchwork of computers.

The administration hopes to put the plan into effect in April and may refine it further before then, J. Beckwith Burr of the Commerce Department's National Telecommunications and Information Administration told a news conference.

Competition would be allowed in the registering of Internet addresses, now controlled by one U.S. company under a federal contract expiring this year. Each new registration agency would manage one of the new major domains.

Although access to the Internet and many operations are effectively controlled by private interests already, the government has maintained a management and bankrolling function in areas of cyberspace invisible to most Web surfers.

The Defense Department, for example, has financed the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority, which allocates blocks of numerical addresses used by Internet service providers.

ASK US

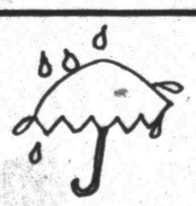
Q—When will Snyder ISD observe spring break?

A—March 16-20. Ira ISD and WTC will also be out that week.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 63 degrees; low, 35; 7 a.m. Friday, 40; no precipitation; total for 1998, .05 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Tonight, storms possible. Cloudy, low 40-45. SE-S wind 10-20 mph. Rain chance: 60%. Saturday, morning rain chance. High near 60. W-NW wind 5-15 mph. Rain chance: 20%.



Shannon Mangis
Rain chance

Sunset: 6:17 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:37 a.m.
Of 29 days in 1998, the sun has shone 29 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

He who receives a good turn should never forget it; he who does one should never remember it.

Charron

Susan Bigham

Bigham makes PCC honor list

PENSACOLA, FLA. — Susan Elaine Bigham, a junior mathematics major, was named to the President's List for academic achievement during the 1997 fall semester at Pensacola Christian College.

To be named to the President's List, a student must earn a 4.0 grade point average.

Woman gets 20 years in prison for DWI death

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A woman who intentionally ran over and killed her father-in-law and injured her husband while she was driving while intoxicated has been sentenced to the maximum 20 years in prison.

Carmen Garza, 49, who pleaded guilty to intoxication manslaughter, was the first person in Bexar County to receive the maximum punishment since a 1994 law increased it to 20 years in prison.

"Jurors are finally understanding that drinking, driving and killing is like murder and are giving this crime the weight it deserves," said Bette Berns, president of the San Antonio chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

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British genetics advisers open public debate on cloning issue

LONDON (AP) — Scientists, clerics and philosophers have been invited into a debate on cloning to help Britain determine what limits to put on the yet-to-be-accomplished copying of a human.

The initiative was prompted by the birth in Britain last February of Dolly the sheep, the world's first cloned mammal. An advisory commission will seek comment for three months, then recommend human cloning policy.

"I think what we probably want is to stop the wild and irresponsible notion of cloning whole human beings," said Sir Colin Campbell, chairman of the Human Genetics Advisory Commission. "But we would like the scientific analogues, the procedures that might in five years' time lead to curing of diseases, to continue."

The creation of Dolly — produced by placing the nucleus of an adult sheep cell into an egg, which grew into a copy of the adult sheep — sparked worldwide concern about how far the process had advanced and whether it could lead to the production of genetically identical humans.

International organizations are establishing agreements banning human clones. President Clinton has prohibited the use of federal funds for human cloning and has sent a bill to Congress that would outlaw it for at least five years.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey, said Thursday that next month the House will legislate a permanent ban on cloning humans in the United States.

The British commission, meanwhile, issued a paper outlining the issues involved and raising questions for debate.

The commission distinguishes between the cloning of babies to create living people and cloning of human embryos for therapeutic applications.

While strongly opposed to reproductive cloning, banned in Britain since 1990, the experts indicated it would be wrong to impose a blanket ban on all human cloning research.

A report by the group Thursday said the "Dolly" techniques could provide new insights into the origins of cancer and basic processes such as aging.

No law exists barring cloning of embryos for medical research, as long as they are not replanted in the womb and are destroyed after 14 days, when a nervous system starts to develop.

It will be years before regulators are satisfied there has been enough work on animals to allow experiments with human embryos, the commission said, noting that it took 277 attempts to create Dolly.

The credibility of the Dolly experiment, however, is being challenged. In a letter published today in the journal Science, two scientists say the experiment needs to be repeated before it can be accepted. The letter was quoted today in The New York Times.

Nobody has yet applied for a license for such work, but applications could be considered on a case-by-case basis, said Ruth Deech, chairwoman of the Human Fertilization and Embryology Authority, the agency that regulates research.

Chicago physicist Richard Seed announced this month that he plans to clone a person within 18 months. Seed has no medical degree, no laboratory backing and little money, so many scientists aren't taking him seriously.

Dr. Patrick Dixon, author of "The Genetic Revolution," who has repeatedly warned of dangers in cloning research, criticized Deech's willingness to consider such research.

"What she's saying is it's legal for us in Britain to develop the technology that Richard Seed desperately wants," he said. "One predicts, therefore, that until the law is changed, someone like him might set up a facility here to complete his research and prove it can be done in humans."

NOAH PROJECT DONATION — Snyder's Rotary Club made a donation to Noah Project's new facility during the club's meeting this week. Snyder police chief and Rotary member Lannie Lee presented Dee Wilson, service area director of the project, with the donation. (SDN Staff Photo)

Shell makes new deal for Brent Spar

LONDON (AP) — The oil giant Shell, hoping to close the embarrassing saga of the Brent Spar, said Thursday it wants to cut up the old offshore platform to help make a pier in Norway.

Shell had first planned an easier and cheaper approach — sinking the Brent Spar in the North Atlantic. But Greenpeace activists boarded the obsolete vessel in April 1995, stirring environmental protests across Europe that eventually forced the company to back down.

Greenpeace welcomed Thursday's move, which will end one of its more successful campaigns against Big Oil. The environmental pressure group called for a total ban on dumping obsolete petroleum equipment at sea, but Shell executives refused during a news conference to go that far.

"It is important to view each of these complex offshore installations on a case-by-case basis," said Heinz Rothermund, managing director of Shell U.K. Exploration and Production. "I think society is not well-advised to go for generic solutions to complex problems."

Shell said it will spend up to $42 million to salvage the Brent Spar — more than twice what it had originally intended to pay to simply dump the platform at sea.

Greenpeace sounded a conciliatory note at the end of a battle that left its own activists embarrassed when it emerged that some of their initial claims about oil onboard the Brent Spar turned out to be false.

Chris Rose, deputy executive director of Greenpeace U.K., predicted the Norwegian pier would forever be associated with the Brent Spar and Shell's public relations blunders.

Oldest mother will campaign for rights of older mothers

LONDON (AP) — Britain's oldest mother hopes to have another child, plans to campaign for the rights of older mothers and says she is reunited with her married boyfriend.

Elizabeth Buttle, 60, who initially claimed she conceived naturally, admitted earlier this week that she lied about her age and identity to receive fertility treatment at a London clinic that has an age limit of 55.

"A lot of people said I lied and cheated but I shouldn't have had to — and I do feel guilty in a way," she said in an interview on GMTV.

"But I think the end result was worth it all," she added, cradling her 2-month-old son Joe.

Buttle said she was going to start a group that lobbies for older women's right to get fertility treatment.

She herself may have made that fight more difficult. Buttle pretended to be a 49-year-old widow to get into the clinic — a move that has prompted calls for tighter checks by fertility clinics in future.

Buttle, a widow who runs a small farm in Cwmman, Wales, insisted she was just as capable of bringing up children as women half her age.

"I am very fit for my age and the baby doesn't pose any problems whatsoever when you are used to running farms. He's like another lamb in the spring," she said. "I have a daughter who is 40 and I can out-run her, out-jump her and I am far more agile than she is."

Buttle appeared on the program with her lover, Peter Rawstron, 56.

Buttle had claimed earlier that Rawstron was the father. It is not clear, however, whether his sperm was used or whether she used a donor egg.

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By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Saturday, Jan. 31, 1998

In the year ahead, you are likely to have some very strong personal interests that could enhance your material position. As you move forward, you'll bring others along with you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) In business matters today, maintaining a degree of mystery about your intentions could put you in a stronger bargaining position. Keep your trump card in reserve. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) There could be several interesting developments today that might impact you favorably. One pertains to an old endeavor you thought ran out of fuel.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Being compassionate and generous to others today will make you feel as good about your deeds as the recipient does — perhaps even more.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A big plus going for you today is your ability to function as a realistic visionary. Ways can be found to develop your ideas for a practical purpose.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Challenges aren't apt to intimidate you today, but instead will serve to stimulate your desires for achievement. You will be aroused to succeed.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Friends will be receptive to your suggestions today if you share your ideas instead of foisting your views upon them. Be a teacher, not a preacher.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Usually, we do not perform too well when we put undue pressure upon ourselves. Today, however, you are likely to work better racing against deadlines.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) In your decision-making processes today, strive to be imaginative as well as logical. This will help you perceive all perspectives of others involved.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your organizational abilities are quite keen today. If a project of yours needs to be systematized, do it now. You can bring order out of chaos.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) The feelings you have for your friends today could be quite intense. If a pal winds up in a tight spot, you'll be the one who answers the bell for assistance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Financial and commercial trends continue to strengthen for you today. You might profit more from an ongoing development by adding imaginative touches.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your powers of persuasion could be extremely effective today. When you promote your ideas or ventures, others will note what you have to say.

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Berry's World

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"It seems you tested positive for the Avian Flu."

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CIA probe: no link to Nicaraguan cocaine trafficking

WASHINGTON (AP) — A CIA internal investigation found no evidence linking its employees, agents or operatives with the crack cocaine drug epidemic in the United States and no connection between the agency and three men at the center of that drug trade.

The findings, released Thursday, dispute allegations made in a series of 1996 newspaper reports of a CIA link to cocaine trafficking in California. The CIA released the first of two volumes of conclusions reached by agency Inspector General Frederick Hitz, who led a 17-member team that reviewed 250,000 pages of documents and conducted 365 interviews.

The report found no evidence that CIA employees or agents colluded with allies of Nicaraguan Contra rebels to finance their guerrilla operations by bringing crack cocaine into the United States.

