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$10 million in road improvements on tap

By Wade Warren
Managing Editor

Almost $10 million in improvements to state highways within the Snyder city limits were discussed at Monday night's city council meeting.

The discussion came as the council approved a resolution prohibiting parking on 37th Street from College Avenue to Coliseum Drive as a prerequisite to the Texas Department of Transportation beginning the street widening project.

Bids on that project are expected to be let in March, and construction is expected to start 45 days from bid approval, said Mike Molter, Snyder area highway engineer.

The project is expected to take 10 months and is expected to cost $2.9 million, Molter added.

Upcoming projects in the city include a landscape project on Highway 350 and Cogdell Drive at a cost of $40,000. Bids on this project are scheduled to be let in February, Molter said.

The traffic circle at the intersection of Highways 180 and 208 is scheduled to be realigned with bids scheduled to be let in June. The total cost of this project is $1.2 million.

"This project will greatly improve safety at that location," Molter added.

In November, 2001, bids will be let on Highway 350 from 25th Street to the south city limits.

The project will include new pavement, addition of sidewalks from 30th to 37th Street, and installation of storm sewers.

This project is expected to cost $2.3 million.

Molter said future projects that have not been approved, but are expected to be, include an overpass on U.S. Highway 84 at Huffman Ave., and roadway improvements on FM 1607 from Highway 180 to FM 1611, and on North College Ave. from Highway 180 to Huffman Ave.

Before approving the parking ban on 37th Street, several council members questioned what effect it might have on people who currently park on the street right-of-way.

Molter said vehicles could no longer be parked in the right of way, including those at Snyder Oaks.

"Vehicles are now parking on the state's right-of-way, and they will lose that," said Molter.

Councilman Terry Martin said he had counted eight homes that could be affected by the parking ban, but noted they all had driveways.

Councilman Jerry Webb said he felt the homeowners would gain by the widening of the road as curbing and sidewalks would be constructed as part of the project.

The council approved the resolution unanimously.

In one other action item, the council okayed the quarterly investment report of the city as presented by City Secretary Jeanne Johnson.

The council met for some 30 minutes in closed session for the annual evaluation of City Manager John Gayle. Following the session, the council unanimously approved a merit pay hike of $45 per month, effective at the beginning of the city's fiscal year, to bring the city manager's annual salary to $65,616.

The council also heard a brief report on the city's water line replacement project, and recognized Ross Carroll Jr., Fred Cross, Joe Bob Flowers, Harold Lacik and Walter Stirl as being reelected to the Scurry County Appraisal District board.

Mayor Dayton Robertson presided at the meeting and council members present included Webb, Martin, James Ashley, Vernest Tippens and I.E. Martin. James Jenkins was absent.

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Some fact-finding committees seem interested in everything except the facts."

What will they think of next?

We thought it was a novel idea when we read where business schools were sending their students to school to learn how to eat properly during a business lunch.

Companies were fearful that munching off the plate of a client or picking teeth at the end of the meal might turn a good deal sour.

To make sure the deal isn't squelched, big companies are now sending employees to the golf course for instruction.

The idea is not to correct a slice, but rather ensure proper conduct. In other words, it's not acceptable to turn the air blue over a missed putt or to throw a club.

According to the teaching pros, there are 10 things that should never occur when taking a business prospect to the links.

Advice includes never betting on a round, no excess speeding in the golf cart, no cell phones, no unsolicited tips, no club throwing and never changing shoes in the parking lot. Shorts should be mid-thigh length, and a shirt with a collar should always be worn.

Also, letting a customer win is not good form, and does not build trust.

There's more suggestions. The course stresses that playing TV golf will kill the deal-making atmosphere. These are the guys who slow play by elaborately measuring all their shots as if they were on the pro circuit.

The bottom line is to never look stupid with potential customers. Naturally, drinking too much is a sure-fire way to kill a deal.

These are serious courses, and some companies are paying more than $1,000 for each session.

Some examples of golf-course business no-nos included the guy who grabbed the flag while his partner was getting ready to putt. The awkward angle placed the shadow in the putting line.

Or consider the salesman who hit his shot and returned to the cart before everyone else had taken their tee shot. It's described as a critical business-golf faux pas.

Surely somewhere in the curriculum there is something about not improving the lie or fudging on the score.

The way we play, we think the best thing would be to work in the office, and just enjoy the weather when on the course.

Cong. Stenholm to be here Wednesday

U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm will be in Snyder Wednesday morning to conduct a town hall meeting that gets underway at 8:30.

The meeting will be held at Snyder's city hall and it will conclude at 10 a.m.

Mark Lundgren, staffer in the Stamford office, said the congressman had planned a meeting in Snyder, but word that the Air Force has designated the Snyder-area as the site of a new low-level flight training area caused the session to be moved up.

"Congressman Stenholm told me we needed to get to Snyder as soon as possible," Lundgren said.

The Air Force has said that an announcement of the site of the low-level training flights would not be made until the end of January, but last week, Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., said the Air Force had told him that it had selected this area as its "preferred alternative."

Stenholm

It will still be up to the Secretary of the Air Force to make the final decision, probably in February.

Most of the proposed flights would involve B-1B bombers from Dyess Air Force Base, and B-52 Stratofortresses from Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana.

According to the Air Force, the proposal is aimed at giving bomber crews the low-altitude training much closer to their home bases.

Frank Bond, a Santa Fe attorney representing HEPA (Heritage Environmental Preservation Association), said the plans for the low-level flights over Scurry and seven other counties constitutes a "huge invasion."

"The jets create deafening noise – pain threshold noise," said Bond.

"This will be a total disruption of cattle operations, recreation and other kinds of activity on the land," added Bond.

WTC IN-SERVICE — In-service continues today and Wednesday at Western Texas College, with registration to begin Thursday. Orientation for new faculty members was held this morning. John Gibson, dean of vocational instruction, talks with (from left) Jeanine Wilburn, instructor of early childhood education; Ron Wells, instructor in commercial truck driving; and Tammy Shirley, director of allied health. (SDN Staff Photo)

English instructor...

Teacher's contract is terminated at college

By Joyce May
Staff Writer

First-year English instructor Dani Day's contract with Western Texas College was terminated, effective immediately, following a unanimous vote Monday night by the college's board of trustees.

Following a 50-minute closed session, trustee Lee Presswood made a motion, seconded by Jackie Greene, to terminate the instructor's contract.

Day, a Rotan resident, had been hired in August as a full-time English and Developmental English instructor.

Mrs. Day taught on campus, in the college's prison program and at extension centers last fall.

WTC President Dr. Harry Krenek said Mrs. Day will continue as an adjunct faculty member as she currently teaches two concurrent enrollment classes at Rotan High School.

"She was teaching there in the fall and will continue with that teaching assignment," Dr. Krenek said.

Mrs. Day and her attorney, Robbie Robinson of Rotan, were present during the executive session. Gary Terrell, Lubbock attorney, was present at WTC's request.

Administrators - including Dr. Krenek, WTC vice president Bettie McQueen, Division Chair Jerry Corkran and Dr. Jim Palmer, dean of instruction - met with Mrs. Day and her attorney following the board meeting.

Dr. Krenek declined to comment on the reason for the contract termination.

In other action Monday night, trustees approved the resignation of Terry Busby, director of human resources, who is moving from Snyder.

Dr. Krenek said he expects to have a replacement for the board to consider during its February meeting.

The board also accepted the low bid of $12,981 from Anson/Multiwave for the purchase of computers, monitors and keyboards.

Dr. Jay Kidd presided and all trustees were present including Presswood, Greene, R.C. Patton, Carolyn Barbee, Drew Bullard and Eddie Peterson

Co-workers said man showed signs of having troubled past

DALLAS (AP) — Kyle Bell's girlfriend and co-workers say they saw ominous signs that frighten them now that they know he is a convicted child molester and murderer.

The woman said he didn't want his picture taken with her and her four children at his employer's Christmas party. About a week ago, she saw him holding her 5-year-old daughter's leg in a way she didn't like and told him so.

Bell asked a co-worker at Apex Plumbing and Supply Store where he worked to go out with him, according to Stacie Wells, an assistant warehouse manager. When the co-worker turned him down a second time within the past two weeks, Bell told her that was a "big mistake," Wells said.

At the company Christmas party, Wells said Bell took pictures of many of the partygoers. "He was taking pictures of my child," she said, shuddering slightly.

Bell escaped Oct. 13 from a prison-transport bus operated by TransCor America Inc. in Santa Rosa, N.M. He was being taken to an Oregon prison to begin a life sentence for the 1993 murder of Jeanna North, 11, of Fargo, N.D.

Bell was arrested after the caretaker of the Dallas apartment building where he lived saw a report about his escape on the "America's Most Wanted" TV show Saturday evening and called the show, which notified the FBI.

Within a week of his escape, Bell apparently resurfaced in Dallas with a false name.

Ira school trustees to meet Thursday

Ira ISD board of trustees will formally act on the resignation of principal Rodney Schneider when it meets at 7:30 a.m. Thursday.

Schneider has been named superintendent of the Whitharral ISD in Hockley County.

Trustees will also consider a one-year extension of Supt. Rick Howard's contract as the board will meet in closed session to discuss the extension.

Howard's current contract expires in 2002.

The board will hearr monthly reports, including financial statements, and also will consider budget amendments.

Trustees will discuss report

A public hearing will be held Thursday by the Snyder ISD trustees to discuss the district's AEIS (Academic Excellence Indicator System) report.

The meeting will be at 6 p.m., just prior to the regular meeting.

The report includes performance and profile sections for individual campuses and the district for the 1998-99 school year.

ASK US

Q—When is the first day a person can file for a seat on the Snyder City Council?
A—Feb. 21.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 72 degrees; low, 33; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 37; no precipitation; total for 2000, .73 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear. Low, mid 30s. W wind 10-15 mph. Wednesday, mostly sunny, warmer. High, mid 70s; W wind, 10-15 mph.

Victoria Tovar
Sunny & Warm

Sunset: 6:01 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:44 a.m.
Of 10 days in 2000, the sun has shone 10 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The principal mark of genius is not perfection but originality, the opening of new frontiers.
—Arthur Koestler

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Relatives say teens killed were from 12 to 14 years old

FORT WORTH (AP) — The ages of five cousins killed in a Jan. 2 freeway crash in North Texas ranged from 12 to 14 and not 16 to 20 as initially reported, a relative said Monday.

The boys also had taken their father's truck without permission, said Edward Daley, of Fort Worth, who described himself as a distant uncle and who has served as a family spokesman.

"The little boy took his father's truck," Daley told The Dallas Morning News. "His father did not know he was going to take the truck. ... The family is all torn up about this."

Daley is the only family member who is commenting on the accident.

The five cousins were riding in a late-model Ford extended-cab pickup when their truck went out of control at it tried merging onto Interstate 30 in West Fort Worth. It flipped over the highway median and landed on a truck heading in the opposite direction.

Police said Edward Jennings, 14, was the driver. The truck is listed as being owned by his mother, Jane McDonald Jennings.

