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Primary early voting starts Monday

Voters have choices for county judge, two commissioner precincts, state representative

Early voting in the March 12 Republican and Democratic primaries starts Monday on the third floor of the courthouse.

Registered voters in Scurry County will be selecting a new county judge and will choose from two Republican candidates and one Democratic hopeful as County Judge Ricky Fritz chose not to seek a third term.

Ted Crenwelge, a farmer, and former Snyder mayor Rod Waller are on the GOP ballot, while Democrat Janet Stribling does not have a primary opponent.

The Republican nominee will face Stribling, a Snyder school trustee, in the November general election.

Voters in Precinct 2 will be looking to elect a new commissioner as Roy Idom chose not to seek an fourth term.

Political newcomers Robbie Floyd and Cliff Hall are on the Republican ticket, while Jerry House is the lone Democratic candidate. Floyd and Hall are business owners and House is a farmer and contract meter reader for Big Country Electric.

First-term Precinct 4 Comsioner Chloanne Lindsey is being challenged in the Democratic primary by Ronnie Clawson, a city of Snyder fireman.

Republican Keith Hackfeld, a business owner, is unopposed on the GOP ballot for the Precinct 4 seat.

Incumbenst without opponents include Democratic Sheriff Darren Jackson. Unopposed Republican incumbents are County Clerk Joan Bunch, Precinct 1 JP Deborah Boyd, District Clerk Trina Rodgers and County Treasurer Nelda Colvin.

Scurry County was moved into House District 72 due to redistricting and hopefuls in the district are so far conducting the most spirited campaigns.

Seven San Angelo area residents want to fill the spot in Austin currently occupied by Rep. Rob Junell.

Junell decided against seeking another term and the chance to be state representative has drawn Drew Darby, Tom Goff, Scott Campbell and Mark Brown to the Republican ticket, while Jeri Sloan and Betsy Johnson are running as Democrats.

Robert Restivo is a Libertarian seeking the post.

Lubbock's Robert Duncan is seeking another term as State Senator, and his new district includes Scurry County.

U.S. Rep.Charlie Stenholm, a Democrat, will be challenged in the general election by Republican Rob Beckham of Abilene.



PREPARATIONS — County Clerk Joan Bunch sorts through Republican and Democratic ballots for the March 12 primary. Early voting begins Monday in the county courtroom and extends through March 8. (SDN Staff Photo)

Incumbents file...

School, city elections attracting candidates

Snyder ISD has a full slate of candidates, including two incumbents, for the May 4 election.

Current board president Mark McCormick filed Friday afternoon for Place 4 – a spot he has held since 1993.

McCormick and his wife, Janie, have two children attending Snyder schools.

Matt is a junior at SHS, while Megan is in the eighth grade at Snyder Junior High.



McCormick

McCormick is president of McCormick Marketing and is a 1975 graduate of Snyder High School and a 1979 graduate of Abilene Christian University.

Incumbent Glenn Clarady filed earlier in the week for another term representing Place 1, while newcomer Doug Neff filed for Place 5 being vacated by Janet Stribling who is a candidate for county judge.

Two persons filed papers for the Snyder city council Friday to join veteran Place 1 councilman Vernest Tippens on the ballot. Tippens filed Thursday.

Ron Shaw, who served as councilman from 1993-1997, is seeking the post currently held by I.E. Martin in Place 4.

Martin is not seeking re-election.

Also signing up to run for city represents District 3 after being appointed to fill the unexpired term of James Jenkins at the end of last year.

Ashley, a salesman for U.S. Foodservice, was a council member for two years beginning in 1999 in an at-large seat before running for mayor – a position won by Francene Noah.

He and his wife, Kara, have lived in Snyder for 12 years and they have two children, Eleanor, 9, and Samuel, 7.

The term of Place 2 councilman David Harrell also expires this spring.



Ashley

In addition, three other entities will hold elections Saturday, May 4.

On the WTC board, the terms of Drew Bullard, Place 1; and Jackie Greene, Place 2; expire. Both have filed for re-election.

On the Ira school board, Sid Wall, Place 1; Fran Farmer, Place 2; and Lance Autry, Place 3; are up for re-election.

In the Hermleigh ISD race, the places of Tony Lambaren, Burton Sandefur and Larry West will be on the ballot.

West's post is an unexpired term.

None of the rural trustees have filed for re-election.

The deadline for filing in all local elections is March 20.

Elections will be held unless there are no competitive races. If that happens, state law allows the boards to declare an unopposed candidate duly elected.

ister to vote in the May elections and early voting will take place April 17-30.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "When a habit starts to cost money, it becomes a hobby."

Since last September, the president and all his men (and women) have been trying to jump-start the economy.

Alan Greenspan says America's economy is on the mend, but we still need to get back to normal – travel more, dine out more and buy stuff.

A woman in Jacksonville, Fla. apparently is trying to be patriotic.

Patricia Agness decided she wanted to see the USA, but did it in a rather unusual way.

She called a taxi, negotiated a fare and took off on a 10,000-mile cross-country cab ride. During the first week of her trip she told a reporter from a cell phone in her white-and-orange Gator City Taxi cab that "the land is fantastic." She was in Texas at the moment, taking in the sights of San Antonio.

Mrs. Agness, 55, said she dislikes flying, didn't want to go on a bus and doesn't have a driver's license.

"I needed to get away, and this is the best way to see the open road," she explained. The round-trip went as far as Juneau, Alaska.

She negotiated a rate of $1 per the normal rate.

Two drivers agreed to take eight-hour shifts behind the wheel, allowing for only minimum stops and no overnight stays.

A reader sent this story about a homeless guy.

The bum approached a well-dressed businessman on the street who asked if the businessman could spare twenty bucks.

"You're not going to spend it on liquor are you?"

"No, sir. I don't drink," responded the bum.

"You are not going to throw it away in some crap game are you?"

"No way, I don't gamble."

"You wouldn't waste the money at a golf course for green fees, would you?" asked the businessman.

"Never," said the bum. "I don't play golf."

The businessman extended a surprise offer for a meal at his home.

The bum eagerly accepted the businessman's invitation to his house for a home-cooked meal. As they neared the home, his curiosity was getting the best of him. "Isn't your wife gonna be angry when she sees a guy like me at your table?"

"Probably," the businessman answered. "But it will be well worth it. I want her to see what happens to a guy who doesn't drink, gamble or play golf."

Chamber to hear funding requests

Three requests for hotel-motel funds will be reviewed by directors of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce board of directors during an 11:30 a.m. meeting Monday.

Snyder Wheels Car Club will hold a show Saturday, May 4, on the courthouse square and the club is requesting money to publicize the event that brings in vintage cars from all over West Texas.

In addition, the Scurry County Rodeo Association will request funds for its annual rodeo planned for June 27-29.

Organizers of the Sammy Baugh Golf Tourney have also submitted a request for funds.

This will be the fourth year of the golf tourney and it attracts several from the athletic world yearly, including former Texas coach Darrell Royal and Texas Tech's basketball coach Bobby Knight.

The board will also hear reports on the upcoming chamber of commerce banquet, a need for storage, carpeting for the chamber office, the chamber's monthly newsletter and the Western Swing Festival.

Donna Fowler, executive director, said the chamber has been approached to revitalize Kiddie Park adjacent to Towle Park.

WTC to receive large gift Monday

Western Texas College's fundraising campaign is expected to get a hefty boost Monday at an 11 a.m. press conference.

The press conference is scheduled in the boardroom of the administration building and the public is invited.

Dr. Greg Williams, WTC president, announced the press conference Friday and said the campaign is going well, but will receive its first "major contribution" Monday.

"So far we have received over $13,000 in gifts," Dr. Williams said. "Every gift, no matter the size, is needed and greatly appreciated."

Dr. Williams said the gift to be announced Monday will be used for home-game jerseys for the new baseball and softball programs.

"With this start, we will now be able to move into other exciting projects to benefit our students and bring more students to campus," he said. "Growth for Western Texas College translates into positive economic growth for the community."

Chamber of commerce...

Reservations needed for annual banquet

Tickets are now on sale for the annual Snyder Chamber of Commerce awards banquet.

Tickets for the March 5 fete to be held in the Scurry County Coliseum are $12.50 per person and the theme of this year's event is Down Memory Lane.

Students from the Snyder High School drama department will showcase fashions from different eras.

Awards to be presented include the Sizemore Award, the Vestal Award and the Winston Award.

Also to be presented are the Educational Excellence Award and the McLaughlin Award.

Great Western Dining will cater the event that begins at 6:30 p.m.

David Holt will serve as master of ceremonies.

ASK US

Q—What do the taxpayers get for the $80,000 approved by the commissioners' court for the park feasibility study.

A—A master plan will dictate future work on parks and recreation facilities in the county and is necessary in acquiring most large grants.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 64 degrees; low, 32; 7 a.m. Saturday, 37; no precipitation; total for 2002, 1.48 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, partly cloudy; low mid 40s; S winds 10-20 mph. Sunday, partly cloudy, unseasonably warm, breezy, high near 80; SW winds 15-25 mph.



Ashleigh Jenkins
Nice start Ashleigh

Sunset: 6:37 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:17 a.m.
Of 53 days in 2002, the sun has shone 50 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

You can observe a lot just by watching.

—Yogi Berra

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FISD superintendent wants to change name of mascot

DALLAS (AP) — Frisco's superintendent of schools says he will recommend that board members change the mascot's name from the Fighting Coons to Fighting Raccoons to avoid racial insensitivity.

Superintendent Rick Reedy said Friday that the controversial mascot could be embarrassing for some students.

"I feel that all decisions we make must come down to what is right for kids," Reedy said. "It's important for students to be able to be proud of their school, and that includes its mascot name. If one student is made to feel uncomfortable, that is one too many."

The board will vote on Reedy's proposal at a March 4 meeting.

Some parents in Frisco, one of Texas' fastest growing cities, say the mascot is offensive.

The mascot was created in 1924 when, supporters say, no one attached any racial significance to the name.

But Frisco resident Pete Campbell, whose two sons play football at Frisco High School, said the issue struck home for him when he saw other black children wearing T-shirts emblazoned with the name.

Last year, Campbell asked school trustees and Reedy to call the mascot by its full name.

"I'm elated," resident Pete Campbell, who is black, said of Reedy's recommendation. "I didn't want to strip the school of their tradition, but something had to be done. This is the right and proper thing to do."

The district already has changed the name of the school's stadium from Coon Memorial to FISD Memorial.

A city water tower welcoming visitors and designating the area "Home of the Fighting Coons" will be repainted once the district's second high school opens in 2003, Reedy said.

Some said they did not want the mascot name changed.

School board President Dan Presley declined to comment on the proposal or how it might be received by board members.

At least one trustee said she welcomes the plan.

"I have been thinking about this for months, ... and it's time to do something," said trustee Jane Whitledge.

KEY TO THE KINGDOM
The Day Jerusalem Was Destroyed
IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY
The Prince of Peace
Cox Cable TV Channel 2,
Monday, February 25, 7:00 pm

'Grease' to open Thursday

The 1950s will soon come alive at Snyder Junior School's auditorium stage as the choir and theatre departments will present *Grease*, a rock and roll musical.

The musical opens at 7 p.m. Thursday. Other evening performances continue Friday and Saturday and Monday and Tuesday, March 4-5. Tickets are $5 each and can be reserved by calling Gloria Ball at the junior high office, 573-6356.

Grease is being directed by Marci Dennis, choir director, and Janeen Patterson, drama director. Judy Brown is the pianist. Zach Arizmendi will play the guitar and percussion will be by Josh Gutierrez. Judy Haines was the choreographer.

Chris Smith has the role of Danny Zuko and Temi Thompson will play Sandy Drumbrowski.

Others in the cast include Glyn Wright, Betty Rizzo; Wendy Reed, Frenchy; Kiki Wofford, Marty; Emily Jones, Jan; Jason Cave, Kenickie; Cody Reed, Doody; Ryan Trout, Roger; Tyler Price, Sonny LaTierre; Kayla Hartzog, Patty Simcox; Samantha Pena, Cha Cha DiGregorio; Casey Arnold, Eugene Florczyk; Cade Simpson, Vince Fontain; Rudy Ibarra, Johnny Casino; Tara Kubena, Miss Lynch; Allie Brewster, ballerina; and Chris Lopez, Teen Angel.

The T'Birds will be played by Ryan Arredondo, Chad Goble, Cade Simpson, Rudy Ibarra, Chris Lopez, and Casey Arnold.

The Pink Ladies will be Jana Lewis, Camry Hill, Christi Williams, Ashton Wall, Allie Brewster, Megan McCormick, Kaitlyn Greenlee, Kaylee Lacik, Teddi Crenwelge, Nicole Presley, Sydney Wright, Dondi Brock, Teran Ragland, and Claire Morris.

Tara Kubena is the assistant director and Teddi Crenwelge is the stage manager.

Lights and sound will be provided by Erica Little, Aeryal Peoples, Jamie Arnold, Justin Burns, Bryan Clifton.

Jessica Calvert will be in charge of hair and makeup. Assistants include Crystal Villasana, Ofelia Zamora, Ashley Barrera, and Bianca Carrisalez.

Eight students are in charge of the sets and props including Kim Henkell, Ashley Flores, Laura Flores, Katherine Johnson, Gena Dooley, Stephanie Grant, Kasey Krop, Chance Grantham



Grease is being produced through special arrangement with Samuel French. The book, music and lyrics were written by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey.

EARLY VOTING STARTS MONDAY



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Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
3-18-33-35
Bonus number 15
Estimated jackpot: $200,000

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
20-34-35-37-39

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
4-6-4

Judge declines to set bail for Georgia crematory operator

NOBLE, Ga. (AP) — A judge postponed a decision on whether to set bail for the operator of a crematory where nearly 300 decaying bodies have been found.

Magistrate Judge Jerry Day said Friday he would decide in the next few days whether Ray Brent Marsh should be eligible for bail.

Prosecutors argued Marsh should not be released because of the outrage in the northern Georgia community. Walker County Sheriff Steve Wilson said death threats had been called in against Marsh.

Marsh's attorney, Ken Poston, said his client was not a flight risk and concern for his safety was no reason to keep him in jail.

Marsh, 28, is charged with 16 counts of theft by deception for allegedly taking payment for cremations he never performed.

Handcuffed and wearing a bulletproof vest, Marsh sat quietly during the hearing, occasionally consulting with his attorney. His sister and wife attended but did not speak to reporters.

Neither Marsh nor his family members have made any public statements.

While lawyers were arguing about Marsh's bail, members of Georgia's congressional delegation were touring the site where investigators have now discovered 293 corpses. At least 54 have been identified, and an unknown number have been returned to families.

Sen. Zell Miller said nothing he'd seen in Georgia, including floods and tornadoes, had prepared him for the gruesome scene at the crematory.

Law enforcement officials have not commented on the investigation since a gag order was issued Thursday.

A crowd gathered at the courthouse for Friday's hearing. Leatha Shropshire, whose mother's body was recovered at the crematory, wore a T-shirt with her mother's face on it and the inscription "Victim of Marsh's Crematory."

Eight indicted in crackdown

CHICAGO (AP) — Eight men were indicted on federal charges of operating a bookmaking ring whose members kept records on water soluble paper and held meetings in the hush of a suburban cemetery.

William D. DiDomenico, who pleaded guilty to gambling in 1991 when prosecutors broke up a bookie operation headed by mob boss Ernest "Rocco" Infelice, was named in the indictment, which was unsealed Friday.

DiDomenico, 59, and three others were arrested Friday morning and agents sought a fifth defendant in North Carolina. Three others were to receive summonses to answer the charges.

Each of the defendants was charged with one count of conspiracy to conduct an illegal gambling business and one count of conducting an illegal business. The indictment says they accepted bets on college and professional football, basketball and baseball games.

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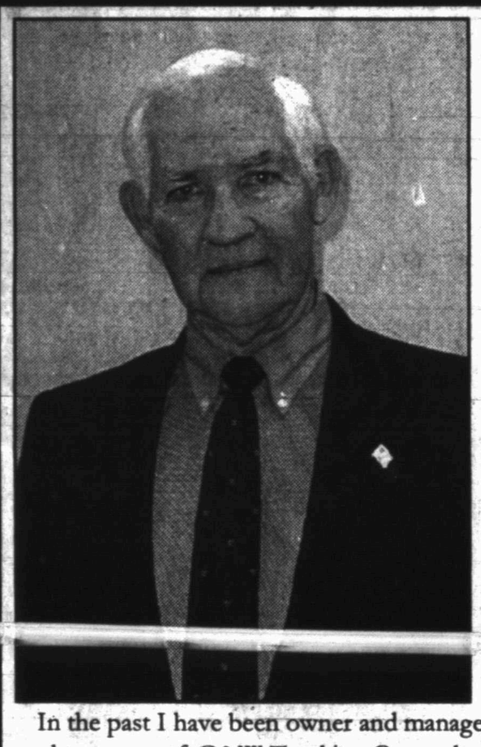
4-H'ers win at San Antonio

[illegible] Meiner and Kailee Shaw, 7th place with her Class 6 cross-bred hog.

attended the San Antonio Livestock Show this past week.

Placing at the show were Alex Koonce, 3rd place with her lightweight Angus; Malorye Miller, 7th, with her lightweight Hereford; Jada Bilano, 14th, with her heavyweight

Others exhibiting were Caylea Rhodes, Lindsey Garcia, Kasey Collier, Valerie West, Kelsey Shaw, Jordan Derryberry, Morgan Miller, Joshua Stansell and Kira Bilano.



I am
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I have lived in Scurry County for over 35 years and I am very aware of the situations that we face. I do expect some obstacles, but hopefully, together, we can change some of the negative things that have happened.

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In the past I have been owner and manager of Arrow Construction Co., as well as owner and manager of G&W Trucking Co., and was a partner in I&R Meter Service.

I have served on the City Council and as your mayor for 5 years, and currently serve as chairman of the church council at First United Methodist Church where I have been a member for over 35 years.

Other civic endeavors include being a member of the board of directors of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, board of trustees of the Sears Methodist Retirement System, the West Central Texas Workforce Development Board, the West Central Texas Tech-Prep Advisory Committee, and the Snyder Chamber of Commerce Gold Coat organization.

In the past I have served as president of the local United Way, president of the West Central Texas Council of Governments, president of Western Texas College Booster Club, and the Advisory Board of Snyder Senior Citizens Inc. All the above indicates my willingness to work for every citizen of the county.

I want to be your County Judge to work for better unity between Scurry County and the City of Snyder. I will work for cooperation between all county entities and consideration for all county employees.

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ALL MADE I'S — Nine Snyder Junior High School students received I ratings at last Saturday's Tau Beta Sigma contest held at Texas Tech University. Back row, from left are Laura Culwell, clarinet; Katherine Johnson, flute; Kim Bell, tenor sax; Tina Martinez, tuba; and Juan Ramirez, trombone. Front row from left are Kim Henkell, Elizabeth Dominguez, Veronica Castillo, Beth Witte, all flutes. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Nine states will be allowed to add an extra complaint

WASHINGTON (AP) — Microsoft and the Justice Department decided Friday not to oppose a bid by nine states to add an extra complaint to their ongoing antitrust suit.

The states argue that Microsoft is already using a proposed settlement to gain an unfair advantage over computer makers.

The nine states, led by California, Massachusetts and Iowa, submitted portions of a deposition by a top Microsoft executive showing how the company designed new contracts that would prevent computer makers from suing Microsoft for infringing on the makers' patents.

The new contracts also dropped reduced costs, based on volume, that the larger computer manufacturers like Hewlett-Packard and Gateway used to get.

Because the deposition came after the end of a federally mandated public comment period, the states had to ask the court for permission to present the deposition as evidence that the settlement isn't fair to other companies.

The Justice Department grudgingly agrees, its lawyers wrote to the court, as long as the states don't try to add any more information or try to testify at a Tunney Act hearing on March 6.

The 1974 Tunney Act dictates how federal settlements should be judged to make sure they serve the public interest.

"As the Tunney Act provides no basis for grafting a collateral remedy hearing onto this settlement proceeding, further attempts generally by the non-settling states or other third parties to import information or evidence from that case into this Tunney Act proceeding would be inappropriate," Justice lawyers wrote.

Microsoft also chose not to oppose the states' bid, the company said Friday. The Microsoft executive quoted by the states, Richard Fade, also submitted a declaration to clarify his previous statements.

Fade said that the new contracts came from the settlement's requirement that there be uniform contracts for all computer manufacturers; therefore, larger computer makers would lose their previous advantages.

Fade also wrote that the patent language has existed for at least five years, and does not apply to hardware.

The federal settlement would prevent Microsoft from retaliating against partners for using non-Microsoft products; require the company to disclose some of its software blueprints so software developers can make compatible products; and make it easier for consumers to remove extra Windows features.

Scurry County Library News & Views

By Janie Romine, Librarian

"Readers Break Records!" has been our theme this February as the Olympic Games have been in the news. The Olympics are almost over, but everyone can continue to break records by reading. It may be the TAAS test, the SAT, the ACT, or the GRE, but those who read always score higher. Then it may just be the halting of a decline in brain acuity as aging occurs.

Science has shown that aging adults who read or work puzzles remain more alert and have sharper brain functions than those who do not read. It is never too late, so read more and break some records in the brain category.

Do you not know what to read? To help you in that respect, we are sponsoring the second Literary Evening at the Scurry County Library this Thursday evening.

The library board and staff hosted the first Literary Evening in the fall, and there were so many requests for more presentations, that we have scheduled another one.

It will be at 7 p.m. in the adult reading section of the library. As with the first, we will be focusing on American authors and their writings.

Are you culturally literate? Are you familiar with American authors such as Twain, Thoreau, Frost and Whitman? Have you ever read the letters of some of America's greatest, such as Washington, Jefferson and Adams? Gain new insight into the lives of these great Americans by reading their letters addressed to their contemporaries.

In the scientific field, read the writings of Audubon, including his journals. Audubon writes like a poet when he declares, "the morning broke and with it, Mirth, all about us, the Cardinals, the Towe Buntings, the Meadow Larks and Many Species of Sparrows, chearing the approach of a Benevolent sun shining day."

American literature is a vast treasure chest of prose, poetry and journals that have shaped America or have reported American life. Some works have reflected American culture, wheras some works have convicted our consciences for American change. Four of your fellow citizens will be speaking about American authors, or will be reading from some of America's greatest writings. There will be a variety of presentations, including both well-known authors and contemporary authors.

Come join us for an evening of literary enrichment. Do not sit at home and let the brain cells die. Enrich your brain and enrich your life by attending a literary evening at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Scurry County Library.

Man is arrested

DETROIT (AP) — A man was arrested for reckless driving early Friday after he lost control of his vehicle and crashed into a casino, injuring six people, police said.

The driver ... freeway and hit a wall of glass doors.

WTC slates March 18 to May 9 classes

Western Texas College will offer a special Spring Opportunity Session March 18 to May 9 with some courses offered on campus and others offered via the Internet or through Interactive Television (ITV).

Courses include beginning and intermediate algebra, college algebra, math concepts, elementary statistics, U.S. government, U.S. history, fundamentals of speech, telecommunications transmission media, and theatre activity — Community Choir.

Registration will be held March 18 from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 573-8511, ext. 214.

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CDC to test white powder

ATLANTA (AP) — When five civilian workers encountered a plastic bag containing white powder at Fort McPherson, home to the Army's Central Command, officials took no chances.

Initial field tests on the powder, found Friday, indicated the possible presence of anthrax. The five employees, along with two civilians who responded from the fire department, were showered down because of possible contamination.

The powder was sent across town to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for further tests. The results were expected Saturday.

"Those field tests have a lot of false positives," said Lisa Swenarski, a CDC spokeswoman.

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FIRST PLACE — Western Texas College's judging team won first place at the Southwest Hampshire Swine Conference held in Sweetwater. Front row from left, Dana Stribling, Tiffany Ramirez, Kandace Kimmel, Johnna Ferris; back row, Kyle Waltisperger, Michael Kermick, Amber Atkinson, David Beard. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Judging team at college gets 1st

Western Texas College's judging team won first place at the Southwest Hampshire Swine Conference held in Sweetwater Feb. 19.

Team members include David Beard of Snyder; Kyle Waltisperger of San Angelo; Tiffany Ramirez of Rule; Amber Atkinson of Dickens; Johnna Ferris and Dana Stribling, both of Snyder; Kandace Kimmel of Gail; and Michael Kermick of Abilene.

Students winning individual awards include Beard, second high; Waltisperger, fourth high; Stribling, second high woman's individual.

The WTC team also won a $1,000 scholarship for the judging program at the college.

Twenty-five college and university teams from six states competed. Kansas' Allen College won second place; Oklahoma's Redland's College placed third; and Texas Tech University earned fourth place.

Financial Focus

Good Reasons to See an Investment Professional

During the long bull market of the 1990s, it wasn't all that hard to be a successful investor. But when the dot-com bubble burst and technology stocks went into an extended slump, it suddenly became a lot harder to navigate the investment world alone. In fact, if you're going to make the right decisions in all types of markets, you'll need the help of an investment professional — but that's not the only reason to work with one.

Actually professional investment help is a plus for many reasons. Here are a few of the most common ones, courtesy of the Forum for Investor Advice.

•**Maintaining proper portfolio diversification** — Over the years, you may have bought some stocks here, some bonds there and some money market accounts somewhere else. But have you ever analyzed your portfolio to make sure it was properly diversified? An investment professional can help you keep your assets allocated in a way that is appropriate for your individual goals, tolerance for risk and time horizon.