"I am satisfied that the IG has left no stone unturned in his efforts to uncover the truth," CIA Director George Tenet said in a written statement accompanying the IG report.

Tenet called it the most extensive investigation ever undertaken by the inspector general.

In August 1996, the San Jose Mercury News in California published a series of stories that concluded a San Francisco Bay area drug ring sold cocaine in Los Angeles and funneled profits to the Nicaraguan Contra rebels for the better part of a decade. It traced the drugs to dealers who were also leaders of a CIA-run guerrilla army in Nicaragua during the 1980s.

The newspaper series reported that two Nicaraguan cocaine dealers, Oscar Danilo Blandon and Norwin Meneses, were civilian leaders of an anti-communist commando group formed and run by the CIA during the 1980s. The newspaper articles traced the explosion of crack cocaine abuse in the United States to a crack dealer named Ricky Donnell Ross and said he was supplied through Blandon and Meneses.

The CIA report said there was no such CIA link.

"No information has been found to indicate that any past or present employee of CIA, or anyone acting on behalf of CIA, had any direct or indirect dealing with Ricky Ross, Oscar Danilo Blandon or Juan Norwin Meneses," the CIA report said.

"No information has been found to indicate that the drug trafficking activities by Blandon and Meneses were motivated by any commitment to support the Contra cause or Contra activities undertaken by CIA," it added.

The Mercury News's executive editor, Jerry Ceppos, declined to comment on the CIA report. Last spring, Ceppos wrote a column published by the paper that critiqued the series, saying it "did not meet our standards" in key areas. Among other things, Ceppos said the series often presented only one interpretation of complex evidence; oversimplified the spread of crack; and used graphics and language "that were open to misinterpretation."

By then, the newspaper series had generated widespread anger toward the CIA among black Americans, as well as federal investigations into whether the CIA took part in or countenanced the selling of crack to raise money for the Contras.

Tenet said he is concerned the original charges will linger.

"I must admit that my colleagues and I are very concerned that the allegations made have left an indelible impressoin in many Americans' minds that the CIA was somehow responsible for the scourge of drugs in our inner cities," Tenet said. "Unfortunately, no investigation — no matter how exhaustive — will completely erase that false impression or undo the damage that has been done."

The Justice Department has done its own investigation. Attorney General Janet Reno ordered the department's inspector general last week to keep that report secret indefinitely because of what she called "law enforcement concerns" unrelated to the conclusions reached in the investigation.

2 bioengineered skin types may be OK'd

GAITHERSBURG, Md. (AP) — Doctors faced with some of the hardest to treat skin ulcers soon may try the first implants of living, bioengineered skin to fill the open sores.

Advisers to the Food and Drug Administration recommended Thursday that two types of this skin be approved: one treats the diabetic foot ulcers that can lead to amputations; the other treats the deep leg lesions that strike people with poor blood circulation.

The FDA is not bound by its advisers' decisions. But the agency typically follows them. If it does, the products could mark a new era in the quest for artificial skin — a hurdle their makers noted Thursday.

"This is a first-of-a-kind product," said Gail Naughton of Advanced Tissue Sciences, the La Jolla, Calif., company that pioneered DermaGraft for diabetes. "Take into account the novelness."

Because Apilgraf contains active bodily growth factors and other cellular substances, "it is very similar to human skin," added Michael Sabolinski of Organogenesis Inc. of Canton, Mass.

The FDA advisers cautioned that the products still are not as good as real skin — they questioned just how well DermaGraft works and said Apilgraf may be better than standard care only for the most severe leg ulcers.

But until now, victims of chronic skin ulcers or burns had two choices: traditional skin grafts if they had enough of their own skin left, or temporary skin coverings made of nonliving cells to protect the wound as their own cells grew back.

Hunting for an easier solution, tissue engineers proposed growing permanent, living replacement skin that could be stored until needed and then integrate itself into the body.

Organogenesis' Apligraf is the most complex attempt so far. The company uses discarded foreskin from newborn circumcisions to make a "human skin equivalent" that contains all the layers of real skin. It can live five days before implantation.

Some 2 million Americans with vein disease suffer deep leg ulcers that can linger for months, causing severe pain and swelling. Patients must elevate their legs and wear tight elastic bandages in an attempt to heal.

In a study of 240 patients, Organogenesis compared implanting Apilgraf into the open sores with traditional care. Apilgraf was no better than standard care in the overall number of ulcers healed — although it did appear to help legs heal a little faster, by 40 to 85 days.

Botanists isolate important cellulose gene in plants

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 30-year hunt has ended successfully for botanists searching for the gene that makes cellulose in plants. The finding could lead to applications ranging from easier paper manufacturing to better corn.

Cellulose is the framework of plant cells and the world's most abundant biopolymer. Its uses are vast: Cellulose is an important dietary fiber; it helps cotton clothes withstand wear and tear; it makes the very thin paper of coffee filters strong enough for heavy grounds.

But for all the industrial uses of cellulose, nobody knew how plants make it.

Now, Richard Williamson and colleagues at Australian National University report in today's edition of the journal Science that a gene called RSW1 synthesizes the enzyme responsible for cellulose production.

Williamson's work in the small plant Arabidopsis, a relative of mustard plants, opens the door to improved fiber technology, said Deborah Delmer, chairwoman of plant biology at the University of California, Davis.

She first identified the RSW1 gene as the probable producer of cellulose when she found it in cotton in 1996, but couldn't prove the theory. Williamson's lab ultimately found the genetic evidence.

Altering the cellulose ratio in trees, for example, could yield stronger timber or trees that are more easily processed into paper. Farmers could breed corn and wheat with more cellulose in the stalks so hail or wind don't knock them over.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Bride Feels She's Lost Control To Carping Friends and Family

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I need to get something off my chest. Here is my problem: friends upset about not being asked to be my bridesmaids; family angry about who is giving the bridal shower; being interrogated about why I'm not changing my name; and parents insisting on inviting so many additional guests that we had to reserve a larger reception hall than the one indicated on our invitations.

Abby, rarely do people wish us well. It seems they just want to control some aspect of this event. I am so fed up with this nonsense that I wish we had eloped. We discussed doing that last week — but some of the guests had already purchased nonrefundable plane tickets, so we could not in good conscience cancel the wedding.

Abby, please tell people who have the uncontrollable urge to meddle and complain about other people's weddings to back off, stay home, bite their tongues, and reserve their negativity for their own lives. Speaking for my fiance and myself, only those who wish to celebrate our joy and love should honor us with their presence on our wedding day.

WISH WE'D ELOPED
IN PENNSYLVANIA

P.S. Thanks for listening. I feel better already.

DEAR WISH WE'D ELOPED: That's what I'm here for, and I'm pleased that venting your feelings provided relief from your pre-wedding stress. The reason that etiquette books are such enduring sellers is because emotions often reach a fever pitch during "milestone events," and they provide guidance as people negotiate their way through the social minefield.

In your case, since the plans have already been made, I would urge tolerance for those who are second-guessing your choices. It's your day and your wishes should prevail; however, the fewer hurt feelings in the wake of this event, the better for you and your husband in the long run.

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DEAR ABBY: I am in a heartbreaking predicament. I have been married to "Steve" for three years. I knew shortly after the wedding that I had made a mistake. I am not in love with Steve, even though he is a good man. I don't think he loves me either.

About nine months ago, because I was miserable and had sunk into a deep depression, I tried unsuccessfully to end the marriage. Steve and I were separated for about six months.

The problem is my family thinks he is the greatest thing since sliced bread. During our separation, they were closer to him than they were to me. He and I never attended church when we were married, yet when we separated, Steve joined my parents' church and shows up there every time the doors are open. He has everyone convinced, including my family, that he is perfect. In private, he is far from perfect.

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MISERABLY MARRIED

DEAR MISERABLY MARRIED: The only person you must convince is yourself, and you have already done that. While your family may be captivated by Steve, it is probably because they think he can make you happy.

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

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Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349; 10 a.m.

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

Narcotics Anonymous Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 5 p.m.

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	North 01-30-98	
	♠ A 5 4	
	♥ ---	
	♦ 10 7 6 4	
	♣ A K 10 7 3 2	
West		**East**
♠ 9 7 6		♠ J 8 3 2
♥ K J 10 5 4		♥ 8 6 3
♦ 9 5 2		♦ K 3
♣ 8 4		♣ J 9 6 5
	South	
	♠ K Q 10	
	♥ A Q 9 7 2	
	♦ A Q J 8	
	♣ Q	

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
6 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ 8

Partner misbids, you compensate

By Phillip Alder

This deal was shown to me by John Cuthbert, who was my solicitor (lawyer) when I lived in London. It occurred while he and his teammates were winning an event last October.

The auction began with a Precision two-club opening, which is natural and limited to 15 high-card points. Two diamonds asked for more information. Now, North should have rebid three diamonds to show his 4-6, whereupon the preferable six diamonds would have been reached (as it was at the other table). Instead, three clubs showed a minimum with a good six-card club suit. And when North couldn't support hearts, South drove into six no-trump.

After winning the first trick with the club queen, declarer played a spade to dummy's ace and cashed the two top clubs, throwing hearts from hand. Not surprisingly, given the lead, the club jack didn't fall.

Things looked grim, but South spotted one chance. He took four diamond tricks (with the aid of the winning finesse) and the king-queen of spades. South had left the ace-queen-nine of hearts. He exited with the nine — and, yes, the miracle came about. With the king-jack-10 of hearts, West had to win the trick and lead back into declarer's ace-queen tenace.

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Finally, Cuthbert asked me not to reveal the identity of the declarer!

