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LAST-MINUTE PREPARATIONS — Scurry County Coliseum employee Manny Rios repairs a gate near the animal pens this morning during final preparations for the Western Texas College rodeo. The rodeo opens at 7 p.m. Thursday, and continues through Saturday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Up $400,000 from last year...

Local bank deposits show slight increase

Bank deposits in Scurry County showed slight growth based on the first quarter reports of 2001.

Combined deposits at four reporting financial institutions in Snyder were $225 million, an increase of $400,000 over the end of last year's first quarter and an increase of $700,000 when compared to the year-end total deposits of $224.3 million.

Reporting institutions, based on March 31 call reports, were Snyder National Bank, West Texas State Bank, American State Bank and Texas Savings Bank. First American Bank, which has a location in Snyder, does not report individual bank figures.

Snyder National Bank, on March 31, had total deposits of $88.9 million, an increase of $100,000 at the close of the same period last year, but a drop of $3.6 million since year-end.

Deposits at West Texas State Bank were $79.5 million, a decline of $1.1 million compared to the close of the first quarter of 2000, but an increase of $2.4 million when evaluated against the close of business three months ago.

American State Bank's total deposits at the end of the current year's first quarter were $23.5 million, an increase of $1.4 million compared to the same quarter last year and a gain of $1.1 million since the close of 2000.

Texas Savings Bank showed total deposits of $33.1 million, unchanged from the same period last year and an increase of $800,000 since year-end.

Combined loans were $100.7 million, a decline of $600,000 compared to the first quarter of 2000 and a drop of $400,000 since the close of last year.

Loans at Snyder National were $42.9 million, a drop of $400,000 compared to the same period last year, and a drop of $1.4 million since the close of 2000.

Snyder National loans totaled $26.5 million, a drop of $900,000 compared to the first quarter of last year and a jump of $700,000 since year-end.

Loans at West Texas State Bank were $42.9 million on March 31, a decrease of $400,000 when compared to March 31 last year, and a reduction of $1.4 million since the end of 2000.

Texas Saving Bank reported loans of $31.3 million, an increase of $700,000 compared to the close of last year's first quarter, and an increase of $300,000 evaluated against the end of the fourth quarter of 2000.

WTC rodeo readying for annual 3-day run

It will be three full evenings of roping and riding when the Western Texas College rodeo opens at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Scurry County Coliseum.

Western Texas, along with 13 other colleges, will be on hand to battle for men's and women's team titles, as well as individual crowns in eight events.

"This should be the most competitive rodeo we've had here in a long time," said WTC coach Greg Rhodes. "There are quite a few teams in this region that are pretty evenly matched this year, and that makes for a good rodeo."

The Lady Westerners, who captured the national title a year ago, lead the Southwest Region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association, while the WTC men sit second behind Tarleton State.

The three-day event gets underway Thursday with performances starting at 7 each night. The final round is slated for Saturday.

Tickets are $5 for ages 13 and up, and can be purchased at the door. Children 12 and under get in free.

Open house Thursday for home buyers

Snyder Board of Realtors will host an open house Thursday for prospective home buyers and sellers.

Real estate, lender and closing agents to be on hand to offer tips on making home buying easy.

Those attending will have the opportunity to preview homes currently on the market and ask questions concerning the buying process.

The event is set from 7-9 p.m. in the Texas Savings Bank community room at 2619 College.

Local realtors say that low interest rates and high availability of homes make it an ideal time to purchase. There are an estimated 130 to 140 homes on the local market.

Debbie Miller, president of the Snyder Board of Realtors, said the open house is being held to address questions and concerns people may have about becoming home owners.

"With the real estate market being as slow as it has been, we feel we need to provide buyers and sellers with some good information as far as what is available to both," said Miller who represents Heritage Homes Realtors.

There are four active real estate offices in Snyder including Heritage, Elizabeth Potts Realtors, Jack & Jack Realtors and Stevenson Real Estate.

Dolores Jones of Heritage is vice president of the Snyder Board of Realtors and Kayla Moreland of Stevenson is secretary-treasurer.

Other directors are Wenona Evans of Stevenson, Temi Matthies of Elizabeth Potts, Shirley Drum of Heritage and Ann Simms, a real estate agent from Post.

U.S. not apologizing to China for incident of airplanes colliding

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States today refused to apologize to China for an incident in which a U.S. spy plane collided with a Chinese fighter jet.

"The United States doesn't understand the reason for an apology," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer told reporters. "Our airplanes are operating in international airspace, and the United States did nothing wrong."

Fleischer said U.S. Ambassador Joseph Prueher was summoned to a meeting earlier today with the Chinese foreign minister, Tang Jiaxuan, in Beijing. Tang demanded an apology for the incident and Prueher refused, Fleischer said.

"He reiterated what the president said yesterday about President Bush's desire to end this situation, to allow our men and women to come home and have the plane returned as well," Fleischer said.

China maintains the crew of 24, which made an emergency landing after the collision Sunday, is being held in "protective custody" and that the United States should apologize for the incident that landed them there.

"This accident has the potential of undermining our hopes for a fruitful and productive relationship between our two countries," Bush said Tuesday. "To keep that from happening, our servicemen and women need to come home."

U.S. diplomatic representatives met Tuesday with the crew members on China's Hainan Island and reported them to be in good health. Chinese officials refused to allow the American officials to meet alone with the crew members and have not allowed them to contact their families in the United States.

Secretary of State Colin Powell, using harsher language than the White House, called the meeting a positive step but said the crew remained in "detention."

"They're being held incommunicado under circumstances that I don't find acceptable," Powell said. "The Chinese have said they're being protected — I don't know from what. In my judgment, they're being detained."

Greenspan sees 'great tragedy' in trade protection

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, declaring anti-globalization protesters "wrong-headed," said today the United States must resist calls for erecting protectionist trade barriers.

Greenspan told Congress the steady removal of trade barriers over the past half century has contributed to the strong prosperity in recent decades. That prosperity could be jeopardized by barriers to protect domestic industries threatened by increased imports, he said.

"The United States has been in the forefront of the postwar opening up of international markets, much to our and the rest of the world's benefits," Greenspan said in prepared remarks. "It would be a great tragedy were that process stopped or reversed."

Greenspan was testifying before the Senate Finance Committee as Republicans attempted to build support for an effort by President Bush to win negotiating authority he needs to strike new trade agreements.

Greenspan, who has spoken often of the economic benefits that come from free trade, repeated those views Wednesday. In his prepared testimony, he made no mention of current economic conditions or the big plunge that has occurred in stock values.

Wall Street investors are hoping that the Fed, which has already cut interest rates three times this year, will do so again in an effort to jump-start economic growth and improve profit prospects for U.S. corporations.

Greenspan said he regretted the fact that supporters of free trade often contend that lowering barriers will promote jobs.

Fundraisers set Saturday for relay event

To raise funds for the annual Relay for Life event April 19-20, a benefit horseshoe pitching tournament will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Scurry County Coliseum courts.

The Snyder Slingers horseshoe pitching club will be available to give pointers to all participating.

The entry fee for the double elimination tournament is $5 and other donations will be accepted.

To register, call 573-8203.

A yard and bake sale is also planned for Saturday to raise funds for the Relay for Life.

The Midway Mania relay team is holding the sale from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. at 1517 FM 1611.

Directions are to go west on Gary Brewer Rd. to FM 1611, turn right and the sale is at a house on the left approximately one-half mile from the intersection.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The census doesn't say it, but it seems there are more and more people parked diagonally in a parallel world."

Yesterday, we started a list of incidents that can make most of us feel "normal." As promised, here's a second take on evidence that the world is filled with strange people with even stranger ways.

—A man walked into a Burger King in Michigan, flashed a gun and demanded cash. The clerk turned him down, saying she couldn't open the cash drawer without an order. The would-be robber then asked for onion rings. Told the item was not on the breakfast menu, the frustrated man left empty handed.

—A fellow walked into a convenience store, put a $20 bill on the counter and asked for change. When the register opened, the man pulled a gun and demanded all the cash. The man took the cash and fled, leaving the $20 bill on the counter. The amount of cash actually missing was only $15.

—A female shopper exited a store when a man grabbed her purse and ran. The clerk called 911 and the woman was able to give a detailed description. Within minutes, police had apprehended the snatcher, drove him back to the car and asked the victim for a positive ID. Before she could say anything, the snatcher replied, "Yes, officer. That's her. That's the lady I took the purse from."

—Actual tip from page 16 of the environmental, health and safety handbook for employees: "Blink your eyelids periodically to lubricate your eyes.

—A new resident called city hall to request the removal of the deer crossing sign near his home. When asked the reason for the request, the new neighbor noted that many deer had been struck by cars, and she no longer wanted them to cross there.

—A customer in a fast-food store asked for minimal lettuce, but was told by the clerk that they only had iceberg.

—A co-worker plugged her power strip back into itself and for the life of her could not figure out why her system would not turn on.

—At a car dealership, the customer's keys were locked inside. They called for a service technician who worked feverishly to unlock the driver's side door. The car's owner instinctively tried the door handle on the passenger side. The owner announced that this door was open, to which the technician replied, "I know, I already got that side."

ASK US

Q—When was the original construction on Winston Field completed?
A—December, 1952.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 87 degrees; low, 56; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 58; no precipitation; total for 2001, 5.21 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, low near 60, S wind 5-15 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy, high upper 80s, S wind 10-20 mph. Thursday night, mostly cloudy, 30% rain chance.

Joe Luis Espinosa
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 8:06 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:28 a.m.
Of 93 days in 2001, the sun has shone 81 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

I prefer the folly of enthusiasm to the indifference of wisdom.
—Anatole France

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Media finishes review of Florida undervotes

MIAMI (AP) — George W. Bush's narrow margin of victory in Florida would have likely tripled had the U.S. Supreme Court allowed a hand recount of the undervotes to be completed, a newspaper review of the ballots concluded.

Bush would have expanded his 537-vote victory to a 1,665 margin if the recount ordered by the Florida Supreme Court had gone ahead under the most inclusive standards, the Miami Herald and USA Today reported today. Those standards would have included even partial punches and dimples as votes.

When the process was stopped, recounts using a variety of standards had already been completed in seven counties — Palm Beach, Volusia, Broward, Hamilton, Manatee, Escambia and Madison — and in 139 Miami-Dade County precincts.

Bush's 1,665 margin was based on the assumption those numbers would stand, but that in all the rest of the state the most generous standards would be applied.

But the Herald reported that the balance would have tipped to Al Gore if a recount of the undervotes had been started from scratch in all 67 Florida counties using the most inclusive standards. Under that hypothetical recount, free from the fragmented chronology of the post-election contest, Gore would have won the White House by 393 votes, the paper found.

An undervote is a ballot on which no preference for president registered; an overvote is a ballot on which more than one preference registered.

USA Today's analysis focused exclusively on what might have happened if the recount had been allowed to continue.

The results bucked the expectations of the Democratic and Republican teams during the Florida recount contest, finding that the more inclusive recount standards sought by Gore would have helped Bush. And the strictest standard sought by Republicans — that only clean ballot punches be counted — would have given Gore an extremely narrow three-vote victory. Both newspapers said that was too close to withstand the possibility of errors.

"Many Americans were asking the question 'What would the result be if the Florida Supreme Court's order to conduct hand recounts in all 67 counties were carried out?'" Martin Baron, the Herald's executive editor, said Tuesday. "We felt it was our responsibility to answer questions that so many people had."

The review of 61,195 undervotes did not examine the approximately 110,000 overvotes cast in the election. Both papers are planning a separate analysis of the overvote next month.

A group consisting of The Associated Press, The New York Times, The Washington Post, CNN, The Palm Beach Post, St. Petersburg Times, The Wall Street Journal and Tribune Publishing, which owns the Orlando Sentinel and the South Florida Sun-Sentinel, is analyzing all uncounted presidential ballots cast in the Florida election, including overvotes.

That ballot review, which is being conducted by the Chicago-based National Opinion Research Center, is expected to be released next month.

The Florida Supreme Court order to conduct the hand counts specified only undervotes should be counted. However, the U.S. Supreme Court decision halting the recount noted that overvotes were being excluded.

Gore supporters were quick to interpret the newspaper findings as evidence that the vice president should have won the election — and thus Florida' 25 electoral votes and the presidency.

"What this shows is that if you count the voter's intent, Gore wins. If you look for excuses not to count votes, Bush does better," said Doug Hattaway, Gore's national campaign spokesman, now working as a Democratic consultant in Boston.

But White House spokesman Ken Lisaius said the 537-vote victory is the correct tally.

"If you look at the facts, using the law of the land, President Bush won this election on Election Day," he said.

While media reviews of the election are interesting, they do not answer the question of what constitutes a vote, said Philip Zelikow of the Miller Center of Public Affairs at the University of Virginia, who is helping craft a federal commission on election reform.

