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Home of Laci Hackfeld



MORE WINTER WEATHER — Snowflakes were falling again in Snyder Tuesday night creating scenes like this one around town early this morning, but the light covering was quickly melting today as the sun emerged and temperatures began to climb. Forecasts call for temps to rise above 50 degrees Thursday and remain warm through the weekend. (SDN Staff Photo)

At WTC Thursday...

State representative hopefuls will speak at political forum

All seven candidates vying for state Rep. Rob Junell's seat in the Texas Legislature will be in Snyder Thursday for a political forum at Western Texas College.

The 10 a.m. forum will be in the Fine Arts Theatre on the WTC campus.

WTC government and history professor Jack Price said the candidates – four Republicans, two Democrats and a Libertarian – have committed to attend the forum and the public is invited.

"I think it is particularly important to hold a forum this year because the candidates are all new," Price said. "One of these seven individuals is going to be our representative and we need to get to know them."

Vying for the state seat on the GOP ticket are former Tom Green County Attorney Tom Goff, San Angelo businessman Scott Campbell, San Angelo city councilman Drew Darby and Mark Brown, also of San Angelo.

On the Demo ticket, Jeri Sloan of Christoval and Clara "Betsy" Johnson of San Angelo will face off in the primary.

Robert Restivo of Grape Creek is running with the Libertarian party.

Price said the college tries to host a candidate forum for every election, but noted it is especially important in races with a heavily contested primary such as this election year.

Each candidate will have 10 minutes to introduce themselves to the community and speak on their issues.

"We'll probably hear about agricultural issues and other things that are important to the people who live in this area," Price said. "This is not a debate. It's just a chance for our community to get to know each candidate."

A question-and-answer session could follow the forum, if time permits.

The candidates will eat lunch on campus, then tour the college, Price said.

"I encourage the public to attend because it's a matter of civic awareness and voter consciousness," he said. "The theatre can seat up to 160 people and I hope to have that many there."

DCOS sets meeting

The Development Corporation of Snyder board of directors will meet at 4 p.m. Thursday to consider a request to lease the former Williamson Automotive building on East Highway.

Its former owners donated the building to the DCOS and an individual wants to lease the facility for a retail business.

The meeting will be held in the DCOS offices in the American State Bank.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Go on a diet for two weeks – and usually you'll lose two weeks."

In less than a month, ole what's-her-name's first born will be getting hitched. We think it's appropriate that he'll be losing his independence on Texas Independence Day.

Of course, we have been helpful in preparations – generally staying out of the way and softly saying "Yes, Ma'am."

But we do want to pass along some advice that we've gathered in the past 35 years of dealing with the tender gender.

It's a glossary of what women mean when they say certain words.

—Fine: Used by women at the end of any discussion when they feel they are right but can't stand to hear your argument any longer. Also means "shut up." Also never use the word to describe how she looks. It will lead to one of the fore-mentioned discussions.

—Five minutes: Really means half an hour, equivalent to the five minutes left in the basketball game before you take out the trash.

—Nothing: It really means something and one should be on guard immediately. Nothing is a signal for an argument that will last "five minutes" and end with the word "fine."

—Go ahead: Said in conjunction with raised eyebrows and actually means the opposite. It's not permission, it's a dare. If one proceeds, one will soon hear the words "nothing" and "fine."

—Loud sigh: Not actually a word, but a form of communication between female and male. Frequently misunderstood by men. A loud sigh means she thinks you are a complete fool and wonders about wasting time arguing with you over "nothing."

—Oh: This word, followed by any statement heralds big trouble. You may not hear words, even "nothing" or "fine," for two or three days.

—That's okay: One of the most dangerous statements a woman can make. It means she's gonna think long and hard before getting even.

—Please do: Not a statement, but rather an offer. The male is being given the chance to come up with an excuse for what has been done. It's an invitation to get into more hot water.

—Thanks: Don't faint and don't look for a hidden meaning. Simply reply, "You're welcome."

—Thanks a lot: Dramatically different from "thanks." A woman will say "thanks a lot" when she is really ticked off. It is usually followed by a loud sigh. Be careful not to ask what's wrong after the loud sigh, as she will only tell you "nothing."