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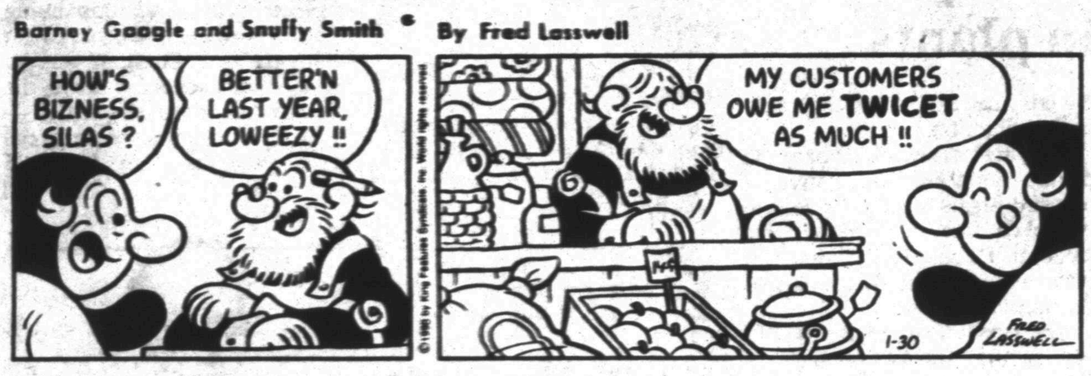

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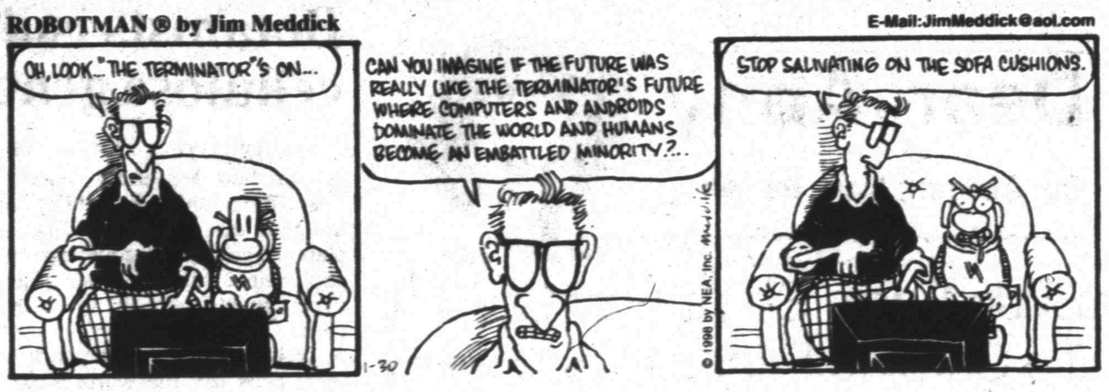

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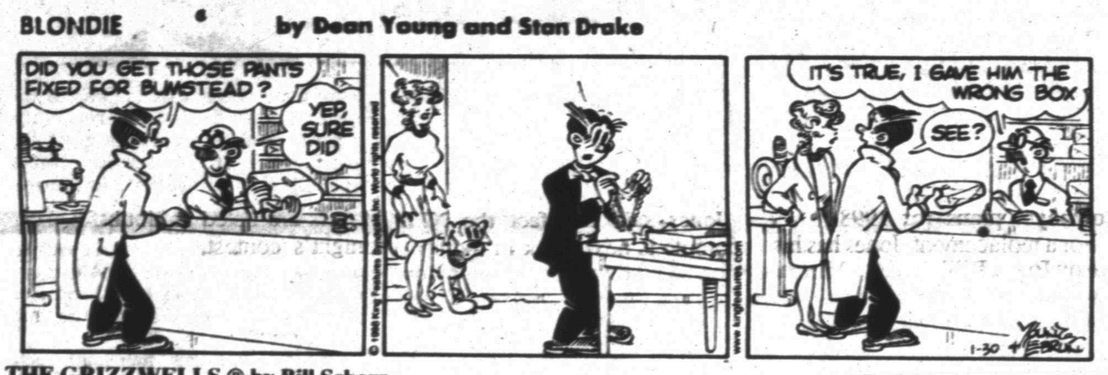

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7 Like prison cells
13 Glacial epoch (2 wds.)
14 Like unsafe drinking water
15 Present, as a gift
16 Flutist Jean-Pierre —
17 Medieval poem
18 East of Ill.
20 Class for immigrants (abbr.)
21 Opposite of ecto
23 Mayday!
24 Views
25 Antitoxins
27 Negligent
29 Roman 1,006
31 Long time
32 Western-hemisphere assn.
33 Actor Johnson
34 Horse's gait
37 Like a doornail?
40 Andes country
41 — — fault (overmuch)
43 Trickle
45 Wheel of Fortune buy (2 wds.)
46 Bali —
47 Bambi's mother
48 Do a cobbler's job
51 Museum worker
54 Smoother
55 Tennis player Goolagong
56 Gibson/Russo film
57 Freshwater fish

DOWN

1 — Belt
2 Atlantic and Pacific
3 Live
4 Have a snack
5 Long —
6 Author Carroll
7 Feeder material
8 Dr.'s org.
9 LP speed
10 Indian coins
11 Uses a pencil part
12 Farmers' places
19 Neither's partner
22 Imitation gold
24 Transgressed
26 Of grandparents
28 Disposition
30 Temperature line
34 Swiss city
35 Gotten up
36 Kentucky blue grass
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39 — quintuplets
40 Kitchen tool
42 Helped
44 Actor Fonda
49 Cricket positions
50 Baseball's Durocher
52 Eggs
53 Heart

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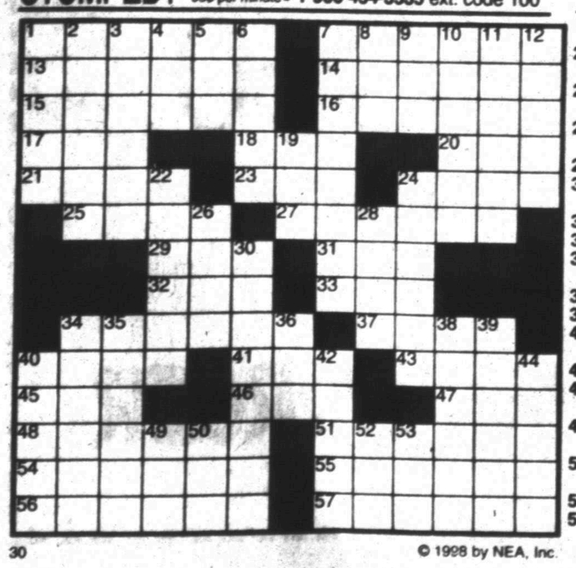

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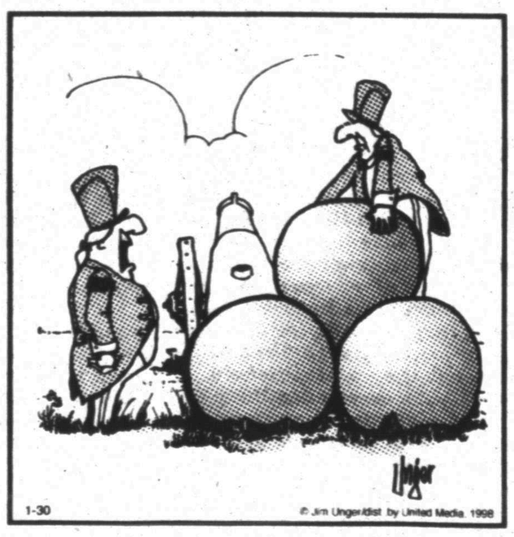

"PREPARE TO LOAD."

"GET THIS, JOEY. MR. WILSON SAYS HE USED TO HAVE A CAR WITH FINS."

SPORTS

WTC succumbs to South Plains rally

LEVELLAND — Western Texas knew going into Thursday's game that it had to stop South Plains' Aleah Johnson.

For one half, the Lady Westerners did just that. Then Johnson took over.

After posting only two points on 1 of 12 shooting in the first half, Johnson poured in 22 in the final stanza, as the Lady Texans topped WTC, 82-66.

WTC falls to 6-16 on the season and 1-5 in conference play. The victory improves South Plains to 14-7 and 4-2.

"We had Pam and Mary on Johnson in the first half and she missed a bunch of shots," Lady Westerner coach Valery Jackson said. "But in the second half she hit just about everything."

The defensive effort of WTC's Pam Odhuoug'o and Mary Kilibwa allowed the Lady Westerners to hold the lead through most of the first period.

But a late Lady Texan run gave South Plains a 36-34 advantage at halftime.

After trading buckets to begin the final 20 minutes, South Plains put together a streak to pull away.

A 17-2 run midway through the second half propelled the Lady Texans into a lead they would never surrender.

WTC tried to make up ground from long range, draining nine three-pointers on the night.

"We haven't played our best on Thursday nights this season," Jackson stated. "But tonight was probably our best Thursday performance in conference."

Christy Wells and Jennifer Shuttlesworth each nailed a trio of three-pointers, with Latasha Miller adding two from behind the arc and Celestine Otuoro chipping in one.

Odhuoug'o paced the Lady Westerner offense with 15 points.

Next up on the WTC schedule is a visit to Midland on Monday for a 5:50 tipoff with the Lady Chapparals.

Then Thursday the Lady Westerners travel to Hobbs to face New Mexico, before returning home Feb. 9 for a match-up with Howard.

WTC (66)

Miller 3 3-5 11, Vizcorrondo 1 2-2 4, Wells 5 1-2 14, Shuttlesworth 3 0-1 9, Otuoro 3 1-2 8, Odhuoug'o 5 5-9 15, Kilibwa 2 1-2 5. Totals 22 13-23 66.

South Plains (82)

Voss 5 0-0 12, Mooney 4 2-2 10, Anglin 2 0-0 4, Thomas 3 2-2 8, Hamilton 6 0-0 13, Avent 3 1-2 7, Johnson 10 4-5 24, Williams 1 2-2 4. Totals 34 11-13 82.

Halftime score: South Plains 36, WTC 34. Rebounds: WTC 43 (Odhuug'o 14), South Plains 41 (Johnson 9). Three-point goals: WTC 9 (Wells 3, Shuttlesworth 3, Miller 2, Otuoro), South Plains 3 (Voss 2, Hamilton). Total fouls: WTC 17, South Plains 21. Fouled out: South Plains — Anglin.

Lady Tigers set to make stretch run

The Lady Tigers, in search of only their second winning season in the '90s, have three games left to secure it.

