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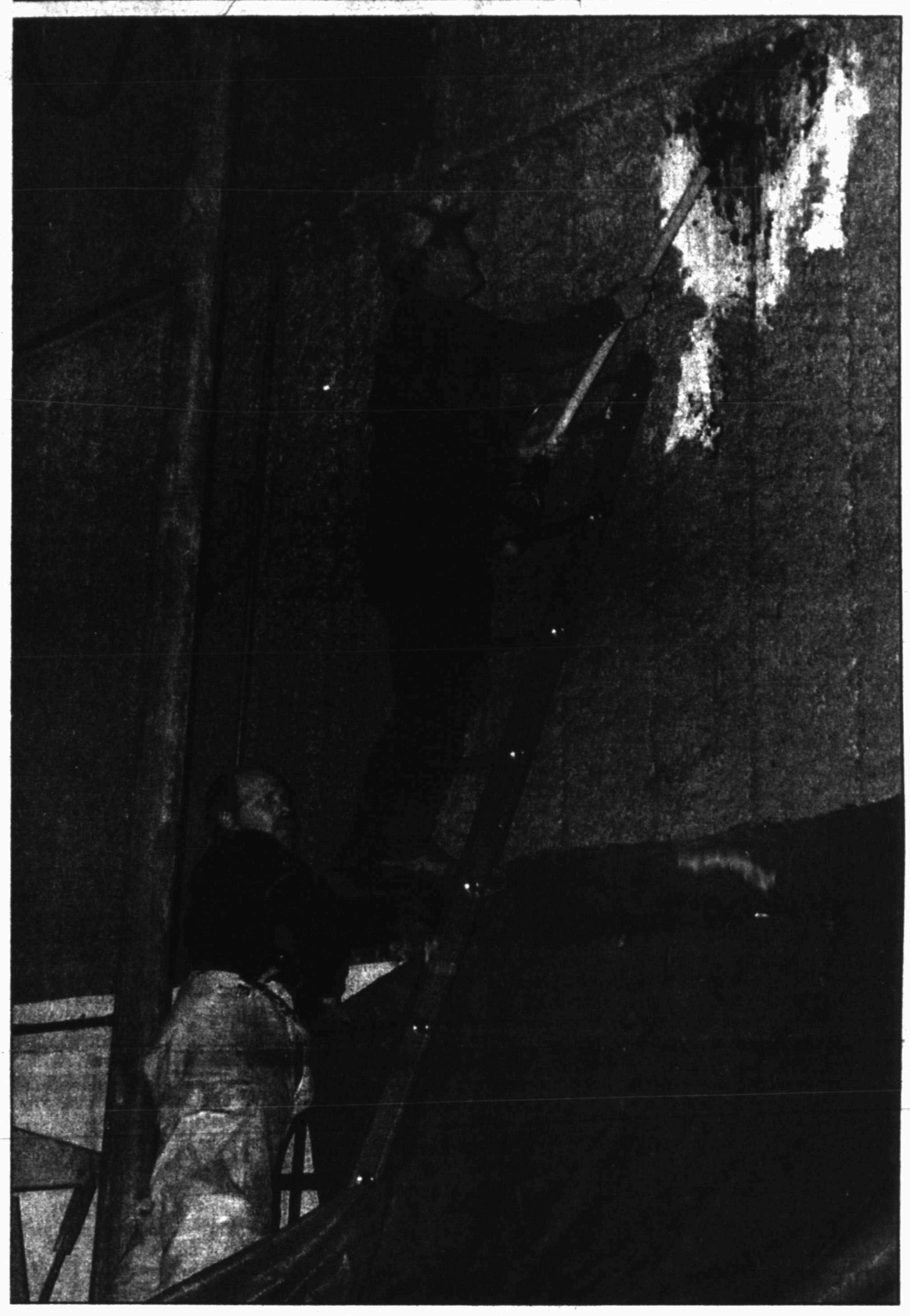

CLOSE CALL — Snyder firefighters responded to B & F Well Service Monday afternoon when sparks from a metal grinder ignited insulation on an interior wall. The smoldering insulation was quickly scraped away by firefighters Jack Callaway, top, and Doug Scott. No damage to the building was reported (SDN Staff Photo)

Nation pauses to reflect on Sept. 11 tragedies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Precisely three months after the first jetliner slammed into the World Trade Center, the American national anthem played today at the White House, across the country and throughout the globe as President Bush vowed to "right this huge wrong."

At 7:46 a.m. CST, a drum roll echoed in the East Room, a solemn backdrop for "The Star Spangled Banner."

Bush said America does not need monuments and memorials to grieve the deaths of more than 3,000 people in suicide hijackings over New York, Washington and Pennsylvania. "For those of us who lived through these events, the only marker we'll ever need is the tick of a clock on the 46th minute on the 8th hour of the 11th day. We'll remember where we were and how we felt. We'll remember the dead and what we owe them. We'll remember what we lost and what we found."

"Every death extinguished a world," he said.

Solicitor General Ted Olson, whose wife, Barbara, died in the hijacked plane that crashed into the Pentagon, spoke at a Justice Department ceremony.

"We will never forget our loved ones who died or who were wounded on Sept. 11," Olson said. "We will fight this evil for as long and as patiently as it takes. We will prevail. We will comfort and care for those who have suffered. We will not forget."

In New York City, firefighters and construction workers stopped work and shut down their heavy machinery to observe a moment of silence at ground zero.

The program began with Broadway performer William Michael singing "Let There Be Peace on Earth."

As a light drizzle fell, prayers were offered by Christian, Muslim and Jewish clergy. "They took down those structures, but they will not take away the spirit," said Rabbi Joseph Potasnik, a Fire Department chaplain.

"We pray for all the families — the husbands, the wives, the children, the mothers," said John Hiemstra, director of the Council of Churches of NYC. "The geographical, cultural and religious walls that may have divided us have been bridged."

About 150 construction workers, police officers, firefighters gathered for the service, held on the makeshift stage erected at the trade center site. Bagpipers played "Amazing Grace" as the service concluded under gray skies — a sharp contrast to the bright sunny morning of Sept. 11.

At the Department of Transportation Washington several hundred employees gathered in the courtyard for a small ceremony in memory of the victims.

"The cowardly terrorist attacks require all of us to work harder than ever before," Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta told the group.

After Coast Guard Captain Leroy Gilbert delivered a prayer the audience stood in silence until the Coast Guard band played the national anthem.

From New York's ground zero to the Pentagon to the Ukraine, commemorations began at the same moment.

In Portland, Ore., bagpipes cried out the national anthem.

Later, Bush was to visit the Citadel, the state military college in Charleston, S.C. He was to outline his views on the new demands the war on terrorism is placing on the military and on intelligence-gathering, and offer a vision of how the new coalition could change the global landscape.

At the White House, Bush spoke of American's anger "and our determination to right this huge wrong. Today the wrong is being righted and justice is being done."

Events were scheduled in more than 80 countries, the White House said.

The international commemorations are meant in part to remind the world that people from more than 80 countries died in the attacks on the twin towers and the Pentagon and the crash in Pennsylvania — and to reinforce Bush's global anti-terror coalition.

Christmas concert set Thursday

The Snyder ISD's Christmas Band Concert will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday in Worsham Auditorium.

Three bands - sixth grade beginning band, the junior high band and the high school will perform a program of Christmas music which should conclude about 8 p.m. There is no admission charged

In conjunction, the band booster club will sponsor a Mexican stack-up meal in the high school cafeteria from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Take-outs are available. Tickets are $5 for junior high age students through adults and $3 for elementary age and under.

Hunt for bin Laden may last into 2002

WASHINGTON (AP) — The hunt for Osama bin Laden and other terrorist and Taliban leaders in Afghanistan could last well into next year, the Pentagon's No. 2 official says.

Today, Afghan tribal fighters backed by devastating U.S. airstrikes and raids by American special forces overran al-Qaida's Tora Bora cave hide-outs and set a deadline for the surrender of fleeing members of bin Laden's terrorist network.

In radio contacts, some of the foreign fighters said they were ready to give up. Bin Laden's whereabouts is still unknown.

"The war in Afghanistan is not won," Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz told a news conference Monday. "The American people need to be prepared for the fact that we may be hunting Taliban and al-Qaida in Afghanistan months from now."

Wolfowitz said the war on terrorism has eroded bin Laden's authority as leader of the al-Qaida terrorist network, disrupted his global communications and limited his access to money and weapons.

Most of the top al-Qaida and Taliban leaders remain at large, even though the Taliban has fallen and two or three of its senior officials have been captured by rebel forces in recent days, Wolfowitz said.

"It's going to be a very long and difficult job to find them, to root them out," he said. One of the recently captured Taliban leaders is Mullah Fazel, who was the regime's deputy defense minister.

The U.S. search for bin Laden is focusing on a cave and tunnel complex in Afghanistan's mountainous east. The Pentagon disclosed it used a 15,000-pound bomb against a cave in the Tora Bora area on Sunday after receiving indications it might have contained senior al-Qaida leaders, possibly including bin laden.

The "daisy cutter" bombs create immense explosions which can cause damage nearly a mile away.

Rear Adm. John Stufflebeem, deputy director of operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the success of that U.S. attack was not yet clear because fierce fighting was still going on there.

At the very least, Stufflebeem said, the daisy cutter closed that cave's entrance and took a psychological toll on anyone nearby.

"This cave complex is literally on the sheer walls of a valley, and therefore the reverberation effect that goes up in those caves should have some kind of a negative effect," he said.

Ira trustees approve yearly audit report

Ira ISD's board of trustees approved the 2000-2001 audit Monday morning during its last scheduled board meeting of 2001.

Supt. Jim Rumage said representatives of the Hamlin accounting firm of Rogers and Rogers reported that the audit is "clean," and no discrepancies were found.

"The auditors were highly complimentary of our accounting system," said Rumage.

Trustees also approved the purchase of a computer software program to be used throughout the district to aid in the teaching of reading and math.

Rumage said the school has applied for a grant to pay for the program that costs in the neighborhood of $50,000, and expects to receive the grant.

"If it happens that we don't, the trustees approved borrowing the money from West Texas State Bank to pay for the program," said Rumage. "This is how important our board feels it is to provide the best learning tools for our kids in every grade."

In addition to the above action items, the board heard Rumage's monthly report, as did school principal Mike Duke.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Leadership development is a life-long endeavor – not a weekend seminar."

Got an interesting e-mail from a Snyder native who's now serving in the military.

Shawn Wittie, a 1996 graduate of Snyder High School, was told by his parents, David and Patricia Wittie, that the newspaper and the town in general had honored past and present service men and women.

Shawn, who earned two associate degrees from Texas State College in Sweetwater, is a nuclear qualified electrician in the reactor engineering department aboard the USS Ronald Reagan, an aircraft carrier being built in Newport News, Va.

In layman's terms, according to Shaw, his job is to make electricity from the reactor. He added that he couldn't provide more details because his job is classified as confidential.

Shawn joined the Navy in April, 1999 and recently completed his tour of duty, receiving an honorable discharge on Nov. 5.

Essentially, Shaw said he was a civilian again for about two minutes. He immediately re-enlisted and attached a copy of both his discharge and re-enlistment certificate.

Also enclosed was a copy of his promotion to Electrician's Mate 2nd Class (E5).

Shawn was back in Snyder in early fall, and had just returned to duty in Hampton the day before the Sept. 11 attacks on the U.S. He and his shipmates have been on high alert every since.

Shawn said his decision to re-enlist was partly made before the events of Sept. 11, but that the attacks on the U.S. sealed his decision.

He hopes to visit Snyder again sometime in 2002.

Christmas came early for a guy in Washington state who stopped to check a package on the side of the road. It contained $3,400 in cash.

The money was tucked in an envelope inside an appointment book that also contained a man's credit cards and identification.

