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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

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Home of Earnest Peavy

Lotta' loot up for grabs in lottery

From local, wire reports

With a $85 million Lotto Texas jackpot looming, you can bet it's going to be a good day for retailers, but a long one for the cashiers running lottery machines.

"It's going to be a long day," Linda Davis, manager of the 37th Street Skinny's convenience store, said.

At 9:30 this morning, Davis had already sold $303 worth of tickets. "It just hasn't started yet."

She said that she expects sales to really pick up after 5.

"It will be worse from 5 to 9 p.m. when they will be getting off work and buying tickets. Of course sales close at a quarter 'til 10."

Davis said sometimes folks buy their tickets early and other times they wait until the last minute.

"You never know," she said. "They think if they get them right at the end, they'll win, others think if they get them right at first."

At the Wes-T-Go, manager Vicky Renshaw said this morning that she has not seen any big sales — yet. "Probably tonight. it will get busy."

Renshaw added that she is bringing in two people to work tonight.

The quiet is surprising since the store has a winning reputation — it sold the winning ticket to BJ employees in June, 1996.

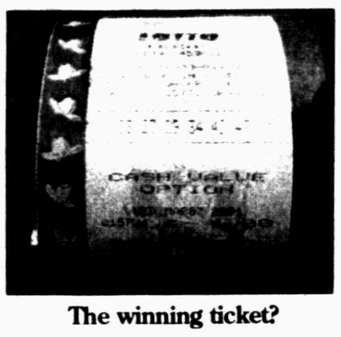
A repeat would be just alright with Renshaw, who wouldn't mind winning the big prize herself.

"If I won, I would send money to the Philippines. I'm Filipino," she explained.

Kristi Nachlinger, sales clerk at Tiger Mart, said sales have been more than usual. "It's been steady, not really a rush. It seems like more people than usual are buying."

Nachlinger said she has seen a number of people buying for pools. "I ran one for $300 the other day and one for $100 this morning."

RECORD JACKPOT — The Texas Lotto jackpot for this evening's drawing has reached a record $85 million. Vicky Renshaw, manager at Wes-To-Go, runs a ticket for a customer. (SDN Staff Photo)



The winning ticket?

Nachlinger said the store is not planning to bring any extra staff this evening.

"I ran Saturday night by myself. It was unbelievable."

Most of the cashiers report about an equal number of sales for quick picks as for people choosing their own numbers.

Increased ticket sales have fattened the jackpot to $85 million, shattering the previous record of $77 million set the day before, Texas Lottery Commission officials said.

"Our sales have been at a near record level," said Texas Lottery spokeswoman Leticia Vasquez. "We realized we could bump up the jackpot with the sales we've had."

Vasquez said ticket sales have reached nearly 19,000 tickets per minute. Between 6 and 10 a.m. today, about 3,564,000 tickets were sold across the state, she said.

When the Lotto hit $75 million in 1994 — a record at the time — sales before the drawing reached $66,000 per minute.

Vasquez said tonight's jackpot has surpassed those numbers this week, for what is now the highest jackpot currently offered in the nation.

The excitement generated by the record jackpot is exactly what lottery officials were hoping for when they voted in May to expand the number of balls used in the drawing from 50 to 54.

Snyder ISD teachers get contract extensions

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

All but seven teachers in the Snyder Independent School district were awarded one-year extensions on their contracts Tuesday evening by the board of trustees.

Those seven had submitted letters of resignation citing either retirement or personal reasons for leaving the district.

The trustees officially acted on the resignation of David Baugh, head football coach and athletic director, and that of Sam Tipton, girls basketball coach and girls athletic coordinator.

Both coaches had announced earlier that they would be leaving the district. Baugh is retiring, while Tipton is the new executive director of the Texas Girls Coaches Association.

Other resignations include Tonya Canada, a district technology educator who is joining the staff of Western Texas College; Joe Granato, high school coach and government teacher; Greg Hazelwood, former junior high coach and presently an alternative education instructor at the junior high; Steve Medley, high school coach and social studies teacher; and Michael Williams, high school ag science teacher.

The agenda had listed the resignation of Martha Krenek, a junior high science teacher, but her letter of resignation had not been submitted.

Krenek, like the other teachers, received a one-year extension. Supt. Gayle Lomax told the board that he does expect a letter of resignation from Krenek.

The trustees also approved amendments to the current year's budget.

Through additions and cuts, budget amendments total $71,168, with the majority of this coming from architect and engineering fees for heating and cooling improvements for three elementary schools.

The board also approved the adoption of textbooks in the areas of language, literature, Spanish and composition.

Dale Byrd, the district's technology director, gave a report on technology upgrades throughout the district, noting that the district had utilized $575,000 in grants for the upgrades.

Among the items purchased with the grant money, said Byrd, were some 32 computers, a server and network printers at the high school, 40 computers at the junior high, and 82 computers at the elementary level.

Other purchases include 154 Pentium III Dell computers for use throughout the district, six servers, 12 laser jet printers, five scanners and five digital cameras.

Other items include overhead projection systems, or TVs, and equipment for fiber optic systems and hub upgrades.

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

Auto accident victim's status is improved

March Willard of Austin remains in the surgical intensive care unit at Lubbock's Covenant Medical Center following a one-vehicle accident north of Snyder's city limits last month.

Willard, 69, is now listed in stable condition.

Willard was southbound on U.S. 84 around 7 a.m. Feb. 26 when his late-model Cadillac crashed into the bottom of a culvert.

Snyder EMS and the Snyder Fire Department had to use the Jaws of Life to free Willard from the wreckage.

An AeroCare helicopter landed at the scene of the accident to facilitate the man's transfer to the Lubbock hospital.

Perry readying for run at governorship

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry portrays himself as bipartisan at the state Capitol, but he's already getting ready for what may be a hotly contested governor's race in 2002.

Perry has sent an invitation to supporters he calls "Team Perry" to meet on March 24 at the Austin Convention Center to plan strategy for his campaign, the Houston Chronicle reported today.

Perry's letter was first disclosed in The Quorum Report, a political newsletter.

"The time to gear up for the 2002 campaign is now!" Perry declares in his letter.

"Already the Democrats are planning and organizing for the upcoming elections," he said. "That's why I believe it is so important to bring my supporters together to start planning my campaign strategy."

Texas Democratic Party Chairman Molly Beth Malcolm blasted Perry's letter, saying it violates at least the spirit of the constitutional ban on political fund-raising during a legislative session.

EMS responds to medical call

Snyder EMS units and officers with the Snyder Police Department responded to a 911 call from West Elementary around 11:30 this morning as they received a report of a sixth grader not breathing.

However, EMS personnel stated the youth had not stopped breathing. The youth was having severe breathing difficulties and was stabilized by EMS before being transferred to Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Mitchell County jail escapee is apprehended

A Mitchell County jail inmate who escaped in January was re-captured Sunday at a New Orleans airport.

Terrance R. Cephus, 27, who escaped on Jan. 19 was apprehended Sunday at the New Orleans International Airport.

Cephus, who lists addresses in Fort Worth and Sweetwater, was allegedly assisted in his escape by a Snyder woman, Twana Pounds.

Pounds, 25, of 603 29th Street was indicted by a Mitchell County grand jury on Feb. 22 for aiding in the escape.

She also was indicted Monday by the Scurry County grand jury for bail jumping and failure to appear.

Pounds remains in Scurry County Jail in lieu of bonds totaling $15,000.

Cephus had reportedly been staying at a residence in McComb, Miss., at least part of the time since his escape from Colorado City.

Cephus is expected to be transported to Mitchell County by federal marshals to face escape charges, plus the original charge of cocaine delivery.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Anger is a situation when the tongue usually works quicker than the brain."

Tired of too much government?

Then you will likely enjoy the list of violations if Jesus was going about his earthly ministry in 2001. He would be wanted by...

—The FDA for turning water into wine without a license.

—The EPA for killing fig trees.

—The Department of Natural Resources for his claim of being the Fountain of Living Water.

—The AMA for practicing medicine without a license.

—The Department of Health for asking people to open graves, for raising the dead, and for feeding 5,000 people in the wilderness, and for the claim to be the Bread of Life.

—The NEA for teaching without a certificate.

—By OSHA for walking on water without a life jacket.

—The SPCA for driving hogs into the sea.

—PETA for dining on roasted lamb at the Passover dinner.

—The National Board of Psychiatrists for giving advice on how to live a guilt-free life.

—NOW for not choosing a woman apostle.

—The Abortion Rights League for saying that whoever harms children, it's better that they had never been born.

—The Ecumenical/Inter-Faith Movement for condemning all false gods and religions.

—The Zoning Department for building mansions without a permit.

—The Bureau of Land Management for spending 40 days in the wilderness without authorization.

—The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms for having unregistered swords in his company of disciples.

—The Federal Aviation Administration for not filing NOTAMS (notice to airmen) and not getting clearance for his ascent into Heaven.

—The United Nations for His claims to be the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

We actually heard this comment by a national network commentator concerning President Bush and his religious beliefs."Religion may have helped Bush stop drinking, be a better father and husband...but will it be good for the government?"

It appears that not only times, but basic values have changed in this country.

What a legacy for the most immediate-past president!

ASK US

Q—If a person wins the Texas Lottery and takes it on payments, do the heirs of the winner inherit the left over payments if the winner dies?

A—It is considered part of the estate and treated like any other property.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 67 degrees; low, 42; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 42; no precipitation; total for 2001, 3.76 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, rain likely, some heavy, low mid 40s, E wind 10-20 mph. Thursday, 90% rain chance, high lower 50s, N-NE wind 10-20 mph.

Megan Thompson
Rain

Sunset:
6:47 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:03 a.m.
Of 65 days in 2001, the sun has shone 56 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Never despair, but if you do, work on in despair.
—Edmund Burke

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Bill could save electric customers billions

AUSTIN (AP) — Utilities could have to pay electric customers billions of dollars under a bill by a lawmaker who said Tuesday that increased energy prices have created an "unintended windfall for electric companies" with the state's proposed electric deregulation plan.

A bill by Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, would force utilities to refund customers for its investments, typically made into nuclear power and coal plants, that would be more valuable under the state's deregulation plan.

Turner estimates those payments could total about $7 billion, or between $200-$300 to Texas residents.

"We're not talking about chump change," Turner said.

The bill gives the Public Utility Commission the authority to decide how that repayment would be reimbursed.

The state's deregulation law allows utilities to keep excess earnings until 2004 to offset the cost of investing in nuclear power plants. Those expenditures are called "stranded costs" because utilities were expected to lose them in a competitive market since other forms of energy were cheaper than nuclear and coal.

But because natural gas prices are increasing, gas-fired power plants are becoming more expensive to operate and nuclear power and coal plants are becoming more valuable.

"Rather than facing losses, utilities will earn considerable profits from their power plants under deregulation, as energy prices are now expected to remain high for several years," Turner said.

