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Patterson Energy...

Local firm will merge with UTI

Snyder-based Patterson Energy Inc. and UTI Energy Corp. of Houston announced Monday that the boards of directors of both companies have approved a merger.

The new company will be called Patterson-UTI Energy Inc.

Cloyce Talbott, the current chairman and chief executive officer of Patterson, will be the CEO of the new company, while Mark S. Siege, chairman of UTI, will become chairman.

Patterson will exchange one common share for each share of UTI and the stock swap is valued at about $1.34 billion.

Talbott said Monday afternoon that many details of the merger still have to be worked out.

"We have a lot of planning to do while waiting on our stockholder's approval, and the approval of the regulatory agencies," said Talbott.

"During this time, we will be making plans as far as the operation of the new company goes," said Talbott.

Talbott did say that Patterson has told their employees here not to worry about their jobs.

"Actually, the merger will mean more opportunities for our employees," said Talbott.

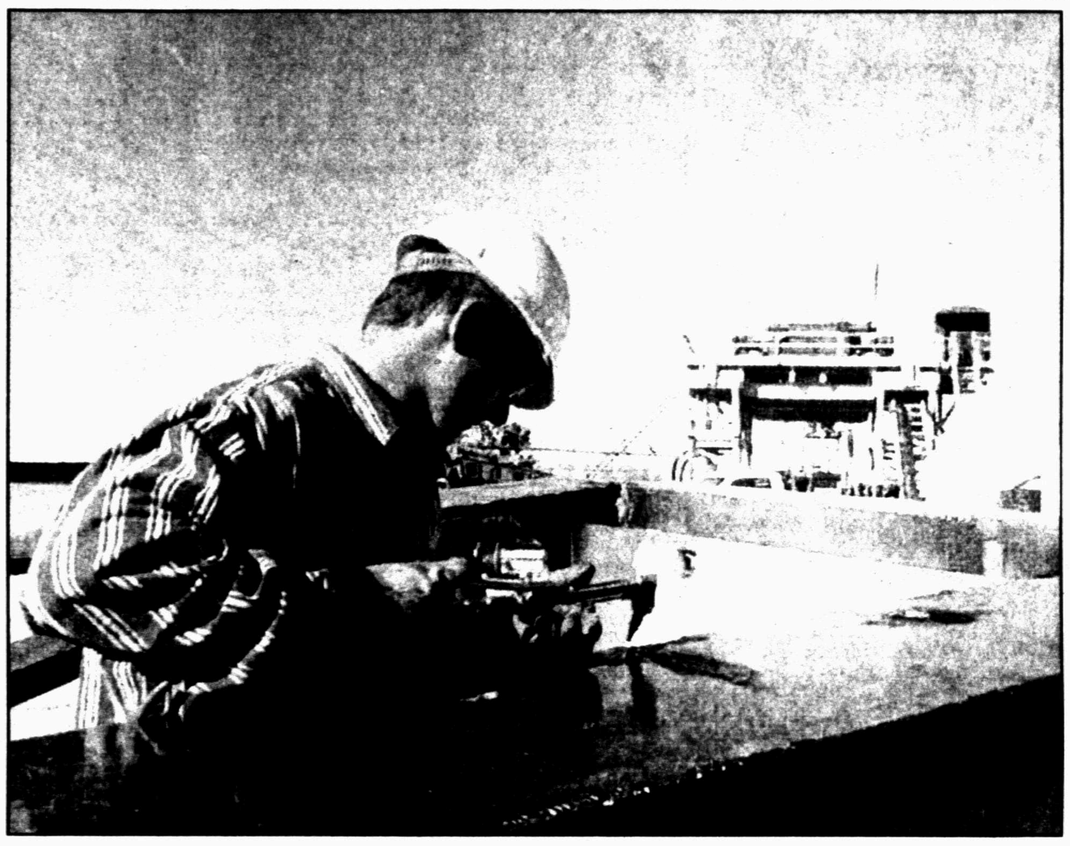
Talbott said Patterson employs about 3,000 people total, and UTI employs a like amount.

Patterson owns 152 drilling rigs which operate primarily in Texas, Oklahoma, Utah, New Mexico and Louisiana, while UTI owns 150 rigs that operate primarily in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Canada.

"We believe that the combined companies will be stronger than either company operating alone," Talbott added. "Patterson-UTI will have more than 300 land-based drilling rigs strategically located in some of the most prolific oil and gas producing regions in North America. In addition, we expect the combined companies to benefit from the considerable management skill and talent that both companies have developed over the past several years," said Talbott.

Siegel stated that he felt the merger represents a unique opportunity for shareholders, employees and customers of both companies.

"Both UTI and Patterson have built shareholder value through strategic acquisitions, and we believe the merger will provide the combined companies with a stronger platform for further growth," said Siegel.



RIG WORK — Justin Compton cuts a beam from a generator house at the Patterson Energy Inc. headquarters yard on the Lamesa highway. The company Monday announced a merger with Houston-based UTI Energy Corp. to become Patterson-UTI Energy Inc. The combined company will then have more than 300 drilling rigs and and some 6,000 total employees. Cloyce Talbott, founder of Patterson, will be the new CEO. (SDN Staff Photo by Joyce May)

City personnel policy finally gets council ok

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Snyder's city council disposed of two often-discussed items during Monday night's two-hour council meeting.

The city's personnel manual was finally approved after being an agenda item for the past three months – and the approval came on a split vote, with Councilman James Jenkins casting the lone dissenting vote.

During discussion, he said he felt the vote should be delayed since Mayor Dayton Robertson was absent.

"He stated previously he felt there should be some clarification as to the sick leave policy," Jenkins said.

Questions arose even last night on city sick leave as employee Tom Valentine again stated the policy affected him adversely.

"I may be the only one affected like this, but as the policy reads now, I owe the city eight days of sick leave and it will either have to come out of my pay, or my vacation pay," said Valentine.

"I'm eight days in the hole," added Valentine, holding a computer printout that each employee gets on payday that gives a breakdown of sick leave, vacation time, etc.

The city's building inspector had back surgery in December.

However, city finance director Jeanne Johnson produced another printout that indicated Valentine did not owe the city eight days work.

"I think we need to meet with personnel in the morning to get this straightened out," said Johnson.

Finally, James Ashley made a motion to adopt the policy.

"I think we've batted this around long enough. Since the city's department heads have signed off on it, let's vote on it," said Ashley.

The council unanimously approved an ordinance setting up rules and regulations for working in the city's rights-of-ways.

The ordinance affects utility companies and sub-contractors doing work in areas such as alleys.

Southwestern Bell representative Randy Teakell said his company objected to two proposals in the ordinance relating to the amount of time the city has to issue a permit to work in a right-of-way, and who should bear the cost of temporary arrangements.

"The ordinance says the city will grant a permit within 28 days, or in a timely manner," said Teakell. "The Public Utility Commission says we must provide service to a customer in three to five days."

Teakell also said Southwestern Bell feels that entities wanting temporary arrangements should bear the costs of such, not the telephone company.

City Manager John Gayle replied that the ordinance is written for all utility companies, not for one specific utility.

City Attorney Dana Cooley also stated that she does not feel there would be a problem with the city working with Southwestern Bell in the required time frame.

The council also passed the second reading of an ordinance setting the speed limit around a portion of Cogdell Hospital at 20 miles per hour.

The new speed limit is from Highway 350 east to Etgen Blvd., and on Trinity Blvd., from the intersection of Cogdell Blvd., south to the intersection of Martha Ann Blvd.

An ordinance closing a portion of 29th Street adjacent to the Snyder Boys and Girls Club to realign the club's athletic fields was also approved.

An ordinance requested by Cloyce Talbott to close a portion of 46th Street in Towle Park also was approved on first reading. That portion of the street has not been developed, and the city will retain the utility easement.

Ashley questioned if anything in the ordinance pertained to Talbott's request to pave - at his expense - the portion of Avenue Z east of the site where he is constructing a new home. It did not.

The council also ordered the general election to be held May 5. The places of Mayor Robertson and at-large councilmen Ashley and Terry Martin will be on the ballot.

Francene Noah was appointed election judge and Joyce Cooper was named the alternate judge.

No action was taken on the budget, or the contract with Parkhill, Smith and Cooper to provide engineering services for the 2000-01 water replacement project.

The council also met for 10 minutes in closed session to continue the evaluation of City Manager John Gayle.

Mayor pro-tem Vernest Tippens presided.

Ira gymnasium is named in honor of former school chief

Ira ISD's board of trustees voted last evening to rename the school's gymnasium the Roy Sallee Memorial Gymnasium.

Sallee served as Ira's superintendent from 1955-1975, and also served as girls' basketball coach.

Sallee passed away Wednesday.

In other business, the board voted to keep Supt. Jim Rumage's salary at the present level of $60,900. The board had previously voted unanimously to extend his contract through June 2004.

The superintendent also reported on plans to air condition the gym, and replace carpeting in the main building.

Rumage said this morning that the school is preparing bid specifications for the two projects that will be paid for with maintenance tax notes.

More indictments are drug related

In a marathon grand jury session Monday, jurors indicted 18 different individuals, including several connected to a Dec. 21 drug bust in which 26 individuals were arrested.

According to the Snyder Police Department, some of the offenses occurred just prior to the meeting of a Dec. 20 special grand jury and other charges were filed the day of the raid.

Three people saw two indictments each returned against them.

Alvin Leonard Ollison, 40, of 1007 29th Street; Kevin Wayne Ward, 30, of 2811 Avenue X; and Colby Shawn Ward, 18, also of 2811 Avenue X, were each indicted for Dec. 19 offenses of delivery of a controlled substance and Dec. 21 offenses of possession of a controlled substance — cocaine.

Darrell Eugene Hutcherson, 26, of 4400 Avenue U, Apt. 3B1 was indicted for Dec. 21 possession of cocaine while 23-year-old Danisha Venita Ollision of the same address was indicted for delivery of a controlled substance, a Dec. 19 offense.

None of those indicted on drug offenses have been arrested.

Ivory Grear, 46, of 3104 Ave. L was indicted for state jail felony theft for a scheme that allegedly took place from January to November 2000.

