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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

TUESDAY

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State of the Union at 8 tonight...

Bush to take aim at corporate behavior

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush plans to condemn corporate irresponsibility in his State of the Union address this evening, moving to distance himself from Enron Corp. and the political fallout of its collapse.

The carefully measured remarks in drafts of Bush's speech reflect increasing concern at the White House that voters view Bush and Republicans as more sympathetic to big business than to average Americans.

A new poll suggests Americans are more suspicious of congressional Democrats than of Bush. In the USA Today-CNN-Gallup survey, 29 percent said Bush believed he would owe Enron executives special policy treatment in return for campaign contributions; 55 percent believe congressional Democrats felt that way.

The pitch for good corporate citizenship, a staple of Bush's presidential campaign, is part of his State of the Union push for pension law revamping and the disclosure of more corporate financial information, said aides who spoke on condition of anonymity.

As part of a broad call for community activism, Bush also plans to propose expanding a national service program started by former President Clinton, and open it to churches and other faith-based institutions, aides said.

Bush rehearsed the speech in the White House theater on Monday and met with lawmakers to discuss changes in Medicare. He outlined his address for congressional leaders over breakfast this morning.

Leaving that meeting, Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle made clear that whatever Bush says on war with terrorists is a guaranteed applause-winner from both parties. "There's been a great deal of bipartisan support for the effort he's undertaken," said Daschle, D-S.D.

Buoyed by record approval ratings, the commander in chief will devote most of his time to what aides call three great goals: The war against terrorism, domestic defense and the economy.

He has already proposed adding nearly $50 billion to the Pentagon budget, the largest increase in military spending in 20 years.

Aides say Bush will outline the post-Afghanistan stage of the war, which could put U.S. troops and intelligence officers in several countries as they hunt for tens of thousands of terrorists trained by Osama bin Laden's network. To make his point, Bush intended to say that the Sept. 11 attacks were carried out by 19 people, most of whom were trained in Afghanistan along with up to 100,000 other terrorists now threatening America from every corner of the globe.

The speech also reaffirms Bush's desire to prevent countries from obtaining and selling weapons of mass destruction, with specific mentions of North Korea, Iran and Iraq, aides said.

The wide variety of homeland security budgets — including spending on military, intelligence, border security and local "first responders" such as police officers and firefighters — would be doubled to $38 billion under the plan.

On domestic policy, the president is seeking a new prescription drug benefit for the elderly covered by Medicare, greater reliance on private health plans and looser regulation of the health care industry.

In the address, aides said Bush also plans to propose:

—Allowing taxpayer-funded workers in the Clinton-era national service program to serve in religious organizations. Bush's broader faith-based initiative has stalled in Congress as critics question its constitutionality.

—Improving homeland defense by enlisting volunteers through the national service program.

—An education tax credit for private school tuition and school supplies.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "What others think of you may be important, but what you think of yourself is more so."

Having visited Las Vegas once, our suspicions quickly were confirmed.

Those mega hotels and casinos weren't built by sending tourists home with sacks full of money.

It's a lot like the lottery, you hear about a winner just often enough to think the odds just might be in your favor.

We budgeted twenty bucks for entertainment and found that our fun didn't last even 20 minutes. At least a movie and over-priced popcorn requires about two hours.

We've always heard the admonition "don't play the other man's game." We think that's good advice. One slot machine landed on three like characters and nothing happened.

That's when an elderly lady with a pile of money (nickels) explained that a five-cent bet wasn't enough for a payoff, it required 25 cents.

Another lesson: Know the rules.

In an Atlantic City gambling house, you can now match wits with a chicken.

A casino there is offering $10,000 cash to anyone who can beat one of its 15 live chickens in a tic-tac-toe video game.

One would think that's a sure bet, but the casino doesn't expect to have many winners.

The manager said there is sometimes a human winner, but not very often.

The chickens are trained on a family farm and petting zoo located in rural Tennessee.

The chickens make the first move, pecking at an X or O on a video display inside the hen house set up in the casino's main concourse. Gamblers stand outside and press buttons on a separate panel.

The "Chicken Challenge" is available to guests who join the casino's frequent-player program.

Officials of United Poultry Concerns, a group that promotes compassionate treatment of domestic fowl, has voiced concern about the treatment of the chickens and the methods used to train them.

"The bird is being used as a joke. This environment is in no way suited to the chicken."

Some humans have learned the same thing about that bright-light environment.



SPRING FEVER — Spring-like temperatures graced Snyder Sunday and Monday allowing Sydney Burns, right, and sister, Chloe, an opportunity to play on the teeter-totter at Kiddie Park Monday. The girls, ages 4 and 2, are the daughters of Kenny and Korey Burns of Snyder. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lacik named appraisal district board chairman

By Brian Brisendine
SDN Staff Writer

The Scurry County Appraisal District board of directors made quick work of a lengthy agenda this morning — concluding in less than an hour.

The board's five members — Harold Lacik, Joe Flowers, David Beaver, Fred Cross and Donald Tate — all began new terms today, stating an oath of office to begin the meeting.

New officers also were elected. Lacik will serve as chairman, Flowers as vice chairman and Beaver was elected secretary.

The board also appointed Tate to serve on the agricultural advisory board, a three-person body that advises chief appraiser Larry Crooks on agricultural issues in the county.

Other appointments to that board were Joe Hefner and Sid Wall.

In other business, the board ratified 13 existing contracts — including agreements for licensing, maintenance, valuations, depositories and collections. Crooks said most of the contracts have been sustained for many years.

General policies were approved for the board and the appraisal district. The policies outline the functions and operations of both entities.

New appointments were made to the appraisal review board. Bob Stewart was appointed to replace Jimmy Northcott whose term expired at the end of last year.

Jay Cromeen also was appointed as an alternate to the board.

A collection audit for the 2000 tax year of Ira and Hermleigh school districts was presented and accepted.

The audit shows that delinquent taxpayers owe Ira ISD $112,861. Just under $30,000 in delinquent taxes is owed to Hermleigh ISD.

An amended version of the district's employee retirement plan was approved to comply with state law. Crooks said the changes would not effect employees because the district was already in compliance with state regulations.

Revisions in personnel policies also were approved. The revisions deal with holiday closings and personal leave time and vacations for employees.

The board also voted to pay bills for the months of November and December and heard collection reports from Crooks.

Crooks said taxes collected in Hermleigh at the end of 2001 totaled 28.4 percent of what was owed, but collections have most likely risen to near 90 percent this month.

"Many people postmark their taxes by Dec. 31 so we didn't have those payments to add to these totals," he said.

In Ira, taxes collected by the end of December totaled 28.7 percent, but Crooks said the same principle holds true and the totals are probably much higher now.

Events will receive motel tax monies

Snyder Chamber of Commerce directors approved four requests for hotel-motel funds during Monday's noon meeting.

Scurry County Museum was awarded $500 of a requested $1500 for its collection-protector seminar held last week, while the West Texas Taekwondo National Championship, set for this weekend in the Scurry County Coliseum, received $2,000 of the $2,200 requested.

WTC Rodeo Team was granted its $2,700 request to promote its collegiate rodeo in April.

In addition, the board approved $1,000 toward promoting the chamber banquet to be held March 5 at the coliseum. This year's theme is "Down Memory Lane."

Following the approval of the minutes and financial statement, president Darren Jackson welcomed new board members Anita Talbott, Billy Ray Grimmett, Joni Gonzales and David Harrell. Orientation for new members has been set for 10:45 a.m. next Monday at The Shack.

The board also approved the bid of $3,173.98 for installed carpet by Covey Construction at the chamber office.

New members recognized were Drew Darby, candidate for state representative from San Angelo; Great Western Food Service at WTC, Nix's Automotive and Covey Construction.

Attending were Jackson, Gonzales, Harrell, Talbott, Grimmett, Carl Burleson, Elliott Cox, Mike Thornton, Paula McWilliams, Jeffrey Martin and staff member Sandra Barboza and executive director Donna Fowler.

United Way exceeds goal

Scurry County United Way has exceeded its goal of $80,000 to aid eight local agencies this year.

President Stephen Covey announced at a directors' meeting Monday evening that the total donations and pledges to date is $91,545, and that figure may increase after several packets in the commercial division have been collected.

Directors voted to submit application for membership with United Way of America. While it will be a member of UWA, the local organization will continue to govern the community fundraising drive.

ASK US

Q—Where are the softball fields to be located along Deep Creek?

A—Chamber executive director Donna Fowler said two fields and RV hook-ups are planned, but a location will not be chosen until more trees are cleared from the creek's south end.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 77 degrees; low, 43; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 54; no precipitation; total for 2002, .20 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy, 30% rain chance; SW winds 5-15 mph, then NE 10-20 mph after midnight. Wednesday, cloudy, cooler, 50% rain chance; high mid 40s; NE winds 10-20 mph.



Brennen Baze
Rain chance

Area Forecast:
6:16 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:36 a.m.
Of 28 days in 2002, the sun has shone 28 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Age is a case of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.

—Jack Benny

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Andersen: Don't blame auditing firm

CHICAGO (AP) — The spectacular collapse of Enron Corp. wasn't the fault of the auditing firm hired to check the energy giant's books, said Arthur Andersen LLP chief executive Joseph Berardino.

In his first news conference at Andersen headquarters since investigators targeted the firm's role in Enron's demise, Berardino reiterated the company's intent to cooperate fully with all investigations and get to the bottom of what happened, promising results in "a few days."

Adhering to the company's line to congressional investigators, he portrayed Andersen's admitted wrongdoing as an isolated case involving auditors who shredded Enron documents on their own.

But in the wake of a barrage of criticism against Andersen, Berardino defended his company by trying to deflect more of the blame back to Enron, which fired the company as its auditor on Jan. 17.

Enron's collapse was "first and foremost a business failure," he said, noting that two-thirds of Enron's market value was gone before its accounting practices became an issue for the Securities and Exchange Commission.

"People need to focus more on the fact the business failed because this (Enron) management made investments and those investments did not work out," Berardino said. "Accounting issues did not cause Enron's stock price to fall — its failed business model did."

He described Andersen's worldwide work force of 85,000, including 28,000 in the United States and 5,500 in its home city of Chicago, as among the many victims in the case, saying workers are appalled, disappointed and angry.

While saying Andersen's clients have largely been supportive, he admitted that the firm has lost "some" business. He declined to elaborate.

"We're very, very confident we can make this going forward," he said.

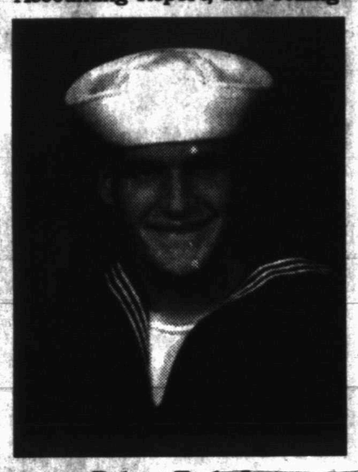
Andersen has been reported to have explored the possible sale of its consulting arm, which accounted for $4.7 billion of its $9.3 billion in revenues last year.