The owner of the appointment book had withdrawn money from the bank to pay his employees and inadvertently left the book on the wheel well of his truck.

He realized he had lost the money about an hour later. The finder called with the good news and the two met at a restaurant where the grateful owner insisted

ASK US

Q—What organization is sponsoring Christmas for Kids?
A—The Girl Scouts.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 59 degrees; low, 27; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 39; no precipitation; total for 2001, 19.70 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy, low in lower 40s; SW winds 10-20 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy, windy, high around 60; W winds 20-30 mph, gusting to 40 mph.

Jonathan Castaneda
Windy

Sunset: 5:43 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:33 a.m.
Of 344 days in 2001, the sun has shone 331 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Worry is nothing less than the misuse of your imagination.
—Ed Foreman

DEC 11 2001

Regional bus firm raided by feds after smuggling charge

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Federal agents swarmed the offices of a regional bus company, charging it with operating an immigrant smuggling scheme that transported and harbored tens of thousands of illegal aliens throughout the Southwest.

Federal agents raided Golden State Transportation's downtown bus terminal Monday and charged 32 people, including officers, bus terminal managers, dispatchers and drivers.

The two-year investigation, dubbed "Operation Great Basin" centered on Golden State's operations in California, Arizona and Colorado. The scheme allegedly began in 1996.

Attorney General John Ashcroft said Golden State sold blocks of bus tickets to smugglers to transport immigrants from Mexico border communities to cities like Los Angeles and Denver.

Between 50 and 300 migrants were allegedly shuttled from city to city each day last year, officials said after unsealing a 39-count indictment in federal court in Tucson, Ariz.

"We have no comment to make at this time," said Roger Mora, operations manager for Golden State in Los Angeles. "Right now what I'm doing is making sure that our business is continuing as usual."

Those indicted are charged with illegally transporting migrants within the United States; they are not charged with smuggling people across the U.S.-Mexico border.

Migrants who crossed the border in Texas and Arizona would be held in motels and homes before being transported to various cities, the indictment said.

Passengers were picked up at Golden State bus terminals in secluded areas, often hidden and loaded onto buses just before departure, according to the indictment.

The company's buses arrived and departed after midnight to escape police detection and routes were often changed to circumvent checkpoints, officials said.

The charges come amid a government crackdown on immigration after the Sept. 11 attacks.

"The terrorist attacks of September 11 remind Americans in the most painful way of the need to defend our borders while keeping them open to peaceful, freedom-loving people," said Ashcroft. "Today's charges prove that we can achieve this balance in our immigration policy."

Golden State is 51 percent owned by Sistemas Internacional de Transporte de Autobuses Inc., a Dallas-based subsidiary of Greyhound Lines Inc. A company identified as Gonzalez Inc. runs Golden State, the indictment said.

Wade Gates, a spokesman for Sistemas Internacional, said he hadn't seen the indictment. Lynn Brown, spokeswoman at Greyhound, said Golden State operates as an independent company and the indictment came as a surprise. Greyhound has not been contacted by federal authorities, she said.

Golden State has terminals in El Paso, Texas; Albuquerque, N.M.; Tucson, Ariz.; Phoenix, Las Vegas, Denver, Los Angeles and elsewhere, with a corporate headquarters in Los Angeles.

Most of those indicted have been arrested, including Golden State's president, Antonio Gonzalez, officials said. Six were in court in Los Angeles Monday afternoon.

Immigration and Naturalization Service Commission James Ziglar hailed the prosecution as "the largest human smuggling case involving a commercial enterprise" in recent history.

events

TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Pick 3

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

3-9-0

Cash Five

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

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Ira JH will present play on Thursday

Ira Junior High School will present its one-act play, *Wylie and the Hairy Man*, at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Roy H. Sallee Gymnasium.

Admission is $2 for adults and $1 for students.

The students will also present the play for UIL competition at 2 p.m. Saturday in Klondike.

Sherron McMillan is the director. Cast members include Tyrelle Gilbert, Terryn Autry, Kate Wall, Whitney Parks, Ashton Smith, Amanda Green, Jessica Odom, Adrian Padron and Krissie Roberts.

Crew members are Aryn Calley and Chad Nickerson.

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A Fairy Merry Christmas by Brooke McEldowney

$100 million-plus in bonuses may be unseemly, but legal

HOUSTON (AP) — Nearly 600 Enron Corp. employees deemed critical to running its prized energy trading business received more than $100 million in bonuses last month as the company faced a merger and then bankruptcy.

While those payments may appear unseemly, they're legal and common, said Todd Zywicki, a law professor and bankruptcy expert at George Mason University.

About half of those bonuses, given to 75 traders in early November when Enron was planning to merge with smaller rival Dynegy Inc., may have to be repaid because the merger collapsed, Zywicki said.

"It's conceivable that there could be some way of recovering those bonuses since the merger didn't consummate," Zywicki said. "It would be a judgment call whether to pursue it. It has at least the smell of fraudulent conveyance."

Enron spokesman Mark Palmer said the $50 million given to traders before the merger crumbled "was done in discussions with Dynegy to protect and preserve the value of the trading organization through what we thought was going to be a fairly long merger process."

Dynegy spokeswoman Debbie Fiorito said Monday that Dynegy didn't approve or endorse those bonuses. "The onus was on Enron to find a way to basically retain the people they needed to keep their business viable until the merger closed," she said.

Enron distributed an additional $55 million to 500 employees two days before filing for bankruptcy protection as an incentive for them to remain with the company while Enron works to emerge from Chapter 11.

Enron filed one of the largest bankruptcies in history in the Southern District of New York on Dec. 2, five days after Dynegy walked away from a $8.4 billion buyout that was announced Nov. 9.

Enron also sued Dynegy for $10 billion in New York, claiming its rival illegally abandoned the merger and forced what was once the world's largest buyer and seller of natural gas into bankruptcy. Enron's lawsuit aims to ensure it keeps a prized pipeline that Dynegy plans to acquire in return for a $1.5 billion investment in Enron.

Dynegy countersued in state District Court in Houston on Dec. 3, claiming it has a right to the pipeline in return for its investment and that it properly invoked an escape clause in the merger agreement because Enron didn't fully disclose how dire its financial situation was.

Enron laid off about 4,000 of the 7,500 employees at its Houston headquarters the day after filing for bankruptcy with a promise that each would receive a $4,500 severance payment.

Zywicki said bankruptcy judges generally approve of retention bonuses because talented workers may jump from what they perceive to be a sinking ship.

"What's unseemly about it is that if everybody has so much confidence that the company can reorganize, why do you have to bribe key employees to stay there? And why take money out of creditors' pockets to do it? Those are the key questions," he said.

Palmer said the payments also were intended to retain employees crucial to the trading business.

Shares of Enron closed at 79 cents, up 4 cents or 5.3 percent.

$1.4M in taxes OK'd for investigation

SEATTLE (AP) — County officials approved an additional $1.4 million in taxes to help pay for the investigation into the deaths of dozens of women linked to the Green River killer.

The property tax increase would cost the owner of a $200,000 house about $1.70 more per year.

The proposal, approved Monday by the King County Council, would authorize collecting the full amount of the county's Automated Fingerprint Information System property tax levy.

Investigators have attributed the deaths of as many as 49 women in the early 1980s to the Green River killer. Late last month, Gary Ridgway, 52, of Auburn, was charged in four of those deaths after new technology was used to analyze DNA from the case. Ridgway's lawyer has said he will plead innocent.

A $500,000 federal grant announced last week will help the county re-examine more DNA evidence.

King County Executive Ron Sims estimated the overall cost of the investigation will range from $8 million to $12 million over the next two years.

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Date Book

Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2001

Today is the 345th day of 2001 and the 81st day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1719, the Northern Lights were seen as far south as Massachusetts during the evening.

On this day in 1919, the citizens of Enterprise, Ala., dedicated a monument to the boll weevil. They were grateful to the insect because it had destroyed their cotton crops, forcing them to diversify their agricultural production. They found that they could make a great deal more money growing crops other than cotton.

On this day in 1954, the first "supercarrier" in the U.S. Navy, the USS Forrestal, was launched at Newport News, Va. The vessel weighed 59,630 tons.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Hector Berlioz (1803-1869), composer; Robert Koch (1843-1910), scientist; Annie Jump Cannon (1863-1941), astronomer; Alexander Solzhenitsyn (1918-), writer, is 83; Rita Moreno (1931-), actress, is 70; Tom Hayden (1939-), politician, is 62; Donna Mills (1943-), actress, is 58; Teri Garr (1949-), actress, is 52.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1977, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers defeated the New Orleans Saints 33-14. It was the first victory for the Buccaneers after 26 losses in a row.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Boldness, without the rules of propriety, becomes insubordination." — Confucius

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Dec. 7) and new moon (Dec. 14).

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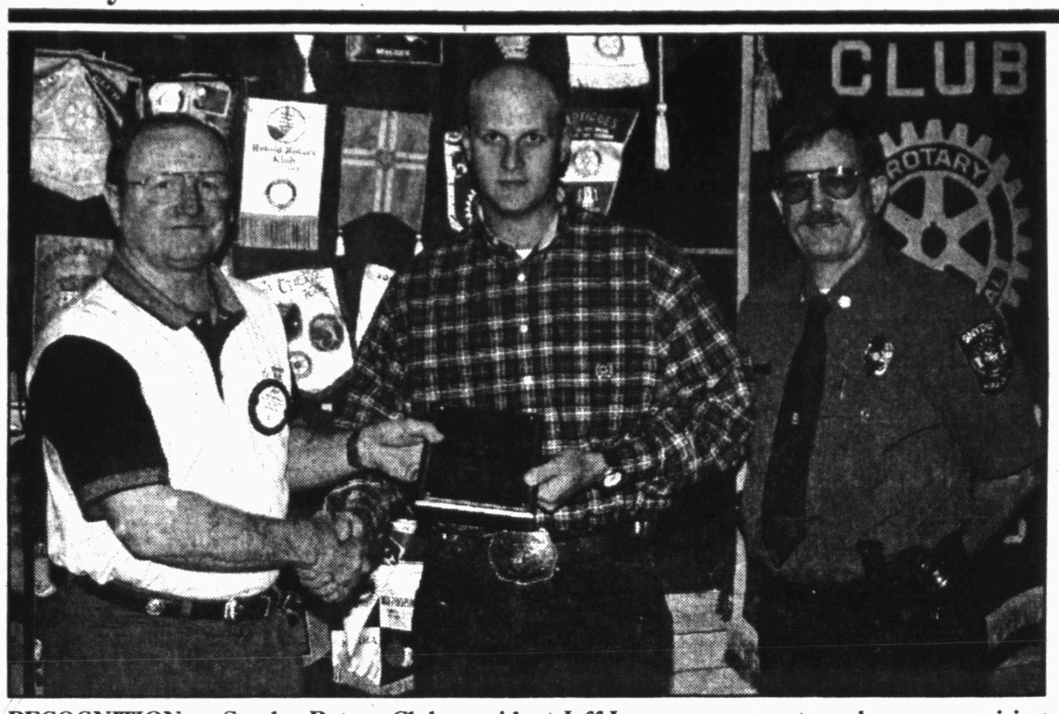

RECOGNITION — Snyder Rotary Club president Jeff Lowrance presents a plaque recognizing Jay Callaway as Fireman of the Year. Looking on is fire marshall, Cy Posey. (SDN Staff Photo)

IDEAS FOR DECORATIONS — "Celebrate Your Visions of Gardening" the Snyder Garden Club's theme for the year was carried out in the Thursday meeting held at BeBe Boren's home in Snyder. A Christmas luncheon was held and followed by the business meeting. Members then shared materials and ideas for making holiday decorations. From left are Boren, president Betty Wood, Anna Sears, Pam Maresch, Gertrude League and Sandra Browning. Not pictured are Jo Ann Nunley and Maribeth Vestal. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Quick recipes for entertaining

You can jump-start the season with these easy-to-make, delicious entertaining recipe ideas from Dannon. Dips are an easy solution for a planned party or when guests stop by for a surprise visit. Made with ingredients you most likely have in your refrigerator or cupboard, these quick and tasty dips are sure to please a crowd. With these healthy twists on traditional dips, you will be the hit of the party. For more delicious recipes, visit Dannon.com.