Turner added that Public Utility Commission Chairman Pat Wood said last month that the Legislature should clarify the issue of stranded costs.

TXU spokesman Chris Schein said its too early for utilities to determine exactly what their costs will be and that under the law, Texas utilities have until 2004 to determine it. Those who say the customers are owed money are basing their estimates on predictions of what natural gas prices will be, he said.

Two years ago, Schein said, there were estimates that the "stranded costs" would be as high as $7 billion. Now, there are estimates that customers are owed up to $7 billion, he said.

"That's a $14 billion price swing over just two years. How much more of a price swing are we going to get" before 2004, he asked.

Turner also filed a bill to prohibit the state from enacting a late fee under the state's deregulation plan.

Under rules passed by the PUC this summer, electric companies would be able to charge homeowners a 5 percent fee if they are late paying their bills.

Under deregulation, the state's existing utilities are required to cut their rates to customers on their home turf by 6 percent typically until 2005, or until the utility loses 40 percent of its customers to other utilities.

Turner says the 6 percent cut will be offset by the 5 percent late fee charge.

"With the late fee of 5 percent, the math is simple. Five from six equals one," Turner said.

Electric deregulation take effect Jan. 1 in Texas.

City running out of places to put snow

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — It's a routine matter in New England: When snow falls, plows push it to the curb. Then, heavy equipment swoops in at night and the snow is gone.

This year, though, there's a wrinkle: Portland is simply running out of places to put the massive amounts of white stuff.

The nor'easter that brought blizzard conditions to Maine dropped about 16 inches of snow in Portland. That translates to about 35 or 40 tons of snow that must be removed from 323 miles of city streets.

"Either we need a good old snow melt, or no more snow, or preferably both," said Peter DeWitt, spokesman for the Portland Public Works Department.

Much of the city's snow is trucked to a 5-acre field near the airport. Since there was no thaw in January or February, the snow at the dump never melted. Huge 50-foot high mounds mean there's no more space.

"If we continue with serious snow into March, we're going to need to come up with some creative solutions," DeWitt lamented Tuesday, as the snow continued to fall.

In the past, municipalities didn't worry about piles of snow. Many, like Portland, simply dumped it in the ocean.

Environmental regulators clamped down on the practice 10 years ago over concerns tons of salt, oil and other pollutants were being dumped directly in the water.

That means municipalities must dump their snow on land. And it poses the biggest problem for cities like Portland, where many of the narrow streets date back to the cart-and-buggy days.

Other Maine cities are not in such dire straits. Bangor dumps its snow in a gravel pit. Lewiston uses a pair of quarries and the city's gravel pit. Unlike Portland, both communities have plenty of room for more snow.

All it would take is a couple of days in which the temperature reached the 50s to reduce Portland's snow pile, but that hasn't happened so far, said Bill Bray, the current public works director.

"For some reason or another, Old Man Winter really wants to hang on tight this year," Bray said.

Federal Consumer Protection has confirmed the accuracy of the fuel saving theories in this advertisement.

Device May Increase Gas Mileage

BOSTON - National Fuelsaver Corp. of Boston has developed a low cost automotive accessory called the Platinum Gas Saver which is guaranteed to increase gas mileage while meeting all emission standards.

With a simple connection to a vacuum line, the Gas Saver adds microscopic quantities of platinum to the air-fuel mixture entering the engine.

Platinum has the unique ability to make non-burning fuel burn. With platinum in the flame zone, you increase the percentage of fuel burning in the engine from 68% of each gallon to 90% of each gallon, a 22% increase.

Since unburnt fuel leaving an engine is pollution, this 22% of each gallon would normally burn when it reaches the platinum of the catalytic converter.

Unfortunately, the converter's platinum burns this fuel in the tail-pipe, where the heat and energy produced from burning this fuel cannot be harnessed to drive your vehicle.

But when the Gas Saver adds platinum to the air-fuel mixture, 22% more of each gallon burns inside the engine so that, in theory, 22% fewer gallons are required to drive the same distance.

After studying this process for five years, the government concluded: "Independent testing shows greater fuel savings with the Platinum Gas Saver than that claimed by the developer."

In addition to this government study, the Gas Saver has received patents for cleaning out carbon and raising octane, making premium fuel unnecessary for most vehicles.

Joel Robinson, the developer, commented: "We have sold almost a half million Gas Savers. To our surprise, as many people buy the Gas Saver because it extends engine life (by cleaning out the abrasive carbon deposits) as buy it to increase gas mileage or to raise octane."

For further information call:
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Government Produced Test Data

The government studied fuel saving test data on vehicles made by several auto makers using the Gas Saver. This is the data they produced from a fleet of 15 identical 5-liter vehicles.

Vehicle Number	Miles/gal. without Gas Saver	Miles/gal. with Gas Saver	Percentage Increase
1	12.0	17.8	48.3%
2	11.3	16.6	46.9%
3	14.1	20.7	46.8%
4	13.0	18.8	44.6%
5	12.2	17.1	40.2%
6	9.6	13.3	38.5%
7	13.3	17.9	34.6%
8	9.8	13.1	33.7%
9	14.3	18.4	28.7%
10	10.8	13.9	28.7%
11	14.1	17.6	24.8%
12	15.8	17.5	10.8%
13	14.4	15.9	10.4%
14	13.1	14.0	6.9%
15	12.9	11.3	-12.4%
Average	12.7	16.3	28.3%

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TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
2-8-12-16-25

Pick 3

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

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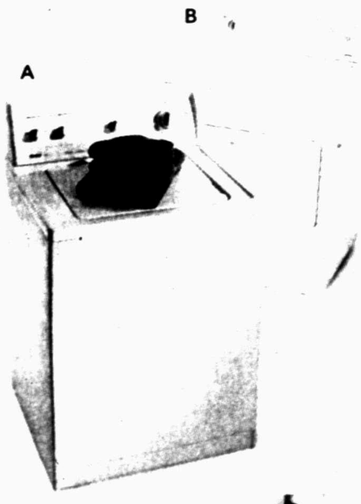

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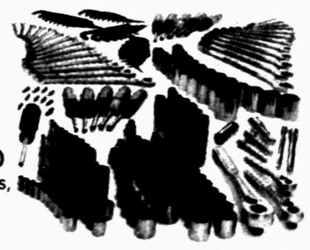

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Wednesday, March 7, 2001

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TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1857, the U.S. Supreme Court handed down the Dred Scott decision.

On this day in 1897, Dr. John Kellogg served corn flakes for the first time at his sanitarium in Battle Creek, Mich.

On this day in 1969, the Who released the song "Pinball Wizard" in the United Kingdom.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Luther Burbank (1849-1926), botanist; Maurice Ravel (1875-1937), composer; Anna Magnani (1908-1973), actress; Janet Guthrie (1938-), auto racer, is 63; Daniel Travanti (1940-), actor, is 61; Franco Harris (1950-), football great, is 51; Joe Carter (1960-), baseball player, is 41; Ivan Lendl (1960-), tennis player, is 41.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1951, heavyweight champion Ezzard Charles defeated "Jersey" Joe Walcott in a 15-round decision.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Racing is a matter of spirit, not strength." — Janet Guthrie

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (March 2) and full moon (March 9).

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Loud bang preceded crash of helicopter

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — The crew of a Navy helicopter that crashed in August heard a loud bang and attempted to fly back as the aircraft fell apart, according to a Navy investigation.

The investigation, completed in January and released this week, cleared the crew and support personnel of responsibility for the crash of the MH-53E Sea Dragon from Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, and placed the blame solely on a defect in the craft.

According to the report, a bearing on the helicopter — the swashplate bearing — did not function properly and caused the crash.

The swashplate bearing allows the rotor blades to spin above the helicopter.

"All of the sudden there was an explosion and the next thing I remember was being in the water swimming," said Airman Shawn R. Palyo. "I saw a piece of the aircraft and I crawled up on it."

Lt. Shawn Jacobs, Lt. Edward Fassnacht, Petty Officer 1st Class Jeffrey Paschal and Petty Officer 2nd Class David Rutherford died in the Aug. 10 crash.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Jeremy Yaklin and Palyo were injured.

The crash led to a grounding of Sea Dragons in the U.S. military, which have since been refitted with new bearings and a monitoring system that keeps track of the vibrations and heat emanating from the bearing, Navy officials said.

30-Hour Famine held here

Twenty-two young people from First United Methodist Church changed their world as part of the annual World Vision's 30 Hour Famine held Feb 23-24.

The money raised will help those who face hunger everyday.

The total collection of $2,439.21 surpassed the group's goal of $2,000. During the canned food collection, students were able to collect 792 items what were donated to the Scurry County Ministerial Alliance Food Cupboard.

The participants also took part in small group discussions where they learned more about hunger and poverty and the issues involved in those struggles.

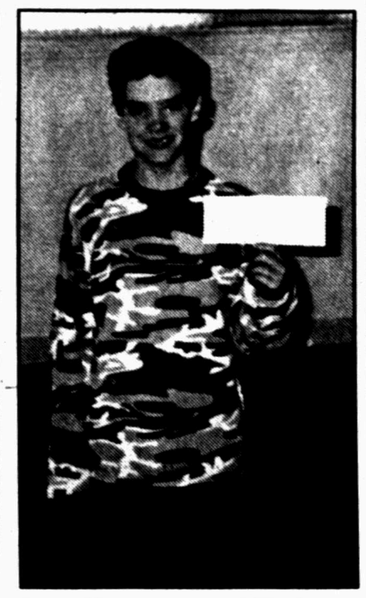
Each participant also competed in the Famine Olympics, which consisted of four events: the longest drive in golf, bowling, free throw shooting in basketball and swimming.

The four events were sponsored by: Fletcher's Downtown 66, David Holt Insurance, McWilliams Pharmacy, and MD Laundry and Dry Cleaners who donated $50 to World Vision or charity of choice of the winning participant.

Kara Harrison won the longest drive and swimming events; Sharene Lewis was the bowling winner; and Joey Harvey won the free throws.

Damon Stalvey, youth minister, expressed appreciation to the merchants and community for supporting the event.

A feast ended the 30-Hour Famine. From left are Jacy Beccue, Taren Knipe, Ashley Darnell, Christian Curry, Kayla Phillips, Brooke Peterson, Thomas Hefner.



Joey Harvey won MD Laundry's $50 donation to World Vision or a charity of his choice.

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FOOD CUPBOARD DONATION — First United Methodist Church youth collected 792 cans of food which were donated to the Food Cupboard. Back row, from left, Katie Curry, Kara Harrison, Lynn Fogleman, Christian Curry, Nick Landes, Marie Armstrong, Logan West, Thomas Hefner, Callan Lee; middle row, Kayla Phillips, Ashley Darnell; front row, Kayla Hartzog, Joey Harvey, Cale Lancaster, Sharena Lewis, Brooke Peterson.