If all else fails, empty the dishwasher and tote out the garbage – both with a smile.

SHS Fine Arts Division to produce 'Sound of Music'

Worsham Auditorium will soon be alive with the *Sound of Music*.

Snyder High School's Fine Arts Division will debut Rogers and Hammerstein's 1959 Broadway musical at 7:30 tonight.

The classic musical follows the true-life story of Maria, who falls in love with a widowed Austrian naval captain while taking care of his seven children.

Other performance dates continue at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are $6 for adults; $5 for students; and $8 reserved. Call the high school at 573-6301 to reserve tickets.

"This is our biggest cast to date," Brad Vincent, SHS drama director, said. "We are very excited about that."

He and Ronda Haire, SHS choral director, are co-directing.

Hayli Henderson and Rachael Cave will play Maria while Cole McLeod and Tanner Beard will portray Capt. Von Trap.

Others in the cast include Joanna Burk, Jacinda Judah, Marcie Rodriguez, Beth Parsley, Erin Cooley, Rankin Hardin, Paul Jackson, Sara Cantu, Kendall Brewster, Malorye Miller, Molly Haire, Clark Reed, Nicole Sloboda, Justin Stoker, and Gerrico Greenlee.

Also Alli Brewster, Craig Robertson, Logan Martin, Krisi Early, Haley Holmes, RJ Sanders, Bobby Sands, Jeff Scott, Alex Neal, Jason Hook, Caleb Durham, Michael Nelson, Adrienne Garcia, Blake Robertson, Sara Carpenter and Traci Jordan.

Others include Stephanie Parmer, Alexiz Dupree, Devin Chandler, Rebecca Pavlovsky, Felicia Ibarra, Corie Hernandez, Melissa Jerome, Karissa Shipp, Stephanie Beck, Cassandra Darlin, Callen Lee, Nicki Traylor, Erin Cooley, Anna Henson, Sara Crawford and Ashlye Amox.

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Rainfall Reports

Snyder	.65
North of city	1.0
East of city	.9
West of city	1.0
Lake Thomas	1.1
Hermleigh	1.0
Loyd Mountain	.7
Camp Springs	.75
Dunn	1.0
Ira	.75
Dermott	.9
Union	1.0
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Gins	
Farmers Co-Op	.7
Inadale	.8

Totals as reported by area residents for Tuesday and early today.

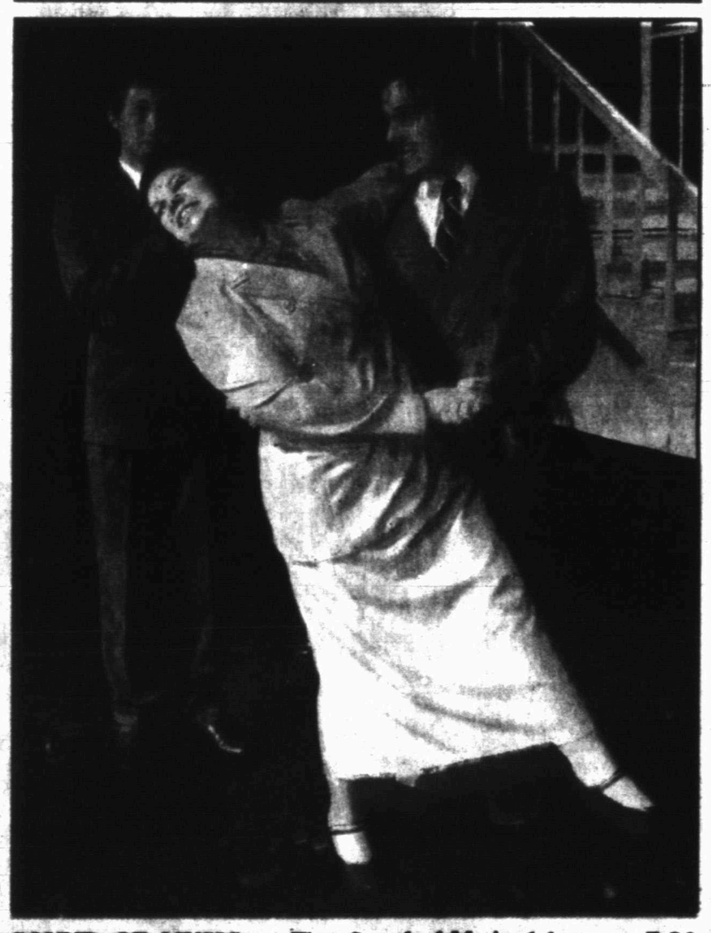
Dumas lands $150 million food processing facility

DUMAS (AP) — Seaboard Farms Inc. has announced it will build a high-tech, state-of-the-art $150 million pork-processing facility in Moore County.