•**Dealing with an inheritance** — If you inherited a substantial sum of money, what would you do with it? Would you know the best way to invest it to help you meet your objectives? Would you know how to avoid taking a big tax hit? An investment professional, along with your tax adviser, can help you with these issues.

•**Planning for retirement** — You've probably already thought a bit about your retirement, but have you really envisioned what it might look like? Will you spend your time traveling and pursuing hobbies, or will you do some part-time work or consulting? An investment professional can help you put a price tag on your goals and suggest investment strategies for achieving them. By showing you how much you need to save, and what type of return you need to earn, your investment professional can help guide you along a well-planned path toward retirement security.

•**Transferring 401(k) money** — When you leave your job, you'll have to decide what to do with your 401(k). You could just take the cash, but you'd have to pay income taxes, along with a possible 10 percent penalty. You could leave the money in your employer's plan, if allowed. Or you could roll over your 401(k) to an IRA or your new employer's plan. An investment professional can help you decide which move will be in your best interests.

For all these reasons, and many others, you'll want to work with a qualified investment professional. But don't just pick the first name you see. Ask your friends and relatives whom they use. You may want to interview several people until you find one with whom you'd be comfortable working. Look for someone who has experience working with people like you.

Once you've found a good match, don't hesitate to get down to work. The sooner you start getting professional assistance, the faster the progress you'll make toward your financial goals.

Bush pushes energy agenda

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush urged the Senate on Saturday to approve his proposal for curbing pollution and promoting energy efficiency, arguing it is the best way to shield American consumers from "wild swings in energy prices for the future."

Bush, just returned from a six-day foreign tour, used his weekly radio address to promote the energy plan he unveiled last week before taking off for Japan, South Korea and China.

He said his proposal would upgrade electric power lines, modernize other energy delivery systems and develop new technologies, such as cars that are powered with hydrogen and emit water. He said tax credits and other incentives will encourage development of "renewable energy," such as wind and solar power and crop fuels.

"Conservation technology and renewables are important. Yet they alone cannot solve our energy problems," Bush said. "We must also reduce America's dependence on foreign sources of oil by encouraging safe and clean exploration at home."

As part of its energy policy, the administration is particularly interested in opening the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska for oil and gas drilling. That plan has hung up the president's energy package in the Senate, where lawmakers worry that drilling would spoil ANWR's environmental beauty.

Bush argued for ANWR drilling during a stop in Alaska last week en route to Asia. "There's no doubt in my mind ... that we can find energy for America's people and at the same time preserve the beauty of Alaska," he said then.

The president defended that stance Saturday, saying he met with native leaders in Alaska "who want to preserve the grandeur of their state while carefully developing the energy beneath a small fraction of it." And, he said, labor groups embrace his energy policies generally because it will create new jobs.

Now, he said, it is up to the Senate to act.

"We all remember the blackouts and the sky-high energy bills of recent summers," Bush said. "I urge Congress to protect consumers from these wild swings in energy prices for the future. ... Unless we act to increase our energy independence, our reliance on foreign sources of energy will only increase."

Bush offered his proposal to reduce greenhouse gases as an alternative to the 1997 international agreement negotiated in Kyoto, Japan. That pact commits industrial nations to rolling back greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels.

The Kyoto protocol was signed by the Clinton administration, but never ratified by the Senate. Bush backed out of it last year, saying it would have cost the U.S. economy $400 billion and 4.9 million jobs.



DONATION — Jim Judah, Western Texas College assistant professor of agriculture, presents a $1,000 check to Kathy Hall, financial aid director at WTC. The money was won by judging team students who took first place honors at the recent Southwest Hampshire Swine Conference. The proceeds will be used for scholarships. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

WTC to offer 57 classes in 4 months

The Continuing Education Division of Western Texas College has released its 4-month schedule for the spring semester.

The line-up includes 57 classes to be offered between February and May. The courses cover a wide variety of topics including computer technology, healthcare, business, interior design, remodeling, safety, and correctional officer training.

Students who can't make it out to the campus now have the option of taking multiple courses offered over the Internet. The majority of these short courses are offered as non-credit, but a few may be taken for academic credit. There are no requirements for admission and the classes are open to anyone.

For detailed information on each course, refer to the schedule inserted in this edition of the Snyder Daily News and the schedule of online classes enclosed in next weekend editions. The schedule and class descriptions also are posted on WTC's Web site at www.wtc.cc.tx.us

Inflation will be judged by new process

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government will debut a new way of measuring consumer prices this summer in an effort to address a long-standing criticism that the existing index overstates inflation.

The new measure, called a superlative or chain consumer price index, will not replace the current CPI, the government's most closely watched inflation gauge. The CPI will continue to be published and will continue to be the focal point of the Labor Department's monthly reports on inflation at the consumer level, officials from the Bureau of Labor Statistics said Friday.

Millions of retirees will also continue to receive annual cost-of-living adjustments in their Social Security checks based on the current CPI, as required by law.

However, the new index will become part of the monthly consumer inflation reports — in the form of a new table — starting on Aug. 16.

The new measure, some five years in the making, is intended to better capture how consumers, reacting to rising prices for a specific product or service, may shift buying to a different, cheaper priced product. For instance, responding to a spike in the price of apples, consumers shift to oranges, a process called "substitution."

The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that annual inflation would be 0.1 percentage point to 0.2 percentage point lower if measured with the new index.

Because of that, there's potential for the measure to pick up some interest in certain political circles, some economists said.

"I think politicians will keep an eye on this new measure and once it's demonstrated that it is a viable and respectable index, they'll try to link it to cost of living adjustments and save themselves a lot of money," said Richard Yamarone, an economist with Argus Corp.

At present, inflation is running so low that it doesn't pose a risk to the economy or to consumers' purchasing power.

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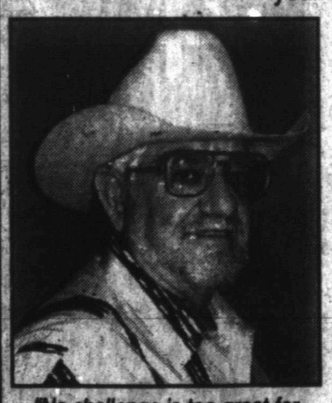
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OLYMPIC COVERAGE

U.S. repeats 'miracle' with 3-2 victory

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — This time, the Russians knew just who to blame for an Olympic failure: The U.S. hockey team.

The Americans, 22 years to the day after the "Miracle on Ice" victory in Lake Placid, nipped the Russians 3-2 to reach the gold medal game. Among those cheering the U.S. team on: 1980 captain Mike Eruzione.

The nail-biting U.S. victory followed threats by the Russians to sit out the game over alleged bias against its athletes in a variety of Olympic events: figure skating, freestyle aerials and hockey. The Russians backed off those threats Friday.

But this game wasn't decided by Olympic officials; the Americans took matters into their own hands. A first period goal by Bill Guerin gave the United States a 1-0 lead they never surrendered, although the Russians closed to 3-2 with a pair of goals in the first 2:21 of the third period.

Russian coach Slava Fetisov saw things differently, becoming the latest official from his country to raise the issue of a Olympic conspiracy against them.

"An agreement's been signed that is designed to have a final between Canada and the USA," Festisov charged. The Russians drew 12 penalty minutes, as opposed to 8 for the Americans.

U.S. defenseman Phil Housley scored what turned out to be the winning goal — the third power play score for the Americans.

"As a hockey player, you couldn't pray to be in a better position than this," winning goalie Mike Richter said after the victory.

The Americans will play Sunday against Canada in an all-North America gold medal game.

Canada had a much easier time than the Americans in its semifinal.

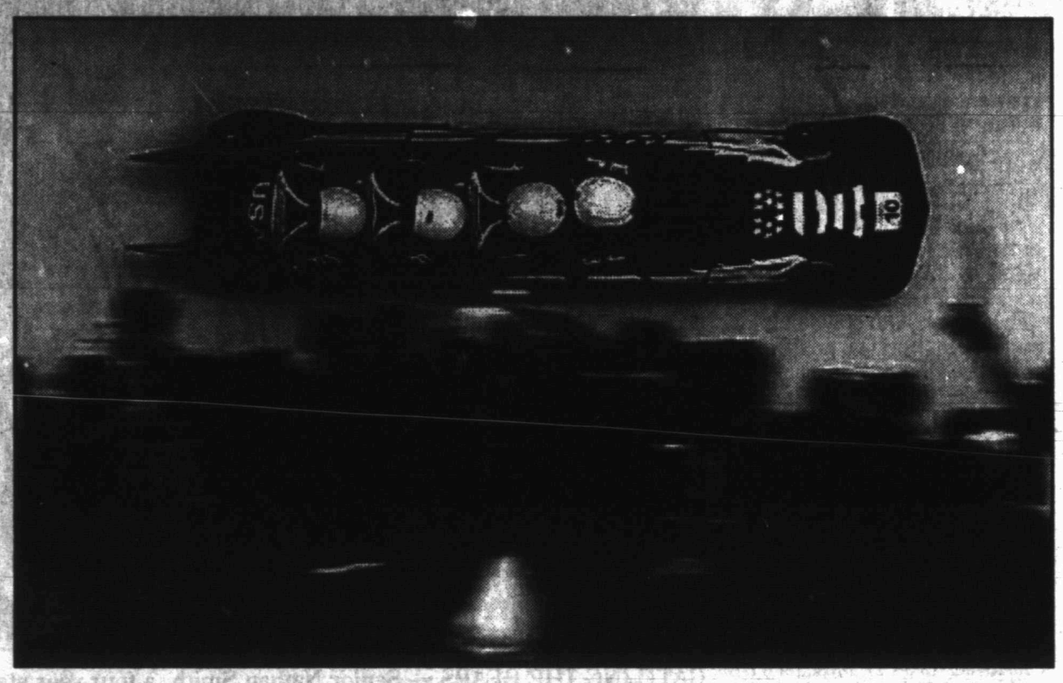
Playing one day after its women took the gold medal in a victory over the United States, Canada blasted outmanned Belarus 7-1.

Belarus, with just one NHL player, was helpless against the Canadian offensive onslaught, which included goals from NHL stars Steve Yzerman, Eric Lindros and Paul Kariya, among others. The Canadian men — this year's team was assembled by retired superstar Wayne Gretzky — have not won the gold in their national sport since 1952.

Canada reached the Olympic final without beating any of the other top five teams. Russia and Belarus will play for the bronze.

The biggest individual star of the day was Croatian skier Janica Kostelic, who captured her third Salt Lake City gold with a dominating performance in the women's giant slalom.

Heading into the last two days of the games, Germany continued to lead all countries with 33 medals (10 gold, 16 silver, seven bronze) — the highest single Winter Games total ever.



SLEEK SLED — American Todd Hays drives the USA-1 bobsled to the the fastest times in Friday's first two heats of the four-man event. The U.S. is in position to capture its first four-man bobsled gold medal in over half a century. (AP Photo)

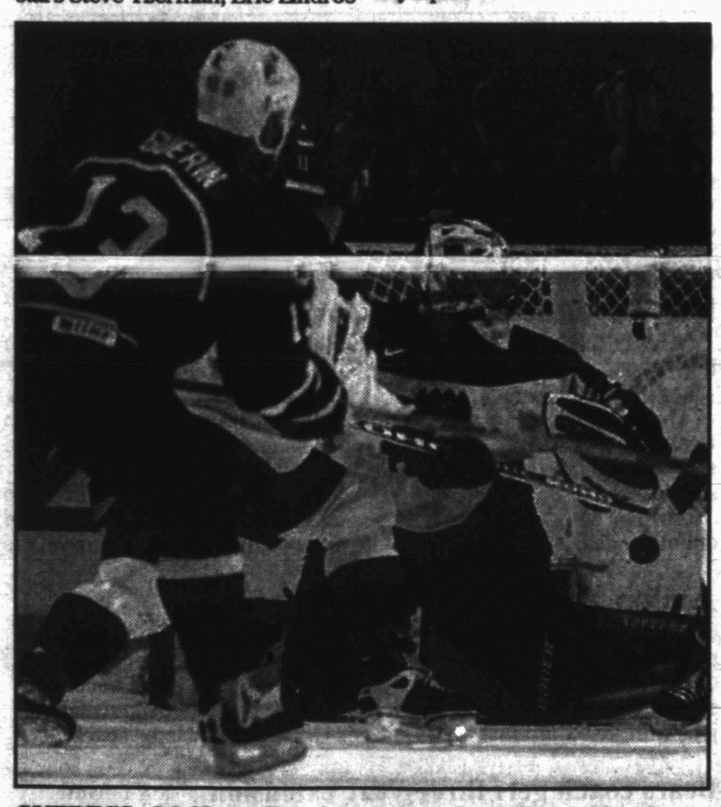
"It's great, but you know, someone is going to break that record soon," said Kostelic, oblivious to the fact that Killy last accomplished the triple in 1968 — 14 years before she was born.

Kostelic, 20, was a long shot for any medals after coming off three operations on her left knee. But she dominated the competition in the giant slalom, winning by more than a second in a race often decided by hundredths of a second.

She had already won gold in the slalom and the combined, and a silver in the super giant slalom.

Sweden's Anja Paerson won the giant slalom silver, adding to the bronze she won in Wednesday's slalom. World champion Sonja Nef of Switzerland was third.

Kostelic made history with her fourth medal in Salt Lake City, this one in thw women's giant slalom. She now stands with immortals Jean-Claude Killy and Toni Sailer as the only Alpine skiers with three golds in a single Olympics.



GUERIN'S GOAL — Russian goaltender Nikolai Khabibulin watches as the puck gets past him for a U.S. goal in the first period of Friday's semifinal match. Bill Guerin scored the goal, and the Americans never trailed on their way to a 3-2 victory. USA squares off with Canada in the gold medal game Sunday. (AP Photo)

Television Schedule

SATURDAY

NBC, 12:30-4:30 p.m.
Men's hockey: Bronze medal match. **Speed skating:** Women's 5000m.

NBC, 7-10:30 p.m.
Skiing: Men's slalom. **Bobsled:** Four-man, final runs. **Short track speed skating:** Men's 500m finals, 5000m relay finals; Women's 1000m finals. **Cross-country skiing:** Men's 50km classical.

NBC, 11-11:30 p.m.
Highlights.

SUNDAY

MSNBC, 8-10 a.m.
Olympic review.

NBC, 1:30-5 p.m.
Men's hockey: Gold medal match.

NBC, 7-10 p.m.
Cross-country skiing: Women's 30km classical. **Closing Ceremony.**

Lajunen completed a sweep of the three Nordic combined events by finishing first in the sprint.

Lajunen led after Thursday's ski-jumping competition, and stayed in front for yet another Salt Lake City win. Germany's Ronny Ackerman finished second after the 7.5-kilometer cross-country race, with Felix Gottwald of Austria taking the bronze.

American Todd Lodwick started 12th but finished fifth, the best showing ever by an American in the sport. Lodwick's seventh in this year's Olympic individual competition was the previous best.

The gold medal in men's curling went to Norway with its 6-5 victory over favored Canada. With King Harald of Norway watching from the stands, Paal Trulsen's team pulled off the upset in front of a heavily pro-Canadian crowd.

Switzerland beat Sweden 7-3 for the men's curling bronze, with Swedish captain Peja Lindholm conceding after a ninth end medal-clinching toss by Swiss captain Andreas Schwaller.

One day after threatening to leave Salt Lake City entirely, Russian officials stayed around long enough to protest the decision that gave figure skater Irina Sluskaya a silver Thursday night.

The International Skating Union took less than a day to reject the protest, which asked that Slutskaya share the gold medal with American gold medalist Sarah Hughes.

"We think the judging was biased," said Viktor Mamotov, the head of the Russian delegation. "Canadian pairs skaters were awarded their gold medals. Now that subjective judging harmed us, we want the same for Slutskaya."

The Russian rhetoric toned down on Friday, and their presence through Sunday was assured.

There was no resolution to one of the Russian complaints: the removal of nine-time Olympic medalist Larissa Lazutina after she tested for high hemoglobin levels. Drug test results expected Saturday night will determine if she can race in Sunday's 30-kilometer cross-country event.

South Korean officials, who had threatened to boycott Sunday's closing ceremony over a disqualification in short-track speedskating, also backed off their threat. Their protest will be heard by the Court for Arbitration in Sport, an independent panel.

In that case, American Apolo Anton Ohno took a gold after South Korea's Kim Dong-sung — who finished first — was disqualified for blocking.

International Olympic Committee director general Francois Carrard said that the Russian and Korean concerns would be presented to the IOC executive board Saturday, but no action will take place until after the Olympics.

What's better than two gold medals? Three gold medals — just ask Finland's Samppa Lajunen.

The last time the American men won a bobsledding medal, Dwight Eisenhower was in the White House. Todd Hays, captain of the U.S. four-man team, is halfway home in his efforts to snap the streak.

Hays and company were the leaders Friday after the first two heats in event.

The Americans have won gold in the last three events — women's bobsled and men's and women's skeletor. — on the Utah Olympic Park course.

Hays leads both Switzerland-1 and Germany-2 by .09 seconds entering Saturday's final two heats.

Another day, another record at the Utah Olympic Oval. Jochem Uytdehaage of the Netherlands won the gold medal with a world record in the 10,000-meter speed skating event, the seventh world record in nine events on the world's fastest ice. It was his second gold medal of the games.

The Dutchman became the first man ever to break the 13-minute barrier, skating 12 minutes, 58.92 in the grueling 25-lap race.

Uytdehaage upset countryman Gianni Romme, who took the silver. Norway's Lasse Saetre won the bronze.

U.S. skater Derek Parra, a double medalist at the games, finished 13th out of the 16 skaters.

Medal Count

By The Associated Press
(Through Friday, Feb. 22)
(69 total medal events)

Nation	G	S	B	Tot
Germany	10	16	7	33
United States	10	11	9	30
Norway	11	7	4	22
Austria	2	4	10	16
Russia	5	6	3	14
Canada	3	2	7	12
Switzerland	3	2	6	11
France	3	4	2	9
Italy	3	2	4	9
Finland	4	2	1	7
Netherlands	3	4	0	7
Sweden	0	2	4	6
China	1	2	2	5
Croatia	3	1	0	4
South Korea	2	1	0	3
Bulgaria	0	1	2	3
Australia	2	0	0	2
Spain	2	0	0	2
Britain	1	0	1	2
Czech Republic	1	0	1	2
Estonia	1	0	1	2
Japan	0	1	1	2
Poland	0	1	1	2
Belarus	0	0	1	1
Slovenia	0	0	1	1

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SPORTS

Speedy Bears end Ira's season, 62-55

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

ODESSA — The Ira Bulldogs knew Balmorhea had a quick team that liked to penetrate. But knowing it's coming, and being able to stop it are two totally different things.

Balmorhea used its speed and quickness to race past Ira, 62-55, Friday night in a Class A, Division II area playoff at Permian Fieldhouse.

The victory snapped the Bulldogs 21-game winning streak and ended their season with a 24-4 mark. Balmorhea improved to 22-1 and advances to face Utopia in the regional semifinals.

"They're so athletic. They're extremely quick, and they're pretty good shooters," said Ira coach Bubba Edwards. "It's hard to simulate that kind of quickness during practice, so you don't really know what you're up against until the game begins.

"We made a few mistakes early, and they were able to take advantage of them. It's really difficult to fall behind a good team as far as we did, and still win."

The Bears dominated the first quarter, forcing six Ira turnovers on their way to an 11-point lead after only eight minutes. Balmorhea held a 7-3 advantage on the boards in the opening period, and held Ira scoreless for a span of three minutes.

The Bulldogs clawed their way back in the second quarter by hitting the glass and intensifying their defensive pressure.

Ira forced eight Balmorhea turnovers, and cut a 12-point deficit in half by scoring the final six points of the period to trail 27-21 at the break.

"We did a lot better job of rebounding in the second quarter," Edwards stated. "We blocked out better on the defensive end, and we got a lot more second-chance opportunities on the offensive end."

Ira continued its charge to start the third quarter, slashing the deficit to 30-29 three minutes into the second half, before the Bears pulled away for a 42-33 lead entering the final period.

Balmorhea was able to stretch the margin after Ira senior Nathan Smith went to the bench with his fourth foul midway through the third.

"He's played for us all four years, and he's a player we need on the floor," said Edwards. "His experience and leadership is a key to this team. We needed those qualities on the floor, when Balmorhea was making their run."

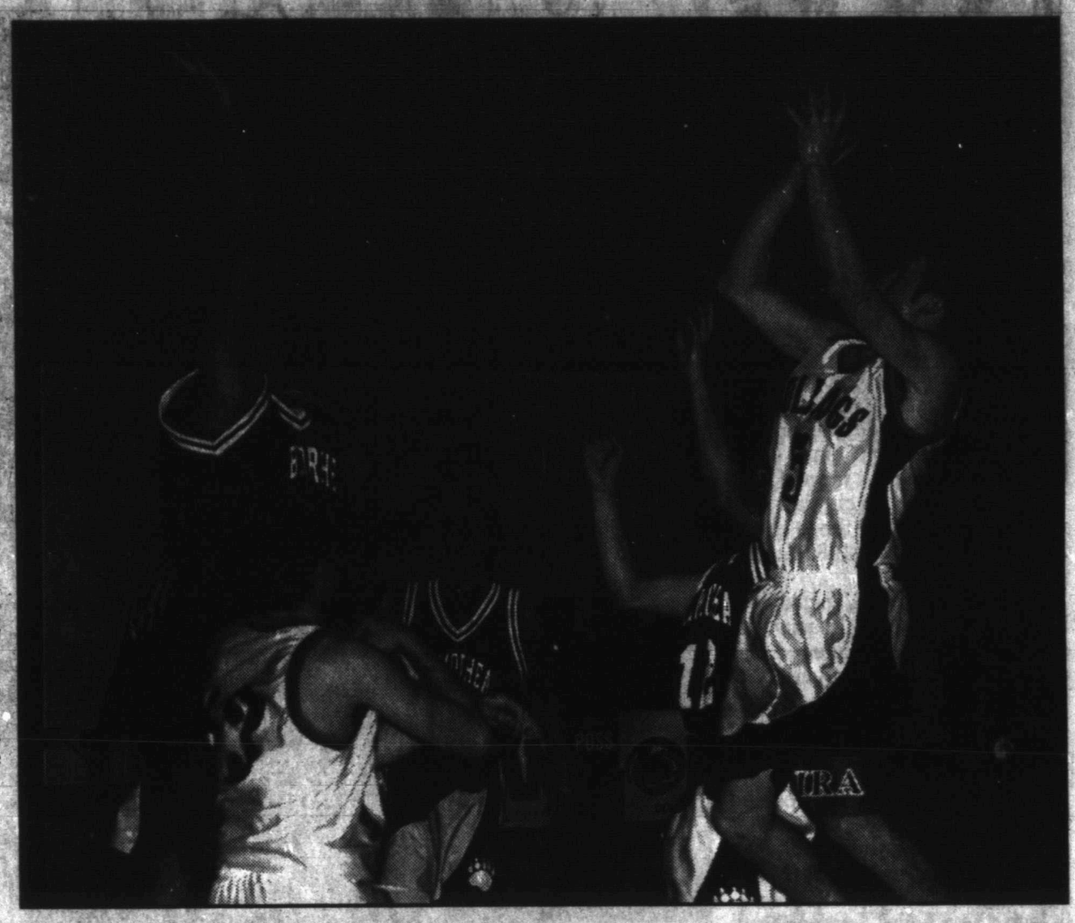
Ira got no closer than four points in the final frame and trailed by 11 points with 1:25 to go.

The Bears, who stayed almost strictly with their starting five for the entire game, was paced by Isaiah Rodriguez' 27 points. Jerry Mendoza added 18 points, and Jourmain Matta tallied 10.

Sophomore Jake Barnes led Ira's effort with 17 points, while Smith finished with 13.

Balmorhea	17	10	15	20 —	62
Ira	08	13	12	22 —	55

Balmorhea
Is. Rodriguez 12 3-4 27, Mendoza 6 6-10 18, Matta 5 0-3 10, Iv. Rodriguez 3 0-1 6, A. Rodriguez 0 1-2 1. **Totals 26 10-20 62.**
Ira
Barnes 8 1-2 17, Smith 3 6-7 13, Olvera 3 1-2 7, Dickerhoff 3 0-0 7, J. Wall 2 2-6 6, Tucker 2 0-0 5. **Totals 21 10-17 55.**
Three-point goals: Balmorhea 0, Ira 3 (Smith, Dickerhoff, Tucker). Rebounds: Balmorhea 33, Ira 36. Total fouls: Balmorhea 16, Ira 19. Fouled out — Iv. Rodriguez; Olvera, T. Wall.



BATTLING THE BEARS — Senior Nathan Smith, a four-year starter for Ira, shoots over a Balmorhea defender Friday night as teammate Cade Tucker (13) looks on during the Bulldogs' 62-55 setback in a Class A, Division II area playoff at Permian Fieldhouse. Ira finished its season with a record of 24-4. (SDN Staff Photo)

Borden County to face Nazareth...

Lady Coyotes top Brookesmith

With a Friday night win in the Class A Division II quarterfinals safely tucked away, the Borden County Coyotes were scheduled to play perennial powerhouse Nazareth Saturday at 1 p.m.

The Lady Coyotes earned the right to play the Swiftettes – defending state champions and top-ranked this year – by defeating Brookesmith by a score of 48 to 37.

Rika Copeland led the Lady Coyotes in the win with 18 points, while Mika Hensley tossed in 11.