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For optimal consistency, strain yogurt for 20 minutes. To strain the yogurt, set a strainer or colander over a pan or bowl. The base of the strainer should be at least 2 inches above the bottom of the bowl. Line the strainer with cheesecloth or a coffee filter. Place the yogurt into the cloth and allow to strain for the recommended amount of time. In a bowl stir together all ingredients. Use as a dip for berries, pineapple, dried fruits, or marshmallows.

DANNON ZESTY HOLIDAY DIP

Yield: 8-2 tablespoon servings

3 cups Dannon Plain Yogurt, any variety

¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese

2 tablespoons lemon juice

1 tablespoon Dijon Mustard

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 teaspoon chopped garlic

Salt and cracked pepper to taste

PROCEDURE:

For optimal consistency, strain yogurt for 20 minutes in a yogurt strainer or cheesecloth. Combine all ingredients in a medium bowl and mix well. Season with salt and cracked pepper. Serve with fresh vegetables.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Atheneum Study Club; Nelda Laney, wife of the Speaker of the House, will give a program on Chirstmas Ornaments by Leading Ladies of Texas; hostesses, Anne von Roeder and Doris Spikes; program introduction by Wanda Falls; 4 p.m. at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

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.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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♥ 8 5 4 2
♦ 7 6 3 2
♣ 9 4

West
♠ 6 4
♥ Q 10 7 6
♦ Q 9 8
♣ K Q J 8

East
♠ 7 5
♥ 9 3
♦ K J 10
♣ A 10 7 6 5 2

South
♠ A K Q J 9 8
♥ A K J
♦ A 5 4
♣ 3

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ K

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One split is worth two peeks

By Phillip Alder

One picture is worth a thousand words. A peek is worth two finesses. Two cliches are as inaccurate as each other. In this deal, though, picture the opposing cards in your mind's eye and peek hard for the most accurate line of play. Against your four-spade contract, West leads the club king and another club. After ruffing, how would you continue?

South opened two clubs, strong, artificial and forcing. Then, his three-spade jump rebid guaranteed a solid suit.

With nine top tricks, it looks as though declarer needs the heart finesse to succeed. So, perhaps you ruffed the second club, drew two rounds of trumps, cashed the heart ace, crossed to dummy with a spade to the 10, and took the heart finesse. Unlucky!

However, there are two chances. Diamonds might be 3-3. Immediately play the ace and another diamond. East will probably shift to a heart. Win and play a third diamond. Here, the suit is 3-3, so you win. East's heart return, draw three rounds of trumps ending in the dummy, and discard your heart jack on the established diamond seven. But if the diamonds split 4-2, you know to try the heart finesse.

Did you notice that East missed his chance? If he had overtaken with his club ace at trick one and shifted to a heart, you would have been in trouble. You win with the ace, draw a round of trumps, and continue with the ace and another diamond, but East wins with the king and leads a second heart. Now West scores tricks with both of his red-suit queens. Still, if East can produce that level of play, ask him to partner you.

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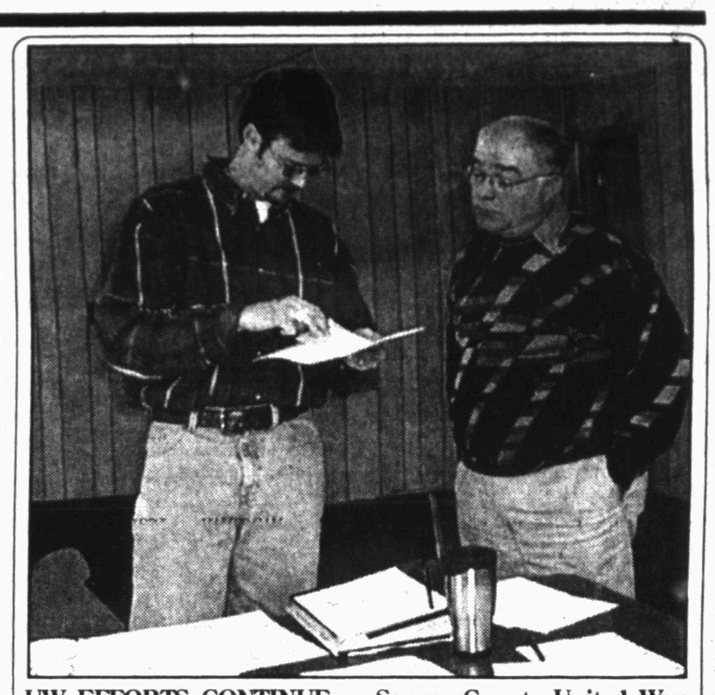

UW EFFORTS CONTINUE — Scurry County United Way president Stephen Covey and board member Dr. Tommy Culwell discuss the final steps of wrapping up the commercial drive in the next few weeks. Several business packets are still out and the board hopes to make contact with contributors. Anyone having packets and contributions to be picked up may call 573-5311. Nearing the goal of $80,000, contributions and pledges to date total $79,182. 80. The next board meeting will be Jan. 14 at CADA, a UW agency. UW also helps support the Boys and Girls Club, Snyder Child Day Care Center, Gateway Family Services Inc., Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, the Food Cupboard and American Red Cross of Southwest Texas. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Men use their wives to distract officials

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Illegal loggers are apparently evading arrest by getting their wives to strip naked and distract officials while they make a quick getaway with the valuable hardwood.

A local government official on Sulawesi Island, La Ode Maradala, said authorities were too embarrassed to take action when confronted by the women.

"However tough the rangers may be, they don't have the heart to hurt the nude housewives," Maradala said in Tuesday's Jakarta Post newspaper.

Much of Indonesia's tropical rainforests have been stripped clean by illegal loggers.

Lordy Lordy
Look Who's
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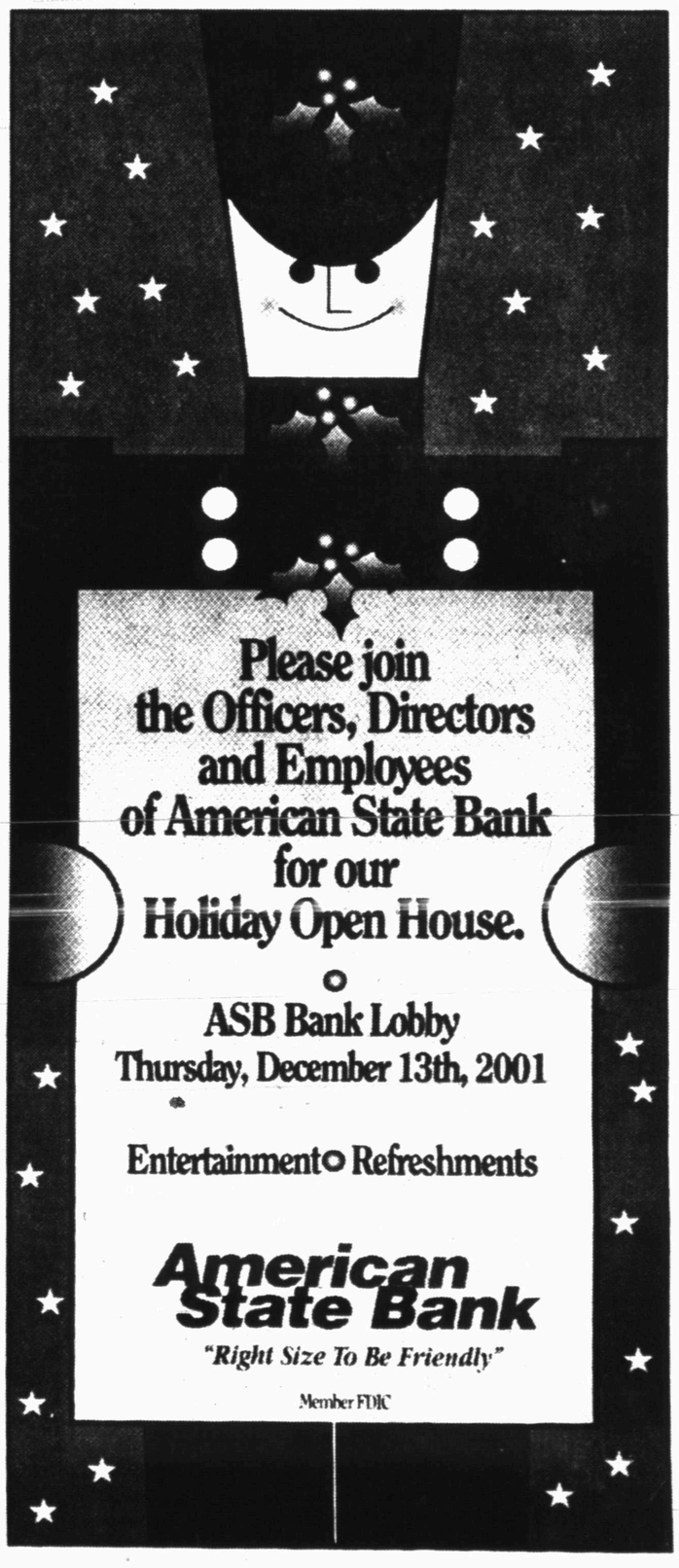
Love,
Garry, Kolby, Kolton



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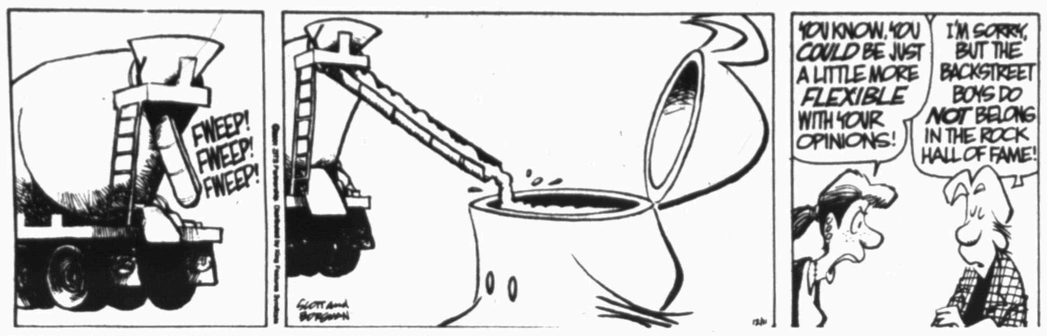

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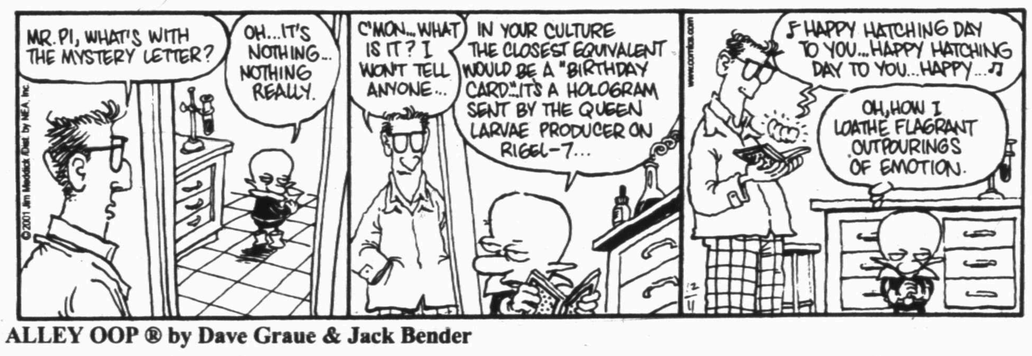