The company hopes to break ground in late 2002 or early 2003 and expects the project will create new jobs and contribute more than $75 million in annual payroll to the local economy, Seaboard spokesman Gary Reckrodt said Tuesday.

Seaboard said the processing facility will showcase the latest technological advances in food-processing equipment.

At its peak, the Seaboard Farms plant is expected to employ about 2,300 people.



SOUND OF MUSIC — The *Sound of Music* debuts at 7:30 tonight at Worsham Auditorium. In this scene, Krisi Early, the Baroness Elsa, and RJ Sanders, Max, sing about being rich while Cole McLeod, Capt. Von Trapp, looks on and he doesn't look very amused. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

ASK US

Q—On the average, when is the last freeze date in Scurry County?

A—April 4.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 38 degrees; low, 31; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 32; .65 of an inch precipitation; total for 2002, 1.46 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear, low around 30. Thursday, sunny, warmer, high 55-60, light, variable wind. Thursday night, mostly clear, low around 35.



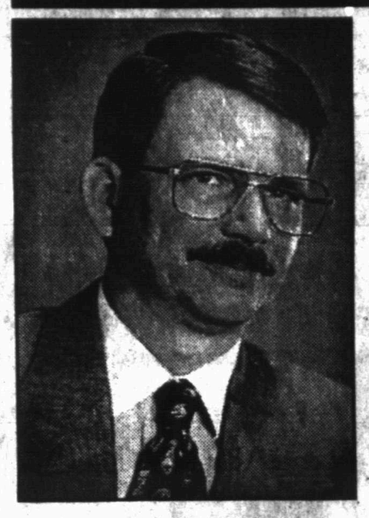
Christopher Johnson
Warmer

Sunset: 6:23 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:32 a.m.
Of 36 days in 2002, the sun has shone 33 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Where we stand is not as important as the direction in which we are moving.
—Oliver Wendell Holmes

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Dr. Wes Massey

Baptist rally set Sunday at Colorado City

Southern Baptist churches of the Sweetwater, Mitchell-Scurry Baptist area (SMSBA) will sponsor an Evangelism Rally at 6 p.m. Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Colorado City.

All members of the three-county association are urged to attend, and anyone in this area is welcome to attend this time of worship and praise.

The rally focus will be the Rural Evangelistic Association Partnership (REAP) planned for the summer of 2002 in this area.

This evangelistic project is for the smaller membership churches to have the opportunity of a Revival Crusade conducted by a full-time evangelistic team. Joining the rally is the team that will be conducting the revivals this summer.

The preacher will be Dr. Wesley "Wes" Massey of McQueeney, an evangelist with Revival Ministries International Inc. He will be the preacher for about six different crusades in this area during the summer.

Providing the music for rally will be Don Thornton, music evangelist from Fairfield.

French King Louis XVI was born in 1754 at Versailles.

Sale ad draws protest

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — A supermarket advertised a sale on fried chicken in honor of Black History Month, prompting the company to issue an apology after a customer complained.

Giant Food Stores customer Lance Sellers brought the ad to the attention of the manager of the store in Union Deposit east of Harrisburg. The sign read: "In honor of Black History Month, we at Giant are offering a special savings on fried chicken."

"I showed it to a few of the other customers ... and they all were stunned," Sellers said. "When I approached the store manager about the problem he had the nerve to ask me why it offended me so much."

Giant Food Stores apologized on today and said the sign was not meant to be offensive.

"It did happen. It was at that one store only," said Denny Hopkins, Giant's vice president of advertising. "We had a customer bring the sign to us and complain and we immediately took it down."

