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Home Of Alicia Wagner

Place 4 councilman to seek another city term

I.E. Martin filed Tuesday afternoon seeking his fourth term in District 4 on the Snyder City Council.

Martin, owner of Martin's Quick Service, has been a Scurry County resident since 1932 and has been in business in Snyder since 1949.

He and his wife, Rozell, have three daughters.

Martin attended school at Dunn and served in the United State Marine Corps from 1942 to 1945.



I.E. Martin

The incumbent joins several others filing in the May 6 race, including Jason Scott Spradlin, who has filed for Place 4 also.

Other filings for the City Council include Vernest Tippens for District 1, James Jenkins for District 3 and David Harrell for District 2.

Two have filed for trustee positions on the Snyder ISD board including Richard Chambers, seeking his third term in Place 3, and Mike Levens, seeking his second term in Place 2.

Two have filed for the Place 6 position on the Western Texas College board. Scott Richburg filed Tuesday, joining John Zalman III in the race.

Place 5 trustee Lee Presswood and Place 7 trustee Eddie Peterson have both filed for their second terms on the college board.

Vance Reynolds has filed for his first full term on the Hermleigh board. He was appointed in May 1999 to fill the un-expired term of John Williamson.

Gilbert Sanchez and Dennis D. Taylor have both filed for the Place 4 post on the Ira school board. Bo Robinson currently holds the position.

Other positions up for re-election include the term of Dirk Dunn in Place 5 on the Ira School Board, and the terms of Alan Culp and Tim Dacus on the Hermleigh school board.

The filing period ends March 22 for all board positions.

Early voting for the March Democratic and Republican Primaries continues at a rapid clip as County Clerk Joan Bunch reports 88 early votes were cast Tuesday.

This brings to 145 the total number of early votes cast in the first two days of early voting for the primaries.

Reception will help celebrate Texas statehood

A reception Thursday will honor the celebration of Texas' Independence Day. The event will be held at the Scurry County Museum.

The reception is from 3-6 p.m. and is being hosted by the museum and the Scurry County Historical Commission.

The commission is providing refreshments and awarding door prizes.

Admission to the celebration is free.

A traveling photo-panel titled "Annexation: Celebrating 150 Years of Statehood," will be featured in the museum beginning Thursday and continuing through March 21.

The exhibit shows viewers the rocky road Texas traveled from a Republic to a state in the Union.

It is based on an exhibition created by the capitol complex visitors' center in 1995 when the state celebrated 150 years of statehood.

The exhibit is being circulated by the Texas Humanities Resource Center in Austin with support from Exxon.

The Scurry County Museum is located on the southwest portion of the Western Texas College campus. Additional information about the Thursday program can be obtained by calling the museum at 573-6107.

Magnet in bra leads to cocaine bust

ENON, Ohio (AP) — For this drug bust, the best clue was in a bra.

The State Highway Patrol said a magnet concealed inside the bra led state troopers to 22 pounds of cocaine hidden in a van.

The patrol said the van had been stopped for a traffic violation on Interstate 70 on Friday, and a police dog smelled drugs.

A female officer found a magnet in Eunice Santana's bra during a patdown search, the patrol said. The magnet aligned with a device in the van's center console, providing access to a secret compartment holding the drugs.

Santana, 24, and the driver, Giberto Nunez, 32, were arrested.



CASUAL CONVERSATION – Felix, Gwendolyn and Cecily Pigeon and Oscar, from left, discuss a matter in Western Texas College's upcoming dinner production, *The Odd Couple*. The parts are played by David Olson, Lana Rice, Tiffany Britton and Dallas Martinez in the production scheduled Friday through Sunday. (SDN Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

'The Odd Couple'

Drama Department's dinner theatre presentation

Neil Simon's *The Odd Couple* will be performed as dinner theatre at 6 p.m. Friday through Sunday at Western Texas College's Student Center.

Advance reservations are encouraged due to limited seating. Tickets are $15 for adults and $13 for students and senior citizens, 62 and older.

The cast and crew consist of WTC students, faculty members and community volunteers.

The cast includes:

*Dallas Martinez of Breckenridge as Oscar Madison.

*David Olson of Abilene as Felix Unger.

*Tiffany Britton of Hawley as Cecily Pigeon.

*Lana Rice of Lubbock as Gwendolyn Pigeon.

*Justin Stice of Snyder as Roy, the accountant.

*Kris Hollis of Sweetwater as Speed.

*Angel Ociel "Chief" Delagarza Castelan of Ira, as Murray, the Cop.

*Wes Hardin will be Vinnie.

Dr. Helen Cogan, who teaches speech and drama at the college, will direct. Nikki Brown, community volunteer, is assistant director.

Carolyn Girard is in charge of set and costume design. She teaches drama and speech part-time at WTC.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "They call this progress. In less than 50 years, movies have gone from silent to unspeakable."

Tommy Fletcher, owner of Downtown 66 service station, says he sends his mother, who lives in Kentucky, items out of the Snyder Daily News.

Via Tommy, she sent this item, by Robert Hastings. Called "The Station," the message is right on target for today's fast-paced world.

"Tucked away in our subconscious is an idyllic vision. We see ourselves on a long trip that spans the continent.

"But uppermost in our minds is the final destination. On a certain day, at a certain hour, we will pull into the station.

"Bands will be playing and flags waving. Once we get there, so many wonderful dreams will come true, and the pieces of our lives will fit together like a jigsaw puzzle.

"How restlessly we pace the aisles, damning the minutes for loitering – waiting, waiting, waiting for the station.

"'When we reach the station that will be it,' we cry. 'When I'm 18. When I buy a new 450SL Mercedes Benz. When I put my last kid through college. When I have paid off the mortgage. When I get a promotion. When I reach the age of retirement…I shall live happily ever after!'

"Sooner or later, we must realize there is no station, no one place to arrive at once and for all. The true joy of life is the trip. The station is only a dream. It constantly outdistances us.

"'Relish the moment,' is a good motto, especially when coupled with Psalms 118:24: 'This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.'

"It isn't the burdens of today that drive men mad. It is the regrets over yesterday and the fear of tomorrow. Regret and fear are twin thieves who rob us of today.

"So stop pacing the aisles and counting the miles. Instead, climb more mountains, eat more ice cream, go barefoot more often, swim more rivers, watch more sunsets, laugh more and cry less.

"The station will come soon enough."

The contest judge was probably a newspaper type:

This year's winner of the 17th annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular in Michigan was from Canton, Mich.

Ted Wakar won with an abstract ice carving which was described as "indescribable."



'MURDERER' ARRESTED — Dave Hanes, director of workforce education at Western Texas College, was "arrested" for murder Monday. The mock arrest was part of a class project for Jim Clifton's Criminal Investigations class. The "arresting officer" is Ken Irwin. Team members pictured in the background are Alex Ruiz (left) and Dale West. Martin Gustafson is also on the team. (SDN Staff Photo by Joyce May)

WTC class conducts mock murder project

"This exercise is supposed to sharpen critical thinking skills, introduce real world problems and conform to procedural hurdles faced by officers every day."

Jim Clifton
Criminal Investigation instructor

Western Texas College criminal justice instructor Jim Clifton assigned his criminal investigations class to a mock homicide earlier this month.

"They came to class one day to discover the scene of a murder, complete with a mannequin borrowed from the nursing school, bullet wounds, shell casings and a statement provided by a witness," Clifton said.

The assignment is designed to simulate, very basically, the steps an officer must follow to find suspects, detect deception and interview unwilling witnesses.

Students were divided into three groups.

"Each team had to generate an initial report, crime scene sketch, divide up tasks, get search warrants, and finally have enough probable cause to get a warrant of arrest," Clifton explained.

During the three week process, the investigators were given clues in class, guidance by supervisors and admonishments by Clifton, who served as a judge.

"This exercise is supposed to sharpen critical thinking skills, introduce real world problems and conform to procedural hurdles faced by officers every day."

The first group to successfully negotiate the investigation was allowed to arrest their prime suspect at the end of the exercise.

Clifton enlisted the help of several instructors on campus, including Dr. David Kattes, Dave Hanes, Linda Franklin, George Cormack and Lee Burke.

The first group to finish included students Martin Gustafson, Ken Irwin, Alex Ruiz and Dale West.

Other students involved included Mary Cavazos, Kevin Gutierrez, Charles Pulliam, Mike Smith, Matt Clark, Gilbert Hernandez, David Rios and April Walker.

Team supervisors were Snyder Police Officers Mike Duddleston and Terry Luecke.

ASK US

Q—If I vote in a party's primary, can I vote in a different party's runoff election if one is necessary?

A—No.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 75 degrees; low, 44; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 45; no precipitation; total for 2000 to date, 1.48 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy, 50% thunderstorm chance. Low around 50. SE wind 10-20 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy with a 30% chance of morning thunderstorms. Blowing dust, high around 70.



Ashley Swigert
Chance of Rain

Sunset:
6:41 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:09 a.m.
Of 60 days in 2000, the sun has shone 59 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Standing is still going.
—Swahili Proverb

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



All hands in hospitals should be kept clean

DEAR ABBY: When my father was in the hospital for cancer treatment (surgery and chemotherapy), a doctor examined my father's surgical wound without first washing his hands. When I asked the doctor to please wash his hands, he appeared angry. After that incident, my mother was afraid to ask anyone to wash his or her hands before attending to my father, because she wanted them to be nice to him. We were at their mercy.

I have seen doctors, nurses, technicians and other hospital personnel come into a patient's room and either not wash their hands, or simply run water over their hands before attending to a patient. I have also seen some people come into a patient's room with a cold.

In an article in the Annals of Internal Medicine (Jan. 19, 1999), a study showed that not only do health-care workers wash their hands less frequently than they should, but they do not wash them for even 10 seconds — even though most protocols require 30 seconds of hand-washing. Studies have shown that washing hands for less than 10 to 15 seconds has limited effectiveness. Hands must be washed before putting on gloves, for just putting on gloves does not protect patients well enough.

An article in The New York Times (Nov. 9, 1999) reported that a study at Duke University found that only 17 percent of physicians treating patients in intensive care units washed their hands appropriately. The Times went on to report that, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 5 percent of the people admitted to hospitals, about 1.8 million patients a year, will pick up an infection there, and 20,000 of them will die as a direct result. By contrast, 17,171 Americans died of AIDS in 1998. Hospital-acquired infections will contribute to the deaths of 70,000 more people.