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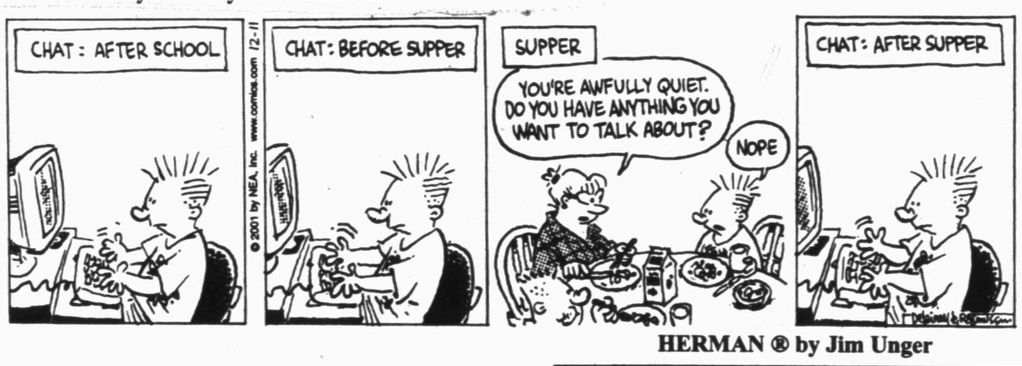

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12 Dreaded czar
13 Bride's month
14 Sixth sense
15 Quote
16 Jet black
17 Gnawed
19 Do christies
21 Century unit
22 Andes empire
25 Prohibit
29 Overwhelm
31 Voucher
34 Web addr.
35 Parisian miss (abbr.)
36 Morse code signals
37 "Annabel —"
38 And
39 Sault — Marie
40 Passes (2 wds.)
42 Tijuana Ms.
44 Singer k.d.
47 Stale
49 Restaurant patrons
51 Shelled ears
54 Monogram pt.
56 Dog or cat
57 Wave makers
58 Screen
59 — — glance
60 Have a go at
61 Rice wine
62 Testing site

DOWN

1 Baldwin or Waugh
2 Suspicious
3 Conical abode
4 Roman statesman
5 Exiled Roman poet
6 Get tangled
7 Change for a five
8 Sweet roll
9 Some
10 Actor Ritter
13 Become a member
18 Blows gently
20 Joke with
23 Phone
24 Cobblers' tools
26 Bylaw
27 Writer Harte
28 Monsieur's islands
30 Want-ad abbr.
31 PC media
32 Bangs into
33 Roman road
35 Uxmal resident
40 8 pts.
41 Merry
43 Pitch
45 Hindu kingdom
46 Actress Garbo
48 Becomes faint
49 Flat plate
50 Wild guess
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53 Harbor
55 Teachers' org.

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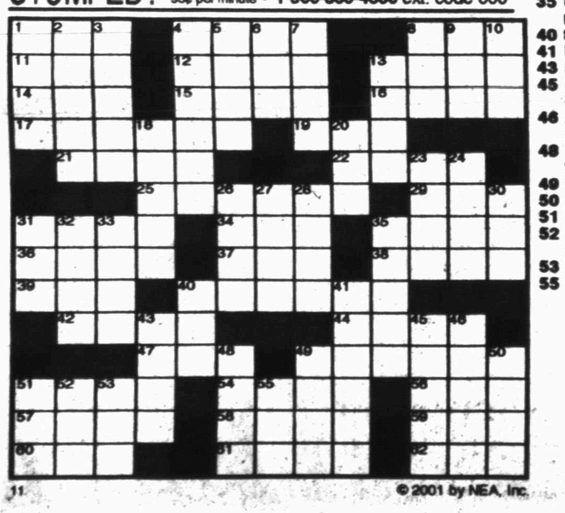

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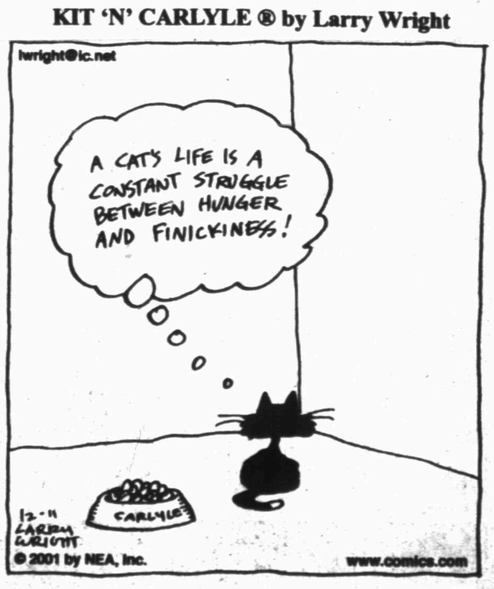

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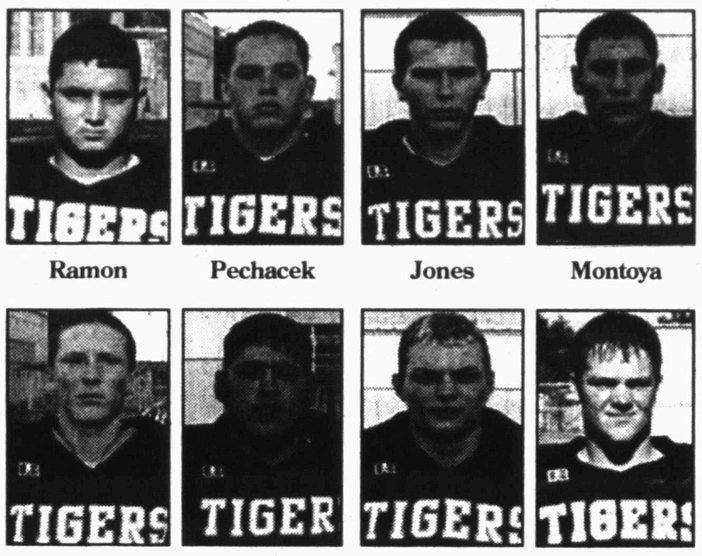

Ramon Pechacek Jones Montoya

Dorsett Hernandez Cagle Driggers

Eight Tigers garner 4-4A football honors

After taking on the challenge of learning new offensive and defensive schemes, and facing a tough seven-game league schedule, the Snyder Tigers were rewarded for their efforts on the football field.

Eight Snyder players earned all-district recognition for their performance in the tightly contested 4-4A race.

Heading up the Tigers' honors were a pair of linebackers, sophomore Isaac Ramon and senior Justin Pechacek.

Ramon split defensive newcomer of the year honors with three other players. Plainview's Micah Pelphrey, Estacado's Daunte Boyd and Andrews' David Kessler also garnered part of the vote.

Pechacek, a two-year starter at linebacker, was Snyder's only first team selection on either side of the ball.

Six Tigers earned second-team honors led by four offensive selections.

On the second team offense were junior quarterback T.J. Jones, junior fullback Josh Montoya, senior wide receiver Riki Dorsett and senior lineman Diego Hernandez.

Securing spots on the second team defensive unit were senior linebacker T.J. Cagle and junior free safety Colby Driggers.

District champion Frenship garnered the most honors with 15 selections including offensive MVP David Thomas. Andrews' K.C. White was named as the defensive MVP.

Ten Snyder players received honorable mention.

Receiving offensive honorable mention were linemen Adam Owen, senior; Stephen Ortegon, senior; and Josh Knox, junior. Also named were junior tight end Josh Mendoza and halfbacks Jammall Pruitt, senior, and Billy Pena, junior.

Earning defensive honorable mention were senior tackle Shay Franks and Pruitt at the end position. Also named were Ramon and senior defensive backs Wade Pinson and Corey Clay.

4-4A All-District Football Team

Offensive MVP: David Thomas, 6-3, 215, Sr., Frenship.

Defensive MVP: K.C. White, 6-0, 195, Sr., Andrews.

Offensive newcomer of the year: Matt Gardner, 6-2, 220, So., Andrews.

Defensive newcomer of the year: Isaac Ramon, 5-7, 165, So., Snyder; Micah Pelphrey, 5-9, 160, So., Plainview; Daunte Boyd, 5-11, 180, So., Estacado; David Kessler, 5-10, 150, So., Andrews.

First Team Offense

Quarterback: Tye Butler, 6-2, 172, Jr., Big Spring.

Running backs: Christian Coronado, 5-6, 145. Jr., Levelland; Bryson Davis, 6-3, 253, Sr., Plainview; Brylon Bradic, 6-2, 184, Sr., Plainview; Juamar Hall, 5-11, 165, Jr.,, Lake View.

Receivers: Perry McDaniel, 5-9, 155, Jr., Frenship; Brandon Mendoza, 6-0, 170, Jr., Big Spring; Clarence Wilkens, 6-4, 172, Sr., Big Spring.

Tight end: David Thomas, 6-3, 215, Sr., Frenship.

Linemen: Mark Asmussen, 5-9, 195, Sr., Frenship; Chance Vineyard, 6-5, 270, Sr., Frenship; Jared Long, 6-1, 260, Jr., Andrews; Jeff Lebby, 6-5, 285, Sr., Andrews; Nathan Young, 6-3, 258, Jr., Plainview; Marty Moss, 6-4, 300, Sr., Estacado.

Kicker: Joe Barnes, 6-0, 165, Sr., Andrews.

First Team Defense

Ends: Mike Mason, 6-4, 245, Sr., Lake View; K.C. White, 6-0, 195, Sr., Andrews.

Linemen: Brandon Hearne, 6-2, 260, Sr., Andrews; Manuel Salcedo, 6-4, 245, Sr., Plainview; Brady Campbell, 6-0, 215, Jr., Frenship; Billy Stiggers, 5-8, 225, Sr., Estacado.

Linebackers: Justin Pechacek, 6-0, 170, Sr., Snyder; Calvin Scholten, 6-1, 195, Sr., Plainview; Brian McCoy, 5-10, 205, Sr., Lake View; Corey Connor, 5-11, 180, Jr., Estacado; David Thomas, 6-3, 215, Sr., Frenship.

Secondary: Brady Haygood, 5-9, 160, Sr., Andrews; Jouric Wideman, 6-1, 185, Sr., Plainview; Clarence Wilkens, 6-4, 172, Sr., Big Spring; Butch Avery, 5-9, 155, Jr., Estacado.

Punter: Kris Kelley, 5-10, 165, Jr., Frenship.

Second Team Offense

Quarterback: T.J. Jones, 5-10, 160, Jr., Snyder; Ryan Newbrough, 5-10, 170, Jr., Andrews; Daryl Wilkerson, 5-9, 160, Jr., Estacado; Kris Kelley, 5-10, 165, Jr., Frenship.

Running backs: Kyland Wegner, 5-8, 170, Sr., Big Spring; Billy Stiggers, 5-8, 225, Sr., Estacado; Jeff Harris, 5-10, 180, Sr., Frenship; Josh Montoya, 5-10, 205, Jr., Snyder; Eric Robbins, 5-11, 173, Jr., Frenship; Matt Gardner, 6-2, 220, So., Andrews.

Receivers: Larry Thompson, 5-9, 160, Sr., Big Spring; Matt Owens, 5-10, 165, Sr., Lake View; Riki Dorsett, 5-10, 165, Sr., Snyder; Chance Jordan, 6-3, 210, Sr., Levelland; Jason Glasson, 6-3, 180, Sr., Andrews; Jouric Wideman, 6-1, 185, Sr., Plainview.

Tight end: Matt Bolding, 6-4, 245, Sr., Andrews.