"The problem the Supreme Court found was that there was no consistent standard and no time to devise and fully apply one. So newspapers are now answering the 'What if?' questions without having to settle any of the problems the Supreme Court confronted," he said.

The analysis found that it's virtually impossible to conduct a mistake-free election.

The Herald and USA Today said only eight Florida counties were able to produce for inspection the exact number of undercount ballots they reported on election night.

And the Herald noted that mistakes occurred both in machine and hand counts. It said Pasco County had acknowledged that multiple machine recounts produced a different number of undervotes — 1,776 on Nov. 8, 1,712 on Dec. 9 and 1,744 on Feb 5. And Duval County, which reported 4,967 undervotes on election night, ended up delivering 5,106 such ballots for inspection by the Herald after a hand recount.

The Herald and USA Today hired the national accounting firm BDO Seidman to conduct the review. At least two people — a reporter and a BDO Seidman auditor — looked at each undervote and recorded what they saw, including dimples, pinpricks and hanging chads on punch-card ballots and all discernible markings on optical scan ballots.

"We tried to get to as close to what the state would have seen as possible," said Mark Seibel, the Herald's managing editor for news.

Reporters and auditors did not discuss findings or share notes.

BDO then entered the results into a computer database and tabulated the different markings for each candidate. The Herald tabulated reporters' findings to look for statistical variations, but said it did not use those counts in its analysis.

The study cost more than $500,000 and employed 27 accountants, in addition to reporters from several newspapers.

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RESULTS

Cash Five

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

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Pick 3

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

3-0-0

Delinda Newby is SDN winner

Delinda Newby of 1205 29th St. is the March winner of a free year's subscription to the Snyder Daily News. Each month a drawing is held from the names of those whom have subscribed or renewed for six months or more.

Former Navy sailor receives life sentence

DETROIT (AP) — A former Navy sailor convicted of killing a prostitute has been sentenced to life in prison without parole.

When given the chance to apologize to the family of victim Wendy Jordan, John E. Armstrong stood with his back to the family and said, "No."

The victim's sister told Armstrong she hopes he suffers.

"I watched you in court as if you hadn't done a thing," Bonnie Jordan said Tuesday. "You are a sick predator, and are worse than an animal. An animal kills to live, and you live to kill."

Investigators say Armstrong admitted killing Jordan and four other area prostitutes, as well as 11 other women worldwide. The FBI is investigating the killings outside Michigan. Armstrong has only been charged with the four Michigan slayings.

Before being sentenced, Armstrong had asked Judge Mary Waterstone for a new defense attorney. He said attorney Robert Mitchell refused to take his phone calls, failed to summon relevant witnesses during the trial and fell asleep twice in court.

Mitchell said he feels sorry for Armstrong, but insisted he was an effective counsel.

"I sat there with my eyes closed because I listen better that way," Mitchell said.

Waterstone approved a new attorney for Armstrong.

In spite of the admission of guilt reported by investigators, Armstrong has said he found Jordan's dead body floating in the Rouge River on Jan. 2, 2000. She had been strangled.

Former President Bush visits Greece

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Former President Bush met Greek leaders during a brief visit, but insists he's leaving politics to the son he calls "43rd" — George W.

"Now my son is president. I call him the 43rd and he calls me the 41st," Bush said Tuesday, referring to their sequence in the White House. "I do not want to complicate the life of the 43rd."

Bush was in Greece to speak at a business conference. In less than four hours he met with President Costis Stephanopoulos, the foreign minister, the mayor of Athens and a main opposition leader.

Still, Bush insisted he is "no longer a public figure," and initially told reporters he didn't want to answer questions.

Bush, who traveled with his wife, Barbara, said he hopes to return to Greece for the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens.

"I'm only 77. I'll make it," he said.

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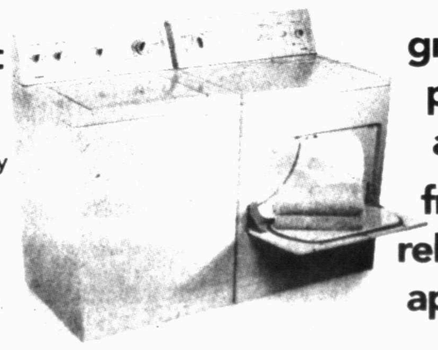

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Wednesday, April 4, 2001

Today is the 94th day of 2001 and the 16th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1841, John Tyler became the first vice president of the United States to succeed a president who had died in office. Tyler succeeded William Henry Harrison.

On this day in 1949, NATO came into existence when the representatives of 12 nations signed the North Atlantic Treaty in Washington, D.C.

On this day in 1992, actress Connie Sellecca and John Tesh were married in Beverly Hills, Calif.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Dorothea Dix (1802-1887), social reformer; Isoroku Yamamoto (1884-1943), Japanese admiral; Tris Speaker (1888-1958), baseball great; Arthur Murray (1895-1991), dancing teacher; Robert Sherwood (1896-1955), dramatist; Muddy Waters (1915-1983), blues musician; Gil Hodges (1924-1972), baseball great; Maya Angelou (1928-), writer, is 73.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1983, North Carolina State defeated Houston 54-52, winning the NCAA basketball title.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "A bird doesn't sing because it has an answer, it sings because it has a song." — Maya Angelou

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (April 1) and full moon (April 7).

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Sanctions, U.S. deadline proved successful

WASHINGTON (AP) — When Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic was deposed last year, Congress quickly approved a $100 million aid package but added a significant qualifier: no aid after March 31 unless Belgrade cooperated with the U.N. war crimes tribunal that indicted Milosevic.

To some, the wisdom of the Congress was borne out when Yugoslav authorities, acting just ahead of the midnight Saturday deadline, arrested Milosevic at his Belgrade villa.

"It's absolutely clear to us that Milosevic would not be behind bars today were it not for the international pressure and specifically the deadline imposed by the U.S. legislation," says Richard Dicker of Human Rights Watch, a New York-based private group.

Ivo Daalder of the Brookings Institution says the same result would have occurred without the legislation because both Belgrade and Washington see eye to eye on Milosevic: "Out of power and in jail."

He says that during the Milosevic era, Yugoslav institutions were obviously not equipped to deal with war crimes committed by the Belgrade leadership. But now they are, he says, and should take precedence over the U.N. tribunal in bringing Milosevic to justice.

"The issue is not whether he (Milosevic) gets to The Hague. The issue is whether justice gets done," says Daalder.

Secretary of State Colin Powell is no fan of sanctions but had no choice but to take into account the congressionally mandated March 31 deadline.

He certified that Yugoslavia had met the congressional requirement that the country take steps to cooperate with The Hague tribunal even though it had not turned Milosevic over to tribunal officials.

The action ensured that the $50 million in U.S. aid would continue, but Powell knew he could not leave the matter there; too many lawmakers want to see Milosevic on trial in The Hague, not Belgrade. As things stand, he faces trial by local authorities for abuse of power.

So Powell, in effect, kicked the can down the road, coupling his certification decision with a requirement that Belgrade continue to cooperate with the tribunal or face withdrawal of U.S. support for a conference this summer involving Yugoslav donor countries.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., called Powell's certification decision "premature" but said he was encouraged by the additional inducement to Belgrade to continue working with the tribunal.

Powell can ill afford to ignore Leahy's views, nor those of Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., who takes a similar stand on Milosevic. Both have a lot to say about the handling of State Department budget requests because of their respective roles on the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Daalder thinks the Yugoslavs should be left alone. He says the United States promised the Serbian people they would be welcomed as a partner of European democracies if only they got rid of the Milosevic regime.

That's what they did, and now the United States is telling them "Oh, you haven't done just what I told you to do," and is warning of an aid cutoff, Daalder says.

Dicker demurs. He contends that it is inappropriate for Yugoslav and Serb courts to hear charges relating to crimes against humanity. The best hope for a fair trial is The Hague court, he says.

He adds that political stability in Yugoslavia will be enhanced if Milosevic is tried in The Hague.

"Our research demonstrates that the greatest danger to stability is turning a blind eye to impunity, or allowing impunity to go on in the name of deference to stability," he says.

Far from ignoring Milosevic's activities, Yugoslav authorities say they may go beyond corruption and abuse of power charges. They also are considering charges for "severe criminal acts" that carry the death penalty.

The officials say that they are not thinking about extraditing Milosevic any time soon. But the tribunal's chief prosecutor, Carla del Ponte, believes Milosevic will be delivered to The Hague for trial within two to four months.

He is wanted for alleged crimes committed against Kosovo Albanians two years ago and additional indictments are being prepared for crimes committed in Bosnia and Croatia between 1992 and 1995.

On the Net: State Department: http://www.state.gov/www/regions/eur/index.html

Library of Congress country notes: http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/csquery.html

Seventeen drug cases are dismissed after allegations

DALLAS (AP) — Prosecutors have dismissed 17 drug cases filed by a narcotics task force accused of targeting suspects because of their race.

Dismissals of the cocaine prosecutions came a week after the American Civil Liberties Union complained to the U.S. Justice Department that the South Central Narcotics Task Force violated the civil rights of blacks during a drug bust last year that led to 28 arrests.

Eleven people had already pleaded guilty to charges in the drug raid in Hearne, about 140 miles south of Dallas.

But District Attorney John Paschall said Wednesday that the dismissals were not race related. He said charges were thrown out because of allegedly tainted evidence provided by an informant who failed a polygraph test in the other cases and was suspected of tampering with evidence.

"Two weeks ahead of their alleged complaint, we had had some complaints made by the defense attorneys," Paschall said. "We checked out the allegations. He failed the polygraph test."

The ACLU's Texas chapter, had also challenged a Panhandle drug bust in Tulia over alleged civil rights violations two years ago by a similar task force involving local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. The ACLU amended its complaint in the Tulia case to include the Hearne arrests.

A grand jury is to meet April 10 to consider evidence involving the informant, Derrick Megress. No charges have yet been filed.

William Harrell, the Texas ACLU chapter's executive director, did not immediately return a telephone message left early today from The Associated Press.

He told The New York Times he was elated by the dismissals, but said the 11 who already entered guilty pleas in Hearne should be permitted to withdraw those pleas and have their cases dismissed. Twenty-seven of the Hearne defendants were black.

The Justice Department is investigating the Tulia bust. Many of the 40 cases against residents were based solely on the testimony of an undercover officer who himself was charged with theft and abuse of power during an 18-month investigation.

Equitable economic footing for agriculture advocated

America's system of independent, family-operated farms and ranches is facing dangers today more serious than any time since the farm crisis of the early 1980s.

The agricultural crisis is driven by world economic problems leading to extraordinarily low farm prices across the board. The results have been dramatic, forcing many farmers to leave the business, and raising farm debt and lowering net worth for most other farmers nationwide.

Yet, while farm prices have plummeted, consumer food prices have not.

At the same time, the agricultural supply and food processing, wholesaling and retailing industries are undergoing consolidation at a rapid pace. The trends portend a threat to competitive markets and competitive prices to the detriment of farmers and consumer alike.

At 6:30 p.m. Monday, a public meeting will be held at the Koko Palace, 51201 Ave. Q in Lubbock.

Lawful obligations, requiring the federal government to protect agriculture, but which have not been enforced for many years, will be discussed. Understanding the legal obligations of government embodied in statutes enacted by Congress, such as 7 USC 601, 6021301, 5671 and others, are critical to the future survival of agriculture. These obligations of government toward agriculture, imposed by those statutes, but which the president has failed to enforce, will be brought into focus.

These statues, when enforced, will place farmers, ranchers and consumers on an equitable economic footing with the other segments of our economy. These same statues, which are current code and "law of the land," and which government uses every day to regulate and control agriculture and bargain its use away in agreements couched under foreign affairs, also mandates government to perform specific obligations for the production of agriculture. At this meeting you will learn what these obligations are and, how government agencies are being called to task to answer for the failure to act under their statutory and constitutional duties to protect the production property rights of agriculture and its citizens and what you can do to help.

Issues that these congressionally-mandated statutes control are the maintenance of market conditions affecting prices received for agricultural production. As part of these conditions, the president is to protect agriculture from the devaluation of foreign currencies, consolidations and concentrations (monopolies) in the market place and foreign trade agreements that destroy rather than protect.

Speakers include the plaintiffs in the "Four Farmers Case," Eugene Schroeder, Russell Grider, Ed Petrosky and Wesley Meyers. Also speaking will be Dr. Walker Todd, who is lead counsel for the plaintiffs. Dr. Todd is a former legal counsel and monetary affairs lawyer for the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland. He also served as a negotiator for the U.S. during the Iran Hostage Crisis.

Dr. Todd currently teaches law at Cleveland State University as well as maintaining his private practice.

Knowledge of those constitutionally-mandated requirements are the result of extensive legal research by these farmers and their legal counsel, and is the basis of a federal lawsuit currently pending decision before the U.S. 10th Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver. Farmers are encouraged to bring their legal counsel, bankers and county commissioners to this meeting.