Abby, this is a serious problem. Please help patients and their families speak up when they see a health-care worker failing to wash his or her hands properly. Also, please urge doctors, nurses and other health-care workers to do the right thing and wash their hands with soap for 30 seconds before touching a patient. — **DAUGHTER OF A PATIENT**

DEAR DAUGHTER: Your letter is shocking, and I'm pleased to help spread the message. The Mayo Clinic, the world-renowned medical mecca in Minnesota, has sponsored "Infection Awareness Week" programs. Perhaps it's time other hospitals followed suit. Part of the campaign included prominently displaying posters along the corridors of the Mayo hospital complex that depicted a pair of hands under the terse message: **"THE 10 MOST COMMON CAUSES OF INFECTION."**

Doctors, nurses and other employees of the Mayo Clinic were reminded to wash their hands frequently by other posters bearing a catchy slogan: "A milligram of hand-washing is worth a kilogram of antibiotics."

I urge anyone who encounters a medical professional who fails to adhere to recommended hygiene practices to speak up about it and to report it to the hospital administrator in writing. I am told that instead of hand-washing, some institutions use alcohol-based hand rises and gels containing softeners that remove bacteria and are less irritating or drying to the hands.

Proper hygienic practices are an essential part of high-quality medical care. No one should settle for less.

To receive a collection of Abby's most memorable — and most frequently requested — poems and essays, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's "Keepers," P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Bush recaptures GOP lead

By The Associated Press

Gov. George W. Bush and Sen. John McCain turned their Republican hostilities toward the main event — Super Tuesday — after the Texas governor won a three-state parlay to recapture the lead in the struggle for the GOP presidential nomination. They traded accusations of divisive, low-road campaigning, and posted rival victory forecasts for the climactic tests ahead.

Vice President Al Gore rebuffed Bill Bradley's last-chance bid for headway in his faltering challenge before Democratic contests in 15 states next Tuesday that could decide who wins that nomination. Gore won overwhelmingly in Washington state's primary, gaining no delegates but denying his rival any basis on which to claim a boost in the next round.

"This is really a sweet, sweet victory," Gore said in a conference call to his Washington supporters. "We climbed another mountain tonight."

Bush outdistanced McCain in Virginia's Republican primary and captured the North Dakota caucuses by a landslide. He won the Republican primary in Washington state, where McCain gained his only success by leading separate balloting among voters affiliated with neither political party.

— In Virginia, with all of the precincts reporting, Bush had 350,185 votes, or 53 percent, and McCain had 290,779, or 44 percent. Alan Keyes had 20,294 votes, or 3 percent.

Virginia's was an open-to-all primary, but Republicans cast two-thirds of the vote and rallied overwhelmingly to Bush, as they have in earlier contests, an exit poll showed.

— In North Dakota, with 100 percent of districts reporting, Bush had 6,865 votes, or 76 percent, and McCain had 1,717 votes, or 19 percent. Keyes had 481 votes, or 5 percent.

— In Washington state, with 98 percent of precincts reporting, Bush had 214,611 votes, or 58 percent, and McCain had 141,151 votes, or 38 percent. Keyes had 8,955 votes, or 2 percent.

The column that counts is delegate strength, and Bush regained the lead McCain held briefly. Bush won all 56 delegates in Virginia, and 14 in North Dakota, where McCain got four and Keyes one. He led for seven of the 12 at stake in Washington, McCain for 5. The state's other 25 delegates there will be chosen by caucus next week, as will all the Democratic delegates.

A candidate needs 1,034 delegate votes to win the GOP nomination. Bush now has 170 delegates, McCain 105, and Keyes 5. The Democratic candidate needs 2,170. Gore has 42 to Bradley's 27.

Bradley spent five days in Washington state campaigning for at least a strong showing in the primary and a boost into next Tuesday. Instead, he suffered his fourth loss.

He planned a five-minute national television ad Thursday night on CBS — but even before the setback there was speculation he might drop out. Eric Hauser, his spokesman, denied it.

Date Book

Wednesday, March 1, 2000

Today is the 61st day of 2000 and the 71st day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1954, five congressmen were wounded by a terrorist attack in the House of Representatives.

On this day in 1988, Courtney Gibbs of Fort Worth, Texas, won the Miss U.S.A. Pageant.

On this day in 1994, Frank Sinatra received a special "Legends" award at the Grammies.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Augustus Saint-Gaudens (1848-1907), sculptor; William Dean Howells (1837-1920), novelist-editor; Glenn Miller (1904-1944), musician; David Niven (1910-1983), actor; Ralph Ellison (1914-1994), writer; Robert Lowell (1917-1977), poet; Dinah Shore (1917-1994), singer; Yitzhak Rabin (1922-1995), Israeli leader; Harry Belafonte (1927-), singer, is 73; Robert Conrad (1935-), actor, is 65; Ron Howard (1954-), director, is 46.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1969, Mickey Mantle announced that he was retiring from professional baseball.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Common sense is not so common." — Voltaire

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Feb. 26) and new moon (March 6).

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Bush is defended by Reform's Buchanan

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Reform Party presidential contender Pat Buchanan has come to George W. Bush's defense, saying he is being unfairly targeted in a "religious war" within the Republican Party.

"I have opposed the Bush family in politics for almost the entire decade of the 1990s," Buchanan said Tuesday. "Let me say there is not a shred or iota of bias or bigotry or anti-Catholic bigotry in any member of the Bush family."

Buchanan was in St. Louis to court Reform Party members, but in a meeting with reporters spent most of his time defending Bush.

The former Republican presidential candidate said Bush has been unfairly criticized for his appearance at Bob Jones University, a South Carolina school accused of religious bigotry. Speaking to students does not mean a person accepts the school's theological beliefs, he said.

"How do I know that? Because I've spoken twice from the same podium at Bob Jones University," said Buchanan, a conservative commentator. "I'm a traditional Catholic, and I was received with friendship, graciousness and respect on both occasions."

Sen. John McCain, Bush's rival for the Republican presidential nomination, has criticized the Texas governor for appearing at the school and not denouncing its views. McCain also used a telephone campaign to link Bush to anti-Catholic bias.

Bush has apologized for what he says was a "missed opportunity."

"My regret is that I didn't speak out against anti-Catholic bias when I had the opportunity to do so," Bush said Tuesday. He expressed similar regrets in a letter last week to Cardinal John O'Connor of New York.

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First grade shooter came from 'flophouse'

MOUNT MORRIS TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — The 6-year-old boy who fatally shot a fellow first-grader lived in a "flophouse" and used a stolen handgun he found in a bedroom there, the prosecutor said today.

Genesee County Prosecutor Arthur Busch said the home was frequented by strangers.

"This boy comes from a very troubled home," Busch said on NBC's "Today" show. "He is really a victim of a drug culture and a house that's really in chaos."

Kayla Rolland, also 6, died a half-hour after she was shot in the neck at Buell Elementary School on Tuesday morning. Busch said there may have been "some sort of scuffle or quarrel on the playground" between the two a day earlier in which one child slapped the other.

The boy pulled the .32-caliber handgun from his pants, aimed it at another classmate and then turned it on the little girl, Busch said.

"His actions were naughty, in his mindset," he said. "What he understood he did is another matter."

The boy, who has not been identified by authorities, was questioned and released. Police said he would be put in state custody.

The boy lived with his mother, a man described as an uncle and a younger sibling, Busch said. The boy's father is in the county jail, but Busch said he didn't know what he was charged with.

State law allows for adult prosecution of young offenders, but the prosecutor said he thinks charges are unlikely in this case.

"You have to be old enough to form criminal intent to commit the crime of murder," Busch said Tuesday night. "The common law of our country says that a child under the age of 7 is not criminally responsible — cannot be convicted of a felony."

Busch said someone could face charges for enabling the boy to get the gun, which officials said had been reported stolen in December. Investigators also found a stolen 12-gauge shotgun and other evidence in the home, the prosecutor said, refusing to elaborate.

At the time of the shooting, most of the 22 students in the classroom had filed into a hallway to head to the library and just five students remained inside. Busch said the teacher was standing in the doorway when the boy fired the only bullet in the gun.

A girl who identified herself as a classmate, 6-year-old Haili Durbin, told The Associated Press that Kayla had yelled at the boy because he spit on her desk and stood on it. Haili was interviewed with her father present.

Asked about the girl's account, Busch said: "I wouldn't take that too seriously at this point. That's not what we've learned from talking to several witnesses."

Busch said the school had no metal detectors but had "non-police private security" workers who monitored its hallways and its 500 children. Laws already are on the books in Michigan and across the country to keep guns and other weapons off school grounds.

"I don't think many districts in the country have focused on security in elementary schools," Busch said.

The boy is the youngest suspect in the deadly school shootings that have rocked communities around the country over the past three years. In 1998, two boys, 11 and 13, opened fire at a middle school in Jonesboro, Ark., killing five.

"Where does it stop? First-graders shooting first-graders. The culture of violence is manifesting itself here with what occurred," said Sam Riddle, a spokesman for the family of Isaiah Shoels, who was among 12 students killed by teen-age gunmen at Columbine High School in Colorado last year. Riddle grew up in Flint, 60 miles northwest of Detroit.

The tragedy of young killers was highlighted last fall in the Detroit suburb of Pontiac, where a boy who gunned down a stranger at age 11 was convicted as an adult of murder. Nathaniel Abraham, one of the youngest murderers in U.S. history, was sentenced in January to a juvenile detention center until he turns 21, after which he will be a free man.

He was the first to be charged with murder under a 1997 Michigan law that allows children of any age to be prosecuted as adults for serious crimes.

Busch said the difference in ages between Abraham and the Buell Elementary shooter is significant.

"Nate Abraham was 11 years old; this boy is only 6," he said. "If you're under a certain age, you can't form the mental intentions to appreciate the consequences of your actions sufficiently enough to be criminally responsible.

"There's not much I can do to him, other than make sure he's safe and in an environment where he's not inclined to do such hazardous behavior."

Chris De Witt, a spokesman for Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm, said the boy technically could be tried as an adult under state law if a judge finds he fits "a number of tests." But he added, "It's very doubtful that a 6-year-old would meet that test."

IRS' sloppy bookkeeping is noted in congressional audit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sloppy bookkeeping is no excuse for any taxpayer who lands on the Internal Revenue Service hot seat. But the IRS itself continues to have serious, chronic accounting problems of its own, according to congressional auditors.