'Ginger' is hydrogen powered scooter

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Inventor Dean Kamen's mystery invention, dubbed "IT" or "Ginger," is a two-wheeled, hydrogen-powered scooter that is emission-free, according to Inside magazine.

"'Ginger represents the first generation of a new mode of transportation that will compete with and possibly replace automobiles," the magazine said. "The ramifications of a 'hydrogen economy' would be profound on everything from the environment to the energy business to global politics."

The magazine, the biweekly sibling publication of Inside.com, said Tuesday it used corporate surveillance experts to uncover details on the invention. The issue hits newsstands this week.

Kamen has refused to discuss the project, saying he will not reveal what IT is until next year.

Some of the financial world's biggest names, like Steve Jobs of Apple Computer Inc. and Jeff Bezos of Amazon.com, have offered financial support and say the invention will change transportation.

Kamen created a company called ACROS to specially build the "motorized, self-propelled, wheeled personal mobility aides, namely wheelchairs, scooters, carts and chariots," the magazine said.

Such devices presumably would draw on the development of the I-bot, a mechanical wheelchair that can drive through sand and climb stairs, created by Kamen and his medical-research firm, DEKA Research and Development.

Last week at an appearance before the New Hampshire Society of Professional Engineers, Kamen would only say he was amazed at the amount of attention IT has received.

Kamen is a prolific inventor who has come up with innovative wheelchairs and an insulin pump. He was the recipient of the 2000 National Medal of Technology.

On the Net:
http://www.inside.com

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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♦ K 4 3
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East
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♦ 8 5
♣ 6 4 3

South
♠ A 3
♥ A 6 5
♦ A J 10 7 6
♣ Q J 8

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 5

Wednesday, March 7, 2001

A talent never uncovered

By Phillip Alder

Katherine Anne Porter, a short-story writer and novelist, said, "Our being is subject to all the chances of life. There are so many things we are capable of, that we could be or do. The potentialities are so great that we never, any of us, are more than one-fourth fulfilled."

Bridge is full of chances too. Find the best play or defense, and usually you will go plus. Do it on all deals, and you must be a winner.

How would you try to make three no-trump in this deal? West attacks at your Achilles' heel with a low-spade lead. After you let East win the first trick with his spade king, he returns the spade jack. What next?

It looks as though spades are 5-3 or 6-2. (If they were 4-4, East would normally return his original fourth-highest, not the jack.) So, if you lose a trick, you might instantly fall to defeat.

Can you take the next eight tricks? Maybe. If you rake in five diamond tricks, you will score one spade, two hearts, five diamonds and one club. The right diamond play is to cash dummy's king, then to finesse through East. This works when East has the queen, or West has it singleton: about a 53 percent probability. Alternatively, if the club finesse wins, you can get home via one spade, two hearts, two diamonds and four clubs. That is a straight 50 percent shot.

Best, though, is to combine chances. Cash the king and ace of diamonds. If the queen drops, fine. Otherwise, take the club finesse. This is about a 66 percent line.

How many people go to their graves having a great talent that they never uncovered?

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Mother looking forward to seeing execution

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Her two young daughters horribly murdered, Linda Purnhagen sees the execution of one of the men convicted of their deaths as the end of only a chapter in her family's life.

"It's not a type of closure by any means," Purnhagen said as state officials prepared to administer lethal injection tonight to a former used car salesman condemned for raping and fatally slashing her daughter, Grace, 16, almost 11 years ago in Montgomery County. A younger daughter, Tiffany, 9, also was strangled at the same time.

Dennis Dowthitt, 55, would be the fifth convicted killer executed this year in Texas, where a record 40 executions were carried out last year.

"I am looking forward to it," said Purnhagen, who was to look through a death chamber window at Dowthitt strapped to a gurney only a few feet away. "It just makes sure he's no longer on the earth to do this to anybody else. It will be one less idiot.

"I've never seen anybody die. ... But it's not going to hurt my feelings at all."

Asked if she had anything she'd like to say to Dowthitt as he was strapped to the death house gurney, she replied: "Have a nice trip."

On Tuesday, Dowthitt lost an appeal before the U.S. Supreme Court. On Monday, the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, voting 18-0, refused his clemency request.

Dowthitt's son, Delton, 16 at the time of the murders, testified against his father and under a plea bargain accepted a 45-year prison term for Tiffany Purnhagen's death. He remains imprisoned, with an additional term for escape in 1995, but becomes eligible for parole late next year.

Grace Purnhagen and Delton Dowthitt had been acquaintances. With her younger sister in tow at a bowling alley the evening of June 13, 1990, Grace accepted a ride from the Dowthitts and wound up in a wooded area in south Montgomery County not far from their home in Oak Ridge North.

Court documents showed while Grace and Delton Dowthitt talked nearby, Dennis Dowthitt tried to molest the younger girl, who resisted and ran screaming to her sister.

Delton Dowthitt testified that when his father told him the girls had to be killed, Delton strangled Tiffany with a rope. Dennis Dowthitt attacked Grace, first unsuccessfully trying to rape her, then cutting her throat and raping her with a beer bottle before stabbing her in the chest.

The decomposing bodies of both girls were found three days later. Witnesses told of last seeing the girls outside the bowling alley talking with the Dowthitts in a pickup truck.

A psychologist testified the elder Dowthitt, while impotent, was a sadistic rapist who received pleasure by using objects like bottles to cause pain through sex. At the punishment phase of his trial, two of his daughters testified how they were assaulted or molested by their father.

Dowthitt, who declined to speak with reporters in the weeks leading up to his execution, acknowledged to police he was at the murder site but blamed the deaths on his son.

"They didn't have the information they needed, that's all," he said while being led from the courtroom after a jury in 1992 decided he should be put to death. "I'm not guilty."

Linda Purnhagen notes her younger daughter now has been dead longer than she was alive and that Dowthitt remained alive over the years.

"I don't think that's right," she said, saying that her daughters "got no stay of execution, no appeal, no nothing."

"I sound very bitter," she said. "But I'm not bitter, just frustrated. This never should have happened. It was horrible. I'm frustrated the system takes so long. The kids got no appeal. He was their judge, jury and executioner, yet he gets to go on and on..."

She also noted the execution would come a day after her husband's birthday.

"You could look at this as a birthday present," she said.

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On April 20, 1972, the lunar module of Apollo 16 landed on the moon with astronauts John W. Young and Charles M. Duke aboard. Thomas K. Mattingly remained in orbit around the moon aboard the command module.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, March 8, 2001

Although the year ahead could be a better one for you both financially and socially, you must be careful to maintain a harmonious balance between the two so as not to blow either one.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't be too quick to make judgment calls, because you might not be operating on all gears today. Take plenty of time to assess things properly while thinking through each step. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it.

The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If friends have started to think you're far too dependent upon them to do your dirty work for you, today is the day you might see the first signs of rebellion. You could be on your own.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Keep the future in mind before you start giving your credit cards a workout today. Mounting bills could give you many months of an empty wallet.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Many things you usually do rather easily could be froth with complications today. It wouldn't be wise not to treat these entanglements with the seriousness they deserve.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Healthy optimism and wishful thinking are poles apart in their differences. Unfortunately, however, you might have a hard time today differentiating between the two.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Stay out of the malls and away from the boutiques today if you live on a budget. You could be far too extravagant for your own good and blow a bundle you can't afford.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Lady Luck is nowhere to be found today, so don't depend upon her to affect your career or status. Success can only be achieved through tenaciousness, not a roll of the dice.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Boasting about your latest accomplishments is not likely to go over too well today with persons you're trying to impress. They're more interested in the nature of your character.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Think for yourself today instead of trying to be a copycat. Unless you have the same set of circumstances, what worked for another isn't likely to work for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) When working with others today, if you look around and see that everyone is moving in one direction while you're going in the opposite one, you'd better stop and ask yourself who's out of step?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't attempt to do in one fell swoop what you know takes several to achieve. Shortcuts will only cause bigger problems. Follow known procedures to be efficient and effective.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Instead of butting in where you don't belong and trying to run someone else's affairs, stick to managing your own business. When you start doing so, you'll realize you have your hands full.

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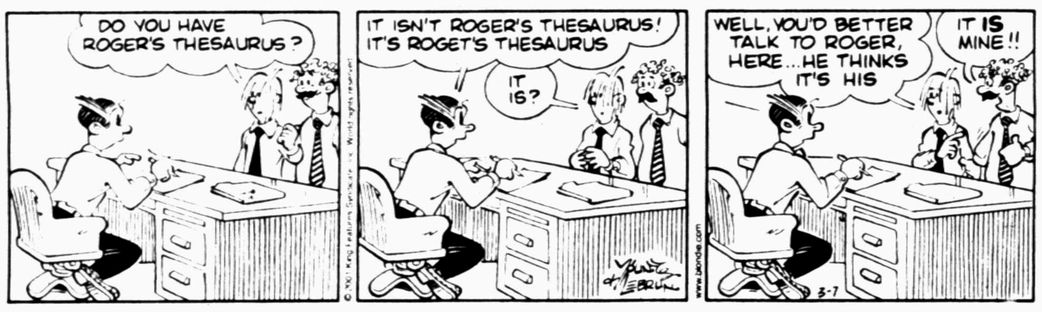

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16 Actress Claire
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18 Sharp turn
21 Bird call
23 Singer Damone
26 Composer Stravinsky
28 Cleopatra's river
29 Psyche part
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31 Article of clothing
33 Like a scoundrel
36 Horse pace
37 Washington bill
38 Congeals
40 Parched
41 A Bobbsey twin
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10 Fib
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13 Former ambassador Harriman
18 Mineral used in jewelry
19 "Night of the —"
20 Very precious
22 Middle-school grade
23 Turned aside
24 Disregard
25 Actor Joseph —
27 Flag color
32 Alps, e.g. (abbr.)
34 Dancer Duncan
35 Put out, prior to surgery
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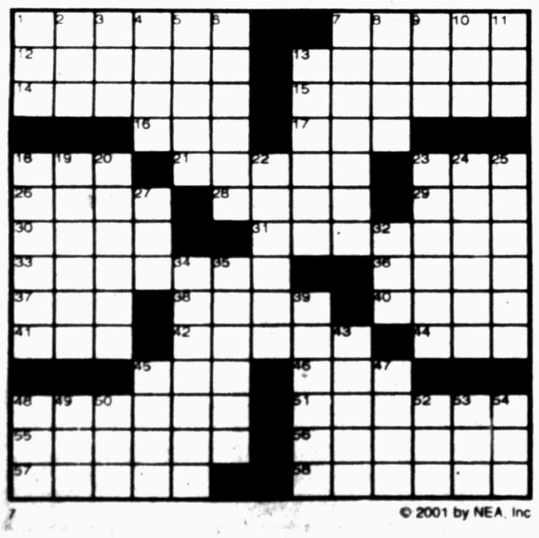