Information and briefs on that suit can be examined on the Internet at www.buffalo.creek.pross.com by clicking on "click here for lawsuit."

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Widow plans anniversary party despite her family's objections

DEAR ABBY: My father passed away five years ago. In May, my parents would have been married for 50 years.

My problem is that my mother wants to have a 50th wedding anniversary party in a hall and intends to invite 200 people to the event. She wants to have a head table with her surviving bridesmaids, best man and groomsmen, and she will even have a place setting for my father with his picture on the table, as if he were still here!

Mom has also requested a family photo with all six of us kids and our spouses and children — which totals 26 people. She wants to be seated on a chair with a large photo of my deceased father beside her, and all of us gathered around her.

I absolutely refuse to participate in any of this, as do my brothers and sisters. We have expressed our feelings to her, but she says she doesn't care and will throw the party herself.

Her friends have phoned me and asked me to talk her out of this, as they also do not want her to make a fool of herself. They expressed that it would be impossible to act as if it were a happy event without my father present.

Abby, Dad died from cancer. It was a slow, hard death. However, my mother will not let his memory rest in peace. Should we let her have her party and grin and bear it, or should we try to convince her how deeply it bothers all of us? — **CONFUSED IN ALBERTA, CANADA**

DEAR CONFUSED: What a sad situation. Take one last stab at trying to convince your mother that a small family gathering would be more appropriate than a large celebration. If she refuses to budge, she is either in a stage of dementia, or she hasn't properly dealt with the death of your father. She should be evaluated medically and psychologically at the time of her annual physical exam, if not sooner.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 42-year-old man with three wonderful children. They are all grown and in their 20s. (Yes, we had them young.) I have been married for 23 years and things have been good between my wife and me.

About a year ago, my wife — who is an accountant — decided she wanted to try real estate. She took a class, got her license, and now sells real estate part time. She's doing so well at it that she plans on quitting her accounting job soon and concentrating on real estate full time.

My problem is I have been having empty nest syndrome, and now my wife is working every weekend. On week nights, I sit and watch TV by myself while she works away on her computer. On the weekends I try to keep busy doing jobs around the house and cleaning, but I'm bored, lonely and depressed. I have mentioned this to my wife; she says I should find a hobby.

Abby, I don't want a hobby. I want to be with my wife. She absolutely loves her new job and talks about it constantly. I don't want to ask her to quit her job, because she would resent me for it. (And no, I don't want to sell real estate with her.) Any suggestions? — **MISERABLE IN MICHIGAN**

DEAR MISERABLE: For the sake of your marriage there has to be a compromise. One or both of you must adjust your work schedule to accommodate the other.

P.S. Your wife is correct that you need something to keep you occupied while she's working. You would be far less lonely if you filled those hours with volunteer work. Nothing banishes loneliness like feeling needed.

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Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 04-04-01
♠ K 8 6
♥ K 9 8
♦ 9 8 3 2
♣ K 9 3

West
♠ 5
♥ Q J 10 5 4
♦ Q 5
♣ A Q J 10 2

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

South
♠ A J 10 7 3 2
♥ A 6
♦ A J 10 4
♣ 4

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		Pass	Pass
1 ♠	2 ♥	2 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	5 ♣	5 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ Q

Wednesday, April 4, 2001

Learn by listening to them

By Phillip Alder

They say that a peek
Is better than a finesse
Pass me my glasses
— Robert C. Peterson, Greenwood, S.C.

Here is a second deal shown to me by Rabbi Leonard Helman, from Santa Fe, N.M. Again, it features real-life (read "imperfect") bidding and play. But we learn more from mistakes than from accuracy. And this time, most declarers in the duplicate paid no attention to West's bidding.

Five Souths went down in four spades by messing up their entries and not realizing that East rated to be long in spades when West announced a two-suiter. They lost one spade, two diamonds and one club.

In this auction, North should double five clubs. And if South gets a heart ruff, the contract goes four down for plus 800.

In five spades, South won the first trick with her heart ace, played a spade to the king, and finessed the spade jack successfully. After the spade ace, declarer led her club toward dummy, West going in with the ace. Now West exited quietly with the heart jack. Declarer won with dummy's king and discarded a diamond on the club, but had to lose two diamond tricks.

The pretty play is a low diamond to the jack at trick three. West wins and exits with a heart to dummy's king. But now declarer calls for the diamond nine. If it wins the trick, the spade finesse is taken. However, if East covers the diamond nine with her king, declarer wins with the ace, returns to dummy with a diamond to the eight, and takes the marked trump finesse. In both cases, 11 tricks are raked in.

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ACROSS

1 Bullfighter
7 One who experiments
13 Idiotic
14 Take a breath
15 Go to
16 "— — the Heart of Texas"
17 Architect Mies van der —
18 "Gram" start
20 Do an usher's job
21 From Athens
23 Silly
27 Lack of water
32 — — a limb
33 Constellation near Aquarius
34 Steak order
35 Actor Kevin —
36 Slander
39 Loom bar
40 Modify
42 Hockey player Esposito
46 Before, to a poet
47 Unit of illumination
51 Haydn work
53 Tropical lizard
55 Hidden gunman
56 More rancid
57 Tantalizes
58 Like a person with a sore throat

DOWN

1 Former Russian ruler
2 Actor Kruger
3 Actress Gordon
4 Fencer's sword
5 — Tin Tin
6 More unusual
7 More orderly
8 Compass pt.
9 Ladies
10 Red —
11 Famous essayist
12 Tenant's obligation
19 Pod item
21 Species groups
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29 "How sweet — —"
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38 "Chariot" end
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42 "Yoo-hoo!"
43 Sharpen
44 Freshwater porpoise
45 Drinks like a Doberman
47 Mountain lion
48 Barber's concern
49 Washington bills
50 Weight allowance
52 Golf peg
54 Org. that oversees fed. spending

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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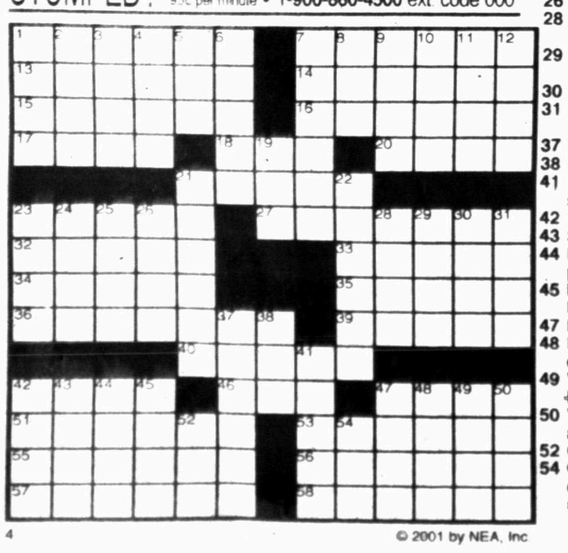

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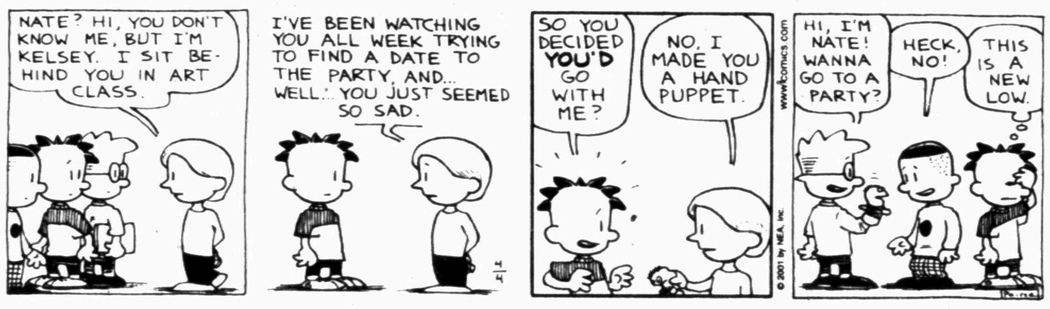

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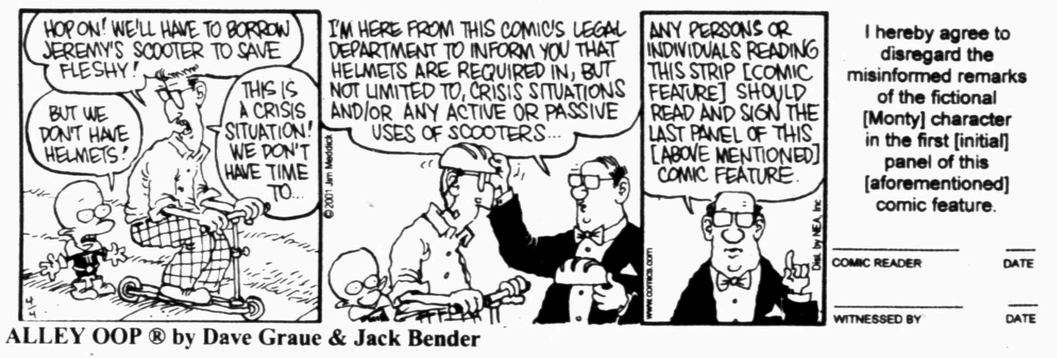

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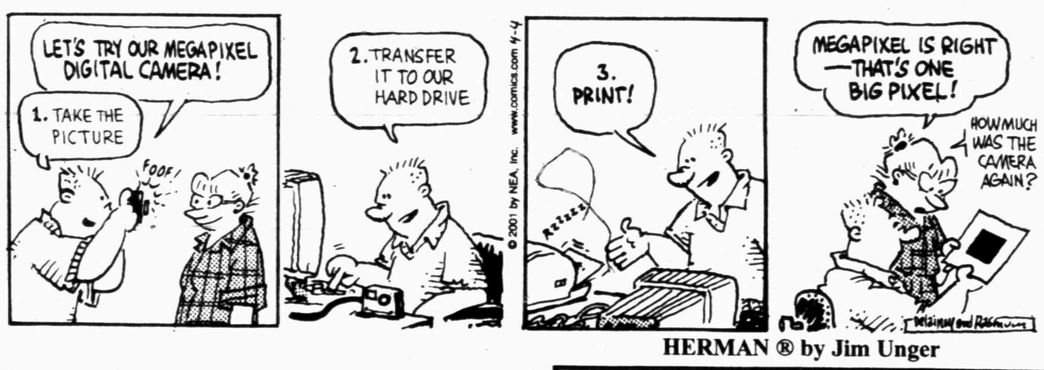

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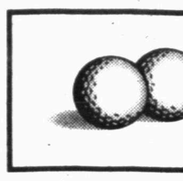

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By Eric
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SPORTS

Errors prove costly for Tigers in 6-5 setback

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

In the Snyder Tigers' first two district setbacks, it was a lack of hitting that spoiled Snyder's chance at victory.

Tuesday night against the Andrews Mustangs, the Tigers' offense flourished. Unfortunately, their defense couldn't keep pace.

Snyder committed three errors Tuesday, including a crucial miscue in the top of the final inning, to fall to Andrews, 6-5, in a District 4-4A baseball match-up at Moffett Field.

The errors, which have plagued Snyder this season, cost the Tigers a chance to move up in the standings. Snyder slips to 4-3 in league play, and enters the second half of district competition in a third-place tie with Plainview.

"It's a big loss for us," said Snyder coach Roland Herrera. "I thought we got the pitching we needed, and we hit the ball well for the second game in a row. But we made too many errors at the wrong time, and when you do that in a big game, you're going to have problems."

Andrews held a 4-3 lead entering the top of the seventh against tiring Snyder hurler Tito Alaniz. Alaniz, who had walked only two batters in the previous six frames, issued free passes to two of the first three Mustangs in the seventh.

With one out, and runners at first and second, Andrews' Simon DelaCruz bounced a ground ball toward Snyder shortstop Billy Pena. The sophomore fielded the ball cleanly, but rifled his throw wide of second baseman Brooks Nunley.

One run scored and another Mustang advanced to third before the ball was corralled in right field.

"I don't know what happened on that play," Herrera said. "It looked like we were going to get out the inning, and then all of the sudden the ball was in right field. That's just an example of the kind of plays that you can't afford to make against good teams like Andrews."

Alaniz hit the next batter to load the bases, followed by another ground ball that scored the Mustangs' sixth run on a fielder's choice. Andrews had managed to score two runs in the final inning without a base hit, before the Tigers posted the third out.

Snyder made it interesting in the bottom of the seventh. Chris McLeod led off with an infield single, and Ralph Ramon followed with a base hit to center field.

After Andrews first baseman Jared Stewart snared a line drive for the first out, Jesse Haines blasted a triple down the right-field line to drive in McLeod and Ramon, and close the gap to 6-5.

Andrews elected to walk Snyder clean-up hitter Brandon McGuire, then turned a nifty double play to end the game.

