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Hospital's radiology unit...

Open house today

An open house of its newly renovated radiology department is being held from 4-6 p.m. at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

The radiology department is located across the hall from the emergency room.

Brian Moffett, department head, encouraged residents to tour the state-of-the-art facility.

The tour will include an close-up look at all the equipment, to include the CT scan and fluoroscopy room, mammography unit, nuclear medicine and orthopedic room, plus the trauma room and the ultra sound room.

Moffett said all of the rooms will catch the eye of those attending the open house as they house as up-to-date equipment as any hospital anywhere the size of Cogdell.

What is designated as room one is designed for an orthopedic. It is located adjacent to the waiting room and offers quick and easy access to outpatients for diagnostic studies.

Room two is designated the trauma room as it is large enough to simultaneously handle a large number of people and equipment that might be needed in an emergency or trauma situation.

It will be continuously stocked with emergency supplies, and it is located directly across the hall from the emergency room to allow quick access to personnel.

Room three houses the digital fluoroscopy unit that can provide any radiology exam a physician might order.

The ultrasound room also has a completely new look and upgraded equipment to provide any needed study.

The mammography unit opened in October in a new area of the hospital. This unit was purchased largely with locally donated funds, and grants.

The department offers a variety of exams with its CT scan unit. All the technologists in the department are CT certified, ensuring 24-hour coverage.

To provide nuclear medicine services, the hospital contracts for these services three days a week. Through other contracts, the radiology department provides MRIs and bone densitometry services.

During the open house, refreshments will be available and door prizes will be awarded.

Moffett has headed the radiology department since August, 1999.

Moffett took the post at the local hospital after serving 20 years in the military where he received his radiology training.

Other members of the staff are Greg Williamson, RT. Williams has been at Cogdell for five years, having also received his training in the Army Medical Services. He provides diagnostic and CT scan expertise, as well as floor supervision and coverage at the Price Daniel Unit.

Laurie Sellers, RT, worked at the hospital at Alpine before beginning work here. She provides evening coverage for CT scan diagnostic services and mammography.

Trent Daniel, RT, worked at St. Mary's Health Clinic for 3½ years before joining the Cogdell staff. He covers all diagnostic services, CT scan, ultrasound and the Price Daniel Unit as well.

Lori Walker, RT, provides coverage four days a week in the mammography department, as well as diagnostic services and CT scan.

Tara De La Garza recently moved here from Austin. She is qualified in diagnostic services and CT scan.

Steve Camp, RT, ARDMS, RVT, has recently returned to the hospital staff and serves full time in the ultrasound department.

He also provides diagnostic services and CT scan.

Lisa Reigh serves as receptionist, and the clerk is Joe Salinas. Salinas previously worked in Dr. Kathleen Weaver's office.

MODERNIZED — Greg Williamson, RT, (left) and Brian Moffett, head of Cogdell's radiology department, look over a digital work station. The department has consolidated its CAT scanner and fluoroscopy images into this work station. The new equipment allows for the manipulation of the images to better provide diagnostic information for physicians. An open house will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. today to view the new department. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The value of most important things — like health and friendship — are rarely realized until they're gone."

Some of this stuff has to be blamed on something, so we'll point the finger at the dotcom generation. However, we saw both of these items in respectable national publications.

A few years ago we were surprised that some enterprising folks were making some nice bucks in the pet cemetery business.

That was only the beginning.

Now, bereaved pet owners are adopting a new form of taxidermy, and the profits are said to be hefty.

The story told about a woman whose beloved terrier named Itchy was hit and killed by a car some two years ago.

But even in death, Itchy is there every morning when the mutt's master wakes up.

Itchy lies on the bedroom floor, her head on her paws and her eyes wide open.

Itchy was freeze-dried.

An estimated 73 million pet owners have had their departed companions freeze-dried, rather than buried or cremated.

The bereaved say that turning their furry friends into perma-fixtures helps them deal with the loss and maintain a connection to their former tail-wagging sidekicks.

The freeze-dried process is said to be much more economical than traditional taxidermy. Some animal lovers, however, are appalled by the idea, calling it disgusting and demented.

You have to wonder if the trend might result in freeze-dried processes for humans.

We asked ole what's-her-name about it, and she muttered something about helping us get a head start.

And the second item was once predicted by a business consultant that we brought to Snyder for a retail seminar.

More and more new homes have increased living space, but are leaving out the kitchen.

Instead of adding on a bedroom, one woman who said she hadn't cooked in six years turned the kitchen into a bedroom, saying it was just the perfect fit for a double bed.

Experts say shrinking or even disappearing kitchens are a spatial expression of the simple fact that Americans are cooking less than ever.

Last year, experts continue, 44 percent of weekday meals were prepared in 30 minutes or less.

We mentioned the fact that we couldn't remember the last home-cooked meal. She soon was on the phone — something about finding out how much ice is needed to freeze-dry.

Man shot outside White House by Secret Service

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Secret Service officer shot a man with a gun outside the White House today, officials said. President Bush was reported safe inside the residence.

The gunman was shot in the leg by a uniformed Secret Service officer after he was found "brandishing a gun outside" the White House's southwest gate, said Marc Connolly, a Secret Service spokesman.

Connolly said one shot was fired, and struck the gunman in the leg.

The incident occurred around 10:30 a.m. CST, and the man with the gun was taken to nearby George Washington University Hospital

Secret Service agents and police surrounded the White House.

Bush was in the White House residence and "was never in any danger," White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said.

Eyewitness Sook Jo, from Centreville, Va., said she was waiting for a friend on the south side of the White House when she heard a popping sound, followed by smoke. After that, Secret Service agents came out yelling "drop it" and the man slowly sat down on the ground.

A spokeswoman for Rep. Bob Clement, D-Tenn. said Clement was attending a meeting with Bush Chief of Staff Andrew Card in the West Wing of the White House at the time of the incident and no one was allowed to leave the grounds after the meeting.

PERFECT WEATHER — Lots of vehicle owners have taken advantage of the recent warm weather to get their automobiles spiffed up. However, a slight chance of rain is forecast for Thursday. James Simmons is pictured. (SDN Staff Photo)

Bush still hunting for tax-cut support

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hunting for middle-class support, President Bush played host today to a reunion of the "tax families" that helped him put a human face on his tax-cut proposals during the campaign last year.

"I look forward to you seeing the people's house," Bush said to the 21 families, many of them with small children, on the White House south drive. "You helped me make my case, and now I intend to make good on my promise."

The president compared the tax burden of American families to a toll booth planted on the road to the middle class. "We're going to start dismantling that toll booth brick by brick," he said.

"There are a lot of folks struggling to get ahead," Bush said. "We must remember who pays the bills in America. It's these folks who pay the bills, ... and they deserve relief."

To members of Congress who hope to alter his tax proposal to make it larger or smaller, Bush said, "That would be inadvisable. It's the right size."

At the Capitol, House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, said he expected a host of other tax breaks to be open for consideration, including reducing the tax rates on capital gains or on profits when property is sold. He said budget surplus projections may grow still larger and that the focus of tax-cutters should be on policy, not a figure.

"It's an ongoing process," he said. "No one should be drawing a line in the sand saying it's going to be that number or no number. There's too much going on here," he said.

SISD expected to name new head coach

Snyder Independent School District is expected to name a new athletic director and head football coach during a called meeting of the district trustees at noon Thursday.

The vacancy was created when David Baugh submitted his resignation, effective at the end of the current school year.

Baugh served as head coach and athletic director at Snyder High School for 13 years.

Five persons have been interviewed for the position, including SHS assistant coach Chad Rogers.

The meeting will be held in the board room of the school administration building.

ASK US

Q—What is the cost to have an average will probated?

A—The filing fee at the county clerk's office is $146, regardless of the complexity of the will. There is no other county charge for the probate. Attorney's fees will vary.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 62 degrees; low, 36; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 38; no precipitation; total for 2001, 1.36 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, increasing clouds, low 45-50, S wind 10-20 mph. Thursday, mostly cloudy, windy, 30% rain chance, high 65-70, SW wind 20-30 mph, gusty.

Brailee Sanchez
Chance of Rain

Sunset:
6:25 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:31 a.m.
Of 37 days in 2001, the sun has shone 31 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

An archeologist is the best husband any woman can have. The older she gets, the more he is interested in her.

—Agatha Christie

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New FCC chairman considers digital divide

WASHINGTON (AP) — The new chairman of the Federal Communications Commission has a wary view of how his agency should step in to address the so-called "digital divide" — a phrase often employed to describe disparities in Americans' access to computers and the Internet.

While his Democratic predecessors championed the idea that the agency should find ways to bridge the gap, Michael Powell sounded his reservations about the commission's proper role and more broadly about what the phrase really means.

"The term sometimes is dangerous in the sense that it suggests that the minute a new and innovative technology comes to market there is a divide unless its equitably distributed among every part of the society," Powell said Tuesday in his first comments to the media since being named chairman.

He acknowledged that the wealthy will be the first to afford and have access to emerging technologies, like pricey new TV sets that can receive digital signals. But just because not everybody can have the products when they come to market, doesn't necessarily translate to a divide, said Powell, a Republican.

If so, he quipped, "I think there is Mercedes divide. I'd like to have mine."

And if companies think they can't produce a new product unless they can produce it cheap enough for all, it could deter them from innovating and offering new goods in the market, he said.

"It's just an unrealistic understanding of an American capitalist system," Powell said.

On other issues, Powell indicated a potential sea change in how the agency will act. He said that freeing companies from government regulation is key to boosting competition rather than a reward for already achieving it.

"I do not believe deregulation is like the dessert that you serve after people have fed on their vegetables," Powell said. "I believe deregulation is instead a critical ingredient for facilitating competition."

His comments came before Thursday's anniversary of the 1996 Telecommunications Act, which promised Americans greater choice and competition by allowing cable and phone companies to get into each other's businesses.

Consumer groups say policymakers have been too quick to lift regulations on the industries, noting that the regional Bell companies still dominate their local phone markets and cable rates have risen almost three times as fast as inflation since 1996.

"It's hard for me to imagine that the average consumer gets a warm and fuzzy feeling from Chairman Powell's belief that deregulation is good in and of itself even if consumers continue suffering at the hands of cable and phone monopolies," consumer advocate Gene Kimmelman said Tuesday.

Still, on the cable issue, Powell said he did not think the rate increases warrant reining in the cable industry. Government got out of the business of regulating cable several years ago. He noted that cable subscriptions have risen in part because of increases in the cost of popular programming.

"Americans like TV and they like multichannel TV," Powell said. "There are mechanisms for them to express their preferences in terms of what they are willing to pay."

Another key component of the law said that the nation's Bell phone companies could offer long-distance service within their region once they opened their local markets to rivals.

Only two Bell companies have been able to meet the stringent FCC test in four states. Powell's views suggests that the process might be expedited under his leadership.

House Commerce Committee Chairman Billy Tauzin, R-La., also shares the idea that removing government restrictions on one company can spur its rivals into actions.

"Once it's clear the Bells are going out of the box and competing in long-distance, everybody gets interested in competing for residential competitors" for local service, Tauzin said in a recent interview.

