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In Colorado Springs...

Last two Texas fugitives surrender

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Cornered in a hotel room, the last two Texas prison escapees surrendered without a fight early today, 42 days after they broke out of a maximum security unit with an arsenal of weapons.

Patrick Murphy Jr., a 39-year-old rapist, and Donald Newbury, a 38-year-old robber, walked bare chested out of the hotel room where they had been holed up after about five hours of negotiations with police and an interview with a TV station.

"They had their say by telephone and then we had them back out of the room, shirtless, hands in the air, no weapons on them," FBI agent Mark Mershon said.

The men each had a five-minute telephone interview with Colorado Springs' KKTV before surrendering at 3:45 a.m.

Newbury told anchorman Eric Singer the Dec. 13 breakout was a statement against Texas' judicial system.



Donald Keith Newbury is arrested in Colorado

"We had a statement to make that the system is as corrupt as we are. You going to do something about us, well, do something about that system, too," Newbury said.

Murphy said he was up for parole when he broke out.

"What forced me to do this was the penal institution and such. The way Texas has things set up ... I'd eventually become an outlaw again anyway because of parole stipulations and such."

"I hope that maybe what we're doing here will open the eyes of people."

Newbury and Murphy were handcuffed and put into separate patrol cars that slowly rolled out of the parking lot of the Holiday Inn. They were taken to the police department and were to be transferred to the El Paso County jail, also in Colorado Springs. Their four surviving companions were held in a detention center in Teller County about 20 miles away.

"This episode is now closed and finalized," police Lt. Skip Arms said.

"I think they felt that they had some message that they wanted to convey," Arms said. "Since we showed a level of trust to them, they followed through and showed a level of trust and did follow through on their commitment."

The arrests brought to an end a frustrating hunt for the seven convicts who bluffed their way out of the prison in Kenedy, southeast of San Antonio.

Four were arrested peacefully Monday at a convenience store and at a motor home in nearby Woodland Park. A fifth killed himself in the motor home as authorities closed in.

Authorities have said the men robbed an Irving sporting goods store and killed Officer Aubrey Hawkins when he arrived. He was shot 11 times and run over by a vehicle. That heightened fears the men would not surrender peacefully.

"Now we can get down to business and get some changes in this lousy Texas penal system," Jayne Hawkins, the officer's mother told The Associated Press on Wednesday. "My son will not die in vain."

The seven arrived in Colorado the last week in December, spending time in Pueblo, about 100 miles south of Denver, before renting a space for their motor home in the Coachlight Motel and RV Park in Woodland Park around Jan. 1.

"We had to drive out of the Texas snow storm that hit right at Christmas Eve in the Amarillo area and we had to drive through the blizzard for hours and literally, Colorado was just a random pick," Murphy said during his interview.

They led the park manager and neighbors to believe they were Christian missionaries en route from Texas to California, while keeping as many as three dozen weapons, loaded and cocked, in the cramped RV.

"We joked about it often, but it really was just by downplaying ourselves and changing our hair color and such," Murphy said. "We attempted to be as friendly and neighborly as we could."

Authorities believe Murphy and Newbury split from the others last weekend because they wanted to obtain more money.

After the four were arrested Monday, police and FBI agents began to close in on Murphy and Newbury.

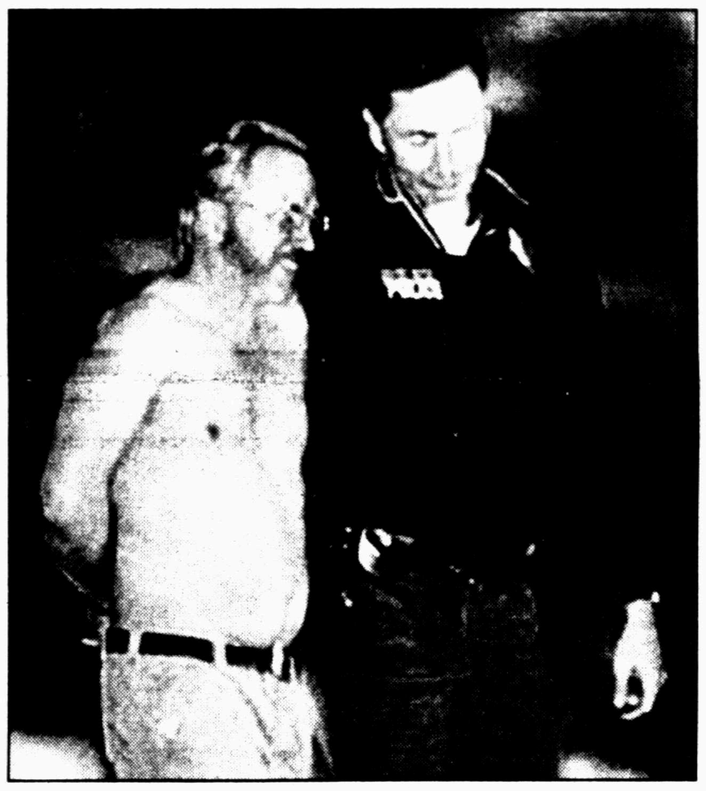
The next day, they found their van abandoned in a motel parking lot two blocks from the Holiday Inn. Since no vehicles had been reported stolen, officers searched door to door.

They received a tip the two were at the Holiday Inn and surrounded the hotel, opening negotiations via telephone at about 10 p.m.

It was a weekend airing of the prison escapees' story on the television show "America's Most Wanted" that finally broke the case.

A $500,000 reward had been offered for information leading to the conviction of the officer's killer, but there was no immediate word on how or when that money might be distributed.

The show prompted several tips from residents that the fugitives may be in Woodland Park, a bedroom community of about 8,000 15 miles northwest of Colorado Springs.



Patrick Henry Murphy smiles as he is taken into custody

Music Man to debut

Snyder High School's production of Meredith Willson's "The Music Man" will debut Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Worsham Auditorium.

Additional performances are set for 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. There will also be a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday.

Tickets are $5 for students, $6 for adults and $8 for reserve seating.

Drama and choir students are jointly producing the musical, which is directed by Ronda Haire, who heads the choral department, and Brad Vincent, who is in his first year as drama director at SHS.

The play tells the story of Professor Harold Hill, a turn of the century con artist who sets his sights on the people of River City, Iowa. Hill promises to organize a band for boys so he can sell nonexistent band instruments. However, his real intentions are to skip town before his con game is unmasked by the lovely but suspicious town librarian.

Hill will be played by Brandon McCraw and Matt Coronado on alternate days. Kelli Henderson and Crissida Tyler will alternate playing Marian Paroo, the town librarian.

Cast members include: Tanner Beard, who will play a salesman; RJ Sanders as Charlie Cowell; Austin Haire as Mayor Shinn; Patrick Vantine as Jacey Squires; and Bobby Sands as Oliver Hix.

Matt Coronado and Michael Compton will take turns playing Ewart Dunlap. Cole McLeod will portray Olin Britt; Michael Compton and Bobby Sands will share the role of Marcellus Washburn.

Mark Haines will portray Tommy Djilas; Marcie Rodriguez and Beth Parsley will both portray Mrs. Paroo, but on different days. Molly Haire will be Amarylis, Sara Cantu will be Winthrop Paroo; Hayli Henderson and Mallorye Miller will share the role of Eulalie Shinn.

Zaneeta Shinn will be played by Valery Haines and Whitney Graham, on alternate days. Nicole Slaboda will be Gracie Shinn; Jacinda Judah will be Alma Hix; and Rachael Cave portrays Maud Dunlap.

Other characters will include Krisi Early as Ethel Toffelmier; Leslye Starnes as Mrs. Squires; and Robert Early as Constable Locke.

Townspeople will be played by Rebecca Pavlovsky, Brooke Peterson, Don King, Kendall Brewster, Caleb Durham, Tim Gutierrez, Shell Hembree, Jeff Scott, Wes Hardin, Misty McClure, Justin Stoker, Wade Pinson and Heath Conner.

Others playing townspeople are Shahala Massingill, Taz Moorehead, Emily Vinson, Scott Gilliland, Afton Schwertner, Cassandra Darlin, Sterling Millhollon, Rankin Hardin, Jessica Dea and Haley Holmes.

Students who also will help make the musical possible include Hayli Elkins, production manager; Amber Alexander, assistant production manager; Jayson Kincaid, technical director; Mycah Hilburn, house manager; Joanna Burk, assistant house manager, Josh Heaton, stage manager, assistant stage manager, Clark Reed, assistant stage manager, Chaelyn Robinson ; and Tiffany Craig, costumer.

Members of the crew are Shavon Pesina, Wendi Whittenburg, Alision Billinglsey, Erin

DCOS plans Thursday afternoon meeting

The Development Corporation of Snyder will meet Thursday afternoon at 4 for the regular board meeting.

Executive Director John DeLille will give his monthly report, and the board members will consider regular items such as the financial statements and payment of bills.

In his report, DeLille is expected to update the board on the meeting set for Jan. 31 by the Air Force at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Representatives of the Air Force will meet with citizens to review the progress of the flight training area over Scurry and seven other counties.

The meeting will be held in the boardroom at American State Bank.

Cogdell hospital board sets regular meeting Thursday

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers will meet Thursday morning at 8 o'clock and the first order of business will be the election of officers for 2001.

Presently, Jim Bob Cave serves as board president, Dink Foree is vice president and E. D. Walton is secretary.

Cave is serving his fourth term as president.

In action items, the board will reappoint directors to the hospital foundation, and make two new appointments. Up for reappointment are Helen Hatter, Sammie Jarrell, Lynn Heard, J.B. Tate Jr., and Max von Roeder.

New appointments will be made to replace Dr. Mark Weaver who moved from the community, and Wilma Dillard who passed away.

Dr. Bid Cooper will give the monthly medical report, and the board will meet in closed session to consider two items.

Hospital Chief Executive Officer George Parsley said the position of director of nurses will be a topic of discussion, as will the position of chief financial officer.

The board will also consider the approval of the monthly financial statements, and the payment of bills.

Ira trustees extend contract of Rumage

The Ira ISD board of trustees extended the contract of Jim Rumage by one year during a meeting Tuesday morning.

Rumage, who is in his first year at Ira, now has a contract that expires at the end of June 2004.

For the present, his salary remains at $60,900 per year.

In other action items, the board approved the class of 2001 taking a senior trip to Hawaii at the end of the school year.

The trustees also named the teachers in the system to the district's textbook committee.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Anything not worth doing is not worth doing well."

Every president creates his own legacy. So far, President George W. Bush is the first to be chosen in a battle over a hanging chad.

Bill Clinton will always be remembered as the come-back kid. In spite of serious adversity, he always landed on his feet and came back more popular with the majority of Americans.

Clinton also stands a chance at another first. If Hillary makes it to the White House, Bill could become the "first gentleman." Of course, the word gentleman may have to be redefined to be politically correct.

Bush isn't the first son to succeed his father in the oval office. And he isn't the first to take office even though he failed to win the popular vote.

Here are some presidential firsts, contained in a book, "One of a Kind," by Bruce Fowler.

—First to have hanged a man was Grover Cleveland. From 1871-73, he was sheriff in Erie County, N.Y. where two men were sentenced to death. The sheriff did the deed himself because he didn't want to ask a deputy to do it. The experience affected him so deeply that he didn't run for a second term as sheriff.

—First president who could write in two languages at once was James Garfield. The ambidextrous Garfield could write in Greek with one hand and Latin with the other.

—First president entrapped by a White House plumbing fixture was William Howard Taft. Weighing almost 350 pounds, Taft was among the largest of the commanders in chief. He once had to call aides to get him out of a bathtub. Taft subsequently ordered a tub big enough for four men, and never got stuck again.