According to Sgt. Keith Ward, Grear was an employee of American Building Maintenance when he allegedly was turning in time worked and collecting paychecks every two weeks on a "ghost employee,"

Grear allegedly used the name of a former employee, turned in time for that person and then forged the signature on 21 paychecks, which totaled $10,141.08. Grear has not been arrested.

Indicted for sexual assault of a minor was Hadley Dees Vineyard, 19, of 2744 CR 3126.

Vineyard's bond was set at $10,000 for the second-degree felony which is alleged to have occurred in December, 1999.

Howard Smith Jr., 48, of 1004 33rd St. was indicted for burglary of a habitation, a second-degree felony. He remains in jail on a $10,000 bond for the Jan. [illegible] offense.

See Grand Jury Page 10

Lorber seeks more funding

The California energy crisis and a depressed textile market has had a adverse effect on operations of the local Lorber Industries plant, Tom Lorber told the Development Corporation of Snyder board this morning.

As a result, Lorber, who is president of Lorber Industries of California, is requesting financial assistance from the DCOS.

"I have a specific amount I would like to talk about," Lorber said after making some opening comments. "But I would like to address this in a private session."

Executive director John DeLille said that due to the Texas open meetings law, he could make his requests known to the board's prospect committee, and the request would be discussed openly at the next board meeting.

Lorber was to meet with committee members Gary Landes and Mark Cypert, and DeLille, along with chairman emeritus Roy Baze and local plant manager Jack Whitworth at 11:30 this morning

Due to the depressed textile market, the DCOS has accelerated its job creation incentive payments to the local Lorber operation and has paid out $120,000 since September.

DeLille said that amount essentially ends the DCOS incentive payments with the exception of $1,000 paid monthly for telecommunications.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Lockjaw is brought on by the kids asking why you haven't worn that nifty shirt they gave you for Christmas."

We look forward to the True Scoop column each month in the Texas State Trooper newsletter. Most of the time, the column tells about small details that were overlooked by crooks, resulting in their capture.

Unfortunately the good guys in the white hats sometimes miss a few details, and that can, too, cause problems.

The year's final edition included several incidents in which the joke was on the guy in – and out – of uniform.

It seems the buy-back effort was off to a slow start, so officials increased the price they would pay for each gun turned in from $100 to $250.

Suddenly, the program started doing near-record business, and most of the repurchased guns were .38 special service revolvers.

A quick check on the buy-back participants showed that most of them were court service officers, and the weapons they were turning in were original department issued weapons they had been allowed to keep when their outfit switched to 9mm automatics a year earlier.

A court has ruled that the enterprising officers did nothing illegal, since the buy-back program plainly stated, "no questions asked." Some Brooklyn taxpayers, however, were seeking a few answers.

Another situation involved a San Diego officer and his wife who apparently liked to play questionable games with handcuffs. As a joke, they claimed, she snapped the cuffs on the guy when he stepped from the shower, wearing only a towel and a smile.

After they both had at least a good laugh, the guy remembered that the handcuff keys were on his duty belt in a locker at the police station.

Reports said the man and wife drove around for two hours before finding a fellow officer who could stop giggling long enough to recover the keys.

Finally, proving that passion generally overrules common sense, another item told of an employee of a mortuary in Mexico who tried to put some excitement in his love life by getting together with his girlfriend in the funeral home hearse.

Because it was warm outside the vehicle, they started the engine and turned on the air conditioner. Only trouble was, they fell asleep in the back of the hearse after their adventure – and didn't wake up.

Even in the best of situations, it's important to pay close attention to the details.

ASK US

Q—Will the city start making repairs to 30th Street now that one lane of traffic is open on 37th Street?

A—Repairs are not expected to begin on 30th Street until the 37th St. project is finished.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 70 degrees; low, 29; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 42; no precipitation; total for 2001, 1.36 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, low 40-45, SE wind 10-15 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy, breezy, warm, high 70-75, SW wind 15-25 mph, gusty.



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Of 36 days in 2001, the sun has shone 30 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Good ideas are not adopted automatically. They must be driven into practice with courageous patience.
—Admiral Rickover

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Police say students wanted to copy Columbine killings

HOYT, Kan. (AP) — Three students who allegedly styled themselves after the Columbine killers were charged Monday with planning an attack on their northeastern Kansas high school.

Police searched two homes after another student told school officials the three were making bombs. Authorities found bomb-making materials, floor plans of the school, a modified assault rifle, ammunition and white supremacist drawings, police said.

They also found three black trench coats similar to those worn by the Columbine High School gunmen, the Topeka Capital Journal reported. Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold killed 13 people in the April 1999 attack on the Colorado high school before shooting themselves.

Charged with conspiracy to commit aggravated arson were Richard Bradley, Jr., 18; Jason Moss, 17; and James Lopez, 16. Lopez was also charged with aggravated intimidation of a witness or victim.

It was unclear whether the homes searched were those of the suspects. The three were in police custody Monday, and their parents could not be located for comment.

Detective Steven Rupert of the Jackson County Sheriff's Office said the suspects had discussed the Columbine attack and planned a similar attack on Royal Valley High School in May, possibly at a dance.

The students had allegedly made bombs with sparklers, pipe bombs with fertilizer, and "relatively harmless" dry ice bombs, Rupert said.

Deputies found a bobcat skull with swastikas drawn on it, a Confederate battle flag and "white power" written on some items, but Rupert said the plot did not appear to be racially motivated.

Contestant on first 'Survivor' sues CBS

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A contestant from the first round of "Survivor" has sued the executive producer of the CBS reality series, claiming he rigged her early rejection from the island.

In a 14-page lawsuit filed Monday against CBS Corp. and "Survivor" creator Mark Burnett, San Francisco attorney Stacey Stillman claimed Burnett convinced two fellow contestants to vote her off to protect 72-year-old Rudy Boesch.

Boesch was the only remaining contestant over age 40, and Stillman alleges Burnett rigged the vote so the show would appeal to an older demographic.

CBS denied the allegations and said Burnett would have no comment.

"We heard about Stacey Stillman's allegations several months ago," CBS said in a statement. "They had no merit then. They have no merit now that she has packaged them into a frivolous and groundless lawsuit."

The show pitted two "tribes" against each other on an island off the coast of Borneo. Each week, one of the tribes voted off a member.

Stillman, the third contestant turfed from the island, claimed damages for alleged fraud, breach of contract and unlawful business practices. Stillman asked for restitution for lost prize money, plus $75,000 for punitive damages.

Stillman accuses contestants Dirk Been and Sean Kenniff of conspiracy.

Northeast Spelling Bee

Competitors

Eighteen Northeast Elementary fifth graders spelled for 1-1/4 hours Monday afternoon before the winner and runner-up were decided.

Top spelling honors were bestowed on Greg Resendiz. Alayna Alexander was the runner-up.

Two students from each fifth grade teacher's class competed in the campus bee. They include Staci Bollinger, Alayna Alexander and Chad Franks; Elizabeth Conger, Josh Ball and Layton Westmoreland; Barbara Owen, Chris Williams and Elisio Medrano; Susan Scott, Kristen Miller and Michael Turner; Paige Shaw, Kimberly Harlan and Greg Resendiz; Bobbie Taylor, Mark Aguilar and Corey Jaramillo; Rebekah Thornton, Jessica Rivera and Anthony Martinez; Ann Uptergrove, James Hendricks and Cassi Hernandez; Teresa Wall, Dylan Bunch and Adriana Herrera.

Winners



TOP SPELLERS — Top spellers are Greg Resendiz, standing; and Alayna Alexander who is the runner-up. Greg is the son of Carlos and Juanita Resendiz. Alayna is the daughter of Laura Alexander. (SDN Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Bobbie Taylor coordinated the bee and served as a judge. Other judges were Barbara Owen and Carmen Carpenter. Rebekah Thornton pronounced the words.

Witness saw Puffy fire gun

NEW YORK (AP) — One of three people shot during a nightclub melee that involved Sean "Puffy" Combs says she saw the rap impresario fire a gun just before she was wounded.

But Natania Reuben, 30, testified Monday that she did not know who shot her. She was the second witness to say she saw Combs with a gun in Club New York on Dec. 27, 1999, but the first to testify he fired a gun.

Prosecutors have said the victims were shot by Combs' protegee, rapper Jamal "Shyne" Barrow, after an argument in which a club patron threw money at Combs.

Barrow is charged with three counts of attempted murder in the shooting. He is on trial with Combs, 31, and Combs' bodyguard, Anthony "Wolf" Jones, 34. Combs and Jones are charged with gun possession and bribery.

Combs, who has pleaded innocent, was arrested after police said a gun was thrown from the vehicle he and some of his entourage used to flee the club. Another gun was allegedly found in the vehicle. Combs was charged with bribery for allegedly offering his driver $50,000 to claim the gun was found in the vehicle.

On the witness stand Monday, Reuben said both Barrow and Combs had guns, and fired. Reuben was struck in the face.

She said, "it was like a sledgehammer had hit me in my face."

"Blood started pouring out of my face," Reuben said. "I just looked up at the sky and said, 'Oh, God, please don't take me. I'm not ready to go.'"

Reuben has filed a $150 million lawsuit against the defendants and others because of her injuries. Combs' attorney, Benjamin Brafman, told Justice Charles Solomon that the lawsuit gave her a motive to lie.

Brafman tried to challenge Reuben's credibility, asking such questions as whether she had ever been arrested or had defrauded the TV show "People's Court" in a case she brought against her landlord.

Reuben answered no to most of the questions.

Brafman said he planned to call witnesses to testify that Reuben said she would be a rich woman if Combs is convicted.

The trial resumes Wednesday.

Date Book

Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2001

Today is the 37th day of 2001 and the 48th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1778, France became the first nation to recognize the independence of the United States.

On this day in 1815, the legislature of New Jersey passed a law creating a company to build a railroad connecting the Delaware River and the Raritan River.