Critics have said accounting firms' heavy involvement in consulting causes a conflict of interest that results in less rigorous accounting reviews. Proceeds of such a sale also could help fund the substantial legal war chest likely to be needed as lawsuits naming Andersen mount.

But Andersen denied over the weekend that the sale of its consulting services is under consideration.

Arthur Bowman, editor of the industry publication Bowman's Accounting Report, said selling the consulting business would be a last resort. A merger might also be its only way to survive, he said.

"Depending on how Arthur Andersen manages its capital and human resources, it could be in such a weakened state at the end of this that it may need to merge to remain competitive," he said.



Robert Early Jr.

Early graduates from boot camp

Robert Early Jr. graduated from Navy boot camp last Friday and is currently stationed in Norfolk, Va. where he will reside for the next eight weeks.

Early graduated from Snyder High School in 2001 and is the son of Robert and Sherry Early. Maternal grandparents are Morrie and Melba Surratt and the late Damon Johnson. Paternal grandparents are T.V. and Joy Early. All are from Snyder.

Date Book

Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2002

Today is the 29th day of 2002 and the 40th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1802, John James Beckley became the first head of the Library of Congress.

On this day in 1914, U.S. Marines landed in Haiti to protect the consulate of the United States.

On this day in 1936, at Cooperstown, N.Y., the Baseball Hall of Fame was founded.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Emanuel Swedenborg (1688-1772), scientist-mystic; Thomas Paine (1737-1809), American colonial pamphleteer; William McKinley (1843-1901), U.S. president; Anton Chekhov (1860-1904), writer; W.C. Fields (1880-1946), comedian; John Forsythe (1918-), actor, is 84; Paddy Chayefsky (1923-1981), dramatist; Tom Selleck (1945-), actor, is 57; Ann Jillian (1950-), actress, is 52.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1964, in high-school basketball, Grand Avenue High of De Quincy, La., defeated Audrey Memorial High of Cameron, La., 211-29.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "War should never be entered upon until every agency of peace has failed." — William McKinley

TODAY'S MOON: Day after full moon (Jan. 28).

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Giuliani will receive freedom award

SIMI VALLEY, Calif. (AP) — Nancy Reagan will present former New York Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani with the Ronald Reagan Freedom Award for his service to freedom-loving people around the world.

"Mayor Giuliani was an obvious choice for this year's award. The mayor's remarkable leadership has provided us all the strength and comfort to deal with these most difficult times," the former first lady said in a statement Monday.

Giuliani is the eighth recipient of the Freedom Award, the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation's highest honor. Past recipients are Mikhail Gorbachev, Colin Powell, Yitzhak Rabin, King Hussein, Margaret Thatcher, the Rev. Billy Graham and Bob Hope.

Newbury receives the death penalty

DALLAS (AP) — The second of six prison escapees to be tried for the Christmas Eve 2000 slaying of an Irving police officer will join the first defendant on death row.

A Dallas County jury condemned Donald Keith Newbury, 39, to death on Monday, determining that he posed a continuing threat to society. The other option the jury considered was life in prison.

Jury foreman Brian Modic wouldn't discuss the jurors' reasons for their decision. He said the jury supports the criminal justice system.

Newbury displayed no reaction Monday afternoon, either as the verdict was read or as he listened to victim statements from Officer Aubrey Hawkins' mother and widow. In Texas courts, victims or their families are entitled to address defendants from the witness stand after sentencing.

"You seemingly had no feeling about what happened to Aubrey or what's happening to you. Do you realize the horror and terror and the pain and sadness you've caused so many people?" Hawkins' mother, Jayne Hawkins, asked from the witness stand.

Hawkins was killed as he answered a call at a sporting goods story where a robbery was under way.

The officer's widow, Lori, told Newbury she was outraged that he had blamed her husband for his own death. In a statement to police presented to the jury, Newbury blamed Hawkins for approaching seven armed men without backup.

Lori Hawkins said she would watch Newbury die from lethal injection, just as he "watched Aubrey die."

Confessed gang ringleader George Rivas was convicted of capital murder and sentenced to death last August. Jury selection is set to begin March 1 for Michael Rodriguez. His attorney has asked that his case be moved from Dallas County.

Hawkins, 29, was killed when he was hit 11 times by bullets from five weapons. He also was run over by his squad car.

Newbury was serving his third jail sentence for armed robbery when he and six other inmates broke out of the Connally Unit prison, near Kenedy, on Dec. 13, 2000. He and five others were caught the next month in Colorado, the seventh killed himself rather than surrender.

California executes ex-escaped convict

SAN QUENTIN, Calif. (AP) — A former escaped convict who shot an 81-year-old widow in the face, then watched TV and fixed himself a meal of noodles in her kitchen, was executed early today.

Stephen Wayne Anderson, 48, was killed by injection for killing Elizabeth Lyman in the early hours of Memorial Day 1980. He became the 10th inmate executed in California since voters reinstated capital punishment in 1978.

Prosecutors said Anderson, who had escaped from a Utah prison some months earlier, broke into Lyman's house in Bloomington, a small town in Southern California, and shot her as she sat up in bed.

Anderson ransacked the house for about $100 and then made himself at home, watching television in her living room and making himself a meal of noodles, according to court records.

Prosecutors portrayed Anderson as a callous killer with a long criminal record that included confessions to two killings in Utah, the stabbing of a fellow inmate and the contract killing of another man. Anderson also confessed to six contract hits in Nevada, although it wasn't clear those killings really happened.

His defenders said Anderson was shaped by a brutal upbringing as the son of an alcoholic, abusive father and mentally unstable mother. They said he got a terrible defense from his court-appointed trial lawyer.

The courts ruled Anderson got an adequate defense.

His new attorneys waged a last-ditch battle for the life of the man they said had redeemed himself on death row, learning Latin and writing poems of repentance.

On the Net:
California Department of Corrections
http://www.cdc.state.ca.us



Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:
1-18-25-37-38

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
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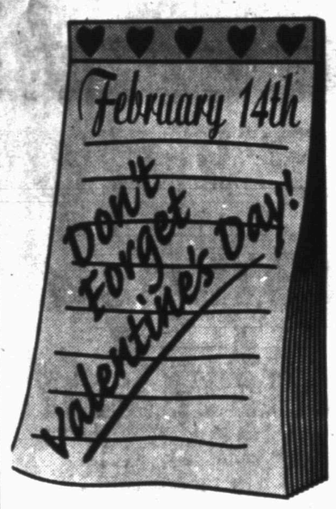
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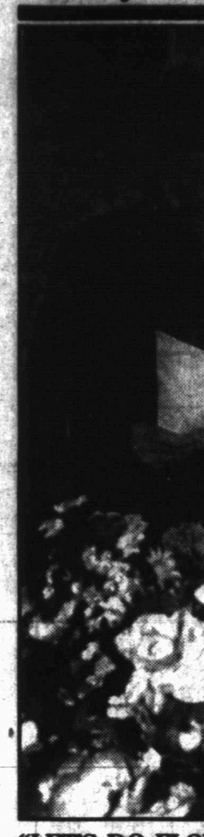
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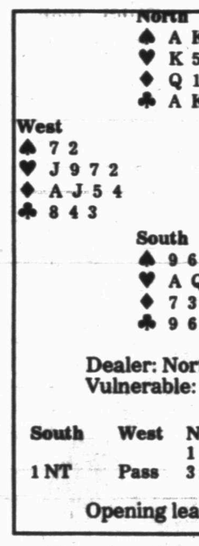
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"LET'S DO FLOWERS" PROGRAM — Gertrude League, left, and Maribeth Vestal presented the program for Snyder Garden Club members. (Contributed Photo)

Avocados are great addition to healthy diet

Packed with essential nutrients and phytonutrients that work together to help prevent a variety of diseases, avocados can be a great addition to a healthful diet.

Avocados are recognized as an excellent source of monounsaturated fat, which is known to lower cholesterol levels, but the antioxidants and phytonutrients contained in the fruit are less well known.

These plant nutrients naturally found in fruits and vegetables work together to reduce oxidant stress and prevent disease.

New research from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) indicates that California avocados have nearly twice as much vitamin E as previously reported, making avocados the highest fruit source of the powerful antioxidant.

Vitamin E is known to slow the aging process and protect against heart disease and common forms of cancer by neutralizing free radicals, which may cause cellular damage.

In addition to the Vitamin E findings, the study also revealed that avocados are the highest fruit source of lutein compared to the 20 most commonly eaten fruits in the United States.

Lutein is a phytonutrient known as a carotenoid, which helps protect against eye disease such as cataracts and macular degeneration, the leading cause of blindness for the elderly.

Lutein joins two other phytonutrients identified in avocados, glutathione and beta-sitosterol. Glutathione functions as an antioxidant like Vitamin E to "mop up" free radicals. The avocado's beta-sitosterol content combined with its monounsaturated fat content helps avocados to lower cholesterol levels.

A fifth of an avocado contains about 5 grams of fat, the majority of which is the heart healthy, monounsaturated fat similar to the fat in olive oil.

Studies have shown that substituting monounsaturated fat for saturated fat in diets helps reduce cholesterol and decrease the risk of heart disease. Try this delicious, 5 A Day for Better Health recipe.

CHICKEN BREAST WITH CALIFORNIA AVOCADO RISOTTO

Risotto

1 tbsp. olive oil
2 cups fresh green bell pepper, diced
½ cup frozen corn
1½ cup fresh tomato, diced
4 cups white rice, cooked
¾ cup fresh basil, chopped
½ medium California avocado, diced

Chicken

1 tbsp. olive oil
6 (3 oz. each) boneless, skinless chicken breasts
½ cup capers
¾ cup fresh lemon juice
½ cup fresh parsley, chopped
½ medium California avocado, sliced

Risotto: Saute the pepper, corn and tomato in olive oil over low heat for about 5 minutes. Add the cooked rice and basil. Simmer for about 5 more minutes and set aside.

Add the diced avocado. Chicken: Saute the chicken in olive oil for about 5 minutes on each side over low heat. Remove it from the skillet and in the same skillet saute the capers for about 1 minute. Remove from heat and add the lemon juice and parsley. To serve, place the risotto on a plate and top with a chicken breast. Pour the capers and lemon juice mixture over the chicken and rice. Garnish with the avocado slices. Serves 6.

Nutritional Information Per Serving: 452 calories, 13g fat, 2.3 saturated fat, 1.8g polyunsaturated fat, 7.7g monounsaturated fat, 72mg cholesterol, 107mg sodium, 52g carbohydrate, 3g dietary fiber, 32g protein.

For more avocado recipes visit www.avocado.org.

Snyder Garden Club held meeting at MAWC

Snyder Garden Club members met Jan. 3 at the Martha Ann Woman's Club for lunch and a program by two members, Maribeth Vestal and Gertrude League.