—James Madison was the first president to weigh less than his IQ. He was only 5-4 and never weighed more than 98 pounds. One senator observed him walking with friend Thomas Jefferson and said the two looked like they were on their way to a father and son banquet.

—First president to elope while in office was John Tyler. The 54-year-old president sneaked off to New York City with 24-year-old Julia Gardiner to tie the knot. They decided on a secret wedding to avoid public reaction to the age difference. The press, however, did find out, and the new First Lady became the hit of her husband's administration.

—Jimmy Carter was the first to see a UFO. In 1969, he saw a red dish saucer-shaped object that came within 1,000 yards. Carter was a teetotaler, but some think the glow could have been from the president's brother, Billy.

ASK US

Q—Will the Scurry County Senior Center have someone to assist with income tax preparation this year?

A—Yes. Beginning the first Wednesday in February and every Wednesday thereafter through tax season.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 57 degrees; low, 36; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 38; no precipitation; total for 2001, .94 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, low upper 30s, E wind 5-10 mph. Thursday, mostly cloudy, slight rain chance, high lower 50s, SE wind 10-20 mph.



Kelly Martinez
Rain possible

Sunset:
6:13 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:40 a.m.
Of 23 days in 2001, the sun has shone 19 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

I know God will not give me anything I can't handle. I just wish that He didn't trust me so much.
—Mother Teresa

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Dems say some cooperation with President Bush possible

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sitting down for the first time at the White House with President Bush, Democratic congressional leaders say they're ready to cooperate with the new chief executive — up to a point.

"We are in a sense the only thing standing between what Republicans propose and what becomes law," Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle said Tuesday, a day before he and House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt were meeting with Bush.

"We want to use that responsibility prudently and recognize our new role in as constructive a way as possible."

At a news conference in the Capitol, for example, both men said they thought agreement was possible on education legislation, with the prominent exception of the president's call for vouchers for parents whose children attend failing schools.

When it came to tax cuts, both Daschle, D-S.D., and Gephardt, D-Mo., said they could not accept Bush's $1.6 trillion reduction over 10 years, saying it wouldn't leave room for spending on programs such as education and health care.

Daschle and Gephardt were also expected to raise the issue of campaign finance reform in their session with the new president, as well as renew their call for measures to prevent a repeat of the chaos that plagued last year's presidential election in Florida, said Democratic aides, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

For his part, Bush's invitation to the two top congressional Democrats is part of a series of meetings in which he has courted the political opposition with a vengeance.

He met with lawmakers of both parties to discuss education on Tuesday, and announced a change in his legislation on the subject to accommodate their concerns.

On Monday, his first business day in office, he hosted some Democratic party elders around a White House table.

Daschle and Gephardt used their news conference Tuesday to lay down markers for cooperating with the new president.

The South Dakotan told reporters in the Capitol the new administration "leaves no room in the budget for 'leaving no child behind,'" — a reference to a Bush campaign slogan.

Gephardt said that with the tax cut, "there virtually is no room in the budget for anything else, if you're not going to invade the Social Security and Medicare funds, which everybody says we're not going to do."

The two were trying to establish a framework for responding to upcoming Bush administration proposals even as they were maximizing unity in their own rank-and-file, aides said.

Gephardt said the first step should be for the new administration and Congress to "reach an agreement if we can on an overall budget so we can see where there is room" for tax cuts and other priorities.

More broadly, Gephardt said the most important decision of the coming two years would be how to allocate the surplus among tax cuts, debt reduction and spending.

Already one Democrat, Sen. Zell Miller of Georgia, has declared his support for Bush's tax cut, but the two Democratic leaders said they doubted there would be many more defections.

Gephardt said the tax cuts passed in the first year of the Reagan presidency in 1981 were too large and led to deficits for more than a decade.

Continental bidding for TWA assets

HOUSTON (AP) — Executives of Continental Airlines are reportedly ready to spend up to $400 million for certain of Trans World Airlines Inc.'s assets, including slots, gates and airport facilities.

Continental detailed its intentions in filings made Tuesday in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Delaware, which is handling matters related to TWA, according to a story in Wednesday's editions of the Houston Chronicle.

TWA filed for Chapter 11 earlier this month.

American Airlines' parent company, Fort Worth-based AMR Corp., has agreed to pay $500 million for TWA. But as part of that plan, TWA first filed for bankruptcy protection.

In its filings, Houston-based Continental objected to the plans of American and TWA.

"The current plan before the court does not allow time for fair and competitive bids on the assets," Continental spokesman Ned Walker said. "Clearly American Airlines is trying to steal TWA."

Walker emphasized that Continental's alternative would preserve competition in the airline industry. The offer would allow TWA to get needed capital for its operations and allow the airline to keep flying as an independent carrier.

Continental is interested in landing and take-off rights that TWA holds at JFK and La Guardia in New York; Reagan National in Washington; and Chicago O'Hare —TWA assets that at the moment primarily aren't being used by TWA.

Continental also would be willing to enter into an agreement with TWA, which would allow TWA to sell tickets on Continental flights and let TWA passengers earn Continental frequent-flier miles.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, Jan. 25, 2001

Impatience could be your biggest enemy in the year ahead. Time is your ally, and the fruits of your labor need plenty of time to ripen so that your harvest can be your biggest one ever.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Family members might have to be handled with considerable tact and tolerance today in order to avoid a confrontation of long-standing duration. Give a little now to avoid future discomfort. 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) If you're not careful today, you could unwittingly pass on some harmful information about a friend predicated strictly on hearsay rather than fact. Keep any juicy tidbits tightly sealed.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Too much pay for too much play could be the reason behind your financial picture being in trouble right now. In the future, get a grip on yourself as well as on your wallet.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) There are no shortcuts to success, and not taking the time to think through a good game plan is guaranteed to cause failure today. Do your homework so you can be ready with all the answers.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You'd be surprised how much you'll learn if you try to see things from the other person's perspective today. A fresh view of things could open your eyes.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Dealings you have with others may be of questionable value today in as much as you could find yourself drawn into something where the burdens fall disproportionately on you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Unfortunately, depending on an ally to pull off something you can't do would be unrealistic today. You must combine your resources to do together what can't be done alone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't allow guesswork to govern your actions today. If you lack the expertise to instruct another on how something should be done, don't even try. You'll make matters worse.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Guard your words and behavior carefully today when out with others. You might make a poor impression on several people you're very anxious to impress favorably.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Should you find that those you're with today are constantly disagreeing with you, take the time to ask yourself, "Who is out of step, me or the other person?"

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) The world could appear to be a dark, lonely place today because your mental attitude may be tuned into the negative wavelengths rather than your usual optimistic channels.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Purchase only that which is essential today and wait until another time to assume any long-term financial obligations. Your thinking cap isn't on straight enough to act prudently.

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Bono recovering after operation

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) — Rep. Mary Bono is doing well after an operation to remove a benign mass from her right ovary.

"Her prognosis is excellent," said Rusty Payne, spokesman for the California Republican.

Doctors took about 90 minutes Tuesday to remove the mass, a spokeswoman for Desert Regional Medical Center said.

Bono, 39, was expected to stay in the hospital for two to three days and spend another week in bed at home. Bono allotted herself six to eight weeks for recovery but has told her staff that she hopes to be back at work in five weeks.

Payne said Bono had been consulting doctors for weeks and decided to have the operation as a precaution.

events

RESULTS

Cash Five

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

3-4-9-22-23

Pick 3

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

5-6-6

Berry's World



Date Book

Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2001

Today is the 24th day of 2001 and the 35th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1791, in New York City, President George Washington issued the first presidential proclamation. It concerned the surveying of what would become the District of Columbia.

On this day in 1848, James Marshall discovered gold near Colona, Calif., setting off the California Gold Rush.

On this day in 1970, Andrew Moog invented the Moog synthesizer.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William Congreve (1670-1720), dramatist; Frederick II (the Great) (1712-1786), Prussian king; Edith Wharton (1862-1937), writer; Jack Brickhouse (1916-1998), sportscaster; Ernest Borgnine (1917-), actor, is 84; Oral Roberts (1918-), evangelist, is 83; Neil Diamond (1941-), singer, is 60; Sharon Tate (1943-1969), actress; John Belushi (1949-1982), actor; Rob Dibble (1964-), pitcher, is 37; Mary Lou Retton (1968-), gymnast, is 33.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1984, Hulk Hogan won the World Wrestling Federation championship by defeating the Iron Sheik.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it." — Edith Wharton

TODAY'S MOON: New moon.

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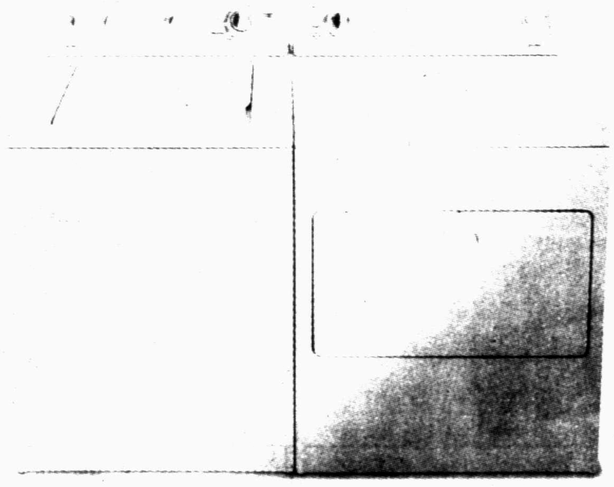
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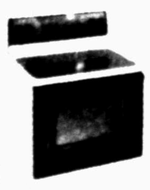


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Monrreal gets LVN license

Esmeralda Quiros Monrreal of Brownwood will have her biography published in the 23rd annual edition of *The National Dean's List, 1999-2000.*

She is the daughter of Simon Quiros of Snyder and the late Leonora B. Quiros.

Monrreal attended LVN school from August 1999 to August 2000. She is state certified, receiving her license in October 2000.

Spiritual poems contest slated

A $1,000 grand prize is being offered in a special religious poetry contest sponsored by New Jersey Rainbow Poets, free to everyone. There are 28 prizes in all totaling over $3,000.

To enter, send only one poem of 21 lines or less to Free Poetry Contest, PMB70, 103 N. Wood Ave., Linden, NJ 07036. Or enter on-line www.freecontest.com.

The deadline for entering is Feb. 17. Poems may be written on any subject, using any style, as long as there is a spiritual reference. A typical poem might be a love poem, or nature poem, one that inspires. All entrants will receive a list of winners.

Makes honor roll

STILLWATER, OKLA. — A total of 3,423 students were named to the fall 2000 honor rolls at Oklahoma State University.

Joshua Reed Romine of Snyder was named to the Dean's Honor Roll.

Full-time undergraduate students who completed 12 or more hours in the fall with a grade point average of 3.50 or higher and with no incomplete grades or grades below a "C" was named to the Dean's Honor Roll.

Bilano becomes new U.S. Marine

Marine Corps Pfc. Zack L. Bilano, a 2000 graduate of Snyder High School, recently completed basic training at Marne Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Bilano and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem-solving session. Upon graduation, Bilano was addressed as a Marine for the first time since boot camp began.

Programs slated

The Midland-Odessa Symphony Chorale will present the Masterwork III program entitled "Alpine Summits" at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Bonham Junior High Auditorium.

Also scheduled will be the Fanfares Liturgiques by Henri Tomasi and Serenade for Winds, Op. 44 by Antonin Dvork.

For more information call 563-0921.