On this day in 1955, at an auditorium in Memphis, Tenn., Elvis Presley gave his first live performance.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Aaron Burr (1756-1836), U.S. politician; James Ewell Stuart (1833-1864), Confederate cavalry commander; Babe Ruth (1895-1948), baseball great; Ronald Reagan (1911-), U.S. president/actor, is 90; Rip Torn (1931-), actor, is 70; Francois Truffaut (1932-1984), filmmaker; Tom Brokaw (1940-), broadcast journalist, is 61; Bob Marley (1945-1981), singer-songwriter; Natalie Cole (1950-), singer, is 51.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1976, at the Innsbruck Winter Games, Sheila Young won the gold medal in the 500-meter speed-skating competition.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The taxpayer: That's someone who works for the federal government, but doesn't have to take a civil service examination." — Ronald Reagan

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Feb. 1) and full moon (Feb. 8).

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BRIDAL SHOWER – Kassie Drain of Arlington and formerly of Snyder, was honored at a bridal shower held Jan. 27 at Willow Park Inn. She is the bride-elect of Sammy Mache of Louisiana. The wedding ceremony is planned for Feb. 17 in the Willow Park Atrium. Pictured from left are Kayla Dickey of San Angelo, sister of the honoree; Cindy Drain of Snyder, her mother; Miss Drain; and Kamie Drain of Snyder, another sister. Hostesses were Jana Helms, Shonna Butler, Laurie Kildow, Debra Ward, Norma Cumbie, Kori Glenn, Linda Roemisch and Kay Carter. (Family Photo)

Drugs, grapefruit juice don't mix says AMA

LUBBOCK — While sitting at breakfast reading the morning paper, it never occurs to many people that their morning breakfast may significantly alter their body's response to medications.

According to the American Medical Association (AMA), one glass of grapefruit juice or half of a grapefruit can significantly increase absorption of some medications into the blood stream as well as decrease the metabolism of many oral medications. This effect, known as the "grapefruit juice effect," causes greater amounts of some drugs to enter the bloodstream, either having therapeutic effects or increasing toxicity.

"The potential for interaction with medications exists whether you consume grapefruit juice with your medications or at a later point in the day," said Michael Robertson, M.D., chief of staff at Covenant Health System.

The "grapefruit juice effect: commonly occurs with medications containing enzymes that decrease, or metabolize, the amount of the drug that enters systemic circulation. If the enzyme is inactivated by grapefruit juice, the amount of medication that enters the blood stream is increased.

"Typically the 'grapefruit juice effect' causes an increase in the peak plasma concentration of the drug," Dr. Robertson said. "That increase is equivalent to taking a higher dose of the drug than the physician prescribed.

"Although the effect may occur in anyone, it can be more pronounced in the elderly, individuals with existing hepatic disease or those taking other drugs such as erythromycin, anti-fungal medications or intraconazone."

Grapefruit juice may interact with caffeine, cocaine, some tranquilizers, some antihistamines, cholesterol-lowering drugs, oral contraceptives, some antibiotics and other medications.

"To avoid any unwanted interactions with grapefruit juice, consult with your physician before consuming grapefruit juice or grapefruit juice supplements if you take prescription medications," Dr. Robertson said.

According to Dr. Robertson, the following is a list of medications known to interact with grapefruit juice:

Amiodarone
Astemizole
Cyclosporine
Cisapride
Carbamazepine
Benzodiazepines such as Midazolam, Triazolam and Diazepam
Dihydropyridine calcium channel blockers such as Felodipine, Nifedipine, Amlodipine, Nitrendipine and Nisoldipine
HMG Co-A reductase inhibitors (statins) such as Lovastatin, Simvastatin and Atorvastatin
Saquinavir and Verapamil

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Overeaters Anonymous, Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 574-1254, 573-8322 or 573-3733; 6:30 p.m.

Snyder Fire Department Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 7 p.m.

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

AA Beginner's Meeting-Open; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-4048,; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-8018; 8p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal on West 37th Street;Lila Guinn, acrylics; Virginia Lowrance, hostess; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.m.

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

Gateway Corporate Board meeting; MAWC; noon.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

Rock and Roll Quilting Club evening meeting; Hermleigh Community Center; for more information call 863-2426; 6:30 p.m.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Canyon Gun Club, 1910 25th; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-4048; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center; 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd., Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-9458; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving Course; Texas Savings Bank; no reservations necessary, for more information, call 573-2850; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Just For Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-9458; 10 a.m.

Births

Donald and Michelle Wood of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter, Leaha Carol Wood. She was born at 12:22 p.m. Feb. 5 in Lubbock Covenant Hospital. Leaha weighed seven pounds, seven ounces and also was welcomed by a brother, Lane.

Paternal grandparents are Charles and Betty Wood of Roscoe, Delores Wood of Colorado City; maternal grandparents are Ronnie and Pam Black and Becky Black, all of Snyder.

Daniel and Amanda Espinosa announce the birth of their daughter, Skylar Maree Espinosa, at 9:21 p.m. on Jan. 24 in Midland Memorial Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces.

Grandparents are Theodore Olsen Sr. of Snyder, Nova Olsen of Hermleigh, Abelia Espinosa of Snyder and Manuel Espinosa of Alpine.

Dickey loves trees

CLOVER BEND, Ark. (AP) — Thanks to his love of trees Ed Dickey might have a hit record on his hands.

Dickey, owner of a tree service, composed a 90-minute ditty called "Roost Buster" that's supposed to discourage blackbirds from roosting in trees.

His recording uses 250 carefully selected sounds, as well as the constant underlying sound of frightened and distressed birds.

Dickey says his first few recordings made humans feel frazzled and nervous, so he supplemented the noises with an original music track.

"The music makes it easier for human ears to tolerate," Dickey said.

He's hoping to reduce damage to the trees, which are often hit by hunters firing at birds.

For maximum effect, Dickey says music speakers should be pointed upward toward where the birds are roosting. After four or five days, the birds should not return, he said.

The only side effect is that it not only frightens birds, it can irritate neighbors.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 02-06-01
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♥ 2
♦ Q J 7 6
♣ Q 8 6 4

West
♠ Q 8 5 4 3 2
♥ A 8
♦ K 8
♣ K 10 5

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

South
♠ 7
♥ 10 7 3
♦ A 10 9 5 3 2
♣ A J 2

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Dbl.	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ A

Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2001

pre-empt because suits tend to break badly.

Obviously, Jackman could have got home easily by finessing the spade 10 at trick two, but he saw that he probably didn't need to rely on West's having the spade queen. Instead, after winning with the spade king, he played a diamond to his ace, ruffed a heart in the dummy to extract West's remaining card in that suit, and exited with a trump.

West was trapped. If he led another spade, dummy's 10 would be played, guaranteeing two more spade tricks irrespective of the location of the queen, and on which declarer's club losers would evaporate. West's actual club switch was around to South's tenace, and one spade pitch sufficed.

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A team tournament in Brisbane

By Phillip Alder

Although the main events took place in Sydney, Brisbane was captured by Olympic fever. There were several key soccer matches at the famous Gabba Stadium, where many classic cricket contests have taken place.

Nearby, on Sunday, September 17, the QCBC (Queensland Contract Bridge Club) ran a team tournament. Our quartet was seeded number one, but we didn't justify the ranking. However, teammate Tony Jackman played this contract prettily. How would you try to make five diamonds? West cashes the heart ace, then switches to a low spade.

East has a textbook vulnerable three-heart opening, but most tournament players bid one more these days. North has a minimum double, but with ideal shape one mustn't risk being stolen blind. South wanted to invite a slam, but had no way to do that. Also, he knew to be cautious about bidding six or seven after a

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DOES GOD SEND MAN A DECEIVING SPIRIT?

by Bill Looney

We are free moral agents. God does not force us to obey His will. He allows us to do what we wish, and allows us to reap the consequences of our choices. There are many examples of those who refuse to do God's will. One account is found in **1 Kings 22:23, So now the Lord has put a lying spirit in the mouths of all these prophets of yours. The Lord has decreed disaster for you."**

This concept is explained in **11 Thess. 2:9-12, "The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, and every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness."** Note that God allows those who "refused to love the truth" to believe a lie He would even send them a powerful delusion that they would believe the lie. Why? Because they refused to love and believe the truth, and they continued in their rebellion against God.