Maribeth gave her part of the program on "Let's Do Flowers" pertaining to environmental influences that affect the way arrangements are constructed. She said those who work with plant material can in a sense be compared to musicians who are happy to give momentary life to the work of a composer, or the dancers who interpret the work of the choreographer in a dynamic but purely transient way. Flower and foliage arrangers must be content to create decorations that can bring only short-lived happiness and pleasure.

Gertrude gave her part of the program on "Traditional American to the 20th Century Traditional Design Characteristics" by discussing the different forms and shapes of things that make the design interesting and form the character of the design. Adding color can add further dimension, but is not the main major design feature.

Prior to the program, the club discussed some of the plans for the upcoming District VIII Spring Convention to be held in Snyder March 22-23 and will be co-hosted by Colorado City Garden Club.

The next meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. on Feb. 7 in the woman's club. There will be a demonstration in flower arranging. Sandra Browning will give points on "Being Practical" and committees will continue working on hosting the spring convention. The luncheon will begin at 11:30.

Births

Keeli Shaye Robbins was born at 10:11 a.m. on Jan. 25 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital to Stanley Robbins and Samantha Barrera. Keeli weighed seven pounds, five ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Ruben and Sylvia Trevino of Snyder and maternal grandmother is Sharon Robbins of Snyder.

Bill and Miseon Whitley of Snyder are parents of a son, Carl Nathan Whitley. He was born weighing six pounds, nine ounces at 8:37 a.m. on Jan. 25 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital

Paternal grandparents are Steve and Jan Whitley of Alpine and maternal grandparents are Dan and Chon Matthews of Tampa, Fla.

Shauna Green announces the birth of her son, Lance Nathaniel Green, at 6:08 p.m. on Jan. 28 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Lance weighed six pounds, six ounces.

Maternal grandmother is Pam Green of Snyder.

Maritza and Ubaldo Juarez of Snyder announce the birth of their four-pound, seven-ounce daughter, Adrianna Guadalupe Juarez, at 6:57 a.m. on Jan. 27 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Maternal grandparents are Maria and Jose Lopez of Snyder.

The dogfish is actually a small shark.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

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.

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 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

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.

THURSDAY

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; WTC; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-4048 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8494 or 573-1141; 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 574-1292 or 573-9458; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 5731141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

NA-Just For Today open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-1438; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 10 a.m.

The dingo, the wild dog of Australia, rarely barks. They are, however, known to howl.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 01-29-02
♠ A K 4 3
♥ K 5 4
♦ Q 10 9 8
♣ A K

West
♠ 7 2
♥ J 9 7 2
♦ A J 5 4
♣ 8 4 3

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

South
♠ 9 6 5
♥ A Q 10
♦ 7 3 2
♣ 9 6 5 2

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: Both

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

Opening lead: ♥ 2

Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2002

The obvious is right most of the time

By Phillip Alder

Neal Cassady wrote, "Billboards, billboards, drink this, eat that, use all manner of things, everyone, the best, the cheapest, the purest and most satisfying of all their available counterparts. Red lights flicker on every horizon, airplanes beware; cars flash by, more lights." What city was he describing?

At the bridge table, it is usually obvious to win a trick with the cheapest card possible.

You are in three no-trump. West leads his fourth-highest heart two away from the jack. How would you continue? Did West have a more successful lead?

The best, the purest way to play in a no-trump contract is to start by counting your top tricks: those you could take immediately that the opponents can do nothing about. Here, you have seven: two spades, three hearts and two clubs. To get two more tricks, your best chance is to hope that West has the diamond jack. But as you might need to lead diamonds three times from your hand, you should win trick one with the heart 10. Then play a diamond to dummy's eight.

Let's assume East wins with the king and returns a heart. Win with your queen, play a diamond to dummy's nine, overtake the heart king with your ace, and lead a third diamond. Here, the signs most satisfyingly proclaim that you made the contract. (If East has the courage to duck the first diamond, play a heart to your queen, and lead a diamond to dummy's nine.)

A black-suit lead defeats the contract because it denies declarer the vital third entry to hand. But who would find that?

Cassady was decrying Los Angeles.

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The Bible and Me

With the start of the New Year, many people have dusted off their Bibles with new resolve to open its pages and find out what is there. This is a good thing. But just like any new activity, there are some challenges. We may need someone to help us understand the Old and New Testament. What is the difference? Where is a good place to start reading? Any help we can get on these questions and others may help us to be able to read the Bible more effectively.

There is one problem, however, that I simply may not be able to avoid. That is the fact that the Bible sometimes teaches things that I wish it did not teach. When Jesus says to love our enemies in Matthew 5:44, we might wish Jesus would not say that. Sometimes, if we understand all of what the Bible teaches on a topic, it can make more sense. But sometimes that does not help. The problem is simply this. We may not want to do what the Bible says or believe what it teaches. This struggle is universal with the Bible. The Word of God challenges every culture in every time period. It is certain that it will challenge our life and our thinking at some point.

The Greek philosophers in Athens sneered at the apostle Paul when he mentioned the resurrection of Jesus, Acts 17:24. It did not fit with their thinking. People had difficulty listening to the idea of a crucified savior. It was a stumbling block to many, Paul writes in I Corinthians 1:23. Americans may struggle with the Bible's teaching about sin. Absolute moral standards make us squirm. They always have made people squirm. The Bible is interesting, fascinating and makes for challenging reading. To be blessed by our reading of the Bible we need faith and an obedient heart. The places where I have difficulty with the Bible and what it teaches are usually the very places in my life and thinking where I need to be challenged. Will I humble myself and listen to God. It is a question that reading the Bible will force me to ask.

Dale Huff

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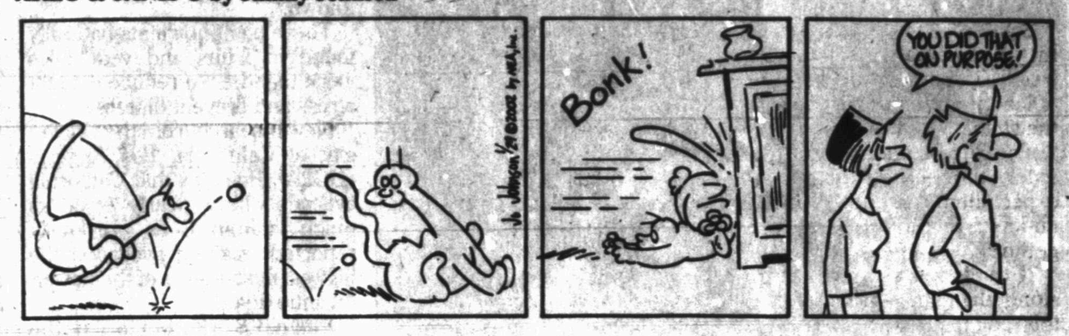
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ACROSS

1 Coalition
5 Ear of corn
8 Pale gray
11 Breakfast or lunch
12 Hubbub
13 Kitchen pro
15 Prefix for house
16 Duck's foot
17 Tresses
18 Legal thing
20 Bite off too much
22 Mild onions
25 Mr. Whitney
26 Actress Delaney
27 Help
28 Kids' rides
31 Fill to the —
33 Map abbr.
34 Kind of hygiene
38 Nut, actually
39 Harass
40 No different
41 Least wacky
44 Rip
45 Exercise place
48 "The Belle" poet
49 Boise locale
51 Surroundings
53 TV accessory
54 Stew
55 Hindu "Mr."
57 Tabloid topics
61 Cit.'s concern
62 "Deck the Halls" syllables
63 Nuisance
64 Afternoon break
65 Pro vote
66 White stuff

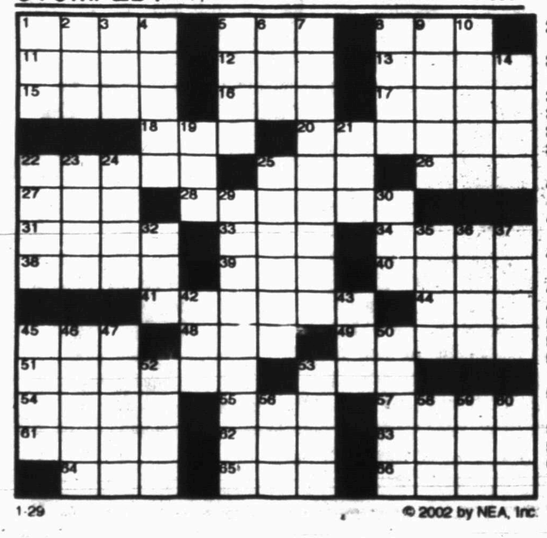
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1 Mercedes rival
2 Meadow
3 Boathouse gear
4 Work in a store
5 Harsh cries
6 Type of poem
7 Meadow birds
8 Liniment target
9 "Jaws" menace
10 Children's classic
14 — scratch
19 Sixth sense
21 Strive
22 Chocolate-colored dogs
23 Limerick locale
24 Adams or McClurg
25 Means of access
29 In a threatening way
30 Help letters
32 Rx givers
35 Hindu prince
36 Rani's servant
37 Construction toy
42 Tailless monkey
43 Muscular spasm
45 Urban problem
46 Oven light
47 Vivacious
50 Defeats
52 Scintilla
53 Passport companion
56 Funny Charlotte
58 Stadium filler
59 Lennon's wife
60 Replace a button

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SPORTS

SHS diamond squads hold first workouts

Snyder High School squads hit the diamond Monday as baseball and softball workouts officially got underway across the state.

The Tigers and Lady Tigers enter the season with high expectations, and both coaches understand the importance of getting off to a good start.

"I think the kids are farther along than they usually are at this points," said SHS baseball coach Roland Herrera. "We have some really good kids back from last year, and they have high goals for this season."

The Tigers missed the playoffs in 2001, but are looking for better results this time around. Their chances for a postseason berth are bolstered by the return of senior pitcher Tito Alaniz and senior outfielder Brandon McGuire, two all-state honorees a year ago.

Also returning are seniors Shay Franks, pitcher; Brooks Nunley, second base; Michael Pendleton, first base; and outfielders Riki Dorsett and Chris McLeod. Junior second baseman Billy Pena is also back. McLeod and Dorsett will join the team when basketball season ends.

"This is a good group of kids who work hard and push each other during practice," Herrera stated. "We have a solid group of leaders who have been here before, and are ready to put in the work necessary to be a good team."

The Tigers travel to Lubbock High for their first scrimmage next Tuesday. They also scrimmage Midland High, Odessa High and Midland Lee before opening the season Feb. 18 at Midland High.

On the softball diamond, second-year coach Shelly Hayes hopes to repeat the success of her inaugural season when the Lady Tigers went three rounds deep in the playoffs.

"The first day of practice went great," Hayes reported. "The girls are excited about getting started, and they were really focused on what we needed to get done."

Hayes first objective is replacing all-district outfielders Whitney Webb and Cameron Mackey.

"We have to find girls to step up for our players that graduated, especially in the outfield," said Hayes. "We're working on a lot of outfield drills, and I plan on using the scrimmages and tournaments to evaluate the girls. I need to see who fits best in each position."