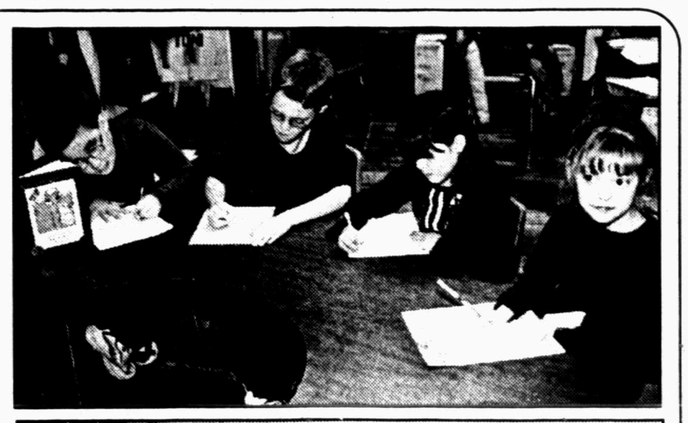
Star wants to do more than dance

NEW YORK (AP) — Kerry Washington, one of the stars of "Save the Last Dance," hopes that in future projects, she'll get a chance to prove that she can do more than dance.

"I'm hoping that this film will allow me to have the kind of film career that will allow me to do as much theater as I want; that will allow me to just keep growing as an artist. I'm co-writing a screenplay right now. So for me, the opportunities are limitless," she said.

In "Save the Last Dance," Julia Stiles plays a small-town, aspiring ballet dancer transplanted to Chicago after her mother's death. She finds romance, inspiration and funky new moves from the local hip-hop dance king, played by Sean Patrick Thomas.

HISD students writing books





HERMLEIGH AUTHORS – Hermleigh third and fifth graders are busy writing and illustrating their own books. Third graders (top photo) are from left, Anthony Jones, Dustin Dacus, Naomi Arellano, Shaye Williams. Fifth grade (bottom photo) are clockwise J.D. Mireles, Robert Ritch, Brett McClure, Tyler Etheridge, Willie Berkley, Johnathon Hernandez. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Hermleigh School's third and fifth graders are trying their hand at becoming published authors. The students received grant money from Commercial Body Corp., a company based in San Antonio, with local employees and the local Masonic Lodge.

The students brainstormed and came up with several ideas. Each received a list of story ideas and chose one. The book will feature the student's own story and drawings, professionally typeset and hardbound.

"The students seem very excited and interested," said third grade teacher Joyce Lionberger. "The project not only builds literacy skills but will also build self esteem and hopefully a desire to continue writing or at least reading in the future years."

Lionberger said it would take approximately five to 10 class periods to complete this project. The manuscripts will be sent off to be published and should be returned by April or May.

"We are very excited and anxious to see the finished projects as are the students," Lionberger said.

Cathy Beckman is the fifth grade teacher.

Since the Accelerated Reading program is incorporated in the school's curriculum, copies of the students' books will be placed in the library. An AR test will be created from the students' books and placed on the computer system.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Thread of family feud runs through wedding and funeral

DEAR ABBY: My husband and two sons had a family business. One son got married 13 years ago. Six years ago, the business split up. The business survived, thanks to my husband and older son.

Words were said at that time, and our younger son and his family have not visited us since. They live nearby, and I try to maintain contact. They have two children, 7 and 3. I was never asked to baby-sit even when the relationship was good, although I often did so for our other grandchildren. Our gifts of checks for Christmas and birthdays have never been cashed.

Our daughter was married three years ago, and our younger son and his wife never acknowledged the invitation, showed up or sent a gift.

Recently our daughter-in-law's mother passed on, and we sent flowers and cards, but to spare her feelings in an awkward situation, we did not attend the calling hours, for which we are being severely criticized. Should we have gone? — **HURTING IN NEW YORK**

DEAR HURTING: No. Considering the circumstances, you did the right thing to stay away. People pay condolence calls to comfort the grieving family. Had you gone in spite of the rift, you would have risked causing turmoil at an already emotional time. In light of the situation, you did the considerate thing.

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DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Anxious in Niagara Falls," in which the writer asked how to deal with a false rumor in her workplace, prompted my favorite memory about such rumors. Twenty-one years ago, I worked as secretary to a highly placed military officer. One day, "Col. Smith" came into my office and said he had something personal to tell me — a rumor was circulating in the barracks that he and I were having an affair. The colonel went on to say that he wanted me to hear about the rumor from him so I wouldn't be upset by hearing it elsewhere.

He was (and, I assume, still is) happily married to a lovely woman. I was, and still am, happily married to the finest man I know, whom I love dearly. Of course, the rumor was completely untrue. The closest we came to an off-duty relationship was living two blocks apart in the same neighborhood on post. We socialized in separate circles except once, when the colonel held a promotion party at his home and invited my husband and me.

I asked him how Mrs. Smith had taken it. He replied that she understood completely and was fine. I told the colonel that if she were fine, so was I. We mutually agreed that all was well, and felt confident that the rumor would die in a short time, which it did.

As he turned to leave, I couldn't resist playing the devil's advocate by asking, "By the way, Colonel, did we have a good time?" My ability to joke about it set his mind at ease immediately.

Abby, your advice to "Anxious" was right on the money. The rumor will die a natural death when the gossips in the workplace see no evidence to keep it alive. Sign me ... **NOTHING CHANGES, CHESTER, VA.**

DEAR N.C.: I'm sure your sense of humor has carried you through on many occasions. I'm also sure the colonel was sorry when your professional relationship ended. You're the kind of employee an employer hates to lose.

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NOT CONFIDENTIAL: In this Year of the Snake, I'm pleased to wish my Asian readers a happy and prosperous new year.

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Thompson retains medical membership

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Dr. Paul A. Thompson, Snyder family physician, has completed continuing medical education requirements to retain active membership in the American Academy of Family Physicians.

AAFP's 89,400 members are required to complete a minimum of 50 hours of continuing education every three years.

The Academy is one of the largest medical specialty organizations in the U.S. and was the first medical group to require continuing education. Dr. Thompson has been a member since 1979.

Dr. Thompson, board certified by the American Board of Family Physicians, began his practice in Snyder in 1979.

Dr. Thompson graduated from Abilene Christian University, earned his medical degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston and completed his residency in San Antonio.

Dr. Thompson has served as Cogdell Hospital Chief of Staff four times and, he is associated with Covenant Healthcare Center at 5009 College Ave.

Jury says not guilty of murder

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A man has been acquitted of slaying his wife eight years after her body was found beneath the couple's third-story balcony.

A jury took about two hours to hand down the verdict that cleared Jeremy Witherell of allegations that he killed Michelle Witherell, 24, after a rocky three-month marriage in 1992.

"The jury saw through this," said Witherell, 31, who cried upon hearing the verdict Tuesday. "The truth did come out. It was inevitable."

His wife was found critically injured on Dec. 20, 1992, on the pavement beneath the balcony of their apartment in suburban Pittsburgh. She died later that day in a hospital.

Allegheny County pathologist Dr. John Hiserodt initially ruled that she had died as a result of a fall. Her parents, Evert and Cathy Mellema, persuaded authorities to reopen the case after conducting their own investigation.

Hiserodt re-examined his findings in 1997 and decided that her injuries may have been caused by a beating or a fall.

Witherell was charged in 1999, seven years to the day after his wife's death.

The Mellemas showed little reaction to the verdict and left court without comment.

"Twelve citizens have spoken, perhaps not unexpectedly in a lot of people's minds, but we always believed it was a case to be decided by the citizens," prosecutor Ed Borkowski said.

The jury was given the choice of finding Witherell guilty of third-degree murder, manslaughter or acquitting him.

Mother arrested following funeral

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — The mother of five children killed when a fire ripped through their trailer home was charged with five counts of child endangerment hours after leaving their funeral.

Maria Dulce Martinez, 30, was arrested Tuesday on auto theft charges after police said they feared she might try to escape across the Mexican border. Authorities later added the child endangerment counts.

"We tried to keep our distance out of respect for the children," police investigator Orlando Rodriguez said. "But we were also very aware of the threat of flight."

She is accused of stealing a 1990 Chevy Suburban last Tuesday, the day before the fire swept through the family's tiny trailer. Two of her seven children were not in the trailer at the time.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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	South ♠ A 5 4 ♥ K 5 2 ♦ A 5 4 2 ♣ Q 6 3	

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT*	Pass	3 NT	All pass

* 12-14 points

Opening lead: ♠ Q

Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2001

Counting on the right card

By Phillip Alder

The next evening in Timaru, I did a class for nine tables that combined two topics: playing the correct card and counting. This deal gave both sides a chance to shine.

Against three no-trump, West leads the spade queen. If East plays the two, South can either duck this trick and the next, or win this trick. In both cases, declarer crosses to the dummy in clubs and takes the diamond finesse, collecting at least one overtrick. However, if East correctly unblocks the spade king at trick one, the contract might or might not die. Declarer will duck this trick — the king might be a singleton — and win the second or third. Then, as he doesn't need five diamond tricks, he should not be lured by the finesse into West, the opponent with the spade winners. He should cash the diamond ace — bingo!

Against a no-trump contract, lead the queen from a suit headed by the Q-J-10 or Q-J-9. Lead your fourth-highest when the third-highest card is the eight or lower — unless you are confident partner has length in the suit. (However, it must be admitted that here if West had had queen-jack-nine-fifth and declarer ace-10-third, the contract would have made after West leads the queen. Sadly, nothing works all the time.)

To be honest, of all the classes in New Zealand, this is the one I wish I could do again. I think those present would have got much more out of something about competitive bidding. This lesson was too easy for most of them — they played much better than my opponents from the previous evening.

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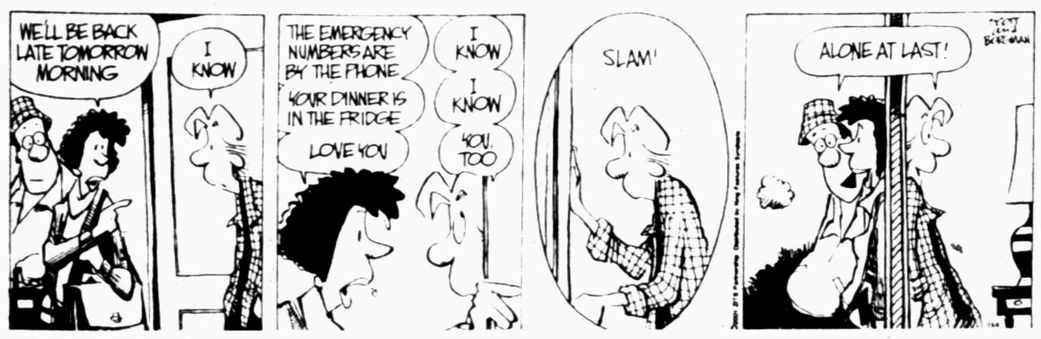
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7 Director Allen
12 Make irrational
13 Bachelor's or master's
14 Caveat —
15 Scarcest
16 RR depot
17 " . . . . — I saw Elba"
18 Small rug
21 Red Sea peninsula
23 Ambulance worker (abbr.)
26 OPEC country
28 Seaport in Alaska
29 Like some spellings (abbr.)
30 Assess
31 Sabra, e.g.
33 Apollo's twin
36 Ginger cookie
37 Accounting agcy.
38 First garden
40 Type of lily
41 WWII area
42 Fable writer
44 "Awesome!"
45 Youth org.
46 Large container
48 Area for baseball players
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55 Refrain from noticing
56 Less distant
57 Drench
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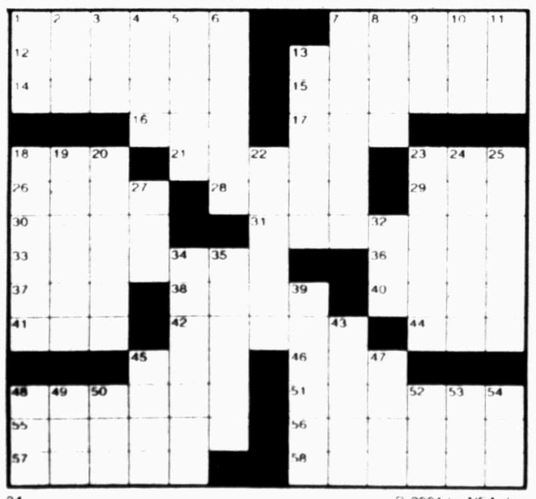
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4 Makes, after taxes
5 Tangles
6 Exert to the utmost
7 More exhausted
8 Giant of fairy tales
9 Native metal
10 — Moines
11 Still
13 Builds castles in the air
18 Optical illusion
19 Biblical mountain
20 Skin decoration
22 Sounds
23 Smoother
24 City on the Costa del Sol
25 Photographer's stand
27 Once named
32 Ninny
34 Use a ruler
35 Conceive
39 Devotion of nine days
43 Kitchen tool
45 Catcalls
47 Streetcar
48 Be rude to, slangily
49 Playwright Betti
50 Wildebeest
52 Macaw genus
53 Actor Sparks
54 Singing syllable