On the Net: Federal Communications Commission: http://www.fcc.gov

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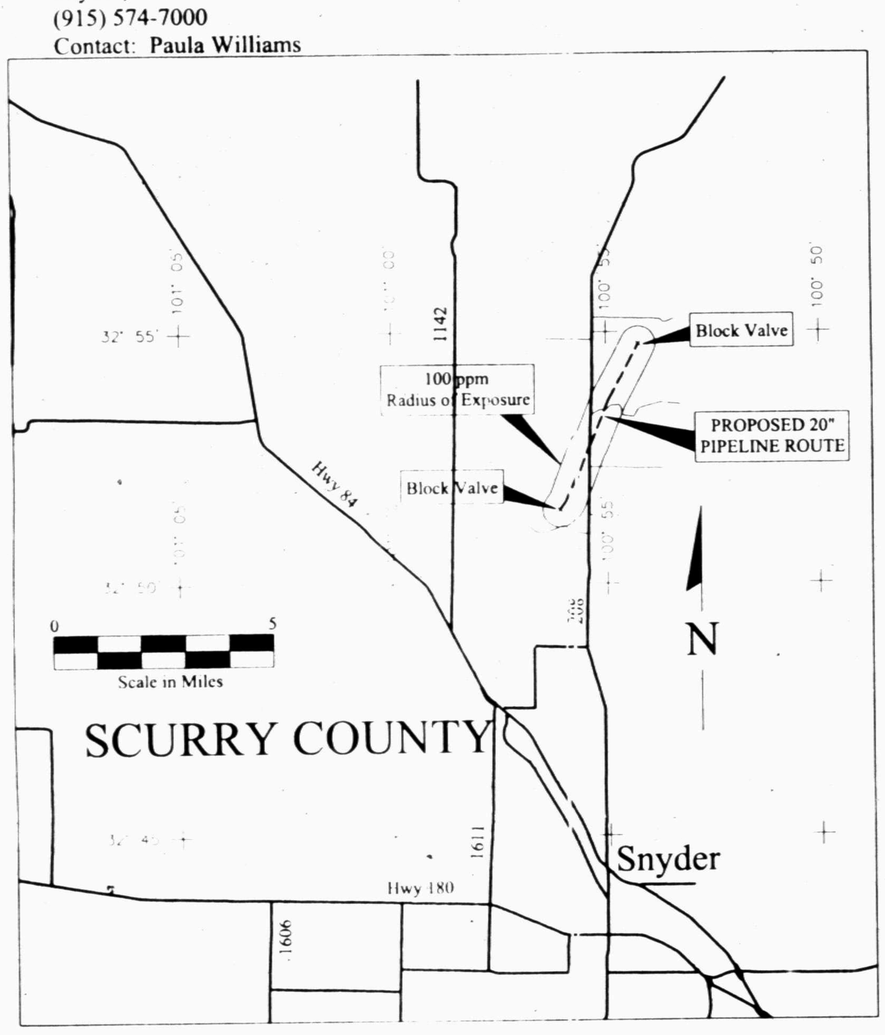

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PIPELINE PERMIT

Kinder Morgan CO2 Company, L.P., 4632 W Hwy 180, Snyder, Texas 79549, has applied to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to construct 4.5 miles of 20" buried pipeline in Scurry County, Texas to gather produced gas at the Cogdell Unit, Central Battery 1. The gas transported within the proposed gas gathering line will contain concentrations of Hydrogen Sulfide greater than 100 ppm. In the event of a leak, the radius of exposure of Hydrogen Sulfide for 100 ppm could extend 2,086 feet on either side of the pipeline based on methods outlined in 16 Texas Administration Code 3.36. The radius of exposure of Hydrogen Sulfide for 500 ppm could extend 953 feet on either side of the pipeline. The proposed sour gas pipeline will be located in Scurry County as shown on the plat. The pipeline will be constructed and operated in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Railroad Commission of Texas specifying construction material and methods for the safe operation of sour gas pipelines. A copy of the application is available at the office of the Scurry County Clerk, located at 1806 25th Street, Snyder, Texas 79549.

Any owner or occupant of land located within the 100 ppm radius of exposure of the proposed sour gas pipeline desiring to protest can do so by mailing or otherwise delivering a letter referring to Gas Utilities Docket Number 880227400 and stating their desire to protest:

Docket Services
Office of General Counsel
Railroad Commission of Texas
P.O. Box 12967
Austin, TX 78711-2967

Protests must be received no later than March 9, 2001. It is recommended that a copy of this notice be included with the letter.

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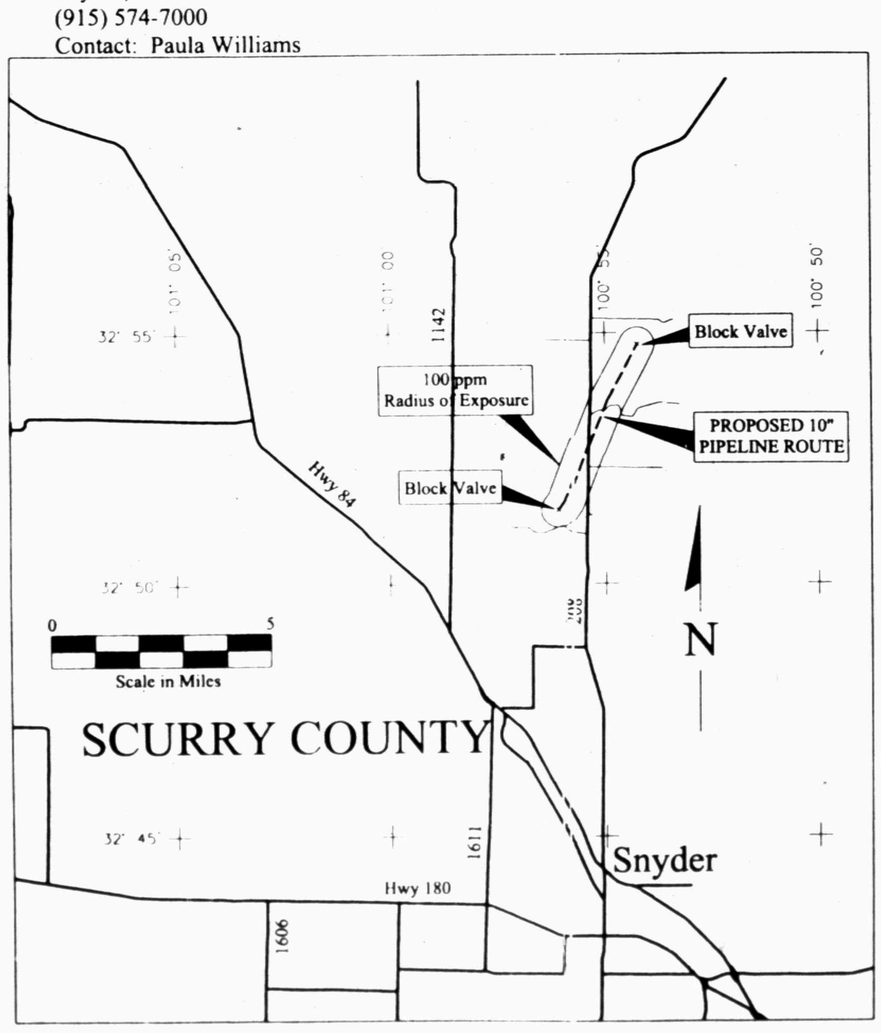

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McAllen chief of police loses job

McALLEN (AP) — Mercedes Police Chief Jose Flores was fired Tuesday by the city's manager, who accused the chief of not paying his officers overtime.

City Manager Ernesto Silva said he terminated Flores because the U.S. Department of Labor found discrepancies in the police department's records last month.

"They said the police department owed about $100,000 in unpaid overtime," Silva said.

After the Labor Department's finding, Silva said he reviewed the investigation and offered a settlement to the department, but then sought approval for the chief's termination.

Silva said he was not sure whether the overtime was necessary to provide adequate security for the city, and that the city manager must approve overtime.

Silva said Flores had outspent the budget many times over the past two years by allowing officers to work overtime.

He said the overtime has cost the city more than $200,000 over the city police budget, in addition to the $100,000 debt highlighted by the Department of Labor investigation.

Efforts by The (McAllen) Monitor to reach Flores were unsuccessful as he was unavailable for comment.

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TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
6-7-16-17-19

Pick 3

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

Hedge mazes served as amusement parks in 17th century England.

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National School Counseling Week

Representing more than 12,000 professional school counselors throughout the U.S. and internationally, the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) announced a celebration of "Proud Past, Bright Future," the theme of National School Counseling Week.

National School Counseling Week, observed this week, is the highlight of yearlong activities, giving school counselors the opportunity to celebrate their unique contributions to education. As school violence has increased, school counselors have played a critical role in early intervention and prevention through developmental guidance programs that provide direct services to students.

"As we enter the new century, we can celebrate the progress we have made as a profession and focus on what has yet to be accomplished," said Mark Kurantz, ASCA president.

Schools across the country celebrate National School Counseling Week each year with a variety of activities, focusing on safe schools, multiculturalism, human rights, parent and family involvement, child advocacy, collaborations and partnerships, transitions and professional renewal.

The American School Counselor Association is the national organization representing the profession of school counseling. ASCA focuses on providing professional development, enhancing school counseling programs and researching effective school counseling practices.

Its mission is to promote excellence in professional school counseling and the development of all students. For information visit www.schoolcounselor.org.

COUNSELORS — Snyder ISD counselors who received plaques of appreciation Tuesday, presented by Dr. Melissa Jones, assistant superintendent, include from left, Sylvia Sapsky, junior high; Debbie Phillips, high school; Dr, Jones, Janell Jones, high school; Dixie Haggard, director of special programs; Charles Haggard, high school. (SDN Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

ELEMENTARY COUNSELORS — Snyder ISD elementary school counselors received plaques of appreciation Tuesday. Dr. Melissa Jones, center, assistant superintendent, presented the plaques. Recipients include from left, Dixie Haggard, director of special progerams; Peggy Williams; Robin Kidd and Debbie Shaw. (SDN Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Snyder and county youth prepare for Houston events

HOUSTON — Eighteen Scurry County 4-H and 62 FFA members, representing Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh, will join other FFA and 4-H members from all over Texas for competition in the show ring at the 2001 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Feb. 13-March 4, at Reliant Park in Houston.

The junior show, which showcases the animal projects of these FFA and 4-H exhibitors, begins livestock competition on Feb. 23. Professional breeders and ranchers will compete for top prize money and global recognition in the livestock industry during the first 10 days of the show, which kicks off Feb. 13.

More than 16,00 entries, representing 1,100 Texas 4-H clubs and FFA chapters, will compete in this year's junior show. A wide variety of animals will be shown in both the junior and open divisions of the livestock competition, including market steers, market barrows, market lambs, market poultry, beef and dairy heifers, breeding gilts, breeding sheep, goats, llamas, commercial steers and breeding rabbits.

The four market animal categories (steer, lamb, barrow and poultry) represent animals raised by exhibitors for food sources. The finest animals in each of these categories are eligible for their individual market auctions. In 2001, the Houston Livestock Show's junior market auction sales totaled $6,147,398, including a record $560,000 paid for the grand champion market steer.

The following Scurry County 4-H members will compete. All are from Snyder unless otherwise noted. They include Cody Beaver of Fluvanna; Jada Bilano, Kira Bilano, Jared Boyd, Justin Boyd, Jordan Derryberry of Hermleigh; T'Leah Eicke, Tyrelle Gilbert, Chelsea Hackfeld, A'Lex Koonce, Malorye Miller, Morgan Miller, Kailea Shaw, Kelsey Shaw, Corbin Smith, Jordan Stansell of Fluvanna, Katie Voss, Kaycee Weslund.

Forty-one members of Snyder's FFA will also be showing animals. All are from Snyder unless otherwise noted. They include Meggan Minor, Jenna Neff, John Rasmus, Austin Rinehart, Zachary Rollins, Ashley Swigert of Hermleigh, Riley Tatum, Chance Tatum, Kendra Tidwell, Kasey Wemken of Fluvanna, Jennifer Williamson of Hermleigh.

Others are Jason French, Andrew Frizzell of Hermleigh; Grant Gonzales, Laci Hackfeld, Keagan Herrley, Clayton Hirt of Hermleigh; Hadley Hirt of Hermleigh; Conor Johnson, Jacinda Judah, Stetson Kincheloe, Shane Kitchens, Corey Longoria, Jacque Mandrell, Dillon McElvaine, William Millholon.