The Lady Tigers see scrimmage action Feb. 7 at Abilene and Feb. 9 at Odessa, before opening the season Feb. 12 at home against Lubbock Monterey.

SJHS eighth grade girls maintain unbeaten mark

LUBBOCK — Snyder's eighth grade girls remain undefeated with a pair of victories Monday over Lubbock Dunbar.

Snyder Gold rolled over Dunbar, 56-30, and Snyder Black chalked up a 43-26 win.

Glyn Wright poured in 20 points to pace the Gold squad. Shaela Thompson added 13, and Sirena Medrano drained 12.

Erica Little dropped in six points. Emily Jones tallied three. Teddi Crenwelge finished with two, and Aeryal Peoples chipped in one.

Snyder Black got 10 points from Ciara Latta and Kendra James. Lindsey Morin, Krisa Murphrey and Ashley Pavlovsky registered four points, and Wendy Reed posted two.

Snyder seventh graders topple Lubbock Dunbar

LUBBOCK — Snyder Gold cruised to victory, while Snyder Black held on late in Monday's seventh grade girls action against Lubbock Dunbar.

The Gold squad used stingy defense to record a 51-8 victory, and Snyder Black scored nine fourth-quarter points to edge Dunbar, 25-21.

The Gold was paced by Kaitlyn Greenlee and Jordan Stansell who poured in 14 points apiece.

Terann Ragland drained seven points. Katie Crenwelge tallied six. Brianna Bernal and Cheyenne Roemisch posted four each, and Tana Sullenger finished with two.

Snyder Black got 12 points from Jaedi Baze, and nine more from Teisha McGlouthin. Sydney Wright and Courtney Tyrrell chipped in two apiece.

Sports Briefs

TaeKwonDo tournament

The 16th annual West Texas Invitational TaeKwonDo Championships are scheduled for Saturday at Scurry County Coliseum. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., with competition starting at 10:30.

More than 400 competitors, aged five and up, are expected to attend. The event is presented by Greg Gafford and the West Texas TaeKwonDo Academy.

Devils fire coach

WEST ORANGE, N.J. (AP) — Larry Robinson was fired as the New Jersey Devils coach with the club struggling to make the playoffs less than a year after coming within a victory of winning consecutive Stanley Cups.

Robinson was replaced by former Pittsburgh Penguins coach Kevin Constantine, a noted disciplinarian.

Lehtinen will miss All-Star game

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Stars forward Jere Lehtinen will undergo arthroscopic surgery on his left knee Tuesday, causing him to miss this weekend's All-Star game.

Valdes gets one-year deal with Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — Right-hander Ismael Valdes agreed to a $2.5 million, one-year contract with Texas, joining his fourth team in four years and giving the Rangers yet another pitching option.

Ted Williams released from hospital

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Hall of Famer Ted Williams was released from a hospital where he was admitted last week with flulike symptoms, including a high fever and low blood pressure.

Chargers, Schottenheimer work on contract

SAN DIEGO (AP) — San Diego Chargers officials were working on details of Marty Schottenheimer's contract in an effort to get him introduced as head coach on Tuesday.

Ira, Hermleigh host home games...

SHS travels to face Plainview

The Snyder Tigers and Lady Tigers have picked up their level of play over the past two weeks, and both squads hope for continued improvement when they travel to Plainview tonight.

Snyder visits Plainview for a pair of District 4-4A contests this evening. Girls action tips off at 6 o'clock, followed by the boys at 7:30.

The Lady Tigers (3-8, 8-17) have made great strides in recent weeks, winning two of their last four games, and they'll need to continue their strong play to have a chance against the top-ranked Lady Bulldogs (11-0, 25-1).

"Plainview is ranked No. 1 for a reason. They're the best team in the state," said Snyder coach Mike Martin. "Our girls have been playing a lot harder lately, and that's what I want to see tonight.

"We want to play hard, and cut down on our mistakes from the first time we played them. If we can do those two things, then we know we're getting better."

The SHS boys have also won two of their last four outings, including a 37-35 upset of Frenship on Friday.

The Tigers (3-6, 7-17) were neck-and-neck with Plainview (5-4, 13-11) through the first half of their first meeting, before going cold and scoring only 10 points over the final two quarters.

"The last time we played them, things were going well in the first half. Then we started taking some bad shots in the second half, and we let up on the defensive end," said Tiger coach Bud Birks. "We need to play hard on both ends for all four quarters, like we did against Frenship. When you do that, you give yourself a much better chance of coming out on top."

While Snyder hits the road, Ira and Hermleigh are home to host Class A contests.

Ira takes on Westbrook in a pair of District 11 match-ups at Bulldog Gym, and Hermleigh faces Highland in District 12 action at Cardinal Gym. Girls games begin at 6:30, followed by the boys at 8 o'clock.

GIRLS	District		Season	
Team	W	L	W	L
Plainview	11	0	25	1
Levelland	9	2	23	6
Estacado	8	3	21	7
Andrews	6	5	17	8
Frenship	5	6	16	12
Snyder	3	8	8	17
Big Spring	2	9	11	15
Lake View	0	11	2	23

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

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

BOYS	District		Season	
Team	W	L	W	L
Estacado	9	0	24	5
Levelland	7	2	16	13
Plainview	5	4	13	11
Frenship	5	4	17	9
Andrews	5	4	14	10
Snyder	3	6	7	17
Big Spring	2	7	10	15
Lake View	0	9	6	19

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

Red Raiders break into Top 25

LUBBOCK (AP) — Halfway through his first season at Texas Tech, Bob Knight is still looking for the right mix of players.

"If we had a guard that could shoot like Jerry West, one that could defend like John Havlicek, and if I had Willis Reed setting screens for Magic Johnson and had Larry Bird just kind of doing whatever he wanted to do, we'd be better," Knight said recently.

Despite the absence of those superstars, Knight's Red Raiders are off to a 15-3 start — good enough to earn them the No. 20 spot in this week's AP college basketball poll.

Tech earned its first ranking in five years by beating two Top 10 teams — Oklahoma State and Oklahoma — within seven days. That's quite a feat for a team that finished tied for last in the Big 12 last season with a 3-13 record.

Has the quick turnaround exceeded the coach's expectations?

"No," Knight said Saturday following a 92-79 victory over No. 6 Oklahoma. "Exceeding yours, but not mine."

Knight last had a team ranked in 1999-00, his 29th and final season at Indiana. Texas Tech was last ranked in the 1996-97 season when it was in the poll for 10 weeks, reaching as high as 18th.

Duke (18-1), which beat Boston College and Virginia last week to extend its winning streak to six games, was a unanimous No. 1 again, receiving all 71 first-place votes from the national media panel.

Kansas, the team that was No. 1 the week Duke wasn't, was followed by Maryland, Cincinnati, Florida and Oklahoma.

But a week that saw 16 ranked teams lose — including six in the Top 10 — caused plenty of movement throughout the rest of the poll.

Alabama, which beat Kentucky in its only game last week, jumped from 14th to No. 7 and was followed in the Top 10 by Virginia, Oklahoma State and Kentucky.

Gonzaga, at its highest ranking in school history, moved up five spots to No. 11, followed by Illinois, UCLA, Syracuse, Miami, Georgia, Connecticut, Stanford, Arizona and Texas Tech.

Pittsburgh, the week's other newcomer, Missouri, Southern California, Wake Forest and Ohio State rounded out the Top 25.

Oregon (15-5) ended a two-week stay in the poll and Texas (14-5) was bounced after just one week.

Connecticut and Arizona, whose overtime game on Saturday was one of the season's most exciting to date, had the week's biggest rise and fall.

The Huskies, who prevailed 100-98 for the road win, jumped from 25th to No. 17. The Wildcats, the only ranked team to lose twice last week (they also lost to Arizona State), fell from No. 10 to 19th.

Big 12 Basketball

MEN	Conference			AllGames		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Kansas	7	0	1.000	18	2	.900
Texas	5	1	.833	14	5	.737
Texas Tech	4	2	.667	15	3	.833
Oklahoma	4	2	.667	15	3	.833
Missouri	5	3	.625	15	6	.714
Oklahoma St.	4	3	.571	17	3	.850
Colorado	2	4	.333	11	6	.647
Baylor	2	4	.333	12	7	.632
Texas A&M	2	4	.333	8	12	.400
Nebraska	2	5	.286	9	9	.500
Kansas St.	1	5	.167	7	10	.412
Iowa St.	1	6	.143	9	12	.429

Monday's result
Kansas 105, Missouri 73

Tonight's game
Texas A&M at Iowa State

Wednesday's games
Texas Tech at Nebraska
Oklahoma State at Oklahoma
Texas at Kansas State
Baylor at Colorado

WOMEN	Conference			AllGames		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Kansas St.	7	1	.875	19	2	.905
Texas	6	1	.857	14	3	.824
Oklahoma	6	1	.857	16	2	.889
Colorado	5	3	.625	15	6	.714
Baylor	4	3	.571	16	3	.842
Texas Tech	4	4	.500	12	6	.667
Missouri	3	3	.500	12	5	.706
Oklahoma St.	3	4	.429	11	9	.550
Iowa St.	3	5	.375	15	5	.750
Nebraska	2	4	.333	12	7	.632
Texas A&M	2	4	.333	10	8	.556
Kansas	0	7	.000	5	15	.250

Tonight's games
Oklahoma at Oklahoma State
Kansas at Colorado

Wednesday's games
Texas Tech at Texas A&M
Kansas State at Texas
Missouri at Iowa State
Nebraska at Baylor