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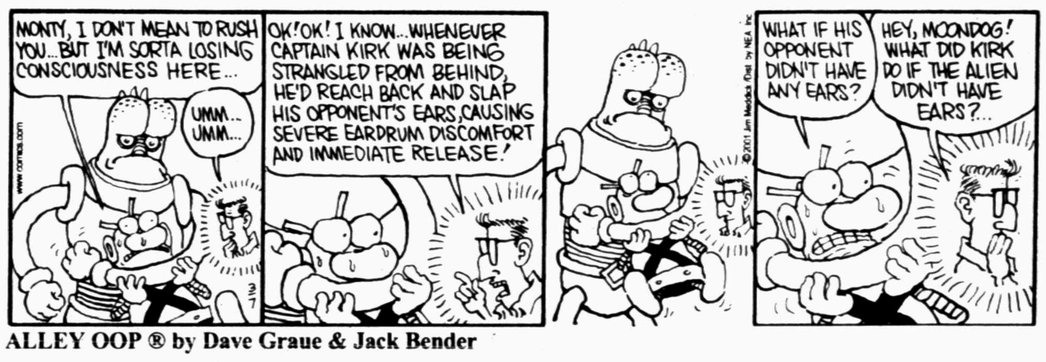

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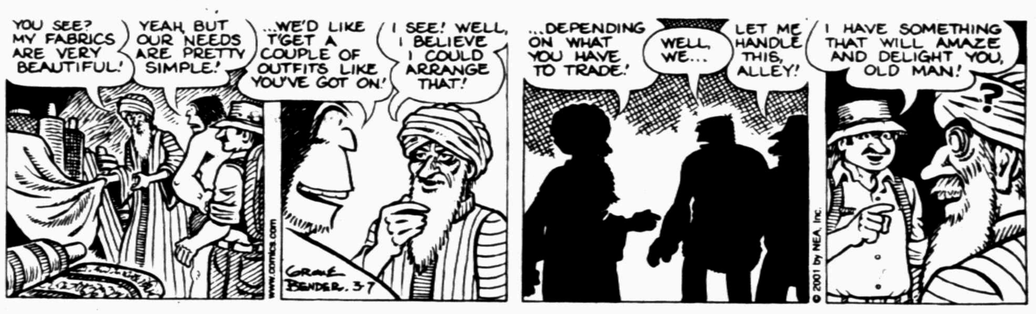

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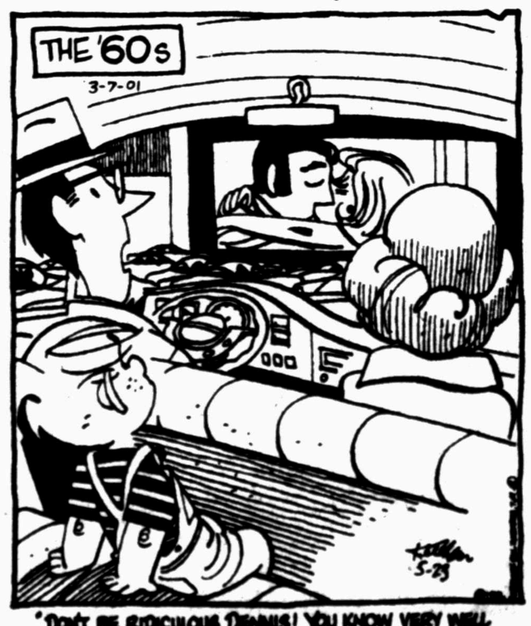

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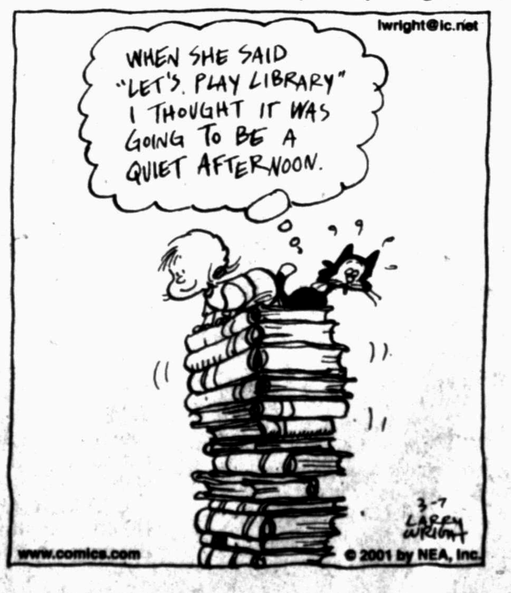

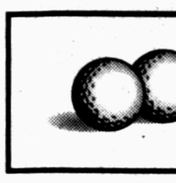

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AM I SAFE? — Snyder's Kira Diaz turns to see the outcome of the play, while SHS coach Shelly Hayes waves a runner home during the Lady Tigers' victory at Cates Field. (SDN Staff Photo)

In softball district opener...

Lady Tigers blast Maidens

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

It took a few innings for Snyder to get warmed up. But with the game on the line, the Lady Tigers hit it big.

Snyder scored nine runs in the final three innings Tuesday night to knock off San Angelo Lake View, 10-5, in the District 4-4A softball opener at Cates Field.

The victory raises Snyder's mark to 8-9 on the year, while the Maidens fall to 12-6. It was the Lady Tigers' fourth consecutive win, and places them atop the district standings.

"This is a great win for us," said Snyder coach Shelly Hayes. "Lake View is a tough team, and we knew we would have to play a good game to beat them.

"We made a few mistakes here and there, but the girls hung in and never got down. They kept playing hard and it paid off late in the game."

Trailing 5-3 to start the bottom of the fifth, Snyder sent the top of its order to the plate. Snyder's first four batters were a combined 0 for 8 up to that point, but Whitney Webb and Cameron Mackey quickly changed things.

The two seniors blasted back-to-back triples that plated Webb to close the gap to 5-4.

Mackey was thrown out at the plate on a ground ball before Kira Diaz reached on a fielder's choice. Jennifer Newman followed with a single, and a Lake View error put Vanessa Freeman on first to load the bases.

Next up, sophomore Valerie Hernandez belted a triple to center field to drive in all three runs for a 7-5 Snyder lead.

"The fifth inning was big, because Lake View had just retaken the lead, and we came back and answered," Hayes stated. "We got our timing down on their pitcher and the girls started hitting the ball hard."

Snyder made quick work of the Maidens in the top of the sixth, retiring all three batters in order.

The Lady Tigers padded their lead in the bottom of the frame. Snyder posted three runs on a bunt single from Leticia Martinez and doubles from Webb and Newman.

Lake View managed to get one runner on base in the seventh, before the Lady Tigers closed the door.

Jacque Alvarez pitched all seven innings for Snyder. The sophomore surrendered six hits and a walk to go along with four strikeouts.

Newman and Hernandez had three hits apiece for a total of seven RBIs.

Jennifer Hill paced the Maidens at the plate with a 3-for-4 effort that included a two-run home run in the first.

The Lady Tigers continue district action at 3 p.m. Saturday when they visit Levelland. The Lady Lobos dropped their opener to Andrews, 9-0.

Lake View	ab	r	h	bi
Corbin ss	3	0	2	1
Burris 2b	3	1	0	1
Hill 3b	4	1	3	3
Harp c	3	0	0	0
Baker 1b	3	0	0	0
Jungman p	3	0	0	0
Bell rf	3	0	0	0
Ortiz lf	3	1	0	0
Sewell cf	3	2	1	0
Totals	**28**	**5**	**6**	**5**

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Webb lf	4	2	2	0
Mackey cf	4	0	1	1
Fisk ss	4	1	0	0
Diaz 3b	4	1	0	0
Newman 1b	4	3	3	2
Freeman c	4	2	2	2
Hernandez 2b	3	0	3	4
Alvarez p	3	0	0	0
L.Martinez rf	3	1	1	0
Totals	**33**	**10**	**12**	**9**

Lake View	2	0	1	0	2	0	0—	5	6	3
Snyder	0	1	0	2	4	3	x—10	12	5

DP - Snyder 2. LOB - Lake View 3, Snyder 5. 2B - Corbin, Webb, Newman, Freeman, Hernandez. 3B - Webb, Mackey, Hernandez. HR - Hill.

Lake View	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Jungman	6	12	10	6	0	4
Snyder	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**
Alvarez	7	6	5	4	1	4

Tigers outlast Bronchos in 10 innings

ODESSA — The Snyder Tigers missed a chance to close out the Odessa High Bronchos in the bottom of the seventh. Three extra innings later, the Tigers didn't make the same mistake again.

Snyder scored two runs in the top of the 10th inning Tuesday night to outlast Odessa High, 8-6, in a non-district baseball matchup.

The victory pushes Snyder's mark to 4-3 heading into this weekend's tournament at Moffett Field.

"We played well. I was really pleased with our effort," said Snyder skipper Roland Herrera. "We haven't played since last Thursday, but we weren't rusty. The guys hung in there, and kept doing the things they needed to do to come out on top."

With the score deadlocked at 6-6, Ralph Ramon drew a walk to open the top of the 10th, before Brandon McGuire slapped a single.

Next up, Brooks Nunley lofted a sacrifice fly into center field to bring in Ramon with the go-ahead run.

McGuire scored two batters later on a passed ball to give the Tigers a two-run cushion.

Junior Tito Alaniz came in to close out the Bronchos, registering three strikeouts to end the game.

Starter Ralph Ramon worked the first nine innings, surrendering five hits and three walks to go along with seven strikeouts.