"Give them credit. They made a good play to end the game," remarked Herrera. "That's why they're leading the district. This is a tough district. You have to have good pitching, hitting and fielding to win. Right now, we're only doing two out of those three things."

Alaniz suffered his third setback of the season. The junior southpaw surrendered six hits and four walks, to go along with 10 strikeouts.

Andrews grabbed the early lead with three runs in the bottom of the first on two hits, a walk and an error.

The Tigers answered to tie the game at 3-3 in the bottom of the frame. Back-to-back singles from Ramon and Pena started the inning. McGuire plated his teammates with a base hit into center field, then scored later on a wild pitch.

Andrews scratched out another run in the third to take a 4-3 lead. Neither team could manufacture any offense over the next three innings leading up to the seventh.

After starting district play at 3-0, the Tigers have dropped three of their last four games heading into the second half the league schedule.

Snyder is in action again at 7 p.m. Friday when it hosts the Levelland Lobos at Moffett Field.

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Ramon c	4	0	3	0
Greenwood cr	0	2	0	0
Pena ss	4	1	1	0
Haines 3b	4	0	2	2
McGuire rf	3	1	2	2
Pollard dh	4	0	0	0
Alaniz p	2	0	0	0
Nunley 2b	3	0	0	0
Pendleton 1b	3	0	1	0
McLeod cf	3	1	1	0
Totals	**30**	**5**	**10**	**4**

Andrews	ab	r	h	bi
Haygood cf	4	1	0	0
Payen ss	2	2	0	0
DelaCruz 3b	4	1	2	1
Mitchell lf	2	1	1	0
Dever dh	3	0	0	0
Johns p	1	0	0	0
Trevino c	4	0	2	3
Gomez rf	3	0	0	0
Stewart 1b	2	0	1	0
Bowley 2b	1	0	0	0
Lopez ph	0	1	0	0
Totals	**26**	**6**	**6**	**4**

Andrews	3	0	1	0	0	0	2—	6	6	1
Snyder	3	0	0	0	0	0	2—	5	10	3

DP - Andrews 1, Snyder 1. LOB - Andrews 7, Snyder 6.

Andrews	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Johns	6 1/3	10	5	5	0	5
Sauceda	2/3	0	0	0	1	0
Snyder	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**
Alaniz	7	6	6	1	4	10

GIVE ME FIVE — Snyder coach Roland Herrera, right, congratulates Brandon McGuire for driving in two runs during the first inning of Tuesday's game against Andrews. (SDN Photo)

Bulldogs topple Loraine

LORAINE — The Ira Bulldogs got off to a rough start Tuesday, before Terry Jamison changed things with one swing of the bat.

Jamison blasted a three-run homer in the second inning Tuesday, and Ira never looked back en route to an 18-5 whipping of Loraine in Class A baseball action.

The Bulldogs, who knocked off Roby in the district opener, improve to 2-0 in league play.

"These kids have risen to the occasion all year, and they're doing it again, this time on the baseball field," said Ira coach Bubba Edwards. "It's nice to be able to sit at the top and see what happens. We've started district the way we wanted to, now we want to control things from here on out."

After Ira errors led to four Loraine runs in the first two innings, Ira hitters went to work in the bottom of the second.

An error and a walk put Jake Barnes and Nathan Wilkins aboard, before Jerry Jamison slapped a single to load the bases.

An Eric Dickerhoff double plated two runs to cut the margin to 4-2, before Terry Jamison put the Bulldogs on top with his three-run blast.

Ira was in control for the remainder of the game. Loraine managed one run in the top of the third, before the Bulldogs answered with seven runs in the bottom of the inning. Ira added two runs in the fourth and four more in the fifth to end the game on the 10-run rule.

After the initial shaky start, Dickerhoff settled down on the mound for the Bulldogs. The sophomore surrendered six hits and six walks to go along with nine strikeouts.

Ira belted 12 hits on the day, seven of which were doubles. Jake Barnes, Seth Sterling and Jerry Jamison all doubled, and Dickerhoff and Jeremy Bowden had two apiece. Josh Gutierrez tallied a pair of singles.

Ira is in action again at 3 p.m. Saturday when it hosts Snyder junior varsity. The Bulldogs next district contest is Tuesday against Rotan.

Lady Tigers make short work of LV

SAN ANGELO — The Snyder Lady Tigers are rolling, and stayed on a collision course with Big Spring next week that could decide the district title.

Snyder blasted Lake View, 12-2, Tuesday night for sixth consecutive victory.

The Lady Tigers (15-10) improved to 8-1 in district play, and remain in second place, only one game behind unbeaten Big Spring. Snyder hosts the Lady Steers at 6:30 Tuesday at Cates Field.

"I think we're hitting our stride," said Snyder coach Shelly Hayes. "We're playing well as a team, and that's the concept that I try to teach. If one girl is struggling, then one of her teammates is there to pick up the slack."

None of the Lady Tigers struggled against the Maidens. Snyder belted 14 hits, seven of them for extra bases, and ended the game in the sixth inning on the 10-run rule.

Jennifer Newman blasted a pair of triples, while Cameron Mackey slapped two doubles. Shelley Fisk and Vanessa Freeman also tripled, and Kira Diaz had a double.

Snyder pitcher Kelsi Johnson took care of the Maidens' hitters. Johnson allowed only three hits and a walk to go along with four strikeouts.

Snyder is in action again at 7 p.m. Friday at Frenship, before returning home Tuesday to host Big Spring.

Rangers down Anaheim

ARLINGTON (AP) — It won't be his three strikeouts that Alex Rodriguez will always remember about his first home game with the Texas Rangers.

"That boring ninth inning, I guess," Rodriguez said sarcastically, a smile stretching across his face after the Rangers held on to beat Anaheim 3-2 Tuesday.

Tim Crabtree converted his first save opportunity for Texas in the same way that his predecessor, John Wetteland, often did: He was exciting, but effective, as the Angels loaded the bases with no outs in the ninth.

Crabtree, wearing Wetteland's old No. 35 in his new role as closer, gave up a single to Tim Salmon and a double to Tony Glaus before an intentional walk to Garret Anderson. Then he got the two groundballs he needed.

Ken Caminti picked up Glenallen Hill's grounder to start a 5-2-3 double play. Then Crabtree, who had only five saves his first six seasons, snagged Benji Molina's comebacker and threw to first for the final out.

"It's good to get that out of the way. It was a little more dramatic that I would have liked," Crabtree said. "It gives me confidence and gives the team confidence."

Sports Briefs

Softball registration

Registration for Snyder Girls' Softball Association will be held Friday and Saturday in the basement of Texas Savings Bank. Girls from ages 4 to 18 are eligible.

Players can register from 5-7 p.m. Friday, and from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday. Players must bring a birth certificate and social security card, and must be accompanied by a parent. Registration fee is $25.

Snyder Bowling Leagues

Men's Commercial League

Team	W	L
Snyder Lanes	109	45
Snyder Iron	89.5	64.5
Cutting Edge	85	69
The Shack	83	71
YZ Systems	81	73
Blue Sunco	76	78
Larry's Trucks	68	86
Timely Finance	61.5	92.5
Tinder Storage	60.5	93.5
Tiger Mart	56.5	97.5
Martin Herefords	59.5	40.5
NAPA	54	46
Allen Compressor	48.5	51.5

High series: Karen Kittles, scratch, 458; Tammie Bassett, handicap, 614. **High game:** Cara Lindsey, scratch, 189; Jackie Martinez, handicap, 230. **Splits and special mentions:** Sherry Walker, 2-7.

Jack N Jill League

Team	W	L
Countryplace	25.5	14.5
Renegades	22.5	17.5
BCEC	21	19
Snyder Iron	20	20
Pool	20	20
J.Shea Jewelers	11	29

High series: Scratch: Mark Thompson, 520; Donna Jackson, 467. Handicap: Ben Northcutt, 631; Donna Jackson, 617. **High game:** Scratch: Jeff Smith, 206; Donna Jackson, 169. Handicap: Ben Northcutt, 232; Donna Jackson, 219.

High series: Stacey Browning, scratch, 561; Anthony Palacios, handicap, 670. **High game:** Don Pavlovsky, scratch, 232; Eddie Abell, handicap, 252. **Splits and special mentions:** Anthony Palacios, 5-7; Mark Glasscock, 2-6-7; Roger Pavlik, 2-7.

Roll N Hope League

Team	W	L
Snyder National	67	33
Snyder Machine	63	37

Girls Little Dribblers

8-YEAR-OLDS

Hoopsters 11, Hornets 4

Hoopsters: Bailey Nickerson, 5; Karissa Medina, 4; Amber Baker, 2. **Hornets:** Savannah valdez, 4.

Hornets 10, Suns 0

Hornets: Savannah Valdez, 8; Xalee Northcutt, 2.

Hoopsters 10, Suns 2

Hoopsters: Laramie Gilbert and Bailey Nickerson, 4; Karissa Medina, 2. **Suns:** Ashton Burton, 2.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Hot Shots 12, Little Tigers 11

Hot Shots: Briana Bryant, 8; Shandy McMullen and Megan Villegas, 2. **Little Tigers:** Jaclyn Deleon, 8; Chelsea Costillo, 3.

Mystics 26, Rockets 25

Mystics: Britney Webb, 18; K'Ana Garcia, 6; Amanda Midwell, 2. **Rockets:** Samantha Medrano, 12; Teryn Sullenger, 11; Monique Torres, 2.

Wildcats 35, Swoopsters 15

Wildcats: Shaquita Sneed, 20; Tosha McGlouthin, 6; Heather Newton, 5; Chassidy Sterling, 4. **Swoopsters:** Erma Rodriguez, 10; Lauren Zamora, 3; Consuelo Acosta, 2.

Mystics 33, Swoopsters 9

Mystics: Ryanna Alexander and Britney Webb, 11; Ashley Hagins, 7; K'Ana Garcia and Chelcea Roemisch, 2.

MAJOR LEAGUE

Fast Break 38, Comets 31

Fast Break: Jordan Stansell, 13; Kaci Waller, 10; Candace Chandler, 9; Cayelea Rhodes, 6. **Comets:** Kate Wall, 16; Katy Crenwelge, 11; Courtney Tyrrell and Brittany Hernandez, 2.

Sonics 45, Starzz 15

Sonics: Terann Ragland and Kelbi Pitner, 15; Kendra Burns, 13; Jessica Hopper, 2. **Starzz:** Sydney Wright, 13; Ashley Luecke, 2.

Magic 22, Jazz 18

Magic: Aryn Calley, 10; Kelby Seale, 6; Jaedi Baze, 4; Alayna Alexander, 2. **Jazz:** Ember Proffitt, 6; Devin Davidson, Jessica Odom and Nicole Presley, 4.

Sonics 41, Jazz 21

Sonics: Kendra Burns, 16; Terann Ragland, 12; Kelbi Pitner, 11; Marci Pinkerton, 2. **Jazz:** Jessica Odom, 10; Nicole Presley, 7; Devin Davidson and Ember Proffitt, 2.

National Basketball Association

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Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Philadelphia	51	23	.689	—
x-New York	44	30	.595	7
x-Miami	43	30	.589	7½
Orlando	40	34	.541	11
Boston	34	40	.459	17
New Jersey	26	51	.338	26½
Washington	18	55	.247	32½

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Milwaukee	47	27	.635	—
x-Charlotte	42	32	.568	5
Toronto	41	33	.554	6
Indiana	34	40	.459	13
Detroit	28	46	.378	19
Cleveland	26	47	.356	20½
Atlanta	23	51	.311	24
Chicago	12	61	.164	34½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Antonio	52	22	.703	—
x-Utah	49	25	.662	3
x-Dallas	48	26	.649	4
Minnesota	43	30	.589	8½
Houston	40	35	.533	12½
Denver	36	39	.480	16½
Vancouver	21	53	.284	31

Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Sacramento	49	24	.671	—
x-L.A. Lakers	49	26	.653	1
Portland	47	27	.635	2½
Phoenix	45	28	.616	4
Seattle	41	35	.539	9½
L.A. Clippers	27	47	.365	22½
Golden State	17	56	.233	32

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Tuesday's Games

Charlotte 103, New Jersey 88
New York 94, Orlando 82
Boston 82, Miami 77
Toronto 100, Philadelphia 85
Indiana 85, Phoenix 81
L.A. Lakers 96, Utah 88
Detroit 110, Chicago 83
San Antonio 107, Seattle 89
Dallas 109, Houston 97
Denver 94, Portland 92
Milwaukee 107, Sacramento 101

Wednesday's Games

Miami at Washington, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Milwaukee at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Washington at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Seattle at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Utah, 8 p.m.
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Montreal	1	0	1.000	½
New York	1	0	1.000	½
Atlanta	1	1	.500	1
Florida	0	2	.000	2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	1	0	1.000	—
Cincinnati	1	1	.500	½
Chicago	0	1	.000	1
Pittsburgh	0	1	.000	1
St. Louis	0	1	.000	1
Milwaukee	0	2	.000	1½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	1	0	1.000	—
Colorado	1	0	1.000	—
San Francisco	1	0	1.000	—
Los Angeles	1	1	.500	½
San Diego	0	1	.000	1