NCAA Basketball

MEN
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EAST
Buffalo 75, N. Illinois 65
Colgate 62, Binghamton 58
Georgetown 75, Syracuse 60
Long Island U. 75, Robert Morris 73
Monmouth 84, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 60
N.C.-Wilmington 56, Towson 46
Princeton 78, W. Maryland 24
Siena 63, Canisius 43
St. Francis, NY 79, St. Francis, Pa. 66
UMBC 81, Fairleigh Dickinson 70
Villanova 102, Saint Joseph's 73
SOUTH
Alabama A&M 73, Texas Southern 56
Alabama St. 78, Prairie View 73
Appalachian St. 66, W. Carolina 62
Chattanooga 103, Georgia Southern 91
Florida Atlantic 80, Belmont 78
Furman 83, The Citadel 75
Georgia St. 60, Samford 48
Hampton 97, Florida A&M 65
Howard 75, Md.-Eastern Shore 65
Jacksonville St. 78, Campbell 66
MVSU 91, Grambling St. 87, OT
McNeese St. 74, Nicholls St. 46
N. Carolina A&T 66, Coppin St. 55
Norfolk St. 67, Bethune-Cookman 58
S. Carolina St. 81, Morgan St. 73
Southern U. 80, Morris Brown 74
Stetson 58, Mercer 55
Tennessee St. 91, Morehead St. 72
Troy St. 75, Jacksonville 61
UNC-Greensboro 63, Coll. of Charleston 52
MIDWEST
Ill.-Chicago 68, Wright St. 66
Kansas 105, Missouri 73
Wis.-Green Bay 53, Youngstown St. 50
SOUTHWEST
Ark.-Pine Bluff 81, Jackson St. 79
Tulsa 79, Rice 60
UTEP 80, Alcorn St. 76
FAR WEST
New Mexico 70, Colorado St. 64
Utah 71, BYU 66
Wyoming 83, Air Force 76, 4OT
WOMEN
EAST
Harvard 80, Colgate 67
Rhode Island 43, Massachusetts 41
Sacred Heart 55, Cent. Connecticut St. 44
SOUTH
Alabama St. 66, Prairie View 45
Chattanooga 75, ETSU 47
Coppin St. 61, N. Carolina A&T 39
Davidson 83, W. Carolina 59
Elon 84, Winthrop 75
Florida A&M 64, Hampton 58
Georgia Southern 82, Appalachian St. 61
Grambling St. 76, MVSU 68
Howard 80, Md.-Eastern Shore 62
Louisiana-Monroe 81, Sam Houston St. 59
Morehead St. 84, Tennessee St. 74
N.C. State 62, Maryland 55
Nicholls St. 63, McNeese St. 55
Norfolk St. 77, Bethune-Cookman 54
Northwestern St. 73, Lamar 58
S. Carolina St. 47, Morgan St. 45
Texas Southern 88, Alabama A&M 87
Wofford 65, Coll. of Charleston 59
MIDWEST
Cleveland St. 99, Ind.-Pur.-Ft. Wayne 65
Creighton 62, Drake 58
Dayton 80, Xavier 68
N. Illinois 74, Cent. Michigan 61
Oakland, Mich. 64, W. Illinois 47
UMKC 72, Chicago St. 51
Valparaiso 64, Ind.-Pur.-Indpls. 46
Youngstown St. 77, Ill.-Chicago 62
SOUTHWEST
Jackson St. 68, Ark.-Pine Bluff 63
Oral Roberts 88, S. Utah 85, 2OT
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FAR WEST
No major team scores reported from the FAR WEST.

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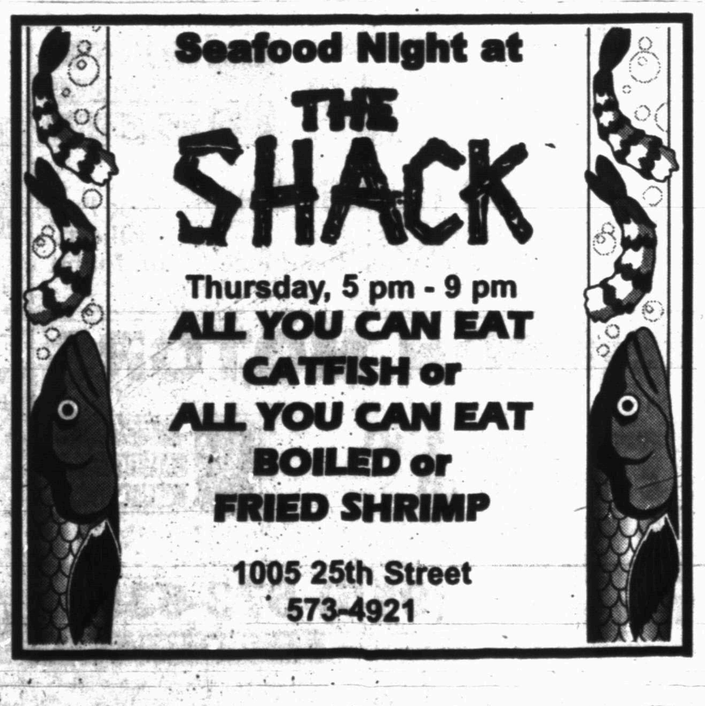
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EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	29	14	.674	—
Boston	26	17	.605	3
Washington	21	20	.512	7
Philadelphia	22	21	.512	7
Orlando	23	22	.511	7
New York	17	25	.405	11½
Miami	15	28	.349	14
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	26	16	.619	—
Toronto	26	19	.578	1½
Detroit	21	20	.512	4½
Indiana	23	23	.500	5
Charlotte	20	23	.465	6½
Atlanta	14	29	.326	12½
Cleveland	13	30	.302	13½
Chicago	9	33	.214	17
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	32	12	.727	—
Minnesota	31	12	.721	½
San Antonio	29	13	.691	2
Utah	23	22	.511	9½
Houston	14	30	.318	18
Denver	13	29	.310	18
Memphis	13	31	.296	19
Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	33	10	.767	—
L.A. Lakers	29	12	.707	3
Seattle	23	20	.535	10
Portland	22	20	.524	10½
L.A. Clippers	22	23	.489	12
Phoenix	21	22	.488	12
Golden State	14	28	.333	18½

Monday's Games
Memphis 119, L.A. Clippers 115, OT
Utah 101, Miami 89

Tuesday's Games
Detroit at Washington, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at New York, 7:30 p.m.
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Executed this 24th day of January, 2002.

(s)BEECHER McCORMICK
Independent Executor
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Dynegy is expected to acquire Enron Corp.'s largest pipeline

HOUSTON (AP) — A pipeline once at the center of a bitter battle between Enron Corp. and one-time prospective savior Dynegy Inc. should officially change owners by Friday, officials said.

Earlier this month, Enron gave up its fight to keep the 16,500-mile Northern Natural Gas Pipeline to focus its energy on the company's bankruptcy, which is the largest Chapter 11 reorganization in history.

"We're still on schedule," Dynegy spokesman Steve Stengel said Monday of the company's plan to acquire the pipeline by the end of January.

Enron originally resisted Dynegy's plan to take one of its most prized assets in exchange for a $1.5 billion investment in the fallen energy giant before a proposed merger of the two Houston-based companies fell apart in late November.

But Jan. 3, a month after laying off thousands of employees at its headquarters the day after filing for bankruptcy, Enron agreed to surrender the pipeline to Dynegy.

As agreed in November, Dynegy will pay a $23 million excise fee for invoking its option to acquire the pipeline. Dynegy also will assume roughly $750 million in debt and liabilities.

Enron spokeswoman Karen Denne said control of the pipeline was scheduled to transfer to Dynegy from Enron on Friday, and Enron maintains its option to buy it back by June 30.

While Dynegy has owned bits and pieces of pipelines before, Northern Natural Gas will be its first pipeline system.

"Over the last 20 years it has been one of the best pipelines in the country," said John Olson, a securities analyst with Sanders Morris Harris in Houston.

Olson said Dynegy is paying a fair price for it, and the pipeline could add some incremental profitability to the company's physical trading network. The pipeline earns about a 13.5 percent return on equity with a 40 percent to 60 percent debt equity capital structure, he said.

"It does add a very high quality asset to the overall Dynegy profile," Olson said.

Stengel said about 100 of the pipeline's 1,100 employees will become Dynegy employees, and the rest will remain Enron employees until Enron's repurchase option expires June 30.

Olson said given Enron's multi-billion-dollar obligations to banks and other creditors, it is highly unlikely the company will be able to repurchase the pipeline.

Enron owns all or part of three smaller pipelines, none of which are involved in the bankruptcy case. Those are:

—Transwestern Pipeline, which runs about 2,500 miles between Texas and California.

—Florida Gas Transmission, a 4,700-mile system that moves gas for third parties to Miami from the Texas coast.

—Northern Border Partners, L.P., 1,214 miles of pipe that runs between the Canadian border with Montana to Illinois.

When Enron filed its bankruptcy case in New York, it also sued Dynegy for $10 billion, claiming its smaller rival illegally abandoned the merger and had no right to the pipeline.

Dynegy countersued in a Texas state court, saying it rightly walked away because Enron failed to fully disclose its financial woes. Enron and Dynegy settled that lawsuit Jan. 3.

Authorities search for SE Texas man in triple killing

ORANGE (AP) — Authorities today continued to search Southeast Texas woods for a suspect wanted in a shooting spree that claimed the lives of three people — two of them children — and the wounding of two others.

Dead are Mirian McElroy, 52; and sisters Ashley Pearson, 10 and April Pearson, 14. Another sister, 5-year-old Kaitlyn, was in good condition at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont on today. Their mother, Gwen, remained in critical condition, said a spokeswoman for the Newton County Sheriff's Department.

"Kaitlyn is doing fine — she's going to make it," said Teressa Davis, a sheriff's dispatcher. "But for the mom, the next 72 hours are going to be very critical for her."

A command post was set up Monday near Call. Davis said investigators resumed a search this morning that reached into neighboring Jasper County for 42-year-old Perry Anthony Stevenson.

During daylight hours on Monday, state and local investigators assisted by trained dogs and helicopters searched wooded areas to no avail.

The intensive manhunt began after a man shot and killed a woman in Orange about 2 a.m. Monday, set fire to the mobile home where the killing occurred, then stole a car from a nearby home. The victim was identified by a family member as McElroy, Stevenson's live-in girlfriend.

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Treatment for leg ulcers

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is there a non-prescription medication that I might try for leg ulcers? I cannot afford a visit to the doctor, because I am destitute and have no health insurance.

DEAR READER: This is a difficult question to answer because I don't know the cause of your leg ulcers.

If, for example, you have sores from varicose veins, elevation of your legs (when sitting) and the use of elastic support hose might help.

On the other hand, if your ulcers are caused by infection or diabetes, the treatment would be different (antibiotics and better control of your blood sugars).

As a general rule, leg ulcers tend to become easily infected, so a cornerstone of care is to wash them thoroughly with mild soap and warm water, pat them dry and apply over-the-counter antibiotic cream, such as Neosporin or Bacitracin. In many instances, leg ulcers heal faster when exposed to air.

Your ulcers appear to be a chronic problem. Therefore, I suggest that you seek medical attention. Explain your financial situation and ask the doctor to modify his or her fees. There's no reason for you to be deprived of necessary advice and treatment merely because you cannot pay the full freight. In addition, many communities have walk-in, free clinics for indigent patients. Appropriate therapy for your ulcers, if given early on, can save you extensive expense and disability later.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I suffer from chronic diarrhea and have had multiple tests, including colonoscopy with biopsy. I was diagnosed with granulomatous colitis. My gastroenterologist says the disease is so rare that he has relatively no information on it. Can you enlighten me?

DEAR READER: Granulomatous colitis is a form of Crohn's disease, a chronic inflammatory disorder of the bowel, of unknown cause. Ordinarily, Crohn's disease affects the last portion of the small intestine. Frequently, the first portion of the large intestine is also affected. In less than 20 percent of cases, only the large bowel is diseased; this is called granulomatous colitis.

Regardless of the location of Crohn's disease, the symptoms are the same: abdominal pain, fever, weight loss and diarrhea. Associated symptoms include arthritis, eye and mouth inflammation and severe skin reactions, leading many experts to conclude that the affliction is an autoimmune disorder, in which patients literally become allergic to many of their own normal tissues.