Other scorers included Patti Rodriguez with 9 tallies, while Bobbie Kempf added 8, and Dalene Kempf had 2.

Borden County trailed by three at the end of the first quarter, but managed to eke out a 23-21 halftime advantage.

Brookesmith made up the two point deficit in the third quarter and tied the score at 32-all heading into the final stanza.

The Lady Coyotes squashed Brookesmith in the fourth quarter as they put 16 points on the scoreboard as compared to their opponent's five.

The games are played in the Wilkerson-Grimes Activity Center in Fort Worth.

Snyder tops Randall, Andress...

Tigers' bats come alive in two victories at San Angelo event

SAN ANGELO — After getting off to an 0-2 start this season, it didn't take the Snyder Tigers long to get back to .500.

Snyder knocked off Canyon Randall and El Paso Andress in a pair of tournament games Friday at the Best of the West Classic.

The Tigers (2-2) were to have faced district rival Lake View Saturday morning for the right to advance to the semifinals. A win over the Chiefs would pit Snyder against San Angelo Central, with the winner of the game moving to the championship round.

The Tigers found plenty of offense in Friday's victories, knocking off Randall, 12-9, before hammering Andress, 26-10.

Shay Franks went the distance on the mound against Randall, scattering 13 hits to pick up his first win.

The Tigers slapped 14 hits, four of them for extra bases. Brandon McGuire belted a triple, and Billy Pena, Stephen Ortegon, Heath Conner and Brooks Nunley registered doubles.

Franks and Conner teamed up on the mound to pick up the win against Andress.

The Tigers tallied 10 runs in the first inning, and finished off Andress in five innings.

Tito Alaniz blasted a home run to fuel Snyder's offensive outburst. Riki Dorsett tripled, and Ortegon belted a pair of doubles. McGuire and Michael Pendleton also doubled.

The Tigers return home Monday to host San Angelo Central at 5 p.m. at Moffett Field.

Boys Basketball Playoffs

CLASS 5A
Region I
Area
Midland Lee 73, EP Eastwood 49
Lubbock Monterey 52, EP Bel Air 46
Cedar Hill 59, Lewisville 47
The Colony 53, Arlington Bowie 49 (OT)
Amarillo 66, EP Andress 57
EP Franklin 64, Lubbock Coronado 53
Duncanville 68, Flower Mound 56
Coppell 90, Arlington Houston 78
Regional Quarterfinals
Midland Lee (26-5) vs. Lubbock Monterey (20-13)
Cedar Hill (31-1) vs. The Colony (28-2)
Amarillo (24-8) vs. EP Franklin (28-5)
Duncanville (22-9) vs. Coppell (27-8)

CLASS 4A
Region I
Area
Lubbock Estacado 55, EP Bowie 34
Canyon Randall 96, Fabens 68
North Crowley 73, Wichita Falls 53
FW Polytechnic 55, Southlake Carroll 48
Canyon 70, El Paso 44
Amarillo Palo Duro (23-11) vs. EP Parkland (22-7)
FW Dunbar 77, NRH Birdville 45
FW Eastern Hills 87, Burkburnett 85 (OT)
Regional Quarterfinals
Lubbock Estacado (29-6) vs. Canyon Randall (22-11)
North Crowley (30-3) vs. FW Polytechnic (26-5)
Canyon (26-5) vs. Amarillo Palo Duro (24-11) or EP Parkland (23-7)
FW Dunbar (29-2) vs. FW Eastern Hills (21-10)

CLASS 3A
Region I
Area
Sanford Fritch 63, Fort Stockton 53
Dimmitt 81, Denver City 77 (OT)
Abilene Wylie 69, Kennedale 56
Decatur 48, Lake Worth 44
Shallowater 76, Seminole 53
Perryton 43, Midland Greenwood 40
Sweetwater 54, Glen Rose 49
Merkel 61, Aledo 46
Regional Quarterfinals
Sanford Fritch (27-3) vs. Dimmitt (26-7)
Abilene Wylie (22-8) vs. Decatur (26-6)
Shallowater (22-8) vs. Perryton (16-11)
Sweetwater (18-10) vs. Merkel (27-4)

CLASS 2A
Region I
Area
Sundown 57, Ozona 44
Wall 68, Tahoka 35
Olney 64, Spearman 58
Hamlin 69, Panhandle 62
Eldorado 60, Coahoma 59
Reagan County 44, Idalou 33
West Texas 66, Holliday 59
Abernathy 60, Memphis 48
Regional Quarterfinals
Sundown (24-6) vs. Wall (22-6)
Olney (25-5) vs. Hamlin (16-8)
Eldorado (23-12) vs. Reagan County (22-8)
West Texas (19-15) vs. Abernathy (25-4)

CLASS A
Division I, Region I
Area
Stratford 66, Farwell 54
Iraan 62, O'Donnell 60
White Deer 63, Hart 61
Irion County 39, Crosbyton 37
Regional Semifinals
Stratford (17-8) vs. Iraan
White Deer (21-5) vs. Irion County

CLASS A
Division II, Region II
Area
Balmorhea 62, Ira 55
Utopia 44, Panther Creek 35
Grady 58, Sanderson 27
D'Hanis 44, Brookesmith 33
Regional Semifinals
Balmorhea (22-1) vs. Utopia (28-1)
Grady (21-10) vs. D'Hanis

Belarus skater warned by IOC

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A short-track speedskater from Belarus was given a severe warning by the IOC on Friday for steroids found in her system, but the case was not considered drug positive and she was allowed to remain in the Olympic Village and march in the closing ceremony.

The IOC's executive board found Yulia Pavlovich, who abruptly checked out of the village Monday rather than submit to another test for nandrolone, had inadvertently taken the drug in a food supplement supplied by her team doctor and coach. Both officials were expelled from the games.

"She was more manipulated than a manipulator," IOC director general Francois Carrard said. "She was given a severe warning but she can stay and march."

Tossed out of the Winter Games were Dr. Evgeny Lositsky and Tatsiana Pavlovich, who is both coach and mother to the speedskater.

Carrard said they had violated IOC rules by "maneuver and manipulation" to void a drug test.

Carrard also said the International Olympic Committee was still waiting for results of urine tests taken from a Russian cross-country skiing star who was disqualified from a race Thursday because of high hemoglobin levels. He said the results were expected late Saturday, less than a day before Larissa Lazutina is scheduled to compete in the 30-kilometer race on the last day of the games.

Sports Briefs

NBA suspends Blazer's Kemp indefinitely

TUALATIN, Ore. (AP) — Portland Trail Blazers forward Shawn Kemp was suspended indefinitely without pay by the NBA for violating terms of the league's anti-drug agreement.

The NBA said the suspension will continue until he has resumed full compliance with his treatment program. Kemp, who also has battled weight problems, left the Blazers late last season for treatment of cocaine abuse. Each game Kemp misses will cost him $141,889 of his $12.77 million salary.

Hornets sell season tickets for New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The Charlotte Hornets, hoping to move from North Carolina, have sold 4,104 season tickets and 22 luxury suites in New Orleans.

The figures are a significant improvement over those released a week ago — just over 2,000 season tickets and 10 suites — but well short of the targets the team hopes to reach by March 15: 10,450 season tickets and 52 suites.

If the Hornets cannot reach those goals by March 15, they can back out of the deal it made with the state to move the team here this year.

Griffey Jr. resigns from Reds staff

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — Ken Griffey Sr. resigned from the Cincinnati Reds coaching staff but will remain with the team as a consultant.

The Reds gave no reason for Griffey's decision. He will become a special consultant to Reds general manager Jim Bowden, switching jobs with Jose Cardenal, who replaces Griffey as first-base coach.

Bears coach gets three-year extension

CHICAGO (AP) — Dick Jauron, whose job was in serious jeopardy entering the 2001 season, got a new three-year contract from the Chicago Bears after leading them to a 13-4 record and its first playoff berth in seven years.

Expected No. 1 pick uninjured in wreck

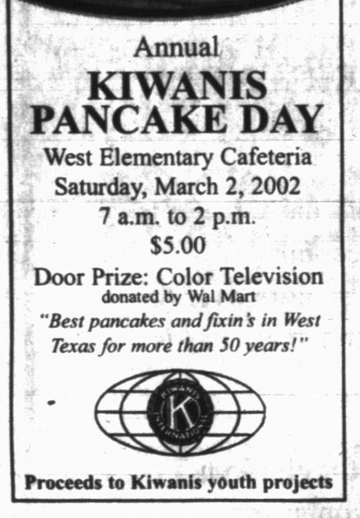
FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — Former Fresno State quarterback David Carr and his wife and baby escaped injury after a driver hit his car and sped away Thursday night.

Carr, who is expected to be the No. 1 draft pick by the Houston Texans in April, and his family were headed south on Highway 41 when the speeding Chevy sport utility vehicle rear-ended his Saturn sedan.

Chamblee leads Tucson Open

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Brandel Chamblee shot a 5-under-par 67 fto reach 12-under 132 halfway through the Tucson Open, good for a two-shot lead on Steve Pate and Bob Tway.

Steve Pate shot a 66 and Tway 67 to get into the final field of the tightest Tucson event since 1969. The cut was at 140, and only 73 made it.


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SPORTS

Sundown, Wall earn area wins

It was over early in both boys Class 2A area playoff games Friday night at Scurry County Coliseum.

Wall pounded Tahoka, 65-35, in the opener, before Sundown knocked off Ozona, 57-44, to wrap up the evening. Both winners held double-digit leads by halftime.

Wall (22-6) and Sundown (24-6) square off here Tuesday in the regional quarterfinals.

In the opener, the Hawks raced to a 30-16 halftime advantage, then poured in 35 second-half points to seal the game.

Three Wall players finished in double figures led by Brett Schniers' 30 points.

In similar fashion, Sundown jumped on top for a 34-18 lead at the break. Randy Snead dropped in 19 points to lead the effort.



OPENING TIP — Ira's Jake Barnes (42) and Balmorhea's Jourmain Matta (23) duel for the ball Friday at the start of their area playoff in Odessa. Looking on for Ira are Eric Dickerhoff (12), Nathan Smith (5) and Todd Wall (15). Balmorhea won the game, 62-55. (SDN Photo)

High-profile players ousted in match play

CARLSBAD, Calif. (AP) — For those who have a problem with the format of the Match Play Championship, the quarterfinalists have one thing to say — get over it.

Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson and David Duval have been gone since Wednesday's opening round. Only one golfer in the top 10 made it through to the quarterfinals, No. 6 David Toms.

The marquee players are gone from La Costa, which might not please TV executives and some ticket-holders. But the eight remaining players — seven of them are Americans — have certainly earned their spots.

There have been suggestions that the first few rounds be stroke play, followed by match play, in order to keep the big names around at least until the weekend.

Tom Lehman, the 28th seed who survived into Saturday's quarterfinals, disagrees.

"Well, I think it's crazy," Lehman said after his 4 and 3 win over No. 53 Matt Gogel on Friday. "I mean, maybe TV doesn't like it so much that Tiger is not here, but what the heck, if Pete Sampras loses the first round, he doesn't keep on playing until he makes it to the finals. That's the way sports is. The top guy can lose to the bottom guy and that's the beauty of sports."

Scott McCarron, the 45th seed who eliminated No. 4 Sergio Garcia, said the pressure is enormous and match play can give golfers gray hairs. But he says the seedings mean nothing.

"As far as marquee players, the guys who are left are playing the best in the world now. These are your marquee players. I don't care who they are," McCarron said.

That said, though, the remaining seeds look like lottery picks: No. 6 Toms, No. 17 Bob Estes, No. 25 Paul Azinger, No. 26 Jose Maria Olazabal, No. 28 Lehman, No. 45 McCarron, No. 47 Brad Faxon and No. 62 Kevin Sutherland.

It was the third time in four years of the Accenture Match Play Championship that only one top-10 seed was remaining after the first three rounds.

"Obviously, everybody sticking around is liking it OK," Azinger said. "The guys that are here are here for a reason. They are here because they are playing really decent golf."

Azinger looked like a beaten man Friday, 2 down with four holes to play. After birdies on four of the next five holes, he won in 20 holes over Niclas Fasth of Sweden.

Williams, friends mum about shooting

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — During his playing-days with the New Jersey Nets, Jayson Williams made headlines with his rebounding and his locker-room wit, along with his hard partying and barroom scuffles.

Now, in retirement — and with his wildest days behind him, according to friends — he may be in the biggest trouble of his life.

Last week, a limousine driver was found shot to death at Williams' 65-acre New Jersey estate, and published reports quoted unidentified sources as saying the former athlete was playfully twirling one of his many shotguns when the weapon accidentally went off.

Authorities have not said who fired the gun, and Williams, a normally talkative NBC analyst, has not publicly spoken about the shooting.

Neither have about a dozen Harlem Globetrotters and other friends who were at the estate during the Feb. 14 shooting. Some of them at first reported Costas Christofi's death as a suicide.

Williams, who turned 34 on Friday, has freely admitted to mistakes in life, episodes he describes in a 2000 autobiography as "a lot of beers and barroom brawls and some scrapes with the law and too many fights and some yelling matches with coaches and a bunch of headlines."

In 1992, he was accused of smashing a beer mug over a patron's head at a Chicago bar. Two years later, he was accused of firing a semiautomatic weapon into the parking lot at the Meadowlands sports complex.

He writes in his autobiography that he almost shot New York Jets wide receiver Wayne Chrebet while firing a shotgun on his skeet-shooting range. And Williams faces a hearing next week on a charge that he pushed a police officer last November in a New Jersey bar.

Friends describe Williams as a generous, happy guy who at times has gotten a little out of hand. But they say he has left his wildest days behind him, getting married, donating to AIDS charities and adopting the children of his two dead sisters.

"Jayson is a nice guy," said former heavyweight champion Larry Holmes. "He gets angry every now and then. We all do. But I don't know if he'll get angry enough to kill somebody or shoot somebody."

Williams' lawyer, Joseph Hayden, initially called the shooting of Christofi an "unfortunate accident," then denied published reports describing the shooting as a result of Williams' horseplay.

He has not returned calls for comment this week. Williams' home number has been disconnected.

In his autobiography "Loose Balls," Williams, a child of an interracial couple from Ritter, S.C., who later moved to New York's Lower East Side, describes an upbringing in which his father whipped him when he was bad and his mother once shot at his father and chased him through the neighborhood with a butcher knife.

His two sisters died of AIDS, one from a blood transfusion after she was stabbed. Williams writes that he cornered the man who stabbed his sister the day he got out of prison and pointed a gun at him before letting him go.

"I consider myself strong and I consider myself tough, but Jesus would not let me take that man's life," he writes.

He says he had someone else take his SATs to help him get into St. John's University.

Don Casey, his former coach at the Nets, said Williams may have exaggerated some of the less savory events in his life to be more entertaining.

"In many ways he is always on stage, showing his house, playing with that new team of his or sitting in a stadium cafe or just playing basketball," Casey said. "This is part of his shtick. I don't think there is a dark side."

Big 12 Basketball

MEN	Conference W	L	Pct.	All Games W	L	Pct.
Kansas	13	0	1.000	24	2	.923
Oklahoma	10	3	.769	21	4	.840
Texas Tech	8	5	.615	19	6	.760
Texas	8	5	.615	17	9	.654
Oklahoma St.	8	5	.615	21	6	.778
Missouri	7	6	.538	18	10	.643
Nebraska	5	8	.385	12	12	.500
Kansas St.	5	8	.385	11	13	.458
Baylor	4	9	.308	14	12	.538
Colorado	4	9	.308	13	11	.542
Iowa St.	3	10	.231	11	16	.407
Texas A&M	3	10	.231	9	18	.333

Saturday's games
Texas A&M at Texas Tech
Texas at Oklahoma
Baylor at Oklahoma State
Missouri at Colorado
Kansas State at Iowa State
Sunday's game
Kansas at Nebraska
Monday's game
Oklahoma State at Missouri
Tuesday's games
Texas Tech at Texas
Iowa State at Oklahoma
Colorado at Texas A&M
Wednesday's games
Kansas State at Kansas
Baylor at Nebraska

WOMEN	Conference W	L	Pct.	All Games W	L	Pct.
Oklahoma	12	2	.857	22	3	.880
Kansas St.	10	4	.714	22	5	.815
Baylor	10	4	.714	22	4	.846
Colorado	9	5	.643	19	8	.704
Texas	8	5	.615	17	7	.708
Iowa St.	8	6	.571	20	6	.769
Texas Tech	7	7	.500	16	9	.640
Oklahoma St.	6	8	.429	14	13	.519
Missouri	5	8	.385	14	10	.583
Texas A&M	5	8	.385	13	12	.520
Nebraska	4	10	.286	14	12	.538
Kansas	0	13	.000	5	21	.192

Saturday's games
Nebraska at Texas Tech
Kansas State at Colorado
Oklahoma at Missouri
Texas A&M at Texas
Kansas at Iowa State
Sunday's game
Baylor at Oklahoma State
Tuesday's games
Texas at Kansas
Colorado at Nebraska
Wednesday's games
Texas Tech at Oklahoma
Missouri at Kansas State
Oklahoma State at Texas A&M
Baylor at Iowa State
End of women's regular season

National Basketball Association

By The Associated Press
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EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
New Jersey	37	17	.685	—
Boston	31	24	.564	6½
Orlando	28	25	.528	8½
Philadelphia	27	26	.509	9½
Washington	27	26	.509	9½
Miami	21	31	.404	15
New York	20	33	.377	16½
Central Division				
Detroit	31	22	.585	—
Milwaukee	31	22	.585	—
Toronto	29	28	.509	4
Charlotte	27	27	.500	4½
Indiana	26	28	.481	5½
Cleveland	19	35	.352	12½
Atlanta	19	36	.345	13
Chicago	14	40	.259	17½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Dallas	38	17	.691	—
Minnesota	36	18	.667	1½
San Antonio	35	18	.660	2
Utah	31	24	.564	7
Houston	19	35	.352	18½
Denver	16	35	.314	20
Memphis	15	39	.278	22½
Pacific Division				
Sacramento	40	14	.741	—
L.A. Lakers	37	16	.698	2½
Portland	30	24	.556	10
Seattle	29	26	.527	11½
L.A. Clippers	27	29	.482	14
Phoenix	26	29	.473	14½
Golden State	15	37	.289	24

Thursday's Games
New Jersey 93, Washington 82
L.A. Lakers 104, Cleveland 97
Orlando 119, L.A. Clippers 102
Phoenix 78, Memphis 72
Dallas 98, Boston 92
Houston 89, Minnesota 83
San Antonio 115, Sacramento 92
Portland 94, Atlanta 79
Friday's Games
Detroit 80, Toronto 72
Cleveland 103, Indiana 93
L.A. Lakers 96, Charlotte 94
New Jersey 115, New York 93
Chicago 91, Phoenix 83
Milwaukee 116, Golden State 112
Seattle 99, Atlanta 96
Saturday's Games
Sacramento at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Orlando, 5:30 p.m.
Miami at Washington, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Indiana, 8 p.m.
Boston at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Golden State at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Denver at Portland, 10 p.m.
Sunday's Games
L.A. Lakers at New York, Noon
Detroit at Milwaukee, 3 p.m.
Charlotte at New Jersey, 3 p.m.
Seattle at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Orlando at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Washington at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Atlanta at Denver, 9 p.m.

Girls Basketball Playoffs

CLASS 5A
Region I
Semifinals
Chaparral Center, Midland
Mansfield 67, Lubbock Coronado 43
Weatherford 58, Amarillo 55
Final
Mansfield (31-3) vs. Weatherford (31-2)
Region II
Semifinals
Ferrell Center, Waco
Plano 60, Houston Jersey Village 54
Spring Westfield 67, Plano West 53
Final
Plano (27-7) vs. Spring Westfield (32-1)
Region III
Semifinals
Aldine High School, Houston
Pasadena South Houston 58, FB Hightower 56
FB Dulles 67, GP North Shore 61
Final
Pasadena South Houston (28-6) vs. FB Dulles (28-7)
Region IV
Semifinals
UT-San Antonio
Buda Hays 37, CC Miller 34
SA Taft 87, CC Ray 61
Final
Buda Hays (30-5) vs. SA Taft (33-3)
CLASS 4A
Region I
Semifinals
Howard College, Big Spring
Plainview 77, Southlake Carroll 55
Canyon 44, FW Wyatt 24
Final
Plainview (32-1) vs. Canyon (30-1)
Region II
Semifinals
Moody Coliseum, Dallas
Dallas Lincoln 88, Sulphur Springs 63
Waxahachie 70, Mesquite Poteet 54
Final
Dallas Lincoln (22-5) vs. Waxahachie (26-7)
Region III
Semifinals
Montagne Center, Beaumont
Angleton 63, Brenham 53
Beaumont Ozen 46, Conroe Oak Ridge 44
Final
Angleton (30-4) vs. Beaumont Ozen (23-10)
Region IV
Semifinals
St. Mary's, San Antonio
Dripping Springs 49, Alice 28
Del Valle 72, SA Houston 67 (OT)
Final
Dripping Springs (29-4) vs. Del Valle (23-10)

CLASS 3A
Region I
Semifinals
Griffin Arena, Lubbock
Shallowater 55, Decatur 51
Perryton 42, Ballinger 32
Final
Shallowater (29-4) vs. Perryton (31-2)
Region II
Semifinals
Texas A&M-Commerce
Brownsboro 58, Canton 42
Texarkana Liberty Eylau 60, Crandall 47
Final
Brownsboro (33-4) vs. Texarkana Liberty Eylau (27-5)
Region III
Semifinals
Sam Houston State, Huntsville
Crockett vs. Mt. Belvieu Barber's Hill
Kountze 45, Groesbeck 42
Final
Crockett or Mt. Belvieu Barber's Hill vs. Kountze (26-4)
Region IV
Semifinals
Texas A&M-Kingsville
Llano 38, Ingleside 25
Smithville 66, Gonzales 52
Final
Llano (28-6) vs. Smithville
CLASS 2A
Region I
Semifinals
Moody Coliseum, Abilene
Abernathy 32, Wall 30
Seagraves 54, Floydada 33
Final
Abernathy (23-8) vs. Seagraves (31-1)
Region II
Semifinals
Tarleton State, Stephenville
Pilot Point (24-9) vs. Leonard (27-5)
Boyd (30-3) vs. Gunter (31-1)
Final
Pilot Point (25-9) or Leonard (28-5) vs. Boyd (31-3) or Gunter (32-1)
Region III
Semifinals
Tyler Junior College
Kerens 64, Winnie East Chambers 53
Buffalo 72, Mt. Pleasant Chapel Hill 46
Final
Kerens (29-4) vs. Buffalo (27-8)
Region IV
Semifinals
St. Edward's, Austin
SA Cole 45, Salado 41
Somerville 49, Port Aransas 44
Final
SA Cole vs. Somerville
CLASS A—Division I
Region I-II
State Quarterfinals
South Plains College, Levelland
Sudan 48, Smyer 38
Brock 66, Baird 46
State Semifinals
Sudan (30-5) vs. Brock (32-2)
Region III-IV
State Quarterfinals
Stephen F. Austin, Nacogdoches
La Poyner 33, Kennard 25
Shiner vs. Moulton (29-2)
State Semifinals
La Poyner (28-2) vs. Shiner or Moulton (30-2)
CLASS A—Division II
Region I-II
State Quarterfinals
Wilkerson-Greines Center, Ft. Worth
Nazareth 48, Hedley 41
Borden County 48, Brookesmith 37
State Semifinals
Nazareth (31-2) vs. Borden County (29-5)
Region III-IV
tate Quarterfinals
Georgetown High School
Dodd City 57, Gordon 47
Round Top-Carmine vs. Martinsville
State Semifinals
Dodd City vs. Round Top Carmine or Martinsville


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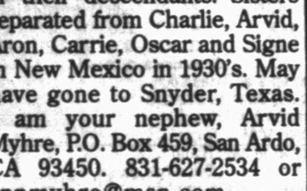
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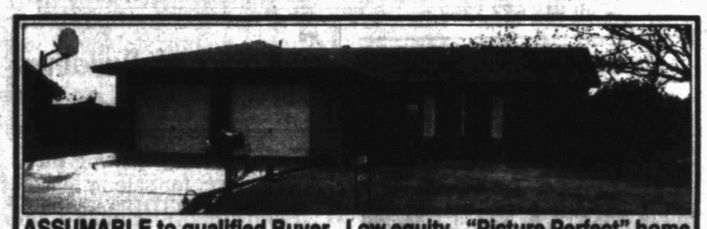
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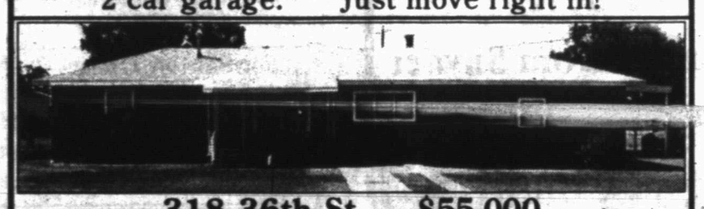
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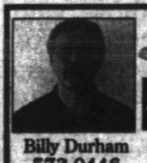
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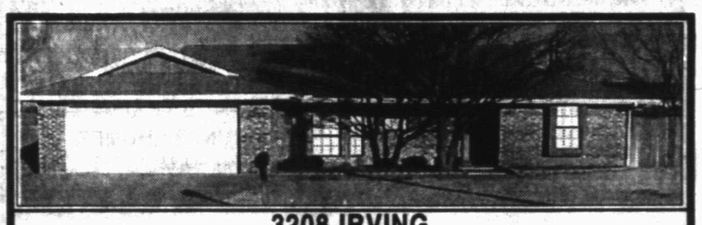
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1-Border Disc
1-Cattle Guard
30 Jts 2/38" Structural Steel Pipe
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We, the family of Dwain Camp, would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to Dr. Cooper, Dr. Kerr, Dr. Fagan, Community Care Hospice, Snyder EMS, Cogdell Home Health and the medical staff at Cogdell Memorial Hospital for the care, concern, and compassion given to him during his illness.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

A personal touch

DEAR DR. GOTT: Do you clone yourself? How do you manage to have a medical practice and write your daily column? However you do it, congratulations - and keep up the good work.