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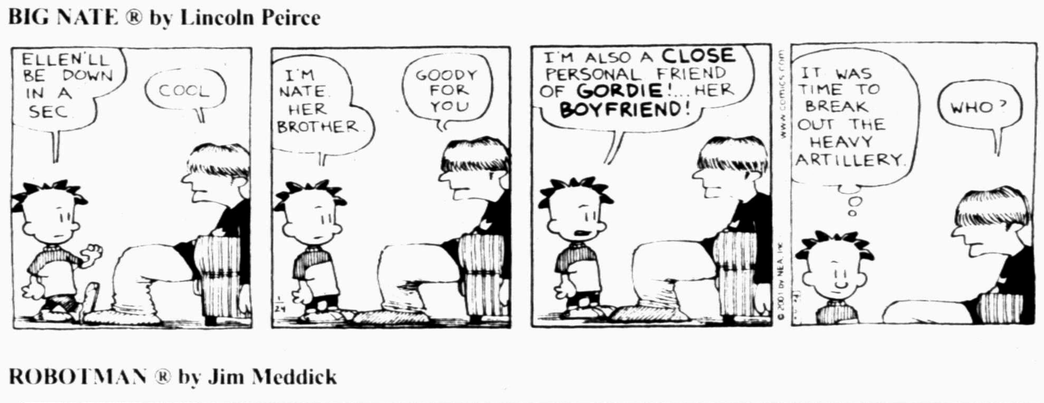
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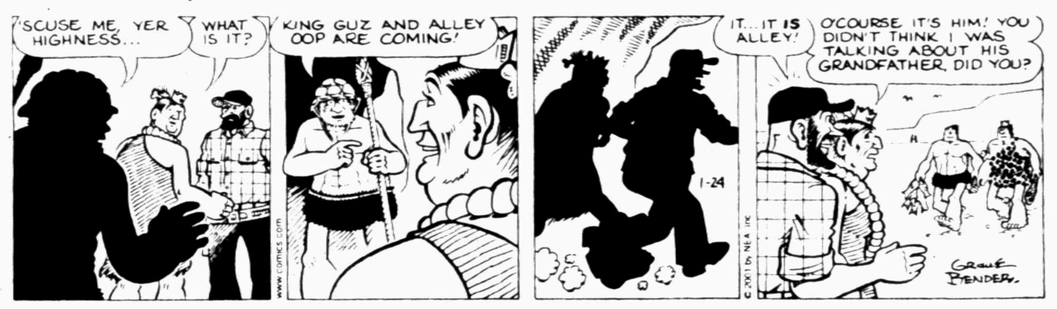
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SPORTS

Callaway, Lambaren lead Cards' efforts

LORAINE — Both Hermleigh squads had 30-point scorers, but only the Lady Cardinals parlayed it into a victory.

Sheena Callaway poured in 30 points Tuesday night to lead the Lady Cardinals past Loraine, 57-49, while the Hermleigh boys fell to the Bulldogs, 51-48, despite 30 points from Billy Lambaren.

The Lady Cardinals grabbed control of the action from outset, streaking to a 24-9 lead in the first quarter.

Loraine trimmed five points off the deficit in the second quarter, before the Lady Cardinals got back on track in the third.

Hermleigh posted 16 points in the third quarter then preserved the victory with nine more in the final frame.

Callaway's 30 points led all scorers, while her teammate Cheyenne Walker added 13 more.

Samantha Smith chalked up six points. Valerie West registered five, and Sabrina Terry finished with three.

In the boys' match-up, Hermleigh trailed by only a point at the end of the first quarter, before Loraine put together a 20-10 run prior to halftime.

The Cardinals controlled the second half, outscoring the Bulldogs 29-20, but couldn't overcome the early deficit.

Lambaren's 30-point effort was tops for the night.

David Digby dropped in nine points, while Chris McClure accounted for eight, and Jeremy Roemisch chipped in one.

Both Hermleigh squads will be in action again Friday when they host Blackwell.

Tigers destroy Steers, 78-37

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

When breaking down Snyder's performance Tuesday night against Big Spring, it's difficult to find a flaw.

The Tigers held the Steers to only 17 points through the first three quarters, committed 14 less turnovers than their opponents, grabbed 10 more rebounds, and had every player on their squad score at least one point. In fact, the Tigers even won the opening tip.

Snyder dominated Big Spring in every aspect of the game Tuesday night, running away with a 78-37 victory in District 4-4A action at the SHS gym.

The win pushes Snyder (16-7) to 7-1 in district play and keeps the Tigers alone in second place. Big Spring (5-19) falls to 0-8 in the league standings.

"Our guys played well tonight, everyone of them. And things went our way," said Snyder coach Bud Birks. "Big Spring is struggling right now, and you feel for them, but I couldn't tell my kids not to play defense. Sometimes everything goes your way, and that's the way it was for us tonight."

Snyder's starters saw limited action in the second quarter, and never checked back in after the opening minutes of the third quarter.

The only down side for the Tigers came in the third period when senior post Jared Thornhill was forced to leave the game with a cut under his left eye. The injury required 20 stitches, but Thornhill is cleared to play in Friday's contest at Frenship.

"It was just one of those things," Birks remarked. "There's a group of guys battling for a rebound, and Jared caught an elbow on the cheek. I wish I could have got him out of there a minute sooner. There were guys at the scorer's table ready to check in, but we didn't get a dead-ball situation until it was too late."

Thornhill and Heath Pinkerton paced the Tigers with 15 points apiece, but the key to Snyder's success was senior Shante Taylor.

Taylor finished the night with 14 points and seven rebounds to go along with a handful of steals and assists.

Snyder grabbed control from the onset, with Taylor dominating the offensive glass in the opening quarter. The senior poured in seven first-quarter points as the Tigers raced to a 24-10 lead.

Snyder continued to dictate the action in the second quarter, forcing seven turnovers that led to easy baskets and another 24-point output that stretched the lead to 48-14 by halftime.

"Our guys were hustling on both ends of the floor, and we were really pressuring the passing lanes, and it gave Big Spring some trouble," Birks said. "That's the type of defense we play, and when you're doing things right, it's tough to score against."

After allowing only four points in the second quarter, the Tigers' defense got even better in the third period. Big Spring committed nine more turnovers and mustered only three points in the third, as Snyder pushed the lead to 61-17.

In the fourth quarter, the Steers finally found some production from Arthur Belvin who provided seven of Big Spring's 20 points in the final frame. Belvin finished the night with 10 points to lead the Steers' effort.

Snyder's victory, combined with Plainview's 76-68 loss to Levelland, gives the Tigers a two-game cushion between themselves and third place. But Birks quickly points out that nothing's been decided yet.

"Plainview's loss helps us for the moment, but it doesn't mean a thing if we don't go out and play like we're capable of playing for the remainder of district," Birks said. "This is a long district season, and we're only one game into the second half, so there's a lot of basketball left to be played."

In Tuesday's other district action, Andrews held off Lake View, 75-66, and Estacado downed Frenship, 62-37.

Big Spring	**10**	**04**	**03**	**20**	**— 37**
Snyder	**24**	**24**	**13**	**17**	**— 78**

Big Spring
Belvin 4-8 1-2 10, Fleming 1-1 0-1 3, Greathouse 1-6 0-0 2, Smith 1-2 0-0 2, Nutting 1-2 0-0 2, Woodruff 4-5 0-0 8, Jackson 2-7 1-3 5, Harris 1-6 1-2 3, Watson 1-5 0-1 2. **Totals 16-42 3-9 37.**

Snyder
Pinkerton 5-11 2-2 15, Thornhill 6-9 3-4 15, Taylor 6-7 2-4 14, Wofford 1-4 2-2 4, McLeod 1-3 0-0 2, Pruitt 2-4 4-5 8, Mendoza 2-3 2-4 6, Landes 1-5 2-6 5, McGuire 1-2 2-2 4, Dorsett 0-2 3-4 3, Thompson 0-4 1-2 1, Bedell 0-0 1-2 1. **Totals 25-54 24-37 78.**

Three-point goals: Big Spring 2 (Belvin, Fleming), Snyder 4 (Pinkerton 3, Landes). Rebounds: Big Spring 24 (Watson 7), Snyder 34 (Taylor 7). Total fouls: Big Spring 30, Snyder 18. Fouled out — Fleming, Smith, Nutting, Woodruff.

Lady Tigers succumb to Big Spring

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

In the race for the postseason, Snyder's setback to Big Spring didn't kill the Lady Tigers' playoff hopes. But it certainly made an already uphill climb even steeper.

Snyder posted only one field goal in the final 12 minutes Tuesday night to fall to Big Spring, 43-39, in a District 4-4A match-up at the SHS gym.

The loss drops the Lady Tigers (17-6) into a tie with Frenship for third place at 6-3, while the Lady Steers improve to 5-5. Snyder must travel to Frenship on Friday for a game that will go a long way in determining the district's final playoff qualifier.

"We're certainly not happy with the loss," said Snyder coach Sam Tipton. "Out hat's off to Big Spring. They played well, and we didn't play as well as we're capable of. The effort was there, but the execution wasn't.

"But we don't have time to wallow in self pity. We still control our own destiny, so we have to step up and play. A lot is going to be decided in these final four games."

After clawing back form an early 17-10 deficit to grab a two-point lead at halftime, the Lady Tigers never got on track in the final two quarters.

Snyder's Ashley Delce, the region's leading scorer, didn't attempt a shot in the second half. The Lady Tigers tried to feed the senior post once in the third quarter, but the pass was tipped away and Snyder never tried again.

"Looking at the decisions we made in the second half, if it would've been brain surgery we were doing, it would've been fatal to the patient. Thank goodness it was a basketball game," Tipton remarked. "The effort was there on our part, but our execution was poor in all aspects of the game."

T'Leah Eicke's second three-pointer of the third quarter came at the 4:00 mark and was the last field goal Snyder hit until Eicke hit another long-range bucket with 41 seconds left in the game.

Snyder owned a 31-25 advantage midway through the third period, before Big Spring closed out the quarter with a 6-1 run.

With the Lady Tigers clinging to a one-point lead, it was all Lady Steers in the final frame.

Snyder committed eight turnovers in the last eight minutes, and trailed by eight points in the final two minutes.