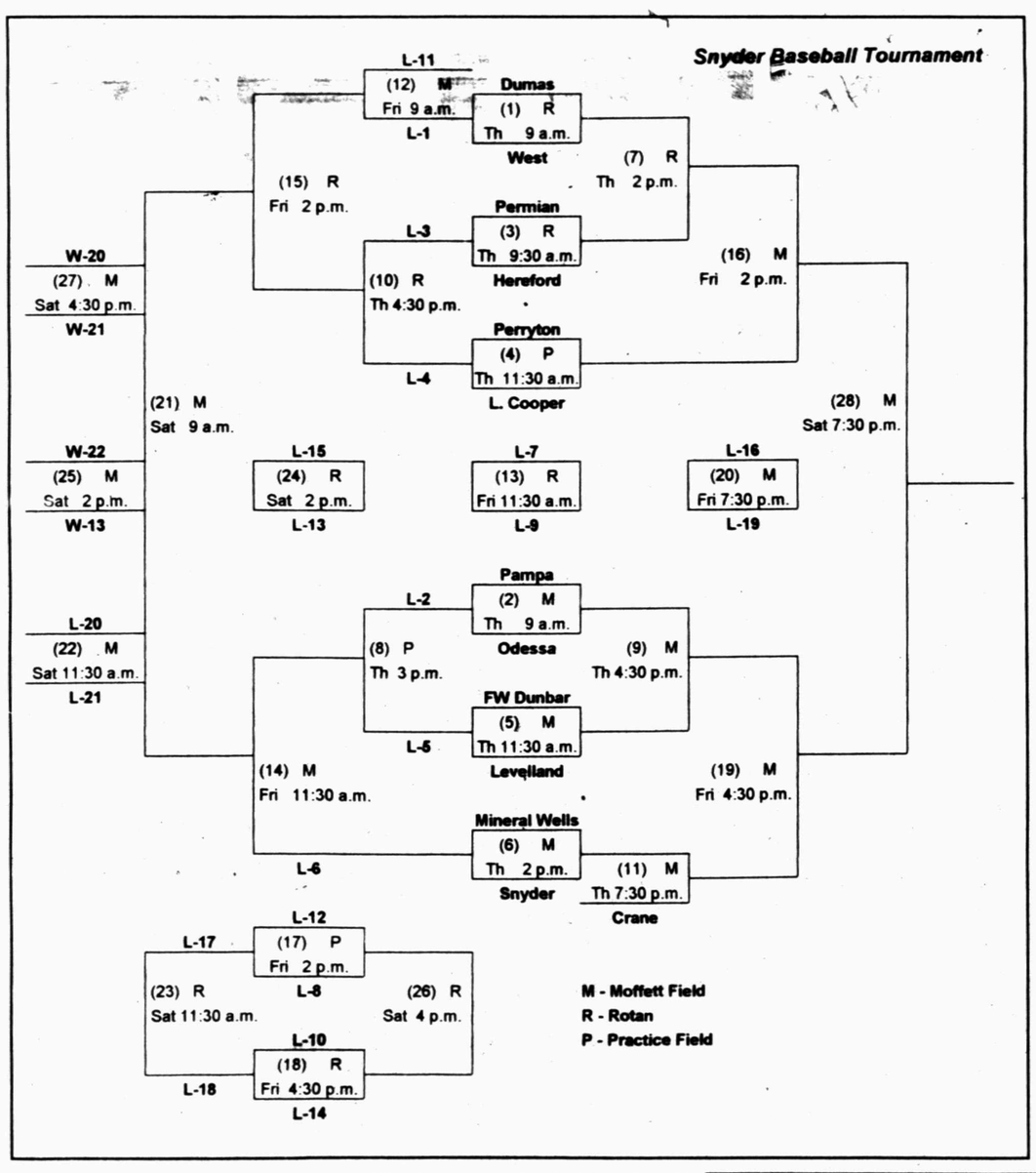
The Tigers held a 6-4 lead in the seventh, before Odessa plated two runs on one hit and two errors.

Snyder notched three runs in the second, two more in the fifth and one in the sixth, before capping its scoring in the 10th.

McGuire, Billy Pena and Tyler Pollard belted extra-base hits for the Tigers.

The Snyder tournament begins Thursday. The Tigers face Mineral Wells at 2 p.m. in the opening round.

Also taking part in the three-day event are Dumas, West, Odessa Permian, Hereford, Perryton, Lubbock Cooper, Pampa, Odessa High, Fort Worth Dunbar, Levelland and Crane.



Post rallies late to top Ira, 14-13

POST — The Ira Bulldogs outplayed Post for six innings, but the Antelopes made the most of their other chance.

Post erased a 13-6 deficit with seven runs in the sixth inning Tuesday, en route to a 14-13 victory over Ira.

The Bulldogs, who fell to 1-1 on the year, posted six runs in the second and six more in the third to grab a 12-6 advantage.

Ira added another run in the top of the sixth, before the Antelopes outburst in the bottom of the frame.

"We hit the ball real well, but we made some errors at some bad times in the sixth and it got away from us," said Ira coach Bubba Edwards. "Because of the weather, we've been staying indoors and working on our hitting, so we're fine offensively. But we still have some work to do defensively."

The Bulldogs pounded 12 hits on the day, including a triple from Jake Barnes, and two doubles by Eric Dickerhoff. Jeff Fine and Terry Jamison also doubled.

Dickerhoff registered 12 strikeouts in 6 2/3 innings. Jamison worked the other third of an inning.

Ira will be in action again at noon Monday when it takes on Gordon at Merkel.

Thursday deadline for decision on Aikman

IRVING (AP) — A decision on Dallas Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman's future is on the fast track, with the team reportedly only days away from having to pay him a multimillion-dollar roster bonus.

A source told The Dallas Morning News on Tuesday the Cowboys have not yet submitted any paperwork to the National Football League's Management Council that would allow the club to change the contract's original language.

The pact provides for Aikman to receive a $7 million roster bonus on Thursday, the seventh day of the 2001 league year.

The team can release Aikman, pay him the bonus that will extend his contract through 2007 or change the contract's language to extend the deadline.

Cowboys owner and general manager Jerry Jones and Aikman's agent, Leigh Steinberg, had been discussing an agreement that would have put off until June a decision on the 34-year-old quarterback's future.

Meanwhile, the Cowboys have been proceeding as if Aikman would not be their quarterback for the first time since 1989. Veteran Tony Banks, who started eight games for the Super Bowl champion Baltimore Ravens, worked out for the club and met the coaching staff and team officials Tuesday.

The Cowboys have also spoken with Octagon's Michael Sullivan, representing Trent Dilfer, who led Baltimore to a victory over the New York Giants in Super Bowl XXXV.

In the first of several NFL stops for Banks, he said he has ties with the Cowboys' coaching staff, including offensive coordinator Jack Reilly, who held the same job with the Rams in 1996 during Banks' rookie season.

"Jack knows me from college and knows what I'm capable of doing," Banks said. " I don't know if I had that (in Baltimore). I didn't have that security before. This is a place, if I happen to come here, with Jack, that I think I'd have some security."

Banks said he enjoyed meeting with Cowboys' owner and general manager Jerry Jones.

"We had a great conversation," said Banks. "He's an enlightening individual. He had my heart beating a little fast up in there. He gets you excited. It was impressive."

Jones and the Cowboys had expressed interest in signing Banks two years ago as a backup to Troy Aikman. The Dallas star had one of the worst seasons of his career in 2000, missing five games and parts of three others with head and back injuries that have left his career in jeopardy.

Local Schedule

THURSDAY
Baseball
Snyder vs. Mineral Wells, at Snyder tournament, 2 p.m.
FRIDAY
Baseball
Snyder hosts Snyder tourney
Golf
Snyder boys at San Angelo Invitational
Snyder girls at Andrews Invitational
SATURDAY
Track
Snyder boys and girls host Canyon Reef Relays
Softball
Snyder at Levelland, 3 p.m.
Baseball
Snyder hosts Snyder tourney
Golf
Snyder boys at San Angelo Invitational
Snyder girls at Andrews Invitational

Sports Briefs

Mazeroski elected to Hall

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Bill Mazeroski, who hit one of baseball's most famous home runs, was elected to the Hall of Fame by the Veterans Committee, along with former Negro leagues player Hilton Smith.

Mazeroski's homer at Forbes Field won Game 7 of the 1960 World Series for the Pittsburgh Pirates against the New York Yankees.

Mazeroski, a .260 hitter, was a seven-time All-Star and won eight Gold Gloves for the Pirates. He took part in a record 1,706 double plays at second base, and many consider him the finest fielder ever at the position.

Smith, a teammate of Satchel Paige on the Kansas City Monarchs, died in 1983. He was 72-32 in 146 games from 1937 to 1948. His best season was 1941, when he went 10-0.

Blazers retire Drexler's jersey

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The Trail Blazers paid homage to Clyde Drexler by retiring the No. 22 jersey he wore here for 111/2 seasons.

Nicknamed "The Glide," the future hall of famer used his speed, ball-handling ability and graceful moves to the basket to become one of the NBA's 50 greatest players. He averaged 20.2 points, 6.2 rebounds and 5.9 assists with the Blazers, and he remains the franchise's career leader in points (18,040), rebounds, steals and triple-doubles.

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New Jersey	21	41	.339	24
Washington	13	47	.217	31
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	37	22	.627	—
Charlotte	34	27	.557	4
Toronto	33	28	.541	5
Indiana	26	32	.448	10½
Cleveland	22	37	.373	15
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Atlanta	18	43	.295	20
Chicago	11	48	.186	26
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Dallas	37	23	.617	4½
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Denver	30	33	.476	13
Vancouver	19	43	.306	23½
Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	42	19	.689	—
L.A. Lakers	40	19	.678	1
Sacramento	39	19	.672	1½
Phoenix	36	23	.610	5
Seattle	31	31	.500	11½
L.A. Clippers	22	41	.349	21
Golden State	16	45	.262	26

Tuesday's Games
Minnesota 95, Charlotte 89
New York 97, Indiana 83
Chicago 87, Cleveland 74
Phoenix 93, Denver 82
Sacramento 98, Toronto 91
San Antonio 101, Seattle 73
Vancouver 105, Portland 97
L.A. Lakers 97, Golden State 85

Wednesday's Games
Milwaukee at Boston, 7 p.m.
New York at Indiana, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Houston at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Seattle at Utah, 9 p.m.
Toronto at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

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House panel supports bill to limit the death penalty

DALLAS (AP) — A bill that would let a jury determine whether a murder suspect is mentally retarded and whether the defendant is eligible for the death penalty has won a Texas House committee's unanimous support.

The measure, which was recommended 7-0 on Tuesday by the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee, will be scheduled for debate before the full House.

Under the bill, juries would still be able to sentence a mentally retarded offender in capital cases to a life term, with a minimum 40-year sentence.

The subject of a public hearing last month, the measure would allow a jury to determine whether the offender was mentally retarded, based on a documented history. If so, the option of the death penalty as punishment would be removed.

Thirteen of the 38 states with the death penalty ban execution of the mentally retarded. Polls have indicated that most Texans oppose the death penalty for murderers with a history of mental retardation.

The case of Johnny Paul Penry, which the U.S. Supreme Court has twice reviewed, highlighted the Texas debate over executing the mentally retarded.

Described by his defense attorneys as having a 7-year-old's reasoning ability, Penry was convicted of the 1979 stabbing death of Pamela Moseley Carpenter in Livingston. The High Court threw out the 44-year-old Penry's conviction in 1989, saying Texas law did not give the jury sufficient ability to weigh his mental capacity in assessing punishment.

Jury: Fox stole 'Jingle' idea

BIRMINGHAM, Mich. (AP) — A jury has ordered 20th Century Fox to pay $19 million for stealing a high school teacher's ideas for what became the Arnold Schwarzenegger movie "Jingle All the Way."

The 1996 movie, about the last-minute quest of two fathers for an in-demand Christmas toy, has grossed $183 million.