Following a loss Tuesday to defending state-champion Levelland, Snyder will carry a 12-12 mark into tonight's contest with Frenship. Tipoff is slated for 6:30 at the SHS gym.

Remaining on the Lady Tigers' schedule after today are a visit to Estacado and a home date with Plainview.

Snyder downed Frenship, 45-37, in their last meeting, as well as taking care of Estacado in the second week of 2-4A play.

In order to give a repeat performance, the Lady Tigers might look to a freshman, a junior and a senior.

Freshman Ashley Delce has paced the Snyder offense through district competition. The 5'11" inside player has poured in 63 points and garnered 58 rebounds.

If Delce isn't hitting, then junior Alicia Peoples can control the paint. The 5'11" post is only two off of Delce's pace with 61 points.

The perimeter game of Snyder is led by senior Melanie Kidd. Kidd leads the team in three-pointers with seven during district games. The 5'10" guard is also shooting 73 percent from the free-throw line, while posting 60 points.

In other 2-4A action tonight, Lamesa hosts Levelland, while Estacado visits first-place Levelland.

PENETRATE AND DISH — WTC's Christy Wells (24) drives the lane, then feeds the ball to Pam Odhuoug'o (45) during action Monday against Odessa. The Lady Westerners continue a three-game roadtrip next week, before returning home Feb. 9 to host Howard. (SDN Staff Photo)

Zampese takes Patriots' job; Jones left with two vacancies

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys coaching search carousel is expected to spin into next week, with owner Jerry Jones still trying to replace Barry Switzer and now needing an offensive coordinator to fill Ernie Zampese's job.

Green Bay Packers offensive coordinator Sherman Lewis interviewed with Jones for a second time Thursday. It brings Lewis even with former San Francisco coach George Seifert and former UCLA coach Terry Donahue with two interviews each.

Jones also has another staff opening to fill because of Zampese's departure to the New England Patriots with one-year left on his Dallas contract. Dallas was 20th in the NFL in offense last year and next-to-last in the league in scoring touchdowns inside the 20-yard line.

Zampese came to Dallas three years ago after Norv Turner left to take the Washington job. Zampese got a Super Bowl ring when Dallas beat Pittsburgh 27-17 in Tempe.

"Much of the success that this team has enjoyed in this decade can be credited to Ernie's philosophy, both prior to his arrival and in the last few years," Cowboys spokesman Rich Dalrymple said.

"As Norv Turner's mentor, Ernie's influence played a visible role in each of our three Super Bowl championships," he said.

Jones gave Zampese permission to talk to the Patriots, and hadn't figured him in the Cowboys' plans for 1998.

For a replacement, Jones has his eye on Brian Billick of the Minnesota Vikings, who are claiming the Cowboys might have tampered by talking to him at the Senior Bowl. The Vikings could demand draft picks from the Cowboys.

Billick was trying to get permission to talk to Jones about the open offensive coordinator's job with the Cowboys.

Seifert and Donahue interviewed twice with Jones during Super Bowl week. Lewis first visited with Jones in San Diego the morning after the Packers' 31-24 loss to Denver.

Miami Hurricanes coach Butch Davis, a former Dallas defensive coordinator, had a four-hour visit with Jones on Wednesday but said, "I'm definitely not a candidate."

Davis tried to slip out a back door at Valley Ranch without being seen.

Switzer resigned Jan. 9 after four years with the Cowboys, during which they won a Super Bowl. His downfall was a 6-10 season and a 17-17 record the last two years.

Jones said his decision on the fourth coach in Cowboys history "is unlikely to be done this week."

He has had a hand in the fate of every Dallas coach, firing Tom Landry, hiring Jimmy Johnson, whom he paid off, then hiring and disposing of Switzer.

Jones said the fact the NFL combine is next week in Indianapolis would put no pressure on hurrying his decision.

"I'm exploring every avenue toward returning this organization to where it should be," he said.

Lewis has interviewed in the past with Atlanta and Arizona. However, he's not previously had two job interviews with the same team.

"I know they want to win and have some great players, so it's a job you'd definitely be interested in," Lewis said. "I'm in the semi-finals this time."

Tigers look to rebound from defeat

The Snyder Tigers will learn a lot about themselves tonight.

The Tigers will find out how well they respond to a heart-breaking loss on Tuesday, when they take to the court at 8 o'clock this evening against Frenship at the SHS gym.

Snyder (13-14, 2-3) is coming off a disastrous defeat Tuesday, when the Tigers lost a 15-point lead in the final five minutes of the fourth and eventually fell, 65-62, to Levelland in quadruple overtime.

"That was probably the toughest loss I've ever experienced," Snyder coach Bud Birks said. "But the guys responded well in practice on Wednesday. We just have to cut down on the fouls and other little mental mistakes."

Fouls have been a thorn in the Tigers' side during district play.

Snyder has been outscored by its opponents by a total of only six points through five contests.

But the Tigers have attempted just 59 free throws, while its counterparts have gone to the line 115 times.

Snyder has been oustcored 80-33 from the charity stripe, a difference of 47 points.

Add to the mix the fact that the Tigers could be short two players, and fouls become even more important.

Snyder might be without the services of starters Chris Riggins and Toby Delce. Riggins, who also missed the Levelland contest, is recovering from an illness. Delce went down in the first half Tuesday with a knee injury. Both players are listed as doubtful for tonight's contest.

The Tigers, who topped Frenship (0-5) by seven points in their first meeting, need a victory to keep their postseason hopes alive.

With 3-2 Estacadao battling 3-2 Plainview tonight, a Snyder win this evening would give the Tigers a share of third place, heading into Tuesday's match-up with the Matadors in Lubbock.

Today's other 2-4A contest places Levelland (2-3) against Lamesa (5-0).

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Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	27	15	.643	-
NewJersey	25	19	.568	3
NewYork	24	19	.558	3½
Washington	22	23	.489	6½
Orlando	21	24	.467	7½
Boston	20	23	.465	7½
Philadelphia	14	28	.333	13
Central Division				
Indiana	30	12	.714	½
Chicago	32	13	.711	-
Charlotte	26	17	.605	4½
Atlanta	27	18	.600	4½
Cleveland	25	17	.595	5
Milwaukee	22	22	.500	9
Detroit	21	22	.488	9½
Toronto	10	33	.233	20½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
SanAntonio	31	14	.689	-
Utah	28	14	.667	1½
Minnesota	25	17	.595	4½
Houston	20	22	.476	9½
Vancouver	13	32	.289	18
Dallas	8	34	.190	21½
Denver	3	40	.070	27
Pacific Division				
Seattle	35	10	.778	-
L.A.Lakers	31	11	.738	2½
Phoenix	27	14	.659	6
Portland	24	19	.558	10
Sacramento	19	26	.409	16½
L.A.Clippers	10	35	.222	25
GoldenState	8	34	.190	25½

Wednesday's Games

Boston 104, Washington 102
Detroit 91, Orlando 86
Indiana 93, Philadelphia 90, OT
Miami 86, New York 82
San Antonio 109, L.A. Clippers 86
Seattle 101, Utah 93
New Jersey 106, L.A. Lakers 95

Thursday's Games

Milwaukee 115, New York 112, OT
Atlanta 109, Philadelphia 99, OT
Orlando 95, Houston 88
Toronto 84, Denver 80
Chicago 100, Portland 87
Seattle 109, Golden State 97
Minnesota 112, Vancouver 106

Friday's Games

Charlotte at Boston, 6 p.m.
Cleveland at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Phoenix at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Utah, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.
Chicago at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Toronto at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Houston at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at Denver, 8 p.m.
New Jersey at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
NewJersey	31	15	5	67	149	103
Philadelphia	28	14	9	65	150	114
Washington	25	17	10	60	146	131
N.Y.Rangers	16	21	15	47	131	141
Florida	17	25	11	45	131	151
N.Y.Islanders	17	28	7	41	134	149
TampaBay	9	34	8	26	90	165
Northeast Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	28	15	10	66	148	120
Montreal	27	18	7	61	156	126
Boston	22	20	9	53	130	126
Ottawa	21	23	9	51	121	130
Buffalo	19	21	9	47	120	125
Carolina	20	27	6	46	130	149

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	33	12	8	74	162	107
Detroit	29	13	11	69	164	121
St.Louis	27	20	8	62	158	137
Phoenix	23	20	9	55	149	143
Chicago	21	21	9	51	124	117
Toronto	17	26	7	41	118	145
Pacific Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	26	12	16	68	161	128
LosAngeles	22	19	9	53	144	139
Edmonton	18	24	10	46	131	146
SanJose	19	25	7	45	124	137
Anaheim	17	27	9	43	128	161
Calgary	14	29	10	38	136	167
Vancouver	12	32	8	32	132	190

Wednesday's Games

Pittsburgh 2, Washington 2, tie
N.Y. Islanders 6, Philadelphia 1
Carolina 3, Tampa Bay 2
Phoenix 4, Detroit 4, tie
Colorado 6, Vancouver 1
New Jersey 1, Edmonton 1, tie
Calgary 5, Anaheim 2

Thursday's Games

Pittsburgh 4, Boston 2
N.Y. Rangers 2, Ottawa 2, tie
Montreal 3, Philadelphia 2
Florida 3, Dallas 2
St. Louis 2, Toronto 0
Chicago 3, San Jose 0
Los Angeles 5, Calgary 3

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Missouri	3	4	.429	3½
Iowa St	3	4	.429	3½
Texas Tech	3	4	.429	3½
Colorado	3	4	.429	3½
Texas	2	5	.286	4½
Texas A&M	0	7	.000	6½

Saturday's Games

Oklahoma St. at Texas
Iowa St. at Missouri
Texas A&M at Oklahoma
Kansas St. at Colorado

WOMEN

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas Tech	7	1	.875	-
Iowa St	6	1	.857	½
Kansas	5	3	.625	2
Baylor	5	3	.625	2
Nebraska	4	3	.571	2½
Oklahoma St	4	3	.571	2½
Kansas St	3	4	.429	3½
Oklahoma	3	4	.429	3½
Texas	2	5	.286	4½
Colorado	2	5	.286	4½
Missouri	2	6	.250	5
Texas A&M	1	6	.143	5½

Saturday's Games

Oklahoma St. at Nebraska
Missouri at Texas A&M
Kansas St. at Colorado
Big 12/Pac-10 Challenge, Lubbock
Kansas vs. Arizona
Texas Tech vs. Stanford

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Local Sports Schedule

Today

Frenship at Snyder JV and varsity girls, 5 p.m., 6:30.