Tuesday's Games

Houston 11, Milwaukee 3
N.Y. Mets 6, Atlanta 4, 10 innings
Cincinnati 3, Pittsburgh 2
Philadelphia 4, Florida 3
Arizona 3, Los Angeles 2

Wednesday's Games

Montreal (Reames 2-1) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 8-7), 2:20 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Appier 15-11) at Atlanta (Millwood 10-13), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Chen 7-7) at Florida (Penny 8-7), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Mulholland 9-9) at Cincinnati (Reitsma 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Rigdon 4-4) at Houston (Lima 7-16), 8:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Benes 12-9) at Colorado (Astacio 12-9), 9:05 p.m.
Arizona (Schilling 11-12) at Los Angeles (Dreifort 12-9), 10:10 p.m.
San Diego (Jarvis 3-4) at San Francisco (Rueter 11-9), 10:15 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 12:35 p.m.
Montreal at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
St. Louis at Colorado, 3:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.
Milwaukee at Houston, 8:05 p.m.
Arizona at Los Angeles, 10:10 p.m.
San Diego at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

American League
All Times EDT
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	1	0	1.000	—
New York	1	0	1.000	—
Tampa Bay	1	0	1.000	—
Toronto	1	1	.500	½
Boston	0	1	.000	1

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	1	0	1.000	—
Minnesota	1	0	1.000	—
Cleveland	0	1	.000	1
Detroit	0	1	.000	1
Kansas City	0	1	.000	1

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	1	1	.500	—
Seattle	1	1	.500	—
Texas	1	1	.500	—
Anaheim	0	1	.000	½

Tuesday's Games

Minnesota 3, Detroit 2
Texas 3, Anaheim 2
Tampa Bay 8, Toronto 1
Oakland 5, Seattle 1

Wednesday's Games

Oakland (Heredia 15-11) at Seattle (Sele 17-10), 6:35 p.m.
Boston (Nomo 8-12) at Baltimore (Ponson 9-13), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Stein 8-5) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 19-9), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Eldred 10-2) at Cleveland (Finley 16-11), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Hamilton 2-1) at Tampa Bay (Wilson 1-4), 7:15 p.m.
Anaheim (Rapp 9-12) at Texas (Oliver 2-9), 8:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Toronto at Tampa Bay, 12:15 p.m.
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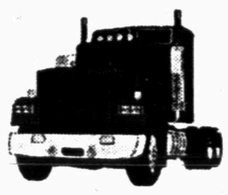

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New Exclusive 3-1¾-2 4006 Jacksboro
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3505 40th Large, Lovely Den $48.9T
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The Snyder Daily News
573-5486

LEGAL NOTICE

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

132ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

COUNTY OF SCURRY

CAUSE NO. 20,929
SCURRY COUNTY
vs.
FAIRY MYERS LOONEY

ORIGINAL PETITION FILED:
01/08/2001CITATION BY PUBLICATION RETURN DATE: 05/08/2001
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: TRACT #1, Lots 1 thru 3, Block 3, Helms Subdivision and Lots 4 thru 12, Block 2, Helms Subdivision, SAVE AND EXCEPT that portion lying within the highway right of way or as more particularly described in Volume 287, Page 43-et seq of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. R1379)

DEFENDANTS CITED BY PUBLICATION: FAIRY MYERS LOONEY
DEFENDANTS PERSONALLY SERVED: NONE
TAXES, PENALTIES & INTEREST DUE PLANTIFF: $1,409.72
(IF PAID IN April, 2001)

Although this is a combined Citation by Publication for the delinquent tax suits listed above, there is no consolidation of these suits, and each and every suit remains separate and is to be treated as such for all purposes.

Listed in the caption above are separate suits, now pending, in which Petitions have been filed to collect delinquent property taxes and to foreclose applicable liens. The listing for each suit sets out: (1) the cause number; (2) the Plaintiff Tax Unit; (3) the Defendants cited by publication and the Defendants personally served; (4) the date the petition was filed; (5) the return date of this Citation; (6) the property description; and, (7) the total amount of taxes, penalties and interest due the Plaintiff if payment is made during the month this Citation by Publication is issued.

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: All Defendants named above.

EACH SUIT IS FOR: (1) Delinquent property taxes owed to Plaintiff on each property described above, the amounts shown above also include penalties and interest due Plaintiff up to the time of this Publication; and (2) all delinquent property taxes, penalties, interest and costs which may be proved by any taxing units.

COPIES OF PLEADINGS: Filed with the District clerk (Rule 72, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure). A copy of the Petition with citation is not required (Rule 117a, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure).

ADDITIONAL NOTICE: No further notice or citation to you is required on claims of Plaintiff and other taxing units, including additional taxes which may be shown to be delinquent up to the date of judgment. Parties to this suit must take notice of and answer to all claims and pleadings filed by other parties hereto.

This citation lists the Defendants in each separate suit whose names are known, the descriptions of the properties in each suit on which property taxes owed to Plaintiff are delinquent, due and unpaid, and the amounts of such delinquent taxes now due on each property, inclusive of penalty, interest and costs. When attached to any pleading in each suit, this citation is made a part of each such pleading for all pertinent purposes.

In addition to the Defendants listed by name above, whether the same be persons, corporations, trustees, joint stock associations or other legal entities or juristic persons, they are also made Defendants in each suit with regard to each property where applicable:

Group 1. Any and all undetermined, unnamed and/or unknown persons, proprietors, corporations, trustees, partnerships, joint stock associations and other legal entities or juristic persons owning all or any part of the properties described in this citation, or having or claiming any interest, legal or equitable, in and to all or any part of said properties, or liens thereon, including adverse claimants;

Group 2. Undetermined, unnamed and/or unknown stockholders of all Defendant corporations;

Group 3. Undetermined, unnamed and/or unknown members of all partnerships, joint stock associations and other legal entities which are Defendants;

Group 4. Undetermined, unnamed and/or unknown spouses of all named individual Defendants and all individual Defendants designated in Groups 1 through 3; and

Group 5. Undetermined, unnamed and/or unknown successors in title (of whatsoever nature and by whatsoever means), heirs, assigns, devisees and legal representatives of all named Defendants and Defendants designated in Groups 1through 4, whether or not such Defendants be deceased or under some legal disability.

For the purposes of citation, if and when the names of the foregoing designated Defendants can be determined and made certain, each such Defendant may be cited by name when such information becomes available, together with a brief description of the capacity in which each name has been made certain.

Defendants, properties and taxes involved are listed separately for each suit in this citation under separate cause numbers, the Defendants named under each cause number being those who own the property described under that same cause number or have or claim some interest, legal or equitable, in and to said property, or liens thereon, or interest in property comprising all or part of pooled and/or unitized tracts and mutations of such property. Taxes shown due under each cause number are those delinquent on the property described under that same cause number.

All lot, block, survey and group numbers, etc., herein are inclusive of all numbers appearing. All property herein was located within or had a taxable situs within the County named above and also within the geographical boundaries of the Plaintiff tax unit at the time taxes were assessed. Where descriptions herein refer to Deed Records of other records, such references are to volume and pages in the specified records of the County named in the caption hereof, and reference is made to such records referred to herein for all purposes.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and defend each suit listed herein in which you are named as a Defendant on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days after the date of issuance of this citation, which date is set out above, before said honorable District Court in the courthouse of said County, then and there to show cause why judgment should not be rendered for such taxes, interest, penalties, attorney fees and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiff, and other taxing units and those others who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, attorney fees and costs allowed by law up to and including the date of judgment herein.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT on the 29th day of March, 2001.

Trina Badgett
Clerk of the District Court
SCURRY County, Texas

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Fourteen people charged

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Four former American Express employees are among 14 people charged with stealing credit card numbers from company files and using them to spend at least $2 million on cars and other items.

American Express fired six employees after it discovered "suspicious activities" at its Fort Lauderdale call center in June 1998, a company spokeswoman said Tuesday. She said the company cooperated with state investigators during a two-year probe.

The former workers allegedly stole account numbers and personal information from 150 people with good credit histories. The information was used to get fake driver's licenses and open new accounts, state officials said.

The accounts were allegedly used to buy high-priced merchandise, sometimes for resale.

American Express officials said account holders who had information stolen will not have to pay the false charges, but may have problems with their credit for years to come.

Seven of the 14 people charged have been arrested, officials said.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: April 3-Norma Cumbie, Harold Denson, Floy Kimzey, Dorothy Peterson, Adrianna Sosa, Mozelle James.

DISMISSALS: John Cagle, Betty Campbell, Linnie Pitchford, Kenneth Rinehart and Tommy L. Wilson, transferred.

CENSUS: 44 (Med./Surg.-16, Long-term Care-25, ICU-1, OB-1 and Nursery-1)

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Parents should be role models

DEAR DR. GOTT: After having seen the movie "Traffic," I am concerned that parental influences may play a larger role than expected in determining whether children will abuse drugs or alcohol. Is there a relationship?

DEAR READER: As reported in Health Education and Behavior (Feb. 2001), parental attitudes may play an enormous role in whether children smoke, drink, or use drugs. According to the lead author, Dr. Bruce Simons-Morton: "Teens who perceived that their parents like them, respect them, take them seriously, listen to them and give reasons for rules and decisions that involve them were less likely to smoke and drink. Our findings underscore the powerful influence affiliation with substance-abusing peers can have on smoking and drinking."

Like you, my attention was caught by "Traffic" and I concluded that Michael Douglas' character, who drank excessively and largely ignored his daughter's needs for structure and attention, may actually have contributed significantly to her downhill slide. The bottom line? We need to act as role models for our children, as well as to attempt to involve them in lifestyle decisions — a daunting challenge.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Help II: Mental/Substance Abuse." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: As a veterinarian, I was disappointed to read your response to the woman who was concerned about the pet dog licking her grandson's face. You said to back off because the risk of significant contamination was small.

I would like to draw your attention to a serious disease called visceral larval migrans, a childhood infection caused by a type of canine parasite. Although VLM is ordinarily spread by ingesting soil contaminated by the parasite's eggs, human infection can result via direct oral transmission from a dog's mouth to a human's mouth. Similar transmission of roundworms, tapeworms, and hookworms can also occur. In addition, cats and dogs can transmit strep, as well as many other bacterial infections.

In your column, you properly pointed out that dog's mouths are filthy, in part because they groom themselves. Therefore, it is totally inappropriate for parents to allow dogs — especially puppies — to lick their children's faces. This situation is so dangerous that vets are being cautioned by government health officers to be alert to this problem and to be more aggressive in animal deworming efforts.

DEAR DOCTOR: I am really glad that you wrote me to emphasize the hazards of canine-to-human oral contact. After I published my column in November, I got a lot of mail criticizing my condemnation of the practice. Devoted pet owners compared to me Stalin (at best) and to an ignoramus (at worst).

Your point is well taken: Domestic animals can transmit a multitude of unpleasant diseases by mouth-to-mouth contact. And, as I stated before, it is inconceivable to me that the many pet owners (who are most fastidious about frequent hand-washing) are the very ones who encourage facial licking by domestic animals. Further, as you pointed out, puppies may be especially likely to be sources of infection.

Therefore, I re-affirm my original position: The mouth is the second-most contaminated orifice in the body — and, in the case of cats and dogs, this may be an understatement. Parents should discourage facial licking by their pets.