The movie was credited to Ed McQueen, who the lawsuit claims is really Fox script-reader Randy Kornfield. But the U.S. District Court jury said Tuesday the movie was clearly based on Detroit biology teacher Brian Webster's copyright script. The script was sent to Fox in 1994.

Fox spokeswoman Florence Grace said the movie company will appeal.

"Fox copied nothing, infringed nothing and in no way violated any of the plaintiff's rights," Grace said.

Fox lawyer Michael Huget told The Detroit News that Kornfield wrote the plot outline without access to the script.

During the six-week trial, retired University of Michigan film professor Ira Knoigsberg testified he found 36 points of overlap between the scripts for "Jingle All the Way" and Webster's "Could This Be Christmas?"

"You can't have 36 coincidences in an independently created work," said Robert Laurel, president of Murray Hill Publications Inc., which bought the rights to Webster's play and sued Fox for violating the copyright. Murray Hill has said the dialogue, plot and even names were similar.

The jury on Tuesday awarded Murray Hill $15 million plus $4 million in legal costs. Laurel said Webster would get an undisclosed share; the script was Webster's first to be published.

"This is a landmark case for independent producers," Laurel said. "Hopefully, it will send a message that you can't take the little guy's work and put it off as your own."

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Obesity is a national problem

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DEAR READER: First of all, continue the medication your doctor has prescribed. Second, lose weight.

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DEAR READER: Exercise comes in many forms and in variable degrees. As a general rule, any physical activity that increases your heart rate and causes some breathlessness will be beneficial. I don't understand your friend's objection; after all, your job required both walking and lifting. What's the problem? My concern is that now, at 69, you have either retired or cut back on your duties. This may mean that your activity level has declined. As you know, for exercise to be healthful it has to be continued. So I recommend that you walk regularly (at least) and consider supplemental activity (such as weight training, swimming or gardening) to keep yourself in shape.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My grandson brought itch mites home from school. Now I think I have got them through washing his clothes. I itch uncontrollably. Can you help me?

DEAR READER: Scabies, an itchy rash caused by the itch mite as it burrows into the skin and lays eggs, is spread by physical contact and by touching contaminated clothing or bedding. The mite is killed and the rash is easily treated by the prescription cream (or lotion) Eurax. Because the itch mite does not survive long off the human body, fumigation is not necessary; clothing and bedding can simply be machine laundered.

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Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp s	35.20	34.64	34.76	—.20
AOL TimeWrn	47.15	45.11	45.70	—.84
AT&T Corp	24.48	24.12	24.20	+.03
Albertsons	28.90	28.53	28.73	—.07
Alltel	54.73	53.40	53.41	—.79
AmEl Pw	47.49	46.69	47.05	—.13
AndarkPtr	69.97	69.00	69.82	+1.35
ATMOS Egy	23.55	23.26	23.55	+.15
Aviall	7.35	7.25	7.30	—.04
BP Amoco	52.48	52.12	52.44	+.49
BakerHughes	43.70	43.18	43.57	+.47
Bank of Amer	51.25	50.27	51.08	+.82
BellSouth	41.70	40.76	40.79	—.42
Beth Steel	2.63	2.45	2.63	+.17
BurlNoSFe	30.05	29.61	29.99	+.38
Caterpillar	45.90	45.27	45.42	+.91
Chevron	91.50	90.82	91.36	+.91
Citigroup s	49.39	48.52	49.14	+.51
CocaCola	50.80	49.80	50.18	+.38
ColgatePal	59.10	57.20	58.73	+.93
ComclMetals	25.99	25.85	25.99	+.09
Cooperin	45.97	45.36	45.81	+.70
DaimlrChry	51.86	51.50	51.80	—.26
DallSemicn	34.65	33.20	33.65	—.51
DeltaAirl	43.64	42.49	42.58	—.65
Dillards Inc	19.25	18.55	18.89	+.39
DowChem s	34.50	33.01	34.38	+.88
DuPont	47.01	45.85	46.70	+.67
EastmanChem	53.46	51.90	53.38	+1.23
EstKodak	45.35	44.90	45.17	+.77
EDS Corp	66.50	65.80	65.80	+.48
Entergy	39.10	38.42	38.50	—.23
ExxonMobil	84.25	83.60	83.85	+.25
FstBksAm	21.99	21.99	21.99	—.01
Flowers	17.29	17.06	17.20	—.10
GenDynam	71.50	69.85	71.44	+1.71
GenElec s	46.26	45.47	45.80	+.38
GenMills	45.20	44.21	44.65	—.56
GenMotors	55.70	55.15	55.33	+.34
GaPacGP	32.20	31.20	31.85	+.66
GlobalMar	32.34	31.85	32.10	+.30
Goodrich	41.87	41.65	41.85	+.10
Goodyear s	27.49	26.74	27.49	+.77
GtAtlPac	9.38	9.25	9.34	—.06
Halliburtn	43.33	42.84	43.20	+.35
Hanson ADS	32.18	32.00	32.00	—.12
HarteHanks	24.09	23.80	23.93	+.23
HomeDepot	42.95	41.41	42.86	+1.50
HoneywellIntl	46.83	46.38	46.42	+.17
IBM	108.25	106.40	106.50	+.50
IntlPaper	40.63	39.88	40.20	+.61
JohnsonJn	96.80	95.30	95.30	—1.50
K mart	9.58	9.25	9.51	+.19
Kroger Co	23.45	22.86	23.15	+.15
Litton	79.74	79.51	79.64	+.12
LockheedM	38.40	37.47	37.95	+.57
Lowes Cos	61.18	59.85	60.96	+2.06
Lubys	6.86	6.78	6.83	
LucentTech	13.44	13.01	13.04	—.06
MayDeptStr	40.70	40.15	40.44	+.36
Medtronic	49.69	49.20	49.22	—.08
Motorola s	17.69	16.90	16.98	—.72
NCR Corp	47.70	46.72	47.63	+.75
Navistar	27.90	27.54	27.80	+.54
Penney JC	16.50	16.00	16.45	+.65
PepBoys	5.62	5.51	5.51	—.06
PepsiCo	47.10	46.10	46.75	+1.08
Pharmacia	52.32	51.80	51.85	—1.00
PhelpDodge	50.00	49.05	49.70	+.55
PhilipPet	56.08	55.62	56.00	+.58
PilgrmPrd B	10.70	10.61	10.70	+.14
Polaroid	5.44	5.36	5.39	+.07
Praxair	48.67	47.29	48.60	+1.34
ProctGamb	69.45	68.60	69.10	+.05
PubS NwMx	25.92	25.78	25.79	
RadioShack	42.50	41.55	42.16	+.63
ReliantEngy	41.80	41.10	41.60	+.18
RoyalDut	60.35	60.02	60.24	+.29
SBC Comm	45.69	44.00	44.00	—2.01
SaraLee	20.76	20.61	20.63	—.01
Scripps EW	64.65	64.15	64.26	—.51
SearsRoeb	40.51	39.62	40.21	+.34
SherwinW	26.60	25.72	26.56	+.37
SouthernCo	31.42	30.90	30.90	—.35
SwstAirl s	19.12	18.71	18.73	
SprintFON	22.30	21.84	21.95	+.58
SprintPCS	23.52	22.98	23.27	+.63
Sunoco Inc	35.60	35.16	35.43	+.45
TXU Corp	41.58	40.67	41.00	+.13
TempleInland	50.10	49.00	49.86	+.81
Texaco	68.80	68.10	68.61	+.71
TexInd	30.90	30.42	30.50	—.40
TexasInst s	36.32	34.30	34.68	—1.42
Textron	56.09	55.37	56.05	+.56
TriconGlbR	38.15	37.10	37.93	+.33
TrinityInds	22.75	22.00	22.75	+.44
TritonEngy	24.70	23.70	24.39	+1.24
TylerTech	1.22	1.12	1.19	+.07
USX-Marathn	29.50	28.70	29.50	+.83
USX-USS	16.15	16.00	16.10	+.10
UnionPacif	55.67	54.78	55.50	+.50
UnitedTech	80.85	80.01	80.24	—.13
Unocal	37.81	37.15	37.61	+.72
Venator Grp	12.50	11.90	11.90	+.30
VerizonComm	48.55	47.52	47.52	—.60
WalMart	50.95	50.00	50.16	+.61
WellsFargo	50.25	49.40	50.05	+.58
WstnGasRs	32.25	30.00	31.05	+4.30
WinnDixie	26.18	25.91	26.15	—.03
Xerox Cp	7.09	6.86	7.03	+.12

Happy 1st Birthday Tavis Black

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Scurry County Country

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

A winter storm leaves trees looking like there's no tomorrow. Major limbs may be broken or damaged, foliage may be shredded or stripped, or the bark may be torn or gouged. At first glance, what looks like mortal wounds are not necessarily fatal to a tree. Trees have an amazing ability to recover from storm damage.

Before deciding the tree is too damaged to survive, evaluate the tree's condition by answering the following questions:

• Other than storm damage, is the tree basically healthy? If the tree did not suffer major structural damage, is not creating a hazard, and is basically healthy; it will generally recover if first aide measures are applied immediately after the storm.

• Are major limbs broken? The larger the broken limb the harder it will be for the tree to recover. If the majority of the main branches are broken, the tree may not survive.

• Has the leader (the main upward-trending branch on most trees) been damaged or lost? In species where a leader is important to upward growth or desirable to appearance, it may have to be a judgement call.

• If at least 50 percent of the tree's crown (branches and leaves still intact?) This is a good rule of thumb on tree survivability. A tree with less than half of its branches remaining may not be able to produce enough to nourish the tree through another season.

• How big are the wounds where branches have been broken or bark has been damaged? The larger the wound is in relation to the size of the limb, the less likely it is to heal, leaving the tree vulnerable to disease and pests. A 2- to 3-inch wound on a 12-inch diameter limb will seal over with new bark within a couple of years.

• Are there remaining branches that can form a new branch structure? The remaining limbs will grow vigorously as the tree tries to replace its missing foliage. Look to see if branches are in place that could eventually fill out the tree's appearance.

• Is the tree of desirable species for its location? If the tree is in the wrong location (such as a potentially tall tree beneath a power line), or an undesirable species for the property (messy fruit, etc.), it may be better to remove it if it has serious damage.

The answer as to what to do about a particular tree will fall into one of the following three categories:

• "It's a keeper." If damage is relatively slight, prune any broken branches, repair torn bark or rough edges around wounds, and let the tree begin the process of wound repair.

• "Wait and See." If a valuable tree appears to be a borderline case, resist the temptation to simply cut the tree down and be done with it. In such cases, it may be best to stand back for a while and think it over. Remember that time is on your side. After careful pruning of broken branches, gives the tree some time to recover. A final decision can be made later. The majority of trees may be classified in this category.