A pair of free-throws by Delce, and Eicke's basket from behind the arc closed the gap to three points, but the Lady Tigers would get no closer.

Snyder shot only 32 percent on the night, including an 8-of-27 effort from two-point range.

Eicke paced the Lady Tigers' scoring effort with 17 points, while Delce added 12, and Afton Schwertner finished with six.

Melissa Forth led Big Spring with 11 points.

Friday's game at Frenship was already a marquee match-up, with Tipton making his return to Frenship where he holds the record for most victories as a coach. Now the contest looms even larger, with playoff implications riding on the outcome.

Tipton is quick to point out that despite his squad being backed into a corner, he expects to be in the running for the postseason.

"We've played through a lot of adversity this season," Tipton said. "And nobody's pointing fingers right now. Instead, we're going to stand up and support each other.

"So many times in high school athletics you see a team accomplish the most when people think they are down and out."

In Tuesday's other district action, Frenship knocked off Estacado, 73-59. Plainview downed Levelland, 64-42, and Andrews toppled Lake View, 63-49.

Big Spring	**17**	**04**	**10**	**12**	**— 43**
Snyder	**10**	**13**	**09**	**07**	**— 39**

Big Spring
Forth 4-8 4-6 12, Wrightsill 2-3 6-8 11, Rollins 2-6 0-0 5, Gwynn 1-7 1-3 4, Pudliner 1-1 0-0 2, Braxton 3-7 1-4 7, Churchwell 1-2 0-0 2, Flenniken 0-4 0-0 0, Bryant 0-1 0-0 0. **Totals 14-39 12-21 43.**

Snyder
Eicke 4-7 6-8 17, Delce 4-7 4-9 12, Murray 1-3 0-0 2, Geiger 1-6 0-0 2, Mackey 0-4 0-1 0, Schwertner 1-6 4-5 6, Robinson 0-1 0-0 0. **Totals 11-34 14-23 39.**

Three-point goals: Big Spring 3 (Wrightsill, Rollins, Gwynn), Snyder 3 (Eicke 3). Rebounds: Big Spring 20 (Gwynn 4, Flenniken 4), Snyder 32 (Delce 8). Total fouls: Big Spring 20, Snyder 16. Fouled out — None.

District 4-4A Girls' Basketball

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Plainview	10	0	25	1
Levelland	7	3	20	5
Snyder	6	4	17	7
Frenship	6	4	19	9
Big Spring	5	5	15	8
Andrews	4	6	15	11
Estacado	3	7	13	11
Lake View	0	10	8	18

Tuesday's results: Big Spring 43, Snyder 39; Plainview 64, Levelland 42; Andrews 63, Lake View 42; Frenship 73, Estacado 59.

Friday's games: Snyder at Frenship; Levelland at Lake View; Estacado at Plainview; Andrews at Big Spring.

District 4-4A Boys' Basketball

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Estacado	8	0	17	9
Snyder	7	1	17	7
Plainview	5	3	14	12
Frenship	4	4	14	13
Levelland	4	4	18	9
Lake View	2	6	10	16
Andrews	2	6	15	11
Big Spring	0	8	5	20

Tuesday's results: Snyder 78, Big Spring 37; Levelland 76, Plainview 68; Andrews 75, Lake View 66; Estacado 62, Frenship 37.

Friday's games: Snyder at Frenship; Levelland at Lake View; Estacado at Plainview; Andrews at Big Spring.

FAA faults pilots in Stewart crash

SANFORD, Fla. (AP) — A manager with the company that owned the Learjet in which golfer Payne Stewart and five others died in a 1999 crash falsified training records for the pilots, the Federal Aviation Administration said.

This marks the first time the government has publicly accused anyone of wrongdoing in connection with the crash on Oct. 25, 1999. The FBI and Transportation Department are still investigating.

The families of Stewart and three other victims also have sued the plane's owner and operator.

FAA lawyer Raymond Veatch told a federal administrative judge Tuesday that James Watkins Sr. of SunJet Aviation filed false records about the amount of time he had spent training pilot Michael Kling and co-pilot Stephanie Bellegarrigue.

National Basketball Association

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	31	10	.756	—
New York	25	15	.625	5½
Miami	25	18	.581	7
Orlando	19	21	.475	11½
Boston	16	26	.381	15½
New Jersey	14	28	.333	17½
Washington	9	34	.209	23

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	26	15	.634	—
Charlotte	23	20	.535	4
Toronto	22	20	.524	4½
Indiana	20	21	.488	6
Cleveland	19	20	.487	6
Detroit	15	26	.366	11
Atlanta	14	26	.350	11½
Chicago	6	35	.146	20

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	26	14	.650	—
San Antonio	24	15	.615	1½
Dallas	27	17	.614	1
Denver	25	17	.595	2
Minnesota	25	18	.581	2½
Houston	20	21	.488	6½
Vancouver	11	30	.268	15½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	28	11	.718	½
Portland	31	13	.705	—
L.A. Lakers	26	14	.650	3
Phoenix	23	16	.590	5½
Seattle	23	21	.523	8
Golden State	13	28	.317	16½
L.A. Clippers	13	29	.310	17

Tuesday's Games

Boston 83, Atlanta 82
Washington 97, Charlotte 95
Orlando 116, Toronto 111, 2OT
Milwaukee 105, New York 91
Minnesota 82, Phoenix 73
Seattle 91, L.A. Lakers 80
Philadelphia 114, Dallas 98
Portland 104, Chicago 100
San Antonio 110, Vancouver 77
Denver 105, Houston 100
Utah 100, Golden State 78
Sacramento 130, New Jersey 104

Wednesday's Games

Chicago at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Charlotte, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Seattle at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Vancouver at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Portland at Indiana, 8 p.m.
Denver at Utah, 9 p.m.
San Antonio at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

NFL Postseason

All Times EST
Saturday, Dec. 30
Wild-card Playoffs
Miami 23, Indianapolis 17, OT
New Orleans 31, St. Louis 28
Sunday, Dec. 31
Baltimore 21, Denver 3
Philadelphia 21, Tampa Bay 3

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 6
Minnesota 34, New Orleans 16
Oakland 27, Miami 0
Sunday, Jan. 7
Baltimore 24, Tennessee 10
New York Giants 20, Philadelphia 10

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 14
NFC Championship
New York Giants 41, Minnesota 0
AFC Championship
Baltimore 16, Oakland 3

Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 28
At Tampa, Fla.
Baltimore vs. New York Giants, 6:25 p.m. (CBS)

Local Schedule

THURSDAY
Basketball

Snyder 7th and 8th grade girls at Big Spring tourney

Snyder 7th and 8th grade boys at Snyder tourney

FRIDAY
Basketball

Snyder girls at Frenship, varsity at 6 p.m., JV at 7:30

Snyder boys at Frenship, JV at 6 p.m., varsity at 7:30

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

Borden County at Ira, girls at 6:30, boys at 8 p.m.

SATURDAY
Basketball

Lubbock Slaton at Snyder freshman girls, 9 and 10:30 a.m.

Snyder freshman boys at Lubbock Slaton, 9 and 10:30 a.m.

Snyder 7th and 8th grade girls at Big Spring tourney

Snyder 7th and 8th grade boys at Snyder tourney

Sports Briefs

Super Bowl party

A Super Bowl party for area teenagers will be held Sunday from 4-9 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club. Refreshments will be provided, and door prizes will be given away each hour. Admission is $1 for members, and $2 for non-members.

Chmura case set to begin

JANESVILLE, Wis. (AP) — Jury selection began in the trial of former NFL star Mark Chmura, charged with sexually assaulting his children's 17-year-old former baby sitter during a drunken prom party.

The 31-year-old player could get up to 40 years in prison if convicted.

Super Bowl ads cost $2.3 million

NEW YORK (AP) — A year after a cast of dot-coms claimed nearly 40 percent of the commercials in TV's priciest program, CBS will have a more familiar lineup of advertisers on this Sunday's Super Bowl.

Well-known brands such as Volkswagen and Levis will be making their Super Bowl debuts beside Super Sunday veterans such as Anheuser-Busch Inc., Pepsi-Cola Inc., Visa International and FedEx Corp.

Missing are 14 of last year's 17 dot-coms, who felt the Super Bowl exposure would help make them household names.

Despite the flight of the dot-coms and a weaker overall ad market, CBS insiders say the network managed to get an average of $2.3 million for the 60 half-minute ads in the game, up 4.5 percent from the record $2.2 million average ABC claimed a year ago.

TCU player suspended

FORT WORTH (AP) — Texas Christian center Derrick Davenport was suspended Tuesday for one game for failing to attend class.

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'Internet twins' are in authorities care

BIRMINGHAM, England (AP) — A court ruled Tuesday that 6-month-old girls at the center of a trans-Atlantic tug-of-war will remain in foster care while a judge wrestles with a case that spotlights concerns over use of the Internet to broker adoptions.

The case has captured worldwide attention and sent Britain scrambling to regulate overseas adoptions more closely amid a legal tangle that extends from California to Arkansas to Wales.

Judith and Alan Kilshaw, the Welsh couple who found the girls through an Internet service, adopted them and brought them to Britain, have pledged to keep up their fight for custody. Social welfare authorities in north Wales took the twins into custody last week.

The Kilshaws' adoption of the twins — named Belinda and Kimberley — in Arkansas is being contested by a California couple who found the girls through the same Internet service and had cared for them for two months while preparing to adopt them. The babies' birth mother also says she wants them back.

And in the latest twist in the complicated case, the girls' biological father successfully sought a court order in St. Louis, Mo., granting him temporary custody of his daughters and prohibiting his ex-wife from coming within 100 feet of them, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported Wednesday. The newspaper said Associate St. Louis Circuit Judge Jack Garvey awarded Aaron Wecker custody until at least Feb. 14 when another hearing was scheduled.

Wecker, of Arnold, Mo., accused his ex-wife in court papers of "failing to report to me on the whereabouts of the children for weeks at a time, subjecting the twins to illegal activities and underhanded and shady doings." Wecker declined to comment to the Post-Dispatch, and his phone number was not listed. A lawyer for the twins' birth mother, Tranda Wecker, said he was aware of Garvey's order but also declined comment to the paper.

It was not immediately clear what impact, if any, the St. Louis custody order would have on the proceedings underway in Britain.

After a closed-door hearing lasting several hours in the central England city of Birmingham on Tuesday, High Court Justice Andrew Kirkwood acknowledged that the issues surrounding the case were complex.

"It is not just English law that I have to consider, but the positions also in one, two or even three states in the United States of America," Kirkwood said. "This court's task is to do its best to find the right solution for the twins. It is their welfare that really matters in all of this."

Kirkwood also warned the parties not to talk about the proceedings or disclose the babies' whereabouts, and said he would hold in contempt anyone who did.

The Kilshaws — labeled the "baby trade couple" by British tabloids — have acknowledged they paid $12,000 to a California adoption service, A Caring Heart, whose operator has since disappeared. The California couple, Richard and Vickie Allen of San Bernardino, paid about half that.

The twins' natural mother, Tranda Wecker, repeated in an interview on CBS News' "Early Show" Tuesday that she wants the babies back.

"I have a job. I have family and friends that will help me take care of my children," she said. "My children miss their sisters, and I miss my girls very much."

Wecker's attorney, Gloria Allred, said a British lawyer had represented the mother at Tuesday's hearing in Birmingham.

"We've also faxed them a letter yesterday letting them know that she would like to be a party, be told of the developments — she'd like to be able to visit and she'd like the return of her twins as soon as possible," Allred said.

After the case came to light last week, British Prime Minister Tony Blair described the circumstances of the twins' adoption as "deplorable" and pledged to act speedily to regulate such adoptions.