Edward had a Texas driver's license, issued on Dec. 20. It had the correct day and month of his birth but it had a year that made him appear to be 18, state officials said.

Also killed were cousins Martin McDonald, 12; John McDonald, 13; James McDonald, 13; and Harry Gorman, 13.

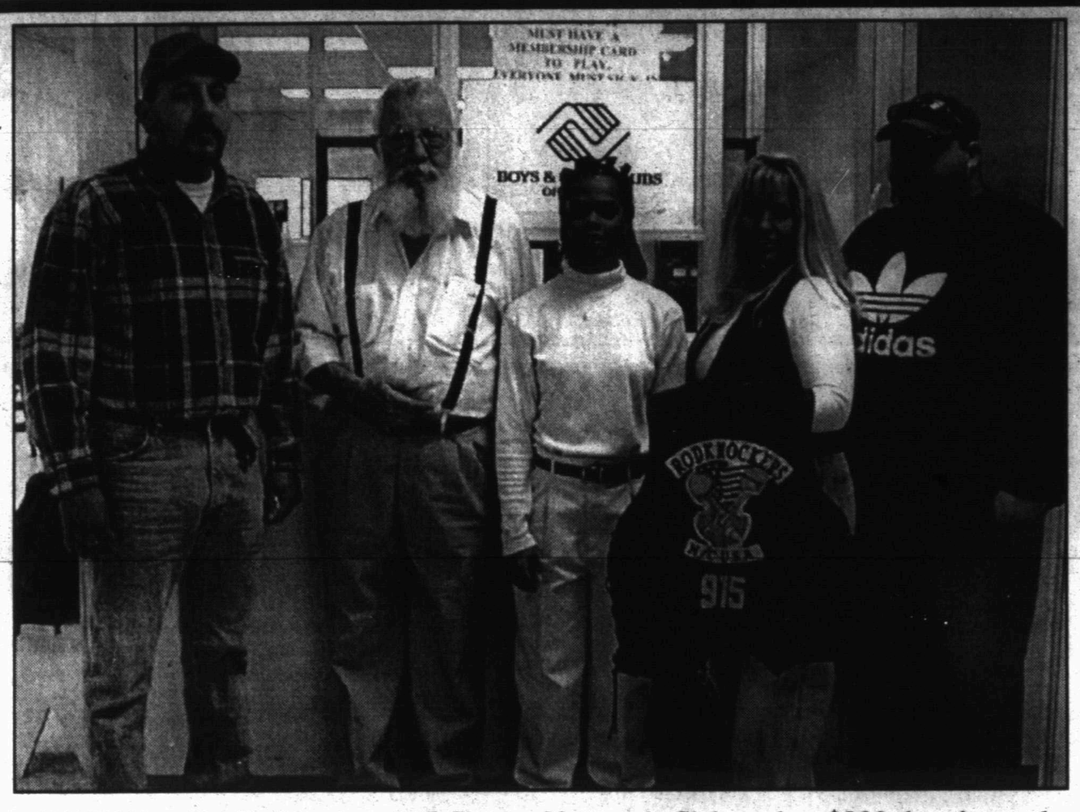
Ruben Molinar of Plano, the driver of the other pickup, has been released from the hospital. He has declined to comment on the crash.

Fort Worth police spokesman Lt. Ric Clark told the Morning News that when the crash happened, relatives told authorities the boys were on their way to do some work for an uncle. The victims' parents have now said they didn't know the boys were behind the wheel.

Clark said when the accident happened, relatives identified the boys as being much older than they were to authorities. The boys also had documents identifying them as being older.

Providing false information to a police or government agency is a Class C misdemeanor — equivalent to a traffic ticket. However, police probably would have a hard time finding out which relative gave what information, officials said.

Daley said the boys were part of a group, along with other family members, called the Greenhorn Irish Travelers. The group is made up of workers who travel north in summer and south in winter doing such jobs as roofing repairs and painting.



DONATION — The Rodknockers 915 Chapter Motorcycle Club made a $300 donation to the Boys and Girls Club. Pictured are Rodknockers member James Delarosa, Boys and Girls Club executive director Jack McGlaun, club director Stephanie McKnight, and Rodknockers members Ann Delarosa and Michael Alonzo. A special thanks was given to Honda Polaris of Lubbock, Dub Buchanan at D&D Auto and Tina's Barber Shop. (SDN Staff Photo)

Tiny tech firm settles with Microsoft

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Settling an antitrust lawsuit with Microsoft gives tiny software maker Caldera Inc. two things: money in the bank and a chance to finally look to the future.

For nearly four years, the Orem, Utah-based Caldera has focused on the past, trying to prove the software giant used anticompetitive tactics to torpedo its DR DOS software in the early 1990s.

On Monday, the companies announced they had settled Caldera's antitrust lawsuit, avoiding a trial that was expected to start Feb. 1.

Now Caldera seems poised to take on Microsoft once again — this time in the marketplace, where it has pinned its hopes on its Linux operating system.

"Our lawsuit (and others) helped publicize and legitimize the Linux brand," Caldera said in a statement. "We believe that as a result of these lawsuits, (we) are stronger competitors to Microsoft, now and in the future."

Microsoft said the settlement will reduce this quarter's earnings by 3 cents per share, which works out to about $155 million based on the 5.15 billion shares the Redmond, Wash.-based company has outstanding.

Neither side would confirm the damages. But even at the lowest estimate, the settlement gives Caldera help as it tries to boost Linux, an operating system that competes with Microsoft's Windows.

DR DOS works much like MS-DOS, the operating system that Microsoft used as a platform to build its Windows empire.

In the early 1990s, the two systems fought for the hearts of consumers and computer makers. Caldera claims that Microsoft threw its heft — and some unfair tactics — behind its own MS-DOS.

Microsoft has argued all along that it played fairly, and that MS-DOS was simply the superior product.

But Caldera asserted that Microsoft built incompatibilities into Windows and tried to create a perception of incompatibilities to discourage computer users from buying DR DOS — even while e-mails compiled as evidence indicate Microsoft programmers found DR DOS superior.

Microsoft struggled with similar insider messages as it defended itself from an antitrust case brought by the Department of Justice, in which a judge ruled the software giant had used monopolistic tactics. That case is now in settlement talks and is expected to return to court Feb. 22.

That could have provided impetus to settle, said New York antitrust lawyer Kevin Arquit.

"It certainly stems a replay of the public relations embarrassment that occurred in the government's trial," he said.

Microsoft spokesman Jim Cullinan denied a link.

Also on Monday, one of Caldera Inc.'s spinoff companies, Caldera Systems, filed for an initial public offering. Caldera Systems, which lost $9.4 million on revenue of $3.1 million for the year ending Oct. 31, sells Linux for businesses. Caldera head Bryan Sparks said the timing of the IPO was not related to the lawsuit.

Guards fired for assaulting delinquents

BALTIMORE (AP) — Seven guards from Maryland's boot camps for juvenile offenders have been fired for assaulting delinquents in their care, state officials said.

The guards were among 14 from three camps placed on administrative duty last month because of accusations they assaulted teens for more than three years.

Officials from the Department of Juvenile Justice told the guards Friday that they were being fired for violating the agency's excessive force policy because there was credible evidence that the allegations were true.

"These terminations are the direct result of investigations by the governor's task force," said Bob Kannenberg, an agency spokesman.

Juvenile justice officials would not release the names of the guards or describe the assaults that led to the firings.

The (Baltimore) Sun reported today that three of the guards oversaw 14 juveniles whose five months at the Savage Leadership Challenge were described in a series of Sun articles.

Youths assigned to the camps told state officials they were routinely kicked, punched and slammed to the ground for little or no reason. Some juveniles had their teeth knocked out and, in one case, a juvenile's wrist was broken on his first day.

Mom enters guilty plea for locking her son in closet

LUBBOCK (AP) — A Lubbock woman accused of locking her sick, disabled 12-year-old son in a closet pleaded guilty to child abandonment Monday.

Elizabeth Rios, 32, confessed to police that she left her son, John Rios, in a closet of her apartment after an argument with her live-in boyfriend. She told investigators after she went to look for her boyfriend, she came back to find her 12-year-old son was gone, according to police testimony Monday.

Police told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal that the child appeared malnourished when they found him on the evening of May 22 sleeping on a pile of blankets soaked with perspiration.

The air conditioner was off and the apartment was uncomfortably warm, police said.

In May, Ms. Rios was charged with endangering her child, a second-degree felony.

On Monday, defense and prosecuting attorneys couldn't agree on a penalty for the mother, and both sides planned to present pre-sentencing witnesses today.

Berry's World

"The good news is you are going to heaven. The bad news is your wings have not yet arrived and your flight will be delayed."

Date Book

Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2000

Today is the 11th day of 2000 and the 21st day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1949, snow fell on Los Angeles. It was the first recorded snowfall in that city.

On this day in 1964, Surgeon General Luther Terry issued a report stating that smoking is hazardous to health.

On this day in 1989, President Ronald Reagan delivered a nationally broadcast farewell speech to the nation from the Oval Office.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Alexander Hamilton (1775-1804), U.S. statesman; William James (1842-1910), psychologist-philosopher; Alice Paul (1885-1977), feminist-lawyer; Alan Paton (1903-1988), novelist; Grant Tinker (1926-), broadcast executive, is 74; Rod Taylor (1929-), actor, is 71; Ben Crenshaw (1952-), golfer, is 48.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1984, the Denver Nuggets defeated the San Antonio Spurs 163-155. It was the highest-scoring game in NBA history.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "It is not rebellion itself which is noble but the demands it makes upon us." — Albert Camus

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Jan. 6) and first quarter (Jan. 14).

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By Marialisa Calta

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Scones, for breakfast or tea

By Marialisa Calta

I've always been a sucker for old-fashioned British novelists: Jane Austen, Barbara Pym, Anthony Trollope and P.G. Wodehouse are among my favorites. The dramas in their books tend to be small (will Lady Grey marry the man she loves or the man she thinks she ought to love? Will the vicar come for dinner? Will Bertie Wooster insist on wearing the bilious green tie?) and the characters are often occupied with "the tea things." I always liked the idea of "tea things" and of tea in general, and just reading about the things that are eaten at tea time — buttered toast and tea cakes and scones — always makes me hungry.

Which brings me to my subject ("Very good, Madam," I can hear Jeeves saying, "and, if I may say so, none too soon.") which is: scones. Scones — which the British pronounce "skons" — seemed to me to be so very United Kingdom, and tea-like, and pip-pip-cheerio-and-all-that, that it took me a very long time to realize that they are just yummy, biscuit-like items that ordinary Americans can make and enjoy. We can even eat them at breakfast. With coffee. And we can call them "skoans."

The recipes below come from Marion Cunningham's excellent "The Breakfast Book," and from Edon Waycott's lovely "Breakfast All Day." They are all oven-baked scones, although I have seen recipes for those "baked," like a pancake, on a griddle. And since they fall, more or less, into the category of "quick-breads," you can make them in the morning for a festive breakfast for your family or guests.