P.S. How can I get a copy of your new photography book?

DEAR READER: Thank you for your compliment and encouragement. They mean a lot to me when, as often happens, I've put in full day at the office, been to the hospital and made rounds at the nursing home - only to discover that the column calls. At that point, my evening (or weekend) turns out to be more demanding than I thought it would be.

I suppose that if I didn't enjoy my work, it would be a drag. Wearing two (sometimes three) hats is, however, very rewarding - not from the standpoint of monetary income, you understand, but from the perspective of helping others. The column is simply my way of making "housecalls" on new friends. I write in my "off hours." My public is a vital part of my patient-network; I take each letter seriously - even though some may be humorously bizarre and offbeat. I would die on the vine without the constant responses from my readers, even though these responses are occasionally critical. I try to answer pertinent correspondence in print; for obvious reasons, I cannot reply personally to readers' questions, because the column generates about 2,500 letters a week. I am in the process of developing a Web site. That will take time, because I am most loyal to my newspaper-reading consumers, and - dare I admit it? - I am computer-illiterate. I simply haven't had the time to become familiar with these electronic marvels. (Perhaps I will once I retire. But I won't now, because I have too many car payments!)

So thanks for putting up with me, and - please - keep those letters coming.

"Windows of 'Sconset on Nantucket Island," the book to which you refer, is a hit. You can order one for $14 (includes postage and handling) from Pat Miller, Ice Island Press, P.O. Box 433, Lakeville, CT 06039. I'll autograph the book when requested to do so.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My mother has been prescribed atenolol. What is this drug, and what sickness does she have?

DEAR READER: Atenolol is one drug in the class of beta-blockers, medication ordinarily used to combat hypertension and to treat cardiovascular conditions, such as angina. Beta-blockers have three major effects on the circulation: they slow the pulse rate, reduce the work of the heart and lower blood pressure (by [illegible] body).

Atenolol has a long and distinguished track record. It is inexpensive, convenient and has been in use for decades. It should be prescribed cautiously in patients with heart failure and asthma because it may worsen these conditions.

Although I have given a very brief overview of your mother's therapy, this is not sufficient. Rather than attempting to guess her disease by analyzing her medication, you should approach her physician for an in-depth discussion of your mother's health. This direct strategy will give you far more useful information than does the Agatha Christie option of simply examining the clues. For example, atenolol is occasionally prescribed for patients with alcohol withdrawal, migraine headaches and certain forms of anxiety (such as stage-fright).

While your mother's illness is likely to be related to her cardiovascular system, you need to talk to her (and her doctor) about her general clinical status and health problems.

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Senior Center Menu

Monday

Steak & cheese hoagies, potato pancakes, sliced peaches, chocolate chip cookie

Tuesday

Chicken fried steak w/cream gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, coconut pudding

Wednesday

King Ranch chicken, Harvard beets, vegetable sticks, broccoli/cauliflower salad, peach cobbler

Thursday

Chicken & dumplings, golden carrots, savory peas, tomato wedges, chocolate cake

Friday

Fried fish, baked beans, potato rounds, cucumber/onion salad, pineapple upside-down cake

Senior Center News

Seniors are invited to attend a seminar on Medicare choices slated from 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, at the Senior Center.

The program will be presented by Jeannie Williams, benefits counselor for the West Central Texas Area Agency on Aging, and Norma Plascensia Almanza, public information specialist for the Texas Department of Insurance.

Topics include MedicarePlus choice plans, Medicare supplemental insurance, Medicare savings programs, prescription drug assistance programs, other cost-cutting programs. For more information, call the West Central Council of Governments at 1-915-672-8544 or 1-800-928-2262.

Volunteers are reminded to record all of their hours at the center by Thursday in order to receive full credit at the Volunteer Recognition Banquet on March 22.

Volunteers are needed for the home-delivered meal program. All support will be welcomed whether once a week, once a month or as a substitute. Call 573-4035 for more information.

Monday

Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. All seniors who just completed bridge lessons are encouraged to practice their new skills. Seniors interested in the nine-ball tournament are asked to sign up by 9:30 a.m. Juanita Ellington will lead daily exercises at 11 a.m.

Tuesday

Beginning at 10 a.m., seniors may participate in eighty-eight at the center or swimnastics at Western Texas College. The Local Yokels will provide musical entertainment in the dining room at 11 a.m. The Golden K Kiwanis is a service organization that meets at the center at noon. Newcomers are welcome. The center will open for games and the dance at 7 p.m. Benny Benitez and his volunteer band will provide the music. The cost of the dance is a suggested $4 per senior citizen.

Wednesday

Ladies are invited to play pool at 9 a.m. The Kitchen Band will entertain in the dining room at 11 a.m. Line dancing and clogging practice begins at 1 p.m. in the dining room. Bernhard Bartels is available on Wednesday to assist seniors in filing income tax returns. He will be located in the Social Security office at the center from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1-3 p.m.

Thursday

The Sunshine Choir will perform for the residents of Snyder Oaks at 10 a.m. Also at 10 a.m., seniors may participate in swimnastics at Western Texas College.

Friday

The blood pressure clinic and bridge play begin at 9:30 a.m. Seniors may participate in eighty-eight or exercise at 11 a.m.

Animator Chuck Jones dies

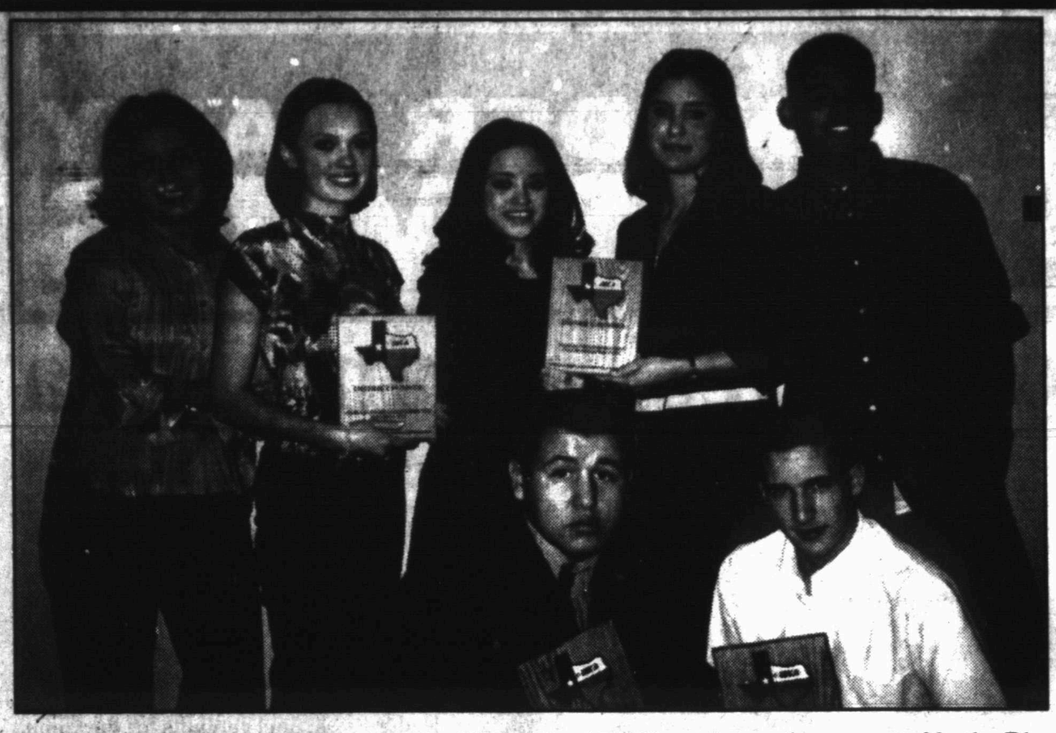
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Academy Award-winning animator Chuck Jones, best known for making Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck, Elmer Fudd, Porky Pig and other beloved characters come to life, has died. He was 89.

He died Friday of congestive heart failure at his Newport Beach home with his wife, Marian, by his side, said his daughter, Linda Jones.

Chuck Jones worked on more than 300 animated films in a career that spanned more than 60 years. Three of his films won Academy Awards and he was awarded an honorary Oscar in 1996 for lifetime achievement. He also received an honorary life membership from the Directors Guild of America.

While she praised her father's legacy in the world of animation, Linda Jones said she would remember him as a great father. She was grateful they had a chance to collaborate on several projects, including "Chariots of Fur" in 1994 and "Superior Duck" in 1996.

"He and I have had a lifetime of being close, which is a rarity," she said. "I value that as much as anyone values his great genius."



DECA STUDENTS COMPETE — Snyder High School DECA students who competed in the District 9 career development conference include Chrissy Hernandez, Stormy Clark, Jaci Tovar, Dawn Lopez, Jon Medrano, Brodie Pierce and Michael Medrano. (Contributed Photo)

Police arrest neighbor in case of missing 7-year-old

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A missing 7-year-old girl's neighbor was arrested for suspicion of kidnapping after the girl's blood was found in his motor home, authorities said.

David Westerfield, a 49-year-old self-employed engineer who lived two doors down from second-grader Danielle van Dam, was taken into custody Friday. He was expected to be arraigned Tuesday.

DNA tests completed Friday confirmed that blood in Westerfield's vehicle and on a piece of his clothing was Danielle's, San Diego Police Chief David Bejarano said.

"We are extremely confident of the DNA link," he said.

The parents planned searches for Danielle on Saturday in two remote areas of eastern San Diego County. Authorities say she was abducted from her bedroom three weeks ago.

Bejarano would not offer any details about what may have happened to the girl and would not discuss why she was kidnapped.

Westerfield's attorney, Steven Feldman, said he will likely ask a judge to impose a gag order on everyone involved in the case.

"We certainly intend to mount a vigorous defense but we don't wish to try the case in the media," Feldman said.

Police have questioned Westerfield several times in the case. His sport utility vehicle, motor home and other property has been impounded.

Police said Friday that child pornography was found in his home.

Police have no conclusive evidence that Danielle is still alive, but Bejarano said he remains hopeful.

The van Dams characterized Westerfield as an acquaintance to whom they waved and exchanged greetings.

Hall on Dean's List

CORPUS CHRISTI — Renae Michelle Hall of Snyder was named to the College of Business Dean's List for fall 2001 at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

To qualify, undergraduates must be enrolled full time with a minimum of 12 semester hours and must earn a grade point average of 3.65 or better on a 4.0 scale.

SHS DECA students advance to state

Five Snyder High School DECA members will compete at the state career development conference slated Thursday through Saturday at the Hyatt Hotel in Houston.

Stormy Clark, Jaci Tovar, Dawn Lopez, Jon Medrano and Brodie Pierce qualified by winning at the District 9 career development conference (CDC) in San Angelo at the Convention Center on Jan. 25.

Stormy Clark and Chrissy Hernandez competed in the "apparels and accessories" series. Jaci Tovar and Dawn Lopez competed in the "team decision making financial services" series.

Jon Medrano and Brodie Pierce competed in the "retail merchandizing" series. Michael Velasquez competed in the "business services marketing" series.

SHS students were among some 150 DECA students from across the district who competed in a "series event" and performed a "role play event" before a judge.

Lisa Williams, sponsor, also attended the conference.

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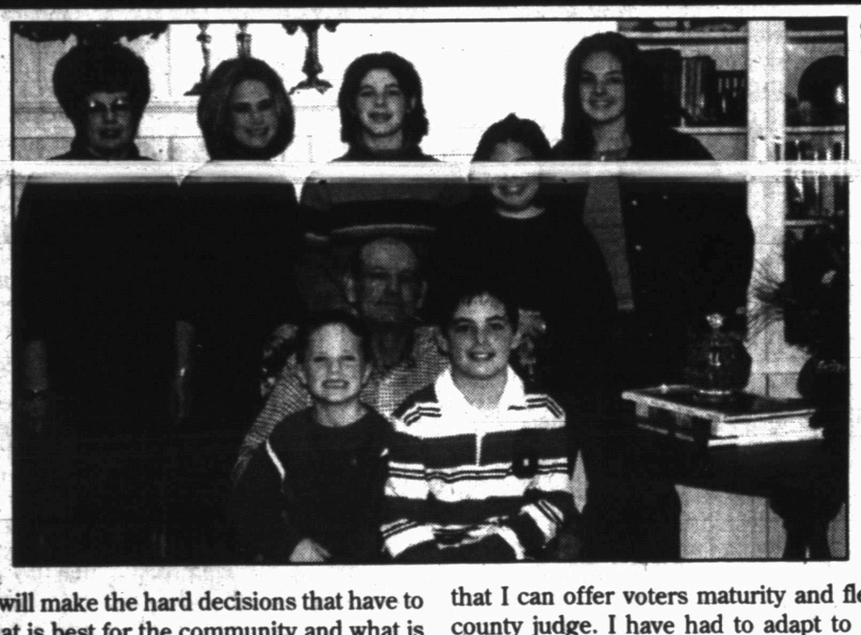
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Long On Business Experience

Crenwelge says he believes his 39 years of business experience would be helpful to the running of county government. He says, "I also understand basic government, having served on various boards."

Committed To Our Community

Ted served 15 years on the Snyder ISD board of trustees, including three years as president. He served five years on the board of managers of Cogdell Hospital and also served as chairman of that board.

Today, he is a vice president of the board of the Colorado River Municipal Water District. He served three years starting in 1984 and was reappointed in 1995.

He is also a past member of the Scurry County Farm Bureau board and is currently a director of the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District.

Seasoned Decision Maker

Ted grew up in Houston and earned his business degree from Texas Christian University. He moved to Snyder in 1961 and worked for one year at Snyder National Bank before going into farming.

In addition to his agriculture business, he has served as a director of Snyder National Bank since 1980. "In addition to my business background, I feel that I can offer voters maturity and flexibility in the office of county judge. I have had to adapt to changing conditions to survive in agriculture."

Ted has been a member of the Snyder Lions Club for 28 years, and he worked in Snyder youth league baseball for nine years.

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Ted and his wife, Jane, have two married children. Scott and his wife, Lana, have three children. Carrie and her husband, Elliott Cox, also have three children. They are members of First Baptist Church.

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Bush continues touring Asia

WASHINGTON (AP) — On his presidential tour of Asia, President Bush pushed Japan to get its economy in order, reassured South Koreans he's not about to make war on their peninsula and nudged forward the tentative U.S.-China partnership forged after Sept. 11.

One hitch: He may well have to do it over again in a matter of months.

This time next year, South Korea's Kim Dae-jung and China's Jiang Zemin will be closing out their presidential terms.

Also, despite Bush's warm embrace of Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi this week, administration officials privately acknowledge they don't know if he can hold on to power, given disintegrating public confidence in his ability to right the Japanese economy.

That uncertainty was most obvious on the second day of the president's weeklong Asian tour. In a speech to the Japanese parliament, Bush's statement about Koizumi putting Japan firmly on the path to economic reform was met with a rumble of derisive chuckles by Japanese lawmakers.

"It's just the way it is in this world. People turn over and you have to deal with the leaders that are there," Secretary of State Colin Powell said aboard Air Force One on Bush's flight home Friday.

The coming turnover in Asian politics is especially significant given that on his tour Bush enlisted Koizumi, whose country maintains relations with Iran; and Jiang, head of one of the few governments in the world on good terms with North Korea, to act as back-channel conduits for the United States' anti-terrorism and anti-proliferation demands.

GAO sues Cheney over energy records

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional investigators made good on a months-old threat and sued Vice President Dick Cheney to force release of names of Enron and other industry figures who met with Cheney's energy task force.

Comptroller General David Walker, the head of the General Accounting Office, has been trying to get the information since April and has threatened since August to sue. The White House has resisted the demands and promised to "defend our principles."

The lawsuit, filed Friday in U.S. District Court, marked the first time in the GAO's 81-year history as Congress' investigative arm that it went to court to force an executive branch official or agency to release documents.

"We take this step reluctantly," Walker said. "Nevertheless, given GAO's responsibility to Congress and the American people, we have no other choice. Now that the matter has been submitted to the judicial branch, we are hopeful that the litigation will be resolved expeditiously."

The GAO contends Cheney's refusal to provide the information violates laws giving it broad authority "for evaluating programs and activities of the United States government" and requiring agencies to provide information about their "duties, powers, activities, organization and financial transactions."

Cheney's task force drafted the Bush administration's energy proposals, which environmental interests have attacked as pro-business to the detriment of the environment.

Bush has refused to hand over the information demanded by the GAO. The White House contends surrendering it would encroach on his ability to get candid views from people outside the government.

"These are important constitutional principles that we've been ready to fight for since they first threatened to file the lawsuit," White House spokeswoman Anne Womack said. "We're ready to defend our principles."

The GAO names only Cheney as a defendant, both as vice president and as chairman of the National Energy Policy Development Group.

AF secretary wants to end post-Sept. 11 fighter patrols

TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. (AP) — The Air Force wants to stop flying continuous anti-terror air patrols over parts of the United States and instead leave fighters on "strip alert," ready to launch in emergencies.

In an Associated Press interview Friday, Air Force Secretary James Roche said the Air Force is consulting with the commander of North American Aerospace Defense Command and with the White House's Office of Homeland Security to determine a long-term plan for domestic air defense.

The air patrols, which responded to the multiple suicide hijackings on Sept. 11, are tying up about 265 airplanes — mostly fighters, tankers and radar planes — and about 12,000 airmen, Roche said.

That compares with 14,000 Air Force personnel committed to the war in Afghanistan, he said, making the Air Force the only service with a large-scale commitment to both fronts in the war on terror.

Pentagon officials made it known last month that the domestic air defense mission had become too burdensome, stealing from necessary air crew training for other missions. But Roche's comments were the first to spell out a potential solution.

Roche said he would prefer an adjustment that would place Air Force fighter jets on "strip alert" at certain bases around the country — ready to respond to indications of threatening aircraft. That would replace the current practice of flying continuous patrols over Washington and New York and patrolling daily over a rotating group of cities elsewhere.

In addition to the combat air patrols, fighters now are on alert at more than two dozen bases.

Roche says he had not submitted a formal recommendation.

"I think eventually we'll move to strip alert" only, Roche said while flying to Tinker Air Force Base from Washington. He visited Tinker to get a firsthand look at operations of Air Force E-3A Sentry aircraft, the AWACS planes that provide airborne radar surveillance in support of fighter air patrols.

"If we're on strip alert, then others can be training, and the wear-and-tear on aircraft goes down," he added. "If it's strip alert it will lower the burden. It's easier for us to do."

Roche stressed that scaling back the mission is not a decision for the Air Force. If the White House decides that 24-hour, 7-day-a-week air patrols remain necessary, he said, then the Air Force will find a way to do them.

Arrests made at the VFW hall

•Arrests

DPS troopers arrested a 43-year-old man on Texas Highway 208 Friday night for misdemeanor diving while intoxicated.

A 38-year-old man was taken into custody from the VFW just after midnight Saturday for public intoxication.

At the same time, a 33-year-old man was arrested at the VFW for public intoxication and warrants for not wearing a safety belt, driving with a suspended license and theft by check.

•Criminal mischief

Tony Valdez reported damage to her vehicle Friday morning and a report was filed for criminal mischief.

At 6:20 p.m., Amy Shankles requested an officer at her residence on Coleman to report damage done to her vehicle. A report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

Amber Guynes reported damage done to her car while parked at Wal-Mart. An officers was dispatched and verified the damage, but no report was submitted.

Obituaries

Vada Putnam

1911-2002

ROTAN — Vada Putnam, the grandmother of Dale Putnam of Snyder, died Friday, Feb. 22, in Fisher County Hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Putnam, 90, was set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Central Baptist Church in Hamlin with Dutch Parks officiating. Burial was to follow in the Neinda Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Born May 27, 1911 in Stamford, she was a homemaker and a member of the Central Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Almenda Moon Plemons; her husband, N.A. Putnam; a brother, James Plemons; and two grandchildren, Darlene Putnam and Larry Floyd.

Survivors include three daughters, Bonnie Floyd of Rotan, Altha Adams and Billie Williams, both of Hamlin; a son, James Putnam of Roby; a sister, Mrs. Billy Taylor of Arlington; four brothers, Kenneth Plemons of Abilene, Henry Ford Plemons of Medicine Lodge, Kan., Pete Plemons of San Angelo and Jack Plemons of Lubbock; nine other grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

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Andrea Yates said cartoons called her a bad mother

HOUSTON (AP) — Andrea Yates received messages from cartoons and believed that drowning her five children would result in the destruction of Satan, a jail psychiatrist testified during her capital murder trial.

"She believed that the children would be tormented and perish in the fires of hell unless they were killed," Harris County Jail psychiatrist Dr. Melissa Ferguson testified as Yates' defense got under way Friday.

Yates, 37, faces two capital murder charges in the June 20 drowning deaths of three of her five children. Defense attorneys say she is innocent by reason of insanity.

Yates faces the death penalty if convicted.

Ferguson, who said she has examined more than 6,000 mentally ill people in 16 years, described Yates as "one of the sickest patients I have ever seen."

Ferguson diagnosed the former nurse as psychotic and suffering from hallucinations. But Yates said she wasn't mentally ill and didn't need medication, the psychiatrist said.

Yates told Ferguson her experiences were real, and that cartoon characters told her she was a bad mother just days before she drowned her children.

Recounting her medical notes from the day after the children died, Ferguson said Yates screamed to her, "I was so stupid!"

"Couldn't I have killed just one to fulfill the prophecy?" Yates said. "Couldn't I have offered Mary?"

Mary, at 6 months, was the youngest child to die.

When she stopped screaming, Yates asked Ferguson for a razor to shave her head, the psychiatrist testified. As she made the request, Yates pointed to where she continually picked at her scalp.

"She told me she wanted a razor to see if the marks are still there," Ferguson said. "She referred to them as the marks of the beast and 666."

Yates talked about President Bush, the former Texas governor, saying she could not destroy Satan and that "Gov. Bush would have to destroy Satan," Ferguson testified.

Guilty pleas net probation for pair

Two men, one from Lubbock and one from Colorado City, will serve probated prison sentences following guilty pleas entered Friday in 132nd District Court.

Kenneth Ray White, 49, of Lubbock pleaded guilty to a felony driving while intoxicated, an offense that occurred March 11, 2001.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong sentenced White to 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, probated for five years. White also was fined $1,500 and ordered to serve 240 hours in the Scurry County jail and participate in a substance abuse program.

Joe Silva Jr. of Colorado City pleaded guilty to an Aug. 1, 2001 charge of failure to stop and render assistance.

Silva, 29, was given a three-year probated sentence with deferred adjudication and fined $1,000.

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ONGOINGS

WTC production

Lost in Yonkers continues at Western Texas College's Fine Arts Theatre. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 students and senior citizens. There is no admission for WTC students or staff.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "The Day Jerusalem Was Destroyed" followed by "The Prince of Peace."

SHS parents meeting

There will be a meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the student center for parents of seniors to discuss the annual steak supper and graduation party.

Historical commission

The Scurry County Historical Commission will meet at noon Tuesday at The Shack.

Cancer board meeting

The Scurry Unit of the American Cancer Society will hold a directors meeting at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the board room at Cogdell Hospital.

Caregivers dinner

There will be a dinner for Community Care Hospice's caregivers at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Harold and Zola Kornegay will furnish the fish for the meal.

Genealogical Society meeting

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library. Members will bring heirlooms for show and tell. Visitors are invited to ask questions about family research. Membership dues are $12.50 per person or $15 per couple.

Free income tax help

Free income tax aid for low to middle income citizens of any age is available each Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon, and 1-3 p.m. at the senior center located, 2603 Ave. M.

FBC services televised

First Baptist Church services are televised on channel 2 at 3 p.m. each Thursday.

Kiwanis pancake day

Kiwanis pancake day will be from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. next Saturday at West Elementary cafeteria. A color TV will be given as a door prize.

Benefit dance

There will be a benefit dance for Joe Villa next Saturday from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. at the American Legion. Villa is in a Houston hospital. Mi Gusto will play and admission is $8 per person, or $15 per couple.

Community choir class

A community choir class will begin Monday, March 18, in Western Texas College's Fine Arts Theatre. The class will meet Mondays from 7-9 p.m. for seven weeks, followed by a performance on April 26. The class is free and registration will be on the first day of class. Call 573-8511 for more information.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

SHS class of 1992 reunion

The 1992 class of Snyder High School is needing addresses for classmates. Call Melanie at 573-4022, Julie at 573-1634 or Amy at 573-4793. The reunion will be held at the end of July.

American Legion spring convention

The American Legion's spring convention will be March 16-17. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. on March 16. For more information call 574-6805.

Windbreak trees

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District has windbreak trees available for sale. Extra hardwood trees are $1 each and Evergreens are $2.25. Call 573-6317 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes taught by certified teachers and Spanish-speaking aides are held at WTC from 8 a.m. until noon Tuesday through Thursday, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include G.E.D., E.S.L., and refresher courses. For more information call 573-8511, ext. 322.