• "Say Goodbye." Some trees cannot be saved or are not worth saving. If the tree already has been weakened by disease, if the trunk is split, or more than 50 percent of the crown is gone, the tree has lost its survival edge. Remember that, photosynthesis is the process by which plants grow. Photosynthesis requires sufficient leaves (or needles) to capture sunlight and feed the tree. Significant loss of limbs and leaf sites will drastically reduce the tree's photosynthesis capacity and ultimately, its ability to recover and survive.

Some trees have damage that is too close to call, or may have hidden damage. To help with such questions, professional help may be needed to help you decide what to do about your trees. Don't hire just anyone who shows up at your door following a storm. Ask around for references and experiences by friends and neighbors.

More information can be found by visiting Web sites at International Society of Aboriculture. Texas Chapter National Arbor Day Foundation. Texas Agricultural Extension Service, and the Texas Forest Service.

Quake escapee recaptured in Colorado

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — A rape defendant who escaped from custody during the confusion of the earthquake that rocked the Puget Sound area was recaptured about 1,000 miles away.

Robert Kleest, 44, was nabbed by federal marshals Tuesday at a house in Boone, Colo., 50 miles southeast of Colorado Springs, Pierce County sheriff's Detective Ed Troyer said.

Deputies moved Kleest and 10 other inmates out of the County-City Building into a nearby jail.

Biotech crops, energy prices biggest concerns of farmers

GRIDLEY, Ill. (AP) — Like a lot of farmers across the nation, Doug Wilson has had some extra things to fret about this winter while waiting for the spring thaw.

The first was what type of corn to plant in the wake of last fall's controversy over genetically engineered corn not approved for consumption that ended up in the human food supply. Farmers have been repeatedly warned since then that they may have trouble finding overseas markets for some "biotech" corn varieties.

Then came an even bigger worry: Higher energy prices will make it much more costly to fertilize and cultivate the seed that is planted this year, while crop prices are not expected to rise.

"What are my prices going to be for nitrogen (fertilizer), for energy? What is the price of grain going to be?" asked Wilson, who farms about 640 acres in north-central Illinois. "Everything else has continued to go up, but (crop) prices haven't."

Illinois farmers, part of a $9 billion-a-year business in the state, can be assured of one thing as they ready for this year's planting season: Increased costs that cannot be passed on to consumers.

"At the end of the day, the question is, 'what's the alternative?' There is none," said Dan Zwicker, an analyst for Agrivisor, a subsidiary of the Illinois Farm Bureau.

The price of corn has averaged under $2 a bushel without a significant increase for several years, while costs to produce that same bushel have surpassed $1 and are expected to keep rising.

The high prices for natural gas that have homeowners complaining about heating bills present a double whammy for farmers. Natural gas is an essential component in making nitrogen fertilizer, and the prices forced several major U.S. plants to scale back production this year.

That means fertilizer prices will as much as double for farmers who didn't buy what they needed for this season last year, said Lisa Muirhead-Martin.

4-H exhibitors win at Houston

Scurry County 4-H members attended the Houston Livestock Show in Houston on Feb. 22-March 1.

Exhibitors placing in the livestock show were:

Corbin Smith, 10th in the heavyweight fine wool cross class III lamb division.

Chelsea Hackfeld, placed 19th in the heavyweight fine wool cross class III lamb division.

Morgan Miller, took 1st place in the lightweight polled Hereford steer division.

Jordan Stansell, placed 11th in the heavyweight Simmental steer division and Tyrelle Gilbert placed 15th in the middleweight AOB steer division.

Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 996 head of cattle for the Saturday, March 3, sale. Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers were steady. Packer cows and bulls were steady to $2 higher. Bred cows and pairs were $1 to $2 higher. Trading was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:
200-300: 115-140
300-400: 106-135
400-500: 108-121
500-600: 96-109
Feeder heifers:
200-300: 105-120
300-400: 101-114
400-500: 94-107
500-600: 85-94
600-700: 74-88
Replacement cows:
Young bred cows: 775-1000
Aged cows: 575-750
Pairs: 875-1140
Aged pairs: 700-875
Packer Cows: 40-52.45
Old & Shelly: 33-36
Packer Bulls: 49.50-52.25

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 369 head of cattle for the Thursday, March 1, sale. Cows were $2 to $3 cheaper. Yearlings and calves were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 46-51
Canner and low cutters: 35-45
Slaughter bulls: 45-58
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 100-135
400-500: 100-115
500-600: 90-105
600-700: 85-95
700-800: 83-90
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 100-120
400-500: 90-110
500-600: 85-95
600-700: 82-88
700-800: 75-84
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 87-105
700-800: 80-85
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 650-930
Grade: 550-675
Springers: 400-775
Baby calves: 150-200
Doodlers: 150-250

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2nd Front Page

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

East Coast storm arrives late

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — Finally, some snow.

After days of hyped warnings about a nor'easter churning up the coast, the storm finally showed up — a day late and many miles north of original predictions.

And even when it hit hardest, leaving parts of New England under 2 to nearly 4 feet of snow, the storm was still far short of what meteorologists had forecast.

"This isn't enough, I'd like to see more," taxi driver James Hutchins said in Brattleboro, which got 22 inches of snow.

Elsewhere in the state, however, the Jay Peak ski area on the Canadian border had collected 46 inches by early today and South Burlington had 23 inches, its third-heaviest on record. Spots in northern New York, western Massachusetts and New Hampshire got 30 inches and more.

Schools and government offices reopened around the Northeast today, and airlines started returning to normal after the tie-ups and confusion caused by cancellation of hundreds of domestic and international flights on Monday and Tuesday.

But even after the storm had left the region, it continued to pile up high water along the coast, and authorities at Hampton, N.H., closed three roads because of flooding around this morning's high tide.

"It's probably a little worse than yesterday. That's because it's another day closer to the full moon, which is a determining factor in the high tide situation," Hampton police dispatcher Fred Ruonala said today. The moon will be full Friday.

On Tuesday, the surf pitched a seal onto a coastal highway in Rye, N.H. David Taylor and his two sons wrapped the animal in a blanket and carried it over the seawall. "He waited for the waves and then took off," Taylor said.

The slow-moving storm knocked out power to as many as 80,000 homes and businesses in Massachusetts, and workers in Rhode Island's state lottery headquarters fled just before the roof collapsed under the weight of snow and ice. No one was hurt.

In New Hampshire, Seabrook nuclear plant was taken off line after the storm knocked out high-voltage lines.

At least eight people were killed in weather-related traffic accidents, four in New York, two in Connecticut and one each in New Jersey and Massachusetts.

On Monday and Tuesday, airlines called off hundreds of flights at Boston and New York, as well as smaller airports in the region.

Today, airlines were returning to normal and travelers lined up at ticket counters at Albany (N.Y.) International Airport.

Santana High School reopens today

SANTEE, Calif. (AP) — Inside the campus of Santana High School, few signs remain of the deadly gunfire that erupted two days ago.

Bullet holes that riddled a bathroom where the massacre began have been patched and covered with paint, and the floors have been scrubbed of all traces of blood.

As the school's more than 1,900 students prepared to return today, the sound and sight of a fellow student gunning down his classmates remained all too vivid.

The school reopens the same day Charles Andrew Williams, 15, accused in the shootings, was to be arraigned as an adult on charges that include murder. Two students died in Monday's attack and 13 people were injured.

Students, teachers and parents were allowed on campus briefly Tuesday night, but Nicole LaPage and Carolyn Baza went only as far as the school entrance. The memory was still too fresh to go in, they said.

"I walk that way everyday to my first class," said LaPage, 18, as she described how she and Baza heard the popping of the shooter's gun and then dove for cover in a classroom.

"At the beginning of the hall, we're walking. At the end of the hall, he's shooting. Then it hit me, 'Oh my God, this is for real,'" she said.

On the cement path, Randy Gordon, 17, lay motionless. Bryan Zuckor, 14, was also killed.

In interviews with San Diego County sheriff's investigators, Williams seemed angry and expressed no remorse for the shootings, said Lt. Jerry Lewis. But investigators said they couldn't pinpoint who or what he was mad at.

"We don't know if he was mad at the school, mad at students, mad at life, mad at home," Lewis said. "He was an angry young man."

Williams' older brother told The Atlanta Journal-Constitution that the 15-year-old was often teased.

"He has big ears and he's real skinny," said Michael Williams, 20, a student at the Art Institute of Atlanta. "People like to pick on him. It was like that as long as I could remember."

The older Williams said he never imagined his brother would react by shooting anyone.

The suspect, whose parents were divorced 10 years ago, lived with his father, while Michael Williams stayed with their mother in South Carolina before leaving for college.

He said he last saw his brother during the winter holidays. "Everything was fine. I don't know what happened after Christmas," he said.

The shooting also surprised friends in Brunswick, Md., where he lived before moving to Southern California last summer.

Administration urges House to push forward with tax cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill gave a pep talk today to Republican House members who are rushing to pass the centerpiece of President Bush's economic program, a $958 billion tax cut. House leaders predicted victory on the eve of Thursday's vote.

O'Neill and GOP leaders cited the weak economy as a reason for speed, saying Americans will start seeing less tax withheld from their paychecks six weeks after the measure clears Congress and is signed into law by the president.

"As we look at the economic statistics, we feel it is important to get money flowing back to the American people as fast as we can," O'Neill told reporters following a closed-door meeting with the House Republican caucus.

O'Neill said it would be "hard to imagine" any faster legislative action than the pace that GOP leaders have set for the rate cut bill, which was approved by the House Ways and Means Committee Thursday, only a day after Bush sent his budget outline to Congress.

House Republican leaders predicted the proposal will pass when it is voted on by the House on Thursday.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, told reporters he expected the House Rules Committee will allow a vote on a less costly Democratic alternative, one providing more tax relief to middle- and low-income taxpayers.

Bush has been campaigning around the country to build support for his $1.6 trillion, 10-year tax cut, which Democrats are attacking as too expensive and too heavily weighted to the wealthy.

Bush said Tuesday that the measure needs to be passed because "the great boom is beginning to sputter." But Democrats have said the small amount of tax relief that would be provided this year would have little impact on a $10 trillion economy.

Rep. Jennifer Dunn, R-Wash., said the tax cut this year in the House GOP version of the bill would amount to $400 for the average family. She said workers would begin seeing that relief in less money withheld from their paychecks within six weeks of enactment.

Rep. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, called Thursday's vote "extremely important."

TXU employee bitten by dog

• ***Dog bite***

A TXU Electric employee was bitten on the left hand by a dog Tuesday. The 23-year-old man was reading meters at 2906 33rd when he was bitten. The dog was taken to the animal shelter and quarantined.

• ***Family violence***

At 4:59 p.m. Tuesday, an offense report for family violence was filed.

• ***Stolen bicycle***

Debbie Bowlin contacted police at 7:35 p.m. Tuesday to report the theft of a bicycle from 2202 44th Street. An offense report was submitted for Class B theft.