I'd love to write more about them, but I must get busy with the tea things.

DRIED APRICOT CREAM SCONES

For the scones:
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup chopped dried apricots (you can also use prunes or figs)
- 1/4 cup golden raisins
- 1-1/4 cups heavy cream

For the glaze:
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted
- 2 tablespoons sugar

Preheat oven to 425 degrees.

Combine the flour, baking powder, salt and sugar in a large mixing bowl, stirring with a fork to mix well. Add the apricots (or other dried fruit) and raisins. Still using a fork, stir in the cream and mix until the dough holds together in a rough mass (it will be quite sticky).

Lightly flour a board and transfer the dough to it. Knead the dough 8 or 9 times. Pat the dough to a thickness of about 3/4 inch. Cut into diamond shapes, or use a 3-inch cookie cutter or the floured rim of a drinking glass to cut out scones. Brush them with the melted butter and sprinkle them with the sugar. Alternately, pat the dough into a 10-inch round, brush with butter and sprinkle with sugar, and cut the round into 12 wedges.

Place each scone on an ungreased cookie sheet, about an inch apart.

Bake about 15 minutes, or until golden brown. Yield: 12 scones.

— Recipe from "The Breakfast Book," by Marion Cunningham (Alfred A. Knopf, 1989)

OATMEAL RAISIN SCONES

For the topping (optional):
- 8 tablespoons (1 stick) butter
- 1 cup dark brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups rolled oats

For the scones:
- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1-3/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 pound (2 sticks) butter, chilled
- 3 cups rolled oats
- 1 cup raisins
- 2 cups buttermilk

To make the topping, if using (you can do this days before making the scones): Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Mix the butter, brown sugar, vanilla and salt in a small saucepan over low heat, stirring constantly until the sugar has dissolved.

Put the oatmeal in a bowl, pour the melted caramel sauce over, and toss the mixture until the oatmeal is coated. Spread mixture in a thin layer on a baking sheet. Bake for 20 minutes, stirring once or twice. Remove from oven and cool. Store in an air-tight container. You will need 1/2 cup for the scones. It is also good on applesauce, hot oatmeal and baked bananas.

To make the scones: Preheat the oven to 375 degrees.

Mix the flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt in a large bowl. Cut the cold butter into small pieces and add to the flour mixture. Use either your fingers or a pastry cutter to rub or cut the butter into the flour mixture until it resembles coarse crumbs. Add the oats and raisins, tossing or stirring with a fork to distribute evenly. Add the buttermilk and stir

Divide the dough into 3 equal parts. Pat each part into a circle about 1/2-inch thick. Sprinkle with topping, if using (you will need about 1/2 cup in all) and pat it into the dough. Cut each circle into 6 wedges. Put the wedges on ungreased baking sheets, about 1/2 inch apart. Bake for about 25 minutes, or until lightly browned. Serve warm. Yield: 18 scones.

— Recipe from "The Breakfast Book," by Marion Cunningham (Alfred A. Knopf, 1989)

BUTTERMILK GINGER SCONES

- 3/4 cup buttermilk or plain low-fat yogurt
- 1 large egg
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) cold, unsalted butter
- 1/2 cup finely chopped candied ginger, rinsed
- 1/2 cup currants, soaked for 10 minutes and drained

Place an oven rack in the top third of the oven and preheat oven to 400 degrees.

In a small bowl, beat the buttermilk (or yogurt) and egg together.

In a large bowl, stir together the flour, baking powder, ground ginger, sugar, baking soda and salt. Cut in the butter with a pastry blender or two knives until the mixture has the texture of coarse crumbs. Stir in the candied ginger and currants. Add the buttermilk mixture and blend with a fork until a soft dough forms.

Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured surface and knead 5 or 6 times, just until the dough holds together. Place on an ungreased baking sheet. Flatten into an 8-inch disc and cut into 8 wedges, separating them slightly. Bake for 20 minutes or until light brown.

Remove and wrap in a linen towel for at least 30 minutes before serving. Yield: 8 large scones.

— Recipe from "Breakfast All Day," by Edon Waycott (William Morrow, 1996)

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♣ Q 10 4

West
♠ 10 5 3
♥ Q 10 7 3
♦ J 9 2
♣ 9 7 5

East
♠ A J
♥ K 9 4
♦ 8 7 5 3
♣ A 8 6 2

South
♠ K Q 8 6 2
♥ J 8 5
♦ A 6
♣ K J 3

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			1 ♣
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ 7

A cool calculator and contractor

Most bridge experts are extroverts, but there are some exceptions. One is Tim Seres, who is Australia's best-ever player. He was born in Vienna to Hungarian parents. Yet when Hitler came to power, they fled to Australia. During this boat trip, a 22-year-old Seres learned to play bridge. Eventually, the family arrived in Sydney in 1947, and 11 months later, Seres won his first Australian Championship.

Seres settled into a routine, playing — and winning — regularly at the Double Bay Bridge Centre when there were no tournaments to enter. Now, though, he also makes money at the racetrack, using a computer program to select the bets.

This was the deal that brought Seres to international prominence. He was sitting East. Defending against four spades, he won the first trick with the club ace. What did he do now?

For his jump to game, South must have known his partner's conservative style.

At trick two, Seres switched to the heart king. Thinking the queen was on his right, declarer won with dummy's ace and called for a trump. Seres went in with the ace and returned the heart nine. West took two tricks in the suit, then led the 13th heart, which Seres ruffed with his spade jack. This uppercut promoted West's spade 10 for two down.

If, at trick two, Seres had switched to the heart four, declarer would have played off four rounds of diamonds, discarding both of his remaining hearts. He would have lost only two spades and one club.

For this play, Seres won the 1975 Defense of the Year award from the International Bridge Press Association.

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At January meeting...

Campaign total is announced

Scurry County United Way directors met Monday in the board room of the chamber of commerce to plan the Feb. 14 appreciation luncheon to be held at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Zola Schlegel announced the campaign total was $82,665.31, exceeding the goal of $60,000. Dr. Bryan Cave, president, commended the board and volunteers for their hard work on making the campaign so successful.

The Jack Smartt Award will be given and new officers will be introduced at the February luncheon.

Other officers this year include Kent Wright, first vice president; Carter Wiggins, second vice president; Gary Landes, treasurer; and Leslie Cooley, recording secretary.

Births

Melanie Sullenger of Snyder announces the birth of her six-pound, one-ounce son at 11:06 p.m. on Jan. 7 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

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Alex Ruiz and Rosario Torres announce the birth of their daughter. She was born, weighing eight pounds, two ounces, at 4:02 p.m. on Jan. 9 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Jan. 8-Morris Harris, Rosario Torres; Jan. 9-Anastacia Bonilla, Lula Gaddis, Guadalupe Garcia, Vera Kruse of Colorado City, June Lightsey, Faustino Lopez, Walter Thompson, Rosario Torres, Dona Womble, Deana Cooper, Jannette Green, Mary McGinty; Jan. 10-Ann Lovelady, Otis Martin, Donna Pruitt, A.C. Rogers, Frances Williams and Dorothy Adams.

DISMISSALS: Jan. 8-Agustin Castillo, Doyle Edmondson of Big Spring, Dawn Hunter of Gail, Jesse Alley of San Antonio, Billy Burns, Miguel Gallegos, Cameron Green, Kathleen Huddleston, Billy Reeves; Jan. 9—Morris Harris, John Pethel, Steven Beck, Guillermo Fajardo; Jan. 10-Felsha Biggers and baby girl, Carrol Ford, Joel Hamlett Jr., Jason Jones, Helen Kellner of Ira and Roy McCloskey.

CENSUS: 55 (Med./Surg.-24, Long-term Care-25, ICU-2, OB-2 and Nursery-2)

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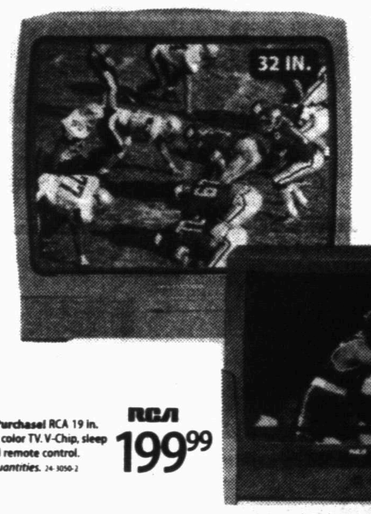

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Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; 4:15 p.m.

Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 6 p.m.

Beta Sigma Phi; Country Club; 7 p.m.

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

New Horizons 12 & 12, closed meeting; Park Club; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY

Storytime at the Scurry County Library for 4- and 5-year-olds; 10 a.m.

Altrurian Daughters Club; 11:30 a.m.

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-4203, 573-8018 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal bldg. On W. 37th; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.m.

Noah Project Advisory Committee; MAWC; noon.

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

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

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

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-9742.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information cal 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Just For Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m. p.m.

Jeremia People to present program at Colonial Hill Baptist Church

The Jeremia People will be presenting their new program, "Love...It's Greek to Me" at Colonial Hill Baptist Church on Monday, Jan. 17, at 7 p.m.

This program is filled with music and drama. There is no admission; however, a love offering will be taken.

Host families are needed for 10 young people for the night following the performance. They will need housing for the night and breakfast the next morning. Colonial Hill members that might be able to provide for these performers may call Damon Simpson at the church.

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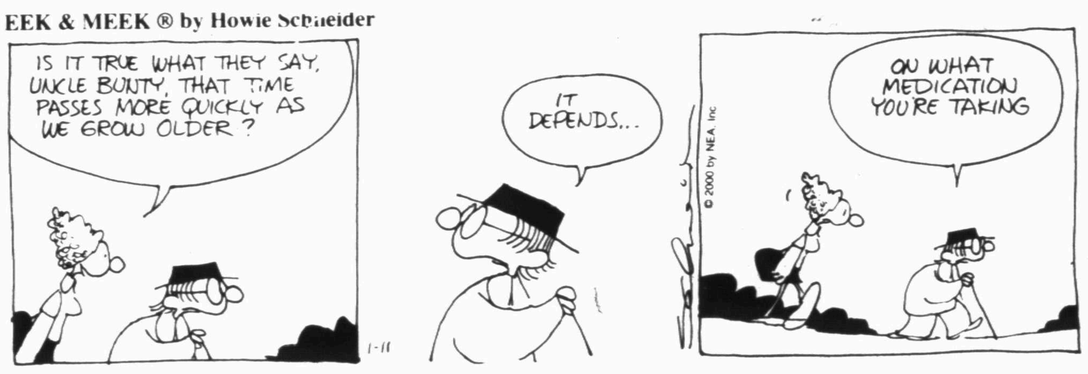