WTC pool hours

Lap swim: M-F, 6:30-8 a.m. and noon to 1 p.m.; open swim, M-TH 7-9 p.m. Memberships for the semester: $50. The swimming pool is also available for rental, contact Lisa Christensen, ext. 290.

Seniors swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens on Tuesday and Thursdays is held from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Western Texas College pool.

ESL, GED classes

Classes for E.S.L., GED and computers are held at 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Region 14 classroom at 4200 College Ave. For more information, call 574-6012.

Discovery School

Discovery School will be providing summer childcare from 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. for children ages birth to 10 years. For more information call 573-4770.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland is available free of charge. Call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakey Fargason at 574-6041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Snyder High School graduate helping keep Olympics secure

While all eyes have been focused on the Olympic games at Salt Lake City, a Snyder High School graduate has helped to keep the every-four year games secure.

Roy Thompson is one of about 70 employees of the Federal Bureau of Prisons selected to participate in Olympic security. Because the games are a national event, the Secret Service is responsible for security. Representatives from every federal law enforcement agency are also participating with the security efforts.

Thompson is assigned to Provo, Utah, where he is part of the security force which operates at the perimeter at the Salt Lake Olympic Square and the Medals Plaza.

Thompson works 12-hour shifts seven days a week. He began his temporary assignment on Feb. 4 and will conclude his service on Monday.

Thompson said each of the security teams in the area he is assigned to involve four people who work three posts.

His main duties are to supervise the metal detection carried out by National Guard members. Between four and five thousand Guard are stationed at the Olympics.

Thompson said National Guard "wands" people as they walk through the screening area. Olympic personnel are also on hand to search all of the baggage. Thompson said his duties include making sure the searchers do a good job and that no one gets past the checkpoints. As of last Saturday morning when this interview was conducted via the telephone, there had been no incidents.



REPELLING — Roy Thompson is practicing repelling from this 80 foot guard tower at Pollock Penitentary in Luisiana. (Contributed Photo)

He noted that the area he patrols is open to everyone but they have to be screened. Vehicles are also screened.

Some visitors stay at the Windham Hotel, which is located in an non secure area within the secure area he helps patrol. Since it is near one of the screening sites, Thompson said anyone who leaves the hotel has to pass through the security checkpoint.

Thompson said the security forces were given a list of all scheduled protesters such as PETA and anti-abortion groups that planned demonstrations.

Thompson leaves his hotel around 2:30 p.m. and his post starts around 3:30 p.m. and ends at 12:30 a.m. After he gets back to his room, he said he watches the rebroadcast of the Olympics until about 4 a.m.

It hasn't all been work either as Thompson enjoyed a few hours skiing at Redford's Sundance Ski Resort, which is located near his hotel. He also has a ticket and was to be able to see part of the cross-country skiing event Saturday.

Thompson's skills helped him land a security job at the Olympics. One of the requirements was to hold a black belt in Tae Kwon Do. He also had to be an instructor of self-defense and firearms.

Thompson noted that he studied Tae Kwon Do with Gregg Gafford and also served as an instructor at Gafford's academy in Snyder.

In addition, he said he is a tactical trainer for regional prisons and he is the regional trainer

See SHS grad, Page 6B

Scurry County Folks

where are they now?

By Shirley A. Gorman

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Handful of SHS students are producing own TV program

By Shirley A. Gorman
SDN News Editor

Lights, camera, action. Snyder High School now has its own version of *The Today Show.*

SHS Today, produced entirely by the fledgling Broadcasting Club organized in the fall, combines the editing know-how of junior Tanner Beard, with the journalistic skills of senior Haley Elkins, who is the editor of the *Tiger's Tale.* They also anchor the program and junior Clark Reed tapes each episode.

Brad Vincent, drama director, sponsors the club.

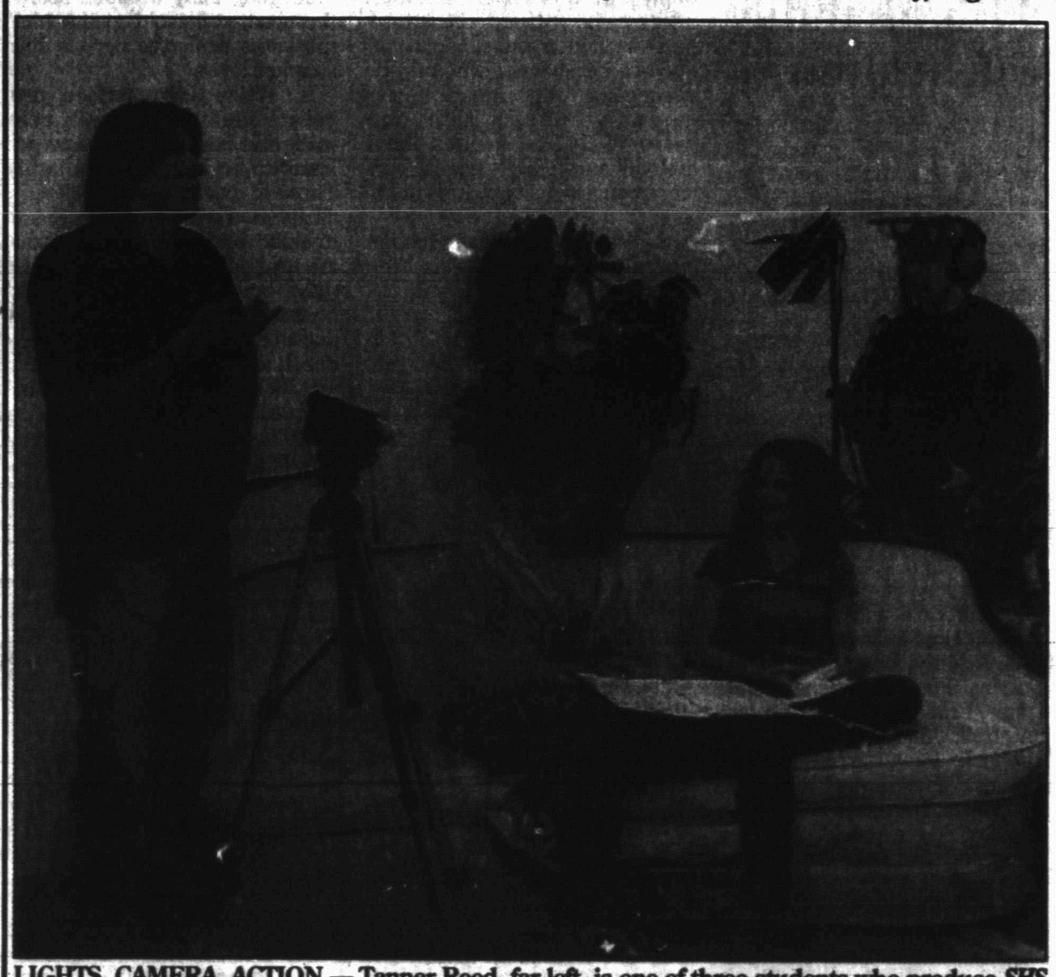
SHS Today features announcements, which either recap school events or preview upcoming activities. News reports so far have covered school sports, activities, UIL contests and Future Farmers of America chapter activities. Beard said they try to make the announcements enjoyable for the student body. That's why they inject some humor into them.

Vincent said the response to *SHS Today* has been very positive; however, occasionally their brand of humor isn't always appreciated by everyone.

Beard noted that the programs are usually five to six minutes in length, except when a guest is featured.

For greater variety, *SHS Today* features a different theme each weekday. Monday is "Mail Back day." Students' letters are answered on the air. Teachers are featured guests on "Teacher

See SHS Today, Page 6B



LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION — Tanner Reed, far left, is one of three students who produce *SHS Today*, an on-campus television broadcast that focuses on school news, activities, students and teachers. Caleb Durham helps set the scene while seniors Amber Alexander and Kendall Brewster get comfortable on the couch. (SDN Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

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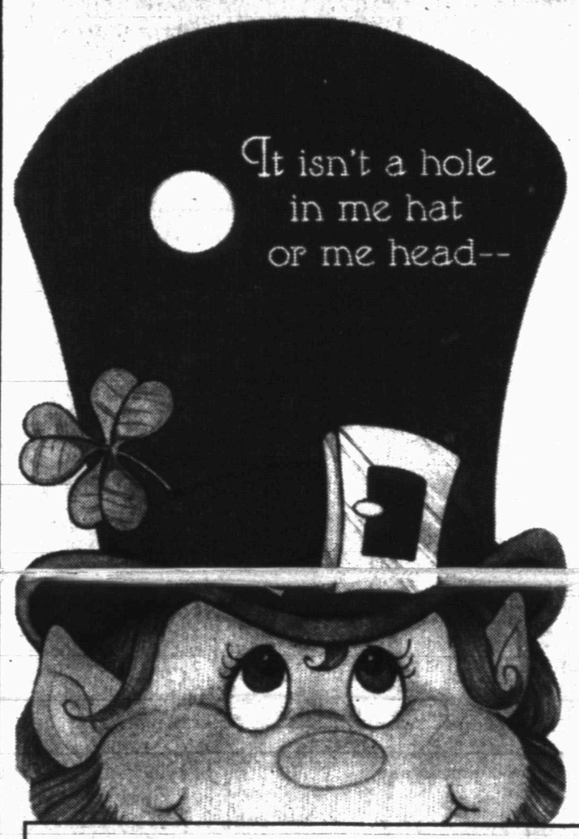
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Ruby Hall

Ruby Hall has 99th birthday celebration

A family dinner honoring Ruby Hall on her 99th birthday was held Feb. 9 at the home of Joyce and Brice Fuqua.

Ruby has lived in Scurry County for 75 years.

After she married Jesse Hall in November of 1921, they bought a farm east of Snyder and lived there until Jess died in 1969 and then she moved into Snyder. Mrs. Hall is an active member of the First Baptist Church.

Attending the birthday celebration were Bernice Harless, Eunice, N.M.; Linda and Andy Frost, Hobbs, N.M.; Barbara and Hubert Hall, New Braunfels; Fran Gilliland and Charles Walker, Odessa; Jean and Jim Summer, Midland; Cele and John Gandy, San Angelo; Sondra and Joe Dean Hall, Ackerly; Britt, Breanna and Corrina Fuqua, Abilene; Linda, Lanny, Bradley, Shelton and Jeremy Hall, Maryneal; Scott Hall, Lubbock; Paul Barron, Loraine; Theresa and Hamp Yearwood; Mary Hall, Brenda, Larry, Steve, Melissa, Sterling and Colton Lee; Kathy and Kim Hall, all of Snyder; Lonice Hall, Ira; Lori, John, Jordan and Aaron Williamson of Hermleigh.

WIC invaluable to new mothers

The isolation that often comes with caring for a new baby can result in needless worry by many new mothers. The Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program, which is administered by Outreach Health Services in your community, can be an invaluable resource for these new moms.

WIC is a well-respected, federally funded program that gives children a healthy start by encouraging optimal nutrition during the critical stages of development. WIC participants have access to many benefits, including vouchers for healthy foods, immunizations, ongoing nutrition education classes, meal planning assistance, breastfeeding instruction and support.

For those women who may be struggling with the care of a newborn, Outreach Health Services/WIC Clinics offer these helpful answers to typical concerns experienced by new mothers:

1. Why does my newborn cry so much? If he has been fed, burped and changed, the most likely reason he is crying is because he's too warm or too cool. Temperature is the main source of discomfort for a newborn. Because babies have immature temperature regulators, they are very sensitive to heat and cold. Try adding or removing layers of clothing and see if that does the trick.

2. My friend's baby is younger than mine but is more developmentally advanced. It is vitally important to remember that there is no such thing as an *average* baby. Your infant's patterns for eating, sleeping and crying will be different from those of other babies. Likewise, she will develop at her own pace. No two babies are alike.

3. When my baby wakes up crying in the middle of the night, which should I do first: feed him or change him? Try feeding him for a while, then stopping to change him before finishing the feeding. This way you won't awaken him during the deep sleep an infant enjoys when he has a full tummy.

4. Every time I feed my baby she spits up. *All* babies occasionally spit up after eating. Some spit up large amounts after *every* feeding. Although this can be distressing, as long as your baby continues to gain weight, there's probably not a cause for concern. As a possible solution, see if she will let you burp her several times *during* each feeding.

5. What's the best way to hold my baby when he seems to have gas? The "airplane hold" is a great alternate holding method that puts pressure on a baby's abdomen. Lay the infant chest-down on your forearm with his head facing down or resting in the palm of your hand (face turned to the side) and his arms and legs dangling. Give him a gentle back rub with your free hand and perhaps swing him lightly from side to side.

6. My baby's head seems disproportionately large. Don't be alarmed by this. A newborn's head is about one-fourth of her total body length. Her body will grow to catch up in size. Also, don't stress out about the "soft spots" on your baby's head because a thick membrane protects her head in those places. You can gently touch them without causing any harm.

7. What is the best way to care for may baby's umbilical cord? Cord care is not a pretty chore, but it must be done faithfully at every diaper change until the stump falls off (usually about two weeks). Dip a cotton swab in water or rubbing alcohol and use it to clean away the sticky crust and fluid that may collect where the stump meets the skin. Fold your baby's diaper below the cord and avoid giving him tub baths while the cord is still attached.

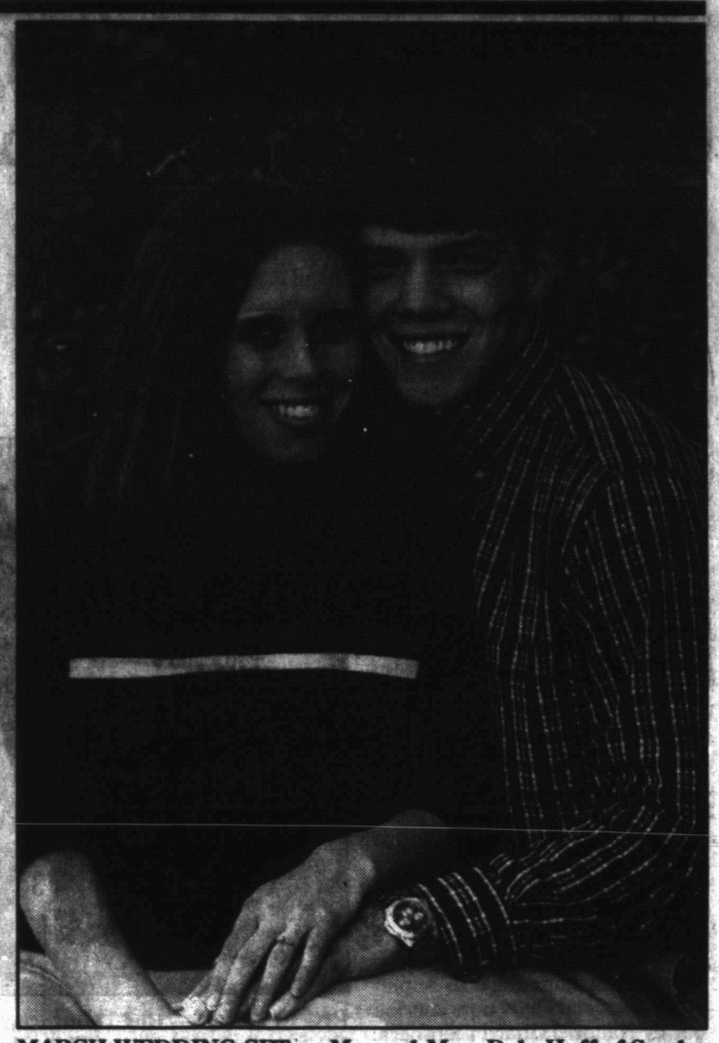
8. When I breastfeed my baby I can't gauge how much milk she is drinking. How do I know she is getting enough? Three or four days after delivery a breastfed baby should have six to eight wet diapers a day. If you are using disposable diapers this may be hard to determine because they are so absorbent, put a tissue inside the diaper to check for wetness.

9. What's a safe way to trim my baby's fingernails and toenails? It's best to trim nails after the baby's bath while the nails are still soft. You can do this while he is lying down or sitting in your lap. Press the pad of the finger or toe away from the nail so the nail sticks out and snip only the white part of the nail.

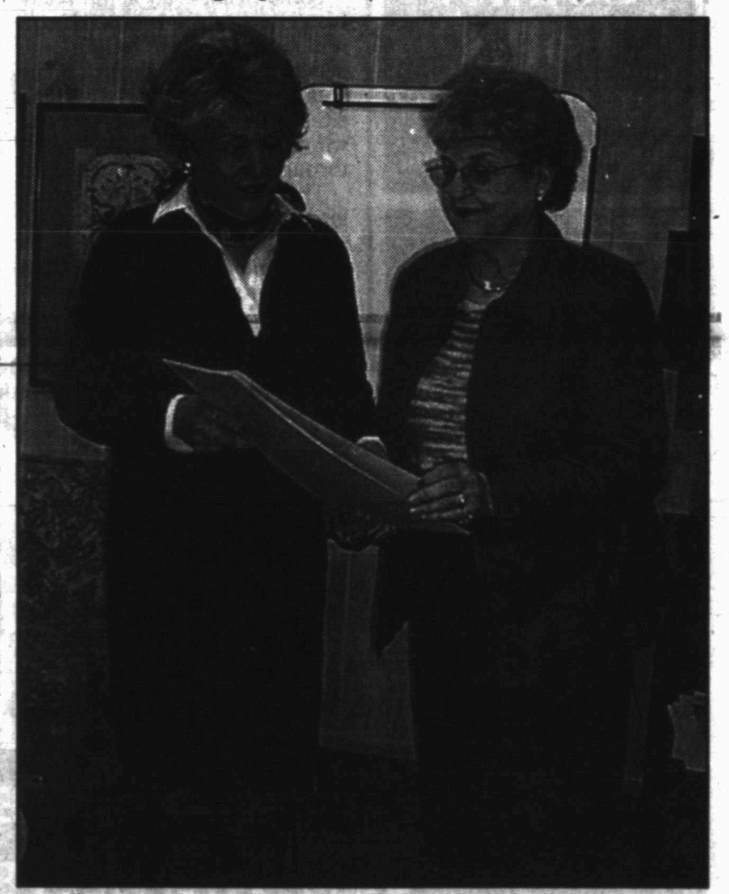
10. Why must I be concerned about my baby's dental care when she doesn't have any teeth? It's never too early to begin familiarizing your baby with daily teeth cleaning. Even before the first tooth is showing, it's a good idea to wipe your baby's gums with a damp gauze or washcloth. This gets her accustomed to a daily dental care routine before she makes the transition to a toothbrush.

Each month Outreach Health Services offers WIC services to more than 32,000 clients in 59 Texas counties. WIC participants include middle-to-low-income women who are pregnant, breastfeeding, postpartum or have an infant and/or children younger than five years of age.

To find out about WIC services in your community, call WIC toll free at 800-200-7121 or visit www.outreachhealth.com.



MARCH WEDDING SET — Mr. and Mrs. Dale Huff of Snyder announce the engagement of their daughter, Charissa Huff, to Jared Hobby, son of Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hobby of Searcy, Ark. The bride-elect is a graduate of Haskell High School and Harding University with bachelor's and master's degrees in education. She is employed by Riverview ISD near Searcy. The prospective groom graduated from Harding Academy and is a candidate for graduation in May with a bachelor's degree in athletic training. He is an athletic trainer for Harding University. A March 15 wedding is planned. (Contributed Photo)



FASHION PROGRAM — Atheneum Study Club had a program on fashions led by Margaret Dillaha, left, last Tuesday at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Margaret shows Doris Spikes several sketches of the captains style, fabric and lengths for women's fashionable attire. Doris introduced the program and hostesses were Barbara McGee and Margaret Roach. Atheneum's next meeting will be Health and Collectibles by Carole Haynes on March 19. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002

Another important defensive principle

By Phillip Alder

When do you think this was written? "If the abstract rights of man will bear discussion and explanation, those of women, by a parity of reasoning, will not shrink from the same test: though a different opinion prevails in this country." (The country is England, not the United States.)

North 02-23-02
♠ 5 2
♥ K Q 6 3
♦ K 7 6 4
♣ J 9 7

West
♠ 9 8 6 4
♥ 7 4 2
♦ 5 2
♣ A K Q 10

East
♠ Q J 10
♥ J 10 9 8
♦ J 10 9 8
♣ 5 2

South
♠ A K 7 3
♥ A 5
♦ A Q 3
♣ 8 6 4 3

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ A

One word of that is critical to this deal. You are sitting East, looking at your hand and North's (the dummy). Defending against three no-trump, your partner starts by cashing four club tricks. Dummy parts with a spade, but what are your two discards?

North and South were using a 15-17 no-trump. So, North's sequence, Stayman followed by two no-trump, invited game and promised a four-card heart suit. Opposite a 16-18 no-trump, North would have jumped to three no-trump over two spades.

Note that declarer starts with eight top tricks: two spades, three hearts and three diamonds. If East discards either a heart or a diamond, declarer gets a fourth trick in that suit and nine in all. As unappetizing as it is, East must discard two spades, hoping his partner's spades are good enough to hold the suit. Here, this defense leaves declarer with only those eight tricks and no more.

How does East know to do this? Because you must keep equal length — or parity — with the dummy. While dummy holds four cards in each red suit, East must do likewise. (You try to keep equal length with the declarer too, but it might be harder to know his exact suit lengths.)

The original piece was written by Mary Wollstonecraft in 1792.

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Duplicate Bridge Scores

Friday, Feb. 15

A Group
1. Suzy Reed, Anita Talbott.
2. Pat Floyd, Margaret Dillaha.
3. Billisue Stuard, Monte West.
4. Margaret Birdwell, Barbara Yorgesen.

B Group
1. Suzy Reed, Anita Talbott.
2. Pat Floyd, Margaret Dillaha.
3. ElWanda Nall, Tizzy Hall.
4. Betty Courtney, Bobbie Taylor.

Sunday, Feb. 17
No Game

Tuesday, Feb. 19
1. Peggy Hardin, Nona Morrison.
2. Linda West, Monte West.
3. Jane Hinton, Louise Thompson.
4. Billisue Stuard, Margaret Birdwell.

Medicare seminar set for March 5 at Senior Center

A free seminar has been set for 3:30-5 p.m. March 5 at the Scurry County Senior Center for those needing information on Medicare choices.

The Senior Center is located at 2603 Ave. M.

Jeannie Williams of the West Central Texas Area Agency on Aging and Norma Plascencia Almanza of the Texas Department of Insurance will discuss the following topics:

- Medicare + choice
- Medigap Insurance
- Prescription Drug Assistance Programs
- Other Cost-Cutting Programs

This seminar is free and open to the public, but if you'd like more information call Richard Diaz or Jeannie Williams at the West Central Texas Area Agency on Aging at 1-800-928-2262.

The expression "hold a candle to" had to do with the method of testing eggs for freshness in Shakespeare's time.

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was founded in 1866 by Henry Bergh.

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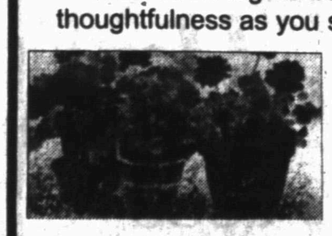
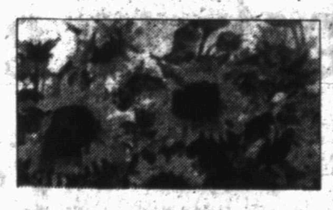
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WEDDING SHOWER — Tammy Greeman, bride-elect of Shawn Hays, was honoree at a shower Feb. 9 in the Martha Ann Woman's Club. The couple will marry on March 2 in the Stockyards Hotel in Fort Worth. From left are Judy Hays, paternal grandmother of the prospective groom from Snyder; Jessie Hays, his mother from Snyder; Stacey Handrick, his cousin from Bend, Tex.; the honoree; Jocelyn Greeman, the future bride's mother from Tishomingo, Okla.; and Lorena Gabrel, bride-elect's special friend from Odessa. Family members unable to attend include Jo Ault of Lampasas, maternal grandmother of the future groom, and Martha McAlpine, the bride-to-be's maternal grandmother from Tishomingo. (Contributed Photo)



GAME DAY SET — Martha Ann Woman's Club will have its monthly game day and luncheon Wednesday. Serving begins at 11:30 and games of choice will follow throughout the afternoon. Those who can only eat lunch are welcome and reservations may be made by calling 573-3427. Pictured enjoying the last game day are, from left, Yvonne Davis, Doris Northcott, Ruth Conard and Becky Knipe. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Smartt gave program at DAR meet

Ann Smartt, Daughter of the American Revolution Martin Preuitt Jr. Chapter member, gave a program on George Washington in celebration of the month of president's birthdays.

The local DAR, organized in 1977, is celebrating its 25th anniversary.

Dorothy Campbell gave the president's message and Lois Bartels gave the national defense report that stressed teaching patriotism to citizens of all ages.

The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution was founded Oct. 11, 1890 for historic, educational and patriotic purposes.

"Any woman is eligible for membership in the National Society DAR who is 18 years old and who is descended from a man or woman who, with unfailing loyalty to the cause of American Independence, served as a sailor, or a soldier or civil officer in one of the several Colonies or States, or in the United Colonies or States as a recognized patriot, or rendered material aid, provided the applicant is personally acceptable to the society," said Virginia Clark, quoting from the DAR bylaws.