The General Accounting Office reported Tuesday that the IRS still frequently gives improper refunds, is sluggish to correct errors against taxpayers, is vulnerable to computer security problems and can't assure that its property or budget is properly tracked.

"This audit shows that IRS doesn't know how much money is coming in or where that money is going," said Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., chairman of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee. "It shows that IRS sends money back to people who owe taxes and makes erroneous assessments against those who don't."

Other lawmakers said Americans should expect the tax collector to be just as careful as millions of taxpayers must be as they prepare this year's income tax returns.

"An agency that is charged with collecting our nation's taxes should have strong internal controls to safeguard cash, checks and taxpayer information," Senate Finance Committee Chairman William Roth, R-Del., said.

While acknowledging the scope of the problems, IRS officials said they are working to improve on all fronts. They pointed out that the GAO once again gave the agency a clean bill of health on the way it actually collected $1.9 trillion in taxes during fiscal 1999.

The audit identified these main problems:

—Inadequate controls over payment of refunds, and ineffective follow-up investigation on tax returns with potential underreported tax liability. Last year, the IRS investigated only 26 percent of 12 million such returns, which had a total potential tax due of $15 billion.

—Weaknesses in computer security that could result in "unauthorized use, modification, loss and disclosure" of sensitive taxpayer information.

—Difficulties in the safeguarding of cash, checks and other hard taxpayer data and documents. The GAO found once again that a sluggish fingerprinting system last year resulted in the hiring of 65 people whose backgrounds were later considered questionable enough to warrant firing. There were 37 allegations of employee theft totaling more than $1 million.

—Ineffective management of unpaid tax assessments. For instance, one individual got a $15,000 refund just as the IRS found that the person owed $350,000 in back taxes. Many installment agreements fall far short of the full taxes due, and delays — sometimes more than 10 years — frequently occur in the time it takes the IRS to record payments people have made.

Agency officials laid much of the blame on the IRS' antiquated main computer system, which is gradually being replaced in a multiyear project expected to cost tens of billions of dollar.

Texas woman with TB must stay in health care facility

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A Nueces County woman will be forced to stay in a disease control center for as long as a half-year after refusing treatment for a severe case of tuberculosis.

A district court jury decided Monday that the unnamed woman is infectious and may be a threat to herself or others because she refused or failed to follow orders given by the Nueces County Health District.

Her condition is likely to continue for at least 90 days. Judge Mike Westergren quarantined the woman for as long as six months.

Last month, the woman accepted treatment but later left a health care facility against doctor's orders. She continued to visit public places, also against her doctors' wishes.

The woman's attorney, Fran Willms, told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times that her client now wants treatment. But health department officials still pursued the court order in case she changed her mind.

The woman currently is being treated at a disease control center, where she has been for about 30 days, Willms said.

It has been about seven years since anyone in Nueces County has been forced into quarantine, county officials said. In 1999, 17 Texas residents were forcibly quarantined, state health officials said. Health officials report 50 current tuberculosis cases in Nueces County.

The hearing is the latest in a string of announcements involving the contagious disease.

Earlier this week, the Odessa American reported that a 4-year-old kindergarten student may have tuberculosis.

The student, whose name was withheld, attends an early education center a few blocks from Odessa High School, where more than 150 students and staff were tested last week after an 11th-grader contracted TB.

In Fort Worth, health officials announced last week they'll screen some 200 students at a local high school for TB after tests found a 17-year-old girl likely had become infected.

TB is transmitted by tiny particles of respiratory secretions that can hang in the air for hours. It infects the respiratory system with symptoms including fever, night sweats, weight loss and coughing up blood.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 03-01-00
♠ Q 10 8 7
♥ A J
♦ Q
♣ A J 8 6 4 2

West
♠ A
♥ K 10 7 6 2
♦ A 9 2
♣ Q 10 9 3

East
♠ 9
♥ Q 9 8 5 3
♦ K 10 8 6
♣ K 7 5

South
♠ K J 6 5 4 3 2
♥ 4
♦ J 7 5 4 3
♣ ---

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	1 ♥	2 ♣	3 ♥
3 ♠	4 ♥	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl.	All pass	

Opening lead: ♥ 6

Playing bridge in cafes

By Phillip Alder

Since today is St. David's Day, named for the patron saint of Wales, let's look at the third Cardiff Cafe Charity Bridge Drive, held last July. The temperature was in the 80s, with brilliant sunshine (honest). However, as play took place outside seven cafes, the breeze caused more trouble than bad suit splits. Fifty pairs played 30 deals, 10 at each of three cafes.

The youngest competitors were sisters Catherine and Claire Evans, aged 13 and 10, respectively. They scored a cold top against their parents in this deal.

Counting three points for her singleton, East made a three-heart limit raise, showing four-plus trumps and 10-12 support points. Now Claire did well to introduce her spade suit. Overlooking only five high-card points and a void in partner's suit, she realized that the 7-1-5-0 distribution had great trick-taking potential if she could find a fit.

It isn't clear where West found his double, but I suppose it was a matter of Dad's honor!

As you can see, Claire had no trouble collecting an overtrick for plus 690.

East-West must have been even more pained to realize that they could have made five hearts if North had led, say, a spade (not that Claire would have let them play there once she received a spade raise from her partner). After drawing trumps, declarer (West) would have led a diamond to dummy's king, then finessed through South on the second round. (Yes, maybe North should lead the club ace at trick one.)

At the prize-giving, a check for 1,400 pounds was given to the George Thomas Hospice Care organization.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Tick paralysis scary and serious

.DEAR DR. GOTT: My 8-year-old daughter was recently hospitalized for a frightening disease. She first experienced a tingling of her extremities. This was followed by an inability to walk. Forty-eight hours later, she was paralyzed from the neck down. We were frantic. Medical tests were inconclusive. Then, thanks to an alert nurse who discovered an engorged tick on my daughter's scalp, we found an answer. The tick was removed and within 24 hours, the child was normal. Have you ever heard of this?

DEAR READER: Indeed I have. Called "tick paralysis," this uncommon disease is fascinating.

The disorder typically affects children, who develop a rapidly progressive paralysis that can lead to coma and death unless the offending tick is removed. Experts believe that ticks occasionally inject a neurotoxin, which drastically disrupts nerve function, resulting in an alarming array of symptoms that can resemble those caused by polio and Guillain-Barre syndrome. The disease usually begins five to seven days after a female tick attaches to the skin; if such a tick mates with a male, the production of neurotoxin increases and serious symptoms of nerve malfunction develop. Once the offending tick is removed, these symptoms rapidly regress. Thus, authorities urge, any person with a rapidly progressing paralysis should be meticulously checked — sometimes using a fine-tooth comb — for a tick. This task can be time-consuming, but is well worth the effort, because the ticks can be imbedded in the scalp and genital area, locations that are not normally fastidiously examined by physicians.

As luck would have it, your question arrived the same week as a copy of the New England Journal of Medicine (Jan. 13) in which an identical case was described in a child living in Georgia.

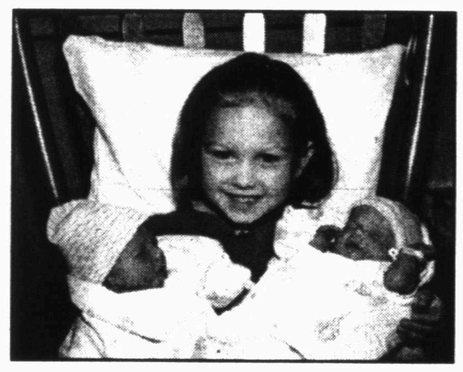
Tick paralysis, although rare, is a serious disease and doctors should automatically consider it (and perform the necessary examination) in any patient, regardless of age, who presents with a rapidly evolving neurological syndrome of progressive paralysis, speech difficulties and a host of other related neurological abnormalities. Thank you for writing to remind us all of this bizarre but curable condition.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My daughter, age 12, began menstruating three months ago. Recently, she has begun spotting every five days. How long should we let this go on before putting her on hormones?

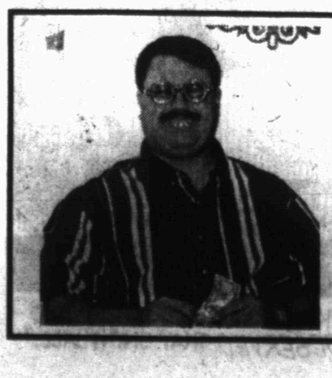
DEAR READER: Menarche (the beginning of menstruation) is often marked by pronounced irregularity. Many young girls bleed frequently; others may experience marked lapses of up to a year. Although your daughter may be exhibiting a normal pattern, I believe that she should be checked by a gynecologist to make sure that no abnormality is present. The physician will probably adopt a wait-and-see approach for several months, but I think you need confirmation that your daughter's spotting is merely a normal physiological variant. Although the child may require iron supplements (to counteract the anemia that can result from excessive menstrual bleeding), hormone therapy is rarely necessary in this situation. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Vaginal Infections and Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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Birth Announcement



Madison Leigh Schroeder announces the birth of her twin brother and sister, Garrett Samuel and Hannah Nicole. They were born January 22, 2000 in Grapevine, Texas. Garrett was born at 6:08 a.m. and his sister, Hannah, was born at 6:10 a.m. Garrett was 5 lbs. 8 oz., 17 1/2 in. & Hannah, 5 lbs. 13 oz., 18 1/2 in. The parents are Troy & Cindy Schroeder of 225 Bricknell Lane in Coppell, TX. 75019. The big sister is Madison. Paternal grandparents are: Beverly Schroeder of Colleyville and Terry Schroeder of Irving. Great grandparents are: Earl & Sylvia Ward of Joshua, TX, and Amzy Bland of Fort Worth. Maternal grandparents are Junior & Barbara McCormick of Snyder. Great grandparents are Bob & Marie Taylor of Shreveport, LA and Violet McCormick of Snyder.