Also David Beard, Cliff Beights, Joseph Bishop, Casey Blackard, Larissa Blackard, and Shana Blackard, all of Hermleigh; Stacey Bunch, Michael Burton, Sarah Carpenter, Shannon Chambers, Ty Collier, Darrell Cook, Kamie Drain, Robert Early, Jr., Ricky Early.

Ira FFA students to compete include Rance Dunn, Travis Frey, Tyler Fry, Kendyll Pilcher, Amber Sanchez, Candace Sanchez, Seth Sanchez, Ashton Smith, Celeigh Sterling, Kaci Waller.

Hermleigh FFA members include Hank Berkley, Kally Berkley, Willie Berkley, David Digby, Janet Eckert, Lori Eckert, Chris McClure, Kendra Nachlinger, Shae Rinehart, Valerie West, Shaye Williams.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, Feb. 8, 2001

A rise in social status is a strong probability for you in the year ahead. It might not come about as you anticipate, however. Mother Nature might be writing the script.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Gambles are always precarious at best, but today they could misfire and end up hurting you and others in the process. 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.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Others will be judging you today by the company you keep. If you involve yourself with those who conduct themselves in a questionable manner, you'll be branded by their actions.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) There's a good chance you're far too sensitive about a work issue than you should be. Reassess your position and start viewing things from a logical perspective to quiet the storm.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Either by letting others take advantage of your good nature or by letting your extravagant whims run amuck, you could get into some financial hot water today. Be prudent.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Inappropriate behavior today in front of others could mar your image. Be extra mindful of your social graces, especially when involved with those who are important to you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Because of an inclination on your part to trust appearances while ignoring black-and-white facts, you can expect to have faulty judgment today concerning important issues.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you've got it, spend it. But if you spend funds today you're merely hoping will come in, that is a story that could end up with an unhappy ending.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't make the mistake today of misinterpreting a pat on the back or words of encouragement offered by a kind person as a promise. It'll be wishful thinking.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Strive to be self-reliant today, because if you don't, you run the risk of placing your faith in the wrong people and/or the wrong things.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Be particularly careful today not to do anything that smacks of being a user. It might be all too easy to unintentionally abuse a friend's generosity if you're not on your toes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Don't give your word to do something today if you don't really mean it. Should you make a commitment and then fail to comply with it, companions will lose respect for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Run spot checks today on any work or service being performed for you by an outside source. If things aren't being done to your specifications, problems could result.

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The Radiology Staff And Cogdell Memorial Hospital Staff Invites You To The

RADIOLOGY GRAND OPENING

Wednesday, February 7
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
In the Newly Renovated
Radiology Department

ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE:
A tour of Cogdell Memorial Hospital's Radiology Department to include:
•CT Scan Room •Fluoroscopy Room
•Mammography Room •Nuclear Medicine Room
•Orthopedic Room •Trauma Room
•Ultrasound Room
•Refreshments and Door Prizes

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We look forward to meeting you!

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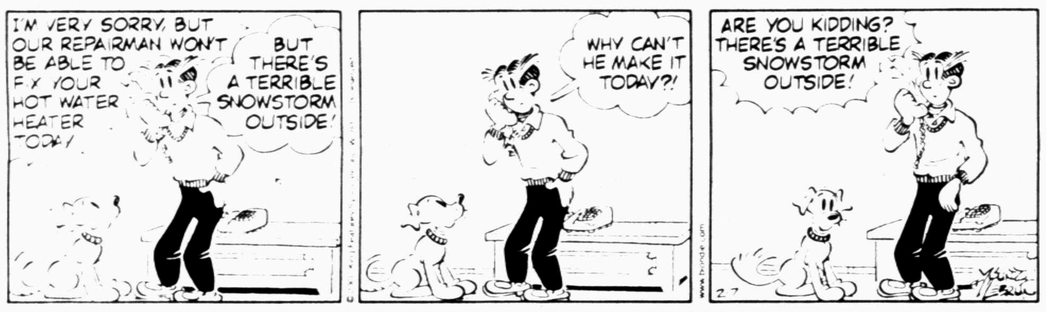

THE GRIZZWELLS ® by Bill Schorr

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Studies at the last minute
6 Actress Perlman
10 Grommet
12 Optic covering
14 Flat-bottomed boats
15 Appropriate
16 WWII area
17 Lawyer (abbr.)
19 Fail to win
20 Is astonished
23 Mean
26 Saloon suds
27 Actress Francis
30 "I got it!"
32 Washbowl
34 Income from housing
35 Smoother
36 Curly letter
37 On the — (fleeing)
39 Ms. Lauder
40 Muddiest
42 Trick
45 — de mer (seasickness)
46 — de cologne
49 Veal Marsala, e.g.
51 Gardeners' equipment
54 Elicited
55 Impassive
56 Dog in Garfield
57 Choreographer Tharp

DOWN

1 Yield
2 Hindu peasant
3 "Nautics" start
4 Roman 1,051
5 View
6 Kind of bread
7 They could be high
8 Sailor's patron saint
9 Isn't well
11 Former Russian ruler
12 Actress Getty
13 Tint
18 The dam agcy.!
20 Run into
21 Acid neutralizer
22 Foliage
23 Wax
24 Regrets
25 Plant containers
27 Philosopher Immanuel —
28 Busy as — —
29 Days of — (the past)
31 Frightened
33 Part of a three-piece suit
38 Soccer star Hamm
40 "Thanks, Henri"
41 Shade trees
42 Female ruff
43 Loosen
44 Small earring
46 Slippery
47 Seed cover
48 Govt. farm agency
50 Wide shoe size
52 Baseball player Mel —
53 "I am so impressed!"

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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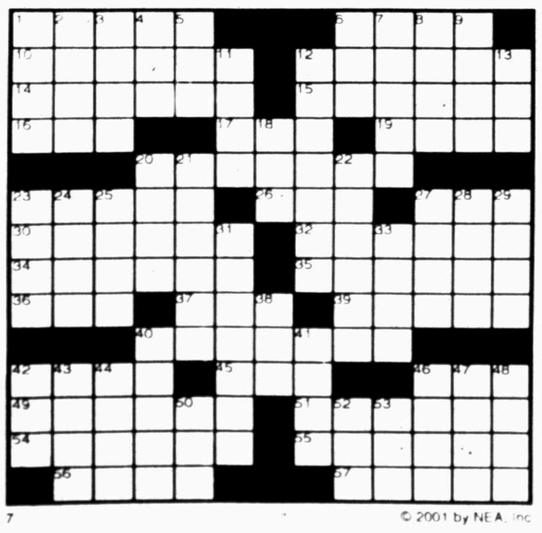

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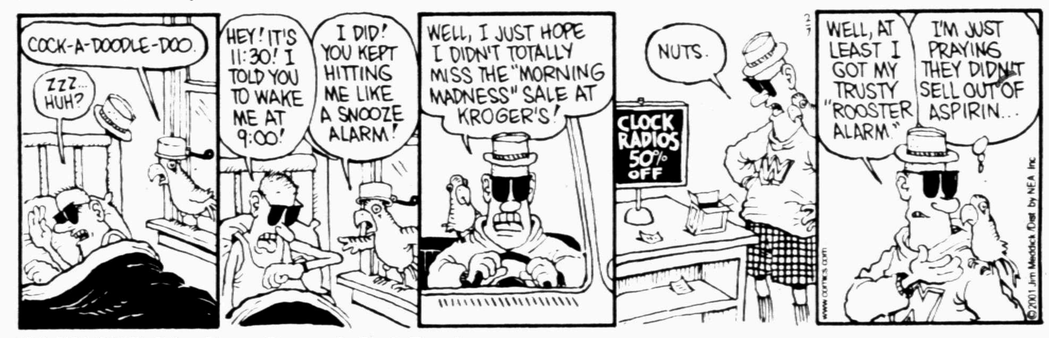

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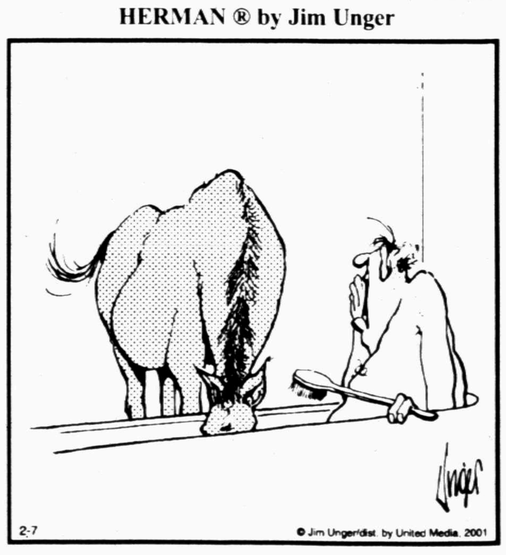

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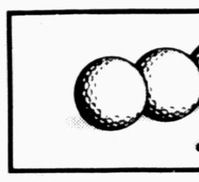

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SHS players sign letters of intent

After three years of service for the Snyder Tigers, Matthew Grimmett and Tremaine Johnson wasted no time in getting their college football careers underway.

Grimmett and Johnson signed letters of intent this morning, on the first day recruits are allowed to sign, with the colleges of their choice.

Grimmett inked his letter with Texas Christian University, while Johnson signed with Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, N.M.

"I'm extremely proud of both of these guys," said Snyder coach David Baugh. "They are both exceptional athletes, and they work hard. Those are two qualities that will really help them at the next level."

Grimmett, a first-team all-district selection at split end and defensive back his junior and senior years, plans to stay on the offensive side of the ball at TCU.

"I'm hoping to get some playing time at receiver this coming year," Grimmett stated. "I'm going up there in June to start lifting weights, and I'm going to work hard and learn the offense.

"I really don't want to redshirt, because I don't want to sit out a year. But if I have to redshirt, then I guess it will be okay."

The Horned Frogs underwent a coaching change near the end of last season, with Gary Patterson taking over for Dennis Franchione, but Grimmett is happy with the switch.

"They are both good coaches," the SHS senior said. "They have some similarities, but I think Coach Patterson is probably more intense. I'm looking forward to it."

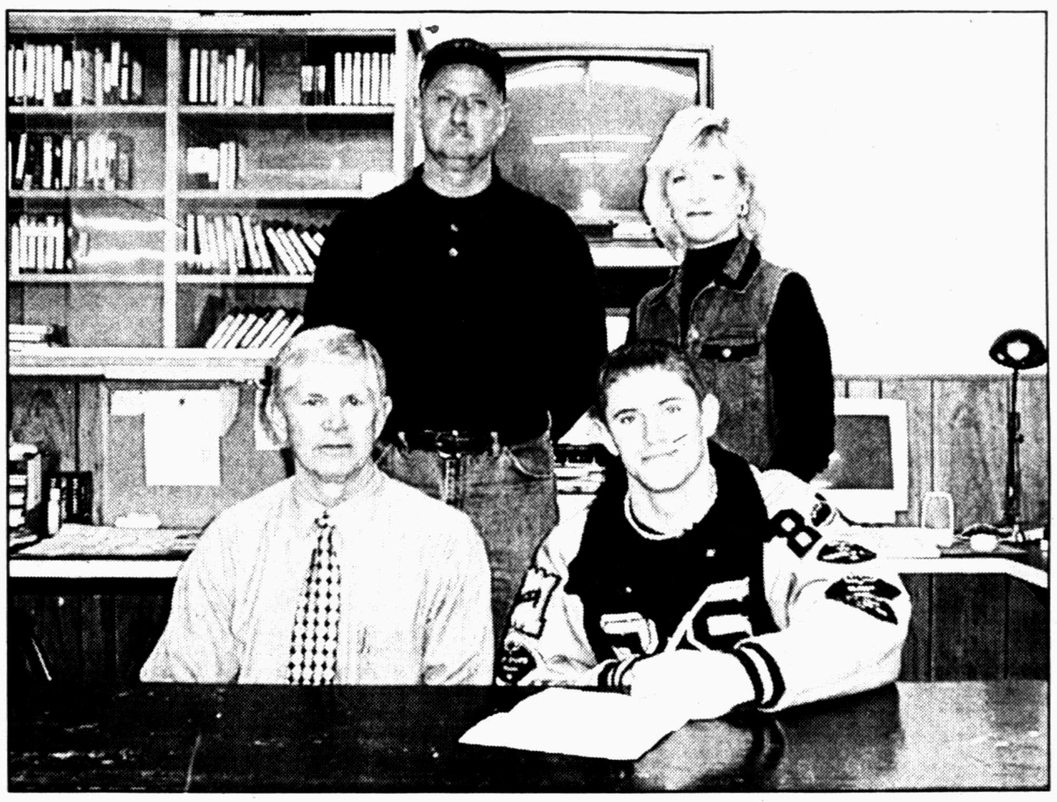
Johnson was another perennial all-district honoree for the Tigers along the offensive and defensive lines, and expects to see most of his playing time on defense.