Crohn's disease is usually diagnosed by special X-ray studies, such as a small bowel series. However, since granulomatous colitis can mimic other inflammatory bowel conditions, colonoscopy with biopsy may be required, as it was in your case.

Treatment is directed toward reducing inflammation and aiding healing by using steroids, antibiotics and — in some cases — immunosuppressive drugs, such as Azathioprine. Of course, antidiarrhea medicine (Immodium and others) is also useful. Patients should be monitored for nutritional deficiencies.

If your gastroenterologist's experience with granulomatous colitis is limited, I suggest that you request a referral to a teaching center or major hospital where super-specialists are more familiar with this disorder.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Constipation and Diarrhea." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title.

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Alltel		56.30	55.43	55.65— .60
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Anguish endures over fate of reporter

NEW YORK (AP) — Mariane Pearl, a French free-lance journalist who is six months pregnant, last heard from her husband when he called her at their Pakistan home to say he would be late for dinner.

Four days later, e-mailed photographs brought news that relatives of foreign correspondents dread: The Wall Street Journal reporter had been shackled by chains. One image shows a gun pointed at his head.

Daniel Pearl, 38, vanished last Wednesday after going to meet with members of a radical Islamic group in Karachi for a story on terrorism, the newspaper said.

His whereabouts were unknown until Sunday, when several news organizations received photos of Pearl from a group calling itself the National Movement for the Restoration of Pakistani Sovereignty, which claimed responsibility for the disappearance.

"He was a journalist just trying to do his job. This is a serious matter, and it is being pursued by the United States government," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said.

The Journal faced a dilemma familiar to other news organizations and companies when employees are kidnapped — whether to go public in hopes of pressuring the abductors or keep a low profile and seek their release through quiet diplomacy.

Steve Goldstein, a vice president and spokesman for Dow Jones, the Journal's parent organization, declined to comment on specifics of the case or efforts to obtain Pearl's freedom.

"Our concern is getting Danny released and back to his wife," Goldstein said in an e-mail reply to questions from The Associated Press. "We have had no contact with anyone holding Danny. The U.S. government and the Pakistani government are working together to secure his release, and we remain hopeful."

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Secretary of State Colin Powell discussed the case in a telephone conversation with Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf on Monday and "noted our strong interest in seeing it resolved."

Boucher said Musharraf assured Powell that Pakistan "is making every effort" to find and free Pearl, a 12-year Journal staff reporter who has worked in Atlanta, Washington, D.C., and London, and has been based in India for about a year.

Sources close to the family, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Mariane Pearl had been advised by the FBI not to discuss the case publicly. Goldstein said the Journal decided to channel all family queries through his office.

"She is six months pregnant and is waiting for her husband to return. People need to respect her privacy," Goldstein said. "Our concern is getting Danny released and back to his wife."

Sunday's e-mail was sent randomly to nearly three dozen addresses at U.S. newspapers and media and government agencies in the United States, Britain and the Persian Gulf.

It alleged that Pearl worked for the CIA — a claim denied by the agency and the Journal — and issued demands including better treatment for Pakistanis among the terrorist suspects held by the United States in Cuba and release of the former Taliban ambassador to Pakistan.

The group also sent an attachment demanding that F-16 fighter jets purchased by Pakistan in the 1980s be released. The planes were never delivered because of U.S. sanctions related to Islamabad's nuclear-weapons program.

Pakistani police sources, speaking anonymously, said they had never heard of the group that claimed responsibility. They said the abductors more likely were from Harkat ul-Mujahedeen, a radical group on the U.S. government's terrorist list and believed to have links to al-Qaida.

On Monday, Pakistani police sources said Pearl had met in the first week of January with five Pakistanis, in Rawalpindi, who promised him an interview in Karachi with Mubarak Ali Shah Gilani, leader of another small radical Muslim group, Tanzaimul Fuqra, also suspected of having al-Qaida ties.

The sources, declining to be named, said police identified and detained the five men. When they proved they had not been in Rawalpindi, officials concluded that Pearl had been set up by others, using false names, the sources said.

On Wednesday, Pearl left the home in Karachi where he and his wife were staying and headed for an appointment with his contact at a downtown restaurant, the sources said. During a brief stop at a citizen-police liaison office, he received a telephone call confirming the meeting and left for the restaurant.

Police established that the call came from a mobile phone, but because it was recently purchased and used for only that call, it has been of no help in finding leads to the mystery caller, the sources said.

MIT sued for $27M

QUINCY, Mass. (AP) — Elizabeth Shin had tried to kill herself with pills and later by cutting her arms and wrists. Two years ago, she succeeded, setting herself on fire in one of the nation's best universities.

Her parents claim the Massachusetts Institute of Technology failed to properly deal with obvious signs of Shin's mental illness and filed a $27 million lawsuit Monday accusing the school of negligence.

The school has denied any wrongdoing.

Shin, 19, a biology major from Livingston, N.J., died in April 2000. She had received treatment through MIT's counseling and support services for more than a year before her death, and had repeatedly threatened to commit suicide.

"If they made even one phone call to warn us what was going on, Elizabeth would be with us now," said her mother, Kisuk Shin.



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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — It would be wonderful if we could always take others at face value in our commercial dealings but, unfortunately, today if you do so, it might be a very expensive gamble. 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 way you personally feel about something or someone might not be an accurate appraisal, so do not let your feelings or emotions supersede your logic.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — It'll be either that you can't take directions too well today or your instructions to others may be confusing. Whichever the case, you could upset something good you have going for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Sure, every once in awhile we luck out, but don't bank on Dame Fortune hanging in there too long today. If you think she is giving free rides, you'll be left behind.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — When restrictive forces enter the scene today, you'd be better off not trying to buck the odds. Resistance against a brick wall only makes matters worse.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You'll start off on the right foot today, but as time marches on, you might begin to fill your mind with reasons why things can't be done, instead of at least trying to make things happen.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Get smart and start avoiding an individual who is beginning to make you feel more is being asked of you than this person is prepared to give you in return.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — It won't be because your potential for success doesn't exist, it does. It will be through poor execution that you'll make things more difficult for yourself than they need be.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — There is nothing wrong with having an active imagination but, unfortunately today, you could use yours in counterproductive ways by reacting out of spite.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Before contemplating an investment about which you know little but sounds wonderful, stop and reevaluate the entire matter from start to finish.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Today might mark the end of a relationship with someone who constantly insists upon doing things his/her own way. The union isn't worthy of a second thought.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — A lot of cheap talk might be much easier for you today than actually rolling up your sleeves and accomplishing your aims. It's much smarter to perform first, talk later.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Late start doesn't concern sudent who wants to teach

DEAR ABBY: I feel compelled to respond to Veronica M. DeCrescio's letter about how she always wanted to be a teacher, but never went back to school to certify.

Please tell her to GO FOR IT! I am in a similar situation. I earned a B.A. in an unrelated field, but later realized I wanted to become an elementary school teacher. I am going after it — even though it means I will be a student teacher at 50.

I am in school now and have five more quarters to go. This time around, college is even more intellectually stimulating and satisfying than before. Most of the students in my program are under 30, and I am old enough to be "Mom" to several of them. Age can be an advantage — I have had life experiences these youngsters have yet to learn. Moreover, I have had the time to think about taking this life-changing step and am fully committed to my dream of becoming a teacher.

If I can do it, anyone can. We all have something of value to contribute to the field of education. Please assure Ms. DeCrescio that devotion and enthusiasm for the profession of teaching are much more important than one's age! — **MS. RANDALL START, BREMERTON, WASH.**

DEAR RANDALL: True. I'm pleased to see someone with your life experience going into elementary education. People who love what they do are usually very good at it. You'll be a terrific role model for your students to emulate. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Your response to the individual who got her degree but was not certified to teach school was incomplete. If you meant she should try teaching and see if she likes it, I agree. But she should realize that substitute teaching without proper certification will get her nowhere unless she's willing to work in a private school for low pay, or work in a position where there are no health or retirement benefits.

This wanna-be teacher could, however, check with her local schools and see if they help uncertified staff go back to school. In my district, many of our teaching assistants have obtained certification in this manner and are now working as full-fledged teachers.

She also needs to check the local colleges and find out exactly what is needed to earn her certificate. It might come as a pleasant surprise, since she already has a bachelor's degree.

Please wish her good luck from me, Abby. You were right when you emphasized the need for good teachers. — **VETERAN SCHOOL SECRETARY, SYRACUSE, N.Y.**

DEAR SCHOOL SECRETARY: Let it be lost on no one that one of the most important jobs in this country is teaching. Teachers can influence and motivate an entire generation.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a college freshman, extremely shy, and not the most popular guy on campus. There is a girl I like, but she hangs out with a far more popular crowd. I talk to her often — in school, online and on the phone. I would like to ask her out, but I am afraid she'll say no. What should I do? — **HOPELESS FOREVER IN NEW YORK**

DEAR HOPELESS FOREVER: Ask her out for coffee. It's nonthreatening and it's not a formal date. It's two friends chatting and getting to know each other. Then ask her to a movie. If she's spending time talking to you on the phone and online, she's interested in you, too. Take a deep breath, count to three — and call her now!

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Pauline Phillips and her daughter Jeanne Phillips share the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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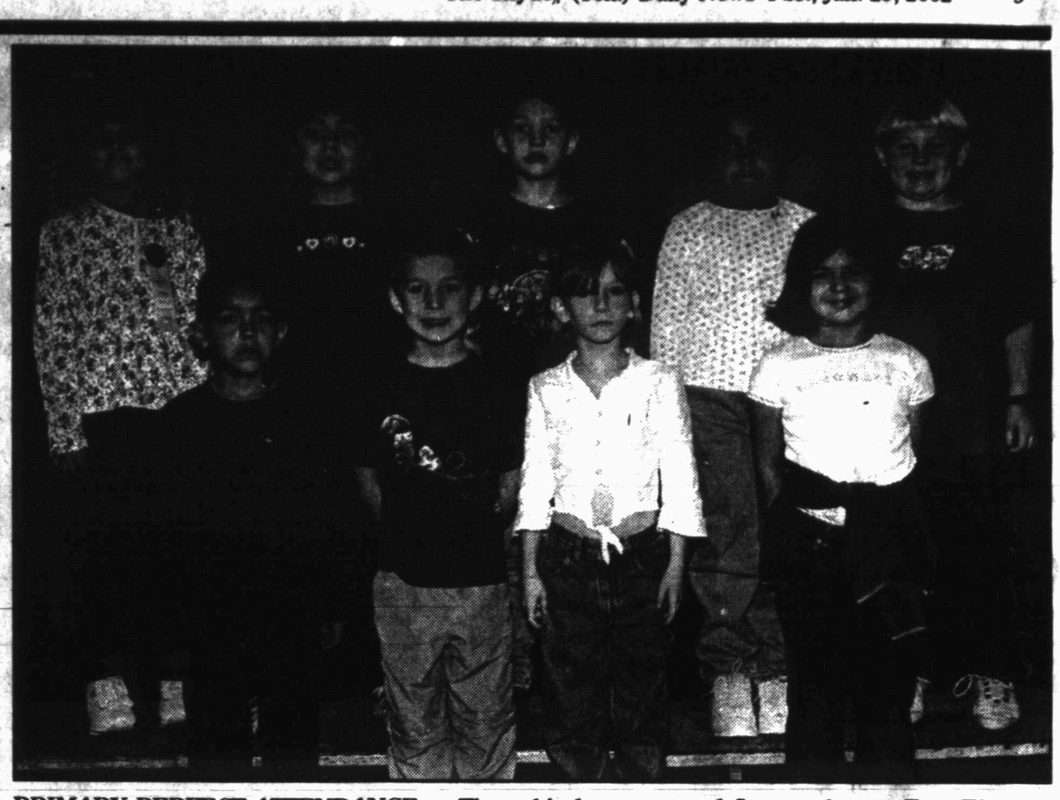
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PERFECT ATTENDANCE — These East fourth graders were not absent during the fall semester. Top row from left, Kristi Guerrero, Taylor Tyrrell, Samana Arizmendi, T.J. Wright, Monica Escareno, Larissa Arellano, Tosha McGlouthin; middle row, Roberto Aguirre, Humberto Juarez, Tanner Robertson, Amber Gutierrez, Daniel Escobedo, Kenyon Gafford; bottom row, Ashley Browning, Brodie Calley, Victor Chhuor, L.A. Jaramillo, Laura Ortega. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