Linemen: Jeremy Gudgel, 5-11, 195, Jr., Andrews; Kevin Parker, 6-2, 266, Jr., Plainview; Daniel Ramirez, 6-1, 290, Jr., Lake View; Diego Hernandez, 5-10, 215, Sr., Snyder; Ronnie Phenix, 6-3, 275, Sr., Estacado; Mike Bolding, 6-4, 230, Sr., Andrews.

Kicker: Chris Mandrell, 5-10, 185, Sr., Frenship; Tye Bawcom, 5-10, 170, Sr., Levelland.

Second Team Defense

Ends: Ty White, 6-3, 200, Sr., Frenship; Chad Ross, 6-4, 200, Sr., Plainview.

Linemen: Orlando Reyna, 6-0, 205, Jr., Frenship; Alex Torres, 5-10, 245, Jr., Andrews; David McGilvray, 6-3, 260, Sr., Lake View.

Linebackers: Mike Smith, 6-2, 195, Sr., Big Spring; T.J. Cagle, 5-11, 205, Sr., Snyder; Brant McAdams, 6-1, 224, Sr., Plainview; Allen Snell, 6-2, 192, Sr., Estacado; Josh Britton, 5-10, 187, Jr., Frenship.

Secondary: David Kessler, 5-10, 150, So., Andrews; Jackie Wheeler, 5-8, 163, Sr., Frenship; Jazz Williams, 5-9, 150, Sr., Estacado; Colby Driggers, 6-0, 175, Jr., Snyder.

Punter: Tye Bawcom, 5-10, 170, Sr., Andrews.

Snyder Honorable Mention

Offense: Adam Owen, 6-0, 185, Sr.; Steven Ortegon, 6-1, 230, Sr.; Josh Knox, 5-11, 245, Jr.; Josh Mendoza, 6-2, 210, Jr.; Jammall Pruitt, 6-2, 190, Sr.; Billy Pena, 5-6, 165, Jr.

Defense: Shay Franks, 6-1, 180, Sr.; Jammall Pruitt, 6-2, 190, Sr.; Isaac Ramon, 5-6, 165, So.; Wade Pinson, 5-10, 175, Sr.; Corey Clay, 5-11, 185, Sr.

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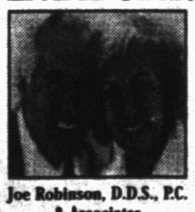

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Ready or not, Lady Tigers open district play tonight

With 575 victories, more than a dozen regional tournament appearances and two state titles under his belt, it's been a while since Snyder girls basketball coach Mike Martin has been in this situation.

Tonight, his squad embarks on district play as a long shot to make the playoffs. So instead of worrying about the postseason right now, Martin and the Lady Tigers are focused on other goals that can help build Snyder into a playoff contender.

"Our whole goal is to improve with each game," said Martin who is in his first year on the Lady Tiger bench. "We're not one of the district favorites, and that's not easy on anybody.

"But what we're trying to do is build a program, and you have to start from somewhere. What I'm excited about is the fact that these kids are working hard and that's all you can ask of them."

The Lady Tigers are 4-7 entering tonight's District 4-4A opener at San Angelo Lake View (2-7). Tip-off is slated for 7:30.

The game matches two inexperienced squads that are looking to surprise a few teams during the league race. The Maidens start two seniors, a junior, a sophomore and a freshman, and Martin believes both teams will try to exploit the other's inexperience.

"We're going to press and try to pressure them into some mistakes," Martin stated. "Hopefully we'll be able to get some easy buckets that way. I wouldn't doubt it if Lake View has the same plan."

Today's game is one of three district contests scheduled before the Christmas break. Snyder faces Levelland on Friday before taking on Big Spring next Tuesday, and Martin knows his squad needs to get off to a good start.

"We face a couple of tough games before Christmas, but we hope to head into the holiday on a good note," the SHS coach said. "This is district play and it's time to step it up a notch."

In tonight's other district match-ups, Plainview hosts Frenship. Big Spring visits Estacado, and Levelland takes on Andrews.

Defending state champion Plainview (11-1) and Levelland (11-2) figure to be the cream of the crop in District 4-4A, but Estacado and Andrews are also playing well.

"Plainview and Levelland are definitely at the top. They've proven they can win against top competition," Martin said. "Andrews is also good and Estacado has vastly improved. It's going to be a tough district race for everybody, just like it has been the past few years."

After opening league play on the road, the Lady Tigers return home for their match-ups with Levelland and Big Spring.

District 4-4A Girls Basketball

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Plainview	0	0	11	1
Levelland	0	0	11	2
Estacado	0	0	9	2
Andrews	0	0	9	2
Frenship	0	0	9	4
Big Spring	0	0	8	4
Snyder	0	0	4	7
Lake View	0	0	2	7

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

Mavericks falter against surging Jazz

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Between Karl Malone's scoring and Andrei Kirilenko's soaring, the once-struggling Utah Jazz are coming together at last.

Malone scored 30 points and had 10 rebounds, Kirilenko had 16 points and six steals, and John Stockton had 21 points and 12 assists as the Jazz rallied in the fourth quarter to beat the Dallas Mavericks 107-98 Monday night.

It was Utah's fourth straight victory, coming after a frustrating early season where the Jazz were off to their worst start in 19 years.

"We have some young guys and some very old guys and the mix takes some time to learn," Stockton said. "We're getting a little bit better and at least it's something we can build off of."

They'll need to keep the momentum going this week. Still ahead are home games against Minnesota and Portland and a road trip to San Antonio.

"We lost five or six close games down the stretch but now guys are coming back," Malone said. "You start to play to win, instead of playing to lose. We've started to do that now."

In the only other NBA game Monday night, it was the Los Angeles Clippers 100, Orlando 92.

Utah faced a rematch of last year's first-round playoff series, but this time the Jazz came from behind to win. Last spring, the Mavericks outscored Utah 21-12 in the fourth quarter to win the decisive fifth game.

Donyell Marshall scored 17, including seven in the final 3 minutes and Malone had nine in the last 41/2 minutes. Kirilenko also had a huge block against Juwan Howard.

"I looked up as Juwan was getting ready to shoot and I saw Andrei flying," Marshall said. "As soon as I saw him flying, I knew it was blocked. He's a great leaper, a great shot blocker, and we needed that."

The Mavericks went ahead 97-89 with 4:53 to go when Eduardo Najera took a feed from Steve Nash for a dunk that capped a 7-2 run. But that was the last Dallas field goal, as Utah finished with an 18-1 run over the final 4:39.

"We gave them the opportunity to come back and they did," Mavericks coach Don Nelson said. "They were good down the stretch. We think they're a very fine team."

Dirk Nowitzki had 27 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Mavericks.

JV girls split hoop contests

Facing a pair of Class 5A schools, Snyder split two games Saturday in junior varsity girls' basketball action.

The Lady Tigers toppled Lubbock Monterey, 29-21, before dropping a 41-24 decision to Abilene High.

Behind 13 points from Ramona Zamora, Snyder led from the opening tip to the final horn against Monterey.

Reecie Sauceda and Anna Henson tallied five points apiece. Taz Baze, Dominique Braziel and Desiree Braziel dropped in two each.

The Lady Tigers were tied 10-10 with Abilene before the Lady Eagles grabbed the lead for good with a 20-point outburst in the second quarter.

Henson's 12 points anchored Snyder's effort. Zamora and Dominique Braziel posted four points, and Baze and Desiree Braziel chipped in two.

The Lady Tigers are in action again at 6 this evening at San Angelo Lake View.

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	12	7	.632	—
Boston	11	7	.611	½
New York	11	9	.550	1½
Orlando	11	11	.500	2½
Philadelphia	8	12	.400	4½
Washington	7	12	.368	5
Miami	3	15	.167	8½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	13	6	.684	—
Milwaukee	11	6	.647	1
Toronto	12	9	.571	2
Indiana	12	11	.522	3
Charlotte	9	11	.450	4½
Cleveland	8	12	.400	5½
Atlanta	7	14	.333	7
Chicago	4	15	.211	9

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Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	14	4	.778	—
Minnesota	13	5	.722	1
Dallas	12	9	.571	3½
Utah	10	11	.476	5½
Denver	7	13	.350	8
Houston	7	15	.318	9
Memphis	5	14	.263	9½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	16	2	.889	—
Sacramento	16	5	.762	1½
Phoenix	13	9	.591	5
Portland	10	9	.526	6½
L.A. Clippers	11	10	.524	6½
Seattle	9	14	.391	9½
Golden State	8	13	.381	9½

Monday's Games

Utah 107, Dallas 98
L.A. Clippers 100, Orlando 92

Tuesday's Games

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Boston at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 8 p.m.
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Wednesday's Games

Miami at Washington, 7 p.m.
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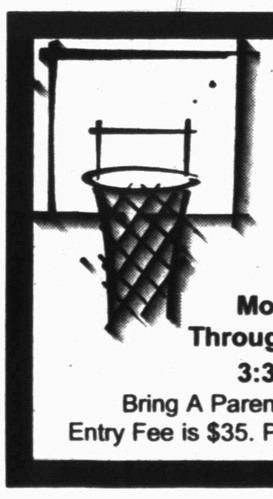
Sacramento at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Seattle at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.



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Sports Whirl

By SDN Sports Editor Eric Drennan

As all college football fans know, the two teams chosen to meet on college football's biggest stage to battle it out for the national championship are the undefeated Miami Hurricanes and the Nebraska Cornhuskers.

That's right, the same Nebraska team that didn't win its own conference championship. In fact, it's the same Cornhusker squad that didn't even earn the opportunity to play in its own conference championship game. But they get a shot at the title, so deemed by the Bowl Championship Series (BCS).

The college football coaches themselves don't believe Nebraska is the second-best team in the country. Neither do the members of the Associated Press who cover these teams on a weekly basis. The Cornhuskers rank fourth in both the coaches and the AP poll.

But the beliefs of the 132 voters (62 Division I coaches and 70 writers) aren't enough, according to college football. So eight computers, each with a different formula written by a different guy, are brought in to weigh heavily in the decision.

These are eight computers that have never seen a college football game. Just about the only things they know about football are the dates and locations of the games, and the scores.

The manner in which Nebraska ends up in the Rose Bowl is proof of that. The Cornhuskers edged out Colorado by less than one-tenth of one computer point (.05 to be exact), and the game that put them over the top was TCU's victory over Southern Miss on Friday.

Yep, a game pitting the 5-5 Horned Frogs against 6-4 Southern Miss helped decide who plays for the national championship.

The bottom line is one hundred-plus years of combined coaching experience gets outweighed by a set of dates and some line scores, and that stinks like Buffalo Chip Soup (BCS).

The gurus who run college football must lack Basic Common Sense (BCS) if they can't come up with something other than this Boneheaded, Controversial System (BCS).

The only thing these Baffling Computer Standings (BCS) are doing is leaving the Best College Squads (BCS) at home for the title game.

The people who run college football need to listen to the coaches, put the good of the game before money, and stand up to all those bowl chairmen who say a playoff system will ruin the sport.

Or to put it in terms they'll understand, these guys need to get a Brain, a Conscience and a Spine (BCS).

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Mail transport employees go on strike in Texas, South

DALLAS (AP) — Hundreds of workers for a company that transports U.S. mail between cities have gone on strike in Dallas and four other terminals across the South.

Temporary drivers are being hired to replace some of the striking employees of Pat Salmon & Sons, said Jeff Boone, vice president of the company.

"We have many employees who have crossed the picket lines and come to work," Boone said. But he could not say how many have crossed lines or how many of the 900 employees at the five terminals are on strike.

A spokesman for the U.S. Postal Service said the strike will not affect mail delivery.

"The mail will continue to move," said McKinney Boyd, spokesman for the postal service's southwest area. "We just happen to be a victim of this unfortunate incident."

The strike is an inconvenience during the busiest season for mail, Boyd said, but the postal service has plans in place to deal with it. Alternate delivery contractors were being contacted to fill in for the striking drivers, he said.