"Eastern New Mexico runs the same defense that we did here at Snyder, so I already know the system," said Johnson. "Their defense has ranked pretty high the past few years, and they have a really good coaching staff. Their football team is like one big family, and that's what I liked most about it."

Johnson is unsure whether he'll redshirt, but hopes to challenge for some playing time this fall.

"The coaches said I could work myself into some playing time this year," Johnson stated. "But either way, I'm just excited about the opportunity to play college ball."

Johnson is the grandson of Verleatha Anderson. Grimmett is the son of Frankie and Patty Grimmett.



NATIONAL SIGNING DAY — Two Snyder High School seniors signed college football letters of intent this morning. Above, Matthew Grimmett signed with TCU, while SHS head coach David Baugh (seated) looked on. Matthew is the son of Frankie (left) and Patty Grimmett. Below, Tremaine Johnson signed to play for Eastern New Mexico. Baugh and Johnson's grandmother Verleatha Anderson looked on. (SDN Staff Photos)

Hot-shooting Tigers roll over Mustangs

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

ANDREWS — The Snyder Tigers broke out of their three-game skid Tuesday night, thanks in part to the sharp shooting of junior Chris McLeod.

McLeod went 5-for-6 from behind the arc Tuesday to fuel a 64-50 Snyder victory over Andrews.

The win keeps the Tigers in the playoff hunt. Snyder is tied with Frenship for third place at 8-4, while Andrews falls to 3-9.

"This was a big win for us," said Snyder coach Bud Birks. "We really needed a win, and Andrews is never an easy place to play. They're tough to beat at their place, and we knew it was going to take a solid effort on our part to win."

Solid doesn't begin to describe the Tigers' effort Tuesday night.

Snyder shot 64 percent from three-point range, and 56 percent from the floor, while holding Andrews to only 34 percent. The Tigers also dominated the boards, grabbing 36 rebounds, to just 19 for the Mustangs.

McLeod's performance typified Snyder's effort. The junior was 7-8 from the floor with a game-high 21 points. McLeod was 2-for-2 from in close, and 5-of-6 from the behind the arc. In fact, the only shot he missed all night was a last second attempt at the end of the first half.

"Chris played extremely well tonight," said Birks. "He definitely had the hot hand, but he also played great defense. He had some steals that really got things going for us, and he didn't let Andrews' best shooter get an open look at the basket."

Snyder's advantage was only six points at halftime, but quickly grew in the third quarter.

Buckets from Jamaal Wofford and Shante Taylor were followed by a McLeod three-pointer that stretched the margin to 37-24 three minutes into the period.

The gap widened to 50-33 by the end of the third quarter, thanks to seven more points from Wofford in the final three minutes.

The Tigers put the Mustangs away with a 14-5 run to start the fourth quarter. McLeod tallied 10 points, including two more bombs, in the first four minutes of the fourth to give Snyder its largest lead of the night at 64-38.

McLeod's 21 points led all scorers, while Wofford added 13 and Jared Thornhill finished with 10. Taylor chipped in nine points to go along with a season-high 15 rebounds.

With only two games remaining in the regular season, the Tigers are hopeful that Tuesday's win can start a late push toward the playoffs.

"Now we have to go out and do it again on Friday," said Birks. "This district is so tough, it's going to come down to the final night to decide who makes the playoffs. We just can't worry about what other teams are doing. We have to go out, continue to work hard, and play our style of basketball."

In Tuesday's other district action, Estacado toppled Levelland, 71-60. Frenship pounded Lake View, 70-41, and Plainview whipped Big Spring, 74-46.

The Tigers will be back on the road Friday for a 7:30 p.m. visit to Levelland.

Snyder	12	18	20	14	—	64
Andrews	11	13	09	17	—	50

Snyder
McLeod 7-8 2-2 21, Wofford 6-10 0-0 13, Thornhill 4-6 2-2 10, Taylor 3-5 3-7 9, Pinkerton 2-8 2-2 7, McGuire 1-1 0-1 2, Mendoza 1-2 0-0 2, Pratt 0-3 0-2 0. **Totals 24-43 9-16 64.**

Andrews
Glasson 5-13 0-0 11, Hooper 2-10 6-7 10, Leach 3-6 0-0 9, Rowe 3-5 0-1 6, Tharp 0-0 0-1 0, Brazeal 1-5 2-2 5, Haygood 1-4 2-4 4, Willis 1-2 1-2 3, Griffin 1-5 0-2 2, Valles 0-0 0-2 0. **Totals 17-50 11-21 50.**

Three-point goals: Snyder 7 (McLeod 5, Wofford, Pinkerton), Andrews 5 (Leach 3, Glasson, Brazeal). Rebounds: Snyder 36 (Taylor 15), Andrews 19 (Rowe 4). Total fouls: Snyder 22, Andrews 12. Fouled out — None.

Lady Tigers close out season on winning note, 41-37

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

ANDREWS — They won't be going to the playoffs. But on the final night of the regular season, the Snyder Lady Tigers showed the spark that earned them their best record in 20 years.

Snyder rallied from a six-point deficit in the fourth quarter Tuesday night to close out its season with a 41-37 victory over the Andrews Lady Mustangs.

The victory broke a five-game winless drought for the Lady Tigers, capping their season with a record of 18-10. Its 7-7 district mark won't get Snyder into the playoffs, but on Tuesday night, that didn't seem to matter.

"Playoffs or no playoffs, our girls were determined to win," said Snyder coach Sam Tipton. "They refused to be beaten. It was just a tremendous effort on their part, and testimony to their character and work ethic."

After Andrews grabbed a 31-25 lead less than a minute into the fourth quarter, Snyder's T'Leah Eicke answered with a three-pointer to keep the Lady Tigers within striking distance.

The Lady Mustangs, who drained all four of their second-half field goals from three-point range, connected again from behind the arc, before Snyder's Cameron Mackey went back to work.

Mackey, who finished with a game-high 14 points, drained back-to-back buckets, followed by baskets from Rina Geiger and Kristin Murray that put the Lady Tigers on top, 36-34, with less than two minutes remaining.

Andrews' Katie Fariss nailed her third long-range bucket to put the Lady Mustangs back in the lead, but then Snyder closed the door.

Snyder held Andrews scoreless for the final 1:40, and regained the lead with 33 seconds left on the clock when Ashley Delce scored inside and was fouled.

The senior was true from the stripe, and Mackey added a pair of free throws with 22 seconds remaining to seal the game.

"Mackey did a great job in the role that we asked her to play," said Tipton. "We haven't relied on her for scoring this season, but we saw something on film that we thought we could take advantage of, and she did a tremendous job.

"No one deserved to win this game more than our girls. They have been through a lot this season, with injuries and everything, but they never quit."

Kristin Murray kept Snyder in the game early on with four points in the opening frame.

Andrews grabbed a three-point lead at halftime, despite six second-quarter points from Mackey, and four more from Geiger.

The deficit remained at three until Andrews' three-pointer to open the fourth quarter.

The Lady Tigers shot 51 percent on the night, while holding the Lady Mustangs to only 34 percent. Snyder also held the advantage in rebounds, 21-17, with Delce hauling down seven.

The victory improved Snyder's record to 16-1 when holding opponents under 40 points.

In other action around the district, Frenship rolled over Lake View. Plainview took care of Big Spring, and Levelland downed Estacado.

Plainview advances as the district champion. Levelland secured the runner-up spot, followed by Frenship.

Snyder	06	14	05	16	—	41
Andrews	06	17	05	09	—	37

Snyder
Mackey 6-11 2-2 14, Murray 4-6 1-2 9, Geiger 4-5 0-1 8, Delce 3-9 1-2 7, Eicke 1-4 0-0 3. **Totals 18-35 4-7 41.**

Andrews
Fariss 4-9 0-0 11, Courtney 3-8 0-0 8, Bane 2-4 3-3 7, Roberts 2-10 0-0 5, Richards 1-5 0-0 2, Reid 1-2 0-0 2, Woods 1-1 0-0 2, Del Hierro 0-2 0-0 0. **Totals 14-41 3-3 37.**

Three-point goals: Snyder 1 (Eicke), Andrews 6 (Fariss 3, Courtney 2, Roberts). Rebounds: Snyder 21 (Delce 7), Andrews 17 (Fariss 9).

Aggies topple Baylor, 73-69

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Freshman Nick Anderson scored 14 points Tuesday to lead Texas A&M to a 73-69 victory over Baylor.

Texas A&M (7-15, 1-9 Big 12) shot 47 percent for the second straight game to win its first Big 12 game, ending a nine-game skid.

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Houston at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at New Jersey, 8 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Jags hire defensive coordinator

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Gary Moeller, the former coach of the Detroit Lions, was hired as defensive coordinator of the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Moeller replaces Dom Capers, who left the Jaguars last month to become head coach of the expansion Houston Texans.

Kentucky football coach resigns

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Kentucky football coach Hal Mumme resigned following months of investigation into possible NCAA violations.

Mumme was replaced by Guy Morriss, an assistant coach at Kentucky with more than 15 years of NFL playing and coaching experience. Morriss was given a one-year contract, athletic director Larry Ivy said at a news conference.

Mumme was 20-26 in four seasons with the Wildcats.

Morriss has spent the last four seasons at Kentucky after one year at Mississippi State. An All-Southwest Conference guard at Texas Christian, Morriss played 15 seasons in the NFL — 11 in Philadelphia and four with New England.

Morriss coached with New England and Arizona in the NFL and had stints at Valdosta State and with San Antonio of the Canadian Football League.

Sports Whirl

By SDN Sports Editor Eric Drennan

Snyder ISD school board will meet at noon Thursday to hear the administration's recommendation for the new head football coach and athletic director at Snyder High School.

The new coach will have big shoes to fill, stepping in for David Baugh who announced his retirement last month after 13 years on the Tigers' sideline.

A number of qualified applicants were interviewed, including current Snyder assistant coach Chad Rogers, Stanton's Mark Cotton who has a state title to his name, and Olney's Kent Jackson who led the Cubs to the state quarterfinals this past season.

So, hiring a coach capable of installing an offensive and defensive scheme shouldn't be the main consideration for the school board. The board's primary objective should be hiring a coach who's a good fit for Snyder.

In larger schools, where the talent pool runs deep year after year, a coach with a smart offensive mind and solid base on defense is all that is needed.