Frenship at Snyder JV and varsity boys, 5 p.m., 8 p.m.

Blackwell at Hermleigh varsity girls and boys, 6:30, 8 p.m.

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Saturday

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Boise St. 84, Long Beach St. 60
California 82, Arizona St. 77
Colorado St. 60, UNLV 57
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Montana St. 86, Sacramento St. 66
New Mexico 72, Brigham Young 54
New Mexico St. 103, Nevada 76
Pacific 76, Idaho 63
Portland 76, Santa Clara 65

Boys Area Leaders

SCORING

Player, Team	G	Pts	Avg.
Ellis, Lamesa	25	546	21.8
Franklin, Sweetwater	22	468	21.3
Taylor, Snyder	**25**	**498**	**19.9**
Bishop, Sweetwater	22	393	17.9
Ansley, Plainview	23	405	17.6
C.Roberts, Lamesa	24	317	13.2
Mata, Plainview	23	290	12.6
Jones, Frenship	26	270	10.4
Harris, Lamesa	23	234	10.2
Stansifer, Levelland	28	284	10.1

REBOUNDING

Player, Team	G	Reb	Avg.
Taylor, Snyder	**25**	**312**	**12.5**
Franklin, Sweetwater	22	276	12.5
Ellis, Lamesa	25	257	10.3
Ansley, Plainview	23	192	8.3
C.Roberts, Lamesa	24	169	7.0
Jones, Frenship	26	160	6.2
McNeely, Levelland	28	164	5.9
Bishop, Sweetwater	22	121	5.5
Riggins, Snyder	**24**	**126**	**5.3**
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Stolen newborn girl returned to mother

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) — A newborn girl stolen from a maternity ward was safely returned to her mother this morning, and her suspected abductors were in jail.

Two-day-old Carlie Shockey was reunited with her mother, Trish Nicole Shockey, about 5:30 a.m. and was in good health, said hospital spokeswoman Carol White.

Ms. Schockey cried tears of joy when she saw her dark-haired, blue-eyed daughter, and the whole family is "delighted and overjoyed to have the baby back," said her sister, Melissa Brewster.

FBI agents were waiting in a house south of St. Louis when a man and woman walked in just late Thursday carrying Carlie, by then 31 hours old and already a seasoned traveler.

Amanda Tull, 18, and Buddy Hall, 30, are accused of snatching the baby late Wednesday from her sleeping mother's room at the University of Kansas Medical Center, driving 100 miles north to show her off in their hometown of Sheridan, Mo., and then driving her at least 250 miles more to High Ridge, south of St. Louis, where a relative lived.

The broadcast of security camera images and other information had prompted a blizzard of tips, including one from a Sheridan tavern owner. Another tip came from the relative in High Ridge, who told the FBI the couple was heading there, said David Tubbs, special agent in charge of the FBI office in Kansas City, Mo.

Margaret Harrell, who owns Jim's Friendly Tavern in Sheridan with her husband, Jim, said the couple walked into the tavern about 12:30 p.m. Thursday. She told The Kansas City Star that the woman had been telling residents for years that she was pregnant. Partly because she never had a baby, residents didn't believe her.

A few months ago, the woman showed Harrell a sonogram of what she said was her baby. When she entered the tavern Thursday, Harrell said, she was not carrying a blanket, diaper bag or other baby-care products.

The couple told everyone at the tavern that the woman gave birth to twins in another city, but the other twin, a boy, was still in the hospital because of health problems. The called the little girl Reba Anne.

One of the customers, Melody Hawk, said she got suspicious after the couple left, and remembered a TV broadcast that morning. She wondered whether Reba Anne was actually Carlie. Harrell called the sheriff's office.

"We figured it wouldn't hurt to call," Harrell said. "We wouldn't like to have that on our conscience."

The FBI decided against trying to stop their car as they headed toward High Ridge, for fear of an accident that could harm the baby. Instead, agents and a couple of emergency medical technicians waited at the relative's house for three or four hours.

"We had agents sitting inside the house. They were arrested when they walked in," Tubbs said. The FBI gave no information on the relative.

Carlie appeared to be in good condition, Tubbs said.

Relatives said Ms. Shockey, a 19-year-old single mother, had been sedated for pain unrelated to the birth and awoke just long enough to learn her daughter was safe.

"We were all jumping around and screaming and falling on the floor and she just slept through it all," Ms. Brewster had said earlier.

Authorities say Ms. Tull went into the University of Kansas Medical Center room of Ms. Shockey on Wednesday evening, a few hours after the baby was born, and told her about a drawing for free baby clothes. After a brief conversation, the sedated mother fell asleep and Ms. Tull allegedly took the baby.

Births

Hannah Feinsod welcomes her cousin, Taylor Victoria Feinsod, who was born on Jan. 22, 1998 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital to Celia Feinsod of Snyder. She weighed eight pounds, 10 ounces and was 22½ inches long.

Grandparents are Helen Feinsod of Snyder and Art Feinsod of Florida; and her aunt and uncle are Virgil and Melinda Feinsod of Big Spring.

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Hospital

ADMISSIONS: John Buchanan of Odessa, Allan Daves, Frances Gutierrez, Parnell Robertson.

DISMISSALS: LeeAnn Chaidez, Joe League, Gerald Taylor, Tamara Ford and baby, Raymond Grimmett, A.C. Hall, Tammy McBroom.

CENSUS: 51 (Med., Surg.-17, Long-term Care-28, CCU-4, OB-1, Nursery-1).