Paula Diane Harris, president of the Greater Harrisburg Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said the sign reinforces racist stereotypes.

"Not all African-Americans eat fried chicken, greens and chitlins. We like salad, roast beef, low-fat chicken, just like everybody else," she said.

Giant is sponsoring several programs for Black History Month, including having jazz bands and soul food samples at its Kline Village Plaza and Union Deposit stores, Hopkins said.

Sellers said the sign wouldn't keep him from shopping at the store.

"We laugh about it," he said

4 students top spellers at Ira

Four Ira School students took top honors in the school's 2002 annual campus spelling bees Tuesday morning, two at the elementary level and two at the junior high.

Kaci Waller, sixth grader and daughter of Jay and Karen Waller, captured the elementary title. However, she will not be able to attend the county bee on Feb. 13 due to the San Antonio Stock Show.

Laura Juarez, also a sixth grader, will take her place at the county bee.

Dusty Holt, fifth grader, was the runner-up. She is new to Ira, having just moved from Mamou, La. She is the daughter of Kerry Holt.

Terryn Autry, an eighth grader, won the junior high bee. She is the daughter of Lance and Sherry Autry.

Jordan Lollar was the runner-up. The eighth grader is the son of Roger and Doris Lollar.

Cindy Shoults coordinated the bee. Becky Hudgins was the pronouncer. Kim Allen, fifth grader teacher, and Pat Sterling, fourth grade teacher, were in charge of dictionaries and bells.

Fourth graders who competed were Colby Barrera, William Botts, Lindsey Daniel, Haley Farmer, Olivia Juarez, Reyez Juarez. Brandon Lunsford, John Martini, Evian Olvera, Rosemary Rivera, Kaden Seale, Roy Shafer, Jessica Steelman, Cheyann Taylor and Daniel Wooldridge.

Fifth graders included Amanda Alvarado, Austin Calley, Jamie Dobbs, Logan Dunn, Dusty Holt, Kirk Krop, Leeja Mauldin, Shandy McMullen, Catrina Mitchell, David Ornelas, Tanner Price, Brandon Ramirez, Andy Rivera, Gilbert Sanchez, Heather Steelman, Ismael Tavarez and Ashley Trotter.

Sixth graders were Mark Barnes, Justin Jones, Laura Juarez, Anthony Martini, Colby McMullen, Kendyll Pilcher, Jose Presley, Christopher Richards, Jimmie Schooler, Gil Shafer, Jordan Smith and Kaci Waller.

Seventh graders included Carlos Alvarado, Eloisa Alvarado, Aryn Calley, Corbin Clements, Dustin Farmer, Jeffrey Gilbert, Jessica Odom, Adrian Padron, Kelbi Pitner, Cecilie Torres, Erica Torres, Kate Wall and Derrick Watson.

Eighth graders in the campus bee were Terryn Autry, Brittany Dickerhoff, Christopher Dobbs, Amanda Green, Caleb Gutierrez, Kerry Jamison, Wesley Kellner, Joel Lollar, Jordan Lollar, Chad Nickerson, Eugenio Ornelas, Whitney Parks, Jessica Payne, Adam Rivera, Kris Roberts and Ashton Smith.



SPELLING BEE WINNERS — Ira School held its campus spelling bees Tuesday morning. Junior High winners are (from left) Terryn Autry, first place; and Jordan Lollar, second. Elementary winners were Kaci Waller, first place; and Dusty Holt, runner-up. (Contributed Photo)

Snyder Junior High's and Hermleigh's elementary bee were to be held this afternoon.

One final campus bee remains. Hermleigh's seventh and eighth grader spell down is set for 12:30 p.m. Thursday.

The Scurry County Spelling Bee is set for 9 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, at Western Texas College's Fine Arts Theatre.

Singer denies sexual harassment claims

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Singer James Brown testified he never improperly touched the 36-year-old executive who claims she was fired when she refused his advances and complained about his behavior.

"I wouldn't do that," the 68-year-old godfather of soul said Tuesday on the witness stand.

Lisa Ross Agbalaya, a married mother of three children, claims Brown grabbed her, made unwanted sexual advances and fired her from his company after she complained. He sexual harassment lawsuit seeks $1 million in damages.