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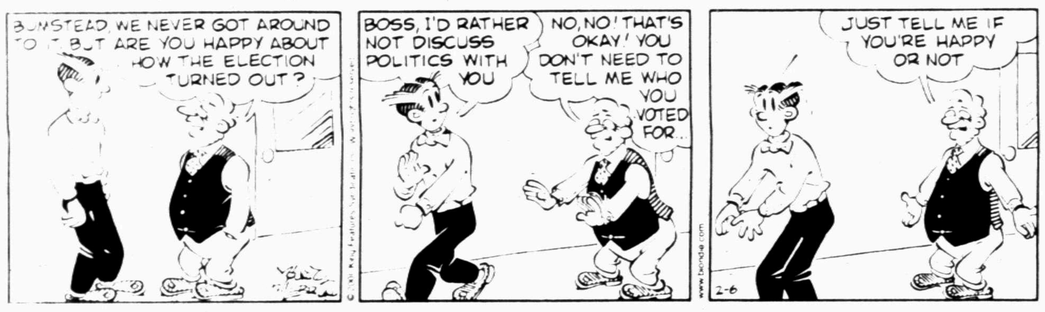
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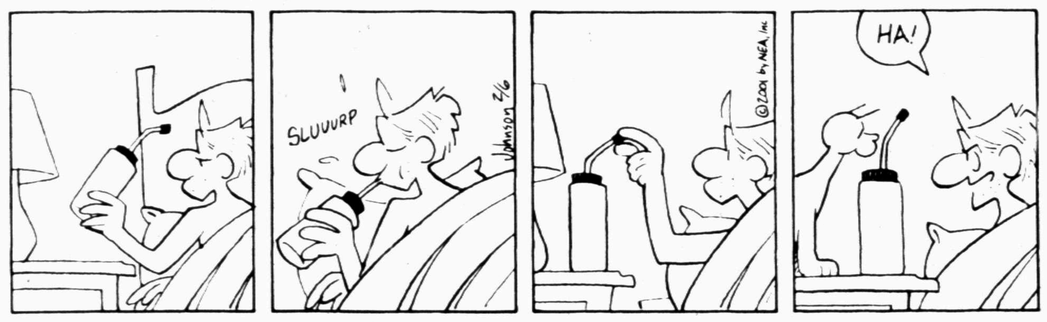
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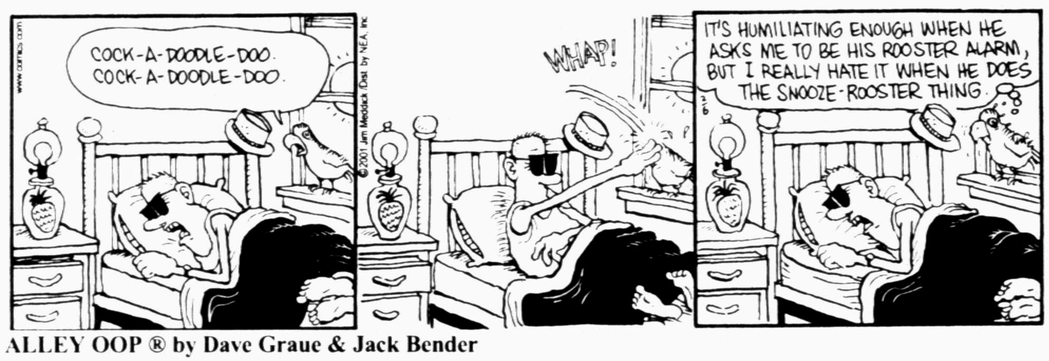
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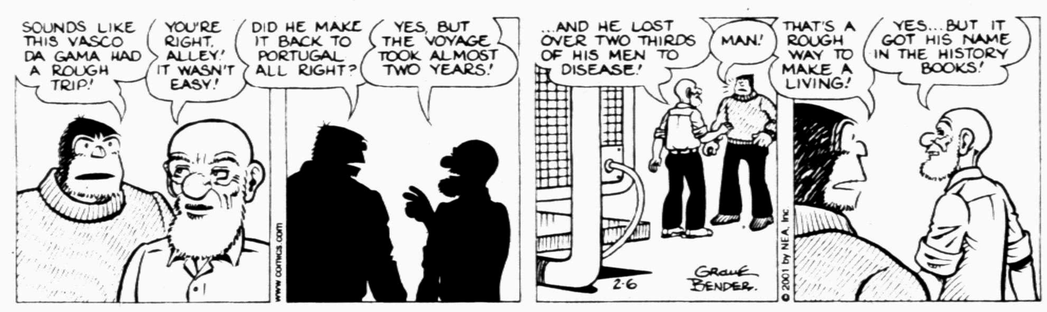
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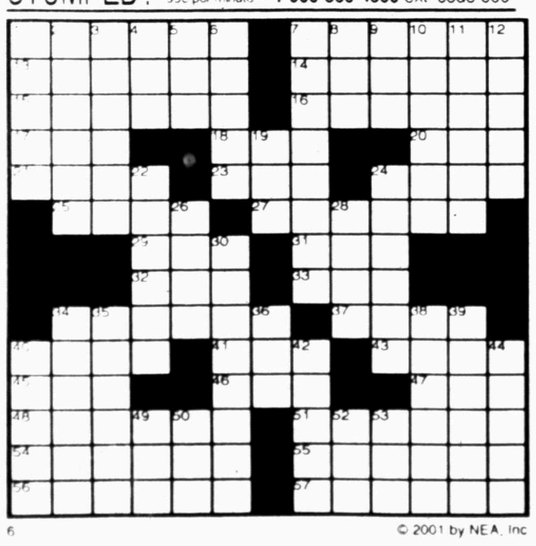
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Mavs ready for meeting with Knicks

ATLANTA (AP) — Howard Eisley knows the Dallas Mavericks can't keep winning with sluggish first halves.

The Mavericks, who recovered from a 19-point deficit on Monday night to beat the Atlanta Hawks 91-81, visit New York, where they have lost eight straight games, on Wednesday.

"I think they'll be ready to play," Eisley said of the Knicks, who lost 100-86 at Houston on Monday. "I know we better be ready. One or two games can cost you a playoff spot."

Eisley and Dirk Nowitzki each scored 22 points, leading Dallas to its third straight victory and seventh in nine games.

Nowitzki, who finished with 11 rebounds, scored 12 third-quarter points on 6-for-6 shooting. He credited All-Star guard Michael Finley, Dallas' captain, for giving his teammates a stern talk at halftime.

On the links...

JV girls grab seventh place

SAN ANGELO — Despite being the only junior varsity squad in the 17-team field, the Snyder Lady Tigers held their own over the weekend at the San Angelo Invitational.

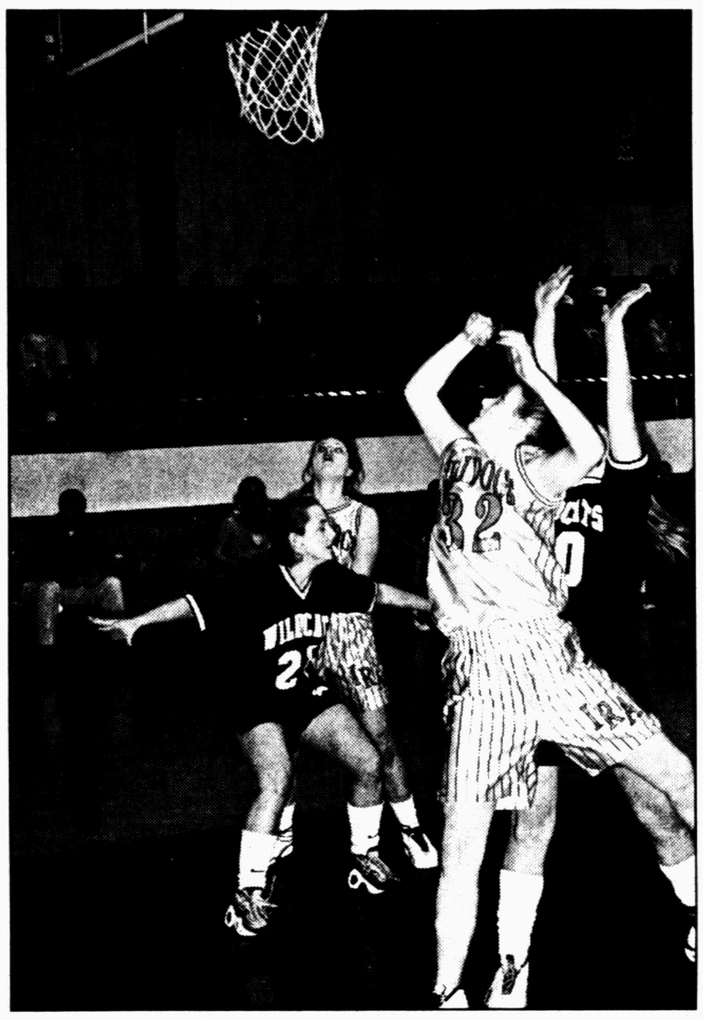
Snyder fired rounds of 429 and 392 to capture seventh place in its first event of the spring.

Andrews won the event with a two-day total of 672. Fort Stockton was second, followed by Southlake Carroll and Granbury.

Paige Smith carded two rounds of 97 to pace the Lady Tigers.

Lauren Day posted a 103-84—187, while Catherine Whitworth tallied a 106-100—206. Candace Gonzales finished with a 123-111—234, and Cami Trout came in at 142-120—262.

The Lady Tigers will take the weekend off, before returning to tournament competition Feb. 16-17 at the Snyder Invitational.



A STERLING SHOT — Ira's Celeigh Sterling puts in two points during action Friday against Grady. The Lady Bulldogs will face Trent in the bi-district round of the playoffs at 7 p.m. next Tuesday at Abilene High.

Tigers hope to put past behind them tonight

After three consecutive setbacks, the Snyder Tigers want nothing more than to put the last week and a half behind them. The easiest way to erase those bad memories is with a victory tonight over Andrews.

Snyder will look to get back on track tonight when it visits Andrews for a District 4-4A match-up. Boys' action tips off at 7:30, following the Lady Tigers' meeting with the Lady Mustangs at 6 o'clock.

The Tigers have dropped three straight, falling to Frenship, Plainview and Estacado, but Coach Bud Birks believes his squad is ready to turn things around.

"We just have to put all of that behind us, and get back to the things that won us so many ballgames earlier in the year," said Birks. "Good teams respond to adversity, and tonight's our chance to respond and step up."

Snyder (17-10) enters tonight's contest tied with Frenship for third place at 7-4, while Andrews (16-13) is sixth at 3-8.

The Tigers won the first meeting with the Mustangs, 63-31, and need another victory tonight to stay in the playoff hunt.

"We knew when district began that there were several teams who were capable of making the playoffs," Birks stated. "Now with only three games left, there are five teams fighting for three spots. These last three games are going to decide a lot."

Snyder stays on the road for Friday's match-up when it visits Levelland. The Tigers return home for the district finale next Tuesday against Lake View.

For the Lady Tigers, this evening's contest is more than likely the season finale.

For the Snyder girls to extend their season they must win tonight, and hope that Lake View (0-13, 8-12) upsets Frenship (7-6, 20-11).

The Lady Tigers (17-10) and Lady Mustangs (17-12) are tied for fifth place in the district standings at 6-7.

The games in Andrews are the only local action tonight.

Hermleigh finished out its season last week against Trent, while Ira doesn't return to the court until Friday in a pair of practice games.

The Lady Bulldogs will face Ropes at 6:30 p.m. Friday, followed by the Ira boys against Wellman-Union. Both games will be played at Klondike.

The Lady Bulldogs open the Class A playoffs at 7 p.m. next Tuesday against Trent at Abilene High.

District 4-4A Boys

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Estacado	10	1	19	10
Plainview	8	3	17	12
Snyder	7	4	17	10
Frenship	7	4	17	13
Levelland	6	5	20	10
Andrews	3	8	16	13
Lake View	2	9	10	19
Big Spring	1	10	6	22

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

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

Saturday's game: Estacado at Lake View.