Markets Midday Stocks

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	High	Low	Last	Chg
AMR Corp	128 15-16	127⅞	128 1-16	+ 9-16
AT&T Corp	63 11-16	62⅝	63 9-16	+11-16
AirTouch	44⅞	43⅝	43 15-16	— 5-16
Albertsons	47⅞	47¼	47⅝	+ ⅛
AlldSignal s	39 11-16	39⅜	39⅝	+ 1-16
Alltel	42⅞	42 1-16	42⅝	— ⅜
AmerOnline	97⅞	95⅝	97⅝	+2 7-16
AmStoress	21 15-16	21⅛	21⅛	— 3-16
Ameritech s	43 9-16	42 13-16	43⅜	— ⅜
Amoco	82⅝	81¼	82 1-16	— 9-16
AndarkPtr	60⅝	59⅝	59⅝	— ⅛
ArmcoInc	4 15-16	4⅜	4⅝	+ 1-16
AtlRichfld s	74⅝	73⅝	74	5-16+ ⅜
ATMOS Egy	27⅞	27⅛	27	5-16+ 1-16
Aviall	15	14⅝	14⅞	+ ⅛
BakerHughes	40	39⅛	39⅝	— ⅜
BellAtl	93 1-16	92	5-16	92⅝+ ⅜
BellSouth	61⅝	.60⅝	61⅛	— 7-16
BethSteel	9 13-16	8⅞	9⅝	— 1-16
BritPet s	81	80⅝	80⅝	+ ⅜
BurlNoSFe	87⅞	86⅛	86	13-16 — 7-16
CBS Corp	29⅝	28	7-16	29⅛+ 3-16
Caterpillar s	48	15-16	47⅞	48⅛
CenSoWst	27⅞	27	5-16	27 5-16 — 1-16
Chevron	76⅞	76	76⅝	— 5-16
Chrysler	34 15-16	34⅜	34	15-16+ ⅛
Coastal	59⅝	59	59	7-16+ 7-16
CocaCola		65	64⅛	64⅝
ColgatePalm s	73⅛	72⅝	73	1-16+ ⅜
ComclMetals	30 1-16	29⅝	29	15-16+ 1-16
CooperIn	53⅛	52⅛	53⅛+	⅜
CyprusAmax	15⅝	15	9-16	15 9-16— ⅛
DallSemicn	47 11-16	47	7-16	47 7-16— ⅛
DeltaAird	116⅛	115⅛	115⅛	—1 1-16
DigitalEq	56 15-16	56⅛	56⅝	+ 5-16
Dillards Inc	35⅝	35	35⅛	— ⅜
DowChem	90	89	9-16	89⅝— ⅛
DresserInd	37 7-16	36	9-16	36⅝— 9-16
DuPont s	57⅛	56⅞	57	1-16—13-16
EastmanChem	59⅝	59	11-16	59⅝— ⅛
EstKodak	65 13-16	65⅛	65	9-16+ ⅛
EDS Corp	42	41	5-16	41 5-16— ⅛
Entergy	29	28⅝	28	15-16— 1-16
Exxon s	60⅝	59	15-16	60 7-16— 5-16
Flowers s	23⅛	23	23	1-16— 3-16
FordMotor	51	50	5-16	50 15-16+ 3-16
GTE Cp	54 15-16	53	13-16	54 7-16— ⅛
GenDynam	85⅝	84⅝	85⅝+ ⅜	
GenElecs	77⅛	76	7-16	76⅝— ⅛
GenMills	74 15-16	74	5-16	74⅝— 7-16
GenMotors	60 1-16	59	5-16	59⅝— ⅛
GaPacGP s	56 3-16	55	9-16	55⅝— 3-16
GlobalMar	24⅝	23	13-16	23⅝— ⅛
Goodrich	42	41⅞	42	+ ⅛
Goodyear s	63⅛	62	3-16	63 1-16+13-16
GtAtlPac	28⅝	28⅛	28⅛	— 5-16
Halliburtn s	47⅛	46	1-16	46⅛— ⅜
Hanson ADS	22⅝	22⅛	22	5-16+ ⅛
HarteHanks	39 11-16	39	39⅜+	3-16
HomeDepot s	61	60⅝	60⅛—	1-16
HoustonInds	26 1-16	25	11-16	26 + 1-16
IBM s	99 9-16	98	99⅝+	1 3-16
IntlPaper	47⅞	46⅞	46⅞	—1 3-16
JohnsonJn	67 3-16	66⅝	67⅛+	⅛
K mart	11 1-16	10	15-16	11 — 1-16
Kroger s	39 5-16	38⅝	39	5-16+ ⅜
Litton	59 1-16	58⅝	59	1-16— ⅛
LockhdMart	105⅝	103	15-16	104⅝— ⅜
Lowes Cos	50⅝	50	50	5-16— 1-16
Lubys	16⅛	16⅛	16⅛+	⅛
LucentTech	90⅛	88⅞	89	15-16— 1-16
MayDeptStrs	52 11-16	52	5-16	52 11-16+ ⅜
Medtronic s	51 3-16	50⅝	51	1-16+ ⅜
Mobils	69⅝	68⅞	69⅝—	⅛
Monsanto	48 11-16	47⅞	48⅛+	⅛
MorganJP	103 5-16	102⅛	102⅞—	9-16
Motorola	60 9-16	59	13-16	60⅝+ 7-16
NCR Corp	30⅝	29	15-16	30 1-16+ 1-16
NationsBk s	61⅛	60	9-16	60⅝
Navistar	26⅛	26	1-16	26⅛+ 5-16
Norwests	36 15-16	36	1-16	36 11-16— ⅛
OryxEngy	23 15-16	23⅝	23⅞+	⅛
Penney JC	66⅝	65	9-16	66 3-16+ 3-16
Pennzoil	64 15-16	64	7-16	64⅝+11-16
PepBoys	23	22⅛	22	5-16— 5-16
PepsiCo	36 11-16	36⅜	36	11-16— 3-16
PhelpDodge	66 13-16	66⅛	66	5-16— ⅜
PhilipPet	44⅛	43⅛	43⅞+	⅜
Polaroid	41 3-16	40⅝	40	13-16—11-16
Praxair	41⅝	41	5-16	41 7-16— 3-16
ProctGamb s	78 7-16	77⅛	77	15-16— 1-16
PubSNwMx	22⅛	22	11-16	22 11-16
RoyalDut s	52⅛	51⅝	52⅛+	⅛
SBC Comm	78⅝	77	13-16	77 15-16— 5-16
SaraLee	55 9-16	54⅝	55	— ⅛
Scripps EW	48⅛	47	15-16	48 1-16+ ⅜
SearsRoeb	46⅛	46	1-16	46⅛— 3-16
SherwinW s	28⅞	28	9-16	28⅞— ⅜
SmthBc ADS s	63⅝	62⅝	63	— ⅞
SouthernCo	24⅛	24⅛	24⅝—	⅛
SwstAirl s	26 15-16	26⅝	26⅝—	3-16
Sprint	60 3-16	59⅝	60⅛	
SunCo	39⅝	38	11-16	39⅝+ 7-16
TNP Ent	33⅝	33⅛	33⅝+	⅛
Tandy s	39 15-16	39⅛	39⅛	—11-16
TempleInland	56	55⅝	55⅝—	⅛
Tenneco	40⅝	40	40⅝+	5-16
Texaco s	52 9-16	52⅛	52⅛	
TexInd s	49⅝	49	49⅝+	⅜
TexasInst s	55⅛	53	11-16	55 1-16+1 11-16
TexUtil	41⅞	41⅛	41	9-16— 1-16
Textron s	59⅛	59	1-16	59 5-16— 3-16
Travelers s	50 9-16	49	13-16	50⅝+ ⅛
TriconGlbR n	27⅛	26	15-16	26 15-16— ⅛
TrinityInds	45⅛	44	15-16	44 15-16+ 1-16
TritonEngy	29⅝	29	5-16	29 9-16+ 7-16
Tyler	5⅛	5⅛	5⅛	
US WestCm	49 3-16	48	49	1-16+ 7-16
USWstMda	29 13-16	29	1-16	29⅝+ ⅜
USX-Marathn	33⅝	33	33⅛—	⅜
USX-USS	33⅝	33⅛	33⅛+	1-16
UnCarbde	43 5-16	42⅝	43	5-16+ ⅛
UnionPacif	60⅝	59⅝	60	— 3-16
UnitedTech	82⅛	81	3-16	81 3-16—1 7-16
Unocal	34 15-16	34	7-16	34 15-16+ 3-16
WalMart	40⅝	39⅝	40⅛+	1-16
WstnGasRs	20 7-16	20	3-16	20 7-16+ ⅛
WinnDixie	49⅛	48⅝	49	— ⅜
Woolworth	21 11-16	21	9-16	21⅜
Xerox Corp	81	79⅝	80	13-16— 5-16
ZenithE	6 15-16	6	13-16	6 13-16

Homeless and ill veteran urged two friends to kill him

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Death was Frederick Hughes' favorite topic lately, from the makeshift homeless camp where he slept in a chicken coop to the bars where he drank away what little he earned.

Coughing up blood from emphysema, wracked with pain from cirrhosis of the liver, the 48-year-old Vietnam veteran talked about how nice it would be to die. He even begged his friends to kill him, hatching the plan as they drank at a country-western bar Monday night.

So one of his friends shot him and another burned and buried the corpse.

They called it a mercy killing. Police disagree.

James Wise, 39, is charged with second-degree murder and Matthew Cochrain, 39, as an accessory after the fact. Both are being held at the Orange County Jail; Cochrain turned himself in to authorities Wednesday.

Hughes talked about dying almost every day, and often coughed up blood, Cochrain said by telephone from the jail.

"The emphysema was terrible. He coughed constantly all night and all day," said Cochrain, who had known Hughes about three months. "He was my friend."

Hughes was buying beers and whiskey at the Tiffany Inn on Monday, using money from construction work. The friends had gathered to drink there for the past three weeks. "They would pretty much spend what they earned that day," said Mark Norton, the bar's owner.

Hughes told his friends he was suffering intense pain and asked Cochrain to kill him as they drank and ate hamburgers with Wise and Wise's girlfriend, Mary Black, Cochrain said.

"I said no, he would have to do it by himself," Cochrain said. "When he realized I wasn't going to do it, he got Jim to do it."

Police corroborated Cochrain's version of events that night. Wise refused to be interviewed. Ms. Black could not be reached.

Cochrain said Hughes got a semiautomatic handgun from Ms. Black, who had been holding the weapon for him. Wise and Hughes staggered out of the bar, and Wise returned by himself about 45 minutes later.

"I saw the two of them coming down the path," said Mike Shriver, who lives in the homeless camp where Hughes body was found, about a quarter-mile from the bar. "Five minutes later, I heard a pop."

Wise returned to the bar, Cochrain said, and told him what he had done. Cochrain didn't believe him, and went to see the body himself.

"(Hughes) had told me to burn him and bury him if he ever died or committed suicide," Cochrain said. So that's what Cochrain did.

Hughes' friends at the homeless camp — where the man they believed originally came from South Carolina lived in the converted chicken coop under a plastic tarp, with beer bottles and old furniture scattered about — said that's the way an ex-Marine would have liked to have been buried.

"It was a 'Nam funeral," said a homeless man who would only give his nickname, "Diamond." "They burned the bodies so the enemy couldn't mutilate the bodies."

Whatever the motives, it is still considered murder, said Cmdr. Steve Jones, a spokesman for the Orange County Sheriff's Office.

A third of homeless American men seeking shelter are veterans, mostly from the Korean, Vietnam or the Persian Gulf conflicts, according to a study released last November by the International Union of Gospel Missions.

The group's executive director, Stephen Burger, said Vietnam veterans continue to fall through the cracks of social programs, often after multiple divorces and struggles with alcohol and drug addiction.

Virtually nothing is known of Hughes' life. Cochrain said he turned himself in because he felt bad about the way Hughes was buried and wanted him to have a proper funeral.

"I don't care what they do to me. I can sleep better now," he said. "He was my friend."

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Is neurofibromatosis hereditary?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: We know a family whose son has neurofibromatosis. The mother says her doctor told her it was inherited. She says there was nothing like this in her family, so guess who is to blame? How can it be blamed on one side or another when the odds are so small? Isn't something like this a combination of many genes?

DEAR READER: Neurofibromatosis occurs in one out of 3,000 births. It is characterized by skin spots that are well-demarcated and are the color of coffee with milk, hence the term "cafe au lait" spots. In addition, the disease is associated with nerve tumors, bone abnormalities, precocious puberty, learning disorders and seizures.

The condition is inherited as an autosomal (non-sex-linked) dominant pattern, meaning that 50 percent of affected individuals will produce children who have the disease. Males and females are equally affected.

Because only 50 percent of patients have a parent with the condition, the remaining 50 percent are presumed to reflect new mutations — that is, half the patients have a new genetic abnormality that is not acquired from a parent.

This observation is an important one, because it removes the burden of responsibility from parents who do not have the disease. If the parents of the child you mention do not have neurofibromatosis, then the boy must have developed his genetic defect apart from them.

The treatment of neurofibromatosis has been the surgical removal of nerve tumors. Investigators have become very excited by recent reports that described how doctors are using ketotifen, a mast-cell stabilizer, to treat the disease. Mast cells, where histamine is produced in the body, can often be found in the nerve tumors of neurofibromatosis. Ketotifen shows promise in managing the disease and may well improve the outlook of people with the disorder.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am very anemic, but the doctors can't find any reason for it. I'd like to start a family, but I don't want to harm myself or an unborn child. Is there any reason that I shouldn't get pregnant?

DEAR READER: Yes, there is. Pregnancy places a tremendous physical burden on a woman; the presence of severe anemia, causing further stress, could be harmful for both you and the baby. I think that you should avoid becoming pregnant until your anemia has been treated.

I'm also concerned that your doctors are unable to find the cause of your anemia. This means that the common causes, such as iron deficiency or infection, have been ruled out. Therefore, your anemia could reflect a serious undiagnosed ailment. In such a case, you would surely not want to jeopardize your health or your baby's life.

In my opinion, you should request a referral to a hematologist (blood specialist) and identify the source of your anemia before starting a family.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Blood — Donations & Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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Singer Bobby Brown guilty of drunken driving in 1996

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — Singer Bobby Brown buried his face in his hands and sobbed Thursday as he was convicted of drunken driving and ordered to spend five days in jail and undergo drug and alcohol treatment.