Brown said nothing improper ever occurred.

"I have never touched Miss Ross Agbalaya in my life. She's a married woman and I wouldn't do that," Brown said during cross-examination.

Brown said he was always careful to have other people present when Agbalaya was with him. While he testified, Agbalaya sat almost motionless.

Agbalaya said she was fired as president of West Coast operations for The New James Brown Enterprises Inc. in February 2000 after she complained.

Brown's attorney, Debra Opri, said her termination was a business decision made after Brown closed his West Coast office.

Agbalaya's attorney, Shelly McMillan, asked the singer if he was glassy-eyed and smelling of marijuana when he allegedly grabbed Agbalaya by the hips and pulled her toward him.

"I didn't touch nobody, and I didn't use marijuana," he said. "I had two people there. We made sure I wasn't going to be alone with Mrs. Agbalaya."

Outside court, Brown told reporters he was "uncomfortable" on the stand.

"But I have to be here," said the entertainer. "My name is important. That's all I have."

Texas Lottery

Pick 3
AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
2-0-7

Cash Five
AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
8-20-23-24-35

Texas Two Step
AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
13-14-26-29
Bonus number 16
Estimated jackpot: $1,250,000

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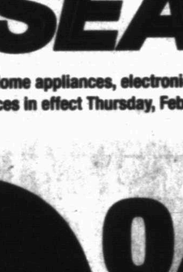
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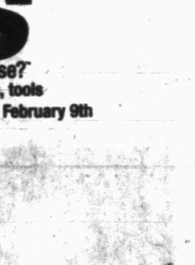


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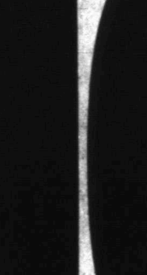


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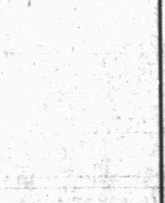
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Undercover agent proud of drug sting accomplishments

AMARILLO (AP) — An undercover agent involved in a controversial drug bust in Tulia says he is proud of what he accomplished and expects to be proven right in the end.

The 1999 drug bust in the Texas Panhandle town prompted an investigation by the U.S. Justice Department. The bust in which 46 people — 40 of whom were black — were arrested brought national attention and questions about the way the state's drug task forces conduct investigations.

Opponents of the sting say the investigation and arrests were racially motivated.

"This undercover deal, everything was checked, double-checked, triple-checked," undercover agent Tom Coleman said in a telephone interview Tuesday night, the Amarillo Globe-News reported in its today edition. "We did not put anybody in jail that shouldn't have been there. It was a top-notch deal."

Coleman, now a private investigator in Waxahachie, told the newspaper that he was breaking his silence to set the record straight about the investigation and to defend his actions.

The Justice Department investigation continues.

"That deal in Tulia, it wasn't just a drug deal," Coleman said. "There was automatic weapons in that town. There was pistols being carried in that town. I'm proud of what I did there, and I'd do it again in a heartbeat."

One criticism was that Coleman had no corroboration to support the drug cases he made. He said he worked himself so deep into the community that he couldn't bring in a second officer or obtain audio or videotape.

He said he almost blew his cover the one time he tried to wear a tape recorder.

Coleman said a higher proportion of blacks were arrested because he started hanging out with blacks in the community and therefore couldn't buy drugs from whites.

"When I started mixing with the blacks, I was black to everybody else in Tulia," Coleman said. "I'm going to tell you right now, there's some prejudice in Tulia."

He said he believed he would have been beaten by whites if he tried to switch over.

Tulia's population is about 5,000, of which about 250 residents are black.

Eleven of those arrested in Tulia were found guilty and another 17 have accepted plea agreements.

With history of melanoma, McCain monitors his health

PHOENIX (AP) — Regular medical checkups have helped Sen. John McCain catch cancerous lesions before they become life threatening — a lesson he hopes other Americans will heed.

Three bouts so far with melanoma — the most aggressive form of skin cancer — have forced the Arizona Republican to keep a close watch on his health and the sun.

His latest scare involved the removal Monday of a cancerous lesion. A tiny freckle on the left side of his nose was diagnosed as the earliest form of melanoma and was removed, said McCain's spokeswoman, Nancy Ives.