Active members and their ancestors include Virginia Clark–Martin Preuitt Jr., North Carolina; Lois Bartels – Ludwig Wissinger, Maryland; Beryl Birdwell – Jarvis Greene, North Carolina; Erna Lou Burt of Colorado City – Sgt. Joshua Copp, New Hampshire; Dorothy Campbell – Francis Davenport, South Carolina; Lou Everett – James Keahey, North Carolina; Jo Flynn –John Robinson, North Carolina; and Paula Gilbert – Pvt. Paul Castleberry, Georgia.

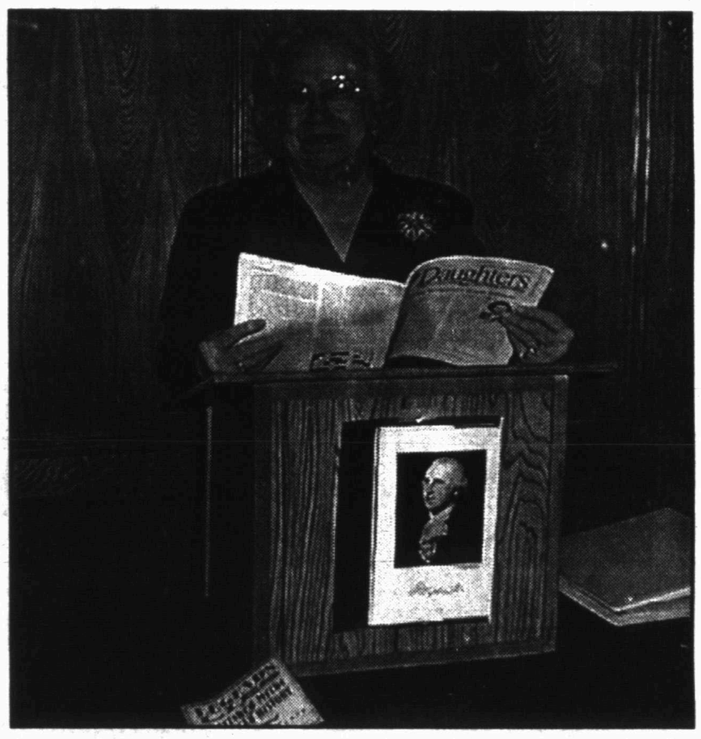
Others are Tizzy Hall – James Keahey, North Carolina; junior member Amy Hargrove – William Burford, Georgia, John Conger Jr., North Carolina, John Jenkins, Virginia, and Marc Bird, Pennsylvania; Helen Hatter – Harmon Button, Virginia; LouWayne McQuirk – Pvt. James Henry and John F. Garner, Virginia; Ann Smartt – John Walker, North Carolina; Joanne Sterling – James Tipping, South Carolina; Maribeth Vestal, John Andrews, Virginia; and Nonnie Ward, Silas Cooke Jr., Rhode Island.

There are 17 non-resident members in the local organization and a dozen pending members researching their ancestors who served in the Revolutionary War.

Other chapter officers include Ann Smartt, vice regent; Maribeth Vestal, chaplain; Lois Bartels, recording secretary; Nonnie Ward, corresponding secretary; Helen Hatter, treasurer; Joanne Sterling, registrar; Dorothy Campbell, historian; and Tizzy Hall, librarian.

Clark reported 40 valentines were sent by DAR to patients in the Big Spring Veterans Hospital.

The next DAR meeting will be a 9:30 brunch on March 12 honoring the DAR Citizen of the Year. Betty Richardson and Amy Hargrove will be hostesses.



HONORS PRESIDENTS — Daughters of the American Revolution members met at The Shack last Tuesday for a program by Ann Smartt. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Therapy dogs wed at assisted living center

JACKSON, Mich. (AP) — Lucky and Stormy were married, despite the bride coming down with a case of cold paws.

The therapy dogs at the Summit Park Assisted Living Center were joined in matrimony Wednesday in front of about 40 family and friends.

They didn't say 'I do,' but when Gail Yates, the center's activities director, read the vows, no one objected and the two didn't run away.

Lucky, a part-Brittany spaniel, and Stormy, a large Shetland sheep dog, are now canine man and wife.

The two have visited the center together for two years.

"I'm very relieved that the pressure is off," Shelley Hansen, Stormy's owner and the self-proclaimed mother of the bride, told The Jackson Citizen Patriot. "Arranging a wedding is a lot of work, and it makes you a nervous wreck."

Lucky sported a red bow tie and red top hat. Stormy dressed in a traditional white veil with white seed pearls.

"I feel that I've gained a daughter-in-law," said June Poleski, the groom's owner.

Velna White, a resident, enjoyed cake and lemonade after the wedding.

"I'm 100 years old, and I've been married a lot of years," said White, a widow.

Brandy's baby due in July

NEW YORK (AP) — Brandy's latest production will be her most important yet — she's going to be a mother.

A spokeswoman for Brandy confirmed Thursday that the singer-actress is pregnant. The baby is due sometime in July.

Earlier this month, the 23-year-old admitted that she secretly wed producer Robert Smith last summer. Her latest album, "Full Moon," will be released next month.

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CLASSROOM BREAKFAST
(East, Northeast, Stanfield, West)
Monday
Strawberry Toaster Pastry
Tuesday
Sausage on a Muffin
Wednesday
Cinnamon Roll
Thursday
Rice Krispie Square
Friday
Pigs in a Blanket

(Other Schools)
Monday
Waffles w/Syrup or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Tuesday
Donut or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Wednesday
Hot Oatmeal w/Spiced Fruit
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Thursday
Cinnamon Rollor
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Friday
Sausage & Egg in a Biscuit
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
LUNCH
Monday
Picnic Wrap or
Barbecue on a Bun
Potato Salad
Black-eyed Peas
Chilled Peach Cup
Tuesday
Beef Enchiladas or
Chicken Soft Taco
Spicy Pinto Beans
Spanish Rice
Corn Bread
Wednesday
Baked Caesar Chicken or
Potato Wedges
Carrot Sticks w/Ranch Dip
Apple Crisp
Thursday
Ham & Cheese Sub Sandwich
or
Chicken BLT on a Bun
Broccoli Wedges w/Ranch
Baked Beans
Fruited Gelatin
Friday
"Fighting Tiger"
Cheeseburger or
Fish Wedge on a Bun
Tater Tots
Tossed Salad w/Ranch
Chocolate Brownie

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk.

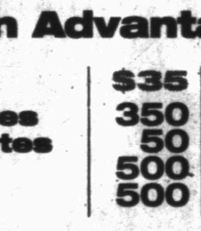
BREAKFAST
Monday
Juice
Buttered Oatmeal
Toast
Tuesday
Juice
Biscuits/Gravy
Ham Slice
Wednesday
Juice
Scrambled Eggs
Sausage Patty
Toast
Thursday
Juice
Pancakes/Syrup
Friday
Juice
Blueberry Muffins
LUNCH
Monday
Steak Fingers/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
English Pea Salad
Hot Biscuits
Baked Apples
Tuesday
Pork Rib Patty on a Bun
Lettuce & Tomato
Tater Tots
Orange Slice
Wednesday
Juice
Scrambled Eggs
Sausage Patty
Toast
Thursday
Juice
Pancakes/Syrup
Friday
Juice
Blueberry Muffins

Ira

All meals are served with choice of milk.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Breakfast Burritos
Juice
Tuesday
Sausage on a Stick
Juice
Wednesday
Cinnamon Rolls
Juice
Thursday
Biscuits and Gravy
Sausage
Juice
Friday
French Toast Sticks
Bacon
Juice
LUNCH
Monday
Corn Dogs
French Fries
Beans
Oreo's
Tuesday
Chicken Strips w/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Biscuits
Fruit
Wednesday
Hamburgers
Chips
Shape-ups
Thursday
Chili Cheese Burritos
Corn
Carrot & Celery Sticks
Cookies
Friday
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Salad
Peas
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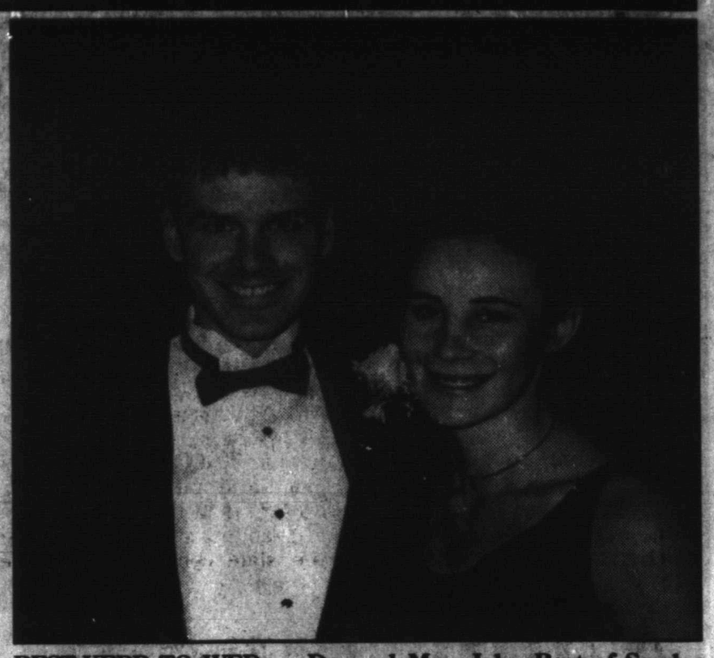
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BEST-KERR TO WED — Dr. and Mrs. John Best of Snyder announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Cara, to Tom Kerr of Dallas. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Kerr of Snyder. A private family ceremony is planned for May 25. (Contributed Photo)

Judge is national powerlifting champ

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — Justice may be blind. But in Washington state, it's also buff.

State Supreme Court Justice Faith Ireland proved she's more than just a legal powerhouse earlier this month when she won the National Powerlifting Championship in Chicago.

Granted, she was the only one in her age class (59) and weight class (132). Still, you don't want to mess with a judge who can bench press 110 pounds, squat lift 192 pounds, and dead lift 236 pounds.

"I felt absolutely elated," Ireland said Wednesday of her win. Next, she'll compete in the world championship in Argentina in October — provided it doesn't conflict with oral arguments.

Ireland was elected to the state's high court in 1998. She started working out with weights to rehabilitate her back after a car accident 15 years ago.

She competed in the national championship last year but failed to make a clean squat lift.



SWEETHEART LUNCHEON — Gateway Family Services recently held a Sweetheart Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon honoring individuals who volunteer for the agency. Betty Boyd, center, received a special presentation for her 10 years service. Lyndia Allen, executive director is shown at left and Lea Phillips, senior caseworker and shelter manager is at right. (Contributed Photo)

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Rock and Roll Quilting Club; Hermleigh Community Center; everyone is invited for free quilting lessons, and special projects are to help someone in need; call 863-2426 for more information; 8 a.m. to noon.

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

NA-Just for Today; Park Club at Winston Park; 573-1438.

"Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information, call 574-1292 or 573-9458, 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; 573-8494 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Gateway Family Services parenting discussion group, focuses on variety of parenting issues and special challenges; no charge; call 73-1822 for more information; 10:30 a.m.

Weight Watchers meeting; Colonial Hill Baptist Church; for more information call Kathy at 573-1289 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.

Gateway Family Services; parenting discussion group focusing on variety of parenting issues and special challenges; free of charge; for more information call 573-1822.

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

Beginners' AA open meeting; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 573-8268, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

MAWC Game Day and Luncheon will begin at 11:30. Following lunch, games of choice will be played throughout the afternoon. Reservations should be made by calling 573-3427.

Spiritual Solutions for Living Problems Book Study; Snyder Park Club; 574-1292; 6 p.m.

NA Just For Today, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-1438; 8 p.m.

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Jeb Bush invested in Enron partnership

WASHINGTON (AP) — Before he became Florida governor, Jeb Bush invested about $91,000 and turned a small profit from an Enron partnership.

Bush is now getting fund-raising help for his re-election effort from former Enron president Richard Kinder, who took over the enterprise.

Bush's investment in Enron Liquids L.P. brought him a $7,000 profit, according to his 1995 tax return.

"It was an investment for less than a year and it was done long before last year's bankruptcy," the governor said this week.

Democrats eager to defeat the president's brother in the fall election are trying to make an issue of his ties to Enron.

In a state whose pension fund lost more than $300 million in the collapse, Bush's fund-raising trip to Kinder's Houston home "rubs in the face of people who lost their life savings," the chairman of the Florida Democratic Party said last month. The Bush camp said it saw no problem, since Kinder left Enron in 1996.

Bush, the state treasurer and the state comptroller oversee the agency in charge of investing the state pension fund.

"What Democrats are doing nationally in trying to capitalize on the suffering of Enron employees for their own cheap political gain is absolutely shameful," said Karen Unger, the governor's campaign manager. She called it "an act of sheer desperation" by the Democrats. Bush's tax return was released by his campaign four years ago.

Kinder also held a fund-raiser for Bush in 1998 before he was elected Florida governor.

Aside from the two fund-raisers, the two men have had infrequent contact, Larry Pierce, a spokesman for Kinder's energy company, said Thursday. They have run into each other occasionally at public events and have never had any business relationship, he added.

Kinder "hosted these fund-raisers as a favor to the Republican Party," said Pierce.

Kinder's latest event for Bush was a $500-per-person fund-raiser on Jan. 17 for about 100 political donors at Kinder's home.

Katie Baur, a spokeswoman for the governor, said the Jeb Bush investment was chosen for him by an investment advisory firm.

Investigators have been looking at some of Enron's partnerships as contributors to the company's collapse. Enron Liquids, however, was publicly traded and is not part of the investigation.

Kinder is a longtime political supporter of the Bush family and the Republican Party with contributions totaling hundreds of thousands of dollars dating to 1988.

In 1997 after leaving Enron, Kinder and a partner paid $40 million for the general partnership that ran the Enron Liquids pipeline network.

Kinder, Enron's president from 1990 to 1996, was the heir apparent to Chairman Kenneth Lay. But Kinder resigned when Lay decided to stay on for another five-year term. Kinder's successor, Jeff Skilling, is among those at the center of the various investigations into Enron's collapse.

Bush's re-election effort is one of the major gubernatorial races this fall. Former Clinton Attorney General Janet Reno is one of four Democrats seeking a chance to run against him in November.

Aging landmark reopens with new security

WASHINGTON (AP) — The towering Washington Monument reopened to the public Friday on George Washington's 270th birthday after $10.5 million in renovations.

Celebrations for the long-awaited improvements to the 555-foot-tall, obelisk-shaped landmark on the National Mall were led by Interior Secretary Gale Norton and Fran Mainella, director of the National Park Service. For the first tours, they were accompanied by children from Anthony Bowen Elementary School in Washington.

Norton called the reopening a symbol of America returning to business as usual after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"Washington said the country had better things to do with its money than to build a monument to him. Today, his monument is a step toward bringing back the health of the economy," she said.

A park ranger, with the flip of a switch on the final 100 feet of the elevator ride down, will be able to give visitors a new look at the inside of the monument, which is hollow in the center with a stairwell and elevator shaft. At the top is an observation deck.

The switch slows the cab and turns its walls from opaque to clear. Commemorative stones from the 50 states adorning the inside of the monument become visible outside the elevator windows.

Before this week, the stones could be seen only by walking up or down some of the monument's 897 steps.

Among the changes are a refurbished observation deck, upgraded heating and ventilation and better exterior lighting. A problem replacing and installing the elevator cab delayed the reopening by about a year.

Fresh mortar, smooth stones and extra security measures are among the other changes begun in 1998. Tourists last could go inside on Dec. 4, 2000. Ground for the monument was broken on July 4, 1848, and the monument finally opened to the public on Oct. 9, 1888.

The new security measures, planned after the bombings of two U.S. embassies in 1998, include an airport-style X-ray machine and metal detectors, barriers to protect against possible car or truck bombers and an interim screening facility. The Park Service also increased the number of guards at the monument since the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

The work was paid for by corporate and federal dollars.

Primary Election Sample Ballots

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DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION
(ELECCION PRIMARIA DEL PARTIDO DEMOCRATICO)

(Condado de)
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MARCH 12, 2002
(12 de marzo de 2002)

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Legislation should be passed that protects both individual and corporate public religious speech, on or off school property, and protects any person from being required to join in prayer or religious activities.
(Se debería promulgar leyes que protejan la libertad de expresión religiosa en público, tanto de individuos como de empresas, dentro o fuera de los recintos escolares, y que protejan a todas las personas de estar obligadas a unirse en oraciones o actividades religiosas.)
- For *(A Favor De)*
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Sample Ballot (Boleta de Muestra)

FEB 24 2002

Man uses a hammer to strike girl in head

LILBURN, Ga. (AP) — A man walked into an elementary school and struck an 8-year-old girl in the head with a hammer in an apparently random attack, authorities said.

Chad Brent Hagaman, 29, was arrested a few blocks from the school soon after the attack Thursday and held on $1 million bond. The girl, who was not identified, was seriously injured and listed in fair condition Friday at a hospital.

The fourth-grade girl told authorities she saw the man coming as she and her class were leaving the library at Mountain Park Elementary just before school was ending for the day.

She didn't recognize the man, who fled toward a nearby park, authorities said. It was unclear what door he used to gain access to the 588-student school near Atlanta.

At a late night hearing Thursday, Hagaman told Magistrate Judge Robert Mitchum he is being treated for schizophrenia.

"I do get confused without my medication," he said. "I haven't had it tonight."

Hagaman, who lives several blocks from the school, was charged with aggravated battery and aggravated assault.

"He said he just wanted to attack somebody, needed to attack somebody," said Cpl. Ray Dunlap, a police spokesman.

Public Records

Marriage License

Joe Eric Hernandez and Crystal Griffith, both of Snyder.

Dallas David Jones and Shannon Stark, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Patterson Petroleum vs. Canadian Delta Inc., Westfort Energy Ltd., Westfort Energy (U.S.) and The Genesis Group, aka Genesis Group, suit for damages.

Charles Freeman vs. Allstate Insurance Company, suit for damages.

Action in District Court

Juan Estrada and Antonia Estrada, individually and as next friend of Antonio Estrada, a minor, vs. Thomas Milton Wadley and Federal Express Corporation, judgment for plaintiffs.

In the marriage of Patsy L. and Royce Buckley Sitton, divorce granted.

Deed Records

Barbara Miers to First National Bank of Abilene, Trustee of The Clara Brown Real Estate Marital Trust, an undivided 25 percent interest in Sections 439, 440, 450, 449, 496 and 496, all in Block 97 H&TC survey; and all of Section 441 and the north one-half of Section 392, both in Block 97, H&TC survey.

John A. and Martha B. Fagin to Abel S. and Sherry A. Delocera, Lot 3 in Block 30 of the Winston Co. Replat of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Jerry Lee and Beatriz Cline to Justin Cline, Lot 18 in Block 1 of the Morningside Subdivision of Blocks 9-10, 15-16 and 25-26 of the Adams Addition.

Charles Richard McCoy, attorney-in-fact for James R. Patterson Jr., to Homer and Jo Dill, tract one being Lot 28 in Block 2 of the Kittrell Heights Addition; tract two being Lot 5 in Block 1 of the Kittrell Heights Addition; tract three being Lot 26 of Block 1 of the Cullum Addition; tract four being the east 50 feet of the south 100 feet of Lot 3 in Block 22 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition; tract five being the north 50 feet of the south 150 feet of Block 19 of the Wilmeth Addition.

John Criswell to Hardy and Florence Collins, the south 37.5 feet of Lot 1, Block 22 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Nifa H. Rosas to Fernando and Mary Romero, 129.91 acres out of the northwest one-quarter of Section 151, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Lynx Energy Company Inc. to S.L. Martin Inc., part of the northeast one-quarter of Section 120, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Gary Arthur and Cynthia Merriman Nussey to John Kenneth and Carole M. Tuttle, 5.001 acres in Lot 32 and part of Lot 33 of the Round Top Acres Subdivision of Sections 185 and 186, Block 3, H&GN survey.

G.N. Cummings to Frances Lea and Gayrene Johnston, Lot 6 in Block 7 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Gloria Wood to Kelly Reed and Jennifer Robbins Scott, Lots 1 and 2 in Block 2 of the Boothe-land Addition.

John K. Gill to Gill Properties Inc., tract one being 163.26 acres out of the south one-half of the south one-half of Section 213, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being 162 acres in the southwest one-quarter of Section 212, Block 97, H&TC survey.

SHS helps keep the Olympics secure

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for the Special Operations Response Team (S.O.R.T.) as well as a repel master.

He has worked for the Federal Bureau of Prisons since 1988 and has served at facilities in Texas, California, Nevada and Louisiana where he is currently employed at Pollock Federal Prison.

Thompson graduated from Snyder High School in 1982. He is married to the former Brandi Campbell. They live in Pineville, La. and have three children including two daughters, Brigitte and Taylor and one son, Austin.

Thompson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Thompson of Snyder. His wife's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Don Campbell of Fluvanna.

SHS Today focuses on school events

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Talk" Tuesdays. Wednesday's broadcasts are shot at different locations including the foyer, library, stage and Vincent's office.

Guest hosts moderate *SHS Today* on Thursdays and student's talents are highlighted in Friday's Student Spotlight segments.

Vincent said Beard also creates openings scenes, which feature excerpts from school activities, games and concerts. Before Christmas clips from the band and choir concerts were included.

Vincent said Larry Scott, principal, has given them the go ahead to sell ads, but Vincent said they want to develop a "baseline product" before they begin soliciting ads.

Also, each commercial represents three hours of work, and since Beard is the only student who knows how to edit, Vincent said that would put a load on him.

Beard shoots commercials during fourth and eighth periods and edits them at home, which takes about 90 minutes. Then he either has play practice or he works on homework.

Getting each *SHS Today* broadcast ready for airing is no easy task. Beard, Elkins and Reed begin working at 7:15 a.m. Vincent comes in at 7:30 a.m. By 8:40 a.m., the show is shot. Then the editing process begins. Airtime is around 9:50 a.m.

Vincent said they began experimenting with the program's format in October. Several shows were taped but special equipment had to be ordered before they could begin broadcasting throughout the entire school. The equip-

SHS Today began airing daily segments soon after. Vincent said they hope they will be able to add more equipment next school year. Currently Beard is using his own equipment to edit the show and the digital camera they use belongs to Beard's dad.

Vincent said they also want to expand and increase their news reports. Plans for next school year may include utilizing guest anchors so more students can be involved.

During the fall semester, Vincent pitched the idea of producing a daily news program to Beard who "jumped at the chance." Vincent said Beard is



JOURNALIST — Haley Elkins helps create and co-anchors *SHS Today*. In addition, she also is the editor of the *Tiger's Tale*.



TAPES PROGRAM — Clark Reed tapes episodes for *SHS Today*.

"our independent film producer" as he has worked on *The* [illegible] *Grand Champion*, which filmed segments in Snyder last summer.

Elkins was brought on board because of her journalistic experience.

"Tanner is really good at filmmaking," Elkins said. "He does the commercials and film editing and I do the paper work. That works out very nice."

SHS Today is designed to get students to really listen to the daily announcements.

"This way they pay attention to the announcements. Sometimes they are funny and entertaining or whatever. But they get them and that's the important thing," Elkins said.

The program also allows students and teachers to have visual recognition of people who aren't in any of their classes, Vincent added.

The Teacher Talk weekly feature has profiled about six high school instructors so far. Vincent said *SHS Today* helps teachers and students not be as anonymous as they were before the broadcasts began.

As an educator, he said he likes the global connection principle behind the program. He said it is important for students to feel connected with the rest of the school. "If they feel they are part of the community, they will care about the community."

In his drama class, Vincent said students study television and discuss the way it helps create part of the global village where people feel they have more in common with people they can see.

He cited the terrorist attacks as one example. "Very few people in Snyder know anyone who lives in New York City but after Sept. 11 we all felt part of New York," Vincent said.

Another example is the annual Academy Awards. "We all get excited about the Oscars although we have never been to the Oscars," he continued.

On a personal note, Vincent said that even though he had visited England only twice, he shared the grief of the English people after Princess Diana was killed in a traffic accident.

"That can happen in a small way at school," he added.

Before joining the high school faculty last school year, Vincent taught broadcasting classes at McKinney High School for two years.

Snyder High School has a mentor program where students and teachers can pair up for independent studies.

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Date Book

Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002

Today is the 54th day of 2002, and the 65th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1836, Santa Ana began the siege on the Alamo, in San Antonio, Texas. He eventually decimated the entire American garrison.

On this day in 1910, the United States purchased the Panama Canal Zone for $10 million.

On this day in 1919, Benito Mussolini established the Fascist Party of Italy.

On this day in 1945, American troops raised the flag on Iwo Jima, in a moment captured in a famous photograph and statue.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: George Friedrich Handel (1685-1759), organist/composer; W.E.B. Du Bois (1868-1963), civil rights activist; Peter Fonda (1940-), actor, is 62; Patricia Richardson (1951-), actress, is 51; Brad Whitford, (1952-), Aerosmith guitarist, is 50; Kristin Davis (1965-), actress, is 37; Stephanie Seymour (1968-), actress, is 34.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1991, the University of North Carolina became the first collegiate basketball team to win 1,500 NCAA contests.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Herein lies the tragedy of the age; not that men are poor — all men know something of poverty, not that men are wicked — who is good? Not that men are ignorant — what is truth? Nay, but that men know so little of men." — W.E.B. Du Bois, "The Souls of Black Folk", 1903

TODAY'S MOON: Between the first quarter (Feb. 20) and the new snow moon (Feb. 27).

Sunday, Feb. 24, 2002

Today is the 55th day of 2002, and the 66th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 303, the first official edict for the persecution of Christians is issued.