Weather-tracking program to resume

RENO, Nev. (AP) — A weather-tracking project could improve the warnings given to West Coast residents often in harm's way from vicious Pacific storms.

In 1998, related research predicted the effects of a storm hours before it slammed the shore. After a three-year break to analyze data and refine research methods, the program resumed this week with a demonstration Tuesday in Monterey.

To track the earlier storm, the National Weather Service borrowed a few pages from its tropical storm notebook and a plane from its hurricane-hunting fleet.

The improved tracking led to alarms sounding well before the storm roared onto northern California's Monterey Peninsula.

"The additional data from the aircraft in the storm offshore helped a forecaster decide to issue a flash-flood warning that gave six hours lead time for flash flooding in the region around Santa Cruz," weather service researcher Marty Ralph said. "It was a record-breaking flood."

Pacific disturbances form and grow over areas of the ocean largely unmonitored by weather sensors. While they can be tracked by satellites and weather radar, the speed of their winds just above the earth's surface and their moisture content are hard to assess.

Under PACJET, funded by $2 million from the weather service, a P-3 Orion plane will make 20 flights between now and March 3 from its base in Monterey.

The project will begin tracking storms as far as 620 miles out to sea and ranging from Southern California to Washington state.

While California is far more notorious for its earthquakes than its storms, Ralph said that over the past three decades the average annual toll has been about 10 deaths and just under $1 billion in damage.

Researchers say the project could benefit more than just the West Coast, because Pacific storms often push east and develop into the next Midwest blizzard.

"What's going on out there doesn't just impact the West Coast. It has an impact for much of the country, all around the world," said Greg Forbes, an expert on severe storms at The Weather Channel.

Tom Maruyama, who heads the Office of Emergency Services in flood-prone San Mateo County, said PACJET could save lives.

Because of the improved tracking during the 1998 storm, search and rescue crews were in position to save an estimated 129 people from flooding and mud slides. One man died when a tree fell on his house.

"We believe that because of (the) heads-up we were able to rescue that number of people," Maruyama said. "This is the first time we were able to take scientific data and bring it down to the emergency response level."

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Nutrition By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.



Is soil a health factor?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I am under the impression that if I eat organic fruits and vegetables in the proper amounts according to the food pyramid of the U.S. government, I do not need any supplements. Recently, attending an anti-aging conference, I was told that the soil throughout the United States is 85-percent depleted of vitamins and nutrients. They said eating organic does not mean you are getting these fruits and vegetables from nutrient-dense soil. How can a person check this? And, is this a fact?

From your vast experience, could you give me some information on this subject and specifically identify areas of the country or the world where a person can be sure he or she is still getting fruits and vegetables that have the proper nutrients and vitamins? Thank you very much. — A.R., San Diego, Calif.

DEAR A.R.: In my opinion, the information you got from that anti-aging conference missed the mark. I am definitely pro-organic. Although I feel it is better to eat conventionally grown produce than to not eat fruits and vegetables at all, I try to support organic agriculture whenever possible.

I do find, however, that the often-stated "soil-depletion" argument can be very misleading. Fruits, vegetables and grains, whether grown organically or through conventional methods, require certain minerals to develop. The soil must contain these essential elements, and if one or more is not available, the plant either won't grow or it will fail to develop normally (and probably won't make it to market).

A plant can also absorb nonessential minerals. Foods grown in selenium-rich soil, for example, often contain more of this mineral than the same plants grown in selenium-poor soil. A plant's mineral content can also vary according to the time of the growing season and the length of time the plant has had to grow.

The idea of "vitamin-depleted" soils makes even less sense. Plants do not get their vitamins from the soil. Vitamins are synthesized within the plant itself. The amount of a particular vitamin found in a fruit, vegetable or grain is determined by the plant's genes, not by the amount of this nutrient found in the soil. After harvest, vitamin content can decline with time, and some vitamins are destroyed during cooking.

It then follows that there isn't a specific area of the country (or world) where a person can be sure that the fruits and vegetables have the "proper nutrients and vitamins." Variety is key wherever you live, and we are blessed with a transportation system that brings us food from all over the world.

Now, for the key question: Will eating (organic) fruits and vegetables in the recommended amounts mean that you do not need supplements? I would have to say that it depends on how and where you live and your family health history. Eating well is the cornerstone of good health, and a good diet places you head and shoulders above the vast majority of your peers. I shy away from telling everyone that they need to take a supplement, but it is difficult to get a "protective" amount of vitamin E without taking a supplement. Likewise, some will have difficulty getting the calcium they need without resorting to the pill form. I feel that for those concerned with the adequacy of their diet, or for those at risk for any of a number of chronic diseases, taking supplements for nutrition insurance is not necessarily **a bad policy.**

DEAR DR. BLONZ: Regarding calcium, why only 500 milligrams at a time? I take a liquid in a gel capsule. Each is 600 milligrams, and I have been taking two at bedtime. I had heard that it is better to take it at bedtime. Also, I do not want to take a capsule within several hours of taking my thyroid medication. Could you please comment? Thank you. — S.A. (via email)

DEAR S.A.: The reason for the calcium limit is that the absorption efficiency decreases when a single dose exceeds 500 milligrams. It is probably wise to find a way to distribute your calcium intake over several doses. At mealtime is usually best.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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Property County: SCURRY

Legal Description:
ALL OF LOT NUMBER ONE (1) IN BLOCK NUMBER FOUR (4) OF FIRST SECTION OF THE PARKWAY ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SNYDER, SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS, AS SHOWN BY THE MAP OR PLAT OF SAID ADDITION RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS.

NOTE: THIS SALE IS AUTHORIZED BY THAT CERTAIN ORDER AUTHORIZING PUBLIC SALE OF REAL PROPERTY ENTERED IN CAUSE NO. 5139 IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS, DATED DECEMBER 19, 2000; A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN FOR ALL PURPOSES.

Date of Sale: Tuesday, the 6th day of February, 2001.

Earliest Time Sale will Begin: 1:00PM

Place of Sale or Property:
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Dated this 15th day of January, 2001

TERRY BROWDER OR LAURA BROWDER
Substitute Trustee

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Midday Stocks

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Alltel	68 44	67 81	68 19	— 06
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AndarkPtr	60 74	59 70	59 82	— 38
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BP Amoco	51 56	51 13	51 25	— 63
BakerHughes	41 81	40 88	41 25	+ 19
Bank of Amer	50 94	49 38	50 81	+ 44
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PhilipPet	57 25	56 88	57 13	+ 13
PilgrmPrd B	8 38	8 25	8 38	— 06
Polaroid	7 88	7 69	7 88	+ 19
Praxair	41 88	40 50	41 63	+ 38
ProctGamb	69 88	68 13	68 69	— 75
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SherwinW	24 44	23 63	24 19	— 75
SouthernCo	29 50	28 81	29 44	+ 63
SwstAirl	29 60	28 51	28 51	— 84
SprintFON	25 44	25 00	25 38	+ 19
SprintPCS	33 25	32 31	32 44	+ 50
Sunoco Inc	29 94	29 63	29 94	+ 31
TXU Corp	37 75	37 00	37 56	+ 63
TempleInland	50 44	48 63	50 19	+ 31
Texaco	59 69	58 44	58 50	— 25
TexInd	28 38	28 19	28 19	— 06
TexasInst s	45 75	44 56	44 81	— 19
Textron	48 06	46 75	48 06	+ 94
TriconGlbR	34 63	33 75	33 81	— 94
TrinityInds	24 25	24 13	24 13	— 13
TritonEngy	27 13	26 56	27 00	+ 13
TylerTech	1 94	1 88	1 94	— 06
USX-Marathn	27 81	27 31	27 31	— 19
USX-USS	16 50	15 75	16 44	
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Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

Coax your poinsettia to bloom again next year

With patience, you can coax your poinsettia to bloom again for another year, here's how:

•**CHRISTMAS** — Pick a colorful plant with tightly clustered yellow buds. Protect from hot or cold drafts, water when dry, and place in a room with enough natural light for reading.

•**NEW YEAR'S** — Apply all-purpose house plant fertilizer. Continue light, water, and fertilizer. Plant should remain colorful for many weeks.

•**VALENTINE'S DAY** — Do nothing unless your plant has become long and leggy. If it has, prune to five inches from the soil.

•**ST. PATRICK'S DAY** — Remove faded and dried parts of the plant. Add more soil, preferably a commercially available sterile mix.

•**MEMORIAL DAY** — Poinsettia should be around 3 feet high. Trim off two or three inches from the ends of the branches, to promote side branches. Repot to a larger container. Move plant outside, first to indirect light, then to direct light.

•**FOURTH OF JULY** — Trim plant again. Make sure it has full sunlight. Slightly increase the amount of fertilizer.

•**LABOR DAY** — Your poinsettia may have grown to five feet or more. Move indoors, but make sure it has six hours of direct light from an uncurtained window. Reduce fertilizer.

•**FIRST DAY OF FALL** — Starting on or near September 21, give plant 13 hours of uninterrupted darkness and 11 hours of bright light per day. Keep night temperatures in the lower 60s. Continue to water and fertilize. Rotate plant each day to give all sides even light.

•**THANKSGIVING** — Discontinue day/night treatment. Put plant in a sunny area. Reduce water and fertilizer.

•**CHRISTMAS** — Enjoy your now new poinsettia.

Foodborne illnesses hard to diagnose

WASHINGTON (AP) — When Susan Doneth took her teen-age daughter to the hospital in 1998, she feared the teenager was a victim of food poisoning. The vomiting and bloody diarrhea were symptoms of an attack by the deadly bacteria, E. coli O157:H7.

The doctor diagnosed it as an ordinary intestinal infection and prescribed antibiotics, the wrong thing to do for E. coli. Studies suggest that drugs actually can aggravate the illness.

Doneth's daughter eventually recovered, once a test the Michigan woman requested showed the illness was E. coli-related and the antibiotics were stopped. But such mistakes in diagnosing foodborne illnesses aren't unusual, experts say.

Now, the American Medical Association and the government have developed an information kit, which will be distributed around the country, to educate doctors about foodborne illnesses.

"Many of these illnesses that we are seeing that are foodborne were not even known as recently as 10 to 15 years ago," said Edward Hill, who directs the training of family-practice residents at the North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo. "Many of the physicians practicing regularly every day, when they were in training had never even heard of these illnesses."

AMA's information kit includes charts listing the symptoms, likely food sources and treatments for dozens of foodborne illnesses. Also included are booklets containing case studies for some of the more dangerous pathogens, such as E. coli and Listeria monocytogenes.

The E. coli booklet warns that killing the bacteria with antibiotics can release kidney-damaging toxins. That's what happened to Doneth's daughter.

"Doctors need to be much more educated than they are in finding symptoms of foodborne illness and on things they shouldn't be doing," she said.

Some 15,000 of the kits are being given to state and county medical societies, and the material also is posted on the Internet.

Doctors have an incentive to study the material. They can get credit for continuing education, an annual licensing requirement in most states, by passing a test on the information.

About 76 million cases of foodborne illness are diagnosed nationwide each year, resulting in 5,000 deaths and 325,000 hospitalizations, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Young children, pregnant women, the elderly and other people with weakened immune systems face the highest risk for foodborne illness. Immune systems may be weakened by medical treatments, such as steroids or chemotherapy, or by diseases such as AIDS, cancer or diabetes.

"Incorrect diagnosis and incorrect treatment can make a bad situation worse," said Nancy Donley, president of the advocacy group Safe Tables Our Priority.

Foreign Service has morale problems

WASHINGTON (AP) — Colin Powell had a sympathetic ear when he said "we need to do better" staffing the State Department and taking care of its facilities abroad.