McCain, 65, checked into Mayo Clinic Hospital on Tuesday to undergo plastic surgery to cover a scar resulting from the removal. A test also was planned to ensure the cancer is gone, Ives said.

When discovered early, melanoma is highly curable. But the aggressive tumors can double in size every month and can spread quickly to other parts of the body.

"The doctors were, and still are, so confident about his complete recovery," she said Tuesday.

Ives said McCain visits his doctor every three months.

"He hopes this is a lesson for everyone to have frequent check-ups," she said.

Melanoma affects more than 53,000 Americans every year and kills about 7,000. It usually afflicts fair-skinned people and is caused by exposure to the sun.

Because of McCain's history with melanoma, those close to the senator say he is vigilant in monitoring his health.

"I think he's very, very careful about making sure he's examined very regularly," said Arizona Secretary of State Betsey Bayless, a friend who frequently traveled with McCain during his presidential campaign.

"He's meticulous about using sunscreen and wearing a hat," she said. "But with regard to the damage that's already been done, the best prevention is seeing the doctor regularly. If any little spot shows up, they can zap it."

McCain had a lesion removed from his upper arm in 1993 and his temple during his 2000 presidential campaign.

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Mayo Clinic
Scottsdale:p://www.mayo.edu/mcs

Tax Facts

Taxes: Children

By Curt Anderson
AP Tax Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tax breaks for many families with children get more generous this year, including a bigger child tax credit and larger credits for adoption of children.

The changes were part of the 10-year, $1.35 trillion tax cut enacted last summer by Congress and President Bush. Credits are generally better for taxpayers than deductions because they amount to a dollar-for-dollar reduction in taxes owed.

The credit for each dependent child under age 17 grows from $500 to $600 for 2001 tax returns. The credit will stay at $600 through 2004, grow to $700 in 2005 and $800 in 2009, then jump to $1,000 in 2010.

The new law also made some changes in how much of the credit is "refundable" — that is, how much a taxpayer can receive as a refund even if no income taxes are owed.

For 2001, the credit is refundable to the extent of 10 percent of a taxpayer's income in excess of $10,000. In the past, the law required a taxpayer to have at least three children for any of this credit to be refundable. There is a worksheet and Form 8812 in IRS tax filing packages to figure this out.

Income limits can prevent some taxpayers from claiming the credit. The total credit amount is reduced by $50 for each $1,000 of modified adjusted gross income above $110,000 for married couples filing jointly and $75,000 for single filers until it eventually phases out completely.

The new tax law also increases the adoption tax credit, which helps families defray the expenses of adopting a child.

Since 1997, a credit of up to $5,000 has been available for such costs as travel and legal fees associated with an adoption. The credit is $6,000 for adoption of a child with special needs.

Things get even better in 2002. The credit doubles to $10,000 for all adopted children, including those with special needs, and income limits for taxpayers get more generous.

In 2001, the adoption credit begins to phase out when a taxpayer's adjusted gross income exceeds $75,000 and disappears completely at $115,000. In 2002, the phaseout range rises to $150,000-$190,000.

To qualify for the credit, married taxpayers must file jointly and some information about the child must be included on the tax return.

Enron broadband owes taxes

HOUSTON (AP) — Enron Broadband Services, one of Enron Corp.'s failed business ventures, owes Harris County and other entities about $440,000 in back taxes, according to county officials.

Enron Broadband Services was an unsuccessful Internet venture that filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on Dec. 26. It did not notify the county in 2001 that it had nearly $15 million in telecommunications equipment, county Tax Assessor Paul Bettencourt told the Houston Chronicle in today's editions.

The company neglected to list the equipment in its 2001 taxable property, Bettencourt said. The taxes were due by Jan. 31, 2002.

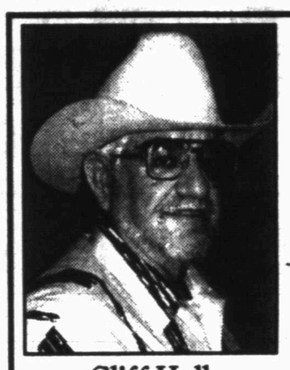
Back taxes owed to the county tax office is $207,000. About $237,000 is owed to Houston Independent School District, Bettencourt said.