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Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	Chg
AMR Corp	34.08	33.35	33.90	+ .16
AOL TimeWrn	35.95	33.80	35.55	+ 1.65
AT&T Corp	20.45	20.00	20.36	+ .32
Albertsons	30.70	30.10	30.25	—.45
Alltel	51.10	50.40	50.64	—.32
AmEl Pw	48.20	47.50	47.80	—.22
AndarkPtr	59.17	56.50	59.05	+ 2.70
ATMOS Egy	22.15	21.45	21.72	—.48
Aviall	7.00	6.85	6.89	—.06
BP Amgco	48.25	47.50	48.05	+ .17
BakerHughes	34.48	33.35	34.42	+ 1.57
Bank of Amer	52.25	50.20	50.26	—1.99
BellSouth	40.68	40.11	40.53	+ .03
Beth Steel	2.29	2.24	2.25	+ .01
BurlNoSFe	30.39	29.00	30.31	+ .63
Caterpillar	42.73	41.90	42.33	+ .17
Chevron	87.75	86.00	87.09	+ 1.09
Citigroup s	43.95	42.00	42.58	—1.12
CocaCola	45.15	44.17	44.80	+ .14
ColgatePal	53.70	52.29	52.70	—.70
ComclMetals	24.40	24.25	24.40	+ .13
CooperIn	33.12	32.00	32.80	+ .95
DaimlrChry	44.68	44.10	44.42	—.24
DallSemicn	23.28	22.06	22.79	—.58
DeltaAirl	38.18	37.80	38.16	+ .01
Dillards Inc	21.15	20.60	20.78	—.22
DowChem s	32.20	31.19	32.10	+ .78
DuPont	41.35	40.10	40.95	+ .70
EastmanChem	49.79	48.35	49.64	+ 1.39
EstKodak	38.72	37.76	38.15	—.22
EDS Corp	53.25	51.94	52.44	—1.06
Entergy	39.60	38.62	39.50	+ .50
ExxonMobil	79.55	77.83	79.32	+ 1.42
GenDynam	63.90	63.30	63.53	—.12
GenElec s	40.00	39.04	39.92	+ .24
GenMills	42.93	42.00	42.84	+ .35
GenMotors	51.99	50.87	51.80	+ .87
GaPacGP	28.68	27.86	28.58	+ .45
GlobalMar	24.20	23.50	23.80	+ .55
Goodrich	37.20	36.75	37.20	+ .35
Goodyear s	23.30	22.72	23.25	+ .45
GtAtlPac	9.40	8.90	9.02	+ .09
Halliburtn	33.50	32.60	33.00	+ .59
Hanson ADS	28.19	27.94	27.94	+ .54
HarteHanks	21.63	21.50	21.59	+ .14
HomeDepot	42.45	41.80	42.04	—.56
HoneywellIntl	38.88	37.50	38.57	+ .32
IBM	93.01	90.05	92.30	+ 1.98
IntlPaper	35.24	33.62	34.75	+ .76
JohnsonJn	86.50	85.19	86.48	+ .36
K mart	9.16	8.96	9.03	—.18
KinderMorg	53.45	52.75	53.15	+ .15
Kroger Co	24.95	24.40	24.68	—.20
LockheedM	35.70	34.85	34.90	—1.00
Lowes Cos	57.32	56.00	56.25	—.85
Lubys	7.25	7.16	7.18	—.02
LucentTech	8.00	5.50	6.95	—.90
MayDeptStr	34.70	34.20	34.30	+ .14
Medtronic	41.50	39.96	40.49	—1.34
Motorola s	14.49	13.46	14.17	+ .47
NCR Corp	36.14	35.27	36.06	+ .07
Navistar	22.26	21.83	22.25	+ .32
Penney JC	15.63	15.31	15.53	—.02
PepBoys	4.89	4.43	4.76	+ .23
PepsiCo	43.36	42.50	43.18	+ .10
Pharmacia	49.90	48.70	49.78	+ 1.02
PhelpDodge	40.23	39.40	40.23	+ .36
PhilipPet	54.80	53.46	54.60	+ 1.61
PilgrmPrd B	9.95	9.90	9.95	—.04
Polaroid	3.85	3.50	3.50	—.31
Praxair	45.14	44.25	44.80	+ .55
ProctGamb	60.45	58.90	59.33	—1.77
PubS NwMx	31.05	29.60	31.02	+ 1.67
RadioShack	35.73	34.90	35.38	—.20
ReliantEngy	47.21	46.65	47.00	+ .12
RoyalDut	54.40	53.47	54.25	+ .38
SBC Comm	43.90	42.80	43.82	+ .70
SaraLee	22.30	21.52	22.30	+ .84
Scripps EW	56.95	56.65	56.68	—.22
SearsRoeb	33.75	32.62	33.61	+ .54
SherwinW	21.73	20.75	21.71	+ 1.40
SouthernCo s	22.23	21.98	22.13	+ .03
SwstAirl s	17.39	17.11	17.20	—.18
SprintFON	21.00	20.20	20.93	—.07
SprintPCS	17.60	16.52	16.75	—.40
Sunoco Inc	32.40	31.80	32.29	+ .83
TXU Corp	42.37	41.60	42.00	—.10
TempleInland	43.80	42.51	43.35	+ .79
Texaco	65.71	64.55	65.30	+ .95
TexInd	27.50	27.08	27.46	+ .16
TexasInst s	29.00	27.23	28.65	+ 1.15
Textron	54.75	54.01	54.55	+ .55
TriconGlbR	37.25	36.80	36.95	—.24
TrinityInds	18.76	18.17	18.71	+ .54
TritonEngy	17.85	17.35	17.68	+ .30
TylerTech	1.50	1.41	1.41	—.09
USX-Marathn	27.05	26.25	26.99	+ .63
USX-USS	14.50	13.97	14.26	+ .43
UnionPacif	57.00	56.41	56.89	—.46
UnitedTech	71.56	70.00	71.56	+ .73
Unocal	33.19	32.50	33.14	+ .71
Venator Grp	13.05	12.60	12.67	—.38
VerizonComm	48.40	47.49	48.40	+ .80
WalMart	49.60	48.70	49.51	+ .32
WellsFargo	48.70	46.92	47.20	—1.75
WstnGasRs	31.70	30.97	31.66	+ .67
WinnDixie	30.00	29.49	29.80	+ .10
Xerox Cp	4.95	4.50	4.92	—.03

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Scurry County Country

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

PRE-PLANT
Select Produce Fields Carefully

• Review land history for prior use and applications of sludge or animal manure.

• Choose fields up stream uses of surface water, and test water quality as needed.

• Prevent runoff or drift from animal operations from entering produce fields.

Store Manure

• Store slurry in continuously loaded systems for 60 days in summer or 90 days in winter prior to field application.

• Compost manure properly to kill pathogens.

Time Applications and Incorporate Manure

• In the fall, apply manure to all planted vegetable ground, preferably when soils are warm (50 degrees F), non-saturated and cover cropped.

• In the spring, incorporate manure two weeks prior to planting.

• Whenever possible, incorporate manure.

• Do not harvest produce within 120 days after manure application.

• Keep records of application rates, source and dates.

Choose Crops Carefully

• Avoid root/leafy crops if manure is applied in the spring.

• Plant agronomic or perennial crops where manure is applied in the spring.

PRODUCE

Do NOT Sidedress with Manure

• ABSOLUTELY DO NOT SIDEDRESS with fresh or slurry manure or manure 'tea' or mulches containing fresh manure.

• OK to sidedress with manure composts or compost teas.

Exclude Animals

• NO grazing of livestock near produce fields.

• Minimize wild and domestic animals traffic in produce fields.

Promote Worker Hygiene in the Field

• Provide and maintain clean restrooms.

• Supply soap, clean water and single-use towels for hand washing and enforce use.

Test Irrigation Water Quality

• Identify water source for irrigation

• Municipal drinking water: low risk.

• Possible well water: minimal risk, if well casing is maintained and livestock excluded from active recharge area

Surface water: high risk

• Test quarterly or during season (beginning, mid, or high draw and at harvest) if water source passes near livestock or sewage treatment.

• Filter use settling ponds to improve water quality.

• Use potable water for crop protection sprays.

• Maintain records of water tests.

Select Irrigation Method

• When feasible, use drip irrigation to reduce drop wetting and minimize risk.

• Apply overhead irrigation early in the day so leaves dry quickly.

Clean Harvest Aids

• Check that bins are clean and in good repair

• High-pressure wash and sanitize bins prior to harvest and clean bins daily during harvest.

• Remove excess soil from bins in the field.

• Ensure that packing containers are not overfilled and protect produce adequately from bruising and damage.

Handling Produce Carefully During Harvest

• Avoid standing in bins during harvest to reduce pathogen spread by shoes.

• Minimize bruising of produce during harvest.

• Remove excess soil from produce in the field.

Promote Cleanliness at U-Pick

• Invite customers to wash their hands prior to entering fields.

• Provide clean and convenient restrooms.

• Supply soap, clean water and single-use and encourage use.

Avoid Drops for Apple Cider

• Do not use decayed or wormy fruit.

• Pasteurize cider

Keep Produce Cool

• Cool produce quickly, to minimize growth of any potential pathogens

• Use ice from potable water.

• Store produce at appropriate temperatures to maintain good quality.

• Do not overload coolers.

Post Harvest Handling

Promote Worker Hygiene and Health

• Teach workers about microbial risks and the importance of good hygiene.

• Provide clean restrooms with soap, clean water and single-use towels.

• Post signs in restrooms and enforce hand washing.

• Provide non-food contact jobs for sick employees.

Monitor Wash Water Quality

• Use potable water for all washes.

• Maintain clean water in dump tanks by sanitizing and changing water regularly.

• Chlorinate water.

• Monitor chlorine levels.

• Maintain 150 ppm leafy vegetables and up to 500 ppm for other crops.

• Maintain water pH at 6.0 to 7.0

• Provide final rinse if using 100-ppm chlorine.

• Avoid tank water temperature more than 10 degrees F cooler than produce temperature.

Sanitize Packing House

• Clean and sanitize loading, staging and all food contact surfaces at the end of each day.

• Exclude all animals, especially rodents and birds from the packinghouse.

• No smoking or eating in the packing area.

Transportation and Refrigeration

• Check and clean trucks prior to loading.

• Sanitize if animals previously hauled.

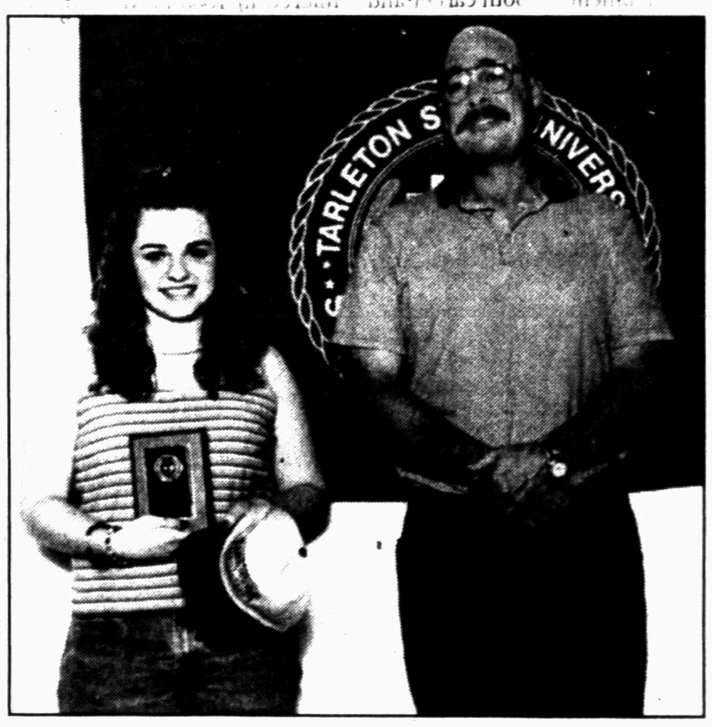
• Pre-cool vehicles prior to loading.

• Ensure that refrigeration equipment is working properly.

Information taken from the Vegetable Production & Marketing News Vol. 11, no. 2.

ENTOMOLOGY — Students from Snyder High School finished among the top 20 high individuals in the entomology contests during the 2001 state-wide Invitational FFA Career Development Event held at Tarleton State University. The top 20 individuals in each of 11 judging contests were presented plaques and caps. Receiving awards from Snyder were (from left) Vanessa Lara, fifth high individual; Beth Parsley, ninth high individual; Jennifer Lara, 11th high individual; Marina Barrera, 15th high individual; and Shannon Chambers, 16th high individual. The top five finishers each received a book bag. The Career Development Event was sponsored by the University's College of Agriculture. Directors of the entomology contest were Delaine Litman, far left; and Dr. David Kattes, far right. Kattes is a former Snyder resident. (Contributed Photo)

POULTRY — These students from Snyder High School were among the top high individuals in the poultry judging contests at the 2001 state-wide Invitational FFA Career Development Event held at Tarleton State University. Dana Stribling was 11th high individual and Megan Anderson was 12th high individual. The top 20 in each of 11 judging contests were presented with plaques and caps. Director of the poultry contest was Tarleton faculty member Dr. Michael Wade. (Contributed Photo)



FARM BUSINESS — SHS student Marci Kruger, left, was the 10th high individual in the Farm Business Management contests at the 2001 state-wide Invitational FFA Career Development Event held at Tarleton State University. The top 20 individuals in each of 11 judging contests were presented plaques and caps. The Career Development Event is sponsored by the University's College of Agriculture. Director of the farm business management contest was Tarleton faculty member Dr. Frank Ewell, right. (Contributed Photo)

Markets

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards Inc. had a run of 380 head of cattle for the Thursday, April 29, sale. Cows were steady. Yearlings and calves were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows

(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 42-46

Canner and low cutters: 32-40

Slaughter bulls: 48-56.50

Feeder steers — choice:

300-400: 105-125

400-500: 95-114

500-600: 90-102

600-700: 83-93

700-800: 80-86

Feeder heifers:

300-400: 100-115

400-500: 90-105

500-600: 83-92

600-700: 80-84

700-800: 75-82

Feeder Bulls — good and choice:

500-600: 87-100

700-800: 77.50-85

Cow and calf pairs:

Good: 670-875

Grade: 600-700

Springers: 425-775

Baby calves: 150-205

Doodlers: 225-285

Livestock producers, residents discuss foot-and-mouth disease

CANYON (AP) — During a visit to Great Britain in the midst of the foot-and-mouth disease outbreak, West Texas A&M University faculty member David Lusk witnessed how divisive and economically devastating the contagion could be for ranchers.