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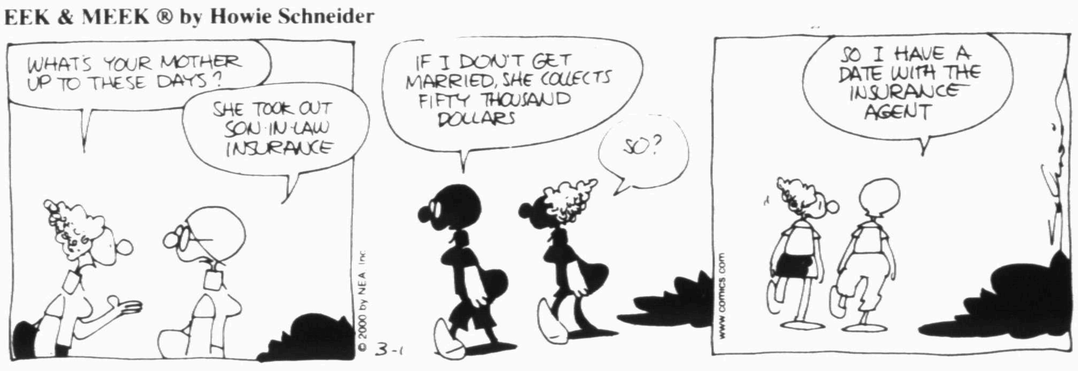
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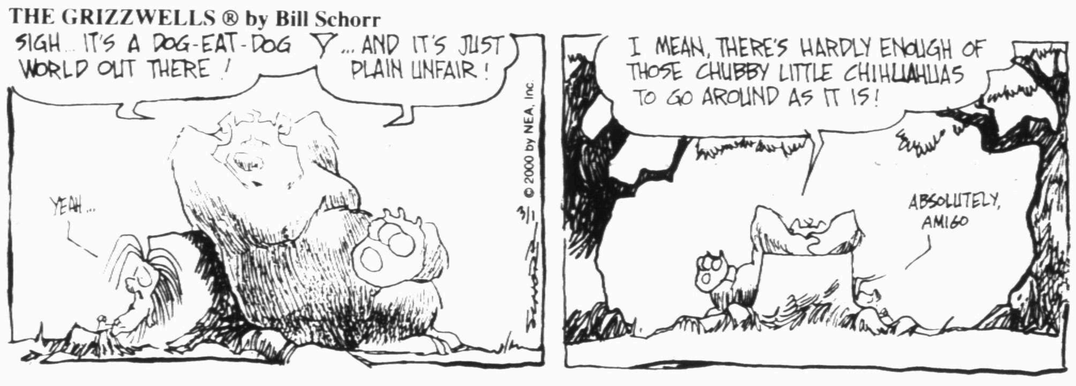
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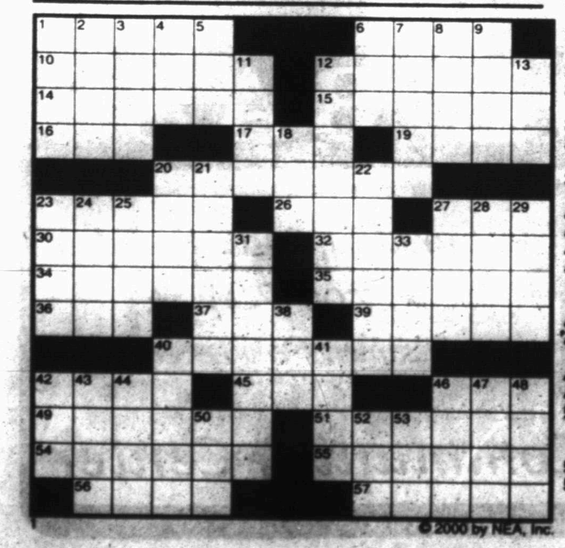
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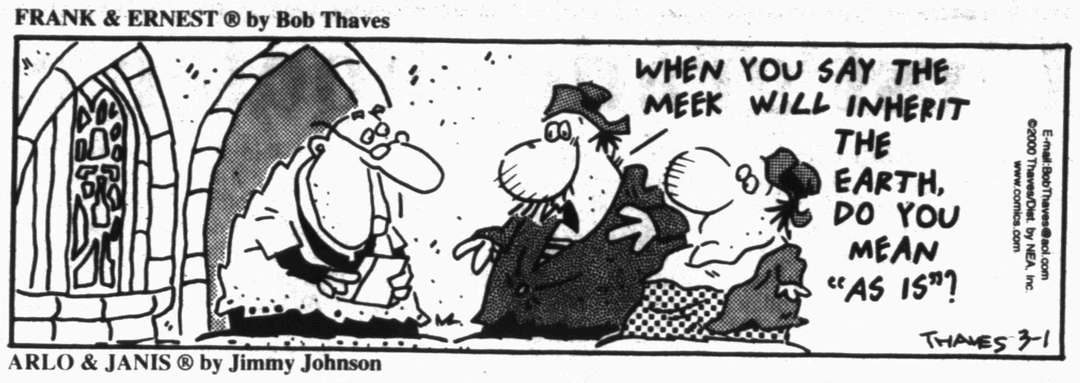


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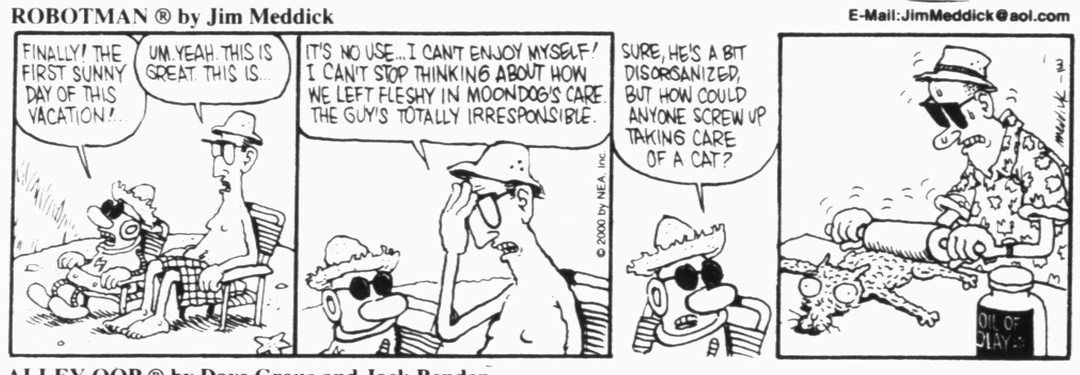


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FLYING HIGH — Denton Ryan's Roy McKinney hauls down a rebound over Snyder's Heath Pinkerton (24) and Sonny Cumbie (4) during Tuesday's regional quarterfinal in Stephenville. The Raiders used their speed and agility to post an 81-56 victory over the Tigers. (SDN Staff Photo)

Ryan 81, Snyder 56...

Raiders speed, depth too much for Tigers

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

STEPHENVILLE — After notching 24 wins, a district championship and an area title, the Snyder Tigers met their match Tuesday night.

Denton Ryan used its speed and agility to wear down Snyder, and pull away for an 81-56 Class 4A regional quarterfinal victory at Tarleton State's Wisdom Gymnasium.

The Tigers, who made their deepest playoff push in 20 years, close their season with a record of 24-11, while the Raiders improve to 26-6.

Snyder used a miraculous last-minute rally in the area round, scoring eight points in the final 35 seconds to knock off Wichita Falls Hirschi. But there would be no miracles on this night.

A faster, deeper Ryan squad controlled the action for most of the game.

"They are a great team," said Snyder coach Bud Birks. "Justin Northwest, that knocked us out of the playoffs last year, was good. But they didn't have this kind of talent. Ryan has outstanding athletes at all five positions, and on the bench.

"It always hurts to lose, but I told the guys they got beat by a better team. Ryan has been the top team in our region all year long, and they played like it, tonight."

Still fueled by the momentum of Friday's comeback win, the Tigers raced to an early 11-2 lead. Snyder reeled off 11 unanswered points, before Ryan used a timeout to settle down.

After the timeout at the 4:44 mark of the opening quarter, the Raiders began a 33-8 run that put them on top, 35-19, with two minutes left in the first half.

The shots that weren't falling early for Ryan, were suddenly finding the bottom of the net on a regular basis. The Raiders were 19-of-31 from the floor in the first half, and held a 45-31 halftime lead.

"I think our speed began to wear them down some in the second quarter," said Ryan coach Richard Scofield. "We knew Snyder could play tough defense. We just wanted to hang in there, and push the tempo, until we could wear them down. I think our quickness was the key. But we take our hats off to Snyder, because they hung in there the whole game. We were never really comfortable with the lead, until the final few minutes."

The third quarter was a stalemate, with the two teams trading buckets, and neither squad gaining an advantage. At the end of the period, Ryan had stretched its lead by only a point, 57-42.

Snyder started closing the gap in the opening minute of the fourth. Greg McAnaw drained a pair of three-pointers to bring the Tigers within 12, before picking up his fourth and fifth fouls in a span of 11 seconds to end his night with 13 points.

The Raiders, who kept the hot shooting hand all night, closed the door on Snyder with a 21-8 run over the final seven minutes.

Ryan was on target for all four quarters, connecting on 62 percent of their shots, compared to 42 percent for the Tigers.

"They shot the ball extremely well, and they could beat us off the dribble," Birks stated. "Anytime your opponent can put it on the floor and go by you, it makes it tough to defend. But our kids showed the same heart and character they've shown all year long. These guys will get after you until the final whistle blows, and they did the best they could tonight. The better team just won."

Sonny Cumbie dropped in 14 points to pace Snyder, with McAnaw adding 13.

Six Raiders finished in double figures, led by Micah Mack's 16 points.

Ryan advances to face Hereford in Friday's regional semifinals in Odessa.

Snyder	15	16	11	14	—	56
Ryan	19	26	12	24	—	81

Snyder
Cumbie 6 2-3 14, McAnaw 4 2-2 13, Wofford 4 0-0 10, Pinkerton 4 1-2 9, Hester 2 0-0 4, Scott 1 2-2 4, Kerr 1 0-0 2. **Totals 22 7-9 56.**
Ryan
Mack 6 3-3 16, Boyd 6 0-1 14, Jones 6 2-6 14, Evans 5 0-1 12, McKinney 4 2-2 10, Parks 4 2-3 10, Swafford 1 0-0 3, McDade 1 0-0 2. **Totals 33 9-16 81.**
Three-point goals: Snyder 5 (McAnaw 3, Wofford 2), Ryan 6 (Boyd 2, Evans 2, Mack, Swafford). Rebounds: Snyder 27 (Pinkerton 9), Ryan 29 (McKinney 7). Total fouls: Snyder 19, Ryan 14. Fouled out — McAnaw.

Bulldogs bow to Moguls, 46-31

MERKEL — In what turned into a defensive battle, Munday had a little more offensive fire power in the end.

Munday scored 25 points in the second half, while holding Ira to only 11, to chalk up a 46-31 Class A regional quarterfinal victory Tuesday night at the Merkel High School gym.