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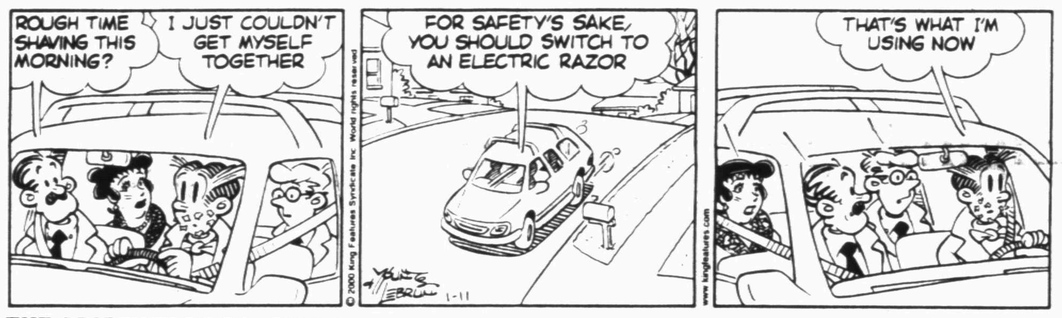

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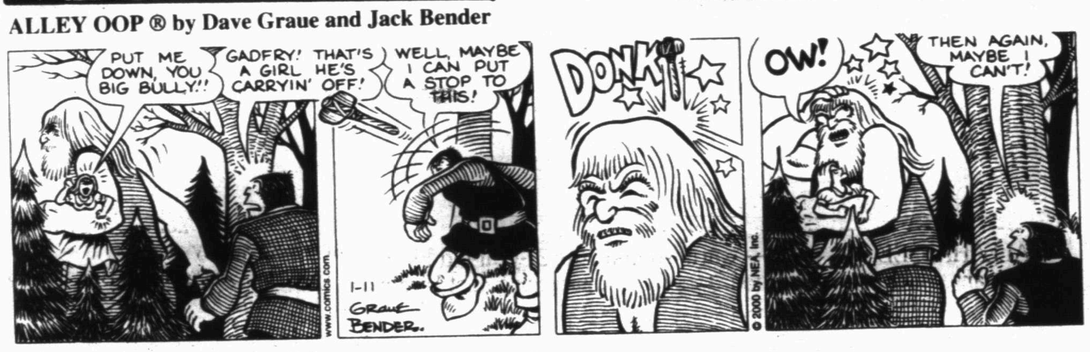

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ACROSS

1 Gathered in a large group
7 Half of a fourth
13 Texas city (2 wds.)
14 Detective Queen
15 Having lots of moola
16 Cast a sidelong glance
17 Positive
18 Hiatus
20 Art deco name
21 Fable writer
23 Head of a monastery
27 Moral
32 Praying figure
33 Mistreat
34 Time being
35 Type of protest
36 Perfume
39 Paradises
40 Like the Pantheon
42 Flying saucers (abbr.)
46 Neighbor of Mex.
47 Southwestern Indians
51 Porcelain clay
53 Species groups
55 Actor Borgnine
56 Medicinal potion
57 Shipping lane
58 Squealed (sl.)

DOWN

1 Gibson and Ott
2 Baseball family name
3 Practice boxing
4 "Smooth Operator" singer
5 "Journal" end
6 Caravan maker
7 Fish trap
8 — de France
9 Merriment
10 German Mr.
11 Allowance for waste
12 Jekyll's opposite
19 Chemical ending
21 Be present
22 — in (introduced in stages)
23 First-rate (2 wds.)
24 Some sibs
25 Prohibits
26 Fairy tale start
28 In the same place (abbr.)
29 Like a button?
30 "A" — — "apple"
31 Camera part
37 "The Bridges of Madison —"
38 River in Germany
41 Enthusiastic
42 Hawaiian instruments
43 Bus token, e.g.
44 A Chaplin
45 Killed
47 Entity
48 Printed words
49 Pennsylvania port
50 Orange-red stone
52 "Rose — — rose"
54 Guido's high note

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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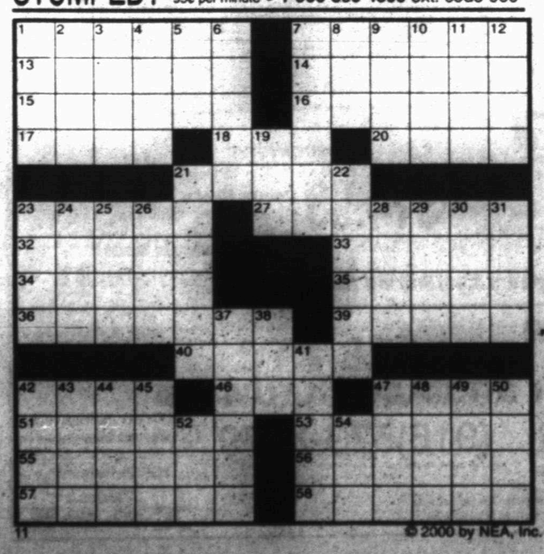

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SPORTS

Lady Dusters fall in WJCAC opener, 84-48

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

BIG SPRING — Even with all of the different types of defensive tactics and offensive sets, sooner or later a team has to put the ball through the basket to win.

Howard was able to do that, while Western Texas wasn't. And it resulted in an 84-48 setback for the Lady Dusters in Monday's WJCAC opener.

Western Texas (2-15, 0-1) connected on only 11 of 50 shot attempts, and just three of 16 in the first half. The shooting woes were nothing new to Head Coach Valery Jackson.

"We played, but then again we always do," said Jackson. "We just couldn't put the ball in the hole. This is the way its been all year, and it's frustrating to the girls to play hard and not shoot the ball well."

Despite their problems on the offensive end, the Lady Dusters were able to keep the game close for most of the first half, thanks to defensive pressure and free-throws.

Western Texas forced 15 Howard turnovers in the first half, not allowing the Lady Hawks to pull away. On the offensive end, the Lady Dusters were forced to find their points from the line, draining 18 of 22 free-throw attempts.

WTC's third bucket of the half cut the deficit to only six points with three minutes left on the clock.

But Howard took advantage of three offensive rebounds and four WTC turnovers to close out the half with a 15-2 run.

"We shot our free throws well, and that kept us in the ballgame for awhile," Jackson said. "But Howard got some key rebounds on their end and we committed some turnovers that they took advantage of right before halftime."

Holding a 19-point lead, Howard (13-4, 1-0) picked up the pace in the second half. The Lady Hawks hit back-to-back three-pointers, after WTC had trimmed the tally to 13 points.

Howard trimmed its number of turnovers from 15 in the first half to only five during the final 20 minutes, limiting extra scoring chances for WTC.

Cassie Wilson led the Lady Dusters with nine points and seven rebounds, while Grace Gantt and Koretha Johnson had 15 points apiece for Howard.

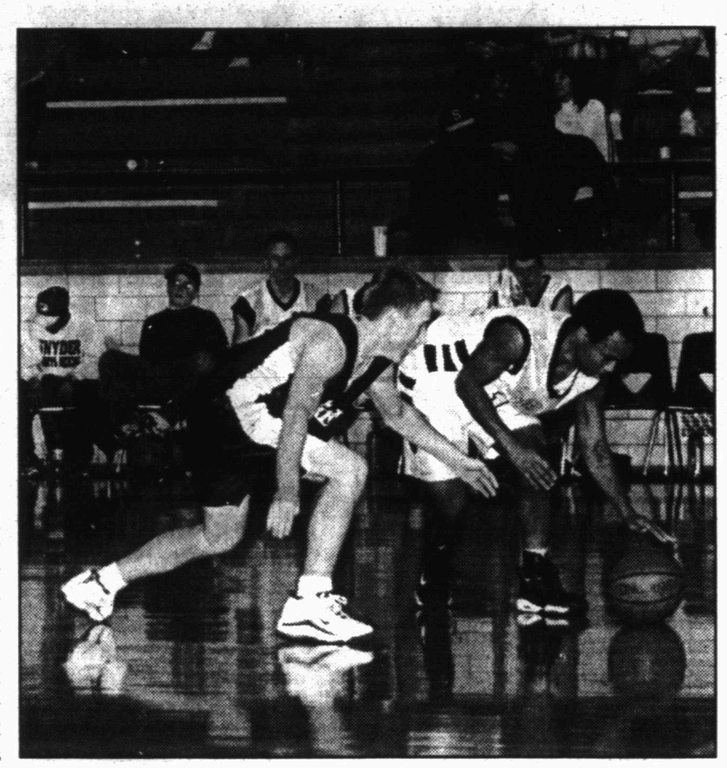
"After the game the Howard coach said that we played harder than anybody's he played," Jackson remarked. "We just couldn't find the hole. It's been an uphill battle all year long. We've been battling injuries and we're probably about a month behind where we were last year, but we don't have a month to catch up."

The Lady Dusters will host their next conference match-up Thursday at 7:30 against Odessa at the WTC campus gym.

Western Texas (48)
Wilson 1 7-8 9, Brown 3 2-2 8, Williams 2 2-2 6, Cavazos 1 2-4 5, Fincher 0 4-4 4, Jackson 1 2-2 5, Hubbard 1 1-3 4, Moon 1 0-2 3, Ross 1 0-2 2, Ellis 0 2-2 2. **Totals 11 22-31 48.**

Howard (84)
Gantt 5 5-8 15, Johnson 6 0-1 15, Harris 6 1-1 13, Nix 3 0-0 8, Ross 2 3-3 7, Lehrmann 5 3-3 13, Thomas 3 0-0 9, Jackson 2 0-0 4. **Totals 32 12-16 84.**

Halftime score: Howard 41, Western Texas 22. Three-point goals: Howard 8 (Thomas 3, Johnson 3, Nix 2), Western Texas 4 (Moon, Jackson, Hubbard, Cavazos). Rebounds: Howard 43 (Gantt 9), Western Texas 41 (Wilson 7). Total fouls: Howard 24, Western Texas 13. Fouled out — Harris.



KEEP AWAY — Snyder junior Jamal Wofford tries to keep the ball away from a defender during Friday's contest against Merkel. The Tigers knocked off the state-ranked Badgers, and will face another ranked opponent tonight when they visit Seminole at 7:30. (SDN Staff Photo)

SHS girls seeking 2-0 loop mark

After holding off Andrews by three-points in the district opener, tonight's match-up should be another battle for the Snyder Lady Tigers.

Snyder will be looking to hold on to its share of the 5-4A lead when it takes on a much-improved Big Spring squad at 7:30 at Big Spring's new junior high gymnasium.

The Lady Tigers (6-12, 1-0) sit alongside Sweetwater and Lake View at the top of the district standings, while Big Spring (10-9, 0-1) is looking to even its league mark at 1-1, after falling to Sweetwater on Friday.

Snyder won both meetings with the Lady Steers a year ago, but this is a different Big Spring team, according to SHS coach Sam Tipton.

"They're much better than they were last year," said Tipton. "They are extremely athletic and have some height on the inside. What we must do is control the tempo of the game. We can't let them dictate the action."

In tonight's other district action, Lake View visits Andrews, and Sweetwater travels to Fort Stockton.

While the Lady Tigers take part in their second league contest this evening, the Snyder boys will play their final district tune-up at Seminole at 7:30.

The Tigers (13-8) have won five straight, but have dropped two games this season to the third-ranked Indians.