His wife, Whitney Houston, sat behind him crying as well.

Jurors deliberated about an hour after Brown's lawyer wrapped up his defense by attacking the handling of blood evidence and questioning police motives in waiting four months to charge him.

Brown, 30, broke four ribs and a foot when his black Porsche spun out of control, jumped the curb and struck hedges and a street sign in Hollywood, south of Fort Lauderdale, in 1996.

Police said he was speeding and lost control of the car, which was leased to his wife.

Prosecutors said Brown's blood-alcohol level was above 0.2 percent — more than double Florida's 0.08 percent limit — and blood tests showed the presence of drugs.

Brown, according to prosecutors, turned down a standard offer to first time offenders that carried no jail time but required drug treatment.

Judge Leonard Feiner sentenced Brown to five days in jail, a year of probation and suspended his license for a year. He also ordered him to pay a $500 fine, spend 30 days at a residential drug treatment center and serve 100 hours of community service.

In addition, Brown must appear in prime time anti-drug public service announcements. If the television networks refuse to give him free time, he must pay to air the spots.

Defense attorney Robert Buonauro said he plans to appeal the verdict and rushed to keep Brown out of jail, paying a $15,000 bond. Brown and Houston had no comment as they left the courthouse. Neither testified at the trial.

Buonauro questioned the handling of the blood test administered when Brown was admitted to a hospital, and suggested police targeted Brown because of his celebrity.

"He's a person who they are looking at under a microscope," he said.

The prosecution argued that Brown's celebrity wasn't a factor in his treatment either by police or at the hospital.

Collecting child support...

States would dodge penalties for not using computer system

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fourteen states would avoid severe penalties for failing to computerize their child support systems under bipartisan legislation.

Under current law, states that failed to put systems in place by last fall are supposed to lose all of their federal money to run child support collection systems. They also stand to lose their entire welfare block grants — meaning millions and sometimes billions of dollars.

States facing penalties are Alaska, California, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania and South Carolina, plus the District of Columbia and the Virgin Islands.

The legislation, which is supported by the Clinton administration and has bipartisan support in the House, would reduce this year's penalty to 4 percent of the federal child support grant.

If states still haven't computerized by next year, the penalty would increase to 8 percent. It would grow to 16 percent in 2000 and to 20 percent in 2001 and subsequent years.

Computerization is important because it lets states track parents who owe child support when they move from county to county or from state to state. Once every state is operational, a child support worker in Maine could ask a federal computer to search records for a deadbeat dad who might have moved and gotten a job in New Hampshire, New York or New Mexico.

In 1980, Congress agreed to pay 90 percent of the cost of computerization. In 1988, it required states to automate. Although the deadline has been extended once already — and though $2.6 billion in federal and state money has been spent — 14 state systems are still not functioning statewide.

The rest of the states and territories have had their systems certified or they are ready to be certified.

No state would lose its welfare money for failing to computerize under the legislation, which is cosponsored by Reps. Clay Shaw, R-Fla., and Sander Levin, D-Mich.

The proposed changes in the child support collection system grant penalties would mean a lot to states.

For instance, under the current penalties, California would lose about $340 million this year. Michigan would lose $106 million, and Maryland would lose $59 million.

Ford recalls thousands of vehicles

DETROIT (AP) — Ford Motor Co. is recalling more than 800,000 vehicles, including half a million cars that may have blinking headlights.

The recall announced Thursday involves about 545,000 1993 and 1994 Ford Taurus and Mercury Sable sedans and Lincoln Mark VIII and Continental luxury coupes. Ford said it is concerned that a malfunctioning circuit breaker may cause headlights to flash intermittently.

An additional 187,400 1991-1993 Ford Explorers are being recalled because of a problem with sunroofs. Factory-installed sunroofs with bottom load hinges, if improperly installed, may fly off when the vehicle is moving, the automaker said in a statement.

About 64,400 motor homes built on 1993-1997 F-Super Duty chassis are being recalled because of concerns that hot gases may leak from an exhaust gas return tube and seep into the passenger compartment.

Ford also is recalling 42,900 1995 and 1996 Ford Contour and Mercury Mystique vehicles because some throttle cables may have been damaged during assembly.

Owners of the affected vehicles are being notified by mail and can return the vehicles to dealers for repairs at no charge.

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Datebook

Jan. 30, 1998

Today is the 30th day of 1998 and the 41st day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1933, the first "Lone Ranger" radio program was broadcast.

On this day in 1948, Mohandas Gandhi was assassinated in his garden in New Delhi.

On this day in 1969, the Beatles gave their last performance, on the roof of their Apple Corps headquarters.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1882-1945), U.S. president; Barbara Tuchman (1912-1989), historian; Dick Martin (1923-), comedian, is 75; Gene Hackman (1930-), actor, is 68; Boris Spassky (1937-), chess master, is 61; Curtis Strange (1955-), golfer, is 43.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1994, the Dallas Cowboys defeated the Buffalo Bills in the Super Bowl for the second time, 30-13.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "There is no indispensable man." — Franklin Delano Roosevelt

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1996, winds on the upper slopes of Hawaii's Mauna Kea volcano reached 90 mph.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Jan. 28) and first quarter (Feb. 3).

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SNYDER DEVOTIONAL PAGE

Facts About The BIBLE

BY JOHN LEHTI

SOME KINGS WERE TYRANTS!

WHEN NEWS REACHED THE CITY OF TIRZAH THAT SHALLUM HAD MURDERED KING ZECHARIAH OF ISRAEL AND REIGNED IN HIS STEAD (II KINGS 15:10), MENAHEM AND HIS FOLLOWERS FOUGHT THEIR WAY TO SAMARIA AND, ONE MONTH AFTER SHALLUM TOOK THE THRONE, MENAHEM SLEW HIM AND THEN *HE* PROCLAIMED HIMSELF KING! THE PEOPLE GOT NO BARGAIN, FOR MENAHEM WAS A VENGEFUL MAN—TIPHSAH, WHICH WAS A TOWN THAT HAD REFUSED TO ADMIT HIM WITHIN ITS GATES DURING HIS CAMPAIGN AGAINST SHALLUM, HE NOW CAPTURED AND IMMEDIATELY PERPETRATED UNSPEAKABLE CRUELTIES ON ITS PEOPLE, SUCH AS KILLING ALL WOMEN WITH UNBORN BABIES IN A MANNER SO ATROCIOUS THAT NORMAL MINDS REFUSE TO ADMIT ITS REALITY! (V. 16). WHEN THE KINGDOM WAS INVADED BY KING TIGLATHPILESER AND HIS ASSYRIAN ARMIES, DID THIS BULLY ROUSE HIS TROOPS TO THE DEFENSE OF ISRAEL? HE DID NOT!! FACED WITH A REAL FIGHT, HE DID WHAT BULLIES SO OFTEN DO—WITH HAT IN HAND, SO TO SPEAK, HE AGREED TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE KING OF ASSYRIA TO THE TUNE OF 1,000 TALENTS OF SILVER—AT LEAST HE HAD TO PAY THE PRICE FOR PEACE, RIGHT? WRONG!! IT DIDN'T COST MENAHEM ANYTHING AT ALL! WHAT THIS TYRANT DID WAS TO ROUND UP ALL THE WEALTHIEST MEN IN ISRAEL, COMPEL THEM TO PAY 50 SHEKELS EACH, AND HE WAS HOME FREE! HIS REIGN LASTED TEN YEARS AND THE PEOPLE WERE WELL RID OF HIM WHEN HE DIED IN 735 B.C.!!

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He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction. Proverbs 13:3

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Obituaries

Cameron Pettitt

Cameron Pettitt

1978-1998

BIG SPRING — Cameron E. Lee Pettitt, a 1997 graduate of Snyder High School, died Wednesday, Jan. 28, in Galveston.

Funeral service for Mr. Pettitt, 19, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Chapel. Rick Cunningham, minister of the 14th and Main Church of Christ, will officiate. Interment will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

Born Nov. 13, 1978 in Big Spring, he was a member of the varsity football team at Snyder High School. He had attended Howard College in Big Spring and was a member of the Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

Survivors include his parents, Leeon and Patsy Pettitt of Big Spring; three sisters, Tammy Burkhart of The Woodlands, Toni Stiles of Midland and Courtney Justice of Big Spring; two brothers, Colt Talley of Decatur and Michael Burrows of Childress; his grandmother, Ailene Mallicote of Big Spring; two nephews; and three nieces.

Pallbearers will be Russell Riggan, Teddy Murray, Marshall Early, Troy Botts, Patrick Cumbie and Eric Tovar. Honorary pallbearers will be Shaun Strickland and Austin Clinkscales.

Amber Bell Allen

1909-1998

Service for Amber Bell Allen, 88, of Canadian is set for 11 a.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Larry White, pastor of Faith Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Allen, a former resident of Snyder, died Thursday, Jan. 29, in Abraham Memorial Home in Canadian after a lengthy illness.

Born on May 29, 1909 in Comanche, she married Comer Eldridge Allen on Jan. 3, 1939 in Hobbs, N.M. He died in 1971. She was a homemaker and a member of Faith Baptist Church in Snyder.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, James Clinton Fuqua, Robert Lee Fuqua and Eargle 'Doc' Fuqua.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Norma and Troy Patton of Canadian, and Goldie and Jimmy Allen of Midland; two brothers, Elmo Fuqua and Aubrey B. Fuqua, both of Lamesa; two sisters, Ruby Harlan of Lampasas and Charlie Dauphinae of Houston; and four grandchildren, Jeanna Patton and Chad Patton and Jennifer Allen and Scott Allen.

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Mack Gray

1911-1998

Funeral service for Mack Wesley Gray, 86, was held today in the Ira Baptist Church. The Rev. Doug Shelly, pastor of Eastside Baptist Church in Big Spring, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Larry VanHook, pastor of the Ira Baptist Church.

Burial followed in the Ira Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Gray, a retired minister and longtime resident of Ira, died Tuesday, Jan. 27, in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital following a brief illness.