Births

Jessie and Amanda Salinas of Snyder announce the birth of their son at 8:57 p.m. on March 6 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed eight pounds, 2 ounces.

Obituaries

P.C. Romero

1923-2001

Pascual C. "P.C." Romero died Tuesday, March 6, at his home in Snyder after a brief illness.

P.C. Romero

Funeral service for Mr. Romero, 77, is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Steven Pena, pastor of the Mt. Sinai Assembly of God Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Snyder Cemetery.

Born Aug. 23, 1923, in Piedras Negras, Mexico, he married Consuelo Perales on Dec. 8, 1941 in Snyder. Mr. Romero was a bricklayer for a number of years and was a member of Mt. Sinai Assembly of God.

He was preceded in death by a son, Tom Romero on May 5, 1972; and by a brother, Apolinor Romero in 1995.

Survivors include his wife, Consuelo Romero of Snyder; four sons and three daughters-in-law, George and Connie Romero, Adam and Belia Romero and Jimmy Romero, all of Snyder, and Eddie and Hortencia Romero of Lubbock; one brother, Joe Romero; 15 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Eric Romero, Michael Romero, Nicholas Romero, Randy Romero, Tommy Romero and Omero Romero.

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Juanita Donalson

1909-2001

Juanita Donalson, a resident of Snyder since 1991, died this morning in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Services for Mrs. Donalson, 91, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Donalson

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

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

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

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: March 5-Laverne Herring, Amanda Salinas, Geneva Smith, Beatriz Clarady, Cindy Copeland, Sue Humble, Thomas Murphy, Norma Shaw; March 6-Mitchell Goodger, Latrice Hammit, Lois Houston, Amanda Salinas and Ronnie Black.

DISMISSALS: March 5- Glenna Box, Pauline Compton, H.A. Smith Jr.; March 6-Beatriz Clarady, Sue Humble, Norma Shaw, Opal Denson, Mitchell Goodger, Laverne Herring, Bobby Highfield and Clovis Robinson.

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ONGOINGS

West book fair

West Elementary's book fair is being held through Thursday in Room 8. Times are 8-10 a.m. and 2:30-4 p.m. It will also be held open during Thursday's Family Reading Night, from 6-7:30 p.m.

Girls softball association

Girls softball association will have a meeting at 8 tonight in the basement of Texas Savings Bank. All board members must be present.

Northeast reading night

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

FBC worship service

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

West family reading night

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

Country, Gospel music night

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

Retired teachers meeting

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

Alzheimer support group

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

Parents meeting

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

Income tax help

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

1961 SHS class reunion

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

1986 class reunion

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

SHS '91 class reunion

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

Adult basic education classes

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

Senior citizens swimnastics

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

WTC swimming pool opens

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

Glory Room open

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

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information, call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakely Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Discovery School registration

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

Kim Delaney to leave 'NYPD Blue'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kim Delaney will exit her role as New York police Detective Diane Russell on ABC's popular "NYPD Blue" at the end of this season.

If her new series doesn't fly, Delaney has a safety net because there's no melodrama planned for her finale. She's not going to die, like Russell's lover, played by Jimmy Smits, so she could always return. "I go out standing," Delaney told The Associated Press.

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Woman is indicted in connection with release of tape

WASHINGTON (AP) — A woman who worked for a media company that produced ads for President Bush's campaign was indicted for secretly mailing a videotape of Bush practicing for a debate to Vice President Al Gore's campaign.

Juanita Yvette Lozano of Austin, Texas, was charged with mail fraud, false statements to the FBI and perjury before a grand jury. She is accused of scheming to get access to Bush's debate preparation materials "to assist Gore in his preparation for the presidential debate," said the 12-page indictment released by the Justice Department Tuesday.

If convicted, she faces 15 years in prison and a $750,000 fine. The indictment was returned by a federal grand jury in Texas.

Lozano worked for Maverick Media, set up by top Bush media adviser Mark McKinnon, who handled political ads. McKinnon has denied any involvement and Bush expressed confidence in him during the campaign.

The indictment revived a campaign season furor that had the Bush and Gore camps trading accusations about a possible mole. The Gore campaign received a package last Sept. 13 containing the Bush tape and related documents. Both camps denied knowing who sent it. An investigation focused on Lozano after a post office surveillance tape showed her mailing a package around the time the videotape was sent, federal officials said.

The indictment alleged that Lozano secretly copied more than 120 pages of debate preparation documents and a 60-minute videotape of a debate preparation session with Bush and his advisers and sent it to the Gore campaign under a different name.

Attempts to reach Lozano in Austin were not immediately successful.

Her attorney, Christopher Gunter, said Tuesday night: "She's disappointed, obviously." Gunter said he has not seen the indictment and cannot comment on the evidence. He wouldn't comment on his client's innocence or guilt.

Lozano sent the package to former Rep. Tom Downey, who was helping Gore prepare for debates, with a note bearing the name "Amy Smith," the indictment alleged.

"I will call you soon to find out what other materials can be useful to the VP. Good luck. Amy," the note said, according to the indictment.

Downey turned the package over to the FBI, which began an investigation. Gore and his staffers said they didn't know anything about how the package was sent. The Bush camp seized on news that a Gore staffer had been suspended for boasting about a "mole" planted in the Bush campaign. The staffer later said he made the mole story up.

A spokeswoman at Gore's transition office could not be reached.

Downey said Tuesday he was glad the FBI got to the bottom of the caper.

McKinnon said through his attorney that news of the indictment was "devastating for me and my family."

"The particulars of the indictment, if true, raise very serious questions about Yvette's activities and statements not only to prosecutors but to me," said McKinnon.

McKinnon is not a target of the FBI's investigation, said his lawyer Rusty Hardin.

Washington governor inks fed aid pact

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — Gov. Gary Locke signed contracts with the federal government to cover damage from last week's earthquake as he praised residents for their "can-do spirit" as they begin to rebuild.

"We have survived the initial emergency, and now we're starting the long recovery process to rebuild for the future," the governor said.

Locke and Federal Emergency Management Agency officials signed the aid pact Tuesday in a vacant department store, where more than 200 state and federal relief workers set up shop Monday.

The 6.8-magnitude earthquake rocked the region a week ago, injuring more than 400 people, few seriously, and doing an estimated $2 billion in damage.

Locke and FEMA's acting regional director, Tammy Doherty, said it would be a few more days until they have a firm damage figure. Locke said the state Department of Transportation had tallied almost $100 million in road and bridge damage. Emergency repairs are covered 100 percent by the federal government if work begins within six months.

Private property owners may qualify for grants, low-interest loans or housing assistance. About $500,000 in checks already had been mailed out, FEMA said.

"In the past few days, the people of Washington have really shown the world that we have a can-do spirit that brings us together even in the toughest circumstances," Locke said.

Meanwhile, a bright orange, truck-mounted crane rolled into place next to the Capitol, ready to begin lifting scaffolding materials up to the base of its dome Wednesday.

Ten of the 16 columns that support the massive dome shifted during the quake; officials have said the dome is not in danger of falling.

It will probably be several more days before Capitol tenants will have a clearer idea when they can return.

Cocaine, marijuana seized along border

McALLEN (AP) — Customs and border officials have seized an estimated $5 million worth of narcotics along the U.S.-Mexico border in the past several days.

U.S. Customs agents at the Hidalgo Port of Entry have seized nearly 59 pounds of cocaine and 508 pounds of marijuana.

The U.S. Border Patrol seized 28 pounds of cocaine and almost a ton of marijuana along the banks of the Rio Grande and on U.S. Highway 281.

A large seizure occurred Saturday afternoon at the Hidalgo International Bridge.

A Customs spokesman told The Monitor in McAllen that an inspector referred a car driven by Jose Jesus Llanas, 21, of Camargo, Mexico, for a secondary examination. During the search, a drug dog honed in on the trunk of the vehicle.

Agents found 17 bricks containing nearly 40 pounds of cocaine in a hidden trunk compartment. In another compartment, inspectors found 201 rounds of .38-caliber ammunition.

Another cocaine seizure Friday afternoon at the same bridge landed Oscar Luis Saldaa, 37, a U.S. citizen from Houston, in custody.

The same drug dog honed in on his vehicle. Customs inspectors discovered 19 pounds of cocaine in a compartment behind the rear seat.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Freeloading couple must carry their weight at parents' home

DEAR ABBY: Six months ago, my 31-year-old daughter and her 40-year-old boyfriend moved in with my husband and me. They have financial problems. We didn't ask them for money, but did expect them to help around the house.

I just had an argument with my daughter over the fact she works only 15 hours a week and does nothing to maintain the house. My husband and I are in our late 50s and both work full time.

We don't expect them to scrub floors every day, but it certainly wouldn't hurt them to vacuum, shovel snow and pick up after themselves. I know we should have set ground rules when they moved in, but we figured since they were adults they didn't need to be told what to do.

Abby, are we wrong expecting them to help around the house? — **GETTING MAD IN MICHIGAN**

DEAR GETTING MAD: Not at all. Lay down the law NOW and tell your freeloading daughter and her boyfriend exactly what you expect from them.

P.S. If your daughter worked a traditional 35- to 40-hour week, they'd solve their financial problems much faster — and the faster they could move into their own place.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 34-year-old single male, never married. I recently met a woman I want to marry, but here is my problem: She wants a big wedding, and it makes me uncomfortable.

I have no close male friends, so I would have a hard time finding a best man, much less groomsmen. Also, I don't have a good relationship with my family, so I don't think many guests on my side would attend. Because of this, I think a big wedding would be embarrassing. Her family would think I am a loser. Any suggestions? — **TIED UP IN KNOTS**

DEAR TIED UP: One of the most important ingredients in a successful marriage is communication. Tell your fiancee how you feel. A wedding is for both the bride AND groom. It shouldn't be a fantasy created only by the bride. Therefore, she may have to alter her dream wedding to conform with reality.

P.S. If you are unhappy not having male friends, you may have self-esteem issues that need to be explored. Please consider counseling to resolve them.

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DEAR ABBY: Everyone has heard the saying, "Don't drink and drive." Well, here's a new one: "Don't drink and COOK!"

Late last night the fire alarm in our condo complex went off. The hallway was filled with smoke. The firemen arrived and traced the smoke to the unit next door to mine.

After banging on the door and getting no response, they broke down the door. Inside, they found two guys "asleep." They had been cooking something on the stove, got drunk and passed out.

So, if you cook, please don't drink — and if you drink, please don't cook! — **STEAMING IN MASSACHUSETTS**

DEAR STEAMING: I'm sure you're still steaming, but you're lucky you were not burned up — literally. I hope your neighbors learned from that expensive lesson. They could have died from smoke inhalation had the fire department not responded in time.

A drunk in the kitchen is a danger to property, life and limb. In an apartment house or condominium complex, the danger is compounded because the neighbors are also vulnerable.

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