In 1A district action, Ira travels to Westbrook for a pair of contests with the Wildcats.

The Lady Bulldogs, who tip off at 6:30 will be looking to level their league record at 1-1, while the Ira boys will try to keep their unblemished district mark.

Hermleigh plays host Blackwell in District 19-A action.

The Lady Cardinals can keep their share of the loop lead with a win tonight, while the Hermleigh boys can improve to 1-1 with a victory over the Hornets.

Seventh grade girls nab two wins over Big Spring

Snyder made short work of the Big Spring Lady Steers in a pair of seventh grade girls' contests Monday night.

Snyder Gold ran past Big Spring, 47-26, while Snyder Black whipped the Steers, 33-13.

Briana Burk's 10 points led Snyder Gold. Danisha Akins and Courtney Cox poured in eight points apiece, with Kayla Guerrero posting seven. Heather Zajicek tallied six points, while Stacey Williamson and Jacy Beccue dropped in three apiece, and Heather Holmes finished with two.

For Snyder Black, it was Taren Knipe leading the way with eight points. Casey Crain, Ashley Villegas, Rebecca Aguirre, Jodi Stewart and Sarah Carpenter dropped in four points apiece. Erin Hackfeld added three points, and Heather Polk chipped in two.

Eighth grade girls split games with Lady Steers

Snyder eighth grade split with Big Spring in girls' eighth grade hoop action Monday night.

Snyder Black took care of the Lady Steers, 31-18, while Snyder Gold fell, 31-26.

Katie Chandler poured in 12 points to pace Snyder Black. Alexis Clawson drained 11 points, with Whitney Criswell adding six, and Kelsi Johnson chipping in two.

In the other match-up, Sharday McKinney's 10 points led Snyder Gold. Erin Burleson and Andra Dunham posted four points apiece, while Desiree Braziel and Kelby Drum tallied three each, and Laura Calmes finished with two.

Sports Briefs

NFL to meet about Belichick

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL will hold a hearing Thursday to determine the status of Bill Belichick, who quit last week as Jets coach.

Bill Parcells resigned on Jan. 3, day after the season, and Belichick was appointed his successor.

Belichick, Parcells' defensive coordinator, quit the following day, citing the uncertain status of the team, which is being sold.

Weinke will return for Seminoles

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Chris Weinke, the 27-year-old Florida State quarterback who threw four touchdown passes against Virginia Tech in the national championship game, will return for one more season.

Weinke, who spent six years in the Toronto Blue Jays minor-league system before resuming his football career, threw for 3,103 yards and 25 touchdowns this season.

Local Basketball Schedule

TODAY

Snyder JV and varsity boys at Seminole, 6 and 7:30

Snyder JV and varsity girls at Big Spring (junior high gym) JV at 6 and varsity at 7:30

Snyder 9th girls at Big Spring (high school gym), 4:30

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

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

THURSDAY

Odessa at Western Texas, 7:30

FRIDAY

Fort Stockton at Snyder 9th, JV and varsity boys, 4:30, 6 and 7:30

Fort Stockton at Snyder varsity and JV girl, 6 and 7:30

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

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

National Basketball Association

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Miami	21	11	.656	—
New York	20	13	.606	1½
Philadelphia	19	16	.543	3½
Orlando	16	19	.457	6½
Boston	14	19	.424	7½
New Jersey	14	20	.412	8
Washington	11	23	.324	11
Central Division				
Indiana	22	11	.667	—
Milwaukee	20	15	.571	3
Detroit	18	15	.545	4
Toronto	18	15	.545	4
Charlotte	18	16	.529	4½
Cleveland	15	19	.441	7½
Atlanta	12	21	.364	10
Chicago	5	26	.161	16

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Midwest Division				
San Antonio	24	12	.667	—
Utah	22	11	.667	½
Minnesota	17	14	.548	4½
Denver	17	16	.515	5½
Houston	10	23	.303	12½
Dallas	10	24	.294	13
Vancouver	10	24	.294	13
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	30	5	.857	—
Portland	26	8	.765	3½
Seattle	21	13	.618	8½
Sacramento	19	12	.613	9
Phoenix	19	13	.594	9½
L.A. Clippers	10	23	.303	19
Golden State	6	27	.182	23

Monday's Games

Vancouver 112, Boston 103
New Jersey 100, Orlando 94
Cleveland 111, L.A. Clippers 106
Milwaukee 137, Charlotte 87
San Antonio 93, Utah 86
Portland 107, Dallas 94
L.A. Lakers 130, Denver 95

Tuesday's Games

Toronto at Washington, 7 p.m.
Chicago at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Dallas at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Houston at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Orlando at Toronto, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Boston, 7 p.m.
Washington at Indiana, 7 p.m.
New York at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Portland, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Snyder Bowling Leagues

Men's Commercial League

Team	W	L
The Shack	132.5	91.5
Rose Barber Shop	131.5	92.5
McLeod Jewelers	119	105
Headquarters	119	105
Daylight Donuts	116.5	107.5
State Farm	108	116
Stephens' Office	102.5	121.5
Wal-Mart	83	141
G&W Trucking	81.5	58.5
Clayton & Mills	42.5	97.5

High series: Harold Kornegay, scratch, 534; Mark Thompson, handicap, 623.

High game: Jeff Smith, scratch, 216; Charles Evans, handicap, 241.

Splits and special mentions: Rick Mammolite, 2-7; Stacey Browning, 4-10; Jeff Smith, 3-10.

Jack N Jill

Team	W	L
Renegades	45.5	14.5
Countryplace	36.5	23.5
BCEC	30.5	29.5
Clayton & Mills	28	32
Alley Kats	26.5	33.5
Ratliff Ins.	13	37

High series: Scratch: Jeff Smith, 598; Daphne Thompson, 543. Handicap: Mark Thompson, 703; Donna Jackson, 646.

High game: Scratch: David Lyle, 245; Daphne Thompson, 241. Handicap: David Lyle, 273; Ginger Walton, 249.

Roll N Hope

Team	W	L
KSNY	44.5	19.5
Baze Gun Repair	44	20
Martin Herefords	43	21
Lawrence IGA	39.5	24.5
Spirit Energy	36	28
Snyder Lanes	21.5	42.5
Gutter Dusters	18.5	45.5

High series: Cindy Aikin, scratch, 503; Michelle Ewing, handicap, 608.

High game: Michelle Ewing, scratch, 186; Terri Blocker, handicap, 232.

Splits and special mentions: Bernie Sealy, 4-5; Terri Blocker, 6-7-10; Cindy Aikin, 503.

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AndarkPtr	33 13-16	33 9-16	33 9-16	— ⅛
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GenMotors	75⅛	74⅜	74⅝	— ⅞
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GlobalMar	16 5-16	16	16 3-16	+ 7-16
Goodrich	28	27 13-16	27 15-16	
Goodyear s	28⅛	27¾	28	
GtAtlPac	27 9-16	26⅞	27½	+ 5-16
Halliburtn	39 13-16	38¾	39 13-16	+ ¾
Hanson ADS	40⅜	39	40⅜	—13-16
HarteHanks	20⅞	20¾	20¾	— ¼
HomeDepot s	63⅝	62⅜	62⅝	— 9-16
HoneywellIntl	60	59 5-16	59⅞	+ 9-16
IBM s	120 11-16	116⅝	119¼	+ 13-16
IntlPaper	58⅝	57⅛	57 7-16	—1 1-16
JohnsonJn	94⅜	92 15-16	94	— 1-16
K mart	9 13-16	9 9-16	9 11-16	
Kroger Co s	18 3-16	17 13-16	18 3-16	— ¼
Litton	51¼	50½	50½	— 5-16
LockheedM	20¾	19¾	20	— ⅝
Lowes Cos	55¾	54 9-16	54⅞	— ½
Lubys	10 15-16	10⅞	10 15-16	+ ⅛
LucentTech s	58¼	57⅛	57 15-16	— 1-16
MayDeptStr s	33⅝	32⅞	33⅝	+ ½
MediaOne	77½	76 5-16	77 3-16	+ ⅝
Medtronic s	42 15-16	41⅜	42⅞	+ 15-16
Monsanto	36⅞	36⅜	36 7-16	—15-16
MorganJP	119⅝	118½	119 9-16	— ¾
Motorola	140⅞	135 1-16	138¼	— 1½
NCR Corp	37 5-16	36⅝	37 3-16	
Navistar	46⅜	44⅝	45⅞	— ⅞
Penney JC	21¾	21¼	21 9-16	+ 5-16
PepBoys	9⅛	8 13-16	8⅞	
PepsiCo	37⅝	36⅞	37	+ ⅛
PhelpDodge	69 7-16	68 1-16	68 1-16	—1 15-16
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Polaroid	18 15-16	18 11-16	18⅞	+ 1-16
Praxair	54⅝	53⅜	54⅛	+ ½
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PubS NwMx	16 7-16	16¼	16¼	— 1-16
ReliantEngy	23¾	23 7-16	23¾	+ ⅛
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Tex Util	36 3-16	35⅞	36 1-16	— 5-16
Textron	73⅜	72¾	73⅛	— ½
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TylerTech	6 3-16	6	6 1-16	— ⅛
US West Inc	66½	66 1-16	66 5-16	— ⅛
USX-Marathn	26 7-16	25 11-16	26 3-16	+ 5-16
USX-USS	32	31½	31⅝	— 1-16
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UnionPacif	46 9-16	46¼	46 9-16	+ 3-16
UnitedTech s	64 7-16	63¾	63⅞	— ¾
Unocal	33 7-16	32⅜	32 7-16	— 1¼
Venator Grp	7 1-16	6⅞	6 15-16	— ⅛
WalMart s	67¾	66 13-16	67 5-16	+ 1-16
WellsFargo	38	37 1-16	37 7-16	— 7-16
WstnGasRs	11 11-16	11¼	11 7-16	— ½
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Taxes main arguments of third GOP debate

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — Taxes emerged as the keynote argument in the Republican presidential campaign, as George W. Bush's rivals took aim at his debate-night promise to be "a tax-cutting person."

Steve Forbes, accusing Bush of breaking a no-tax pledge as governor of Texas, dismissed the presidential promise as "a trinket to win an election." Arizona Sen. John McCain said his tax package, although it is half the size of Bush's, would do more to help middle class Americans.

McCain also said Bush's proposed tax cuts would spend all of the projected budget surplus and $20 billion more, with two-thirds of the cut going to the wealthiest 10 percent of Americans. He said surpluses should be used to protect Social Security.

"For us to put all of the tax cuts, all of the surplus into tax cuts, I think is not a conservative effort," said McCain, who was outlining his package today in Concord, N.H.

The third GOP debate in five days touched on a host of issues, including AIDS, Internet taxes, China, terrorism and the suspension of a professional baseball player for his disparaging remarks about minorities. But over and over, the discussion returned to taxes and a Forbes ad accusing Bush of breaking his promise in Texas.

In an effort to keep the spotlight on the issue, Bush, Forbes and McCain each plan to follow up on the debate with high-priced ad campaigns focusing on taxes.