The mail transport workers voted to call a strike when they weren't able to reach a contract agreement after two years of negotiations.

The workers are represented in collective bargaining by the American Postal Workers Union. The union could not be reached by The Associated Press.

About 345 workers are based in Dallas.

The postal union says about 800 drivers and mechanics for the company work at the five terminals on strike: Memphis, Tenn.; Shreveport, La.; North Little Rock, Ark.; and Albuquerque, N.M.

Salmon is one of several companies the U.S. Postal Service contracts to move mail.

Boone said that although the employees do have a health plan in place, they want an expanded one. He said the company has offered to pay employees cash in place of an expanded plan.

The breaking point in the negotiations apparently came this weekend, when the company offered a package in a meeting with union representatives, Boone said. The meeting went until midnight Sunday and continued on Monday, but no agreement was reached, he said.

Still, Boone said the company wants to continue the talks.

"We have not walked away," Boone said. "We have not closed the door."

Greg Poferl, of the postal workers union in Dallas, told WFAA-TV the transport drivers want to get back to work but their employer has them up against a wall.

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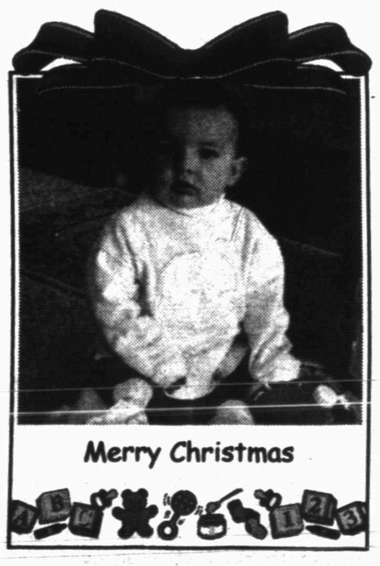

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Afghan rebels, U.S. may not have same goals

WASHINGTON (AP) — Inside Afghanistan, it is Afghans, not Americans, who are doing much of the actual fighting to achieve America's aims.

The rebels are fighting their way through mortar and machine-gun fire to attack Taliban and al-Qaida fighters in mountain valleys. They are seizing and exploring caves where Osama bin Laden might be. Americans are mostly providing bombing support from the air, giving advice and gathering intelligence.

"U.S. troops are playing a role in supporting the Afghans, who are doing most of this work right now," Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said Monday.

The war by proxy has clear benefits: It avoids large numbers of U.S. casualties and it blunts Afghans' traditional hostility to foreigners in their country.

It also is an arrangement of convenience: Neither the Americans nor the rebels probably could beat the Taliban alone.

But the arrangement also means the United States does not have enough troops on the ground to directly control what happens, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld has acknowledged. Instead, America must offer incentives to rebels who have their own agendas.

That became apparent during the fall of Kandahar, when one of the main U.S. goals, the capture of Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar, clearly was not a top goal of some opposition leaders. After Rumsfeld insisted they must cooperate or lose U.S. aid, several said they would. But Omar remains at large.

Now, with the Taliban largely defeated, the goals of the United States and Afghan opposition leaders may diverge even more, Wolfowitz said.

"Our objectives may not be quite as high a priority for them, and they may start pursuing some local objectives that interfere with us," Wolfowitz said.

It's not unusual for the United States to work through proxies, or seek help from opposition groups, during a war. It did so with ethnic Albanians fighting Serbs in Kosovo, Iraqis opposed to Saddam Hussein and with South Vietnam's army during the Vietnam War.

The benefits are obvious: Local troops often have key knowledge of a country's terrain or an enemy's operations. And, fewer U.S. troops face danger if others do the dirty work of, for example, going cave to cave to hunt for bin Laden. Nine U.S. personnel have died, and the toll among Afghan fighters and civilians is believed much higher.

But the level of U.S. dependence in Afghanistan is high, said John Pike, a defense analyst in Washington.

Asked if he would insist that Omar face a U.S. court, Rumsfeld said the Pentagon doesn't have "enough troops on the ground to control the country." Instead, the U.S. military must rely on rebels when dealing with any fighters who may surrender.

The United States clearly could send more troops if it wished to gain more control, Pike said.

So why doesn't it?

"They probably think that additional U.S. forces would not accelerate the good progress that's being made now," Pike said. "That assessment may change if time passes and we don't start showing visible results (of catching bin Laden or Omar)."

Using proxies has clear risks. Those include the chance that rebels will turn their U.S.-provided weapons on each other, Wolfowitz said. American forces also are vulnerable to rebel mistakes.

"They learned a terrible lesson from that prison riot in Mazar. So did we," Wolfowitz said of the Taliban uprising in Mazar-e-Sharif last month.

For now, the United States reserves its own troops for tasks that Afghans can't do.

U.S. special operations forces working with opposition fighters in the mountains south of Jalalabad, for example, are relaying information about suspected hide-outs to American warplanes above, Marine Corps Gen. Peter Pace said.

In the south, Marines are patrolling roads to intercept any fleeing fighters.

Elsewhere, other special forces and CIA operatives are gathering information secretly. CIA officer Mike Spann was killed while interrogating prisoners at Mazar-e-Sharif.

About 1,500 Marines and several hundred Army special forces soldiers are in Afghanistan, compared with tens of thousands of rebel fighters. It's unclear how much of the enemy is left.

In the end, opposition forces cooperate with the United States because it benefits them too, said Karl Inderfurth, who was the top State Department official on south Asia in the Clinton administration.

Hamid Karzai, the new interim prime minister, will support the U.S. military remaining in the country until bin Laden and Omar are captured or gone.

"That's doing his work for him," Inderfurth said. "He wants them gone."

Effort begins to discourage gossiping

WASHINGTON (AP) — The movement began underground, with ads in the subway. It found adherents in Hollywood and piqued the interest of President Bush.

The goal: Stop gossip.

The campaign got rolling in early September, with ads in subway stations and on taxis and bus kiosks, urging people to pledge not to use hurtful words.

Days later came Sept. 11. The "Words Can Heal" campaign could not heal anything that day. It was set aside, as were immediate plans for Bush to endorse it.

Now it's back. With all the good manners Americans have been showing in the aftermath of the attacks, and all the introspection, organizers thought the time was ripe to encourage people to speak better about each other.

"We want to return, not to normal, but to a better normal," actress Goldie Hawn said Monday, stepping out as a spokeswoman for the effort.

In an interview, she said gossip is not only destructive, but dreary.

"I have sat around dinner tables of others where they have done nothing but talk about people the whole dinner," she said, all business in a black suit.

"I didn't want to be there," she said. "I was bored."

Gossipers, she said, are like "a gerbil running in a cage with that little roundy roundy toy and going nowhere."

Reining in the ritual of snide asides is a daunting task.

"It's part of human nature," says conflict-resolution specialist Jack Levin, who wrote "Gossip: The Inside Scoop." "Unlike the apes, we don't groom each other physically. We do it verbally."

The campaign was inspired by the Jewish prohibition against speaking idly about others. Gossip-bitten Tom Cruise is another supporter, as are a variety of politicians from the left and right.

Rabbi Irwin Katsof, executive director of WordsCanHeal.org, said he has continued to be in touch with supportive White House aides, apparently with the expectation that Bush will lend a hand when he's not so busy.

Before Sept. 11, the president had planned to endorse the program as part of a broader package of low-cost proposals aimed at strengthening communities. He'd begun referring to a values agenda in his speeches.

Village Voice gossip columnist Michael Musto, who recalls gossip being the salvation of tedious childhood summers, found it odd at the time that a president would take an interest in the private talk of strangers.

"A world without gossip would be a very sad place," he said. "For him to actually try to intervene in everyday conversation is really giving me the creeps."

Bush, ducking prickly personal questions in his election campaign, said Americans "don't like the politics of gossip and innuendo, and neither do I."

His attention is diverted now, but the debate goes on without him and has for centuries.

"Gossip is mischievous, light and easy to raise, but grievous to bear and hard to get rid of," the Greek poet Hesiod said about 700 B.C. "No gossip ever dies away entirely, if many people voice it: it too is a kind of divinity."

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Jesus' birth is not just a December story. It is the beginning of the story that should be told all of the time. Increasing numbers of Americans do not really know the story of Jesus. Other stories are competing for attention. Christians should not fear this. It is a great opportunity, because the story of Jesus is the greatest story ever told. No other story holds a candle to it. But the need of the hour is to know, believe and tell the story of Jesus, the whole story. That story begins with his birth, which is amazing, but goes on to tell of His life, His teaching, His death, His resurrection and His coming again. Our response to the story of Jesus cannot be just a giving spirit during a season of the year. The story calls for wholehearted faith, commitment and obedience from those who believe it. It is the one story we really don't want to miss.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Teens home alone learn hard lesson about obeying parents

DEAR ABBY: I'm 16, normally a good kid, but I made a major goof. Ordinarily I'd be punished, but my parents think I've suffered enough. They suggested I write to you as a way of reminding other kids about the importance of obeying their parents.

Last Saturday, my parents had a dinner engagement and said I could have two girlfriends over for the night. They gave me three rules: no mess, no boys and don't open the door to strangers. My parents left at 7. My girlfriends and I made popcorn and put on some CDs. We flopped in the living room and started munching. About 8 p.m. the doorbell rang. Glancing out the window I thought it was a guy I am dating and opened the door. Big mistake.

Three guys pushed their way in, threatened us with guns and said they wanted money. They asked if it was my house and if anyone else was around. I was too scared to tell them anything but the truth. Two of them started tying up my girlfriends, the other tied my wrists behind my back with cord and led me from room to room opening drawers, closets, cabinets and taking jewelry, cash and other items. When we got back to the living room, my friends were lying face down on the carpet, hogtied and gagged. I was then bound up like a salami, gagged and pushed to the floor. They told us not to move for half an hour and left.

When we were sure they were gone, we started struggling, but couldn't get loose or communicate with each other. My parents weren't expected home until well after midnight, and I was not content waiting three or four hours for help.

Since I had not been hogtied, I was eventually able to get to my feet, hop to the door, get it opened, and hop across the lawn — falling three or four times. Fortunately, our neighbor saw me. By the time she untied me and we got back to the house, my poor friends, still bound on the carpet, were sure I had fallen into the shrubbery and couldn't get up.

Luckily, aside from a few aches, none of us was hurt. But I'm sure we'll have nightmares for quite some time. Meanwhile, I urge kids to obey their parents. I wish I had. — **TIED UP ON SATURDAY NIGHT**

DEAR TIED UP: Your letter gave me chills. You and your friends are lucky you weren't beaten, raped or murdered. I'm printing your letter as a warning for other young people. Parents may seem overprotective much of the time — but they usually have good reasons for setting the rules they do.

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DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Happy Mom in North Carolina" about her 6-year-old son's reaction to the "facts of life" reminded me of my 6-year-old daughter's reaction.

She, too, prodded me for more details about where and how babies were made, until I carefully and gently explained the process.

When I finished my speech, she wrinkled her little nose and said, "Do you get to wear a blindfold or something?" — **MOM IN AUBURN, N.Y.**

DEAR MOM: Your explanation must have been a real eye-opener.

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Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

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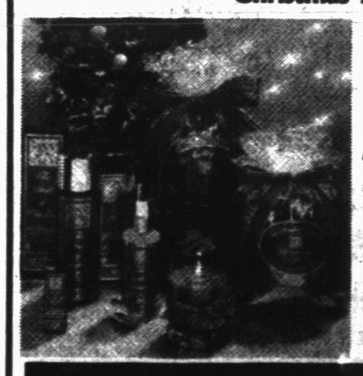

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Pritzkers to pay $460M to resolve bank failure

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the largest voluntary settlement of its kind, the multibillionaire Pritzker family is paying $460 million in an agreement that bars any government action against it in the failure of Superior Bank, a big Chicago-area thrift.