District 4-4A Girls

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Plainview	13	0	28	1
Levelland	9	4	23	7
Frenship	7	6	20	11
Big Spring	7	6	17	9
Snyder	6	7	17	10
Andrews	6	7	17	12
Estacado	4	9	14	13
Lake View	0	13	8	12

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

End of regular season

Olajuwon fuels Rockets' rally

HOUSTON (AP) — Hakeem Olajuwon brought the Houston Rockets back from defeat, like he's done so many times before — and the crowd loved it.

Olajuwon teamed with Steve Francis as the Rockets overcame a 12-point halftime deficit to defeat the New York Knicks 100-86 Monday night.

Francis scored 14 points and Olajuwon 10 in the pivotal third quarter, and the crowd gave the Rockets a huge boost during the rally.

"At halftime, everybody came out with a lot of intensity," said Francis, who finished with 29 points and 10 rebounds. "The crowd really got into it then, and that got everyone going. It was a real extra boost of intensity to have the crowd behind you like that."

Olajuwon, who tied his season high with 18 points, also felt the presence of the fans.

"I guess we finally gave them something to cheer about," Olajuwon said. "The crowd really picked us up in the third quarter."

The Rockets, who sold out a team record 176 straight games before the start of last season, have only one sellout in 2000-01 and have averaged 12,558, nearly 4,000 fewer than capacity.

Allan Houston led the Knicks with 31 points. Marcus Camby added 14 and Sprewell 13. Cuttino Mobley had 21 points.

Snyder Gold holds on for win

Snyder Gold got 20 points from Zach Garcia, then held off Lubbock Atkins for a 47-40 victory Monday night in eighth grade boys basketball action.

Garcia scored six of his 20 in the first quarter, as the Tigers built a 9-6 lead.

Snyder still held its three-point advantage at halftime, before stretching the margin in the second half.

Alan Gray added nine points for the Tigers, while Lico Castillo drained eight. Wyl Wiggins posted six, and Patrick Jones and Hadley Hirt netted two apiece.

National Basketball Association

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EASTERN CONFERENCE — Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	36	13	.735	—
New York	28	18	.609	6½
Miami	29	20	.592	7
Orlando	23	23	.500	11½
Boston	21	27	.438	14½
New Jersey	15	34	.306	21
Washington	12	36	.250	23½
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Milwaukee	28	17	.622	—
Toronto	25	23	.521	4½
Charlotte	25	24	.510	5
Indiana	21	26	.447	8
Cleveland	20	26	.435	8½
Detroit	18	30	.375	11½
Atlanta	16	31	.340	13
Chicago	6	41	.128	23
WESTERN CONFERENCE — Midwest Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Utah	31	15	.674	—
San Antonio	30	15	.667	½
Dallas	31	18	.633	1½
Minnesota	31	18	.633	1½
Denver	27	22	.551	5½
Houston	23	25	.479	9
Vancouver	13	35	.271	19
Pacific Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Sacramento	31	13	.705	½
Portland	34	15	.694	—
L.A. Lakers	30	16	.652	2½
Phoenix	27	19	.587	5½
Seattle	28	23	.549	7
L.A. Clippers	16	33	.327	18
Golden State	14	33	.298	19

Monday's Games

Toronto 110, Boston 98
Dallas 91, Atlanta 81
Philadelphia 99, Denver 80
Houston 100, New York 86
San Antonio 109, Golden State 85
Seattle 95, Vancouver 82
L.A. Clippers 102, Chicago 82

Tuesday's Games

Orlando at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Denver at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Miami, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Milwaukee at Boston, 7 p.m.
Houston at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Seattle at Portland, 10 p.m.
Utah at Vancouver, 10:30 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

SJHS girls nab two wins

Snyder had no problems with Lubbock Atkins, cruising to a pair of victories in Monday's eighth grade girls' basketball action.

Snyder Gold downed Atkins, 34-18, while Snyder Black rolled to a 48-10 win.

J.J. Farmer, Rebecca Aguirre and Briana Burk dropped in six points apiece to pace the Gold squad.

Jacy Beccue added five points, while Kayla Guerrero tallied three. Heather Holmes, Heather Zajicek and Kassey Burney finished with two each, and Stacey Williamson and Courtney Cox chipped in one apiece.

In the other match-up, Kelsey Shaw's 11 points led all scorers, while Taren Knipe drained eight.

Kalli Wesson netted seven points, and Ashley Villegas posted six. Casey Crain scored five points. Mosheka Williams notched four. Marissa Saenz, Stephanie Parmer and Erin Hackfeld dropped in two points apiece, and Marisa Munoz added one.

Seventh graders whip Atkins

Snyder was hitting on all cylinders Monday during seventh grade girls' basketball action at Travis Gym.

Snyder Gold whipped Lubbock Atkins, 67-22, while Snyder Black rolled to a 56-6 victory.

Snyder Gold put the game away early with a 22-1 run in the first quarter.

Shaela Thompson paced the Gold squad with 15 points, while Breanna Talavera notched 12, and Teddi Crenwelge added 10.

Glyn Wright tallied nine points. Sirena Medrano drained eight. Sequoya Powell scored seven, and Emily Jones finished with six.

Snyder Black also played a stellar game on the defensive end, limiting Atkins to only two points in each quarter.

Kenetra James poured in 20 points to pace the Lady Tigers, while Wendy Reed netted 10.

Ashton Wall and Morgan Bilderback dropped in six points apiece. Amber Luecke posted five, and Gena Dooley added four. Ciara Latta and Ashly Pavlovsky chipped in two points each, and Bianca Gonzales finished with one.

Freshmen top Chiefs, 64-58

Three Tigers scored in double figures to help lead Snyder to a 64-58 victory over Lake View in freshman boys basketball action.

Marcus Villarreal poured in 22 points to lead the Tigers' effort. Blake Grimmett added 12 more, and Isaac Ramon drained 10.

Tucker Early netted six points. Jacob Rodriguez tallied four, and Lee Scott chipped in three.



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Mad cow loophole raises concern

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dr. Scott Norton was browsing through herbal supplements when he spotted bottles containing not just plants but some unexpected animal parts: brains, testicles, tracheas and glands from cows and other animals.

The Maryland physician sounded an alarm: How can Americans be sure those supplements, some imported from Europe, are made of tissue free from mad cow disease?

Norton's complaint has government scientists scrambling to investigate a possible hole in the nation's safety net against mad cow disease and its cousin that destroys human brains.

Mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy, has never been found in this country. Nor has the human "new variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease" that people in Britain, France and Ireland caught apparently from eating BSE-infected beef. The government has taken steps to guard against BSE spreading here, such as banning the importation of European beef imports and the use of even domestic cow remains in U.S. cattle feed.

But critics are pointing to some loopholes far removed from beef: Just what dietary supplements or bulk ingredients containing cow brain or nerve tissue might be slipping from Europe through U.S. ports?

Recently, the Food and Drug Administration quietly cracked down on some vaccine manufacturers after discovering they improperly imported certain European animal-derived ingredients. Supplements are far less closely regulated, and the FDA inspects less than 1 percent of all imports under its jurisdiction.

"It would not be difficult for a manufacturer of a dietary supplement to obtain a cow brain in Britain, crush it up, dry it up, and then if they wished get it into this country," contends Dr. Peter Lurie, a physician and consumer advocate who is one of the FDA's independent scientific advisers on BSE.

As for FDA catching such imports, "if they find anything, it's good luck."

Adds Dr. Paul Brown, the FDA advisers' chairman and a BSE expert at the National Institutes of Health: "The worry is not that we're getting all kinds of cow brain from mad cows into this country. The worry is that we could, without knowing it," because the FDA lacks resources or authority to strongly police supplements.

Nor are imports the only loophole worry. Animals other than cows get similar brain diseases, including "chronic wasting disease" that afflicts deer and elk in certain Western states and scrapie in sheep.

Yet Norton discovered supplement labels that don't reveal which animal the tissue came from, or the country of origin. Some don't even clearly label animal tissue, merely listing "orchis," for example, as an ingredient few laymen would recognize means testicles.

But of most concern are spinal cord and brain tissue, including glands found in the brain. Brown reads from one supplement label that promised half a gram of imported raw cow brain.

FDA officials contend the issue isn't a huge concern. They note the majority of supplements are made from plants, not animals.

They also insist bovine-containing supplements mostly are made from safe U.S. cattle, citing an FDA prohibition on certain cow-derived imported ingredients — although they couldn't say how well inspectors enforced that import policy.

Still, the agency recently wrote supplement makers that it "strongly recommends" they take "whatever steps are necessary" to ensure products don't contain ingredients of concern.

"Our radar is on alert. We're actively reviewing" the issue, said FDA supplement chief Christine Lewis, promising to make public her office's ultimate findings. So far, she said, "we have minimal evidence there's a problem."

The industry's Council for Responsible Nutrition also calls the worry exaggerated, saying gland-containing supplements account for less than 1 percent of sales. Officials are trying to determine how much is imported and plan to meet soon with FDA.

Meanwhile, what's a concerned consumer to think? The FDA's Robert Moore suggests calling supplement makers to ask their source of animal tissue. "Just as if they're buying a car they need to be active participants in buying these things."

Lurie is more blunt: "I'm not taking any brain extracts, not a chance."

Coppell man receives 20 years

DALLAS (AP) — A man infuriated by a priest who said God made him have an affair with his wife was sentenced to 20 years in prison Monday after a jury convicted him of murdering the holy man.

Ramesh Kumar Wadhwa, 52, of Coppell, pleaded no contest to stabbing a popular Sikh priest, who claimed God led him to have the affair with Wadhwa's wife.

Wadhwa told jurors that he sat down for lunch with Iqbal Singh in his office-apartment in Coppell last January, expecting to hear the priest confess to having had an affair with his wife and apologize.

Instead, Wadhwa said he flew into a "sudden passion" when Singh blamed God for his affair with Sarita Wadhwa and said five other members of the small Sikh congregation knew of and supported the relationship.

Sarita Wadhwa had told her husband two days earlier that Singh had been forcing himself on her during weekly counseling sessions.

Singh was found stabbed to death in the apartment after a phone call from Wadhwa's attorney.

Police found a bent, broken knife blade next to the body, and bloodstained clothes belonging to Wadhwa in a bedroom closet. A second bloody knife was found inside a plastic bag in the kitchen.