"This was having quite an impact, not just on the animal industry, but on all of England," he said during a Tuesday night forum to discuss the virus, which has ravaged herds in Great Britain and Europe. "It is literally going to destroy a farmer's life works. There were reports of possible suicides among farmers and farmers obviously had some resistance to the massive slaughters of their herds.

"Everybody is pointing fingers at everybody else," he said.

Livestock supply salesman Phil Lewis, who attended the forum, said even though foot-and-mouth disease has not spread to the United States, the economic impact of the virus is being felt in this rural town in the heart of cattle country.

"Areas of the cattle market went down immediately," he said. "It's already had a tremendous economic impact on the cattle industry. We've already begun to feel the ramifications."

The virus, which spreads so quickly that the only sure way to contain it is to destroy all exposed livestock, is primarily an economic issue. The virus causes infected cloven-hoofed animals, including cattle, sheep, lambs and deer, to develop blisters. The blisters cause the animals to not want to eat, drink or walk, thus lowering their production.

The virus cannot spread to humans, but humans can be carriers after visiting an infected farm, ranch or feedlot.

"I think just the word disease associated with food supply affects consumers regardless of the fact that foot-and-mouth does not affect humans," Lewis said.

About 40 people, mainly students, attended the forum.

Don Topliff, who oversees the school's department of agriculture, said shortly after the European outbreak that numerous students had questions about the virus. He figured if students had questions, so did everyone else.

Tales of BADMEN, BAD WOMEN, and BAD PLACES

Four Centuries of Texas Outlawry

C.F. Eckhardt

Eckhardt adds new details to our knowledge of such figures as Judge Roy Bean, John Wesley Hardin, and Bonnie and Clyde, and introduces us to others previously known only in their own neighborhoods.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, April 5, 2001

Fortunately, you're a good student who profits from your lessons, because your experiences from the past, both the bitter and the sweet, can be put to advantageous uses in the year ahead.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Sometime during the day, a co-worker might try to engage you in a little one-upmanship game-playing. Don't fall for his or her maneuvering tactics, keep on doing your productive work. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it.

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

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Forays into the unknown could be an exercise in futility. Stay within familiar territory where you've been lucky previously. That's where your success will be found today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — There's a good chance that people with whom you'll be involved today could operate on a lower level than you. Don't let them influence you. Maintain your usual high standards and ideas.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You won't fail today because of a lack of being capable to perceive the way things should get done, it'll be because of when it comes time to implement them you could have a memory loss.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Even though you have the wherewithal to manage difficult developments in both career and financial matters today, chances are you'll not utilize these assets prudently.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Skillfully using your wit and charm to accomplish your ambitious objectives will come naturally to you today. However, this gift might desert you if you get emotional in a relationship.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Don't attempt to embellish any pertinent facts with someone with whom you're affiliated today, because this person will detect your untruths and lose all faith in you. Tell it straight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) —Don't let a person or firm with whom you've done business over a long period of time take you for granted today and not handle things as they should for you. Make them toe the line.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — It's usually you who does all you can to keep relationships running smoothly, but today it might be a frequent offender who is actually more thoughtful than you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Be very careful who you tell what to, or if somebody could be eavesdropping. There's a chance what you say might be later used against by a devious person.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Avoid managing someone else business for them today. Although you might be capable handling of your own affairs, it doesn't hold true that you will do equally well for another.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Even though you naturally are a kind, giving and compassionate person, today for whatever reason, you might turn your back on the very person who has done so much for you.

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The Opera "Tristan and Isolde" by Richard Wagner premiered in 1865 in Munich, Germany.

Tuesday's state Capitol highlights

AUSTIN (AP) — The bill to make it easier for inmates to get DNA testing that could ultimately free them from prison passed the House and was sent to Gov. Rick Perry, who had declared the measure an "emergency" in February.

Perry is expected to sign the bill into law today, said Rep. Juan Hinojosa, D-McAllen, who sponsored the measure in the House.

"Anyone who is in Texas Department of Corrections right now where DNA is available to exonerate that person will get a hearing," said Hinojosa. "One of the main principles of any criminal justice (system) is that the person have trust in that system. What this does, it's a way to convict those who are guilty and free those who are innocent."

The bill requires the state to preserve biological evidence that can undergo genetic testing. The bill also allows certain prisoners to seek state-paid DNA testing if it wasn't available at trial.

One amendment to the bill requires courts to provide attorneys for indigent inmates. Another amendment allows inmates who pleaded guilty to request testing.

CHIP BIRTHDAY

The first year of the Children's Health Insurance Program was celebrated at the Capitol.

Supporters of the program say much of its success can be attributed to an easy one-page application.

Applying for Medicaid, on the other hand, requires a 17-page application, up to 14 forms and up to 20 verifications of those forms from the Texas Department of Human Services.

"We did a very user-friendly program with CHIP and I think it points out very clearly how bureaucratic and cumbersome the Medicaid eligibility process is, unnecessarily. If our goal is to insure kids, we need to simplify Medicaid and I think this session we'll do that," said Rep. Glen Maxey, D-Austin.

A package of bills filed in the House and Senate aim to make it easier for children to enroll in Medicaid. Lawmakers are searching for funding for the $400 million proposal in a tight budget.

CHIP is a federal-state program that uses money for Texas' tobacco settlement to offer low-cost insurance to parents who earn too much to qualify for Medicaid but not enough to afford private coverage for their children.

Since last May, 306,800 children have been enrolled in CHIP, which has been praised for its easy one-page application.

"I think the biggest indicator of success for this program is the number of kids we have enrolled," said Jason Cooke, the state's CHIP director.

DRUG COURTS

The House tentatively approved a bill that would authorize county commissioners courts to establish drug court programs.

Drug court programs aim to keep offenders out of state jails and prisons and offer comprehensive rehabilitative services, said Rep. Senfronia Thompson, one of the bill's sponsors.

"They're not perfect but we do know that they save money," said Thompson, D-Houston.

Thompson and the other authors said it costs an average $3,500 per person treated at drug courts, versus $35,000 annually to incarcerate someone.

But some lawmakers disagreed, saying the savings have not been proven in pilot programs. It would be unfair to force counties to participate in such a program, said Rep. Arlene Wohlgemuth, R-Burleson.

The measure, co-authored by Reps. Elliot Naishtat, D-Austin; Juan Hinojosa, D-McAllen; and Ray Allen, R-Grand Prairie, was scheduled for a final vote Wednesday.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

A bill that would give colleges and universities the option of considering a scholarship applicant's background was tentatively approved by the House.

The measure would help increase the number of minorities attending Texas institutions, said Higher Education Chairwoman Irma Rangel, the bill's sponsor.

The bill would apply to those seeking scholarships in professional or graduate programs. In addition to academic records, schools could consider a person's ethnicity, financial situation, volunteerism and whether or not that person is the first in his family to attend college.

Opponents said the bill would allow discrimination and hurt the Hopwood decision, which barred race-based admissions at public universities.

"We are not discriminating against anybody," said Rangel, D-Kingsville. "These are important factors."

PROSECUTING RAPE

There would be no time limit for prosecuting rape suspects for cases in which DNA evidence has been found, under a bill approved by the Senate. The bill, already approved by the House, now heads to the governor for his consideration.

In rape cases without DNA evidence, the bill by Rep. Tony Goolsby extends the statute of limitations from five to 10 years.

Goolsby, R-Dallas, has said the current law, fashioned when prosecution of rape cases was based largely on witness accounts, should be changed to reflect the increasing use of DNA in prosecution.

The Senate sponsor is Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio.

TEACH FOR TEXAS

More aspiring teachers could take advantage of the state's Teach for Texas tuition grant program under a bill approved by the Senate.

The bill by Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, expands the program to students who receive alternative certifications or attend fifth-year teacher programs. The bill also sets up a program in which Texas teachers can earn $1,000 per year for up to five years to repay their college loans.

Teach for Texas, established in 1999, offers a $10,000 grant for qualifying students. Bivins' bill also establishes Teach for Texas as an individual program, no longer a part of the Texas Grant program.

TOUGHER CLASSES

The Senate gave final approval to a bill that will require the state's highest performing students to take tougher classes to qualify for automatic college admission.

Under current law, Texas public universities must admit students who rank in the top 10 percent of their graduating class.

The bill by Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, requires students to take college preparatory classes to qualify for the college admissions program.

The bill was opposed by many of the Senate's Hispanic and black lawmakers who said the bill is an unnecessary barrier to a program designed to help more minority students get into college.

SAFE SCHOOLS

The Texas School Safety Center would be a permanent entity that would serve as a clearinghouse and resource for schools on violence prevention and school safety under a bill approved by the Senate on Tuesday. "We should not wait for another Littleton, Paducah or Santee to invest resources for school safety and violence prevention," said bill sponsor Florence Shapiro, R-Plano. The center exists as a grant funded organization.

The Senate also gave tentative approval to a bill that would give a financial boost to school districts with a declining student population. The bill, which could come up Wednesday, was held because it has a $50 million fiscal note for the biennium.

Quote of the Day:

"You're not going to solve a problem that you created overnight, overnight."

Rep. Pat Haggerty, R-El Paso, referring to lawmakers' attempts to fix a prison labor shortage that lawmakers themselves helped create when they called for prisons to be built at record pace in areas with few workers.

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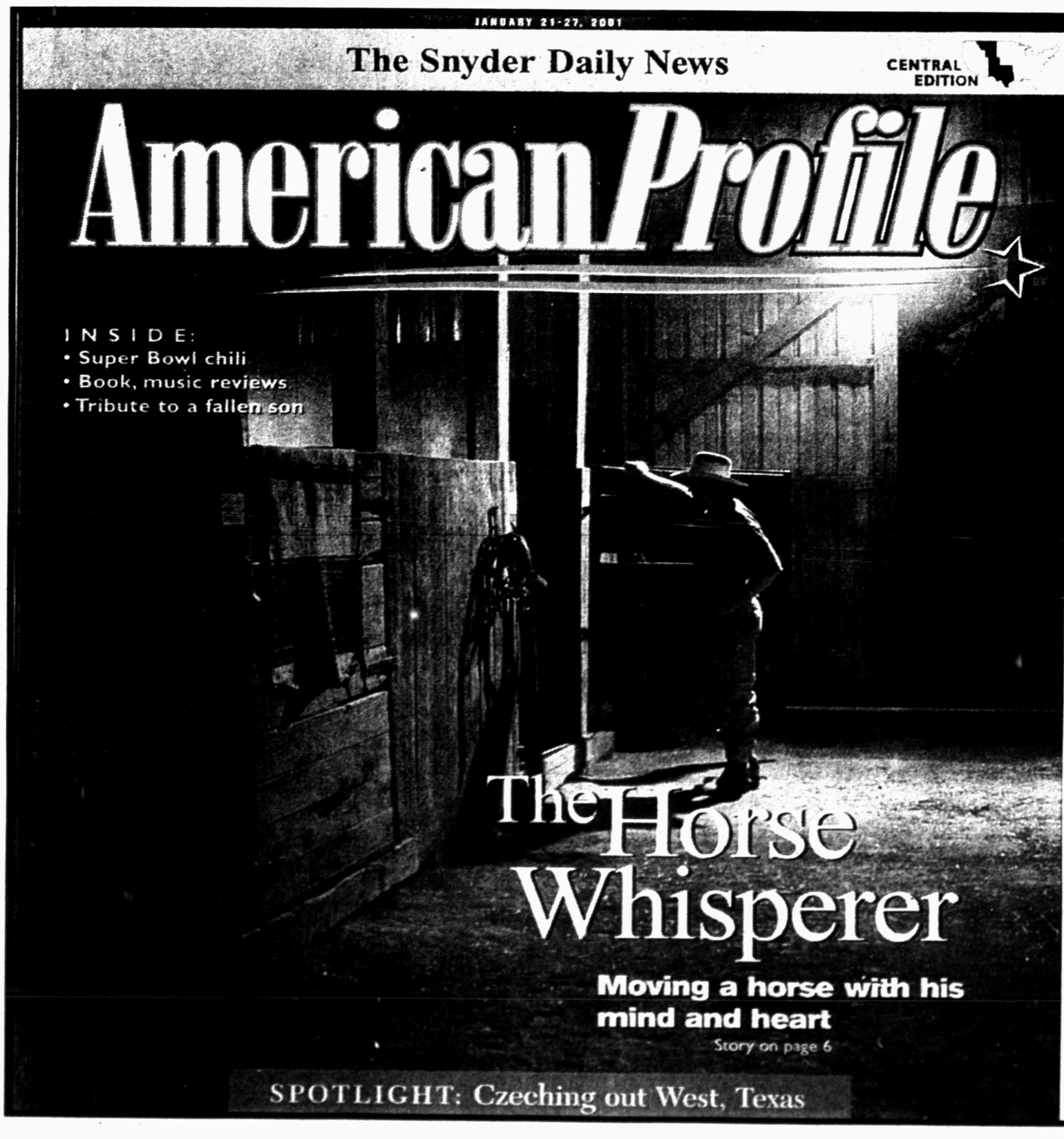

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Postal Service needs major overhaul

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Postal Service needs a major overhaul to avoid threats to the universal mail service Americans expect, Postmaster General William Henderson said today.