County records show the company's property tax was $3,600 for 2001. Records indicate that it has not been paid, but the payment may not have been posted yet on the county's Web site, Bettencourt said.

"This is one of the bigger omitted properties (ever in the county)," he said, though Enron can still appeal the appraised value.

Enron spokesman Mark Palmer said bankruptcy does not preclude the company from paying taxes.

"I'm sure if they are appropriate, and if we owe them, we will pay them," Palmer said.



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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



In-laws blame son's wife for keeping his distance

DEAR ABBY: Last year I took time from work to assist my mother-in-law who was facing surgery in another state. During my visit, her next-door neighbor told me my visit was a "positive sign." When I asked what he meant, he said my in-laws had told him that I had kept their son from visiting and having a relationship with them since we married more than 15 years ago.

Abby, I was stunned! The truth is, my husband calls or visits his mother only when I insist on it. I have even dialed their number and put the phone in his hand so he HAD to talk to them. He feels closer to my family and enjoys the time we spend with them.

I told my husband what the neighbor said. He dismissed it and said his parents are just unhappy people. Abby, should I tell my in-laws the truth, or let them continue to believe I am responsible for driving a wedge between their son and them? — **PUZZLED DAUGHTER-IN-LAW**

DEAR DAUGHTER-IN-LAW: Blaming you for the distance between them and their son may be an easier pill to swallow than placing the blame where it belongs. However, I see nothing to be gained by telling them "the truth" at this late date. They probably wouldn't believe you if you did.

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DEAR ABBY: I read with interest the letter about the college student whose grandmother blatantly favored her other grandchildren, yet expected him to do chores around her house. I loved the irony of the woman who responded. She said her mother was also treated badly, but the grandmother left her entire fortune to them. There's no cash inheritance in my life, but I wouldn't trade what I learned for any amount of money.

My mother was the child of a failed first marriage. I realized when my grandmother died that she had never told my mom or me that she loved us. At her funeral, I heard stories from my half-cousins of hugs, kisses, declarations of love, shopping trips, lunches and sleepovers. In my entire life, she took me to lunch and shopping once. Period.

Through my mother's love and assurance, I realized the problem was my grandmother's, not mine. More important, I learned from my mother's example:

(1) Tell your family often that you love them.

(2) Forgive and forget; don't hold a grudge.

(3) Tell the truth with love and tact.

(4) Treat people with respect and kindness — even when it isn't returned.

(5) Your grandmother can be a bitter, hateful woman, but you don't have to follow in her footsteps.

(6) Life isn't always fair, but it can be wonderful in spite of it.

Abby, I am grateful that I carefully watched my grandmother when I was growing up because I learned at a young age what I did NOT want to be. — **KAREN IN SALT LAKE CITY**

DEAR KAREN: You are an intelligent woman who was able to take a bitter lesson and turn it into a growth experience. Most people are not so wise. I commend you for it.

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Today is the 37th day of 2002 and the 48th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1869, the first caricature of Uncle Sam with chin whiskers appeared in Harper's Weekly. This infamous political cartoon character evolved from the Revolutionary caricature of Brother Jonathan.

On this day in 1933, the 20th Amendment to the Constitution was adopted. Included in the amendment is the specification that the vice president-elect would succeed to the presidency if the president-elect died before inauguration.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Christopher Marlowe (1564-1593), dramatist; Aaron Burr (1756-1836), third U.S. vice president; Babe Ruth (1895-1948), baseball player; Ronald Reagan (1911-), former president, is 91; Zsa Zsa Gabor (1916-), actress, is 86; Tom Brokaw (1940-), journalist, is 62; Bob Marley (1945-1981), musician; Natalie Cole (1950-), musician, is 52.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1971, astronaut Alan Shepard hit a 6-iron shot on the lunar surface, demonstrating the moon's weak gravitational pull.