On this day in 1582, Pope Gregory XIII introduced the Gregorian calendar, which is still in use today.

On this day in 1803, the U.S. Supreme Court declared a law unconstitutional for the first time. The decision in Marbury v. Madison declared the Judiciary Act of 1789 unconstitutional, and established the Supreme Court's role as the final arbiter of the Constitution.

On this day in 1981, England's Prince Charles announced his engagement to Lady Diana Spencer.

On this day in 1995, the Dow Jones average reached a record high 4011.74 points.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Abe Vigoda (1921-), actor, is 71; Steve Jobs (1955-), co-founder of Apple Computer, is 47; Billy Zane (1966-), actor, is 36; Jeff Garcia (1970-), football star, is 32; Manon Rheaume (1970-), first professional female hockey player, is 30; Oscar de la Hoya (1973-), boxer, is 27.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1980, the U.S. Olympic team defeated Finland 4-2 to win their second-ever gold medal in ice hockey. They had defeated the Soviet Union 4-3 in the semifinal round.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I was lucky to get into computers when it was a very young and idealistic industry. There weren't many degrees offered in computer science, so people in computers were brilliant people from mathematics, physics, music, zoology, whatever. They loved it, and no one was really in it for the money." — Steve Jobs

TODAY'S MOON: Between the first quarter (Feb. 20) and the new snow moon (Feb. 27).

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Psychic hot line, government reach temporary accord

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government and Miss Cleo's psychic hot line have reached a temporary meeting of the minds allowing the telephone service to keep predicting while an investigator looks into charges that it has defrauded customers.

U.S. District Judge Alan Gold of the Southern District of Florida has approved a settlement with the Federal Trade Commission under which a court-appointed auditor will monitor all past, present and future activities of Access Resource Services Inc. and Psychic Readers Network.

The two Fort Lauderdale, Fla., companies have a national network of "psychic readers," led by Jamaican soothsayer "Miss Cleo," that promises insights in matters of love and money.

Under the preliminary injunction, the companies are required to disclose in their advertisements the cost of their pay-per-call service; stop representing that [illegible] ing;" and stop using toll-free numbers in ads without disclosing that the service is accessed through 900 numbers.

The FTC said the injunction will be in place until the court issues a final ruling on its allegations.

New York attorney Sean Moynihan, who represents the two companies, said the two companies felt vindicated by the agreement because in the original lawsuit filed on Feb. 14 the FTC had sought to freeze their assets and shut down their operations.

He said they look forward to working with the FTC and demonstrating how their business works but regret this wasn't done before the lawsuit was filed. Had the agency done so, he said, "We would have explained how all the business practices are lawful."

The FTC, in its fraud lawsuit, alleged that the service, in addition to misrepresenting costs both in advertising and when the calls are made, billed for services never purchased, harassed consumers with unwanted telemarketing calls and responded to consumer complaints with abusive, threatening language.

The agency's director of consumer protection, Howard Beales, said the FTC acted after getting more than 2,000 complaints.

He said the service promises a free psychic reading, but when consumers call a toll-free number charging $4.99 a minute. Nearly 6 million people have called the service, with an average call costing more than $60, Beales said.

The companies have also been sued by at least eight other states, and Florida authorities have a separate lawsuit challenging "Miss Cleo," Youree Dell Harris, to prove that she really is a renowned shaman from Jamaica.

On the Net:
FTC: http://www.ftc.gov

Due to the renovation of Cogdell Memorial Hospital's Emergency Room

Hospital patrons need to be aware of the changes to the entrances to the hospital.

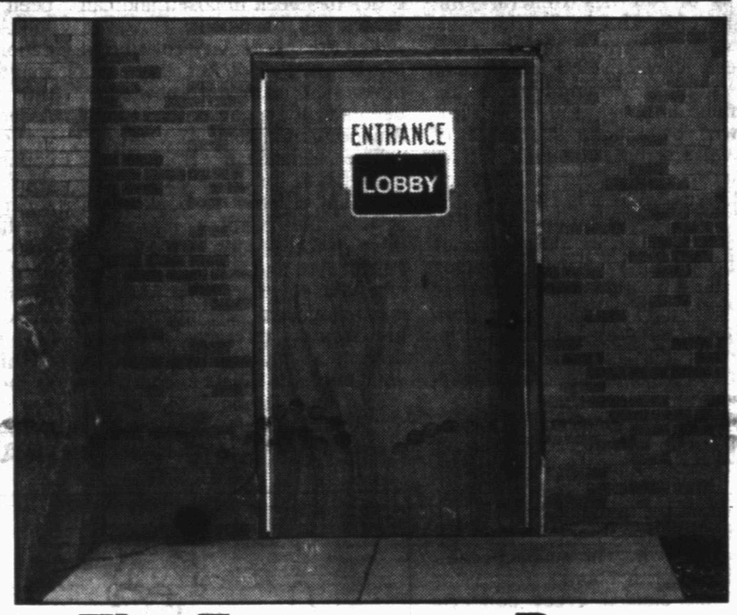
For entrance to the emergency room, follow this sign



★*Follow the signs to the new sidewalk that is west of the former ER entrance.*

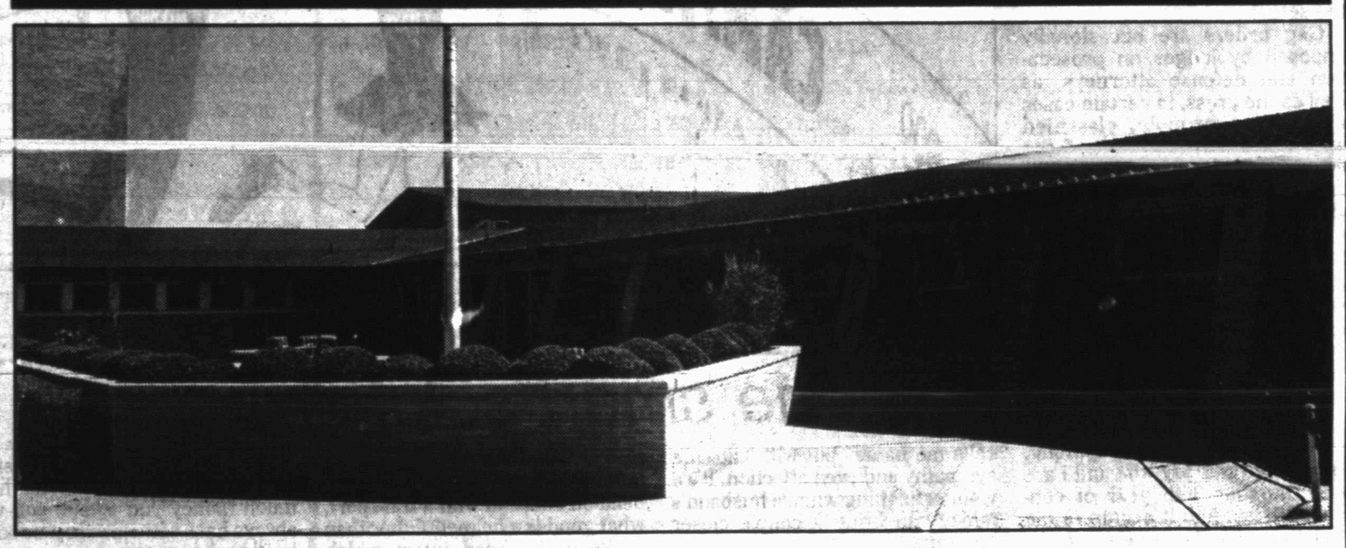
★*Let your patient out and then proceed to park in the parking lot near the front of the hospital.*

★*It is imperative not to park in this driveway because it is the ambulance drive, and the helicopter landing site.*



The Emergency Room entrance looks like this.

If your visit to Cogdell Hospital is not an emergency, please use the front entrance



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Cogdell Memorial Hospital

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Letter to the Editor

Don't postpone doctor's visit

Dear Editor:

On Feb. 13, my day started as most every day has for the last year — boot camp followed by a trip to the courthouse, then prepare for the afternoon session of boot camp.

On this particular day, I had an appointment with Dr. Vallabhan at the Specialty Clinic at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

This appointment had been postponed for several months because I really did not feel it was a big deal. However, since my wife took off work and said she was meeting me there to make sure I was there, I decided to go to ease her mind.

The staff at Cogdell was nice as usual, and the staff from Lubbock I had just met was very friendly too. After filling out the necessary paperwork, I sat in the room waiting for the doctor.

Dr. Vallabhan came in and introduced himself and within five minutes he said, "you have a major problem chief." He told me I needed to have an orchiectomy (removal of the right testicle) done immediately. He scheduled an appointment in Lubbock for the next day – Valentine's Day.

I was a little shocked, my wife was upset and that wiped out any plans we had for Valentine's Day.

I went to Lubbock North Star Surgery Clinic as instructed and had the operation. The following day I had a CAT scan at Cogdell and an appointment to see the doctor again in Lubbock on Monday, Feb. 18. My wife and I went back and I was diagnosed with Embryonal Carcinoma — a non-seminoma cell cancer. After this appointment I met with Dr. Vugrin — an oncologist — who advised later in the week that I had to have a port put in my chest to start chemotherapy on Monday, Feb. 25.

While I have not started chemo yet, I felt a strong urge to write this story to the Snyder community for two reasons. These reasons are in no particular order:

1. — If you are a hardheaded male who has had no real signs of illness, but has detected a lump, or something "not quite right" in your body, check it out. I felt I was in good shape, I worked out everyday, I was on a multi-vitamin regimen, and tried to eat the right foods. I had no idea I was sick, and felt I would only be wasting the family money by checking out something that really did not bother me.

I was wrong. I am no doctor, but for the rest of my life I will have even the little things checked out.

2. — I have had the honor of working with the Snyder Police Department, Scurry County sheriff's office and the Scurry County Juvenile Probation office (S.T.A.R. Boot Camp) since I moved here in 1996.

Through these agencies, I have had the opportunity to meet the judges of the different courts, local agencies like Texas DPS, CADA, CPS, MHMR, Harmony Family Services, HOBBS and Snyder school systems, just to name a few, and many parents and area youth.

I have had the honor to sit and speak with several people who trusted me enough to share some of their problems with me, and others who were not afraid to voice their opinion because they had different views.

But it was not until Feb. 13, that I felt an impact so large I could not control my emotions. The diagnosis of cancer is not what I am talking about, but the area-wide support I received and am still receiving. In the past, I have read several thank you notes that read "words cannot express my true feelings" and I always thought that was nice.

But until you have to let people know how you really feel in times where you are forced to reach out for help, you don't know what to say. This note is forwarded to the newspaper to let everyone know I am deeply touched at the outpouring of support I have received.

I do not feel deserving of this honor because I intend to fight through this minor setback I am experiencing right now, and with the help of God, be back to work shortly.

Thank you for your prayers, kind thoughts and to all of my friends — thank you and "words cannot express my true feelings."

David "Gunny" Presley

Sweet Land of Liberty by Nat Hentoff

The FBI among the bookshelves

One of the least known sections of Attorney General John Ashcroft's U.S.A. Patriot Act, passed overwhelmingly by Congress, allows the FBI to demand from bookstores and libraries the names of books bought or borrowed by anyone suspected of "involvement in internal terrorism or clandestine intelligence activities."

The basis for this search is in Section 215 of the U.S.A. Patriot Act, which says that the director of the FBI may seek a federal court order for "any tangible things (including books, records, papers, documents, and other items) for an investigation to protect against" terrorists.

Among the Act's broad definitions of domestic terrorism is "acts (that) appear to be intended to ... influence the policy of government by intimidation."

Such alleged "acts" could be based on what the suspect reads and follows in a book.

What causes great concern among librarians and bookstore owners is that once they turn the information over to the FBI, a gag order is imposed on the bookstore or library that prohibits them from disclosing "to any other person ... that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has sought or obtained tangible things under this section."

This means that the librarian or bookstore owner cannot call a newspaper or television reporter to say that the FBI has conducted the search.

Gag orders are occasionally imposed by judges on prosecution and defense attorneys, as well as the press, in certain cases where, for example, classified information may be part of the evidence or one of the witnesses might be endangered if his or her identity is revealed.

But, whenever that happens, the press can disclose that the gag order has been imposed and can contest it in open court. However, under this particular provision of the U.S.A. Patriot Act, there has never before, to my knowledge, been so rigid a gag order in First Amendment history.

The American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression has sent a letter to booksellers across the country informing them of this section of the U.S.A. Patriot Act, and telling them that when the court order for a search is handed down, "the judge makes his decision 'ex parte,' meaning there is no opportunity for you or your lawyer to object in court."

And since the bookstore owner or librarian can't object to the press, can't he or she at least consult a lawyer after the search has been made? This is the advice of the American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression - and also the advice librarians are getting for the American Library Association:

"You remain entitled to legal counsel. Therefore, you may call your attorney and/or (the Booksellers Foundation or, if a librarian, the American Library Association) and simply tell us that you need to contact our legal counsel. Because of the gag order, however, you should not tell us that you have received a court order."

This, mind you, is part of a law in the United States of America, not the People's Republic of China. Because of the chilling effect of this section of the U.S.A. Patriot Act, it's uncertain how many booksellers and librarians will even call a lawyer. And for those who do, it's difficult to predict how successful a court challenge will be in the present, and long-term, atmosphere of fear of shadowy terrorists among us.

After all, during the Second World War, some 120,000 Japanese-Americans, two-thirds of them citizens, were unjustly locked up in concentration camps for fear that being of Japanese ancestry, they would aid the enemy. The U.S. Supreme Court agreed, in one of the lowest points in its history, as judged by most historians of the Court. And at the time, there was little public criticism.

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North of Forty by Red Green

The smart solution

I've been married a long, long, long time. My wife and I are well into our 36th year of controlled bliss. And it occurs to me that there has been an evolution in the content of the hidden messages that are just under the surface, every time she talks to me or even looks my way. In the early years, the message said, "You are the perfect man for me." Soon it became, "If you changed a couple of things, you would be the perfect man for me." Reality began to sink in when the message became, "I think you're an idiot."

And it got worse. In our darkest period, the message became, "I know you're an idiot." Now for any of you out there going through this phase, I urge you to find a way to hang on and keep it together. Because the next phase is the best. That's the one my wife and I are in now, where the message becomes, "We both know you're an idiot."

This is a good place. We're back on the same side again. I don't get blamed. My stupidity does. It's an [illegible] mon, and she believes that it hurts me more than it hurts her. She still calls me names but with extreme sympathy and even affection. It's a wonderful thing when a husband's idiocy can bring a couple closer together.

THE HEADLESS HOGMAN

I spend quite a bit of time in Florida because I'm allergic to snow shovels. And one thing I notice here is that motorcyclists don't need to wear helmets. It's an unfamiliar sight to see men on Harleys doing about 80 with no head protection, weaving through a parade of tractor-trailers on I-75.

Back home, they'd be pulled over in a flash, their bikes confiscated, and they'd get a ticket for reckless endangerment or something. But when I think about it, the helmet law doesn't make much sense. The fact that these guys hit the open road on a motorcycle means that they like to live on the edge. And when somebody living on the edge comes into my life, I don't want them wearing anything like a helmet that would make it harder to identify them in a police line-up.

[illegible] wear a helmet? Maybe some people don't have a brain worth protecting. And let's be serious, if a motorcycle has a 75 mile-an-hour head-on collision with a transport, what good is a helmet? Other than to keep the head intact which makes it easier to identify the body.

THE CHOSEN ONES

Life is about making choices. We all do it every day. Here are a few signs to watch for that indicate you have made some poor choices in your life:

— Your lunch comes with a free action figure.

— No shirt ever made goes with the pants you just bought.

— Your lawn is too small for all of your ornaments.

— Your retirement plan relies on a lottery win.

— Your family can only visit with you in the presence of an armed guard.

— Your household garbage has more bottles than food wrappers.

THE PERPETUAL PROBLEM

If there's one thing I've learned (which is debatable), it's that a person will never be completely [illegible] thing in your life that leaves you unsatisfied or frustrated. The idea that money eliminates dissatisfaction is a fantasy. No matter how much money you spend, you will always have some product or service that disappoints you.

If you can accept this simple truth, it can be very comforting. When you drive by the huge mansion with the exotic cars parked out front, you know that that poor guy has something that cost him a fortune, and he doesn't like it.

Whereas your biggest financial mistake was the $30 bowling shoes that pinch. Keep them and smile when you wear them. They are saving you a fortune, my friend.

QUOTE OF THE DAY: "Forgettable cars are usually recalled." — Red Green

Red Green is the star of "The Red Green Show," a television series seen in the U.S. on PBS and in Canada on the CBC Network, and the author of "The Red Green Book" and "Red Green Talks Cars: A Love Story."

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Amarillo Globe-News

Waylon Jennings

From paying tribute to expressing remorse, there was no shortage of comment and reaction on the death of country music legend Waylon Jennings Wednesday.

The Littlefield native epitomized the values and beliefs of West Texas and the Panhandle — honesty, integrity and compassion for others.

"What was great about (Jennings) is you could take him at his word. If he said a hog weighed 5 pounds, then you could wrap it up," musician Glen Campbell said. "In the country, we call that an honest person."

Jennings, 64, died of diabetes-related health problems. He leaves behind a legacy of music based on his unique songwriting style that was an extension of his experiences and life. Jennings was true to his roots, never compromising his music for the trappings of stardom or fame. He was what he was — a country boy from Littlefield.

Jennings, a boyhood friend and band-mate of fellow West Texas musical legend Buddy Holly, remarked how a fateful night in 1959 when a plane crash robbed the music world of three great talents — Holly, Ritchie Valens and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson — also changed his life forever. According to legend, Jennings gave up his seat on the plane after losing a coin flip.

When he heard of the tragic crash the next day, Jennings figured he had been given a second chance and had better make the most of it.

He did.

Over four decades, Jennings, a member of the Country Music Hall of Fame, scored 16 No. 1 country singles and made 60 albums.

Despite his fame, Jennings remained the same — a free spirit who valued honesty over phoniness, substance over style and loyalty over convenience.

These were the values Jennings learned in West Texas and honored throughout his life.

Jennings' music is his legacy, but we shouldn't forget the attributes that made him a legend.

San Antonio Express-News

Edwards Aquifer

Because the Edwards Aquifer stretches 180 miles across at least parts of eight counties, protecting it must, by necessity, be a regional responsibility.

The brewing PGA Village controversy has focused attention on this issue.

The key player in this regional task is the Edwards Aquifer Authority, which began operating in 1996.

On Thursday, the authority's power to control the amount of water taken from the underground cistern became clear.

The Texas Supreme Court ruled that the law creating the authority and giving it power to enact pumping limits does not violate the state's property rights act.

Water district officials across the state can breathe a sigh of relief, because the ruling upheld an exception to the state's property rights law. The law allows property owners broad control over their land, but this allows for regulation to provide protection and control the use of water underneath it.

The ruling was necessary for San Antonio and the Edwards region to cope with growth and comply with federal restrictions to protect endangered species in the aquifer-fed springs.

Medina County pecan growers challenged the authority's ability to restrict pumping through issuing permits in a case that culminated with the high court ruling.

EAA General Manager Greg Ellis recently told the Express-News that the agency will begin drafting rules to protect water quality this year and implementing the regulations next year.

With the agency's clout confirmed by the Texas Supreme Court, the EAA's moves to protect water quality during the next two years will be critical steps for the region's future.

Citizens who care about the region's water supply from the Edwards must watch carefully as the authority develops its rules to protect water quality.

In addition, legislators from San Antonio and the surrounding region must work carefully to craft legislation for the 2003 session putting both the city and counties in a better position to protect their water supply.

The Dallas Morning News

Bush's Asian trip

As President Bush travels around the Far East this week, a shadow trails him. The president's State of the Union declaration that Iraq, Iran and North Korea constitute an "axis of evil" has rattled allies as well as adversaries. Among the rattled are South Korean leaders who prefer a quieter dialogue with North Korea [illegible] nuclear capabilities and inhumane living conditions.

The situation will test Mr. Bush as he starts today the South Korean leg of his Japan-Korea-China trip. The president has presented a compelling moral reason for fighting terrorism since Sept. 11. And his clear language about nations that pose a continuing threat reminds Americans they are engaged in a long struggle.

But now that Mr. Bush has presented his moral case, he must keep engaging in the more complicated work of diplomacy. Dan Ewing of the Nixon Center in Washington, D.C., notes that the president will need to persuade South Koreans that he understands the delicacy of their situation, which places them on the front line with North Korea.

One way is to stress his support for accelerating talks between the two Koreas. Unlike Iraq, where dialogue about reducing nuclear threats has been as rare as a Saddam Hussein confessional, the two Koreas have had serious discussions about the North's nuclear power. It makes sense to defuse North Korea's threat to others through a diplomatic offensive, if such an opening presents itself.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Bush's records while governor

A controversy is brewing over the control and placement of the records compiled during George W. Bush's six years as Texas governor.

The short answer and best advice in this case is to stick to the basics on open records: Texas government documents — including those of governors — must be open, accessible and, most important, must be handled in compliance with the Texas Public Information Act.

But perhaps a little background would be helpful regarding this tale of good intentions gone bad.

The records of each governor, by statute, are to be collected and available to the public. With a few exceptions, the Texas State Library and Archives has been the keeper of such papers. That changed on June 18, 1997, when Gov. Bush signed House Bill 1812.

That legislation, passed at Bush's request, allowed the governor to select an alternate site for his records. The bill was sponsored by Rep. Bob Hunter, R-Abilene.

Fifty-one highway projects stalled by cuts

DALLAS (AP) — Cuts to the Texas Department of Transportation's new-project budget have stalled 51 projects — 10 in North Texas — that had contractors waiting to start work.

Since September, the department has had to slash its new-project budget by $300 million, or 10 percent.

And financing for future area projects has been whittled from $420 million to $365 million.

A Legislature-mandated change in the way the Transportation Department manages its road money — coupled with lower-than-expected revenue and a busier-than-anticipated winter construction season — has at times left the state close to bouncing road-building checks.

"I don't think we're out of the woods on this issue yet," Jay Nelson, district engineer for the Transportation Department's Dallas office, told The Dallas Morning News for its Friday editions. "We still have a lot of projects in limbo this year."

In the Dallas area, work will continue on projects viewed as most important to keep traffic moving and on projects needed for safety reasons, Nelson said.

Most of the project slowdowns will be seen on farm-to-market roads and to a lesser extent on some state highways.

Areas other than road building also have been affected at the Transportation Department. Employee promotions and pay raises have been delayed statewide. Travel has been drastically reduced. Equipment purchases have been postponed, and maintenance has been suspended in areas where it does not affect safety.

The cash flow crunch first emerged last fall as accountants juggled record monthly payments to contractors and small-but-noticeable drops in revenue from gasoline taxes.

Funds were so low at one point in October that the state had only enough money in the bank to build four miles of a one-lane rural highway. That $4 million low point followed a consistent high point of $400 million two years before.

"In the next six to eight months, there will still be some projects going forward but just not as much," said James Bass, chief financial officer for the Transportation Department.

The financial situation has improved since January — the department's bank balance hovers around its target of $100 million. But the busy summer construction season could leave the state with a single day's balance of about $10 million, according to one estimate.

Transportation planners acknowledged that as some projects get delayed, the slowdown could have a domino effect on future construction. But projections show that the state should be able to award $3 billion in new contracts next year, slightly ahead of the $2.8 billion in 2002, Bass said.

The state highway fund receives almost $5 billion a year in revenue, the bulk from gasoline taxes and federal sources.

Several years ago, the Legislature asked the Transportation Department to whittle its bank balance, which hovered at the $400 million level after all contract payments were made each month. That money could be put to better use by improving Texas roads, legislators said.

More projects were started, and then revenue and expense forecasts came back slightly off their projections.

Scurry County Court

There were 20 cases heard in Scurry County Court on Jan. 30, including a 37-year-old male who pleaded guilty to driving while license suspended. He was sentenced to three days in jail time plus a fine of $100 and $211 court costs.

A 22-year-old male pleaded guilty to motion to revoke probation, driving while license suspended. He was sentenced to 10 days in jail and $235.25 court costs.

A 48-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI. He was sentenced to 120 days in jail — probated for one year plus 365 days driving license suspension, a $100 fine and $236 court costs.

A 48-year-old male pleaded guilty to driving while license suspended. He was sentenced to 120 days in jail, probated for two years, plus a fine of $100 and $236 court costs.

A 22-year-old male pleaded guilty to evading arrest. He was sentenced to 10 days in jail and court costs of $201.

A 44-year-old male pleaded guilty to motion to revoke probation — driving while license suspended. He was sentenced to five days in jail and $235.25 court costs.

49-year-old male pleaded guilty to terroristic threat. He was sentenced to 15 days in jail and $201 court costs.

A 57-year-old male pleaded guilty to motion to revoke probation DWI. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail and $235.25 in court costs.

An 18-year-old female pleaded guilty to DWI. She was sentenced to 30 days in jail plus 365 days driver license suspension and $211 court costs.

An 18 year-old female pleaded guilty to motion to revoke probation — assault. She was sentenced to 30 days in jail and $235.25 court costs.

A 20-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail plus 365 days driver license suspension and $211 court costs.

A 19-year-old male pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana. He was sentenced to 20 days in jail plus $211 court costs.

A 34-year-old male pleaded guilty to driving while license suspended. He was sentenced to five days in jail plus $211 court costs.

A 30-year-old male pleaded guilty to DWI. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail — probated for one year plus $500 fine and $236 court costs.