The Postal Service, battered by slowing business and billions in projected losses, recently announced an array of cutbacks and is exploring the possibility of ending some Saturday mail delivery and closing some post offices and facilities.

Henderson, called to testify before the House Government Reform Committee, said in prepared remarks that during the holiday season first-class mail volume dropped for the first time in years and Priority Mail is also in decline.

"A seriously weakening postal system would find it more and more difficult to carry the full load of universal service," Henderson said. "Can we reasonably expect at this point that the Postal Service will regain the steady progress it made in the 1990s without a major modernizing reform? I doubt it."

Henderson said laws regulating post office operations must be changed to provide more flexibility in setting rates and services to contend with rising costs. Currently, it takes almost a year to change rates.

"Without an ability to probe for new ways of doing business and to rapidly adjust to forces of demand and competition, the postal system will become increasingly outmoded," said Henderson, who will be leaving the agency next month.

While the Postal Service receives no taxpayer money for its operations, it remains a government agency and operates under laws set by Congress.

Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., the committee chairman, said he agreed on the need for an overhaul.

"If we take the necessary steps now to fix the problems, maybe we can avoid a full-blown crisis in the next few years," he said today. "More cost containment options must be examined. Nothing should be off the table. Another rate increase should be the last option, not the first."

With rising costs, postal officials say they face a loss of $2 billion to $3 billion this fiscal year despite a postage rate increase three months ago. After five years in the black, the post office had a $199 million loss last fiscal year.

Among the problems cited by the Postal Service are wage rate increases larger than the rate of inflation, rising fuel costs, greater competition and increasing use of electronic alternatives.

Senate Democrats continue to try and shrink tax cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Democrats continued their drive today to shrink President Bush's cherished $1.6 trillion, 10-year tax cut proposal with efforts to shift some of the money to farmers, schools and other popular programs.

The Senate planned to vote on a provision by Sen. Tim Johnson, D-S.D., that would trim the tax reduction by $88 billion. Democrats would use the funds instead to provide extra aid over the next decade to farmers, who have been hit by low crop prices and losses from droughts in recent years.

"We have a crisis in American agriculture. It is deep, it is threatening," said Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., top Democrat on the Senate Budget Committee.

Republicans were countering with an alternative by Senate Finance Committee Chairman Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, that would provide $64 billion in additional farm assistance. Rather than coming from Bush's tax cut, the funds would come from projected federal surpluses.

"This is a responsible approach," said Sen. Zell Miller, D-Ga., the only Democrat who has committed himself to supporting Bush's proposed tax cut.

The maneuvering came as the Senate continued debating a Republican-drafted $1.94 trillion budget for 2002 that outlines Bush's fiscal vision of lower taxes and reined-in federal spending. The House approved a similar package last week.

With Vice President Dick Cheney already having broken his first tie vote in the Senate, GOP leaders have promised that by week's end they will push the budget through the chamber, which is divided 50-50 between the two parties.

Congress' budget, which does not need the president's signature, sets overall spending and tax targets. Later bills enact actual changes in taxes and spending and fill in the details.

Even so, both sides want the budget to reflect their priorities — and to signal that important constituencies will be well treated. Farmers have reached that level in recent years, having won $25 billion in special aid over the last three years from Congress.

But they were only one of several groups Democrats were seeking to shower with money they hope to carve from Bush's tax reduction, the centerpiece of his economic plan.

Residents request area close patrols

• ***Close patrols***

Officers were asked to keep a close patrol of the area in the 3700 block of Highland in reference to a window on a house being broken.

A woman requested a close patrol in the 4300 block of Avenue U Tuesday in reference to Easter eggs being taken from her property.

• ***Runaway***

A 16-year-old male was reported as a runaway at 5:55 p.m. Tuesday. At 1:59 a.m. today, the attempt to locate was cancelled as the juvenile did return home.

• ***Arrest***

A 23-year-old man was arrested at 5:03 p.m. Tuesday at the justice of the peace office on warrants for speeding and failure to appear.

Driving while intoxicated landed a 65-year-old man in jail at 9:50 p.m. Tuesday.

• ***Accident***

A two-vehicle accident occurred at 3:11 p.m. Tuesday in the 500 block of 37th Street. Involved were a 1980 Oldsmobile Cutlass driven by Jeremy Ryan Jennings, 18, of 700 East 37th Street Apt. 202 and a 1995 Honda Accord driven by Virginia Denny Akin, 63, of 718 CR 216 in Sweetwater.

At 3:39 p.m. Tuesday, a mishap occurred in the 2200 block of Avenue R. Involved were a 1991 Chevrolet Cheyenne pickup driven by Clarance Elton Rutledge Jr., 77, of 3742 Dalton and a 1980 Cadillac Sedan DeVille driven by Gladys Crabtree Sturdivant, 76, of 109 34th Street.

Officers investigated an accident at 3:50 p.m. Tuesday in the 3100 block of College involving a 1989 Toyota Camry and a 1994 Buick Regal. Jackie Renee Greene, 34, of 4514 Houston was driving the Toyota and Pearl Schwartz, 75, of 320 34th Street was driving the Buick.

Obituaries

Lorene Haygood

1907-2001

SWEETWATER – Lorene Rankin Haygood, a longtime area resident, died Tuesday, April 3, at her home in southeast Scurry County.

Graveside service for Mrs. Haygood, 93, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Lone Wolf Cemetery with the Rev. Frankie Santiago officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home.

Born June 20, 1907 in San Saba County, she married Arnold G. Haygood on Dec. 25, 1927 in Roscoe. He died June 16, 1981. She also was preceded in death by two sisters and two brothers.

She attended Champion schools and had lived in Scurry and Nolan counties since 1937. A homemaker, she was a member of the Central Baptist Church in Hermleigh.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Ann and L.D. Smith of Sweetwater; a son and daughter-in-law, Garland and Maxine Haygood of Roscoe; a sister, Daisy McDaniel of Stockton, Calif.; a brother, Lewis Rankin of Sweetwater; three grandchildren, Radnel Smith of Sweetwater, Melissa Jacks of Granbury and Charlotte Cave of Rotan; four great-granddaughters, Heather Slaton of Austin, Savannah Cave of Rotan and Shannon Smith and Rachel Smith, both of Sweetwater; two great-grandsons, Jacob Hardman of San Saba and Derek Jacks of Granbury.

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David Redman

1966-2001

Michael David Redman of Snyder died Sunday, April 1, in Weldon, Tex.

Funeral service for Mr. Redman, 34, is set for 1 p.m. Friday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Charles Day, minister of Ave. D Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Terrace Cemetery in Post.

Redman

Born Sept. 3, 1966 in Lubbock, he had worked as a welder's helper and was a Baptist.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Daisy and Daniel Boone of Liberal, Kan.; one daughter, Sarah Michelle Redman-Boley of Snyder; a son, Michael Aaron Redman of Snyder; a brother and sister-in-law, Clifford and Nicole Redman Jr. of Snyder; one niece, Micayla Brooke Redman of Snyder; and two nephews, Tyler Shane Redman and Brennan Blake Redman, both of Snyder.

Pallbearers will be Tony Anderson, Shane Compton, Curtis Mann, Tim Atwood, Cecil Martinez Jr., Michael Joe Lindsey, John Rawls, Perry Greathouse and Danny Martinez.

Family visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Friends are contributing to a favorite charity.

William Peterson

1917-2001

BIG SPRING – William Peterson, a former resident of Snyder, died Saturday, March 31.

Funeral service for Mr. Peterson, 83, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Nalley-Pickel & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Bishop W.H. Watson and A.L. Jackson will officiate. Burial will follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Born Aug. 18, 1917 in Baileysville, he was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He married Addie Perkins on Sept. 2, 1983 in Big Spring.

Mr. Peterson worked for Snyder National Bank before moving to Big Spring where he worked for West Texas Compress Co. until his retirement.

Mr. Peterson ministered at churches in Snyder, Spur, Colorado City and in 1983 became minister of the McGee Chapel Church of God in Christ in Big Spring. He had served on the executive board of the Texas Northwest Conference.

Survivors include his wife, Addie Peterson of Big Spring; and a son, Milton Perkins of Big Spring.

The family suggests memorials to the Howard County Library, McGee Chapel Church building fund or to the Allison Cancer Center.

Ruben Polanco

1949-2001

ABILENE – Ruben Polanco, the brother of Sandra Moore of Snyder, died Tuesday, April 3, in an Abilene hospital.

Graveside service for Mr. Polanco, 51, is set for 10:30 a.m. Thursday in the City Cemetery with the Rev. Jim Wingert officiating.

A resident of Abilene, Mr. Polanco worked as a cook and was a Catholic.

Survivors include six brothers, Jesse Polanco, Perfecto Polanco and Frank Polanco, all of Abilene, Raymond Polanco of San Antonio, Vincent Polanco of South Carolina and Phillip Polanco of El Paso; and another sister, Oralia Ortiz of Abilene.

Memorials may be sent to Hendrick Hospice Care, Box 1922, in Abilene, 79604.

Births

Lupe and Mary Larralde of Snyder announce the birth of their son weighing seven pounds, 2½ ounces. He was born at 6:05 p.m. on April 3 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

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ONGOINGS

Ira spaghetti supper

The Ira High School senior class is having a spaghetti supper from 5:30-7 p.m. today in the Ira cafeteria. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for children 12 and under.

Spring revival services

North College Avenue Baptist Church's spring revival concludes this evening with children and youth night. A hot dog social will follow.

First Assembly of God revival

The First Assembly of God, 1809 College Ave., is hosting a revival at 7 p.m. nightly through Thursday. Jerry Wilkerson is the evangelist.

Central book fair

Central Elementary School is having a Scholastic Book Fair today through Friday from 8-8:30 a.m. and 3:30-4 p.m.

East family night

East Elementary will host a Pre-TAAS family game night starting at 6 p.m. Thursday. The Book Fair will open at 6:45. Refreshments will be served and childcare is provided.

Joy School pre-registration

Joy School pre-registration starts Thursday at Eastside Church of Christ. Sign-up times are from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Call 573-3554 for more information.

West family reading night

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

FBC worship service

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

Easter egg hunt

An Easter egg hunt, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 8875, will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday in Towle Park for children ages 1-12.

Gateway fundraiser

Gateway Family Services will present the Flying J Wranglers from Ruidoso at 7 p.m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Tickets are $25 and include an evening of food and entertainment.

Enchilada plate fundraiser

Faith Revival Church, 3212 Ave. J, will have enchilada plates for $5 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday. For information call 573-1798.

Golden K fish fry

Golden K Kiwanis Club will serve catfish with all the trimmings from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Senior Citizens Center. Cost is $6, including carryouts. Children under six eat free.

Benefit turkey dinner

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 13th Street and Ave. K, is having a benefit dinner beginning at 11 a.m. Sunday. Tickets are $5 for adults and $2.50 for children. For tickets, call Anita at 573-9670 or Irene at 573-3732.

Eighth grade parents meeting

There will be a meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday at Tiger Health & Fitness for all eighth grade parents. Plans for the eighth grade party will be finalized.

Experiencing God, The Musical

The combined choirs of Colonial Hill Baptist Church and First Baptist Church will present Experiencing God, The Musical, at 2 and 7 p.m. Sunday at the First Baptist Church Worship Center. There is no admission charge and everyone is welcome.

Retired teachers meeting

Scurry County Retired Teachers will meet at noon Monday at The Shack. Sammie Jarrell will present a program on the mission to Guatemala.

United Way

Scurry County United Way board will meet at noon Monday at the CADA office, 2513 College.

West PTO

West Elementary Parent-Teacher Organization will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in room 4. All parents and teachers are welcome.

Lions Club meeting

Snyder Lions Club will not meet at the Martha Ann Woman's Club Tuesday, but will attend the Holy Week services at noon at the First Presbyterian Church.

Alzheimer support group

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

Income tax help

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

SHS senior student pictures

Parents of SHS seniors are asked to bring student pictures for the May steak supper to the high school office. Pictures are needed for the video from baby years, elementary school and middle school. Deadline is Thursday, April 12. Videos may also be used.

Country and gospel music

Country and Gospel music is set for 6 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 573-3996 for more information.