Forbes will dramatically increase the size of the buy for his ad in Iowa and will run a more modest campaign in New Hampshire, advisers say.

By week's end, McCain will be on the New Hampshire airwaves with an ad stressing his support for a modest-sized tax cut, Social Security reform and debt reduction.

Bush also plans this week to begin promoting his tax-cut package with a spot that aides say may make a subtle distinction between his and McCain's proposals. The Texas governor tabled plans for a more sharply worded spot after he was caught off guard in the debate and agreed not to run negative ads. His team had gone as far as interviewing potential voters and storing footage of people criticizing the McCain plan.

In addition, Republican sources say the governor is likely to air an aid responding to a Forbes ad that began running last week saying Bush has twice has led his state to the biggest tax cuts in its history. His packages included offsetting increases in sales taxes, but Bush said the result was lower levies on Texans.

"I am a tax-cutting person," Bush declared. "I know how to get it done." In a debate last week, Bush promised to cut taxes "so help me God."

Forbes wasn't budging, saying he stood by his ad. "A pledge should not be used as a trinket to win an election," he said. "The ad is accurate. ... You did break that pledge." Forbes said things like that make Americans cynical about politics.

Bush shot back, "One thing that makes the American people cynical is negative advertisements on TV." Later, Bush said he would not do to other candidates what Forbes did to Bob Dole, the GOP nominee in 1996, who emerged from the primary campaign weakened by Forbes attack ads.

"You're not going to win the White House by making pledges that are then broken," Forbes said.

In the 1988 presidential campaign, Bush's father made "read my lips, no new taxes" a regular pledge. As president, he accepted tax increases to get a deficit-cutting budget deal, and the issue was turned against him in his losing re-election bid in 1992.

Tell-all strategy seems to be working

By Walter R. Mears
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. John McCain's tell-all strategy of political damage control seems to be working as he tries to contain the controversy over his letters pressing federal regulators for action in cases involving his campaign donors.

It is, as he's said, everyday business in Congress to prod the bureaucracy on behalf of constituents. But McCain's Republican presidential campaign centers on changing that way of doing business by reforming the political finance laws. For him, even a hint of special treatment for donors dents the image.

But his GOP rivals have not made an issue of it. McCain has a pat answer when the question of the letters comes up, saying it is his duty as the Senate Commerce Committee chairman to prod balky bureaucrats from indecision to action.

The topic wasn't even mentioned when the six Republican candidates debated Monday night in Grand Rapids, Mich.

"I was doing my job, and we're releasing all the letters I've written," McCain said earlier Monday when a voter raised it in Holland, Mich. "But look, this is a tough business, and I understand that these things happen along the way."

The problem for a candidate, especially a challenger trying to upset the national front-runner, in this case Texas Gov. George W. Bush, is that "these things" can divert or stall a campaigner.

McCain said he won't let that happen. "The worst thing you can do is get diverted by something like this, which puts you off your game," he says.

The controversy began last week after The Boston Globe reported that McCain wrote the Federal Communications Commission demanding action on a television license transfer sought by a company whose executive have raised campaign money for him. They would have raised more on Saturday night, but McCain canceled a fund-raiser, saying it would only have drawn more attention to the issue.

As committee chairman, McCain has signed a stream of letters to federal agencies over the past three years, 225 to the FCC, which he says is bogged in bureaucratic inaction.

His campaign on Saturday released some 500 of his letters to agencies, including 15 involving campaign donors.

It is now trying to get, and release, all the correspondence he's had with federal regulatory agencies since he first came to Congress in 1983.

AP Analysis

McCain's damage-control strategy seems to be release a flood of paper. In December, he released more than 1,000 pages of health records to put to rest questions about his mental fitness to be president.

McCain said the overwhelming majority of the letters ask bureaucrats to please, please get to work and act on what's before them.

Although he didn't say please in the Dec. 10 letter that led to the controversy, he wanted action by Dec. 15. McCain says pressure was warranted because the case had gone two years without a decision.

And the letter included this sentence: "I emphasize that my purpose is not to suggest in any way how you should vote — merely that you vote."

McCain said that in seeking action without trying to influence it, he was holding himself to a higher standard than others. "Take a look at what other congressmen and senators do," he said.

But they're not running for president on a platform of campaign reform, with promises to end the influence of money on what happens in Washington.

McCain acknowledges that campaign donors get access to the political leaders they help, and that access equals influence. But he also insists that he wasn't doing anything for his contributors he wouldn't have done for others, and his letters in those other cases support his argument. He said his job as chairman of the Commerce Committee is to make the bureaucrats work for the people.

He also says the controversy has added to his determination to gain campaign reforms. "All this money washing around Washington, and all these uncontrolled contributions taint us all," he said.

At the same time, he says he does not regret writing the letter that started it all.

Nor does he concede that it created an appearance at odds with his reform image.

But appearances are in the eye of a candidate's beholders, not his. McCain learned that when he was one of five senators investigated for alleged improper influence with federal bank regulators on behalf of financier Charles J. Keating, later convicted of fraud.

Senate ethics investigators rebuked McCain for poor judgment, while saying he had not taken improper action. McCain said in a Columbia, S.C., campaign debate that his involvement in the Keating Five case was the worst mistake of his adult life.

"The thing I learned was that it is not only impropriety that counts, it is the appearance of impropriety," he has said of the episode.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Walter R. Mears has reported on Washington and national politics for The Associated Press for more than 35 years.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2000

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Accurately evaluating information that is floating around is your cup of tea today. You'll be able to determine the real worth of an idea or concept and make the most of this knowledge.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Although you might feel imposed upon by others today when it comes to their requests, when motivated by your own simpatico, you're likely to be generous to a fault.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be a people person today, because the influences are such that you should be able to establish a friendly rapport with others more easily. Contact someone who has been hard to reach.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Developments that are somewhat challenging won't find you lacking today. Your resourcefulness is awakened by testy situations, be they large or small.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today may prove that someone you recently met is destined to play a prominent role in your affairs, as you once again encounter each other and sense an instant kinship.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) There could be some linkage between you being more fortunate today in advancing your status, as well as your financial position. They each will be lucky for each other.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Chances are that you may become the author of an ingenious idea today. However, someone else's suggestions could improve upon or perfect your original thoughts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Changes which have been implemented by influences over which you have had little or no control could reverse themselves today and once again place the reigns back in your hands.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If someone for whom you've been yearning has been reticent in response to your overtures, try one more time today. Romance favors you at this time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Make several matters which have not been concluded to your satisfaction priority issues today. If you know what you want, you can now hold firm until you get it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Instead of telephoning in your regrets to a social gathering to which you've been invited, put in an appearance. Someone you've been hoping to meet might be in attendance.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Lessons best taught at home are crowding school classes

DEAR ABBY: In a recent column, one of your readers recommended that schools add anger management classes to the curriculum. I am a schoolteacher, and I don't know how we're going to fit any more into our curriculum and do it effectively.

We teach drug awareness, tobacco awareness, AIDS education, kids voting, helmet safety and stranger danger, to name a few. Oh, yes — we also teach reading, writing, math, language, social studies, science, health, music, art and physical education.

Why does our society expect schools to teach it all? Whatever happened to parenting? Parents should be taking the classes on how to be parents. Perhaps that would leave the "school" subjects to the teachers. — PHOENIX EDUCATOR

DEAR EDUCATOR: I agree that it's unfair to demand that schools teach children that which should be taught at home by the parents. However, the majority of families these days have two working parents, and consequently many children are virtually raising themselves.

The task of parenting is more difficult when the parent is gone the majority of the time — but it's not impossible. The best things parents can give their children are time and undivided attention. They should listen to their children with a discerning ear. It takes patience, setting a good example, organizing one's priorities and choosing one's battles. For parents who feel that knack is beyond them, many books have been written on the subject.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been in a relationship with a man for four years now. Two years ago he asked me to marry him, but he still hasn't set a date or given me a ring.

Whenever I bring up the subject, he gets angry and says, "When the time is right." Well, in my book, don't you normally wait to pop the question until the time is right and then offer the ring as a symbol of love and commitment?

He is 42 years old, has never been married and still lives at home with his mother. He says he could never leave her alone. His mother — a wonderful woman whom I love dearly — is 75 years old, but remains very active and still works 35 hours a week. She says he has never helped her financially, although he makes a decent living.

I'm beginning to grow weary of waiting for "the right time." What do you think of this situation? — THE WIFE-IN-WAITING

DEAR WAITING: He has told you directly that he could never leave his mother. She's in excellent health and, from your description, is vigorous — so you could be "waiting" for this man to get off the dime for a very long time. Let me go on record: Waiting for someone to die is the longest wait in the world.

If it's marriage you want, it's time to move on and find an eligible man. This one's already taken.

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DEAR ABBY: Please answer this for me. Is it all right to visit relatives or friends without calling first? I say it's rude, and my husband says there is nothing wrong with it. He thinks people will just be surprised. — EMBARRASSED IN TEXAS

DEAR EMBARRASSED: I recommend always calling to ask if it's convenient to visit.

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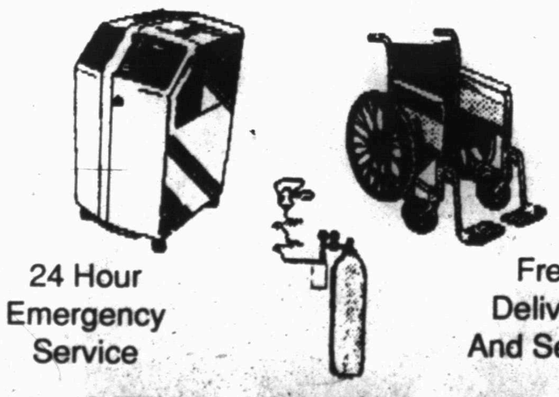

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AOL deal could lead to more merger mania

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The premier fusion of new media and old — America Online and Time Warner — may herald other alliances between the keepers of content and companies with the means to deliver it.

Disney, Sony, News Corp. and other media giants may look to strike similar deals with online companies to catch up after Monday's announcement that AOL would acquire Time Warner Inc. for $162 billion.

"Temporarily, maybe it leaves them in the dust," said Dan O'Brien, an Internet analyst with Forrester Research.

The stock deal aligns a company with 22 million online subscribers and a conglomerate whose news and entertainment fixtures include CNN, Time magazine, TBS, TNT, Cartoon Network, HBO, Warner Music Group, Fortune, Sports Illustrated, Entertainment Weekly and Looney Tunes.

The deal marks a major turning point in the media industry, highlighting the power and value that Internet companies like AOL have built up in a relatively short time.

AOL needed access not only to Time Warner's media content machine — which produces films, music, TV shows and magazines — but also to Time Warner's large network of cable TV lines, which is second only to AT&T's and reaches 20 percent of U.S. households.

The deal would be the biggest corporate merger ever and put the new company, AOL Time Warner Inc., at the forefront of integration between Internet providers and entertainment monoliths.