Wadhwa faced up to 99 years in prison for the murder. Wadhwa, who owns a check-cashing business, was eligible for probation because he had no previous felony convictions.

Wadhwa was a music student of Singh's, who was considered an accomplished player and teacher of the tabla, the drum used in Sikh — who are Hindus — religious services.

The two frequently performed together at various homes and religious gatherings and had performed in Austin the week before the attack, according to Tuesday's editions of The Dallas Morning News.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



What is sarcoidosis?

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 56-year-old father, who lives in Carolina, was recently diagnosed with sarcoidosis. The disease involves his lungs, muscles and lymph nodes. Also, his spleen is enlarged. This is a frightening new adventure for us. Can you give me any information?

DEAR READER: Sarcoidosis, a chronic disease of unknown cause, may affect many organs, including the lungs. For unexplained reasons, the disorder seems to be more prevalent in the Carolinas and surrounding states.

Typically, the illness is marked by tiny areas of inflammation and scarring (called epithelioid granulomas) that appear in lymph glands, lung tissue, skin, liver, spleen and — most dangerously — the eyes.

Sarcoidosis is often discovered accidentally during routine chest X-ray examinations, when the granulomas show up as misty shadows or enlarged lymph glands in the chest. Patients, who rarely have symptoms, admit to being shocked; therefore, I can understand the concern experienced by your father and you. When symptoms are present (primarily, mild cough and loss of energy), they are frequently dismissed. Diagnosis is established by biopsy, during which a small sample of tissue is removed from an involved organ and examined under the microscope for the telltale granulomas.

The affliction rarely causes liver damage, nor does it pose a hazard in the skin and spleen. When it affects the eyes, however, loss of vision may ensue.

Left untreated, pulmonary and hepatic sarcoidosis ordinarily "burns out," becomes inactive after a time and disappears (leaving behind the scar tissue). On the other hand, extensive tissue involvement can lead to chronic breathing problems, blindness and heart failure.

Consequently, the decision to treat sarcoidosis is highly individualized and depends on the severity of the disease, as well as its location. Prednisone (cortisone) is the treatment of choice. The drug reduces inflammation, enabling some patients to lead more normal lives. However, in at least one study, little or no difference in death rate was noted after five years between treated and untreated patients. Hence, therapy seems primarily to lower the incidence of complications, especially when sarcoidosis affects the eyes.

Clearly, your father needs a meticulous eye examination and follow-up. If the eyes are normal and he is relatively free of symptoms, I'd adopt a "wait-and-see" approach. Otherwise, prednisone therapy would be in order. Your father's physician can advise you.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What changes does a disc undergo when it ruptures?

DEAR READER: Intervertebral discs are like washers separating the bones of the spine. More accurately, they resemble small inner tubes with a gelatinous center ring surrounded by a tough covering of gristle.

When discs rupture, the gummy inner material herniates or squeezes out between the supporting fibers of the covering. This material is under pressure and can press against the spinal cord itself or, more commonly, against a spinal nerve, causing pain, tingling, weakness and other signs of nerve malfunction.

With rest, the herniated disc may return to its original position and symptoms can disappear. In addition, chiropractic manipulation and physical therapy may hasten the healing process. However, if the disc is badly damaged, surgery is often necessary to repair or remove it. Discs herniate because of a congenital weakness of the supporting fibers. Therefore, even if an old disc has been repaired, others may cause trouble eventually, unless patients take special care of their backs. Thus, people who have had difficulty with one disc are more prone to symptoms from others.

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

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Tom Cruise, Nicole Kidman separating

LOS ANGELES (AP) — After 11 years of marriage, Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman say they are separating because their work is keeping them apart.

"Citing the difficulties inherent in divergent careers, which constantly keep them apart, they concluded that an amicable separation seems best for both of them at this time," Pat Kingsley, a spokeswoman for the actors, said Monday.

The couple have two adopted children. It wasn't known whether custody would be shared. Kingsley denied further comment.

Cruise, 38, has starred in "Jerry Maguire," "Mission: Impossible," "Rain Man," "Top Gun" and "Magnolia."

Kidman, 33, spent three months in Spain last fall to film "The Others," with Cruise as one of the executive producers. Her movie credits include "Batman Forever," "Malice" and "To Die For."

Kidman discussed her marriage in a 1998 interview: "It's been nine years and I'm past the seven-year itch. When you're loved for your flaws, that's when you really feel safe."

The following year, the couple starred together in Stanley Kubrick's final film, "Eyes Wide Shut," which included an erotic sex scene between the couple.

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Engine plant reopens after gunman kills 4

MELROSE PARK, Ill. (AP) — At first, Martin Reutimann couldn't believe it. "I heard somebody yell, 'There's a guy in the center aisle with a gun!'" the 24-year-old engineer said.

Reutimann saw people running past him, so he grabbed his coat and cellular phone, and desperately dialed 911. Within minutes Monday, four employees were dead and another four wounded at the suburban Chicago engine plant.

The gunman, identified by police as William D. Baker, then turned the weapon on himself. The 66-year-old former employee was to begin a federal prison term today for helping steal engines and parts from the company, police said.

The International Truck and Engine Corp. plant, which makes medium-duty engines for parent company Navistar, was shuttered after the shootings but reopened at 6:30 a.m. today. Streams of employees returned to work, driving into the plant without stopping to talk to reporters.

"Our main focus is on providing counseling for the employees and families. We have a staff of counselors at the plant on duty," company spokesman Roy Wiley said. He added that today was an optional day for workers.

Police said Baker showed up at the plant about 10 a.m. Monday with a golf bag filled with an arsenal of weapons, including an AK-47 assault rifle.

When a security guard on her first day on the job tried to stop him, Baker allegedly put a revolver to her side and forced his way into the vast building.

Baker then opened fire with the AK-47, shooting seven people in an engineering area, police said. Baker killed another person in an office area before killing himself, police said.

Authorities weren't sure if he fired his other weapons. Nor did they know if he targeted certain employees or fired randomly.

In addition to Baker, killed were Daniel Dorsch, 52, a supervisor in the engine lab and a 26-year Navistar employee; Robert Wehrheim, 47, a lab technician; Michael Brus, 48; and 22-year employee William Garcia, 44.

Terry Dorsch told reporters that his brother liked his job.

"He was the person that (would) roll up his sleeves and not go, 'I'm the boss and I tell you what to do.' He would be right in there helping them," he said.

Dorsch said his family was in a state of shock: "You don't think it would ever happen to your family, something like that. It is very difficult, very hard."

Carl S. Swanson, 45, was in critical condition after four hours of surgery for a gunshot wound to the abdomen; Mujtaba Aidroos, 24, was in serious condition with a chest wound.

Bryan Snyder, 26, was in fair condition with a wound to the left arm. Matthew Kusch, 22, grazed by a bullet on a toe of his right foot, was treated at a hospital and released.

Monday evening, Kusch briefly emerged from his home.

"I got shot in the foot and all my friends died today. Give me some time," he told reporters. "I don't want to talk to you people right now."

Baker was a tool room attendant from suburban Carol Stream who had worked at the plant for 39 years before he was fired in 1994.

According to his plea agreement, Baker admitted helping a fellow plant employee steal diesel engines and components worth $195,400. He used his forklift to hoist the engines onto a truck driven by the other employee.

The thefts began in the fall of 1993 and stopped the next spring. Federal prosecutor William Hogan said Baker was part of a ring that included three Navistar employees and three others, two of them former employees. All have pleaded guilty.

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TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Cash Five

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

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Pick 3

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

1-2-0

Factory workers beaten, starved in American Samoa

NEW YORK (AP) — Factory workers in American Samoa who made clothes for J.C. Penney Co. and other retailers were beaten, poorly fed, underpaid and spied on while they showered, The New York Times reported Tuesday.

The newspaper, citing a Labor Department report dated Dec. 14, said the 300 workers at the plant were fed meager rations of rice, chicken broth and cabbage and resembled "walking skeletons." The plant closed in January.

The Times said it obtained the report from an anti-sweatshop activist working to expose poor conditions at overseas factories and pressure retailers to improve conditions at plants that manufacture goods for them.

J.C. Penney stopped selling the factory's clothes when it learned of the problems in December. It also canceled contracts with a supplier who sourced goods there, a company spokesman told the newspaper.

The factory, owned by Korean manufacturer Daewoosa, employed mainly Vietnamese women flown to the U.S. Pacific territory and paid below the Samoan minimum wage of $2.60 an hour, the Labor report said. Most federal labor standards are supposed to apply in U.S. territories.

The women lived 36 to a room, and were slapped or kicked if they were late for work. They were also watched while they bathed, the report said.

Former prosecutor says he will plead guilty to charge

WACO (AP) — Former prosecutor Bill Johnston says he will plead guilty to obstructing an investigation into the 1993 siege of the Branch Davidian compound near Waco.

In return, prosecutors will recommend probation, the Waco Tribune-Herald reported today. If the plea bargain is accepted, Johnston said he could be placed on probation for up to three years.

"They are agreeing to dismiss the entire indictment against me and I am agreeing that I should have informed them that I didn't turn over my notes," Johnston said.

The charges stem from his withholding of several pages of pretrial notes from the 1994 federal prosecution of surviving Branch Davidians.

Johnson has admitted withholding information dealing with the FBI's use of pyrotechnic gas on April 19, 1993, the final day of a 51-day standoff that ended with the death of Davidian leader David Koresh and some 80 followers perished.

Johnston told the newspaper he was improperly singled out for prosecution but couldn't afford to fight the charges.

"I am out of money, and I have to try to salvage some way to make a living because I am so far in debt from all of this," Johnston said.

Friends and supporters of Johnston had raised about $40,000 for his legal defense and have asked President George W. Bush to pardon him.

Berry's World



Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Winner of quilt raffle can't be judged by threadbare cover

DEAR ABBY: I would like to respond to the letter about the ladies in the quilting club who disapproved of the man who won their quilt in a raffle. They referred to him as "scum."

We live in a small community, and I know this man. These women have judged him solely by his appearance. I admit he could clean up a bit and present himself better, but I try to look past it to the real person.

Abby, that man is a decent human being. He has a kind heart and good intentions. He may not have a lot of money, but he has always treated me with respect and kindness and tries to do what is right.