The setback closes the door on the Bulldogs' bid for a second consecutive berth in the regional tournament, ending their season with a record of 28-6.

"We played pretty good defense, and so did they," said Ira coach Bubba Edwards. "They just had a few more weapons than we did, offensively. Our kids played with a lot of heart, and I told them after the game that they got beat by probably the best team in our region, so that's nothing to be ashamed of."

With both teams turning up the defensive pressure, it was the offensive performance of Munday's Robert Dockins that made the difference.

Dockins poured in a game-high 23 points, including five three-pointers, to fuel the Moguls' effort.

"Dockins is a great shooter," Edwards remarked. "We didn't give him very many good looks at the basket, but he hit the tough shots. When he comes off a screen, he's ready to shoot."

Ira's Jose Juarez drained a pair of three-pointers in the first half, to keep the Bulldogs close. Munday held a slim 21-20 advantage at the break.

But the Moguls outscored Ira, 11-5 in the third quarter to take the lead for good.

The Bulldogs managed to trim the deficit to four points, before Dockins nailed another long-range bomb to rebuild Munday's cushion.

"I thought Dockins' three-pointer after we had closed the gap to four points was a back-breaker," said Edwards. "We're within four, and we have the ball. Then they get a long rebound. He spot's up in transition, and he hits the shot. That one hurt us."

Munday's quickness hampered Ira's offensive production most of the night. The Bulldogs, who favor the inside game with 6-7 post Logan Daves, were unable to find open shots against the speedy Moguls.

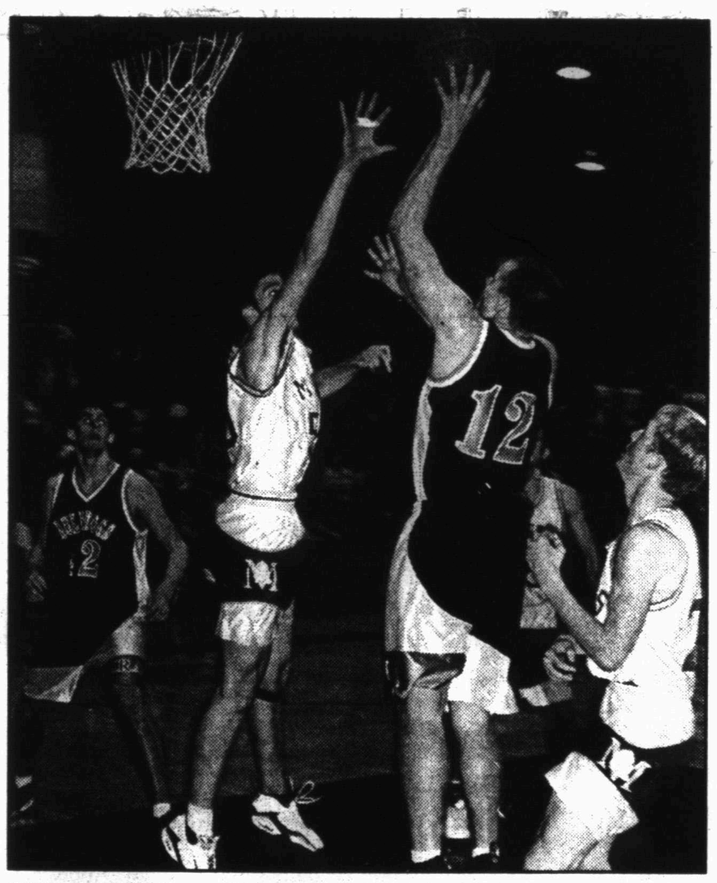
"Every time we got the ball inside, they would converge on Logan with two or three guys," Edwards stated. "And if he kicked it back out, they were quick enough to recover. They were able to defend inside and out, and that made it tough."

Daves paced the Bulldogs with nine points, while Jerek Brown finished with eight.

Munday improves to 29-5 and advances to face Ponder in the regional semifinals on Friday.

Ira	07	13	05	06	—	31
Munday	10	11	11	14	—	46

Ira
Smith 1 0-0 2, Brown 4 0-0 8, Wilkins 2 0-0 4, Juarez 2 0-0 6, Wall 1 0-0 2, Daves 2 5-7 9. **Totals 12 5-7 31.**
Munday
Murphy 0 2-3 2, Albus 1 0-0 2, Dockins 8 2-5 23, Beaty 3 3-4 10, Urbanczyk 1 0-2 2, Key 1 0-1 3, Brown 2 0-0 4. **Totals 16 7-15 46.**
Three-point goals: Ira 2 (Juarez 2), Munday 7 (Dockins 5, Beaty, Key). Total fouls: Ira 14, Munday 9. Fouled out — None.



ONE-HANDED — Ira's Jerek Brown shoots over a Munday defender, while teammate Logan Daves (42) looks on during Class A regional quarterfinal action Tuesday night in Merkel. The Moguls held the Bulldogs in check to record a 46-31 victory. (Photo By Becky Hudgins)

SHS girls hold off Lady Mavericks, 4-2

ABILENE — The Lady Tigers got its offense in doses Tuesday night, but it was enough post their seventh win of the season.

Snyder Scored three runs in the first inning, one more in the last, and played stellar defense in between to hold off Eastland, 4-2, in non-district softball action at Abilene's Red Bud Park.

The Lady Tigers played an error-free ballgame to even their record at 7-7 on the year, and the spotless defense was the key to victory, according to Coach Robbie Dickenson.

"We were solid in the field, all the way around," said Dickenson. "We turned two doubles plays, and almost had a triple play, once. Things are starting to come together, and I knew once we settled down this season, we would play some good softball. We still need to improve in some areas, but we're making progress in every practice and every ballgame."

After posting three runs in their first at-bat, the Lady Tigers went scoreless for the next five innings, before notching their final run in the seventh.

Eastland trimmed the margin to 3-1 in the fifth, then sent a runner home in the bottom of the seventh for the 4-2 final tally.

Courtney Rinehart went the distance on the mound for Snyder, surrendering six hits, while posting four strikeouts and three walks.

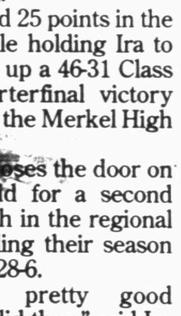
Snyder registered five hits, all singles. Whitney Webb and Shelley Fisk accounted for two hits apiece, with Kristin Martinez knocking one.

The Lady Tigers return home to host Merkel on Friday at 7 p.m.

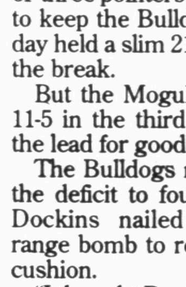
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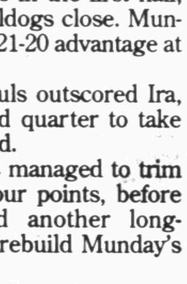
Three Snyder lifters qualify for regionals



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ANDREWS — With strong performances at Andrews, three Snyder lifters have qualified for the regional power lifting meet.

Trumain Johnson, Corey Knipe and Edwin James will represent Snyder at the regional competition March 11 in Plainview.

Johnson and James both finished third in their respective weight classes in Andrews, while Knipe took fifth place. Also placing at the Mustang's meet was freshman Patrick Alderete who nabbed fourth place in the 275-pound weight class.

Trey Roland, Jeff Turner, Jeff Proctor, Josh Knox, Caleb Durham and Guy Terrazas all set personal bests over the weekend.

The three regional qualifiers can earn a trip to the state meet in Killeen by finishing in the top two at Plainview.

Sports Briefs

Track volunteers needed

Snyder High School needs volunteers for the Canyon Reef Relays, to be held March 11.

Anyone interested should contact Tommy Doyle at 574-6039.

Pitching clinics held weekly

Fastpitch softball pitching clinics will be held every Wednesday. Class size is limited. For more information, contact Herman Martinez at 573-0390.

Abilene High rallies in sixth to top Tigers, 6-5

The Snyder Tigers went the distance with Abilene High, before surrendering the game-winning run in the sixth inning Tuesday at Moffett Field.

The Tigers, who fall to 2-3, were locked in a 5-5 tie until a pair of singles and a stolen base netted the Eagles a run in the top of the sixth.

Snyder was unable to mount a rally in its final two at-bats, as Abilene hurler Cade Corley preserved the win with a apir of perfect innings.

Snyder jumped to a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first, before the Eagles knotted the tally in the top of the second.

The Tigers answered with a run in the bottom of the inning, and both squads sent a man home in the third and fourth frames for a 5-4 Snyder advantage.

Abilene pulled even in the fifth, before notching the game-winner in the sixth.

Ralph Ramon went the distance on the mound for Snyder, scattering nine hits through seven innings.

Josh Ward belted a double for the Tigers' only extra-base hit.

Snyder hits the road Thursday for the first round of the San Antonio tournament. The Tigers open with San Antonio Lanier at noon.

The Tigers return home Monday to face San Angelo central at 4:30.

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Lawmakers pressure Clinton to tap nation's oil stockpiles

WASHINGTON (AP) — Faced with lawmakers irate over the soaring cost of heating oil and gasoline, the Clinton administration is edging closer to tapping the government's emergency oil stockpile as a way to force down prices.

Administration officials, who until recently have steadfastly insisted that no oil would be used from the emergency reserve to manipulate prices, emphasized that no decision has yet been made on a release.

But President Clinton made clear Tuesday that he has not ruled out using some of the nearly 600 million gallons of oil stored in salt caverns on the Gulf Coast to try to ease tight supplies and drop prices that have hovered around $30 a barrel.

"I have not taken the petroleum reserve issue off the table," said Clinton, calling such a release of oil a possibility "in the event that we don't seem to have any other options" to get gasoline prices to retreat.

Energy Secretary Bill Richardson was expected to face sharp questioning from lawmakers today about the administration's plans for dealing with soaring oil costs when he appears before the House International Relations Committee.

Richardson returned on Tuesday from a weeklong trip that took him to Mexico, the Persian Gulf and Europe, including visits with oil ministers in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, where oil production levels and world prices were the center of discussion.

Some oil producers, including Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, indicated that they were ready to boost production, but the timing and the amounts have yet to be determined. The OPEC countries, which curtailed production a year ago by 4.3 million barrels a day to boost prices, were to meet later this month to decide production strategies.

But administration officials were concerned that additional oil will come too late to head off continuing increases in gasoline prices as the heavy-demand summer driving season approaches. Some within the administration have argued that the government's Strategic Petroleum Reserve could be used to ease the supply crunch and force down prices in the short term.