To keep up, analysts said, other Internet and media companies likely will have to follow suit.

"There's a trend toward Internet companies partnering with traditional media companies," said Mark Mooradian, an analyst with Jupiter Communications. Time Warner and AOL "is the pinnacle of that kind of partnership in the making, but I definitely think we're going to see more of this."

On the technology side, companies such as Yahoo, Lycos, AT&T and Microsoft may be on the lookout for deals with entertainment providers. On the studio side, there's Disney, Sony, News Corp., which owns 20th Century Fox, and Viacom, which owns Paramount and has a merger deal with CBS television.

Other prospects for acquisition include General Electric's NBC television and MGM, a studio that is a mere shell of its glory days but which has a top film library.

Like other media conglomerates, Time Warner had been working to reinvent its Internet strategy internally, setting aside $500 million last year to invest in new online efforts.

At Disney, which acquired the Internet portal Infoseek, a spokeswoman said there was no immediate comment on whether the AOL-Time Warner deal would affect its Internet plans.

Disney, its stock slumping as earnings plunged 28 percent last year, could become an attractive takeover target for technology companies, O'Brien said. The company has been slow to recognize the value of pushing its entertainment content over the Internet, he said.

"Traditional media companies have had a hard time understanding the dynamics of the Web," O'Brien said.

Gun measures seen in different light

DENVER (AP) — By all appearances, the Columbine High School massacre is affecting gun control debates in legislatures across the country.

In Pennsylvania, a bill requiring gun buyers to purchase trigger locks passed last year after failing in a previous session. In California, even gun control advocates were surprised when legislators approved bills limiting handgun sales and strengthening the assault weapons ban.

But perhaps nowhere is a shift in political attitude toward gun control bills more apparent than in Colorado, a state where the Second Amendment has long been cherished.

While some opposition exists from Republicans who control both houses of the Legislature, some of the state's gun measures have a good chance of passing this year. Democrats have even found an unlikely supporter in Republican Gov. Bill Owens.

Last April, Owens was poised to sign legislation to expand the right to carry concealed firearms when gunfire broke out at Columbine. Two student gunmen killed 13 people and then themselves.

The measure went unsigned, and lawmakers heeded Owens' request to take gun legislation off the table. Now the governor has come out in support of gun-control measures, upsetting some in his own party.

"If you look at before Columbine, the Legislature was looking at laws to make at least concealed weapons and some other aspects of guns easier," political pollster Paul Talmey said Monday. "Whereas, today they are looking at a whole series of bills that would regulate guns, gun purchases."

Owens said Columbine forced officials to "look at what we have on the books and ask ourselves, 'Are there areas where in fact, given this new examination, where we do have some loopholes?' And in fact, I think there are."

In the aftermath of Columbine, Owens did his homework on weapons laws.

"I couldn't have told you what a straw purchase was before Columbine," he said, referring to the practice of buying a gun for someone who legally cannot do so. Owens also said he was unaware that background checks were not conducted by unlicensed gun dealers at gun shows.

Now Owens is proposing to ban straw purchases, require safe storage of firearms, raise the age to buy a handgun from 18 to 21, include juvenile records in background checks and require criminal background checks at gun shows.

"These are key proposals from him that would not have been considered a year ago," said Rep. Diana DeGette, D-Colo., who has fought for gun control laws at the state and federal level since 1992.

"When I was in the Legislature, any bill that came to the House and the NRA didn't support it, it was DOA," she said. "Now we have a Republican supporting gun restrictions. That is extraordinary in Colorado."

Among the Republicans who oppose Owens' measures is state Sen. Maryanne Tebedo, who sponsored a concealed-carry measure last year. She acknowledged that the issue has become emotionally charged because of Columbine, but plans to try to pass the bill again.

Ms. Tebedo said having background checks at gun shows would force people to buy guns illegally and added that conservatives see safe-storage regulations as an intrusive step by the government.

"My constituents are telling me not to vote for any gun control," she said.

Other opponents of gun-control laws, including the National Rifle Association, are accusing advocates of trying to exploit Columbine.

"Advocates for more restrictive gun control will use whatever horrible tragedy there is in the media to push their legislative agenda," said James Baker, the NRA's chief lobbyist.

"I don't think you can dismiss Columbine. It raised the profile of the issue even higher than it was," he said. "But I don't think the politics of the issue have changed at all."

Consumer groups seek consolidation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumer advocacy groups are criticizing the Clinton administration for writing a plan for improving food safety without proposing to consolidate the dozen agencies that now have some responsibility for the issue.

The draft strategic plan released recently by the President's Food Safety Council instead offered several consolidation alternatives for discussion at a public hearing Jan. 19.

The council, which is made up of officials from the agencies, "seems to be designed to fend off efforts to get a single food safety agency," Caroline Smith DeWaal of the Center for Science in the Public Interest said Monday. "The council is comprised of exactly the people whose ox would be gored if an independent agency were to be formed."

The plan, which is dated Friday, says the agencies responsible for various food safety issues, "have developed different systems for protecting the food supply, and bring different strengths and shortcomings to the current system."

"The overarching goal of the plan is to improve public health by improving the safety of the food supply," said Catherine Woteki, the Agriculture Department's undersecretary of food safety. "The council is now asking for public comment for what organizational options would further our ability to achieve those goals."

The National Academy of Sciences in 1998 urged Congress to "establish a unified, central framework for managing food safety programs" headed by a single person.

Carol Tucker Foreman of Consumer Federation of America also criticized the plan for failing to propose specific goals for cutting cases of salmonella and other pathogens.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Can't MDs go back to the old system

DEAR DR. GOTT: Do you believe that doctors will ever return to the traditional office visit? In the past, I'd call my physician if I needed help and he would see me on the same day. I accepted the fact that I would have to wait up to an hour to see him. Now, with my new HMO doctor, I am given an appointment a week in advance and still have to wait as long as an hour. Wouldn't you doctors make just as much money the old way?

DEAR READER: Probably, but that's not the issue.

Clearly, your HMO doctor is very busy. Part of the reason is that patients are much more likely now (than in the past) to demand acute care for relatively trivial afflictions.

Years ago, when I started practice, patients would make appointments only if they were truly sick. In contrast, today I am expected to examine and treat people who have 1. had a cold since this morning, 2. sprained an ankle three days ago and insist on being seen (even if the ankle is improving), and 3. been sneezing for a week during the pollen season. Such patients detract from the bona fide illnesses that I must put off in order to see them.

In all fairness, I should point out the obvious: Many new doctors are not eager to work more than a 40-hour week; lunch is sacrosanct; the office closes at 5 p.m. I agree with you that physicians should try to remain flexible.

What we need, in my view, is some good old-fashioned give-and-take. Make a deal with your doctor. You won't call for an emergency appointment unless there is valid reason for doing so. In return, he should agree to see you within 24 hours or less. I think some honest patient-to-doctor dialogue would go a long way in relieving some of the dissatisfaction that you (and, of course, health professionals) are experiencing.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have been taking Coumadin for 20 years. When I recently refilled my prescription, the pharmacist substituted the generic equivalent, warfarin. Is this appropriate?

DEAR READER: If you had asked me this question 15 years ago, I would have answered in the negative. However, warfarin is now considered by most authorities to be reliable and equivalent to Coumadin, the past gold-standard preparation for oral anticoagulant drugs. The switch your pharmacist made is satisfactory; moreover, the generic equivalent should cost you less money. To send you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Consumer Tips on Medicine." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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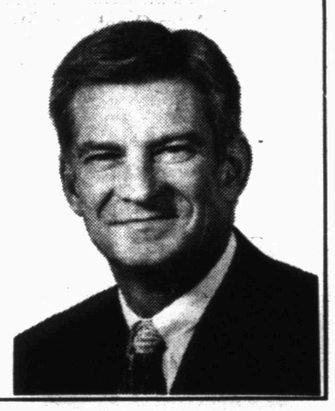

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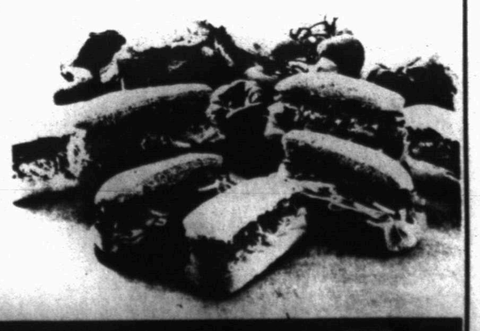

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Half of stabilizer ropes were removed

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Half the ropes used to stabilize the center pole of Texas A&M University's bonfire were removed hours before the 60-foot log stack collapsed, according to an engineering report.

The report released Monday by an outside engineering company into the collapse that killed a dozen students also found that the stack's 19-foot first tier was leaning in the direction the logs fell.

The president of Rogers Engineering Services, who authored the findings, said investigators were told that eight guy ropes originally stabilized the center pole before the Nov. 18 collapse.

"The four lower guy ropes were cut free from the center pole approximately two to three hours prior to the collapse," Alton C. Rogers wrote.

The report does not cite the source of that information or the reason the ropes were cut. And it does not suggest cutting the ropes--or the obvious leaning caused the unlit bonfire to tumble. But a construction science professor at Colorado State University said both factors would have to be examined in determining what caused the 2:30 a.m. collapse.

"It could turn out to be many things together — a little here and a little there," said Larry Grosse, a former A&M professor who helped students build past bonfires in an unofficial capacity until leaving A&M in 1995.

Grosse said without more information about the findings he couldn't make a concrete analysis, but he told the Bryan-College Station Eagle "several things could have put added stress on the center pole."

Rogers' firm, based in College Station and Brenham, compiled the Dec. 10 report on search and recovery efforts. The firm was called to the scene hours after the collapse by A&M officials seeking help in the delicate dismantling of the crumpled log stack, which had trapped some students.

Severing the ropes would have made the pole more vulnerable to snapping under stress, said a Southern Methodist University engineering professor.

INS won't force boy to return to Cuba

MIAMI (AP) — The Immigration and Naturalization Service said today it has no plans to force the immediate return of Elian Gonzalez to Cuba in the wake of a state judge's decision to grant emergency custody of the 6-year-old boy to his great-uncle in Miami.

The INS last week ruled that the boy's father in Cuba should have custody, and gave a target date of this Friday for his return. The ruling was endorsed by President Clinton and Attorney General Janet Reno.

On Monday, Miami-Dade County Circuit Judge Rosa Rodriguez ruled that Elian should remain with his U.S. relatives until March 6 so the court can hear arguments from Lazaro Gonzalez, his great-uncle, who is seeking temporary custody.

"We have no plans to take charge of him, and we have no plans to forcibly remove him from the home," INS spokesman Mike Gilhooly said today in Miami.

The agency refused to elaborate on Gilhooly's comments, but planned to release a statement later today.

Rodriguez said the boy's Miami relatives had shown that Elian would face "imminent and irreparable harm" if he were returned to Cuba, including the "loss of due process rights and harm to his physical and mental health and emotional well-being."