But in Snyder, where school enrollment has continued to decline the past few years, it takes more than X's and O's. The main factor in the success of the SHS football program and the growth of its student athletes will be the amount of effort the new coach is able to get from his players.

And as far as that is concerned, there is no one better than Chad Rogers. Period.

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His record speaks for itself.

Rogers was an assistant at Las Cruces (N.M.) Mayfield High School on three state championship teams. In only two seasons at SHS, he has been the secondary coach for a defense that ranked tops in the district. And in his first year as Snyder track coach, he turned a Tiger track team that had only two kids qualify for regionals the year before, into a squad that came within a baton handoff of winning the district title.

Rogers possesses the technical skills needed of a top-tier coach, and combines them with the ability to instill a belief in his players that they are the best. And the players love to play for him.

If Chad Rogers isn't chosen on Thursday, it will be an injustice to the athletes of Snyder High School, because they will lose a tremendous coach; to the students of SHS, because they'll lose a great role model; and to the people of Snyder, because they will lose a citizen who has the morals and family values that cities can never get enough of.

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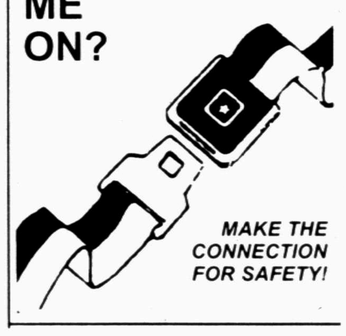

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Alcohol can elevate ALAT level

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a healthy 28-year-old man who was recently refused for blood donation because of a significantly elevated ALAT level. I have no history of liver problems, but the night before I tried to donate blood, we had a party and I drank too heavily. Could this cause the abnormal blood test?

DEAR READER: Yes, it could. Alanine aminotransferase is an enzyme that is released into the blood stream when the liver is physically or chemically injured. The level of ALAT usually corresponds to the degree of injury. ALAT and other hepatic enzymes can appear in the blood from hepatitis, gallbladder disease and acute alcohol inflammation.

In your case, I suspect that your indiscriminate use of alcohol resulted in temporary liver irritation, which was reflected in your blood test. Thus, the timing of your party was probably detrimental. You should check this out with a doctor, however, and have a repeat blood test performed when you have not been drinking.

You were refused as a donor because the elevated enzyme might have represented hepatitis. This viral liver infection could, if your blood had been transfused into a sick patient, produce serious consequences in the recipient.

It's standard policy for the Red Cross to refuse donors with even a hint of liver inflammation. Again, your physician should be able to diagnose the cause of your elevated ALAT.

I might add that this incident should be sobering for you, in all senses of the word. If you drink enough alcohol to raise the ALAT, you are impaired and may well have a drinking problem. On the other hand, if you have undiagnosed hepatitis, alcohol is poison for you. Either way, you should stay off booze — or, at the very least, moderate your consumption. I suggest that you sit down with your doctor for a frank discussion about your drinking habits.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Substance Abuse and Mental Health."

Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, selfaddressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Where can I obtain a list of gluten-free foods? I'm at a loss as to what to serve my new daughter-in-law who is allergic to wheat flour.

DEAR READER: Read labels. Those foods made with wheat flour, which normally contain gluten, are best avoided. Many specialty shops and supermarkets carry gluten-free foods; the store manager can direct you to the appropriate display. Also, you may be able to find cookbooks for gluten-sensitive people; those publications give helpful tips on preparing nutritious, gluten-free meals. Check with your local library, bookstore or Web site.

In general, gluten-sensitive patients can safely consume other starches, such as potatoes, rice and corn. Rice flour is a palatable substitute for wheat flour and can make excellent pasta.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My doctor advises that I have a mole removed from my leg, although I have had the blemish all my life. Should I mess with it or ignore it?

DEAR READER: As a general rule, people don't have to part with moles that have been with them since childhood, unless the lesions enlarge, darken, bleed or change configuration. However, in your case, I believe you should follow your doctor's advice because it's possible that your mole may have undergone subtle changes that may be important. For example, moles called dysplastic nevi may appear harmless to the untrained eye, yet could herald the development of a future malignancy.

Removal of a mole from your leg is a simple office procedure that is relatively painless and free of complications. Follow your doctor's advice; the peace of mind is well worth the expense and slight inconvenience.

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Two indicted Monday are arrested Tuesday

• ***Indictment arrests***

Alvin Leonard Ollison, 40, of 1007 29th Street was arrested at 11:14 a.m. Tuesday on grand jury indictments for possession of cocaine and delivery of a controlled substance, cocaine.

Ivory Grear, 46, of 3104 Avenue L was taken into custody at 3:59 p.m. Tuesday on a grand jury indictment for state jail felony theft.

• ***Other arrests***

A 34-year-old man was booked into jail at 9:39 p.m. Tuesday on a Greene County Arkansas warrant for failure to appear.

Officers arrested a 20-year-old man at 11:45 p.m. in the 1000 block of 30th Street for driving while his license is suspended.

At 12:55 a.m. today, a Department of Public Safety trooper took a 19-year-old man into custody for driving under the influence, minor in possession of alcohol and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• ***Close patrol***

Deputies were asked to keep a close patrol of the Hermleigh school and stadium in reference to recent vandalism at the facilities.

• ***Family violence***

An offense report for family violence was filed at 5:10 p.m. Tuesday.

• ***Accidents***

At 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, a two-vehicle accident occurred in the 3600 block of El Paso. Involved were a 1997 GMC Sierra pickup driven by Ronna Posey, 56, of 3401 44th Street and a Toyota Corolla driven by Gloria Perez, 39, of 1909 Scott Street.

Officers worked a mishap at 1:49 p.m. Tuesday in the 3600 block of College involving a 1991 Honda Civic and a 1994 Ford Mustang. Tiffany Dale Brown, 17, of 2301 Avenue O was driving the Honda and Calvin Ray Lane, 68, of 2301 Moncrief was driving the Mustang.

An accident involving a 1994 Chevrolet Regency van and a parked, unoccupied 1997 Buick Skylark occurred at 4:26 p.m. Tuesday. Charity Elaine Willson, 41, of 2312 30th was driving the van, and the Buick is owned by Robert Bailey of 3406 43rd Street.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 02-07-01
♠ A J 8 4 2
♥ Q 9 7
♦ K 9 8
♣ Q J

West
♠ K 6 3
♥ A J
♦ J 6 4
♣ A K 9 8 4

East
♠ 10
♥ K 6 5 4 3 2
♦ 3 2
♣ 10 7 5 3

South
♠ Q 9 7 5
♥ 10 8
♦ A Q 10 7 5
♣ 6 2

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
Pass	1 ♣	Dbl.	1 ♥
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ A

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2001

Into the lion's den

By Phillip Alder

On the evening of September 19, I went to the Northern Suburbs Bridge Club to partner John "Goody" Goodman, my host, in the Big Lunch. (This is a primary-school expression. The midmorning break, with jam — jelly — sandwiches and milk, is called little lunch, whereas the midday break, with "real" food, is known as big lunch.) After a beginners' course and some supervised play, the class had been promoted from Little Lunch to Big Lunch, which is a newplicate: a duplicate for newcomers. I was worried my appearance would unbalance the field, but we didn't come close to winning!

This deal contained an important point. You are sitting West, defending against three spades. Debatably, you start with the heart ace: seven, six, eight. How would you continue?

West should have opened one notrump, the strong variety being prevalent in Australia. North's takeout double is hardly textbook. With a five-card major and such limited high-card power, Goody should have overcalled one spade. But that's Big Lunch for you! I bid spades since a major scores more than a minor.

After receiving an encouraging signal at trick one, West continued with the heart jack to her partner's king. However, when East returned a heart, I discarded a club loser. West ruffed and cashed the club ace, but I trumped the club king and led the spade queen from hand. The finesse worked, and I claimed a moment later.

When trying for a trump promotion, cash all your side-suit winners first. West should have paused to take her two top clubs before continuing with the heart jack. Then I would have finished one down.

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	High	Low	Last	Chg
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AT&T Corp	23.69	23.45	23.50	-.31
Albertsons	28.98	28.75	28.98	+.43
Alltel	56.25	54.55	54.60	-2.55
AmEl Pw	44.85	44.50	44.83	+.32
AndarkPtr	64.30	62.35	63.50	+.05
ATMOS Egy	24.20	24.05	24.12	+.02
Aviall	7.30	7.15	7.28	+.13
BP Amoco	52.45	52.01	52.15	-.36
BakerHughes	44.25	42.7[illegible]	44.25	+.26
Bank of Amer	51.04	50.27	50.[illegible]	-.98
BellSouth	42.10	41.36	41.90	-.11
Beth Steel	2.68	2.52	2.52	-.06
BurlNoSFe	30.10	29.85	29.95	-.41
Caterpillar	43.89	43.1[illegible]	43.[illegible]	+.51
Chevron	84.45	83.[illegible]	83.[illegible]	+1.14
Citigroup s	55.70	54.[illegible]	54.[illegible]	-.62
CocaCola	60.00	59.[illegible]	59.[illegible]	+.66
ColgatePal	58.35	57.4[illegible]	58.34	+1.71
ComclMetals	23.55	23.4[illegible]	23.51	-.14
CooperIn	45.88	45.22	45.46	-.18
DaimlrChry	44.38	43.[illegible]	43.[illegible]	+.[illegible]
DallSemicn s	35.40	34.[illegible]	34.80	-.[illegible]
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Dillards Inc	19.4[illegible]	19.2[illegible]	19.4[illegible]	+.4[illegible]
DowChem s	33.33	32.[illegible]	32.[illegible]	+.43
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EastmanChem	4[illegible]	4[illegible]	4[illegible]	+.[illegible]
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Entergy	36.65	36.22	36.[illegible]	+.13
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GlobalMar	3[illegible]	3[illegible]	3[illegible]	-.12
Goodrich	37.60	36.75	37.00	-.14
Goodyear s	26.36	26.05	26.20	-.15
GtAtlPac	10.54	10.20	10.54	+.34
Halliburtn	42.40	41.43	42.28	-.37
Hanson ADS	32.20	31.4[illegible]	31.9[illegible]	-.21
HarteHanks	23.25	23.12	23.12	-.13
HomeDepot	46.75	45.90	45.2[illegible]	-.55
Honeywellntl	49.35	48.31	48.[illegible]	-.63
IBM	114.90	112.67	114.43	+.37
IntlPaper	38.18	37.58	37.58	-.66
JohnsonJn	94.70	93.64	94.60	+1.18
K mart	8.86	8.65	8.80	+.36
Kroger Co	24.65	24.45	24.[illegible]	+.29
Litton	79.25	79.01	79.08	-.11
LockheedM	36.55	35.11	35.70	-.24
Lowes Cos	52.75	51.80	52.06	-.22
Lubys	6.30	6.24	6.30	+.06
LucentTech	17.44	17.01	17.01	-.85
MayDeptStr	39.44	38.80	39.33	+.43
Medtronic	51.20	50.55	50.80	-1.08
Motorola s	20.50	19.95	19.97	-.88
NCR Corp	47.61	46.70	47.45	-.22
Navistar	29.34	28.30	28.56	-1.03
Penney JC	15.40	15.06	15.21	-.16
PepBoys	5.00	4.95	5.00	+.02
PepsiCo	46.22	45.35	46.22	+.96
Pharmacia	56.66	56.06	56.63	-1.02
PhelpDodge	45.00	44.0[illegible]	44.13	-1.04
PhilipPet	54.33	53.75	54.2[illegible]	+.26
PilgrimPrd B	11.50	11.34	11.35	-.15
Polaroid	6.75	6.60	6.63	-.03
Praxair	45.73	45.0[illegible]	45.17	-.33
ProctGamb	74.29	72.21	74.19	+.17
PubS NwMx	25.00	24.58	24.77	+.19
RalstnPurk	49.00	47.41	47.76	+.74
RoyalDtch	60.89	59.40	60.[illegible]70	+1.35
SBC Comm	49.95	48.[illegible]	48.[illegible]	-1.45
Safeco	21.[illegible]	21.[illegible]	21.32	+.02
Schlmbrgr	66.[illegible]	65.[illegible]	66.02	-.78
ScottPaper	38.5[illegible]	38.12	38.50	+.53
ShellOil	2[illegible]	2[illegible]	1[illegible]26.32	+.29
Southwest Air	2[illegible]	2[illegible]	2[illegible]	+.07
SwstAir	3[illegible]	31.4[illegible]	32.01	+.33
SwstPwr	21.50	21.[illegible]	21.50	+.5
SprintFON	24.08	23.[illegible]	23.84	-.14
SprintPCS	27.50	26.4[illegible]	26.57	-1.34
Sysco Corp	34.37	33.[illegible]	33.88	+.17
TecoEnrgy	39.03	38.[illegible]	38.50	+.44
TempleInland	50.42	49.[illegible]	49.[illegible]	-.17
Texaco	62.95	61.[illegible]	62.20	-.74
Textron	28.03	27.[illegible]	27.87	-.14
TexasInstrS	41.97	41.[illegible]	41.35	-.66
Tribune	51.45	50.[illegible]	50.[illegible]	-.10
TRW Inc	36.03	35.5[illegible]	35.40	+.33
TexasUtil	23.28	22.[illegible]	22.96	-.05
TyleTech	25.65	25.[illegible]	25.52	+.12
USX Marathn	28.56	28.07	28.32	-.05
USX USS	16.30	16.03	16.12	-.06
UnitedParcl	52.84	52.4[illegible]	52.47	-.33
UnitedTech	75.35	73.[illegible]	74.40	+.14
Unocal	34.75	34.12	34.50	-.23
Verizon Corp	12.85	12.07	12.[illegible]	+.2[illegible]
VerizonCmcn	53.82	53.21	53.32	-1.08
WalMart	54.2[illegible]	53.2[illegible]	54.[illegible]4	+.84
WellsFargo	51.52	50.83	50.[illegible]	+.01
WstnGasRs	27.35	27.20	27.22	-.10
WstnDigit	22.59	21.71	21.7[illegible]	+.48
Xerox Cp	7.25	7.06	7.10	-.29