Richardson has maintained the emergency reserve should be drawn down only to counter supply disruptions and not to manipulate prices. But in recent weeks the administration has considered an oil "swap" that essentially would allow oil companies to borrow from the government stockpile.

It would work this way:

The government could put oil — perhaps 500,000 barrels a day — out for bid. Companies would take the oil, promising to return it in perhaps a year or two, and agree to put an additional amount into the reserve as well. No money would be exchanged.

The oil companies could profit because the current price of oil is much higher than what oil costs on the futures market for delivery next year or the year after. The companies could buy the cheaper oil, which eventually will be returned to the government.

Construction in U.S. gains

WASHINGTON (AP) — Spending on construction projects around the country shot up by 2.7 percent in January, the biggest increase in nearly two years.

The Commerce Department reported today that spending surged to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of $751.8 billion, an all-time-high monthly level. The jump was led by substantial increases in spending on housing, commercial buildings and big government projects.

January's performance was much stronger than the slim 0.1 percent increase many analysts were projecting. Some analysts had even predicted a decline. The 2.7 percent advance marked the strongest pace since a 3.7 percent rise in June 1998.

In December, construction spending rose by 2.1 percent, slightly more than the government estimated one month ago.

The Federal Reserve has boosted interest rates four times since June, totaling a full percentage point, in an effort to slow the sizzling economy and keep inflation at bay.

Economists said those rate increases haven't had much of an impact. In the last three months of 1999, the economy grew by a supercharged 6.9 percent rate. Given the outlook for strong continuing growth, there is wide expectation the Fed will boost rates again March 21.

Robust construction and housing activity helped fuel the economy's strong growth last year and today's report suggested building activity opened the new year on solid footing.

The construction report showed that spending on all government projects rose by a brisk 4.15 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of $182.8 billion in January.

That increase reflected a huge 11.5 percent jump in spending on highways and a 6.25 percent rise in spending on schools.

The value of all private construction projects rose by 2.3 percent in January to an annual rate of $569 billion.

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AT&T Corp s	50	48	48 7-16	— 1
Albertsons	24 13-16	24 9-16	24⅝	+ ⅛
Alltel	61¼	58⅝	60 9-16	+ 2 9-16
AmerOnline s	59 1-16	56 11-16	57 5-16	—1 15-16
AndarkPtr	31½	30 11-16	31 1-16	+ 5-16
AtlRichfld	71 9-16	71	71	+ 13-16
ATMOS Egy	17¼	16⅞	16⅞	— ¼
Aviall	8 5-16	7 15-16	7 15-16	— ¼
BP Amoco s	48½	46 15-16	46 15-16	— 1-16
BakerHughes	26 3-16	24 11-16	24¾	— 1⅛
Bank of Amer	46 1-16	45	45⅛	— 7-16
BellAtl	53⅛	52⅛	52 13-16	+ 3⅞
BellSouth	43⅛	42½	42½	+ 1 15-16
Beth Steel	5¾	5⅝	5¾	+ 1-16
BurlNoSFe	20	19¾	19⅞	+ ⅛
CBS Corp	60⅞	59½	59⅝	+ 1-16
Caterpillar	35⅝	35⅛	35¼	+ 3-16
CenSoWst	17 3-16	16⅞	16⅞	+ 1-16
Chevron	74 9-16	72 11-16	73⅜	—1 5-16
Citigroup s	53¼	51¼	51⅜	— 7-16
Coastal	42 1-16	41½	42	— 1-16
CocaCola	50½	49 3-16	50 3-16	+ 1 9-16
ColgatePal s	52¼	51⅛	51 15-16	— ¼
ComclMetals	27⅝	27½	27½	— ⅛
CooperIn	30½	30⅛	30⅛	— ⅛
DaimlrChry	65¾	64¾	65 7-16	—2 5-16
DalSemicn s	43 3-16	40⅝	41	+ ⅝
DeltaAirl	45⅞	45⅜	45 7-16	— 3-16
Dillards Inc	17 9-16	17¼	17 7-16	+ 1-16
DowChem	108¾	106 1-16	106⅞	— 1⅝
DuPont	50 15-16	49⅞	50 1-16	— 7-16
EastmanChem	35 15-16	33⅝	34½	—1 7-16
EstKodak	58 11-16	57 5-16	58 9-16	+ 1¼
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Goodyear s	22⅝	22⅛	22 5-16	— 9-16
GtAtlPac	23 7-16	23¼	23¼	— 3-16
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HarteHanks	22 1-16	21⅝	22 1-16	+ ¼
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Honeywellntl	49 11-16	47⅛	47 5-16	—13-16
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IntlPaper	37⅜	35¼	35¾	—1 1-16
JohnsonJn	72¼	71 1-16	71 11-16	— ¼
K mart	9 1-16	8 13-16	9	+ 3-16
Kroger Co s	15 1-16	14¾	14⅞	
Litton	30¾	29 11-16	29 15-16	
LockheedM	17⅛	17⅜	17½	+ 1-16
Lowes Cos	48 9-16	45 11-16	46¼	—1 9-16
Lubys	10½	10 5-16	10 7-16	
LucentTech	69 15-16	65¾	68 1-16	+ 8 29-64
MayDeptStr	26 9-16	26 3-16	26¼	+ 1-16
MediaOne	78 13-16	76¾	77 3-16	—1 1-16
Medtronic s	48⅜	47 7-16	47 11-16	— ¾
Monsanto	38 9-16	38 1-16	38 1-16	— ¾
MorganJP	111¾	108 9-16	108⅞	—2 5-16
Motorola	171 11-16	166⅜	167½	— 3
NCR Corp	38⅛	37⅜	37⅜	— 9-16
Navistar	33 5-16	32¾	33¼	+ ½
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PepBoys	6¼	6⅛	6¼	+ 1-16
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Scurry County Country

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

Could your goats make you sick? The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), in a cooperative effort with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Veterinary Services, is offering to test goats free in Starr, Zapata, Hidalgo, Cameron and Willacy counties, to find out if the animal's are carrying a disease that can cause serious illness in humans.

"Just weeks ago in Starr County, we found a sheep and goat herd infected with Brucella melitensis, a bacterial disease that has not been seen in the U.S. in nearly 30 years," said Dr. James Lenarduzzi, director of the TAHC's South Texas area. It's very important to human health that we learn if other herds could be carrying the disease."

"The infected animals can be dangerous, as they can spread the disease, which in humans, is called 'Malta Fever,' or 'Undulant Fever.' Victims develop flu-like symptoms, night sweats, aches, pains, headache and fever that comes and goes. Anyone who may have been associated with infected goats or goat products and is suffering these symptoms should see a doctor and report possible exposure to the disease. Antibiotics are needed for treatment to avoid serious complications," he said.

Because the disease in Mexico is widespread, we are targeting Texas counties where the risk is greater. In 1998, more than 6,500 persons in Mexico suffered from undulant fever, with many cases being caused by infected goats. Of the many cases reported that year 14 of the patients had consumed dairy products from goats, and nine of the group also had traveled internationally.

Dr. Lenarduzzi said goat owners can contact the TAHC office in Beeville, or a TAHC or USDA animal health inspector in any of the five targeted counties to have blood samples collected from their animals for laboratory testing. If they prefer, owners can have the blood samples drawn by their private veterinarian, who will be paid through a 'fee-basis' testing agreement with the TAHC and USDA.

Until animals are tested, Dr. Lenarduzzi advised owners to stop consuming unpasteurized goat's milk, unpasteurized cheese, or handling raw goat meat products. Cooked meat is safe to eat, as heat kills the Brucella meltensis bacteria. Because infected nannies also can spread infection when giving birth, he urged ranchers to wear gloves when assisting pregnant goats.

When slaughtering untested goats, ranchers also should wear a facemask, glasses and rubber gloves, to avoid breathing in or becoming exposed to bacteria that can become airborne during the slaughtering process. Clothing worn during the task also should be laundered.

Dr. Lenarduzzi pointed out that if infected goat herds are found the testing area will be enlarged. He advised owners anywhere to have goats tested if the animals originated from South Texas.

To learn more about the herd testing owners and veterinarians can call TAHC's South Texas office in Beeville a 800-658-6570, or their TAHC animal health inspector in the targeted counties: Zapata and Starr counties — Jorge Salas 956-383-8456; Hidalgo and Willacy counties — Leo Gonzalez, 956-968-5719; Cameron county — Rudy Bazan, 956-688-2549.

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Lubbock will host 2-day seminar

COLLEGE STATION — A two-day seminar designed to help Texans reduce their estate taxes and make effective estate planning decisions will be offered March 22-23 in Lubbock.

"The goal of our Farm and Ranch Estate Planning Seminars is to help rural Texans make wise estate planning decisions by providing a wealth of information on tax and estate planning matters," said Dr. Wayne A. Hayenga, Texas Agriculture Extension Service economist –management.

"It is useful for married couples, spouses, potential estate executors, trustees and those who want to make estate settlement less burdensome for their loved ones."

The Lubbock seminar will be held at the Best Western Regency hotel (6624 Interstate 27), it is one of four offered across Texas in March and April.

Other seminar dates and locations are March 29-30, at the Texas Society of Certified Public Accounts Training Facility in Fort Worth; April 13-14, at the Brazos Center in Bryan; and April 20-21, at the Thompson Conference Center in Austin.

Program topics will include:

*Basic Estate Planning Devices such as wills, living trusts, estate tax deferral, gifts and property titles.

*Treating Beneficiaries Fairly.

*Estate Planning Tools for Agriculture, focusing on use of corporation and partnerships, special farm land valuation, family-owned business exclusion and rules for deferring estate tax payments.

*The Role of Life Insurance in Estate Planning and Tax Valuation rules.

Hayenga is an attorney as well as an Extension economist. He works extensively with farmers, ranchers and family-owned firms in financial, business and estate tax planning.

Seminars run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Registration costs $100 per person and includes printed materials, refreshments and lunch each day. Registration and other information are available by calling Hayenga or Sharon Wehring-Forster at 979-845-2226. Their fax line is 979-847-933374.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service in co-operation with *Progressive Farmer* magazine is sponsoring the statewide seminars.