Federal regulators who seized Superior on July 27 announced the agreement Monday. The thrift was the biggest insured U.S. financial institution to fail in nearly a decade, costing the federal insurance fund an estimated $500 million. It lost millions on risky, high-rate home loans to borrowers with tarnished credit.

The Pritzkers and their equal partner in Superior, New York developer Alvin Dworman, admitted no liability in Superior's failure and no sanctions were imposed on them in the agreement with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. and the Office of Thrift Supervision.

The agreement enables the partners to resolve the matter while avoiding government lawsuits and potential fines. The government sued many thrift operators during the savings and loan crisis of the late 1980s and early 1990s, but federal officials have not sued the Pritzkers in the Superior case.

The federal banking agencies didn't specify the portions of the $460 million to be paid by the Pritzkers and Dworman, but two sources familiar with the agreement, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the Pritzkers would pay the entire amount.

The government received $100 million on Monday and, under the terms of the settlement, will get the remaining $360 million over 15 years with no interest.

"Never before has the FDIC achieved an agreement of this size in regard to a single institution," FDIC Chairman Donald Powell said in a statement.

Superior was a $2.3 billion institution. The regulators found it had lost nearly all its assets and had engaged in poor lending practices, inadequate supervision of employees and poor record keeping. It has been operating under the control of the FDIC, which insures accounts up to $100,000.

"The Pritzker interests and the Dworman interests hope that the agreement will minimize, if not eliminate, losses by the insurance fund and by Superior's uninsured depositors," the Pritzkers said in a statement. They said they initiated settlement talks with the government.

The Pritzkers, owners of the Hyatt Corp. hotel chain, had asked to be released from liability when they made an 11th-hour offer on July 27 to pump $210 million into the thrift, a request regulators rejected.

Regulators still are working to unravel exactly what happened and who is responsible. In addition to inquiries by the FDIC and the federal thrift agency, the inspectors general of the FDIC and the Treasury Department have been investigating Superior's collapse, as has the General Accounting Office, an arm of Congress.

Also being examined is the role of the thrift's auditors, Big Five accounting firm Ernst & Young.

Under the agreement, the Pritzkers would receive 25 percent of any money recovered in lawsuits against Ernst & Young, according to a government source and a source close to the Pritzkers, both speaking on condition of anonymity. The government would get the other 75 percent.

Ernst & Young spokeswoman Catherine Svoboda in New York declined any comment.

The FDIC recently approved the sale of Superior's branches and deposits to Charter One Bank of Cleveland, which is paying $52.4 million for the thrift's $1.1 billion in deposits and 17 branches in the Chicago metropolitan area. Still up for sale are Superior's high-rate mortgage loan business and a separate loan-servicing operation.

Hundreds mourn at Kentucky ceremony to honor 3 soldiers

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. (AP) — One was known for his off-the-wall humor. A second, for his medical handiwork. The third was a wizard with tools.

Family members and comrades of three special forces soldiers killed last week in Afghanistan gathered Monday at a memorial service to pay tribute to the men and witness their final roll call.

The dog tags, boots and berets belonging to the men were displayed in the chapel for the hour-long ceremony.

Each soldier was hailed as a hero for their part in helping to free an oppressed country.

"Children are able to laugh, play and sing because of what they did," said Lt. Col. Frank Hudson, deputy commander of the Army's 5th Special Forces Group.

"They changed lives for the better and freed them from oppression," Hudson said of the soldiers' work in Afghanistan. "What more of a legacy could anyone hope to have?"

About 300 people attended the service in memory of Master Sgt. Jefferson "Donnie" Davis, 39, of Watauga, Tenn.; Staff Sgt. Brian Cody Prosser, 28, of Frazier Park, Calif.; and Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Petithory, 32, of Cheshire, Mass.

The dead soldiers were members of the 5th Special Forces Group at Fort Campbell, 50 miles north of Nashville, Tenn. Twenty other American servicemen were wounded when a U.S. bomb missed its target Wednesday. Five Afghan fighters also were killed in the explosion.

Davis was remembered as a soft-spoken, disciplined soldier, a family man and an accomplished medic who once sewed up a fellow soldier's hand after a Christmas Day accident with a craft knife.

Petithory, called "Dan-o" by his buddies partly because of a sense a humor similar to that of comedian Dan Aykroyd, was remembered as a morale builder who skydived in Elvis glasses and once canoed wearing a grass skirt and coconut bra.

Prosser was described as a soldier dedicated to perfection — one who never believed he would not become a member of the elite special forces and so intent on having the right tool for home improvement projects that the workers at Home Depot knew him.

A separate service at the headquarters of the 5th Special Forces Group was held earlier in the day, and two other services in memory of the men have taken place in Afghanistan, Hudson said.

After the service, Petithory's body was flown to Albany, N.Y., arriving just before midnight. Six Green Berets carried the flag-draped casket to a military hearse bound for his hometown, about 75 miles away in the Berkshires, where he will be buried on Thursday.

Davis also will be buried near his home; arrangements were incomplete Monday. Prosser was to be buried in Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

In a separate ceremony in Arlington, Va., CIA officer Johnny Michael Spann was buried after being eulogized by colleagues and family. Spann was killed in Afghanistan on Nov. 25.

On the Net:
Fort Campbell:
http://www.campbell.army.mil

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Is Melatonin causing leg swelling?

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 73-year-old widow with diabetes (treated with Glyburide), insomnia (treated with melatonin) and arthritis (treated with prednisone). Recently, I've been having uncomfortable leg swelling. Is the melatonin to blame?

DEAR READER: I think not. Melatonin is a naturally occurring brain chemical that helps to regulate the sleep cycle. Melatonin supplements, available without a prescription in health food stores, have no side effects, to my knowledge.

I am more inclined to blame the prednisone, which can cause fluid retention, as well as many other complications, such as diabetes, osteoporosis, cataracts and susceptibility to infections. I believe that your health would suffer less if you were to try non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAiDs) in place of the prednisone. Ask your doctor about this and, if he agrees, follow his advice about slowly tapering your dosage of prednisone. I predict that within a month or two of stopping the drug, your diabetes will be under more satisfactory control and your leg swelling will be less noticeable.

If, on the other hand, your physician has a valid reason for continuing your prednisone, ask him to check your venous circulation for blood clots and consider prescribing a diuretic, which should - over time - rid your system of the excess fluid accumulation caused by the prednisone.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Diabetes Mellitus." 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.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a 56-year old woman who married at 16. It didn't take me long to realize that something was wrong with my sex life. My husband was solely interested in enjoying himself and never attended to my needs. When I attempted to discuss this with him, he claimed that I was "frigid" and that it wasn't his problem at all.

We divorced and I subsequently married a wonderful man.

Right from our initial intimacy, I was physically satisfied for the first time. He was a tender, knowledgeable and skillful lover. I'm thankful for my new life. My husband and I always try to put the other first - in all situations. It's amazing what that attitude can do for a marriage.

You were absolutely correct when you stated in a recent column that much of women's sexual frustration is the direct result of inconsiderate partners who are not motivated to learn how to please a woman. I believe that there are no "frigid" women, only clumsy, self-centered men. My first husband is now with his fourth wife. Do you think he has learned anything?

DEAR READER: Probably not. Thank you for writing. While not all women fail to achieve sexual satisfaction because of unskilled partners, many do not enjoy sex for this reason. It seems inconceivable to me that such men remain unmotivated when appropriate sexual techniques have been addressed in so many resources — books, videos and counseling, for example. Maybe No.1 husband's No.4 wife can educate him — but it won't do much good until he chooses to become a willing pupil.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2001

Your social life could turn out to be much more exciting and fulfilling than it has been for quite some time, due in great part to some new friends you'll be making in the year ahead.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Surroundings free from negative, outside influences will offer you your best chances for accomplishment today. Try to remove yourself from any chasing pressures.

Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — This is an excellent day to get together with a person whose relationship with you need to be shored up. You'll find this individual very receptive today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — You may not deliberately seek them out, but competitive situations could be something for which you're well suited today. Somehow, they're apt to find you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — A positive and optimistic attitude today enables you to accomplish just about anything to which you put your mind. Believing in yourself is your key to success.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Take your involvements seriously today and your probabilities for conducting successful business transactions are good. Conversely, indifference leads to carelessness and defeat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Although you generally like to work alone, you might not be able to function as independently as you'd like today. Yet, you're prepared to act in unison, so team effort won't be painful.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — If you take care of all those little neglected tasks today, it will do wonders for your psyche. The sense of accomplishment will make you feel very good about yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You're entitled to have some fun and relaxation today, but take care not to overindulge. Enjoy yourself in a way that you don't have to worry about your waistline or any aftereffects.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You may not be the first one out of the starting blocks today, but once you get rolling, you'll be full of determination to compete for the blue ribbon.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — If assignments that require muscle power is not your cup of tea today, it's OK to give your strong back a rest and let your mental faculties have the workout.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Put your focus in the area that looks the most encouraging for you today, which astrologically falls in the financial realms. Something could develop that would prove profitable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Matters that were once controlled by you but have been managed by others lately may once again fall in your capable hands. This will considerably help your success dynamics.

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Investigation into possible violation of gag order eyed

HOUSTON (AP) — A judge is considering an investigation into whether her gag order was violated by the husband and chief prosecutor of a woman accused of drowning her five children, according to reports.

Russell Yates and Harris County District Attorney Chuck Rosenthal were interviewed about the case by the CBS news magazine "60 Minutes" in a segment that aired Sunday night.

State District Judge Belinda Hill is considering appointing a special prosecutor to look into the matter, unidentified sources told the Houston Chronicle and Houston television station KPRC.

Attorneys for both sides met in Hill's chambers Monday, but neither Yates nor Rosenthal were present. Hill had no comment when asked afterward about the discussions.

Yates told the Chronicle that he had been given a legal opinion that cleared him to publicly discuss his wife's psychiatric treatment prior to the killings. He declined to say where he got the opinion.

His wife, Andrea Yates, is charged with capital murder in the June 20 deaths of three of the five children. She has pleaded innocent by reason of insanity. Jury selection is scheduled to begin Jan. 7.

Rosenthal told the newspaper he does not believe his appearance on the program violated Hill's order. The judge had given him permission in August to release a statement regarding the death penalty, he said.

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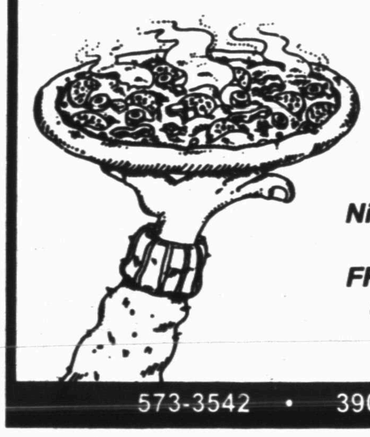
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Fed Reserve may cut interest rates

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve is close to wrapping up its most aggressive interest rate cutting exercise since the early 1980s, many economists believe.

They think the Fed will cut rates for an 11th time this year at the close of its meeting today. But many analysts believe the rate cut will be a smaller quarter-point move that will signal that the central bank may be finished with its credit easing campaign.

Fed officials said the closed-door discussions got under way at the normal 9 a.m. EST starting time and were expected to wrap up with a midafternoon announcement.

The final meeting this year of the central bank's interest-rate-setting Federal Open Market Committee included two members attending their first meeting — new Fed board members Susan Schmidt Bies and Mark W. Olson.

"I think this rate cut will be the last one," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Economy.com.

However, he and other analysts said this expectation could change if President Bush and congressional Republicans are not able to resolve their differences with congressional Democrats and win passage of an economic stimulus package.