PRIMARY PERFECT ATTENDANCE — These kindergarten and first graders at East Elementary were not absent during the fall semester. Top row from left, Victoria Molina, Sabrina Salinas, Zachary Bowman, Cassandra Romero, Riley Jenkins; bottom row, Joey Alvarez, Nathan von Roeder, Allie Hollingsworth, Heather Medrano. Mikey Kirby is not pictured. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



MORE PERFECT ATTENDANCE — These fourth graders at East Elementary were not absent during the fall semester. Top row from left, Eduardo Arellano, Jose Furrusca, Yvette Hernandez, Alex Hernandez, Bradley Emerson, Alex Olivarez; middle row, Jose Aguirre, Brance Scott, Clint Wall, Mitchell Marcon, Michael Strong, Adalberto Medina; bottom row, Ashley Silva, Zackery Ball, Michael Guardado, Colton Lane, Meranda Hernandez, Bianca Cabrera. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Ex-U.S. POWs rejecting claim of mistreatment of prisoners

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Don't tell retired U.S. Navy Lt. Stephen Harris about the difficulties of being an Afghan war detainee in Cuba. He was tortured, beaten and starved in North Korea — a far cry, he says, from what's happening in Camp X-Ray.

The 158 suspected al-Qaida and Taliban fighters held at the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base are being interrogated by American authorities seeking information to help the U.S.-led war on terrorism.

Some U.S. allies, as well as human rights groups, have criticized the conditions under which the prisoners are being held and have pushed the United States to designate the detainees as prisoners of war, which would guarantee them greater protections under the Geneva Convention.

U.S. officials have said the detainees are being treated humanely and that they do not qualify as prisoners of war. The International Red Cross has been allowed to visit the captives.

Many former POWs say that, regardless of the prisoners' status, conditions at Camp X-Ray are far different from those they were forced to endure.

They remember forced marches in freezing temperatures with little clothing, minuscule food rations, regular beatings, torture, executions, cramped cells with little or no light, no books or writing utensils, nothing to keep their minds off the grueling conditions.

Swindle, a former fighter pilot was shot down over Vietnam in November 1966 and remained in captivity until March 1973.

"I was taken into a cave, tied up, put in a pit and they'd bring people in to see me ... they'd all have rocks and sticks ... and my main goal was to keep my head down so I didn't get my eyes put out," Swindle remembered.

In contrast, Swindle said, the detainees at Camp X-Ray are being held in open-air cells with walls of chain-link fence in tropical temperatures that hover in the low-80s. The detainees have been issued prayer (skull) caps and are allowed to pray five times a day.

Upon arrival in Cuba, they were allowed to mail a letter home to let relatives know of their situation. Officials have said the prisoners will be allowed to grow back their beards and long hair that many Muslim men wear. They're also getting pita bread with their meals now, and officials are considering requests to give them access to tea and books.

The former POWs point out that designation as a prisoner of war does not guarantee humane treatment.

Harris was an intelligence officer aboard the USS Pueblo when the boat was attacked and captured off the coast of North Korea in 1968. He was held by the North Koreans for 11 months without prisoner of war status.

"They were calling us detainees just as we're calling those folks in Cuba detainees, although they weren't treating us very nicely," Harris said in telephone interview from his home in Melrose, Mass.

Harris said a North Korean commander laughed at him when he displayed the Geneva Convention rules that govern how international prisoners should be treated.

"We were treated miserably, we were tortured, beaten, starved. I lost 53 pounds in the course of a year," Harris said. "But we assumed ourselves to be prisoners of war. What else would we be? We were captured in a combat situation between two countries that are not friendly to each other."

But Harris said the situation is different with the detainees in Cuba, who are from 25 countries.

To be prisoners of war, "you're assumed to be combatants on behalf of a state," Harris said.

Consumer advocate releases annual safety ratings of cars

WASHINGTON (AP) — Looking to buy a new car this year? The Saturn L scores best among family sized cars in eight categories, including safety features and crash tests, according to a veteran consumer advocate.

The Mercury Villager and Nissan Quest are the highest rated minivans based on the same eight criteria.

The ratings come from the 2002 edition of The Ultimate Car Book, published in cooperation with the Center for Auto Safety, an advocacy group founded by consumer advocate Ralph Nader. The book was released today.

The book rated cars, small trucks, minivans and SUVs by crash tests, safety features, repair and maintenance costs, fuel economy, complaints, warranties and insurance costs. He listed 38 cars and trucks in 10 categories as his best bets for 2002.

The other top-rated cars included the following family sized or intermediate models: Ford Taurus, Volkswagen Passat, Dodge Intrepid and Stratus, Honda Accord and Volvo S80. Other top-rated minivans included the Chrysler Town and Country and Pontiac Montana. The top rated large sport utility vehicles were the Lincoln Navigator and Ford Expedition.

"These are the cars that do the best in the criteria we think are important, which is heavily weighted toward safety," said the book's author, Jack Gillis, director of public affairs for the Consumer Federation of America, an advocacy group. "Crash tests and safety features are prominent."

Gillis wrote the original consumer guide while working for the Transportation Department. When the guide was killed by the Reagan administration, Gillis began working with the Center for Auto Safety and publishing it privately.

The book also lists the vehicles based on the number of consumer complaints filed with the federal government and the number of vehicles sold. The vehicles with the fewest complaints per models sold were the Ford F-Series pickup truck, BMW 3 Series and BMW 5 Series. The vehicles with the most complaints were the Mazda MPV minivan, Kia Sportage SUV and Ford Excursion SUV.

While the Ford F-Series is the only recommended standard-sized pickup truck, the two BMW models are not rated. That is because there were no government crash tests done on either car.

Inspectors track canker's spread to Florida

PALM BAY, Fla. (AP) — After a battle to wipe out citrus canker in South Florida, federal inspectors are now going door-to-door in the Indian River grove country that is known for the boxed grapefruit sold to tourists and mailed as gifts.

The inspectors are searching for evidence of the crop-destroying disease after its telltale blemishes were found last week on grapefruit trees in two adjacent residential yards in Brevard County.

It marked the northernmost penetration of the disease and its first incursion into the Indian River area, which stretches along the midsection of Florida's Atlantic coast.

Previously, the disease dreaded by Florida's $9 billion citrus industry had been confined to nine counties in southwest and southern Florida.

"This is so new. Inspectors are jumping to begin as fast as they can to check the spread and locate where it may be and how it got here," said Tyrone Kemp, a spokesman for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. "If it's a human carrier, it could be a guy mowing the lawn and he's taking his equipment from one place to another."

Pathologists still don't know exactly how the disease hopskotched north, bypassed three counties and landed in Brevard County, 40 miles east of Orlando in the northern part of the Indian River area. But they have determined the two trees were infected between three and six months ago.

The inspectors squirted their feet Monday with anti-bacterial spray before moving into each new yard.

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Four escapees 'armed and dangerous'

MONTAGUE (AP) — Two convicted murderers and two others awaiting trial on capital murder charges were sought today after they escaped from the Montague County Jail by overpowering a female guard and fleeing in her sport utility vehicle.

Two of the escapees were serving life sentences for the 1996 murder of a 16-year-old Oklahoma cheerleader. The other two were arrested in November and charged with two counts of capital murder in the deaths of an elderly Montague County couple on whose land they had been living.

Dan Jordan, a deputy for the Montague County Sheriff's Department, said the four escaped at 10:52 p.m. Monday.

"We're looking for them everywhere," Jordan said.

District Attorney Tim Cole said the escapees used a homemade knife to overpower the guard. He said they fled in a silver 2001 Geo Chevrolet Tracker with a black top, with a Texas license plate of 5MB D88.

The escapees were identified as Curtis Allen Gambill of Terral, Okla.; Joshua Luke Bagwell of Waurika, Okla.; Crystal Gale Soto, 22, of Bowie, and Charles William Jordan, 30, of Bowie. Cole said the four should be considered armed and extremely dangerous. It was not known whether they stayed together or split up.

Dee Hazle, a dispatcher with the Jefferson County sheriff's office in Waurika, which is 45 miles northwest of Montague, said officers were patrolling near the Red River early today.

She said the office had received a vehicle description and had been told that the escapees were possibly headed north toward Oklahoma.

Gambill received two life sentences on charges of murder and conspiracy to commit murder, and Bagwell was convicted of capital murder in the Oct. 2, 1996, shotgun slaying of Heather Rose Rich, 16, of Waurika, Okla.

Soto and Jordan were arrested along with Willy Christmas, 17, the grandson of the victims, on Nov. 28, in Mason County, Wash., two days after the bodies of James Christmas, 76, and his wife, Ullain Christmas, 79, were found in a shallow grave on land they owned near Bowie, 11 miles southwest of Montague.

21 soldiers hurt in two accidents

WASHINGTON (AP) — Twenty-one U.S. soldiers deployed to the war in Afghanistan were injured in two accidents, and one of them was evacuated to Europe for treatment, the Pentagon said today.

On Monday, 16 were injured in a helicopter crash and five were hit by a forklift.

One of the five injured by the forklift Monday evening was evacuated to Germany in critical but stable condition, and the other four had minor injuries treated at the site.

The 16 Army soldiers injured when their helicopter crashed in eastern Afghanistan were being treated at a military base north of Kabul, defense officials said today, revising the number from the 14 announced Monday. Their names have not been released.

Officials declined to say where the forklift accident occurred.

Hundreds of special forces are deployed in Afghanistan and working on clandestine operations. Pentagon officials on Monday disputed claims that a deadly U.S. special forces raid last week was a case of mistaken identity.