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Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

The rose is America's favorite flower. The major appeal of this flower is in the color and beauty of its blossoms. Some bloom almost year round while others provide massive displays for several or more weeks.

There has been considerable question over the landscape value of roses. Some roses lend themselves very well to use as vines, masses or even specimen use. Hybrid Tea roses, which are the most common class of roses currently available, are best-grown in well-prepared, sunny beds where they receive at least half a day of sun and good air circulation. Hybrid Tea roses require regular spray program for prevention and control of black spot and mildew diseases.

Garden roses require very little cold weather to satisfy their dormancy requirements. This means that it is possible to successfully grow roses in all parts of Texas. They are best transplanted during the winter from late December through February. Many garden centers order bare root plants for delivery in December and January. Immediately upon arrival, these plants are potted in containers. This method allows the planting season to be extended later into the spring. Most rosarians like to set out new plants during January and February so that the root system can be well established before the hot weather arrives.

Roses are classified according to growth and flowering characteristics. A brief description of the most common classification should be helpful in planting their use in the landscape.

Hybrid Teas are most often called monthly or ever blooming roses. They are the result of crossing two old-fashioned rose classes, the Hybrid Perpetual and the Tea rose from China, which gave the repeat blooming trait. In general, the buds are pointed, long, and borne one per stem. Hybrid Teas are the most common class sold today but are generally grown for cut flowers rather than as landscape plants.

The Florabundas originated from crossing the Hybrid Tea with Polyantha roses. Plants are vigorous with large masses of well-shaped flowers that resemble miniature Hybrid Teas. With proper car Florabunda can provide an almost continuous source of landscape color. They are most effective in mass displays of the same variety. Florabunda roses are usually more compact in growth form than Hybrid Teas.

Polanthas produce small flowers in large clusters and are primarily used for mass planting or borders. Probably the most popular variety available in this class is 'Cecile Brunner,' which is often called the "Sweetheart Rose" and is available in both climbing and bush form. There are very few Polyanthas on the market today because Florabundas seem to have more appeal and are more widely available.

Grandflora is a relatively new classification, which resulted from crosses between Hybrid Tea and Florabunda varieties. Grandfloras are usually very vigorous plants. 'Queen Elizabeth' is probably the most popular rose in this class.

Many of the popular varieties of the classes previously described have climbing forms. There are, however, some varieties considered natural climbers, which includes such popular choices as 'Blaze,' 'New Dawn,' and 'Lady Banks.' Climbers are usually very vigorous and require different pruning practices from those of bush types. Most climbers should be pruned after they bloom in the spring, since many of them flower primarily on last year's wood.

Old Garden Roses is more of a generalized grouping than a class of roses, included are China, Hybrid Perpetual, Tea, Moss, Damask, Bourbon and Noisette roses. Recent years have seen considerable interest in many of these plants. Part of their popularity is due to nostalgia and interest in historic plants. Old roses enthusiasts quickly point to the superior fragrance, hardness, growth habit, and disease resistance of some of the old varieties that may have been lost or weakened in the hybridization process or newer varieties.

Whatever the reason, there is a definite emerging interest in Texas as well as the nation. Catalogs from nurseries specializing in old roses have become popular references and sources of information for the older varieties.

More miniature roses grow no more than 16 to 36 inches in height. They are natural (genetic) dwarfs and have become popular in recent years. Unlike most other rose classes, miniatures are usually grown as and are valuable for mass landscape planting or container culture. Their growth requirements are similar to those of other roses, and most varieties need to be sprayed regularly to control black spot and spider mites.

There are hundreds of varieties with new ones appearing on a regular basis. A major reason for the popularity of miniature roses is their ease of propagation. Cuttings can be rooted during the cooler months, and older plants can usually be divided. Most miniature bloom profusely and regularly.

Own-root roses and propagated from cuttings rather than grafted or budded onto rootstocks. This is the method used by our ancestors to propagate roses and is still popular today. Many of the modern roses don't seem to be vigorous enough to do well as own-root plants but most miniature roses and many old garden roses are offered for safe as own-root plants but miniature roses and many old garden roses are offered for sale as own-root plants. An advantage is that many roses seem to be vigorous and live longer when grown from cuttings. Own-root roses are less likely to be permanently damaged by excessive cold because when they are frozen above ground and sprout out from below. The next spring they will remain the original variety instead of the rootstock.

Roses are readily available during the late winter and spring. Packaged roses are often featured in discount and grocery stores as well as some garden centers. There is nothing really wrong with this method of handling roses, but if they are stored or displayed in warm temperatures, sprouting occurs almost immediately. Sprouting severely weakens the plant and may result in poor performance or even death.

Bare root roses are often available from mail order nurseries and are usually packaged in plastic with some sort of moisture retaining material around the roots to further prevent drying. It is important to plant these roses as soon as possible upon arrival. If planting is to be delayed, the rose should be "heeled in" in a good garden soil and kept moist until planting.

Roses in containers are featured by many garden centers in Texas. It is important that the container be large enough to adequately hold the root system. A one-gallon container is usually too small for a normal sized, two-year-old bush. Two or three gallon containers are much better. Some nurseries use containers that will decompose soon after planting and recommend that the entire container be set into the rose bed. Seasoned rose growers usually prefer to remove the plant from the container so that the root system can more quickly become established in the surrounding soil.

Roses are usually graded to standardized criteria. This includes No. 1, N. 1-1½ and No. 2 grades. Homeowners are probably wise to choose No. 1 or No. 1½ since the vigor and size of these plants are usually superior.

Markets

Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 533 head of cattle for the Saturday, Feb. 3, sale. Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers were steady to $3 higher. Slaughter cows $1 to $2 lower. Bulls were steady. Bred cows were $50/hd. Lower, pairs were $100 lower. Trading was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:
300-400: 115-119
400-500: 105-110
500-600: 94.50-100
600-700: 85-87.50
Feeder heifers:
100-300: 104-109
300-400: 101-107
400-500: 97-103
500-600: 86-91
600-700: 83-87.50
Replacement cows:
Young bred cows: 630-690
Aged cows: 450-610
Pairs: 750-880
Aged pairs: 630-750
Slaughter cows:
Boners: 1000-1250 Lbs. 37-42
Lean: 1000-1200 Lbs. 40-44.50
Lean: 900-1200 Lbs. 37-40
Lean: 800-1000 Lbs. 33-38
Lean under 750 Lbs. 27.50-35
Slaughter bulls:
Yielding Grade 1-2 1300-2100 Lbs.: 53-57
High Dressing 1500-2100 Lbs.: 58.50-59
Low Dressing 1000-1300 Lbs.: 48.50
Bone High Yielding: 1100-1350 Lbs. 32.50-37
Lean: 900-1200Lbs. 22.50-30.50
Slaughter bulls: Yield Grade 1-2 1300-2100 Lbs. 48-53
Low Dressing: 1,000-1,130 lbs. 45

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 538 head of cattle for the Thursday, Feb. 1, sale. Cows were steady. Yearlings and calves were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 40-48
Canner and low cutters: 30-40
Slaughter bulls: 48-58
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 100-125
400-500: 100-115
500-600: 90-105
600-700: 85-95
700-800: 85-90
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 100-110
400-500: 90-105
500-600: 85-95
600-700: 82-87
700-800: 80-84
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 85-105
700-800: 80-86
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 650-810
Grade: 600-700
Springers: 400-750
Baby calves: None
Doodlers: 175-275

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James Madison, the fourth president of the United States, was born in Port Conway, VA., in 1751.

Shana Blackard to compete in 2001 rodeo calf scramble

HOUSTON — Shana Blackard will compete in the calf scramble to be held during the 2001 Rodeo in Houston.

The 14-year-old Snyder FFA member from Hermleigh, will scramble on Saturday, Feb. 17, during the 4 p.m. rodeo performance.

The daughter of Susan and Lonnie Blackard, Shana will scramble during the rodeo performance that includes seven PRCA and WPRA rodeo events and entertainment by Alabama.

During the calf scramble, 28 4-H or FFA members will attempt to catch and halter one of 14 calves that are released into the 1.86-acre Reliant Astrodome arena. With the drop of a hat, the calves will dart into the arena and the challenge will begin.

For those who successfully catch a calf, the hard work is just beginning. Each winning individual is awarded a $1,000 certificate toward the purchase of a registered beef heifer. Additional "hard luck" certificates are presented to individuals who don't catch a calf but are recognized for their efforts.

The purchased heifer then becomes a year-long project for the scrambler — feeding, grooming and providing all the care necessary to raise and show a beef animal. Supervised by an agricultural science teacher or county extension agent, winners must keep an accurate and detailed record of the animal's progress, submitting records to both the show and the donor to chronicle the heifer's development. To reward exhibitors that come back to the show with their heifer projects, donors will provide a $250 bonus to each youth returning for the Beef Scramble Heifer Show.

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On February 2, 2001, TXU Electric Company ("TXU Electric"), in accordance with Substantive Rules 25.236 and 25.237 of the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission"), filed an Application with the Commission seeking authority to implement revised fuel factors and to assess a surcharge on its customers' electric service bills to recover an undercollected balance of fuel cost revenues. The proposed fuel factors, differentiated by voltage level, are as follows per kilowatt-hour (kWh):

Secondary	$0.030447
Primary	$0.029765
Transmission	$0.029313

TXU Electric proposes that these factors be made effective on March 5, 2001 and will remain effective unless the factors are superseded by a subsequent filing.