Career diplomats are concerned about the dilapidated conditions of embassies overseas and the perception that some ambassadors "are little more than errand boys for Washington." The union that represents them says more and more diplomatic jobs are going to career civil servants.

The Foreign Service is beset with morale problems, but Powell is looking to turn that around.

"I'm going be asking many of you to come up and tell me directly what you think," Powell said Monday, his first workday as secretary of state. "I want to make things move faster, cut through things more quickly. ... You are the experts. I want to hear from you as directly as I can, with minimum number of layers in between."

The initial reaction among Foreign Service workers was positive.

John Naland, a vice president with the American Foreign Service Association, said the union enthusiastically endorses Powell's pledge "to bring more resources and better management" to the Department of State.

"That is exactly what is needed to make the department a more effective agent of U.S. international leadership," he said.

In Powell's confirmation hearing last week, the former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff drew a comparison between U.S. embassies in the Balkans and an upscale military camp for U.S. GIs in Kosovo. "If you visited some of the dilapidated embassies and other facilities in the region, you would wonder whether the same government was taking care of them," he said. "That's not right."

"And if we want them to do the people's work, then we must give them the resources they need to do it," he said.

Still, Myles Frechette, a retired former ambassador to Cameroon (1983-87) and Colombia (1994-97) believes the halcyon days of the Foreign Service may be over.

"The superb communications we have today have been used by the Department to micromanage," Frechette said.

"The ambassadors are little more than errand boys for Washington. They are told how to say everything. The people who are sending instructions are really mediocre. There is hardly ever any reward for courage. And what has happened over many secretaries of state has been a gradual erosion of the sense of uniqueness of the Foreign Service and what it could do."

AFSA, the union that represents the career diplomats, complains that more and more jobs are going to career civil servants at the expense of the Foreign Service. During Madeleine Albright's tenure at State, there was a widespread perception that she relied on a tight inner circle of advisers, ignoring in large measure the Foreign Service. Says AFSA President Marshall Adair, "There has been a substantial decrease in morale at State."

Albright, in one of her last speeches before leaving office, acknowledged that retention of talented career diplomats is a problem.

On the Net: State Department: www.state.gov

Markets

Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 520 head of cattle for the Saturday, Jan. 20, sale. Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers $1 to $4 lower. Slaughter cows too few to test. Bred cows were steady; pairs too few to test. Trading was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:
200-300: 132-135
300-400: 117-124
400-500: 105-114
500-600: 94-99
600-700: 89.50-90.50
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 103-109
400-500: 97-100
500-600: 88-91
600-700: 85-87
Replacement cows:
Young bred cows: 580-585
Aged cows: 480-590
Pairs: 700-770
Aged pairs: 560-650
Slaughter cows: Boners: 1000-1250 Lbs. 41
Lean: 1000-1200 Lbs. 38-39.50
Lean: 900-1200 Lbs. 34-36
Lean: 800-1000 Lbs. 32-36
Lean under 750 Lbs. 27.50-33
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 300 head of cattle for the Thursday, Jan.18, sale. Cows were steady to $1 better. Yearlings and calves were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 37-44
Canner and low cutters: 30-36
Slaughter bulls: 48-52
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 100-125
400-500: 100-115
500-600: 90-100
600-700: 85-95
700-800: 84-88.50
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 95-105
400-500: 88-100
500-600: 85-93
600-700: 84-88
700-800: 80-84
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 85-100
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Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 650-775
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Baby calves: 125-200
Doodlers: 200-250

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2 ex-cops accused of plotting murder

NEW YORK (AP) — Two former police officers are accused of holding up businesses, robbing drug dealers and conspiring to kill a detective in retaliation for his revealing that they had allegedly lied about a 1997 gun arrest.

The accusations were disclosed in court papers Tuesday against Jamil Jordan, 28, and Anthony Trotman, 35, former partners in a Brooklyn precinct that faced a police corruption scandal in the 1980s.

A criminal complaint said Trotman has told authorities that while still on the force in 1998, he and Jordan used a police computer to get the unnamed detective's home address, then tried to convince the leader of their robbery crew to go there and kill him. The plot apparently never went any further.

The partners were angry because the detective revealed in a 1997 hearing that he had directed them to a bodega to arrest a gun suspect without probable cause. The testimony contradicted the officers' story that they happened to be in the store by chance and noticed a hard object in the suspect's backpack.

The Police Department, after accusing Jordan and Trotman of perjury, fired them last year.

The case against Jordan was largely built on the word of Trotman, who agreed to cooperate with prosecutors after being indicted earlier this month in a $500,000 jewelry store heist. Trotman was expected to plead guilty on Wednesday.

Court papers also accuse Jordan and Trotman of staging holdups of businesses as well as robbing drug dealers, even while on duty. In one case, they pulled over a dealer, stole $2,100 and left him handcuffed to his car, the complaint said.

Jordan was charged in federal court Tuesday in connection with his part in the robbery crew. Authorities said Trotman has agreed to testify against Jordan and other alleged bandits as part of a plea deal.

Magistrate Marilyn Go ordered Jordan held without bail. If convicted, he faces up to 30 years in prison.

"After he took an oath to protect the community, he committed violent crimes against that community," prosecutor Kelly Moore said while arguing against bail for Jordan.

Defense attorney Frank Handelman said the evidence against his client is weak, and denied he was dangerous. "He's never been arrested for anything," he said.

Fourteen years ago, a dozen officers in the same Brooklyn precinct were charged with robbing drug dealers and other crimes. Officials said the current case did not appear to be part of a wider pattern.

Boy who dropped 5-year-old out of window now set free

CHICAGO (AP) — One of two youngsters convicted of dropping a 5-year-old boy to his death more than six years ago has been set free after completing his probation.

The 18-year-old known publicly only as "T.J." was conditionally released from prison in October. Judge Carol Kelly released him from state guardianship Tuesday after several experts testified he was doing well.

"Though I am glad and happy for you... I have never lost sight that this whole case involved the death of a little boy," said Kelly.

The victim, Eric Morse, was dropped from the 14th floor of a public housing high-rise because he refused to steal candy for T.J. and another boy, Jessie Rankins.

The case became a national symbol of rising violent juvenile crime. As a result, Illinois lawmakers lowered the age at which juvenile offenders could be incarcerated to 10.

Rankins and T.J. were ages 10 and 11 when they dropped Morse to his death on Oct. 13, 1994. Rankins said he held Morse by his waist near the open window and then watched the boy fall but said he had no intention of killing the boy.

The boys were initially placed with child welfare officials, but were turned over to the state Department of Corrections after officials said they could not find a proper treatment facility.

T.J. is in a mentoring program and is scheduled to graduate from a Chicago public high school later this year.

Rankins, 17, is being held at the Illinois Youth Center in Joliet. He says he is estranged from his family and prone to self-destructive episodes. His identity was revealed after he was sentenced to nine years for sexually assaulting a fellow inmate.

"I just feel depressed, like there is no hope, like there is nobody listening to me," he told the Chicago Tribune in Wednesday's editions. "I just feel like my life has ended."

Man bypasses inauguration security to shake Bush's hand

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just after President Bush was inaugurated, a man without any security clearance bypassed three security checkpoints and shook Bush's hand — an escapade he pulled at President Clinton's second inauguration, authorities said.

The man's success at gaining access to Bush startled Secret Service agents and U.S. Capitol Police officers because security was intensified in preparation for large groups of protesters.

Capitol Police refused to give details except to say that the trespasser was unarmed and had been taken through a metal detector.

"There was an individual who had an unscheduled handshake with the President," Lt. Dan Nichols, a spokesman for the Capitol Police, said Tuesday night. "It was noticed immediately and he was removed."

The Washington Post, which first reported the incident in its Wednesday editions, said the man had a standing-room ticket for Saturday's swearing-in ceremony but somehow made it into the VIP section and into the Capitol.

The man who shook Bush's hand, was the same man who bypassed security after Clinton's inauguration in 1997, a police official said.

Nichols said the incident will be considered during a review of security that occurs after every inauguration.

The man was never under arrest.

"He did not break any laws and therefore, there was no basis to arrest him," Nichols said. "There is no law against shaking the president's hand."

The trespasser exploits during the Clinton inauguration had not been forgotten by those planning security for Bush. He was a constant subject of discussion by security officials before Bush's inauguration, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Secret Service officials even showed a videotape of the man shaking Clinton's hand to those handling security on Inauguration Day, the official said. The tape shows the trespasser approaching someone who had clearance to be near Clinton. The trespasser struck up a conversation with the cleared individual and shadowed him as he walked past a security checkpoint.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Chest pains and heartaches

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 47-year-old father has suffered recurring chest pains for several months. He frequently clutches his chest if he is exercising or under stress. However, he refuses to see a doctor. His father died of a heart attack at 49, as did two of his uncles at younger ages. How do I get him to see a doctor?

DEAR READER: Troubling question. Given your father's family history and his apparent symptoms of chest discomfort, I'd have to conclude — as you did — that he has a heart condition and is sitting on a time bomb. Actually, I suspect that your father, too, knows this. It is precisely for this reason that he won't seek help. I am sure that he is afraid: petrified that he may have heart disease, scared at what the implications are for his future. Sometimes people in such circumstances choose to deny the problem and avoid getting help, in hopes that the situation will "go away."

I suggest that you sit down with your father at a quiet time and express your valid concerns. Confirm that you love him and are worried about his health. Remind him that treatment for cardiac disorders is, today, much more effective and successful than was the case a decade ago. Reinforce that the family needs him and request his permission to coordinate an office call with your family physician — or, better yet, a cardiologist.

If he agrees, you can chalk up one for the good guys. If he remains intransigent, at least you know you've done all you can and you will have to let go, allowing nature to take its course.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Understanding Heart Disease."

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a normal 16 year-old girl in a desperate struggle to learn how the male mind works. Guys leave me more confused than Mr. Applewhyte, my Spanish teacher. I have been told (numerous times) how much I'm loved, but two hours later the relationship is over. Why are guys so afraid of commitment? Please tell me about guys' thinking.

DEAR READER: I wish I could. But I'm not sure even the boys themselves — who have been defined as hormones with legs — could either. I suppose that part of the growing-up process is learning to deal with complexities such as this. While you're undergoing this process, learn to say no (and mean it), behave in ways that you know are right, respect yourself, play a little hard to get (secret: boys actually like that), stick to your studies and sports, set an example for your friends, ask for adult help when you need it, and accept the fact that you may never understand the male mind. If it relieves some discomfort, I should tell you that boys have just as much difficulty understanding how the female mind works. Dear reader, be true to yourself.

Good luck.

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Pakistan executes four men

LAHORE, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistan on Wednesday executed four men who had been sentenced to death for the 1991 murders of seven people.

The men were hanged in Kot Lakhpat Jail in the Punjab provincial capital of Lahore after Pakistan's president denied their appeal for clemency, said Mohammed Farooq, jail superintendent.

The men were found guilty of killing six members of the same family, as well as a female bystander caught in the cross fire. The killings were apparently related to a land dispute.

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Bush details voucher plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush proposed a multibillion dollar school-improvement plan on Tuesday that would shift federal money to private schools when public education fails. He added a last-minute provision in a gesture to Democrats opposed to school vouchers.

In an Oval Office meeting with Democratic and Republican lawmakers, Bush said there must be consequences "if children are trapped in schools that will not change." But he included the new provision — suggested, he said, by a Democrat — that could help schools avoid the loss of federal money to private institutions.

"Both parties have been talking about education reform for quite a while," he declared. "It's time to come together."

Democrats objected to the school voucher proposal but embraced other portions of Bush's package, including spending increases for reading and after-school care and a requirement that states must test students every year from grades 3-8 in reading and math.