As for your advice to the complaining ladies, I would take it a step further. HE is the one with love and compassion, and it should rub off on THEM. They should know not to judge a book by its cover.

By the way, the man was thrilled to have won the quilt. He showed it around town to everyone who would look at it. — **FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR**

DEAR FRIEND: When people write to an advice columnist, they often tell only half the story. Thank you for filling in the blanks on this one. I'm pleased the gentlemen received his quilt. I hope he enjoys it and never saw the first letter about it in this column.

Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I'm 76, and this is my first letter to an advice columnist. (I started reading advice columns years ago when Dorothy Dix wrote one.)

When I read the letter from the quilters, it reminded me of a raffle that took place about 50 years ago, held by an American Legion Post. I was still living in my native state of North Carolina at the time. The $1 tickets were for a dance at the post and a chance to win a new Cadillac. (You did not have to be present to win.)

One ticket was bought by a black man. He knew he would not be allowed to go to the dance; however, he figured that his dollar was going to a good cause. Well, you guessed it! The black man's ticket was the winner.

After the raffle, when the officials realized who had won, they decided a black man could not win such a prize. His dollar was returned to him, another ticket was drawn, and the Cadillac was awarded to the second "winner."

Well, even 50 years ago, so many white people protested that miscarriage of fairness, the Legion Post bought another Cadillac and gave it to the black man. — **NOAH J. GREEN, SAVANNAH, GA.**

DEAR NOAH: Hallelujah! For those times and that locale, it must have seemed revolutionary that fairness prevailed.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a 1-year-old daughter. On numerous occasions, strangers have approached me and asked if they could hold her. It is uncomfortable and awkward for me, and being at a loss for words, I usually allow their request.

I have talked to other parents about this, and they share the same uneasiness with these forward strangers.

Please tell me how to handle this. — **NEW MOTHER IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR NEW MOTHER: When a stranger asks to hold your daughter, simply tell the person no, you would prefer he or she didn't.

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DEAR ABBY: I have had many personal problems over the years. Earlier this year, after years of hard work, I finally received my college degree.

I am hurt that the few people in my life didn't even take the time to send me a congratulatory card. What do you think of this, please? — **ROBIN IN MASSACHUSETTS**

DEAR ROBIN: If you sent graduation announcements to the people in your life, and they didn't respond, I don't blame you for being hurt. Throw yourself a graduation party, invite your family and friends, and celebrate your achievement. You've earned it. Congratulations.

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Jail escape plan discovered after Bexar guards find note

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — It was an escape plan, but prison officials say it was half-baked, at best.

A plan by two inmates to escape from the Bexar County Jail was stopped after officials discovered an outgoing letter to a girlfriend that contained a diagram of a cell.

Then they found crude knives made of stiff wire taken from springs on a mop bucket.

Despite the plan's haphazard appearance, officials insist there were sinister undertones, including a plot to kill a jailer.

Implicated in the plan is Joshua Maxwell, 22, who is awaiting a capital murder trial in connection with the slaying of a Bexar County deputy during a cross-country crime spree, sheriff's officials said Monday.

The plot began to unravel Jan. 21, when jailers during a routine mail inspection opened a letter Maxwell wrote to his girlfriend and co-defendant, Tessie McFarland, who has been in a separate area of the jail since their Oct. 17 capture.

Inside the envelope, authorities found a diagram of Maxwell's cell and the floor plan of his maximum-security unit in the sixth floor of the jail, sheriff's Capt. Dan Gabehart said.

"We inspect hundreds of pieces of mail a day. But something like a drawing sticks out. We opened it and said, 'Hey, this looks familiar,'" Gabehart said in Tuesday's editions of the San Antonio Express-News. "It was a dumb move because we started paying closer attention to him."

The next day, a fellow inmate in Maxwell's unit told investigators that Maxwell and another inmate, Jose Espinoza, planned to assault a jailer, then crawl onto the roof of the jail and rappel down the side with bed sheets.

How the two planned make it past perimeter fences and heavily armed security was not clear.

The inmate also told jailers that Maxwell and Espinoza had made two knives and stashed them for the escape. Jail officials soon found the knives hidden in a common area both men had access to.

"It was half-baked," Gabehart said. "You can't go out through the roof unless you have a jackhammer. They would have just been locked in with a dead or wounded officer."

Gabehart recalled that one of the last times county inmates tried to escape with bed sheets was at a facility near Dallas. Three inmates were dangling on the twisted cloth when it snapped and the inmates fell to the ground.

All were hurt in the fall.

"They found them screaming for help," Gabehart said. "It was just like a Little Rascals movie."

No inmate has ever escaped from the unit housing Maxwell, Espinoza and about 18 other inmates who are deemed high security risks. Inmates live 23 hours a day in locked, separate cells clustered around a common area where, for one hour a day, they are allowed to walk and stretch. No two inmates are allowed in that area at the same time.

Not far from Maxwell's cell is John Gilbert Martinez, a 15-year-old and one of two teen-agers accused in the slaying of Hyeon Ju Lee, a mother of two who was shot as she napped in the store she ran with her husband.

The latest arrival to the unit is 20-year-old Manuel Fernando Garza, who was arrested Sunday in the killing of police officer John "Rocky" Riojas. Police said Garza was wanted on five warrants when Riojas, a member of the SWAT team, came across Garza and allegedly struggled with him before being shot once in the head.

Maxwell faces the death penalty in the slaying of veteran jailer Rudy Lopes. Lopes was found shot in the head near a San Antonio strip mall.

Police in Indiana also have charged Maxwell and McFarland in the killing of an Indiana man.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2001

Ventures you think might yield you the largest returns in the year ahead might not finish as strongly as those you believe to be of less significance. Keep your options open to everything.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) How you treat a couple of associates today, whether it be for good or ill, won't be forgotten. Long memories can be your friend or enemy, so do what's right. Aquarius, 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/o this newspaper. P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) The busier you are today, the better you're apt to perform, so even if you're saddled with a couple of extra responsibilities, you'll handle them efficiently.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Any knowledge you acquire today will be retained and used effectively later. Make learning an enjoyable experience and it will eventually bless you with purposefulness.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Although you'll pay some attention to matters that affect you personally, your real efforts today will be vigorously spent on those issues that can benefit your loved ones.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) To make your day more enjoyable, select companions with whom you share common interests. Don't even go near people whose political or religious philosophies differ from yours.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be alert today for ways to earn a bonus, because your customary channels for earnings could yield larger-than-usual returns.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Social activities that require both sensitivity and boldness could be the ones in which you are likely to outshine others today, especially if it involves friendly competition.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Adhering to your high standards today, you're not likely to buckle from pressure to reveal information that could tarnish a friend's standing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It pays to be a good listener today. If you do so, you're likely to learn more from others than they will from you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) When your instincts are coupled with common sense, they could place you in a profit mode. You might play these hunches today with either financial or career matters.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You can't depend on others to call you today should they have information you need. Make the contacts yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today you may get only partial support concerning an important matter you want to change. Use it wisely as a starting point and it can be carried further.

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Smith's lawyers want judge removed

HOUSTON (AP) — Lawyers for former stripper and Playboy Playmate Anna Nicole Smith filed a motion Monday to have Harris County Probate Judge Mike Wood recused from the inheritance trial of oilman J. Howard Marshall II.

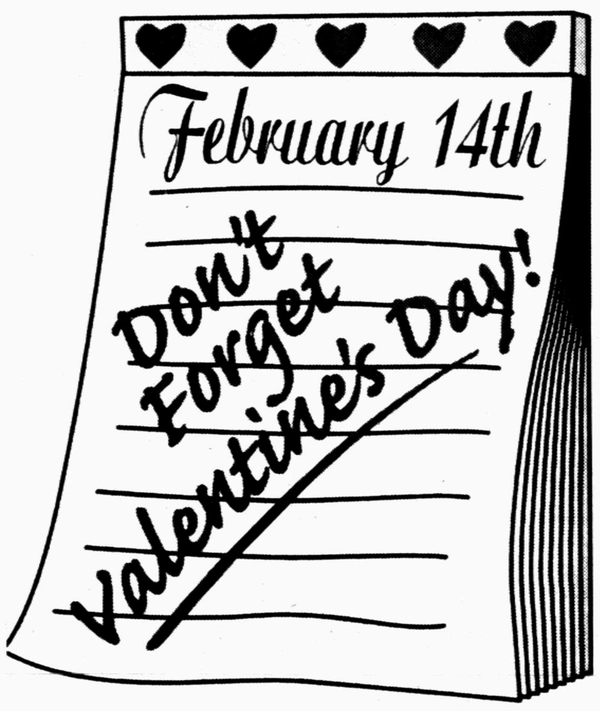
A Galveston County probate judge will hold a hearing Tuesday on whether to recuse Wood from the case after Smith's contention that Wood exhibited bias last week when he said she committed perjury.

Smith's attorney, Tom Cunningham, said in a copyright story in Tuesday's editions of the Houston Chronicle that Wood's statements demonstrate that he "has predetermined that Mrs. Marshall (Smith) committed perjury even before her testimony has concluded."