The soldiers' injuries in the helicopter crash were not life-threatening, military officials said.

An Army CH-47 Chinook helicopter carrying 24 soldiers was ferrying members of the 101st Airborne Division to an area near Khost when it made a hard landing, defense officials said.

A statement from U.S. Central Command, which oversees military operations in Afghanistan, said the helicopter was extensively damaged and the wreck was under investigation.

Army Col. Frank Wiercinski, a spokesman for the 101st in Kandahar, Afghanistan, said the pilot apparently failed to see holes in the ground at the landing site due to darkness and dust. He said the soldiers were members of the 187th Regiment of the 101st Airborne.

Regarding last Wednesday's raid by U.S. special forces in central Afghanistan, Rear Adm. John Stufflebeem said several clues indicated the target compounds were being used by the al-Qaida terrorist network or the Taliban.

Man is arrested on several outstanding city warrants

• ***Arrests***

Officers arrested a 23-year-old male at 9 a.m. Monday in the 500 block of 33rd Street on several outstanding city warrants — including no liability insurance, expired vehicle registration, bail jumping and failure to appear.

Deputies took a 21-year-old male into custody at 11:43 a.m. on an outstanding county warrant for criminal mischief. The man was arrested at Rip Griffin's.

Officers arrested a 31-year-old male at 4 p.m. in the 3600 block of Apple Street on a Scurry County warrant for theft by check.

One person was arrested at Wal-Mart Monday afternoon for shoplifting. Officers placed a 17-year-old male into custody for Class B theft, and released a minor to the custody of his parents.

Officers arrested a 21-year-old male at 10:55 p.m. in the 1900 block of Towle Park Road on outstanding Brown County warrants for speeding, no liability insurance and failure to appear.

• ***Trespassing***

James Blackshear told officers Monday afternoon that someone had been dumping cement on his property in the 1900 block of Avenue K.

• ***Found property***

Officers were notified at noon that a bicycle was left by a dumpster in the 3500 block of Avenue V.

Obituaries

Patricia Tracey

1936-2002

Patricia Ann Tracey, a resident of Snyder since 1995, died Saturday, Jan. 26, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

A memorial service directed by several close friends will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Miss Tracey, 65, requested to be cremated.



Miss Tracey

Born Oct. 1, 1936 in Springfield, Ill., she was reared in the Abilene area, graduating from Abilene High School and attending the Parkland School of Nursing.

Miss Tracey worked for more than 20 years as a laboratory technician for the City of Abilene health department.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Christopher and Michelle Tracey of Chico, Calif.; a granddaughter, Alexandra Tracey of Chico; and special friends, Richard and Sally Bross and Ronnie and Diana Williamson and family, all of Snyder.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the local humane society or visit the animal shelter and adopt a pet in her memory.

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Joe Green

1916-2002

Joe Aubrey Green, a native of Scurry County, died Monday, Jan. 28, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Green, 85, is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. F.R. "Bear" Williams officiating. Burial will follow in the Fluvanna Cemetery.

Born Dec. 30, 1916 in Fluvanna, he married Maurice Ainsworth on Dec. 15, 1937 in Snyder.

Mr. Green was a pipeline worker and a member of the Justiceburg Baptist Church.

Two brothers preceded him in death.

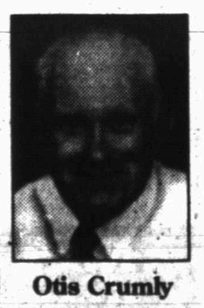
Survivors include his wife, Dura Maurice Green of Snyder; two daughters, Jane Cooper of Colorado City and Betty Cantrell of Snyder; a son, Weldon Green of Fort Worth; four sisters, Joyce Moore and Charlene Bell Bishop of Cortez, Colo., Merlyn Jones of Snyder and Tince Bigalk of Aurora, Colo.; a brother, Bob Green of Ft. Upton, Colo.; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Otis Crumly

1925-2002

Otis Fulton Crumly, a native of Scurry County, died this morning in Snyder Oaks Care Center after a lengthy illness.

A memorial service for Mr. Crumly, 76, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Walter McCall, Community Care Hospice chaplain, will officiate. Mr. Crumly's body will be donated to medical science.



Otis Crumly

Born March 16, 1925 in Hermleigh, he was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, having served in the Philippines.

He married Patsy Patterson on July 1, 1950 in Las Vegas. Mr. Crumly worked as a bus and truck mechanic for Airport Transit in Los Angeles for 24 years and for System 99 for 10 years. He returned to Snyder from California in 1986 and worked in maintenance for Western Texas College for four years. He was a member of the Golden K Kiwanis Club.

He was preceded in death by three brothers - Paul, Elby and Luke Crumly.

Survivors include his wife, Patsy Crumly of Snyder; a daughter, Tisha Reeise of McDonough, Ga.; and two sisters, Bertha Holdridge and Beulah Starnes, both of Snyder; a grandson, Chandler Reeise of McDonough; and several nieces and nephews, including Janet Spence and Raymond Holdridge, both of Snyder, and Diane Robbins of Lubbock.

The family suggests memorials to the Community Care Hospice, 1510 S. Gregg in Big Spring, 79720; or to the American Cancer Society at West Texas State Bank in Snyder.

Dee Byrum

1925-2002

RANGER – Dorothy J. "Dee" Byrum, a former resident of Snyder, died Saturday, Jan. 26, in a Fort Worth hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Byrum, 76, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Mesquite & Rusk Street Church of Christ with Ken Evans and Shawn Johnson officiating. Burial was to follow in the Merriman Cemetery under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home.

Born June 29, 1925 in Wichita Falls, she married Walter H. Byrum on Nov. 20, 1947, and he died June 12, 1989.

Mrs. Byrum was a cosmetologist in Snyder from 1960 to 1984 when she moved to Ranger. She worked at the Gold Comb in Ranger, retiring in 1995. She was a member of the Mesquite and Rusk Street Church of Christ.

Survivors include two daughters, Sandra Sipes of Ranger and Becky Kemp of Flower Mound; a son, David Byrum of Monrovia, Calif.; a brother, Ronnie Laudermilk of Jolly; two sisters, Lori Wade of California and Oleta Robinson of Wichita Falls; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Wayne Popnoe

1932-2002

O'DONNELL – Wayne William Popnoe, a native of Scurry County, died Saturday, Jan. 26.

Funeral service for Mr. Popnoe, 70, is set for 3 p.m. Wednesday in the First United Methodist Church with the Revs. Wesley Brown and Ken Peterson officiating.

Born Jan. 11, 1932 in Scurry County, he attended school in O'Donnell and married Bonnie Aileen Cosper on March 31, 1951 in Lovington, N.M.

He moved from Arkansas to O'Donnell in 1957 and was a farmer and owner of Wayne Popnoe Trucking Co.

A son, Michael Wayne Popnoe, died in 1952.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie Popnoe of O'Donnell; a son, Jimmy Popnoe of Lamesa; a daughter, Connie Brown of Lubbock; a sister, Joyce Harris; and six grandchildren.

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Head Start book fair

Scurry County Head Start book fair continues daily through Friday at the Snyder Child Day Care, 2800 2nd St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and a family night from 6-7 p.m. Thursday.

Genealogical meeting

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 tonight in the children's room at the county library. Jo Thrower will present a program on searching for ancestors in the federal census. Visitors are welcome. Memberships are $12.50 per year for individuals, or $15 for a couple.

Video on channel 2

"America: Let the Righteous Arise!" will be shown on Channel 2 at 10 a.m. each Wednesday and Thursday for two weeks. For information, call Trinity United Methodist Church, 573-3988.

Church of God revival

Church of God will hold a revival at 7 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. The young Vernon Groce, a former Snyder resident and member of the church, will preach. The church is located at 21st St. and Ave. O.

Scurry Masonic Lodge 706

The Scurry Masonic Lodge 706 will have a Master's Degree at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. All Master Masons are invited.

Democratic Party meeting

The Scurry County Democratic Party will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Spanish Inn.

Cub Scout pack meeting

Scurry County Cub Scout packs will hold monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at West Elementary. All Cub Scouts, their families and friends are encouraged to attend.

SHS yearbook payments

All balances owed on the 2002 Tiger's Lair yearbook are due Friday. Checks may be mailed to Tigers' Lair, SHS, 2901 37th St. Any orders not paid completely by the deadline will be cancelled. Orders are still being taken for the book that costs $50. Additional options are available at extra cost. For information, call 573-6301, ext. 35.

Enchilada plate sale

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 13th and Ave. K, will host a beef enchilada plate sale from 10:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Friday. Cost is $5 for adults and $2.50 for children. Call 573-7142, 573-9670 or 573-3732.

Scouting for Food drive

The Scouting for Food drive to benefit the community Food Cupboard will be Saturday. All non-perishable canned or boxed (no glass) donations should be put in a bag and placed by your front door or mailbox. Scouts will begin picking up donations at 10 a.m. within city limits, Eastridge, Alamo Heights and Ira. If your donation is not picked up by 1 p.m., call 338-1865 or 338-7462.

Relay rally

A rally in preparation for the 2002 Relay for Live will be held at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the SHS student center. The event is sponsored by the local American Cancer Society unit.

Last call for Ira annuals

For the last time this year, the Ira Bulldog annuals are on sale from now until Feb. 13. Cost is $26 with your name on cover or $22 without.

Eating well for less program

A new series, "Eating Well for Less" will be held from 2-3 p.m. each Tuesday at the Texas Department of Human Services. The series will be taught by Beth Dannheim, Scurry County extension agent. Topics will feature getting the most for your grocery dollar, meal planning and low-cost meals and is designed for food stamp recipients. For additional information, 573-5423.

Tennis booster club

The SHS tennis booster club will meet at 7 p.m. next Tuesday at Texas Savings Bank. The club will be discussing dressing rooms for the teams.

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.

Clogging lessons

Clogging lessons will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, in the coliseum annex. Call 573-0807 or 573-3315 after 5 p.m.

Sound of Music

SHS Fine Arts Division will *present The Sound of Music* at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 7-9 and 2 p.m. Feb. 10 in Worsham Auditorium. Tickets are $6 for adults, $5 for students and $8 reserved. To reserve tickets, call the high school at 573-6301. Brad Vincent, drama director; and Ronda Haire, choir director, are co-directing.

Windbreak trees

Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District is taking orders for windbreak trees, both evergreen and hardwoods. Call 573-6317.

Medical account

A special medical account has been set up at West Texas State Bank for Jenna Adams, two-month old daughter of Billy and Tosha Adams, and granddaughter of Bill and Barbara Adams. The infant is waiting on a heart transplant at Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock.

Caring Friends Ministry

The women's group of First Church of the Nazarene is organizing a "Caring Friends-Ministry" that will meet twice monthly. Persons interested should call 573-5601.

SHS class of 1977 reunion

The class of 1977 will have an organizational meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, in the home of Janie McCormick for its 25th anniversary. Call Sheila Collier at 573-0882 or Janie McCormick at 573-1637.