Later, Elian's great-uncle waved a copy of the ruling and yelled "Victory for Elian!" in Spanish before going inside the family's home Monday in Little Havana. If he is appointed Elian's guardian, he could seek asylum for the boy.

"Today is a great day for Elian," said his attorney, Spencer Eig. "(The ruling) will provide Elian Gonzalez his day in court."

Elian was rescued from an inner tube off the coast of Florida on Thanksgiving Day, after a shipwreck that killed his mother, stepfather and others fleeing Cuba.

Bernard Perlmutter, director of the University of Miami's Children and Youth Law Clinic, called the judge's decision "politically popular" but legally incorrect.

He said the federal government has the sole authority to decide immigration matters and a state court can only intercede if Reno gives her permission. She has not done that. He also said the INS has the power to return Elian at any time.

The case has touched off protests in Miami and in Cuba, where the Castro government condemned the ruling. At a rally in Havana on Monday, demonstrators likened Cuban exiles in the United States to "beasts." Elian's father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, has demanded that his son be returned.

Elian's relatives in Miami say they can give him a better life off the communist island.

The judge has ordered the father to be at the March hearing, saying his "failure to appear may result in a decision adverse to his interests." Gonzalez has said he would not travel to the United States to retrieve his son.

Obituaries

Dean Simpson

1931-2000

Dean Simpson was found dead Saturday, Jan. 8, at his home near Lake Thomas. Justice of the Peace Charlie Reynolds said Mr. Simpson had died earlier in the week due to apparent natural causes.

Services for Mr. Simpson, 68, are pending at Griffin Funeral Home in Hobbs, N.M. Wright Colonial Funeral Home was in charge of local arrangements.

Mr. Simpson was born on June 11, 1931. He is survived by one son, Carroll Simpson of Houston.

Linda White

1953-2000

BELTON – Linda Nell White, a native of Snyder, died Sunday, Jan. 9, from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident 1.5 miles west of Belton.

The accident occurred about 7:57 p.m. as she failed to negotiate a curve on the cycle she was operating. She was airlifted to Scott and White Hospital in Temple where she died.

A memorial service for Mrs. White, 46, is set for 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Dossman Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Donald Robinson officiating. Cremation is planned.

Born May 9, 1953 in Snyder, she was the daughter of Nell Holdren and the late J.W. "Son" Holdren.

A waitress, Mrs. White moved to Belton from Snyder 12 years ago.

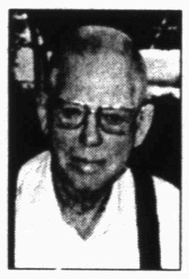
Survivors include her husband, Stephen White of Belton; two sons, Jacob White of Belton and James White Jr. of Austin; two daughters, Jamie White and Treasure Hanna, both of Belton; her mother, Nell Holdren of Snyder; two brothers, Jon Holdren of Abilene and Mark Holdren of Snyder; three grandchildren, Lacye White, Blaze White and Wesley Hanna.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Linda White Memorial Fund at the First Texas Bank of Belton, 300 East 1st Ave, 76513.

J. Loyce Adams

1907-2000

James Loyce Adams died on Monday, January 10, 2000, at Shannon Memorial Hospital, San Angelo, Texas. He was the son of Will and Della Adams.



J. Loyce Adams

His family moved to Snyder in 1929 and he worked in various capacities on ranches. In 1931, he bought his first truck and began his trucking career by hauling apples from New Mexico to Snyder. He hauled cattle from Scurry County to Fort Worth when the only hard surface road was a brick road from Weatherford to Mineral Wells.

In 1968, he began stock farming on the Polar Road and enjoyed that until he moved to Baptist Memorial Retirement Center in San Angelo in 1983. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Loyce enjoyed rodeos and was the last survivor of the original rodeo directors of the Scurry County Rodeo Association.

In 1942, Loyce volunteered for military service and served in the Army Air Force during World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Kate Adams of San Angelo; their daughter and son-in-law, Kay and Kent Gardner of Dallas; a granddaughter and her husband, Kathy and Laddie Lewis of Dripping Springs; a grandson and his wife, Jim and Joy Keath of Fort Worth; and two great-granddaughters, Regent Ham and Jade Keath. He is also survived by three nephews and two nieces who were dear to him.

Loyce was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters.

A memorial service will be held on January 12, 2000 at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home in Snyder, Texas at 2 p.m. Dr. Kenneth Patrick and Reverend Tom Martin will officiate.

Pallbearers will be J.B. Self, John Harris and Joe Warren of San Angelo and Jess Everett and Brent Murphy of Snyder, and Don Jones of Fluvanna.

It is requested that memorials be made to your favorite charity in lieu of flowers.

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Kenneth Lynn

1931-2000

BLANKET – Kenneth Lynn, the father of Carolyn Elam of Ira, died Sunday, Jan. 9, in Brownwood Regional Medical Center.

Funeral service for Mr. Lynn, 68, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Heartland Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Gary Day officiating. Burial will follow in the Blanket Cemetery.

Born in Runnels County, he married Dorothy Musick in 1949 in Odessa. She preceded him in death.

A Baptist, Mr. Lynn was a truck driver and had lived in Brownwood before moving to Blanket in 1978.

Survivors include two sons, Larry Lynn and Marvin Lynn, both of Blanket; five other daughters, Wanda Stewart of Brownwood, Wannell Townsend and Loretta Jones, both of Blanket, Tina Gresham of Odessa and Geretta Regor of Early; two brothers, Norman "Hank" Lynn of Odessa and Dearl Lynn of Snyder, Okla.; 26 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Lung Association.

Tommy McNiel

1941-2000

HAMLIN – Tommy Carrol McNiel, the brother of Delbert McNiel of Snyder, died Sunday, Jan. 9, at his home in Hamlin.

Graveside service for Mr. McNiel, 58, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the McCaulley Cemetery. The Rev. James Brigham will officiate, and arrangements are under the direction of Foster-Adams Funeral Home.

Born in Brownfield, he was reared in Haskell. A U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War, he was retired from the military and had lived in Hamlin, Haskell, McCaulley and Merkel. He was a Baptist and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Survivors include a daughter, Missy Hawley of Clyde; another brother, Ronnie McNiel of Hamlin; three sisters, Joanne McNiel of Lubbock, Linda McNiel of Abilene and Connie Davis of Neinda; and one granddaughter.

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Warrants send two to jail on Monday

Two subjects were jailed Monday on warrants.

Deputies booked a 21-year-old male into jail at 2:03 p.m. on warrants for speeding and failure to appear. He also had a misdemeanor warrant for order amending probation.

A 30-year-old male was booked into jail at 8:31 p.m. on a warrant for theft.

Several offense reports were also filed Monday.

Ray Gutierrez requested an officer at 1400 19th Street at 8:08 a.m. while he checked his sister's house. He advised he had found an open window. An officer was dispatched and an offense report for Class B criminal mischief was filed in reference to a damaged window.

Hilario Segura notified officers at 4:21 p.m. that a ring had been stolen from his residence at 2312 42nd Street. An offense report for Class A theft was submitted.

A clerk with Town & Country on East Coliseum Drive reported a gas drive-off in the amount of $12.68 at 4:47 p.m. An offense report was filed for Class C theft.

At 9:14 p.m., officers filed an offense report for reckless driving.

A minor two-vehicle accident occurred at 7:45 p.m. in the Wal-Mart parking lot. Involved were a 1987 Ford Escort driven by Amy Michelle Sickler, 18, of 1805 15th Street and a 1991 Chevrolet 2500 pickup driven by Cinnia Cabrera, 21, of 2109 28th Street.

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Gospel meeting

A gospel meeting with Dr. Ken Jones, president of Lubbock Christian University, concludes at 7 this evening at 37th Street Church of Christ.

Utility assistance applications

Representatives from People for Progress will be at the Park Club from 10 a.m. until noon, and from 1-3 p.m. on today and Wednesday to take applications for utility payment assistance. Needed documents are social security card, electric and gas bills, plus proof of income.

Retirement reception

A retirement reception in honor of Dan Cotton and Vesta Orr is being hosted by Big Country Electric Cooperative from 3-5 this afternoon at Snyder Country Club. Cotton has been the cooperative's attorney for 32 years, and Orr is former general manager of the coop.

Fluvanna homecoming

A meeting to plan the Fluvanna homecoming will be held at 6:30 this evening in the Fluvanna community center. Anyone interested in the June 9-10 homecoming is invited to attend the planning session.

Amateur radio operators

Snyder area radio operators will conduct its weekly check in/ragchew net at 7:30 tonight. This net will operate on frequency 146.920 with PL tone 67. All licensed amateurs are welcome to check in. For more information call Mike @ KM5TC (573-2222), or David @ KC5GFM (573-8182).

Townhall meting

U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm will host a townhall meeting from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Wednesday in the council chambers at Snyder City Hall.

TAAS tests

TAAS tests will be administered Feb. 22-24. Out-of-school examinees must register by Wednesday at Snyder High School. Anyone with questions should call Charlene Light at 574-6050, or Dr. Melissa Jones at 573-5401.

SISD trustees reception

The public is invited to a reception in honor of the board of trustees of the Snyder schools to be held from 5:15 to 6 p.m. Thursday in the board room in the school administration building.

Masonic Lodge

Scurry Masonic Lodge No. 706 will work in the E.A. Degree starting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. All Masons are invited.

Evening of praise

East Side Church of Christ, 201 31st Street, will present an Evening of Praise with Ken Young and Hallal Music at 6 p.m. Sunday.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air weekly on TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "The Second Coming," followed by "Getting to Know God's People and Praise."

WTC dance

The Western Texas College Intramural Department will host a fundraiser dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Jan. 21, in the National Guard Armory. The dance will feature DJ Danny Gonzales of Post. Admission is $8 a couple and $5 for singles. WTC students with a valid college ID will be admitted free.

Ira yearbooks

Ira 2000 Bulldog annuals are on sale through Wednesday, Jan. 26. Cost is $26 with name on cover or $22 without name.

Ira school pictures

Spring portraits and friendship pictures will be taken at Ira on Wednesday, Jan. 26. Each student will be photographed. Class group pictures also will be taken for grades K-12.

Windbreak trees

Windbreak trees are available from the Soil and Water Conservation District, 5308 Big Spring Hwy. Deadline for orders is Jan. 31.

Road to Recovery program

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

Pick 3

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

9-7-7

(nine-seven-seven)

Cash Five

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

1-6-12-26-31

(one, six, twelve, twenty-six, thirty-one)

Formal announcement due next month from Mrs. Clinton

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton said today she will formally announce her Senate candidacy in early February and hopes to have the president and daughter Chelsea at her side.

"That's my timetable," the first lady said when asked if she planned to make it official next month. "It will take a while to get everybody organized to do it," she said.

Mrs. Clinton, who confirmed in November that she intended to run, said today she wanted her husband and daughter on hand for the historic announcement. No first lady has ever run for public office.

Asked if daughter Chelsea would take time off from her studies at Stanford University to help her mother campaign in New York, Mrs. Clinton said only, "That's down the road."