Born Aug. 11, 1911 in Shackleford County, he married his first wife, Margie Hargrove on Jan. 6, 1931 in Jones County. She died in 1974. He married Addie Boatright on Dec. 15, 1976. She died in 1996.

Mr. Gray moved to Ira from Albany in 1974. He farmed for many years and had retired after 23 years with the Texas Highway Department. He was ordained as a Baptist minister in 1957.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, five sisters and two brothers.

Survivors include two daughters, Marjorie Helm of Ira and Faye Helm of Coahoma; a sister, Artie Burge of Potosi; three grandchildren, Jerry and Pam Helm of Ira and Captain Johnny Helm of Fairfield, Calif.; and one great-grandchild, Jeremy Helm of Ira.

Patsy Ann Martin

1942-1998

Funeral service for Patsy Ann Martin, a lifelong resident of Snyder, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Faith Baptist Church. The Revs. Larry White and Darrell Martin will officiate.

Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Martin, 55, died Wednesday, Jan. 28, at her home here following a lengthly illness.

Born on April 21, 1942 in Snyder, she was a 1960 graduate of Snyder High School. She married Kenneth Martin on Jan. 7, 1963 in Snyder. Mrs. Martin was a secretary at Western Texas College for 15 years, retiring five months ago. She had served as pianist for Faith Baptist Church for 28 years.

Survivors include her husband, Kenneth Martin of Snyder; a daughter, Sheila Sorrells of Snyder; a son, Randall Martin of Snyder; a sister, Bonnie Jean McDonald of Leslie, Ark.; a brother, Bobby Joe Nolan of Snyder; one granddaughter, Jessica Danielle Martin; and one stepgrandson, Christopher Todd Sorrells.

The family suggests memorials to the Joe Arrington Cancer Center, 4101 22nd Place, Lubbock 79410.

James Atkinson

1926-1998

BRECKENRIDGE — James Atkinson, the brother of two Snyder residents, died Wednesday, Jan. 28, in an Abilene hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Atkinson, 72, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Melton Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was to follow in the Woodson Cemetery.

Born Jan. 9, 1926 in Woodson, he married Gwen Owens on May 19, 1962 in Spur.

Mr. Atkinson, an installer and repairman for Contel, had been a longtime resident of Breckenridge. He was a Baptist and a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. Mr. Atkinson was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a past member of the American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Gwen Atkinson of Breckenridge; two daughters, Monica Loftis of Breckenridge and Sissy Robles of Woodson; four sons, Danny Atkinson of Jasper, Ark., Jimmy Atkinson of Clyde, Mitchell Atkinson of Carrollton and James S. Atkinson of Mineral Wells; a sister, Donna Rials of Iowa Park; five brothers, Kenneth Atkinson and Ray Gene Atkinson, both of Snyder, Frank Atkinson of Cottondale, L.B. Atkinson of Woodson and Wilburn Atkinson of Iowa Park; 20 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Jewell Williams

1902-1998

LUBBOCK — Jewell Williams, the mother of Beryl Williams of Snyder, died Wednesday, Jan. 28, in St. Mary Hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Williams, 95, is set for 11 a.m. Saturday in the Sanders Memorial Chapel. Nat Cooper and Riley Turner will officiate. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Born Aug. 2, 1902 in Ardmore, Okla., she married Carl Williams on March 2, 1919 in Burkburnett. He died in 1972.

A member of the Church of Christ, Mrs. Williams had worked at Lubbock High School and Lubbock National Bank, retiring in 1965.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Janelle Kelley in 1994; and by a son, Wayne Williams in 1990.

Survivors also include two daughters, Donna Hope of Katy and Gwen Turner of Lubbock; 12 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Oprah lawsuit continues

AMARILLO (AP) — A vegetarian activist who raised warnings about the possibility of mad cow disease in U.S. beef was urged to "hammer home" his point on the "Oprah Winfrey Show," an associate producer of the show said.

In videotaped testimony shown to jurors Thursday, associate producer Ray Dotch said producers made notes for food-safety activist Howard Lyman, a co-defendant in the trial, telling him to: "Hammer home (his) point. Need him to express opinion."

Texas cattlemen are suing Ms. Winfrey, her production company and Lyman, contending that already slumping beef prices hit 10-year lows within a week after an "Oprah" show titled "Dangerous Foods" aired in April.

On the show, Lyman said that eating beef tainted with mad cow disease could spread the human version — Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease — that he said would make AIDS seem like the common cold.

Lyman said on the show that processed livestock was being fed to cattle — a practice he said could spread mad cow disease in the United States. Ms. Winfrey responded by swearing off hamburgers.

Cattlemen's lawyers have been attempting to show that Ms. Winfrey edited the episode to take out pro-beef comments in favor of more fear-raising remarks from Lyman.

Dotch said the notes were given to Lyman because he was outnumbered in his opinion by two guests speaking on behalf of the beef industry. Still, Lyman ended up with the prevailing opinion on the show, the producer said.

"I think Howard Lyman is more TV savvy and speaks in TV language," Dotch said, adding that he believed the show was balanced.

Asked if he believed Lyman came across more strongly because statements by the beef supporters had been edited out, Dotch said: "I understand the show was edited, but I don't know if it was quite a bit."

Other clinics warned

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — In all the violence at American abortion clinics, no one had ever been killed by a bomb.

A week after the 25th anniversary of the court ruling that legalized abortion, a homemade device exploded outside the New Woman All Women Clinic in this northern Alabama city Thursday, killing a security guard and critically injuring a clinic employee.

"This was a vicious, wicked and diabolical act," said Jim Cavanaugh, special agent with the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. "It was a smaller device intended to kill or injure."

Authorities were searching for a man in a wig seen fleeing the area after the explosion, The Birmingham News reported today. A witness told police the man removed the wig as he ran and dropped it into a blue bag.

A police radio advisory said the man was believed to be driving a gray, 1989 Nissan pickup registered in Asheville, N.C. Based on information from authorities, the National Coalition of Abortion Providers alerted clinics in the Southeast to be on the lookout for such a truck.

"We literally looked at a map and started calling all clinics within a couple hours drive," executive director Ron Fitzsimmons said today.

A police spokesman, Lt. Moody Duff, declined to confirm or deny the report this morning as investigators resumed a sweep of the bombed clinic vicinity.

Water board

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per year, and for irrigation rights of 10,000 acre-feet or more. Wholesale and retail public water supplies must also develop a draught contingency plans.

Senate Bill 1 also created an interim committee on water resources development and management which consists of five members of the Texas House of Representatives and from the Senate. The committee is to study the state's water supply and wastewater infrastructure needs and will hold hearings around the state.

This committee is specifically charged to review:

—Inventory of the state's water resources, including water supply and wastewater treatment infrastructure.

—Water and wastewater needs for the state for the year 2050.

—The role of state, regional and local entities in water-related projects.

—Implemenation of Senate Bill 1.

The committee will also develop recommendations to:

—Assist financially limited communities with water and wastewater infrastructre needs.

—Ensure efficient allocation of state and local resources through the use of regional water facilities and management.

—Help local governments to meet the financial costs created by federal and state water quality regulatiions.

Correction

A photo caption in Thursday's edition incorrectly stated that Snyder Neighbors Sharing received a $500 donation from the Lions Club. The group donating the money was the Rotary Club.

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WHAT'S UP?

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Monday is the last day to pay property taxes without incurring a penalty.

Windbreak trees deadline

Saturday is the deadline for ordering windbreak trees. A variety of evergreens and hardwoods is available. The district is also offering evergreens in one-gallon yearling size for fill-ins. For more information, contact the Upper Colorado SWCD at 573-6317 or go by 5309 Big Spring Highway.

Weather alert sirens

Snyder Fire Department will test the weather alert sirens at noon Monday, weather permitting.

WTC boosters to meet

Western Texas College Booster Club will meet at noon Monday at Rudy's. Everyone is invited.

Air Force scoping meeting

An Air Force scoping meeting on the Realistic Bomber Training Initiative will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday at Snyder Savings & Loan. The public is invited to comment on the proposal and the environmental analysis process.

Bible study tapes airing

The "Key to the Kingdom" video tapes and "Getting to Know God" series air weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The next set of tapes, "You Can't Keep A Good Man Down," followed by "Getting to Know God's Presence," will begin at 7 p.m. Monday.

Tiger Pride Club

Tiger Pride Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the high school student center to begin preparations for the annual banquet, which will be held in April.

Deadline to order SHS yearbooks

Tuesday is the deadline for ordering 1998 Snyder High School yearbooks. The cost is $40. No extra books will be ordered; this will be the only time to purchase them. Call 573-6301, ext. 35.

Women and Heart Health

"Women and Hearth Health," presented by the American Heart Association, will air at 10 a.m. each Wednesday during February on Channel 2. February is Heart Month.

Retired teachers

The Retired Teachers Association will meet at noon Feb. 9 at the Senior Center. Members will be asked to turn in their volunteer hours at this meeting.

Student Valentine Dance

Snyder High School softball team will sponsor a Student Valentine Dance from 8 to midnight Feb. 12 in the student center. Admission is $3 per person or $5 a couple.

Road to Recovery program

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

Tiger banners for sale

Snyder Girls Hoops Club is selling Tiger banners for $25. Call 573-1769 or 573-4283. They will deliver.

Adult basic education

Adult basic education classes are underway at Western Texas College for those seeking their GEDs.

Classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are held from 8-11 a.m.

ESL (English as a Second Language) and GED courses are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8:30 p.m. ESL classes are only offered at night. For more information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Circus Gatti

Scurry County Sheriff's Posse will be sponsoring the annual Circus Gatti production Feb. 18. Representatives from the production will work on ticket sales in the coming weeks.

Financial aid information

Texas Association of Financial Aid Administrators, with assistance from EducationFirst, will conduct a financial aid information line Feb. 7-8 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The toll free number is 800 323-3961. Two $500 scholarships will be awarded from the names of people who call.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:
4-13-21-34-38
(four, thirteen, twenty-one, thirty-four, thirty-eight)

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
7-6-9
(seven, six, nine)