"I can't emphasize enough the other areas where the president was reaching out, I think, in education policy, where there's a very broad agreement and meaningful agreement and the basics for a very important legislative initiative," said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.

Bush, still enjoying a political honeymoon after a bitterly fought campaign, hopes to use the broad popularity of the idea of education reform as a bridge to Democrats — a way to make good on his promise to bring civility and bipartisanship to Washington.

He included Democrats in two separate White House meetings on education Tuesday and twice singled out Democratic lawmakers for praise in public remarks. Bush shared credit with one of them, saying Sen. Jeff Bingaman of New Mexico provided the idea that accounted for the only major difference between the outline he sent to Congress on Tuesday and the $25 billion, five-year education plan unveiled in Bush's campaign.

The change, added in an attempt to bring Democrats aboard, offers an undisclosed amount of money and assistance to schools that fail to meet minimum standards two years in a row. The idea is to avoid a third straight bad year, after which Bush's plan would allow parents to take federal money spent on their children to any school or education center of their choice.

It's that voucher proposal that has drawn stiff Democratic opposition.

"They can call them anything they want. It doesn't change the fact that the majority of Americans oppose taking money from public schools and sending it to private and religious schools," said Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle of Nebraska.

The phrase "school vouchers" tests poorly in focus groups and polls, thus Bush avoids the term. Instead, he casts his program as the only alternative for students stuck in bad schools.

"American children must not be left in persistently dangerous or failing schools," Bush said in an East Room ceremony announcing the package. "When schools do not teach and will not change, parents and students must have other meaningful options.

"Both parties have been talking about education reform for quite a while. It's time to come together to get it done, so that we can truthfully say in America: No child will be left behind, not one single child."

Bush stopped short of promising a veto if the voucher proposal is dropped, and White House Press Secretary Ari Fleischer sidestepped questions about a possible compromise.

He said Bush felt "very strongly" about holding bad schools accountable and giving students options, and "I think it's way too soon to start talking about negotiations."

Privately, senior Democrats and Republicans close to Bush said the president may eventually be forced to compromise — perhaps with a large pilot project that allows federal money to follow students languishing in fail-

Committe endorses Norton for Interior

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gale Norton, whose nomination by President Bush as interior secretary prompted sharp protest from environmentalists, received bipartisan endorsement Wednesday from a Senate Committee.

Barring any new, serious revelations, Norton's confirmation by the full Senate is all but assured.

The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee voted 13-2 to advance Norton's nomination with only two Democrats — Sens. Ron Wyden of Oregon and Charles Schumer of New York — opposing her.

Sen. Jeff Bingaman of New Mexico, the panel's ranking Democrat, acknowledged that "many still harbor doubts" about Norton's past criticism of the Endangered Species Act and other environmental laws as well as her views on land stewardship.

He said Norton's two days of testimony and her assurance that she would enforce environmental laws swayed him to support her nomination. Most of the other Democrats on the panel said they concurred with Bingaman's assessment.

"If I felt we were going to vote for another James Watt, I wouldn't vote for her in a million years. But that is not the case," said Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., referring to the Reagan administration interior secretary who had gained the enmity of the environmental community.

Norton, 46, a former attorney general of Colorado, formerly worked for Watt and shared many of his views on property rights, criticism of federal regulations and the shared use of federal lands for both economic development and preservation.

Norton distanced herself from Watt during her confirmation hearing and said at one point, "I mean no disrespect to him, but I am my own person." She also said some of her past comments on states' rights, criticism of federal regulations and a suggestion that property owners have the "right to pollute" had been misinterpreted and distorted.

"Some of the things said about her are simply not correct," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., adding that she too had been convinced by her testimony and 227 written responses to questions put by committee members that Norton should be confirmed.

Wyden said Norton had "genuinely moved away" from some of her past positions such as arguing that the Endangered Species Act was unconstitutional. He said he remained troubled about damage she might do to the environment as interior secretary.

Obituaries

Mrs. McCravey

1946-2001

Carolyn McCravey of Snyder died at 1:20 a.m. Wednesday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Service for Mrs. McCravey, 54, is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in Colonial Hill Baptist Church. The Rev. Miller Robinson, retired Baptist minister, and Dr. Tommy Culwell, pastor, will officiate. Burial will follow in Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.



Carolyn McCravey

Born Nov. 26, 1946 in Houston, she married Kirby McCravey on Aug. 6, 1968 in Houston. Mrs. McCravey worked at McWilliams Pharmacy for 14 years until her health forced her to retire. She and her husband moved to the Abilene area in the late 1970s and moved to Snyder in 1980. She was a member of Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Kirby McCravey of the home; one daughter, Rebecca McCravey of Snyder; her mother, Blanche Thomas of Clifton; one sister, Joyce Runge of North Richland Hills; and a granddaughter, Sabrina.

Friends are contributing to American Diabetes Association, 4424 West Airport Freeway, Suite 130, Irving, TX 75062.

Marie White

1915-2001

RALLS — Marie White of Odessa, grandmother of LaChana Gilbert of Snyder, died Tuesday, Jan. 23, in a Levelland nursing center.

Graveside service for Mrs. White, 85, will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Ralls Cemetery with the Rev. Floyd Haddock officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Adams Funeral Home of Ralls.

Born April 28, 1915 in Crosby County, she married Fishburn Fred White on May 16, 1931 in Clovis, N.M. He died Jan. 13, 1988. She moved to Odessa in 1946 from Ralls and was a homemaker.

Survivors include a son, Laney White of Odessa; a daughter, Dorotha Phillips of Lubbock; two other grandchildren; four great-grandchildren including Tyrelle and Laramie Gilbert of Snyder; and LaChana's husband, Jeff Gilbert, of Snyder.

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Local authorities submit various reports Tuesday

• ***Criminal mischief***

Texa Ball reported to the sheriff's office at 8:12 a.m. Tuesday that someone had broken the lights and an instrument panel on a tractor. The criminal mischief occurred on the corner of Beech and Bond streets, just off East Highway 180.

• ***Broken windows***

Snyder Junior High School Principal Kellye Starnes notified police at 8:17 a.m. Tuesday that someone had thrown rocks and broken a window and the glass in a door on the south side of the band hall.

• ***Dog bite***

A 7-year-old male was bitten on the right ear, right cheek and forehead Tuesday by a two-month-old Border Collie. According to reports, the injuries did not require stitches, only cleaning. The animal was taken to the animal clinic for observation.

• ***Arrests***

A 20-year-old man was taken into custody at 10:37 a.m. Tuesday on a warrant for no liability insurance.

At 10:45 a.m., officers arrested a 41-year-old man in the 2800 block of Avenue N for not paying a fine for public intoxication.

Jessie Medrano, 19, of 1902 Avenue R, was booked into the Scurry County Jail at 3:37 p.m. on a felony warrant revoking his probation.

A Scurry County misdemeanor warrant for theft landed a 26-year-old woman in jail at 6:03 p.m. Tuesday.

• ***Accidents***

A two-vehicle accident occurred at 2:51 p.m. Tuesday in the 700 block of 13th Street. Involved were a 1988 Chevrolet C-1500 Suburban driven by Dawn Renee Baker, 29, of 6999 North Ennis Creek Road and a 1996 Chevrolet Lumina driven by Michelle Lee Aguilar, 24, of 1205 15th Street.

Officers took an accident report at 3:36 p.m. Tuesday in the 1200 block of 25th Street. The mishap involved a 1985 GMC school bus owned by Snyder ISD and a 1986 Ford Ranger pickup.

Carla Guinn Bavousett, 51, of Hermleigh was the bus driver while Louise Wilson Woolever, 78, of 5259 Longhorn Lane was driving the pickup.

Trevey suffers heart attack

Precinct 1 Commissioner Ralph Trevey is undergoing treatment in Lubbock's Covenant Healthcare Hospital after apparently suffering a heart attack Tuesday night.

Trevey's wife, Virginia, called Snyder EMS to the couple's residence on County Road 137 at 10:21 p.m. in reference to him having chest pains.

Trevey was first taken to Cogdell Memorial Hospital before being transferred to Lubbock.

His sister, Margaret Dillaha, said this morning that the doctors are treating him for a heart attack, and that additional tests will be run this afternoon.

Hospital

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ONGOINGS

Diabetes education group

The Snyder diabetes education group will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Cogdell Hospital cafeteria. Brian Moffett, CMH radiology manager, will discuss diabetes patients getting X-rays.

ID makers

ID makers will be at First Methodist Church's Discovery School starting at 9 a.m. Thursday. Call 573-4770 for more information.

Ira annual deadline

Thursday is the deadline to purchase a 2001 Ira Bulldog yearbook with your name on the cover. Cost is $26. Price without name is $22.

FBC worship service

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

WTC swimming pool opens

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

Life Changing Power

The Potter's House Christian Fellowship Church will sponsor a "Life Changing Power" revival at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday at Central Elementary, 2700 Ave. K. Daniel Gutierrez is the evangelist. Call 573-0510 for more information.

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. The swimming will begin for this semester on Monday.

GED testing dates

The next testing date for GED (high school equivalency) is Friday. For more information call Molly Kattes, 573-2919, or Emily Hataway, at home at 574-2112, or 573-8511, ext. 297 at WTC between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Praise and worship revival

Trinity United Methodist Church will have a praise and worship revival at 6 p.m. Saturday and at 10:45 a.m. Sunday with "Full Circle" from Lovington, N. M.

Chili supper

Ira Baptist Church will sponsor a chili supper Saturday to raise funds for the GA and RA programs. The meal will be served from 5-7:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Cost is $5 for adults, tickets for children under 12 are $3.50 and a family can eat for $20.

Ex-resident on 'Nick News'

Julie Zeck Smithey, former Snyder resident, and her fifth grade class in Adriana, Mich., will be featured on "Nick News," which airs at 7:30 p.m. Sunday on Nickelodeon. Smithey's students wrote letters explaining what they thought should be done with the Kennewick Man, a 9,000-year-old skeleton unearthed four years ago in Washington State.

Girl Scout cookie sale

Girl Scouts are taking cookie orders until Sunday for delivery in February. Anyone not contacted by a Girl Scout who wishes to order cookies may call Carla at 574-8004 or Peggy at 573-6725.

Credit union annual meeting

The annual membership meeting of the Scurry County School Federal Credit Union will be held at 7 p.m. Monday in the SHS cafeteria.

Family Math and Science Nights

Math and Science Night for Snyder 7th graders is from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

Vocational nurse program testing

The next testing dates for the March vocational nursing class at WTC are 1:30 p.m. next Wednesday and 9 a.m. Friday, Feb. 9. To schedule an appointment, call 573-8511, ext. 313.

Snyder tennis boosters

The Snyder tennis boosters will meet Wedneday, Jan. 31 at 7 p.m. at Texas Savings Bank. Parents of all tennis players are invited.

Seventh grade special needs parents

There will be a meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 1, for parents of special needs 7th graders. For more information, call Jean Burns at 573-6301, or Sylvia Sapsky at 573-6356.

Eighth grade special needs parent meeting

A meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 6, at Snyder High School's CVAE building, room C-5 for parents of special needs 8th graders. Call Jean Burns or Charles Haggard at 573-6301.

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.

WTC continuing ed classes

Western Texas College's Continuing Education Department will present "The Great American Debt Opportunity" Monday and "Spend Smart" Tuesday. Each session will last from 6 to 9 p.m. and both will be located in building 15A. The cost for each is $40. The textbook for "The Great American Debt Opportunity" costs $43, but it is not required. Call 573-8511, ext. 390 to reserve space in either class.