The surcharge in the amount of $591,179,347.03, inclusive of interest through April 2001, is proposed to be implemented in TXU Electric's April's billing month and recovered over a nine month period through December 2001. Additional interest would be applied if the surcharge is begun after April 2001. In the Application, TXU Electric also is requesting the Commission to authorize the implementation of the revised fuel factors on an interim basis, to authorize TXU Electric to include its estimated fuel cost under-recoveries for the months of January through March 2001 in the calculation of the surcharge, and to grant any waivers that may be required to permit the proposed fuel factor and surcharge to be implemented as proposed.

All of TXU Electric's customers and classes of customers whose electric service rates include charges for fuel costs pursuant to TXU Electric's tariffed Rider FC, titled "Fuel Cost Factor," and all territories served by TXU Electric are affected by both the proposed fuel factor and the proposed surcharge in the Petition. These changes will be subject to final review by the Commission in TXU Electric's next reconciliation proceeding at the Commission. Persons with questions or who want more information on this Application may contact TXU Electric, 1601 Bryan Street, 32nd Floor, Dallas, Texas 75201 or call 1-800-242-9113 during normal business hours. A complete copy of this Application is available for inspection at the above address. Persons who wish to formally participate in this proceeding, or who wish to express their comments concerning this Application should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call the Commission's Office of Customer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or toll-free at (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll-free) 1-800-735-2989.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

NASA begins fueling shuttle

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA started fueling the space shuttle Atlantis today for a sunset launch with the Destiny laboratory module, the most expensive piece of the international space station.

Perfect weather was forecast for the 6:11 p.m. liftoff. However, rain and low clouds at the emergency landing sites in Spain and Morocco threatened to delay the mission, already three weeks late because of booster wiring inspections.

Shuttle managers hoped that at least one of the overseas landing sites would have acceptable weather by launch time, said NASA spokesman Joel Wells.

The $1.4 billion Destiny laboratory is described by space officials as the "crown jewel" of international space station Alpha.

No major science can be conducted aboard the orbiting complex without this lab. What's more, NASA cannot take over station flight control from the Russian Space Agency without Destiny's slew of computers and command capability.

Shuttle commander Kenneth Cockrell considers this "a big deal, high-pressure flight."

"We have a lot of things that have to work together, a bunch of sequential miracles ... to actually get to the finished product of the flight," Cockrell said.

Before Cockrell and his crew can install Destiny, they have to dock with space station Alpha, move a docking port that has been bolted to the orbiting complex for more than two years, and then lift the lab module out of the shuttle payload bay.

Astronaut Marsha Ivins, the crew's robot arm operator, will have just 2 inches of clearance when she raises Destiny from the payload bay.

The lab is 28 feet long and 14 feet in diameter, and weighs more than 30,000 pounds. It will provide a much-needed fourth room for the three men who have been living aboard the space station since November.

Three spacewalks were planned during the one week that the shuttle is docked with the station, to hook up all the electrical connections between Destiny and Alpha.

Three of the five astronauts were born in Baltimore — Ivins and the two spacewalkers, Thomas Jones and Robert Curbeam Jr. — and they spoke by phone on Tuesday with Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md.

"The main thing that is in front of us this week is to take the Baltimore name to new heights," Jones told the senator, with references to the Super Bowl-winning Baltimore Ravens. "The Ravens took it pretty far. We're going to try to take it a little bit farther."

Replied Mikulski: "Don't drop the ball and don't drop the lab."

Sharon wins Israeli PM post

JERUSALEM (AP) — Ariel Sharon will have precious little time to savor his lopsided election victory as prime minister: He must quickly forge a government from the unruly factions in parliament, and he faces hostile Palestinians deeply suspicious of his intentions.

Sharon routed incumbent Ehud Barak on Tuesday in one of the most one-sided elections in Israel's history, winning 62.5 percent to 37.4 percent in a ballot seen as a referendum on Mideast peacemaking.

The election triumph capped a remarkable political comeback for the burly Sharon, 72, who until recently had been written off by some as too old and too controversial to ever lead an Israeli government.

The day after the balloting, attention was already focused on whether Sharon would be able to stitch together a stable coalition government, and how Palestinians would respond to a man they regard as an arch-villain.

"We respect the Israeli people's choice and we hope the peace process will continue," Nabil Aburdeneh, a top aide to Yasser Arafat, quoted the Palestinian leader as saying. However, Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat warned that Sharon's hardline views were a "recipe for war."

"We have to begin where the negotiations left off, we cannot go back to point zero," Erekat said, referring to Israeli-Palestinian talks two weeks ago in Egypt.

Sharon's first act Wednesday was to travel to his sprawling ranch in Israel's southern Negev Desert to visit the grave of his late wife Lily, who died last March of cancer.

Sharon also planned to go to Jerusalem's Western Wall — just a few paces from the disputed religious site he visited lasted Sept. 28. Palestinian rioting erupted following that visit, and the ongoing violence was a major factor in Barak's downfall.

In his visit last fall, Sharon ignited Arab anger by going up to the compound known to Arabs as Noble Sanctuary and known to Jews as the Temple Mount, where two mosques stand on a platform built atop the buried ruins of the biblical Jewish Temples. Both Israel and the Palestinians claim sovereignty.

The Western Wall, which forms one exterior wall of the Temple Mount, is controlled by Israel, and a Sharon appearance there is not considered provocative in the way that his previous visit was.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Feb. 6-Aurelia Almanza, Taylor Daniell, Alton Davis, Melba Light, Yolanda Lowry, Lujan girl, Anasthasia Salazar, Claudia Thompson, Maria Coronado, Mary Davis, Aundie Ford and Troy Russell.

DISMISSALS: Lujan girl, Juan Silvas, Lela Stevens, Leon Autry, John Covey Jr., Stephanie Crisp, Jackson Ellis, Billy Richardson, Rosa Rodriguez and Sadie Shifflett.

CENSUS: 50 (Med./Surg.-23, Long-term Care-24, ICU-1, OB-1 and Nursery-1)

Births

Taylor Daniell of Snyder announces the birth of her daughter at 8:31 a.m. on Feb. 6 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed seven pounds, 12 ounces.

Obituaries

Maria Terrazas

1925-2001

Maria G. Terrazas of Snyder died Monday, Feb. 5, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a sudden illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Terrazas, 76, is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery. The Rev. Elias Torres, pastor of Primera Iglesia Bautista will officiate.

Terrazas

Born Jan. 19, 1925 in Bastrop, she was married to Leon Terrazas who died Nov. 11, 1990.

She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Terrazas; three brothers, Julio Guerrero, Raul Guerrero and Thomas Guerrero; and a sister, Theorda Barrera.

Mrs. Terrazas was a homemaker and a member of the First Bautista Church in Snyder.

Survivors include four daughters, Catarina Oneal of Round Lake, Ill., Maria Rodriquez of Lubbock, Rosa Rodriquez and Patsy Escobedo, both of Snyder; three sons, Leon Terrazas, Manuel Terrazas and Robert Terrazas, all of Snyder; a sister, Mercedes Martinez of Colorado City; 17 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Family visitation will be held from 7 to 8 this evening at Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

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Frances Pylant

1935-2001

Frances Cleo Pylant of Snyder died Tuesday, Feb. 6, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Pylant, 65, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Dr. Craig Curry, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born Nov. 7, 1935 in Loraine, she married Jackie D. Pylant in Big Spring. He died April 6, 1992. She also was preceded in death by a sister, Wyvonne Clark.

Mrs. Pylant was a former longtime employee of Stinson Drug and was a homemaker.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Kerry and Tina Tidwell of Snyder; four sisters, Juanita Fennell of Snyder, Jean Wheat of Mesquite, Katherine Bradfield of Kemp and Diana Schmid of Sylvester; and two grandchildren, Kendall and Kendra Tidwell, both of Snyder.

Deborah Love

1957-2001

JUNCTION — Funeral service for Deborah S. Love is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Junction First Baptist Church.

Graveside service is set for 2 p.m. Friday in Snyder's Hillside Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are under the direction of Graham Funeral Home.

Debbie Love

Mrs. Love, 43, died Sunday, Feb. 4, at her residence in Junction following a lengthy illness.

Born Oct. 17, 1957 in Franklin, Ind., she was a member and a secretary for the First Baptist Church in Junction.

Survivors include her husband, Terry Love of Junction; two sons, Jon Love of Beale Air Force Base, Calif., and Nathan Love of Junction; her daughter, Jennifer Love of Junction; her mother, Carolyn Fowler of Snyder; her father, Lyle Waltz of Selma, Ala.; four brothers, David Waltz of Snyder, Steve Waltz of Colorado Springs, Jim Waltz of Robert Lee and Marty Waltz of Stephenville; her grandmother, Alice Selch of Indiana; her in-laws, Bill and Nan Love of Snyder; three sisters-in-law, Mollie Shearer and Nova Dea of Snyder and Fonda Love of Midland; and a granddaughter, Kristen Love of Beale AFB.

Nancy Gutierrez

1925-2001

COLORADO CITY – Nancy Gutierrez, the stepmother of Tomas Gutierrez of Snyder, died Sunday, Feb. 4, at her home in Colorado City.

Funeral service for Mrs. Gutierrez, 76, were set for 2 p.m. today in the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Felix Silva officiating. Burial was to follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Born Jan. 11, 1925 in Independence, Kan., she married Epifanio Gutierrez in 1954. He died in 1973. Mrs. Gutierrez was a homemaker and a Baptist.

Survivors include three sons, Luis Gutierrez and Freddie Gutierrez, both of Sweetwater, and Alex Rocha of Midland; five daughters, Mary Ruiz of Loraine, Rose Ann Flores of Slaton, Janie Gutierrez of Chicago, Rosa Luna of Lockney and Lori Martinez of Wichita Falls; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Henry Hodges of Indio, Calif., and Ramona Diaz of Phoenix; four brothers, Frank Rocha and Alex Rocha, both of Colorado City, Dorotio Rocha of Bernardino, Calif., and Carlos Rocha of Odessa; eight sisters, Jessie Aguilar, Petra Aguilar, Alejandra Gutierrez and Pabla Silva, all of Colorado City, Trinidad Aguilar, Maria Valdez and Adelina Leal, all of Wichita Falls, and Teresa Perez of Plainview; 58 grandchildren; and 102 great-grandchildren.

Walter Baker

1931-2001

GUN BARREL CITY – Walter A. Baker, the brother of Glen Baker of Snyder, died Sunday, Feb. 4, at his home.

Graveside service for Mr. Baker, 69, is set for 11 a.m. Thursday in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Lampasas. The Rev. Jack Shelton will officiate, and arrangements are under the direction of Briggs-Gamel Funeral home in Lampasas.

Born July 1, 1931 in Lampasas, he had been a resident of Gun Barrel City for the past four years.

Survivors include a son, Walter Baker Jr. of Lancaster; a daughter, Beverly Cecil of Pasadena; three sisters, Doris Green of Roby, Edna Bleimeyer of Dickinson and Dorothy Chisena of North Carolina; and four grandchildren.

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Northeast reading night

Northeast Elementary will have its family reading night beginning at 6:30 p.m. Thursday. Childcare is provided, and pizza and soft drinks will be served.

British Isles tour

A customized, adult-centered tour of Ireland and Scotland is being planned. An informational meeting is planned at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Community Room of Texas Savings Bank. For more information, call Beth Bowen at 573-2670.

Scurry Lodge 706

Scurry Lodge 706 will have a school of instruction at 7 p.m. Thursday. All Master Masons are invited to attend. Plans are to have the school every second and fourth Thursday of each month.

FBC worship service

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

West family reading night

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

Financial aid

"Applying For Financial Aid: The FAFSA Process" will air live from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday on Channel 36. It offers high school students and families assistance with financial aid forms.