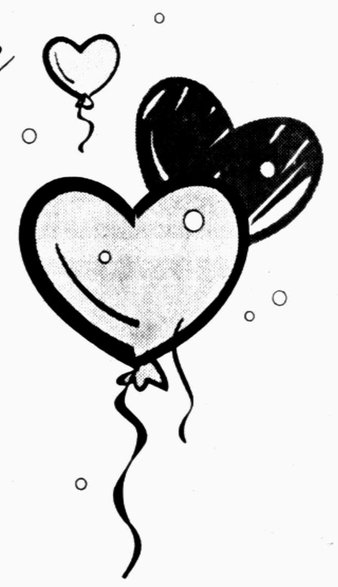
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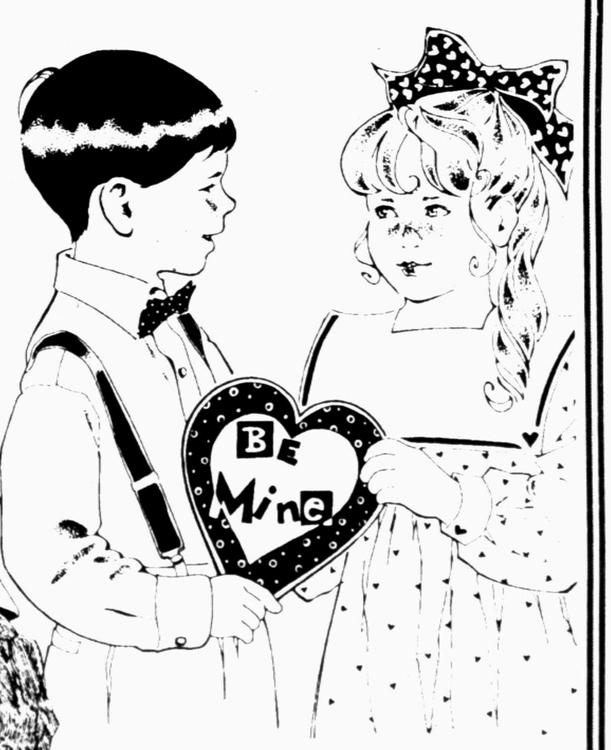
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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Nor'easter drops 3 feet of snow

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Schools were closed today across parts of New England as the region dug out from a nor'easter that piled up as much as 3 feet of snow, stranding some highway travelers for hours and tying up air travel.

The mayor of Springfield, Mass. declared a state of emergency and asked businesses to stay closed until 4 p.m. today to allow weary crews to clear away more than 22 inches of snow.

The storm, occasionally punctuated by unusual winter thunder and lightning, spread heavy snow from eastern Pennsylvania — where Allentown got 17 inches — across Maine, where Bridgton collected 19. The western Massachusetts town of Buckland got 29 inches and Putney, Vt., got 28.

"At one point it was a complete whiteout," said police dispatcher Matthew Mielke in Easthampton, Mass. "The snow was coming sideways."

It was New Hampshire's biggest winter storm in three years, with 36 inches of snow at Washington.

"Be careful what you ask for," said Ray Burke, Vermont state highway dispatcher. "Those folks who had been asking for a big snow, well, they got it."

Some travelers had to spend the night at Manchester Airport, where most flights were canceled or delayed but runways remained open.

Snow continued falling into Tuesday morning in parts of New Hampshire and Maine, contributing to dozens of traffic accidents.

Connecticut's Bradley International Airport near Hartford was closed for nearly 18 hours before it reopened Tuesday morning.

Dozens of flights were canceled or delayed at other airports, including New York's La Guardia. More than 200 flights were canceled at Boston's Logan Airport, which also had to close briefly twice while runways were plowed, spokesman Phil Orlandella said.

Thousands of people were stranded for hours on major Connecticut highways, including state Rep. Mark Boughton, who called WTNH-TV from Interstate 84 on his cell phone at 10 p.m. Monday, almost eight hours after leaving his Hartford office en route home to Danbury.

"I've gone about 10 miles in that time period," he said.

Connecticut Gov. John G. Rowland said an accident caused by a motorist who ran out of gas led to that huge backup.

Grand jury indictments returned

Continued From Page 1

John Mark Ford, 38, of 2902 Ave. Z was indicted for the Jan. 13 offense of driving while intoxicated. He is free on a $5,000 bond.

Ford has prior misdemeanor DWI convictions in Mitchell and Scurry County.

Daniel Salazar, 35, of 2310 41st St. was indicted for the Jan. 27 offense of driving while intoxicated.

He is out on $5,000 bond and he has two previous DWI convictions in Scurry County.

Gerardo Benitez Arellano, 36, of 806 23rd St., Apt. #2 was indicted for driving while intoxicated. He is out of jail on a $5,000 bond for the Dec. 23 offense.

He has previous DWI convictions in Mitchell and Nolan Counties.

Others indicted, but not yet arrested include Maria Luisa Gutierrez, 40, of 3009 Avenue I. She is charged with a Jan. 3 offense of shoplifting at Wal-Mart. Two prior convictions in Taylor County in 1995 and in Scurry County in June 2000 enhanced the theft to a state jail felony.

Grant Gordon Gonzales, 18, of 2004 Ave. M was indicted for a Nov. 26 offense of forgery.

Two other individuals were indicted but have not been arrested.

Snyder man is charged with burglary, assault, kidnapping

A 23-year-old Snyder man is in Scurry County Jail facing charges that include kidnapping following an early morning incident in the 400 block of 31st Street.

Jessie James Carrisalez Jr. of 912 Avenue Q remained in jail this morning in lieu of bonds totaling $23,000. In addition to kidnapping, he has also been charged with burglary with intent to commit another felony and two counts of Class A assault.

According to Sgt. Brian Haggard, police were dispatched to 416 31st Street about 12:08 a.m. today in reference to a subject assaulting three females.

Haggard said that when officers arrived, tney located Carrisalez running down the alley and forcing one of the females — 20-year-old Leslie Hernandez — to go with him.

He was stopped and arrested in the alley.

Carrisalez allegedly physically assaulted the other two females, ages 18 and 19, by hitting them with his hand.

The incident is still under investigation with Sgt. Terry Luecke heading the effort.

Police arrest 4 on various charges

• ***Arrests***

Christopher Lee Mosher, 20, of 1465 Oak in Colorado City was booked into Scurry County Jail at 8:34 p.m. Monday on a Scurry County grand jury indictment from November for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

A 19-year-old man was taken into custody at 9:14 p.m. in the 2900 block of Avenue O on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.

At 11:56 p.m. Monday, officers arrested a 26-year-old female in the 4400 block of Avenue U for public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

A felony warrant revoking probation landed 31-year-old Ben Lee Lowry Jr. in jail at 12:14 a.m. today. His address is listed as 3721 95th Street in Lubbock.

• ***Accident***

A two-vehicle mishap occurred at 4:02 p.m. in the 300 block of 30th Street. Involved were a 1995 Ford Explorer driven by Patricia Escareno, 33, of 1000 28th Street and a 1993 Oldsmobile driven by Kathryn Thornton, 22, of 2907 Avenue U.

Obituaries

Nellie Davis

1918-2001

Funeral service for Nellie Mae Davis, a lifetime resident of Scurry County, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Tom Holcomb, minister of East Side Church of Christ, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Davis, 82, died Monday, Feb. 5, in Snyder Healthcare Center following a lengthy illness.

Born Mar. 26, 1918 in Snyder, she married Willis Wright Davis on Oct. 10, 1938 in Snyder. He died Feb. 28, 2000.

Mrs. Davis was a homemaker and a member of the East Side Church of Christ.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Wanda and Mike Stipe of Snyder; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Kathy Davis of Giddings; two sisters, Margaret Judkens of Baker City, Ore., and Virginia White of Snyder; a brother, James Neal of Paint Rock; six grandchildren, Curtis Stipe of Dallas, Karen Westmoreland and her husband, Perry, of Snyder, Kim Quinn and her husband, Kevin, of Keller, Kellie Davis of Longview, Julie Franklin of Howe and Laura French and her husband, Wayne, of Ponder; and five great-grandchildren, Bryce and Layton Westmoreland of Snyder, Laney Quinn of Keller, Merina Franklin of Howe and Noah French of Ponder.

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Maria Terrazas

1925-2001

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

Funeral service for Mrs. Terrazas, 76, is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

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



Terrazas

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

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

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

Family visitation will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Frances Pylant

1935-2001

Frances Cleo Pylant of Snyder died this morning in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

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

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

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

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

Deborah Love

1957-2001

JUNCTION — Funeral service for Deborah S. Love, daughter of Carolyn Fowler of Snyder, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Junction First Baptist Church.

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

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

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

Survivors include her husband, Terry Love of Junction; two sons, Jon Love of Beale Air Force Base, Calif., and Nathan Love of Junction; her daughter, Jennifer Love of Junction; her father, Lyle Waltz of Selma, Ala.; four brothers, David Waltz of Snyder, Steve Waltz of Colorado Springs, Jim Waltz of Robert Lee and Marty Waltz of Stephenville; her grandmother, Alice Selch of Indiana; and a granddaughter, Kristen Love of Beale AFB.

Cecilio Alvarado

1920-2001

SAN BENITO — Cecilio Alvarado of San Benito, the brother of two Snyder residents, died Thursday, Feb. 1.

Funeral service was held at Queen of the Universe Catholic Church on Monday. Interment followed in Mont Meta Memorial Park with military graveside rites conducted by the American Legion Post 205 and VFW Post 2410.

Born in Brownsville on Nov. 22, 1920, Mr. Alvarado served in World War II from 1942-45, earning the Purple Heart and four bronze medals.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Nicolas Alvarado and Guadalupe Hernandez Alvarado, and a sister, Lydia Hernandez.

Survivors include his wife, Juana Alvarado of San Benito; a son, Luis Alvarado of Dallas; eight daughters, Olga Gonzalez and Alicia Catache, both of San Benito, Maria Isabel Alvarado of Dallas, Graciela Alvarado, Rosa Alvarado, Estela Alvarado, Celia Alvarado and Rita Alvarado, all of Brownsville; a brother, Nicolas Jimenes of California; four sisters, Ellie Rodriguez and Martha Oviedo, both of Snyder, Trine Farias of Lubbock and Esperanza Pena of Brownsville; and 24 grandchidren.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

8th grade special needs parents

A meeting will be held at 6:30 this evening at Snyder High School's CVAE building, room C-5 for parents of special needs 8th graders. Call Jean Burns or Charles Haggard at 573-6301.

Masonic meeting

Scurry Lodge 706 will have a stated meeting at 7:30 tonight followed by a film on Shrine Hospitals. This will be open to the wives and refreshments will be served.

British Isles tour

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

FBC worship service

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

West family reading night

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

Financial aid

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

GED testing dates

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

Vocational nurse program testing

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

Gospel, country music

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

Scurry County retired teachers

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

Brown bag luncheon

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

West PTO

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

Alzheimer support group

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

Enchilada dinner

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

Shattered Dreams 2000 tapes

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

Spare change roundup

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

1986 class reunion

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

Earthquake relief

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

Medical fund

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

Adult basic education classes

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

WTC swimming pool opens

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

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