C-City auction

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 410 head of cattle for the Saturday, Feb. 26, sale. Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers were steady to $3 higher. Slaughter cows steady. Bulls were steady. Bred cows were $100 to $150 higher. Pairs were firm, pairs were higher. Trading was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:
300-400: 110-119
400-500: 102-108
500-600: 91-95
Feeder heifers:
200-300: 105-109
300-400: 97-104
400-500: 93-102
500-600: 83-91
600-700: 82-83
Replacement cows:
Young bred cows: 540-600
Bred cows: 440-550
Pairs: 660-710
Aged pairs: 510-625
Slaughter cows: High yielding: 40-43
Slaughter bulls: High dressing: 50-50.50

Lubbock auction

The Lubbock Stockyards Inc. had a run of 700 head of cattle for the Thursday, Feb, 24, sale. Cows were $1 better. Calves were steady and yearlings $2 cheaper. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 36-43.50
Canner and low cutters: 29-35
Slaughter bulls: 42-53
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 100-125
400-500: 90-110
500-600: 85-92
600-700: 82-86
700-800: 78-82
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 90-110
400-500: 82-100
500-600: 75-84
600-700: 74-80
700-800: 72-77
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 82-91
700-800: 65-75
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 600-750
Grade: 525-600
Springers: 400-635
Baby calves: 100-175
Doodlers: 175-250

Women in farming hold first directors meet in Plainview

PLAINVIEW — Texas Women Involved in Farm Economics had its first board of directors meeting in Plainview recently to discuss issues for the 2000 year.

The guest speaker for the evening was Steve Verette from Plains Cotton Growers of Lubbock. There were 27 members present and guests from El Paso and Snyder.

Wife members began working on the Ag Day activities to promote agriculture. Ag Day will be on March 20 and we are encouraging all interested persons to wear green ribbons to show support for our farmers and ranchers.

Wife members also are encouraging framers to attend the hearings before the House Agriculture Committee in Lubbock, March 6, beginning at 9 a.m.

U.S. Rep. Larry Combest, R-Lubbock will lead the hearings to discuss U.S. farm policy. The hearings will be held at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center in the banquet hall.

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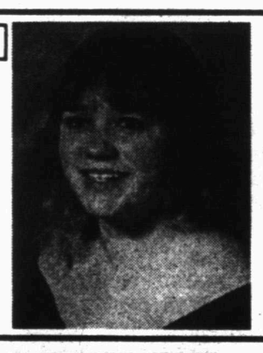
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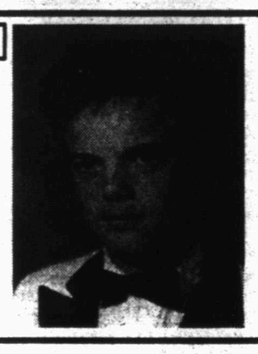
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Demo fundraiser tells story

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Democratic fund-raiser Charlie Trie, agreeing to tell his story publicly for the first time, says he's sorry for the trouble he caused his longtime friend, Bill Clinton.

"I ... would like to apologize for any harm I caused President Clinton," the former Little Rock, Ark., restaurant owner said in remarks prepared for delivery today to the House Government Reform Committee. "Let me say ... that all of my mistakes were of my own doing and not encouraged by President Clinton or anyone else."

In his prepared testimony — a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press — Trie described how he parlayed his long-standing acquaintance with Clinton into overseas business contacts that brought hundreds of thousands of dollars in illegal campaign contributions into the United States.

Trie's appearance long has been sought by the committee's chairman, Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind, who spearheaded the House investigation into fundraising abuses by the 1996 Clinton-Gore campaign.

"We want to know about his contacts with the Chinese government and about the origins of the large amounts of foreign money that he funneled" to the Democratic Party," Burton said.

Trie denied that he spied for the Chinese government, an assertion he called "the biggest lie that has been told about me throughout this investigation."

"I have never committed any form of espionage," he said.

Trie brought in hundreds of thousands of dollars in illegal donations when he became partners with wealthy Macau businessmen such as Ng Lap Seng, also known as Woo, and Jakarta telecommunications magnate Tomy Winata.

Winata, who wanted a private meeting with Clinton, sent Trie $200,000 in travelers checks, some of it ending up as donations to the Democratic Party. When Clinton friend Richard Mays told Trie that a $100,000 contribution to a fund-raiser would get him two seats at the president's table and another entire table for several guests, "Woo either wire transferred or brought the money to the U.S.," said an FBI interview summary of Trie released by Burton's committee a month ago.

"It occurred to Trie that people at the DNC might start to wonder where he was getting his money. Knowing it was not his money, Trie felt uncomfortable," the FBI summary said. "He started giving friends cash in return for their checks to the DNC."

Alternately defiant and contrite, Trie in his prepared remarks said that "at no time ... did I want or attempt to obtain anything improper for the interests of others. He and his business associates "just wanted to go to events with important people and to get the opportunity to have our pictures taken with the president of the United States."

Trie outlined his involvement in White House coffees with Clinton that resulted in millions of dollars flowing to the Democratic Party.

The White House has always maintained the events weren't fund-raisers, but Trie said, "It was ... well known that it cost $50,000 to attend a coffee."

Trie said he paid $50,000 to get businessman Winston Wang into a coffee, with Trie asserting he was reimbursed later by three wire transfers from associates of Wang.

At least 200,000 cybersex addicted

NEW YORK (AP) — Hundreds of thousands of Internet users show compulsion for porn sites, X-rated chat rooms or other sexual materials online, according to a study released today.

In one of the first studies to estimate the number of "cybersex compulsives," researchers say it is at least 200,000 and millions more are at risk.

"This is a hidden public health hazard exploding, in part, because very few are recognizing it as such or taking it seriously," according to the psychologists at Stanford and Duquesne universities. Their study appears in the March issue of the journal Sexual Addiction and Compulsivity.

The researchers classified users as "cybersex compulsives" if they spent more than 11 hours a week visiting sexually oriented areas and scored high on a 10-item questionnaire about relationships and attitudes toward sex.

The researchers, led by Al Cooper, clinical director at the San Jose Marital and Sexuality Centre, found evidence that compulsives have more problems with relationships and jobs than Internet users who visit X-rated sites casually.

"There is and should be a lot of concerns about these people," Cooper said. "They are developing problems that can be serious."

He called for more research and education. Among the topics to explore: Whether sexual compulsion online leads to more sex crimes offline.

Past studies examined how many people visited porn sites and how much time they spend there.

Three U.S. teens will face murder charges

DARMSTADT, Germany (AP) — Prosecutors asked for murder charges today against three U.S. teen-agers accused of tossing rocks from a highway bridge at passing cars, killing two drivers and injuring five other people.

The three teen-agers, the children of U.S. military personnnel, were arrested Monday night by German and U.S. military police at the U.S. Army's Lincoln housing area near Darmstadt, just south of Frankfurt.

Darmstadt police spokesman Heiner Jerofsky said all three — ages 14, 17 and 18 — confessed during questioning overnight to having thrown large stones late Sunday from a nearby pedestrian bridge at cars on the four-lane highway underneath.

In a statement today, Jerofsky said the group had been "meeting regularly" for the past four to six weeks to throw rocks at moving and parked cars. "There's still no clear picture at the moment about the actual motive," he said.

Prosecutors asked a magistrate court for a warrant charging the three suspects with murder and attempted murder. A ruling was expected within 24 hours, and approval was expected, Darmstadt chief prosecutor Georg Balss said.

The three, who have lived in Germany at least a year and a half, were to be tried under the German justice system, Balss said. They were being held in investigative custody, and their names were withheld.

A juvenile murder conviction carries a sentence of up to 10 years.

Doc charged in wife's murder

DEDHAM, Mass. (AP) — An allergy doctor who claimed he found his wife stabbed to death led a double life wrapped up in pornography, prostitutes, and finally murder, prosecutors said.

Dr. Dirk Greineder was arrested Tuesday at his Brookline office and charged in the Oct. 31 death of his wife.

Greineder told authorities he found Mabel Greineder, 58, stabbed to death shortly after the two separated during a walk about a half-mile from their Wellesley home.

A subsequent search of the doctor's computer and business records revealed a taste for prostitutes and pornography — and a secret life under the pseudonym Thomas Young, Norfolk County District Attorney William Keating said.

"There was obviously a strain in the relationship," he said.

Obituraries

Bill Davis

1918-2000

Funeral service for Willis "Bill" Davis, a longtime resident of Snyder, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel.

Tom Holcomb, minister of the East Side Church of Christ, and Homer Anderson, minister of the 37th Street Church of Christ, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Davis, 81, died Monday, Feb. 28, in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Born Aug. 17, 1918 in Ardmore, Okla., he married Nellie Mae Neal on Oct. 10, 1938 in Snyder.

A resident of Snyder most of his life, Mr. Davis worked as an operator for El Paso Natural Gas for 31 years. He was a member of the East Side Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Nellie Mae Davis of Snyder; a daughter and son-in-law, Wanda and Mike Stipe of Snyder; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Kathy Davis of Giddings; a sister, Mary Frances of Midland; a brother, Z.W. Davis of Snyder; his grandchildren, Curtis Stipe of Dallas, Karen and Perry Westmoreland of Snyder, Kim and Kevin Quinn of Keller, Kelli Davis of Longview, Julie and Andrew Smith of Howe and Laura and Gary French of Denton; four great-grandchildren, Bryce and Layton Westmoreland, Lainey Quinn and Marina Smith.

Family visitation will be held from 5:30 to 7 this evening at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Annita Murry

1934-2000

NATCHITOCHES, La.- Annita Frances Head Murry, a native of Snyder, died Feb. 23 in Natchitoches at the age of 65.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Grand Ecore Road Church of Christ in Natchitoches.



Annita Murry

Born April 29, 1934 in Snyder to Vernie Melvin Head and Emilie Lopour Head, Mrs. Murry was the last living member of this family.

She was preceded in death by her father in 1986; her mother in 1981; a sister, Emma Vernell Bullard, in 1960; and a brother, Melvin Darrell Head, in 1981.

She married Ernest E. Murry of Colfax, La., on Dec. 22, 1950. While living in Gillette, Wyo., she and her husband in 1975 established Home Appliance and operated it until 1990 when they moved to Louisiana.

At age 57, she returned to school, earned her GED and then qualified for a real estate sales license, a broker's license and then an appraiser's license. In 1996, she opened Murry's Realty.

A member of the Church of Christ, she was active in the distribution of Bibles to Russia, to hospitals and nursing homes.

Survivors include her husband, Ernest Murry of Natchitoches; a daughter, Susan Dianne Just of Greeley, Colo.; two sons, Gary Brandon Murry of Greeley and Ernest E. Murry Jr. of San Marcos; and six grandchildren.