A 21-year-old female pleaded guilty to false report to a police officer. She was sentenced to 10 days in jail plus $211 court costs.

A 32-year-old female pleaded guilty to driving while license suspended. She was fined $100 plus 6 months deferred probation and $211 in court costs.

A 32-yeaf-old female pleaded guilty to DWI. She was sentenced to 15 days in jail plus $211 in court costs.

A 19-year-old male pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail plus $211 in court costs.

A 20-year-old male pleaded guilty to motion to revoke probation — possession of marijuana. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail and $235.25 in court costs.

A 20-year-old male pleaded guilty to bail jumping and failure to appear. He was sentenced to 45 days in jail and $201 court costs.

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AUTOCAD - INTRODUCTION	96	FEB 19 – JUNE 11	6 – 9pm	$187 plus book
COMPUTERS- INTRODUCTION	10	FEB 12,27; MAR 4, 6	6:30– 9pm	$40
*EMT BASIC	128	FEB 25 – JUNE 5	6-10pm	SEE BELOW
*EMT BASIC CLINICAL	32	FEB 25 – JUNE 5	6-10pm	$373 ID / $402 OOD
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*EMT BASIC REFRESHER	44	FEB 25 – JUNE 5	6-10pm	$113.40 ID / $218.60 OOD
*PREREQUESITES REQUIRED				
*EMT BASIC UPDATE	20	FEB 25 – JUNE 5	6-10pm	$67 ID / $73 OOD
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**INTRO TO ADV PRACTICE	64	FEB25 - -JUNE 5		SEE BELOW
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PHARMACY TECHNICIAN	144	FEB 25 – MAY 22	2-5pm	$345 ID / $388 OOD
WINDOWS 98 – INTRODUCTION	10	FEB 26, 28; MAR 5, 6	6:30-9pm	$40
YOGA	8	FEB 26 – APR 23	5:30–6:30pm	$65
MARCH	**HOURS**	**DATES**	**TIME**	**COST**
BASIC SAFETY ORIENTATION	10	MAR 4	8am – 6pm	$80
BOOKKEEPING – BEGINNING	18	MAR 20 – APR 24	6 – 9pm	$44 Plus book
COMP REPAIR AND UPGRADIANG	10	MAR 18, 20, 25,27	6:30 – 9pm	$40
FINANCIAL PLAN & INVEST	10	MAR 19 – APR 16	6:30 – 8:30pm	$30
INTERIOR DESIGN AND DECOR	16	MAR 18 – MAY 9	6:30 – 8:30pm	$45
INTERNET – BASIC		MAR 18, 20, 25, 27	6:30 – 9pm	$40
KEYBOARDING/TYPING – INTRO	32	MAR 18 – MAY 22	6:30pm – 8pm	$65
LANDSCAPING – INTRO	20	MAR 4 – MAY 13	6:30 – 8:30pm	$50 Plus Book
SIGN LANGUAGE	18	MAR 2 – MAY 16	6:30 – 8:30pm	$60
CPR	10	MAR 4 & 5	6 – 10pm	$40
CERTIFIED NURSE AID	75	MAR 11 – APR 12	8am – 6pm	$300

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BASIC SAFETY ORIENTATION	10	APR 1	8am – 6:00pm	$80
CAKE DECORATING	16	APR 6 – MAY 4	9:am – 12 noon	$42
CONCRETE - DESIGN/FORMING	10	APR 1 – APR 29	6:30 – 8:30pm	$50
CUSTOMER SERVICE	10	APR 2 – APR 30	6 – 8pm	$30
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MICROSOFT OFFICE 2000	10	APR 23,24, 30; MAY 2	6:30 – 9pm	$40
REMODELING TECHNIQUES		TO BE ANNOUNCED		
WELDING – BASIC ARC	18	APR 2 – MAY 9	6 – 10pm	$80
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WINDOWS 98 – ADVANCED	10	APR 9, 11,16, 18	6:30 – 9pm	$40
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DESKTOP PUBLISHING		MAY 21, 23, 28, 30	6:30pm – 9:00pm	$40
GREENHOUSE – BASIC	30	MAY 7 – JUNE 25	6:30pm – 8:30pm	$42
HOUSEHOLD REPAIR – BASIC		TO BE ANNOUNCED		
MICROSOFT OFFICE XP		MAY 20, 22, 27, 29	6:30pm – 9:00pm	$40
PHOTOGRAPHY – INTRO		TO BE ANNOUNCED		
SMALL ENGINE REPAIR/OVERHAUL		TO BE ANNOUNCED		

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Introduction to Computers	8	3/19, 21, 26, 28	2 – 4pm	8	16	$20.00
Introduction to Windows 98	8	3/18, 20, 25, 27	2 – 4pm	8	16	$20.00
April						
Basic Internet	8	4/1, 3, 8, 10	2– 4pm	8	16	$20.00
Advanced Windows 98	8	4/15, 17, 22, 24	2 – 4pm	8	16	$20.00
May						
Microsoft Office 2000	8	4/29 5/1, 6, 8	2 – 4pm	8	16	$20.00
Advanced Internet	8	5/13, 15, 20, 22	2 – 4pm	8	16	$20.00

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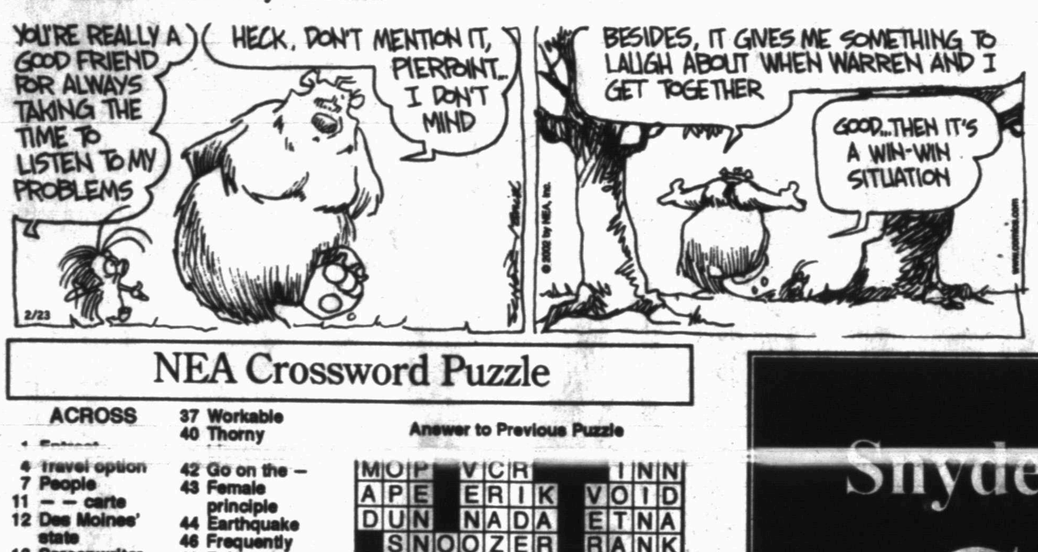
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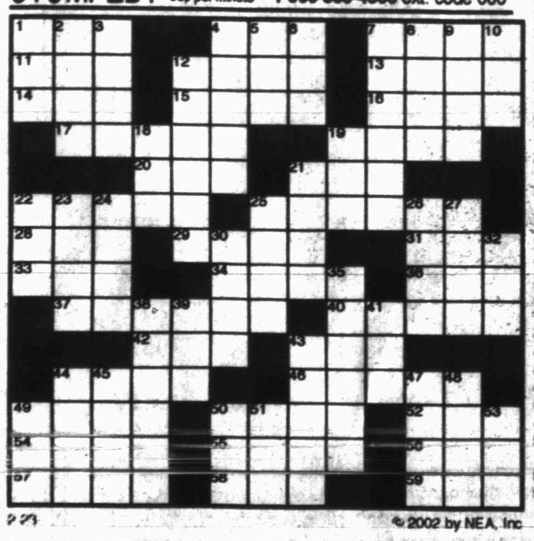
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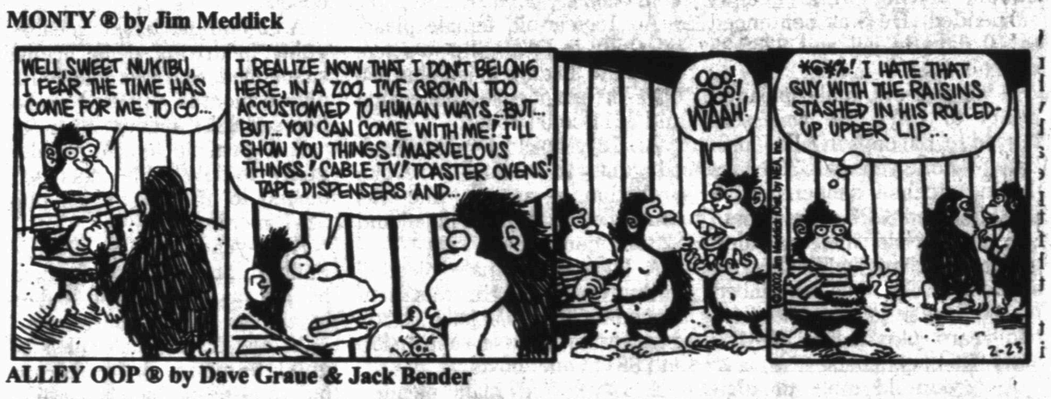
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DEAR ABBY: never seen in your stay-at-home mom a 5-year-old and month-old. My hu for us. In return, I care, housekeep dishes, bill-paying and other things a We have a large, four-bath house.

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Many husbands to help with house it's called partners

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Who should m move, Abby? — LAW ON THE SI

DEAR SISTE you have a relatio grandparents, urge gize to Ellie for the ed her. However, t be too late to mak dren can smell hy away.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Wife is fed up with husband who leaves a trail of trash

DEAR ABBY: Here's one I've never seen in your column. I am a stay-at-home mom with two kids, a 5-year-old and a nursing 7-month-old. My husband provides for us. In return, I do all the child care, housekeeping, cooking, dishes, bill-paying, laundry, etc., and other things as they come up. We have a large, five-bedroom, four-bath house.

Needless to say, at the end of the day I am exhausted, and in 24 hours the house is a mess again. I feel more like a mother of three than a wife. I pick up his used tissues (he has allergies and leaves them around the house), used dental floss, empty beer bottles, food scraps, etc. I get grossed out, but he says it's part of my job.

Right now I'm looking at the kitchen table, and his dirty dishes, hot sauce and salad dressing are still there from last night. Apparently the "waitress" fell asleep with the kids.

At what point does a wife draw the line in picking up after the husband? Are husbands today responsible for any housework if the wife stays at home with the kids? — **INDENTURED SERVANT**

DEAR INDENTURED SERVANT: Apparently you married a man whose mother waited on him hand and foot, and he expects his wife to do the same. He's a big boy now, and he should be ashamed of himself. There is no excuse for a grown man not to pick up his own garbage — and that includes tissues and dental floss. There is also no reason why he cannot help set and clear a table.

Many husbands today pitch in to help with household chores — it's called partnership.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband's brother was married to "Ellie" for 17 years. She was a wonderful woman. They had two great kids. Ellie always treated his parents and siblings with respect. Sadly, they were not as nice to her. In spite of it, she considered them her family.

When Ellie finally decided to divorce my brother-in-law, after years of emotional and verbal abuse by him and his parents, it was a gut-wrenching decision.

Although Ellie and my brother-in-law continued living together for more than a year while their divorce was pending, my in-laws cut off all contact with her. They removed her pictures from the walls of their home, "uninvited" her to a family wedding for which she had already attended the bridal shower, and never once asked her children (their grandchildren) about her. It was as if Ellie never existed. She was very hurt, but never bad-mouthed any of them to her kids.

Shortly after the divorce was final, my brother-in-law died in a car accident at the age of 47. Ellie's children, now 13 and 11, no longer want anything to do with their grandparents. They feel very angry about the way their mother was treated. Ellie has told a relationship with their dad's family, but will not force them.

Who should make the first move, Abby? — **SISTER-IN-LAW ON THE SIDELINES**

DEAR SISTER-IN-LAW: If you have a relationship with the grandparents, urge them to apologize to Ellie for the way they treated her. However, truthfully, it may be too late to make amends. Children can smell hypocrisy a mile away.

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DEAR ABBY: Over the years, you have advised many people — mothers-in-law and so on. But I have never seen advice for parents. I am a 13-year-old reader who has decided to write my own set of "guidelines" for moms and dads. Here goes:

(1) Don't expect your kids to like the same things you do.

(2) Tell your kids you love them every day.

(3) When your kids do something wrong, don't keep reminding them. Chances are they feel bad enough already.

(4) Remember, you weren't perfect when you were growing up. Don't expect your kids to be.

(5) If you have more than one kid, don't compare them. They are completely different people.

(6) Be patient with your kids. They're just learning.

(7) If something goes wrong, don't blame it on them. It isn't always their fault.

(8) Surprise your kids sometimes — even if it's something little.

(9) Accept that your kids are getting older. They can't always be 5 years old.

(10) Don't fight in front of your kids. (That should be a no-brainer.)

(11) Don't assume that you know what your kids are thinking.

Thanks for letting me contribute to the column, Abby. — **13-YEAR-OLD**

DEAR 13-YEAR-OLD: You're welcome. If you were older, you would have seen the following "commandments" that first appeared in my column in 1981 (!). They clearly address the subject of parenting:

A CHILD'S TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR PARENTS
by Dr. Kevin Leman

(1) My hands are small; please don't expect perfection whenever I make a bed, draw a picture or throw a ball. My legs are short; please slow down so that I can keep up with you.

(2) My eyes have not seen the world as yours have; please let me explore safely. Don't restrict me unnecessarily.

(3) Housework will always be there. I'm little for only a short time — please take time to explain things to me about this wonderful world, and do so willingly.

(4) My feelings are tender; please be sensitive to my needs. Don't nag me all day long. (You wouldn't want to be nagged for your inquisitiveness.) Treat me as you would like to be treated.

(5) I am a special gift from God; please treasure me as God intended you to do, holding me accountable for my actions, giving me guidelines to live by and disciplining me in a loving manner.

(6) I need your encouragement to grow. Please go easy on the criticism; remember, you can criticize the things I do without criticizing me.

(7) Please give me the freedom to make decisions concerning myself. Permit me to fail so that I can learn from my mistakes. Then someday I'll be prepared to make the kind of decisions life requires of me.

(8) Please don't do things over for me. Somehow that makes me feel that my efforts didn't quite measure up to your expectations. I know it's hard, but please don't try to compare me with my brother or sister.

(9) Please don't be afraid to leave for a weekend together. Kids need vacations from parents, just as parents need vacations from kids. Besides, it's a great way to show us kids that your marriage is very special.

(10) Please take me to Sunday school and church regularly, setting a good example for me to follow. I enjoy learning more about God.

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Buried alive suspects also charged in 2 other killings

PHENIX CITY, Ala. (AP) — Two men accused of killing a 12-year-old boy and burying his father alive have now been charged in the shooting deaths of a married couple.

Thurman Ratliff, 68, and Katherine Ratliff, 62, were found dead at their home near Opelika on Jan. 30.

On Thursday, Michael David Carruth, 43, a bounty hunter from Phenix City, and Jimmy Lee Brooks Jr., 22, of Smiths Station, were charged with capital murder in their deaths.

Both men also face charges of murder and attempted murder in the death of the boy and attack on his father late Sunday.

Carruth and Brooks were arrested Monday after the father, whose throat had been slit, clawed his way out of the shallow grave, flagged down a car and described his son's killers to police.

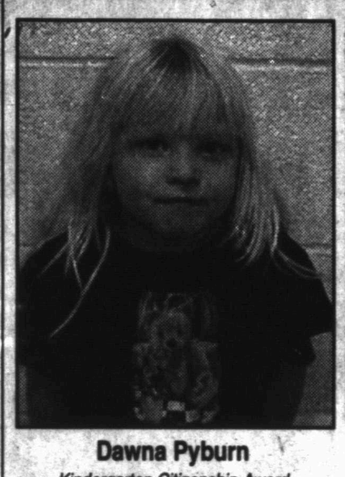
The men targeted Forrest Bowyer because he owns a used-car lot and has a reputation for carrying lots of cash, Sheriff Tommy Boswell said. Bowyer, 54, was expected to recover.

A third man, James Edward Gary, also was charged with capital murder in the Ratliffs' deaths. Police suspect robbery was the motive in killings.

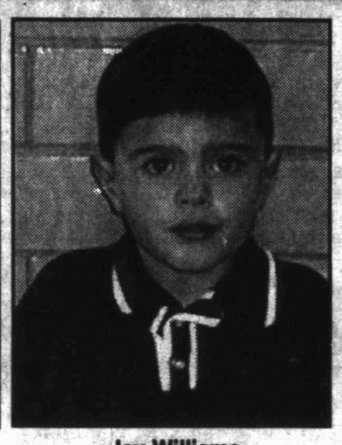
Russell County District Attorney Ken Davis has said he plans to seek the death penalty.

Boswell said that the two came under suspicion in the Ratliff case because it bore similarities to the Bowyer case; both were home invasions with robbery as the apparent motive. The Ratliffs lived in neighboring Lee County.

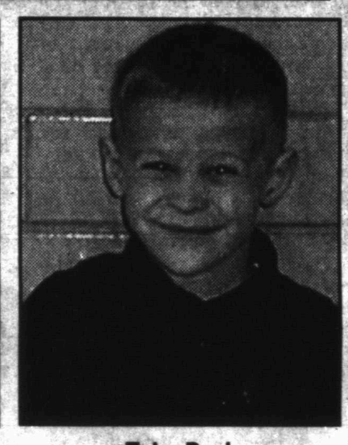
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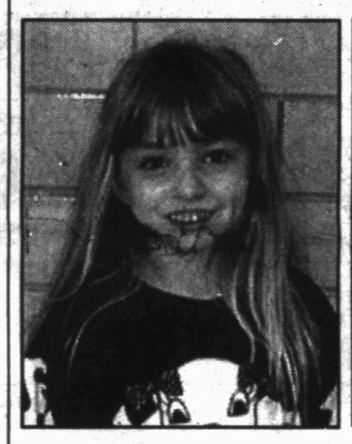
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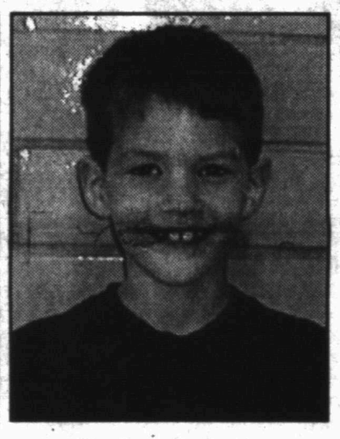
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By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, Feb. 24, 2002

In the year ahead, you're more than likely to be more resourceful in devising ways to improve upon your lot in life, and those for whom you're responsible. Your efforts will be rewarded big time.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — If you feel an overwhelming urge to play a guardian angel's role , don't hesitate to do so. Your thinking is correct, and what you do will be heart-warming. Pisces, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/0 this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Just because something is near and dear to your heart, does not mean it wouldn't be a good marketing product. In fact, the items or work we love best can be the most successful.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Your indulgent mindset toward your competitor gives you the edge in competitive situations . You won't shortchange yourself, but will be lenient toward others as well.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — This is a good day to talk to another whose support you need about an idea you have. This person is in a listening mode, and more indulgent in his or her thinking .

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You'll have the innate ability to improve upon the conception of another. Even if the formulation is good, you will still have something better to add to it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Have faith in your evaluations , even if you have to make a few judgment calls under pressure. You'll be a quick thinker, as well as a compassionate one.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Chances are no job will be too unpleasant for you to tackle. This is because you see things for what they, are and their need to be taken care of.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Something extremely pleasant is likely to develop for you, that you will find quite extraordinary. It is apt to involve a social arrangement.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — If you put your thinking cap on, you should be able to devise ways to acquire certain previously-unreachable things you've been wanting for your family.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — That bright, alert mind of yours will be in good working order . You'll be able to pick up valuable elements from conversations that go right over the heads of others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Through the kindness of another, you may be offered an unusual financial opportunity . You'll be smart enough to recognize what is being given, and you will make good use of it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Today is definitely a day for action, so don't let any grass grow under your feet when it comes to promoting either a personal interest of yours or that of someone who

Monday, Feb. 25, 2002

Valuable lessons learned in the past will be put into play in the year ahead. Because of these experiences, you'll now be armed with what it takes to bring about successful happenings.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — It's OK to form an alliance for the purpose of accomplishing a specific objective , but take great care not to choose someone who is incapable of making the contribution needed. Major changes are ahead for Pisces in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Should you have to deal with an assignment that you don't fully understand, do not allow your pride to inhibit you from asking for help. That only brings failure.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Keep yourself realistic when it comes to your monetary affairs . If you allow wishful thinking to direct your actions, you'll end up with nothing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — It's important to bring parity into all matters that affect others, as well as yourself. Unity and cooperation must prevail within a group in order to stand the test of time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Before you relay any hearsay gossip that is passed on to you , take time to verify the story first. If it's untrue, you'll be doing someone a great disservice.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — There's a strong possibility that you could do something very unwise, which would prove costly for you at a later date. Be prudent and be careful.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Even though you know what actions should be taken that would benefit your family, you might allow someone else's misplaced sensitivity to dissuade you away from doing so.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — How you feel about something might not be attuned to what is occurring in the real world, so open both your mind and your eyes to the truth and use logic in all your assessments.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Draw a bold line between your social life and your work-a-day world, especially anything having to do with money. Financial dealings with friends could be a bummer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Be very careful about who you bring together when planning an informal activity . If you try to blend diverse types, the event may not work out too well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Broken promises could lead to broken relationships . Someone to whom you've made a promise may depend on you more than you realize.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — It won't matter that your intent was good, the end result of your action or inaction is all that will really count. Be extremely careful when handling the resources of another.

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House eyes controling insurance costs

DALLAS (AP) — The House Insurance Committee is working on legislation to deal with runaway homeowners' insurance premiums.

State Rep. John Smithee, R-Amarillo, chairman of the panel, said Thursday he hopes to have a proposal ready within a month.

The Texas Legislature won't be back in session until January, but Smithee said it could guide state regulators and insurance companies until then.

"These rate increases are going to hit a lot of people hard over the next several months," said Smithee, referring to premiums that have gone up by at least a third, and in some cases more than doubled, since the beginning of the year.

Industry officials said there is no relief in sight. Homeowners are learning about the state's insurance crisis as annual premium renewals occur.

Insurers have blamed the increases on rising losses in Texas, including a surge in claims for mold damage over the past year.

Smithee said the House committee's recommendations will likely propose a "file-and-use" system for homeowners and auto insurance rates in which all companies would have to notify the Texas Department of Insurance of any premium increases. The department could raise objections if it found a rate increase excessive or unjustified

That proposal is aimed at the large number of homeowners' insurance companies whose rates are unregulated. Most insurers have shifted their homeowners' policies into Lloyds subsidiaries, which under an old state law are exempt from rate regulation.

"There is a lot of support for a file-and-use system," Smithee said in a story in Friday's editions of The Dallas Morning News. He said several other states use that approach to track insurance premiums.

Smithee said that although lawmakers cannot adopt a new system of rate regulation until next year, he hopes state Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor can persuade companies to voluntarily file their rate changes with the state in exchange for getting more freedom in designing their policies.

The House committee also is interested in setting shorter time limits for insurers to respond to property damage claims and in offering premium discounts for homes that use mold-resistant materials.

An industry spokesman said companies are receptive to any changes that would foster competition in the marketplace and make insurance more accessible for consumers.

"We need to redirect the public debate away from insurance to the real cause of the problem — mold," said Jerry Johns of Southwestern Insurance Information Service, an industry group. "What is driving the cost of insurance up is mold, and we hope they address that in their recommendations."

Consumer groups said a file-and-use system would be a "step up" from what Texas has now.

Rob Schneider of Consumers Union said lawmakers should seriously consider a "prior approval" system for regulating rates.

McGregor pleads for polar bears release

LONDON (AP) — Scottish actor Ewan McGregor has written to the U.S. government to plead for the release of seven Arctic polar bears he claims are being ill-treated at a circus in Puerto Rico.

In an open letter to Interior Secretary Gale Norton released Thursday and written on behalf of the British-based charity People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, McGregor asked for the animals to be removed from a traveling circus in Puerto Rico.

The 30-year-old star of "Black Hawk Down" and "Moulin Rouge" wants the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to place the bears in an accredited zoo in the United States.

PETA said video footage showed the bears being held in "atrocious" conditions, including small cages without enough water. The charity offered to pay for their relocation.

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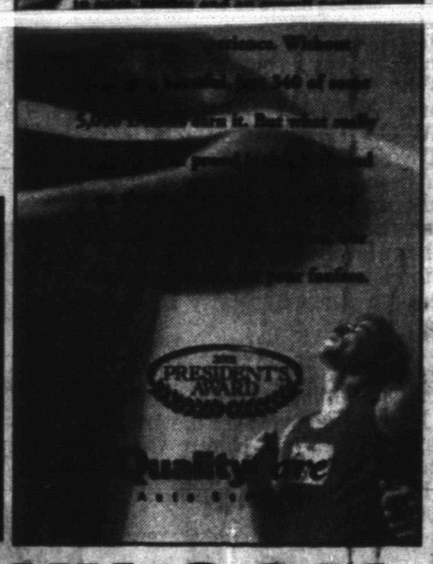
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