If the bill remains stalled, then the Fed may feel the need to cut rates again in January to compensate for Congress' inability to help accelerate an economic recovery. But most analysts said there probably will be no more than one rate cut next year and they said it would probably be a quarter-point move.

Some analysts had thought the central bank might decide to leave rates unchanged at its final meeting this year, given some tentative signs that the country's first recession in a decade was starting to bottom out.

Those views changed on Friday, however, when the government reported that the unemployment rate shot up to 5.7 percent in November as an additional 331,000 Americans lost their jobs, bringing total job losses in October and November to 800,000, the largest two-month total in 21 years.

"Given the dismal unemployment report, a quarter-point cut is a fait accompli," said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Wells Fargo Bank in Minneapolis.

The central bank launched the current easing campaign with a surprise half-point cut on Jan. 3 and followed with a series of mostly half-point reductions that pushed the federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other, down to 2 percent, the lowest level since 1961.

All the credit easing was not enough to prevent a recession. The National Bureau of Economic Research has decided that the recession began in March, although the committee said that without the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the slowdown might not have been severe enough to qualify as a full-blown downturn.

The Fed's moves have sent rates on millions of consumer and business loans down as well, with the prime rate dropping to 5 percent, its lowest level since mid-1972.

Armey considers retiring from House

WASHINGTON (AP) — Majority Leader Dick Armey of Texas, second-ranking House Republican during seven tumultuous years of GOP rule, is considering retirement at the end of his current term, according to sources familiar with his thinking.

Armey, a staunch conservative, has apprised Speaker Dennis Hastert and other GOP colleagues of the possibility he won't seek a 10th term in the House in 2002, these sources said, speaking on condition of anonymity

The 61-year-old Armey has until Jan. 2 to file re-election papers in Texas, but may disclose his plans before then.

Armey's Dallas-area seat would be safe for Republicans in 2002, but a decision to retire would likely spark a lively competition among members of the rank-and-file for the leadership post.

One source familiar with Armey's thinking said neither health nor political necessity was prompting Armey to consider an end to his congressional career. But given the legislative record of the last seven years and the presence of a Republican in the White House, Armey may decide the moment is right to depart, the source said.

Armey's spokesman declined comment on the congressman's possible plans.

An economics professor, Armey won his seat in the House in 1984 as a strong advocate of tax cuts and less government.

He displayed an ability to pass legislation even as a junior member of the minority party a few years later, when he was instrumental in a bill that led to the closing of unneeded military bases.

Armey was elected to the House GOP leadership in 1992.

In the post, he played a key role in development of the Contract With America, the conservative campaign manifesto that Republicans rode to power in 1994 midterm elections.

He was elected majority leader in the aftermath of the GOP victory, and helped push most elements of the legislative program through the House in the first 100 days of the session.

He has since won three more terms in his leadership post. He was challenged for his job as majority leader in 1998, because of questions of his involvement in a GOP bid the previous year to topple former Speaker Newt Gingrich.

As majority leader, Armey has pushed consistently for tax cuts, less federal spending, elimination of some federal agencies and reduced federal regulation of business.

He expressed unhappiness at Gingrich's decision to bring a minimum-wage increase to the House floor in 1996.

At the same time, his conservative views won the trust of members of the rank-and-file who relied on him to represent their interests.

Most recently, Hastert named Armey as one of two House GOP negotiators on economic stimulus legislation.

Armey used memorable language at times to make his point.

"Ain't no right way to do the wrong thing," he once told reporters asking about the minimum wage bill.

Sunday night accident still under investigation

•Accident

Investigation continues into a Sunday night accident involving a 2001 Ford Escort and a Santa Fe train at the railroad crossing on Huffman Ave.

Officers have determined that the car was driven by its owner, Jennifer Carasalez, 20, of 912 Ave. Q.

Four other persons also are believed to have been passengers in the car, but all of the occupants fled the scene after the mishap. No injuries were reported in the accident, which remains under investigation by officer Mike Counts.

Alcohol is believed to have been involved and police are working on citations and possible criminal charges.

•Fire

Snyder firefighters responded to a report of a structure fire at B & F Well Servicing at 3:56 p.m. Monday.

Twelve firefighters responded with two fire trucks to find a small patch of insulation smoldering on an interior wall.

An employee was grinding metal near the wall, sending sparks flying and causing the insulation to smolder.

Snyder Fire Marshal Cy Posey said damage was minimal, but "had the smoke not been spotted before closing time, the fire could have ignited and been devastating to the building."

•Thefts

A. J. Jones contacted officers at the police department just after midnight to report the theft of several items from his van.

Reported stolen were a blue jacket, a storage container and a pair of sunglasses.

Janie Garcia requested an officer at 610 33rd Street Monday morning in reference to the windshield of her vehicle being broken. An officer was dispatched and advised a report for burglary of a vehicle would be submitted.

•Dog bite

9-1-1 dispatchers received a call at 6 p.m. from a woman who reported a young boy had been bitten by a dog. The boy was transported by private vehicle to Cogdell Hospital and the animal was quarantined.

•Officer requested

A woman reported her neighbor shooting a BB gun across the street Monday in the 3700 block of Avenue U.. An officer advised her of the proper steps.

Obituaries

Odyne Jones

1903-2001

Odyne Beaver Jones, 98, died Sunday, Dec. 9, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Jones is set for 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale-Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Nan Swanson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, will officiate. Interment will follow in the Fluvanna Cemetery.

Odyne Jones

Born Dec. 7, 1903 in Jonesboro, she moved to Scurry County in 1905 at the age of two. She graduated from Snyder High School in 1921 and earned her teaching certificate from Texas Christian University in 1922. She married C.D. "Pat" Jones on May 20, 1923 in Fluvanna. He died Feb. 23, 1997.

A homemaker, she was a retired school teacher and stock farmer. Mrs. Jones was a member of the Eastern Star and the First Presbyterian Church.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Patsy Jones Fee; two brothers, Leo Beaver and W.J. "Bill" Beaver; and a grandson, James Aaron.

Survivors include a sister, Matty Lynn Stine of Wichita Falls; a sister-in-law, Opal Beaver of Snyder; nephews and nieces, James Beaver, Shirley Jones, Don Jones and his wife, Nelva, all of Fluvanna, Wallace Jones and his wife, Barbara, of Snyder, Janie Sue Willard of Borger, Carol Carson and husband, Wes, of Chevy Chase, Md., and Betty Gryer and her husband, Paul, of Chicago; and a son-in-law, Bob Fee of Lubbock.

The family will greet friends from 6 to 7 this evening at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1396 in Snyder; or to the Fluvanna Cemetery Association in Fluvanna, 79517.

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John Chandler

1984-2001

DUBLIN – John David Chandler, a student and a former resident of Snyder, died Saturday, Dec. 8, in Stephenville after a brief illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Chandler, 17, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Oak Dale United Methodist Church in Stephenville with the Rev. Ann Hitt officiating. Burial will follow in the Hannibal Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 7-9 this evening at Lacy Funeral Home in Stephenville.

Born Oct. 1, 1984 in Lubbock, he was a Methodist and had lived in Snyder before moving to Stephenville and then to Dublin.

He was preceded in death by his maternal great-grandmother, Mary McInroe; and his paternal great-grandfather, Wayne N. Dodson; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Karen and Dan Van De Mark of Dublin; his father and stepmother, David and Stacy Chandler of Arlington; a stepbrother, Jonathan Dewayne Van De Mark of Dublin; two half-sisters, Katlyn Chandler and Karlea Chandler, both of Arlington; his maternal grandmother, Loretta Dodson of Snyder; his maternal grandfather, Wayne W. Dodson of Snyder; his step-grandparents, Sophia and Murray Underwood of Haltom City; his paternal grandmother, Carolyn Lara of San Angelo; his paternal grandfather and step-grandmother, James and Clair Chandler of Jourdanton; his maternal great-grandfather, Dan McInroe of Stephenville; his maternal great-grandmother, Kathryn Dodson of Snyder; and his paternal great-grandparents, Wanda and Euless Goodlett of Dunn.

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Scurry County 4-H

Scurry County 4-H Club will meet at 7 tonight at East Elementary.

Special Hermleigh postal cancellation

The U.S. Postal Service in Hermleigh will honor Hermleigh High School's boys and girls basketball teams with a special postal cancellation this evening beginning with the varsity girls game.

CHIPS program signup

West Elementary will have representatives from the Childrens' Health Insurance Program at the school from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday.

Night out with the band

Everyone is invited to eat dinner at the Snyder High School cafeteria from 5-6:30 p.m. Thursday, and following the meal, the Snyder bands will present a free Christmas concert. Cost of the meal is $5 for adults, and $3 for children.

Weigh Down workshop

Registration for a Weigh Down workshop will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at His Joy Ministries, 904 26th. Classes begin Jan. 3. For information call 573-9615 or 573-8401.

Scouts selling popcorn

Boy and Cub Scouts are selling all varieties of popcorn. Call Rhonda Fletcher at 573-7065 or 338-1865 by Saturday.

Mesquite Country Writers Guild

The Mesquite Country Writers Guild is now accepting submissions for the winter issue of *Bards of a Feather*. The deadline is Saturday. The theme is open. Mail submissions to Pam Mauldin, Box 237, Ira, 79527 or e-mail to upside@nwol.net.

Home for the Holidays

Home for the Holidays has been rescheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, at the First United Methodist Church. Anyone attending is asked to bring a pair of scissors for a take home craft. If you have already reserved a spot, you do not have to call again, For more information call the Scurry County Cooperative Extension office at 573-5423.

Windbreak trees

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

Seniors helping seniors

Snyder High School's senior class would like to help senior citizens decorate for Christmas. Students will provide the labor by putting up lights or decorating Christmas trees, etc. Call 573-6301 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday to make arrangements.

VFW membership drive

The VFW is conducting its annual membership drive. Membership is restricted to veterans who served overseas in times of conflict or war. For more information, contact the post commander Jim Bailey at 573-5338.

Noon prayer service

The First Presbyterian Church hosts a prayer service from noon until 12:30 p.m. each weekday. Everyone is invited.

FBC support groups

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

Nurse testing dates

Testing for the next class of the Vocational Nursing program at Western Texas College will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, and Jan. 29, with the last day to interview set for Feb. 2. Classes are scheduled to begin March 4. Potential students must bring a photo ID. To schedule an appointment, call the Counseling Center at 573-8511 ext. 313.

Military support group

Family members, volunteers, friends, and active or inactive soldiers of Scurry County interested in forming a local Military Support Group are asked to contact Dale or Elaine Byrd at 573-8088 after 4 p.m., or e-mail dbyrd@nwol.net. The purpose of this group is to provide an avenue of mutual support, assistance, community resources, and a network of communication.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland is available free of charge. Call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakey Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Police search for man who shot restaurant co-workers

MALVERN, Pa. (AP) — Police were searching today for a man they say took his restaurant co-workers into the woods to see his gun, then opened fire, killing two and wounding a third.

"The motive is unclear at this time," District Attorney Anthony Sarcione said. "We just don't know why he did it."

Police identified the man wanted in the Monday night shootings in suburban Philadelphia as Braheem Nichols, 22. Police found a stolen getaway car about 20 miles away early today.

Nichols arrived for his shift Monday at the KFC/Taco Bell restaurant toting a semiautomatic pistol beneath his uniform, authorities said. The victims saw the weapon and asked Nichols to show it to them, authorities said.

The shooting began shortly after 9:30 p.m. Monday when the men began closing the restaurant, located in the Great Valley Center, East Whiteland Township Police Chief Frederick Rosato said.

The five employees walked outside into some woods about 100 yards behind the restaurant, Rosato said. There, Nichols fired one round into the ground, then opened fire on the others, he said.

Nichols ran back inside the restaurant, took the keys to the restaurant manager's car and used it to flee, Rosato said. About a quarter-mile away, he lost control of the vehicle and slid off the road, authorities said.