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DISMISSALS: Kristina Arteaga, Burnidean Callaway of Dunn, John Curtis Jr., Julia Luera, Bradi Mills, Gerald Tutwiler of Gail and Jeremie Price.

CENSUS: 45 (Med./Surg.-17, Long-term Care-25, ICU-1, OB-1 and Nursery-1)

Gumball machine reported stolen

An employee with E.L. Farmer Trucking Company reported the theft of a gumball machine Tuesday.

Officers were called to the 1905 11th Street business at 10:54 a.m. and filed an offense report for Class B theft.

Otherwise, activity was relatively light Tuesday.

Officers did take two accident reports.

A minor two-vehicle mishap occurred at 11:40 a.m. in the 3800 block of Denison. Involved were a 1996 Chevrolet 2500 pickup driven by Casey Lynn Uptergrove, 16, of 13963 South Hwy. 208 and a 1996 Ford Mustang driven by Andra Beth Lancaster, 16, of 3132 North Hwy. 208.

A hit and run accident was reported at 12:35 p.m. at Snyder One-Stop. Involved were a parked, unoccupied 1993 Aerostar Van owned by Gail Snider of 7602 CR 254 and an unknown vehicle that left the scene.

Snyder Fire Department responded to a report of a grass fire at 9:04 a.m. some 15 miles east on Hwy. 180. Damage was limited to grass.

The department was also called to a report of hay on fire half a mile east on Pleasant Hill Road. One round bale of hay, owned by Myron Fenton, was destroyed.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

SHS senior parents

All parents of Snyder High School seniors are invited to a meeting at 8:30 tonight in the student center to plan graduation activities for the class of 2000. Call 573-3357 for more information.

Ira booster club

The Ira booster club will meet at 8:15 this evening in the school cafeteria.

Immunization clinic

Scurry County Health unit will hold its first immunization clinic this month on Thursday. Other March dates are next Tuesday, the 9th, 23rd and 30th. April dates are 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th. Hours are 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-4 p.m.

Ira holiday Friday

Friday is a student holiday for Ira students. Classes will release early, at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, and classes will resume on Monday.

Talent show

The Boys and Girls Club will present Star Search 2000, a talent show for ages 8-12 Friday. Deadline to enter is today. Call 573-3344 for more information.

Kiwanis pancake feast

Then annual Kiwanis Club pancake feast will be held from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at West Elementary cafeteria. Tickets are $4 each and children under six may eat free.

New Hope fish fry

New Hope Baptist Church, 3305 Ave. L, will host a fish fry starting at 11 a.m. Saturday. Cost for the complete meal is $6 for adults and $3.50 for age 11 and under.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air weekly on TV channel 2. The videos to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "A Sure-fire Recipe for Happiness," followed by "Historical Christian Evidences, Lesson 3."

Central 50th anniversary

Central Elementary will host a 50-year celebration program at 9 a.m. Tuesday in the school auditorium. All former central employees are invited.

Parent education class

East Elementary is hosting a series of parent education classes from 6-7 p.m. on Tuesdays in the school library. Refreshments are served. For more information, call 573-4709.

Northeast parent council

The Northeast Elementary parent council will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the school auditorium.

Golden Apple banquet

The Snyder ISD Golden Apple awards banquet will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 9, at Snyder Country Club. School volunteers will be recognized, and featured speaker will be Riney Jordan of Hamilton.

Snyder Wheels car show

The Snyder Wheels annual car show and swap meet will be held March 10-11 at the Scurry County Coliseum. The swap meet will be held both days, while the car show is March 11 from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. For more information call 573-2171 or 573-3188.

Fish fry

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church will sponsor a fish fry from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 10, in the parish center at 30th and Ave. A. Tickets are $6 per person and $4 for children 6-12. Tickets are available at the door and proceeds will benefit the Men's and Women's Association scholarship fund.

Senior Citizens swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens is held from 2-3 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday at the WTC pool. For more information, call 573-4035.

Free tax help

There is free tax help for low income and elderly people each Wednesday at the Snyder Senior Center by an IRS-trained counselor. Times are from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-3 p.m. Call 573-4035 or 573-3822 for additional information.

WTC basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at Western Texas College are taught Tuesday and Thursday from 8-11 a.m., and from 6-9 p.m. Classes include G.E.D. and E.S.L. refresher courses. For additional information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Windbreak trees

Windbreak tree seedlings have arrived at the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation office in Snyder. If you missed the ordering deadline, there are plenty of extra trees for sale at the USDA complex, 5309 Big Spring highway.

WTC planetarium shows

The planetarium at WTC is available for spring offering of star shows. Presentations will be held on Fridays by special arrangements. Shows are by reservation only and there is no charge. Shows are available to fit any age group. For reservations call 573-8511, Ext. 312.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information call Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Pick 3

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

7-2-9

Cash Five

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

32-30-37-7-5

U.S. describes Hussein as 'mad dictator'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Saddam Hussein is a "mad dictator" with a penchant for building palaces, keeping whiskey-swilling subordinates happy — and ignoring the needs of the Iraqi people.

This was the unflattering description of the Iraqi leader Tuesday by State Department spokesman James P. Rubin, who scoffed at the notion that U.N. sanctions are responsible for humanitarian suffering in Iraq.

Saddam has been busy building palaces, Rubin said, including five in Baghdad and one in Tikrit, his hometown, in a sprawling four-square mile area. All told there are nine such palaces at various stages of construction, he said.

These palaces cost billions of dollars, money which the government of Iraq could and should be spending on the needs of the Iraqi people, he said.

In addition, Rubin said, Iraqi establishment leaders have been on a drinking binge as demonstrated by the arrival aboard container ships of large quantities of whiskey and smaller amounts of beer and wine.

"The regime in Baghdad is consuming more than 10,000 bottles of whiskey, 350,000 cans of beer and 700 bottles of wine per week," Rubin said. He based the estimates on declassified aerial photographs, some of which he displayed at a briefing.

Alcoholic beverages generally are sold openly in Iraq at special stores for private consumption, although apparently for domestic political reasons Saddam banned them a few years ago in hotels and restaurants.

Rubin said Iraq has been financing such extravagances through the illicit smuggling of gas and oil outside the oil-for-food program allowed under the sanctions by the United Nations.

The smuggling operations, Rubin said, have "reached the unprecedented level of 100,000 barrels per day, which puts more than $25 million into the hands of Saddam's regime."

Rubin used the presentation to counter critics who maintain the U.N. sanctions are causing widespread suffering by ordinary Iraqis.

Among critics is Han von Sponeck, a German who resigned two weeks ago as chief of the U.N. humanitarian program in Iraq.

Von Sponeck has criticized the sanctions and the oil-for-food program, which he said does not meet even the most basic needs of Iraq's 22 million people.

He was responsible for administering the $10.5 billion program, which allows Iraq to sell oil and use the revenues for humanitarian goods to ease civilian suffering that has resulted from the sanctions.

Rubin expressed weariness about "hearing that sanctions are responsible for the problems of the people of Iraq. It's the government of Iraq that spends its scarce resources on these palaces ... and then complains about the rest of the world causing problems for the people of Iraq."

At another point, he said, "The important point here is that the regime is getting drunk while it claims that its people don't have enough to eat."

As for the smuggling operation, the United Nations has a monitoring system to enforce the embargo and has detained 700 suspect vessels over the years, Rubin said. But with smuggling levels increasing, he said efforts are being made to strengthen the system, he said.

He added that Iran has been assisting Iraqi violations by allowing vessels that originate in Iraq to pass through Iranian territorial waters. He said the United States has raised the issue in the U.N. sanctions committee and will do so again.



SUITORS — Playing the roles of suitors in the Snyder Junior High production of "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," are these students, seated from left, Alex Neal, Jeffrey Scott, Jadon Guynes and Logan Martin. Standing is Rankin Hardin. The play opens for a four-night run on Thursday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, March 2, 2000

A unique type of opportunity that could come to you from a distance may be in store for you in the year ahead. Stay in close touch with contacts you've developed who live far away.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Make certain what you work for today is truly what you want, so later you won't have to ask yourself why you went through all that trouble in the first place. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker reveals instantly which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Should you enter into a debate today, either with yourself or with another, and you overanalyze, you could talk yourself out of a perfectly good rationale.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't give in too easily should conditions over which you have little control threaten to inhibit your productivity today. Try to maneuver around them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It will be important today that you not allow yourself to be wishy-washy concerning a decision that needs to be made. It would open the door for another, unless you make one against your best interests.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Issuing directives to others usually comes easy, but can you show the same consistency when applying this to yourself? Watch your own productivity.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Don't give in to taking advantage of an opportunity to even the score with someone with whom you hold a grudge. It'll go against you in the long run.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Reserve your judgment of a person about whom others are saying unkind things. You would be wise to get this individual's side of the story, then decide for yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) All your objectives must be clearly defined today if you hope to get anything done. Without a game plan, you could get quickly steered off course.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Be extra prudent today about matters that affect your monetary position or your material security. Financial trends may not be too favorable for you at this time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you allow rage to govern your reason today, a situation that could be easily dealt with in a cool, logical fashion will get out of hand and blown into a big fracas.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Study any important matters from every angle and weigh all of your alternatives today before making any binding commitments. If you don't, you could end up regretting it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) By scrimping in order to save a few pennies today, you could end up allowing dollars to slip through your fingers. Keep your priorities in order so you can take advantage of what comes along.

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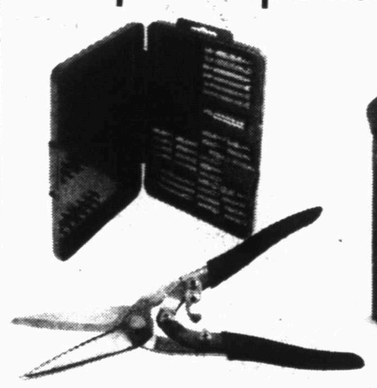


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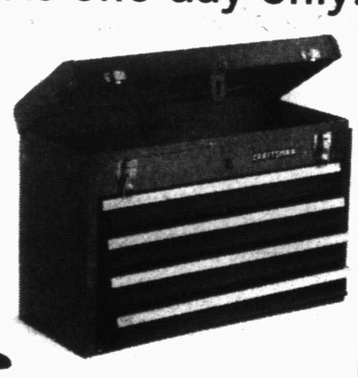
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