GED testing dates

Testing dates this month for GED (high school equivalency) will be Friday, and again Friday, Feb. 23. For more information call Molly Kattes, 573-2919, or Emily Hataway, 574-2112 at home, or 573-8511, ext. 297 at WTC between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Vocational nurse program testing

The next testing date for the March vocational nursing class at WTC is 9 a.m. Friday. To schedule an appointment, call 573-8511, ext. 313.

Gospel, country music

The monthly gospel and country music night will be held starting at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Scurry County Senior Citizen Center. For more information, call 573-3996.

Scurry County retired teachers

Scurry County retired teachers will meet at noon Monday at The Shack. Matt Cross will present a program on keeping fit in retirement years.

Brown bag luncheon

A brown bag lunch and cultural exchange will be held at noon Monday in the Fine Arts Multimedia room at Western Texas College. Dave Hanes, workforce education director, will present a program on Native American Legend and Lore. The public is invited. For details, call 573-8511, ext. 394.

West PTO

West Elementary PTO will meet at 5 p.m. Monday in Room 4. Projects and fund-raisers will be discussed and all parents and teachers are invited to the meeting.

Alzheimer support group

Alzheimer family support group will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Snyder Oaks Care Center. For more information, call 573-9377.

Enchilada dinner

The Knights of Columbus #8875 is hosting the second annual enchilada dinner from noon until 5 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 25 at West Elementary. For tickets, call 573-9855 or 573-8164. Adult tickets are $5 and children's tickets are $2.50.

Shattered Dreams 2000 tapes

Videotapes of Shattered Dreams 2000 are available by calling Lori or Penny at Snyder EMS at 573-1912. Proceeds will go to scholarships for students who participated in the program last April.

Spare change roundup

The American Heart Association is sponsoring a Spare Change Roundup during February, National Heart Month. Deposit coins in collection canisters located around Snyder, or call 573-2913 for locations.

1986 class reunion

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

Earthquake relief

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church is pooling financial help to reach out to the needs of earthquake victims in Bhuj, India. To contribute, call 573-3866 or write to 1311 Ave. K in Snyder.

Medical fund

A medical fund has been established at West Texas State Bank for four-month premature Christa Lane Arnold. The baby is in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. The account number at the bank is 3113906-01.

Adult basic education classes

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

Senior citizen swimnastics

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

WTC swimming pool opens

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

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Study says it is safe to use cell phones

WASHINGTON (AP) — A study of 420,000 cell phone users in Denmark concluded callers are no more likely than anyone else to suffer cancer — but even this huge study, the latest to provide reassurance about the phones' safety, won't end the debate.

The study, published in Wednesday's Journal of the National Cancer Institute, found no increased risk for brain or nervous system cancers, leukemia or salivary gland tumors among cell phone users, the types of malignancies that worry critics.

"Every which way we looked at it, we could not find any suggestive evidence for elevated risks," said John Boice of the International Epidemiology Institute in Rockville, Md., who co-authored the study with Christoffer Johansen of Copenhagen's Danish Cancer Society.

Taken together with two recent, smaller U.S. studies that found no cancer risk, the research should "minimize the concern and fears that the public has with regard to the use of these phones," he said.

But the study didn't last long enough to completely settle the issue. Several thousand Danes had used their phones for more than 10 years, the time it can take a slow-growing brain tumor to appear, but the majority had used them for only about three years.

Consequently, "this study ... should not be taken as the final answer," said University of Washington professor Henry Lai, whose laboratory research linked cell phone signals with damage to rat brain cells.

"It's reassuring ... but not enough that it closes the book on this question," added Boston University epidemiology professor Kenneth Rothman.

Federal health officials insist there's no real evidence that cell phones used by 97 million Americans cause health hazards beyond car crashes that result from people talking while driving.

Yet no health or government agency gives the popular gadgets a definitively clean bill of health, either. Unable to give a clear answer, the Food and Drug Administration tells worried consumers they can simply use an earphone device that keeps the phone's antenna away from the head.

Cellular phones work by beaming radio-frequency energy, low-powered radiation. Most research — including two recent U.S. studies that examined 2,400 people, some who had used cell phones for five years — has found no risk.

But a few small studies have raised concern. They include Lai's rat data and a Swedish study that found brain tumors more likely on the side of the head on which cell phones were used.

Denmark provides a strong look at the issue thanks to the unique Danish Cancer Registry that tracks every citizen who gets cancer, using personal identification numbers assigned to each Dane at birth.

Johansen used cell phone company records to identify Danes who began using the phones between 1982 and 1995. Using those personal ID numbers, he matched phone users with the registry's cancer records through the end of 1996, to determine if cell callers suffered cancer at the same rate as other Danes.

Based on national cancer rates, 161 of the cell phone users should have suffered brain or nervous system cancer, and 154 of them did. Similarly, there were 84 leukemia cases instead of an expected 86, and seven salivary gland tumors instead of the expected nine.

Phone use didn't affect which side of the brain a tumor was on, nor did the study find any increase in very rare tumors, called neuroepitheliomas and acoustic neuromas, that some studies have linked to cell phones.

The study couldn't track how long all 420,000 Danish callers actually spent on the phone. But Boice said people who began using the phones about three years ago were spending 30 to 60 minutes a day talking, and that duration of use showed no risk.

The "beautifully designed" study and "rock-solid database make it difficult to take issue with the report's conclusion," Robert Park of the American Physical Society wrote in an accompanying editorial.

On the Net: FDA: http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/rad-health.html
National Cancer Institute: http://www.cancer.gov
Danish Cancer Society: http://www.cancer.dk/index.asp?language1&tekst/english/intro.htm

Teen fugitive apprehended in El Salvador

TEXAS CITY (AP) — An 18-year-old Hitchcock girl wanted on capital murder charges remained in the Galveston County Jail Wednesday after eluding authorities for more than a year.

Teresa Moreno Dennis of Hitchcock, was apprehended on Friday in El Salvador, where authorities say she had been staying with a relative of her newborn baby's father for four months.

Dennis was certified to stand trial as an adult at the age of 17, in connection with the August 1999 murder of 40-year-old Johnny Owens Jr. His body was found in a room at a Texas City motel, where he had been stabbed more than 30 times and robbed.

Details of Dennis' activities in El Salvador were not available.

"The capture was the result of an investigation being conducted locally," said FBI agent Bob Doguim said in today's editions of the Texas City Sun. "The investigation determined that she was in El Salvador. At that point, our guys sent the lead to Interpol and they worked to find her."

Dennis was indicted on one charge of aggravated robbery and capital murder after she was arrested within the week of the murder. A boy who was considered an accomplice in connection with the murder pleaded guilty. He is now serving a 40-year prison term.

She was labeled a fugitive in May when she did not appear for a hearing.

Through a series of leads, police and FBI agents tracked her to El Salvador.

Along the way, she became pregnant and had a child. She has other children who are staying with a guardian in Houston, said Sgt. Brian Goetschius, who spearheaded the murder investigation.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Tax preparer urges parents to leave deductions at home

DEAR ABBY: I have been preparing tax returns for 15 years. In all this time, I have seen many people from all walks of life. My pet peeve is people who bring their children with them when they have us prepare their taxes. I have had children unplug my computer, spill drinks on my desk, run around as if my office is a play school — and their parents do nothing to discipline them. I find it impossible to concentrate when a child is screaming or crawling under my desk.

People have 3 1/2 months to get their taxes done. During that time, I know they could find a baby sitter for a few hours. It would make my job so much easier.

My job is stressful. I will do no less than 500 tax returns between now and April 15. Often people must wait for hours in our office just to be seen. In that environment, children become very restless. We are more likely to make a mistake if we have to baby-sit children while figuring taxes.

So, Abby, PLEASE inform your readers to leave their kids at home. If necessary, exchange baby-sitting services with a neighbor, relative or friend while you get your taxes done. It could result in a larger refund, less time spent, and everyone being a lot happier. — **TAXED TAX PREPARER**

DEAR TAXED: Your comments make a lot of sense, and I'm sure you're not the only tax preparer who faces this problem. Business offices are not set up to accommodate young children, regardless of how well behaved they may be. Active children cannot be expected to sit silently for long periods of time as adults can. Not only is it unfair to the little ones, it can also be a nightmare for adults who are trying to work.

If parents heed your advice, everyone will benefit.

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DEAR ABBY: I am 26-year-old woman and my best friend is 42. Her husband is insanely jealous when we do anything together. He's even jealous of me because I can make her laugh! He picks fights with her when we decide to do something — he throws things, squeals his tires in the driveway, calls us lovers (which we are not), anything to get attention.

I am always on my best behavior when I'm at their house so as not to cause any trouble. This situation is not only frustrating, but it's making it difficult to remain friends. This has gone on for four years, and I don't know how much more I can tolerate. Abby, could you please point me in the right direction? — **AT MY WIT'S END, ALMA, MICH.**

P.S. I don't think he's going to get therapy for this anytime soon.

DEAR WIT'S END: Your friend's husband is counting on the idea that his outrageous behavior will drive you away. If you haven't already done so, talk with your friend about how childish and controlling his behavior is. His attempt to isolate her friends is a form of abuse. Since it has reached the point of exceeding your level of tolerance, schedule your visits away from her home.

P.S. It's sad this man won't consider therapy. He needs it. Your friend could benefit from counseling, too, in order to understand why she tolerates his behavior.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2001
Today is the 38th day of 2001 and the 49th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1948, Gen. Dwight Eisenhower resigned as Army chief of staff. He was replaced by Gen. Omar Bradley.

On this day in 1964, thousands of fans welcomed the Beatles when they arrived at New York City's Kennedy Airport.

On this day in 1984, astronauts Bruce McCandless and Robert Stewart made the first untethered spacewalk.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Sir Thomas More (1478-1535), lawyer/scholar; Charles Dickens (1812-1870), novelist; Laura Ingalls Wilder (1867-1957), writer; Sinclair Lewis (1885-1951), novelist; Eddie Bracken (1920-), comedic actor, is 81; Garth Brooks (1962-), singer, is 39.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1976, Darryl Sittler, playing for the Toronto Maple Leafs, scored six goals and four assists in a game against Boston, setting an NHL record.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Life is made of ever so many partings welded together." — Charles Dickens

TODAY'S MOON: Day before full moon (Feb. 8).

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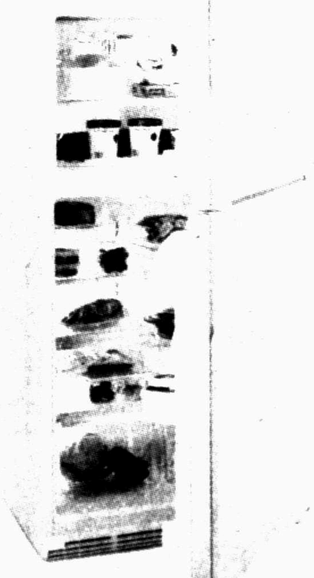

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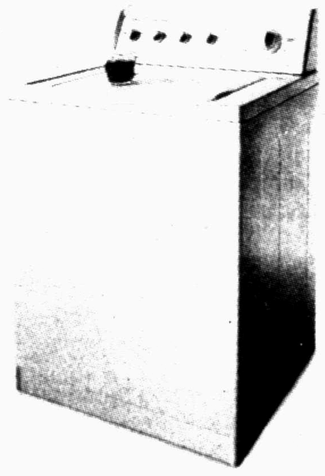

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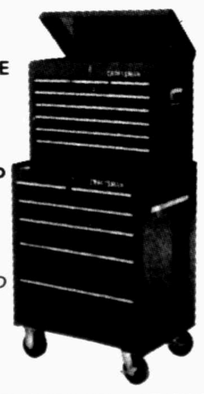

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