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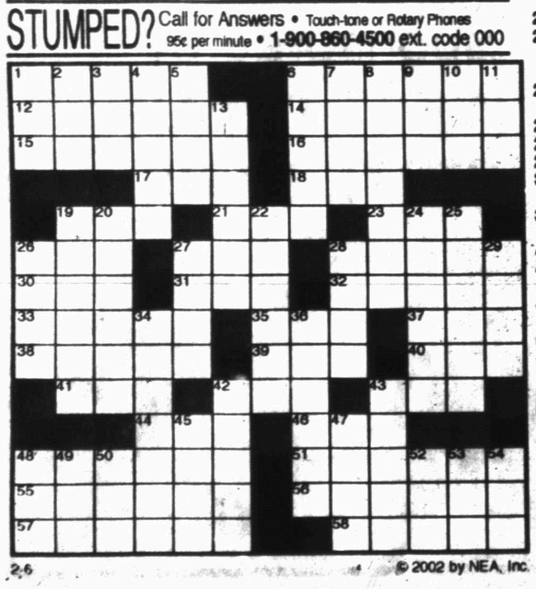
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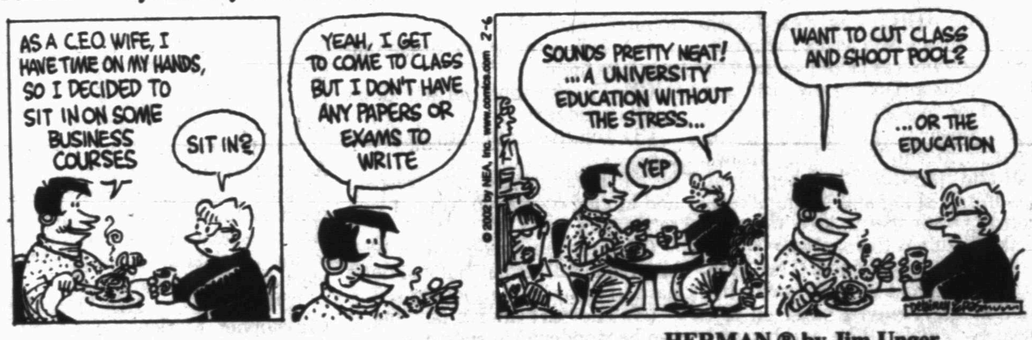
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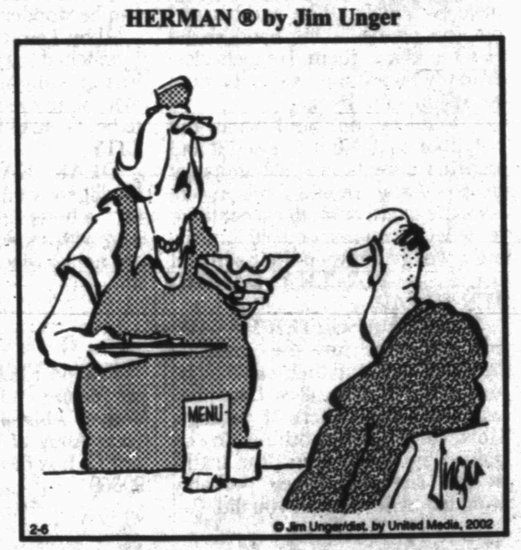
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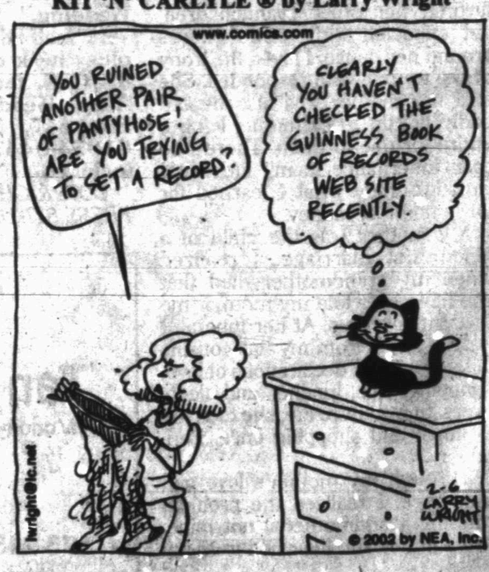


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Tuesday's results: Snyder 36; Levelland 55; Frenship 48, Lake Spring at Plainview, p

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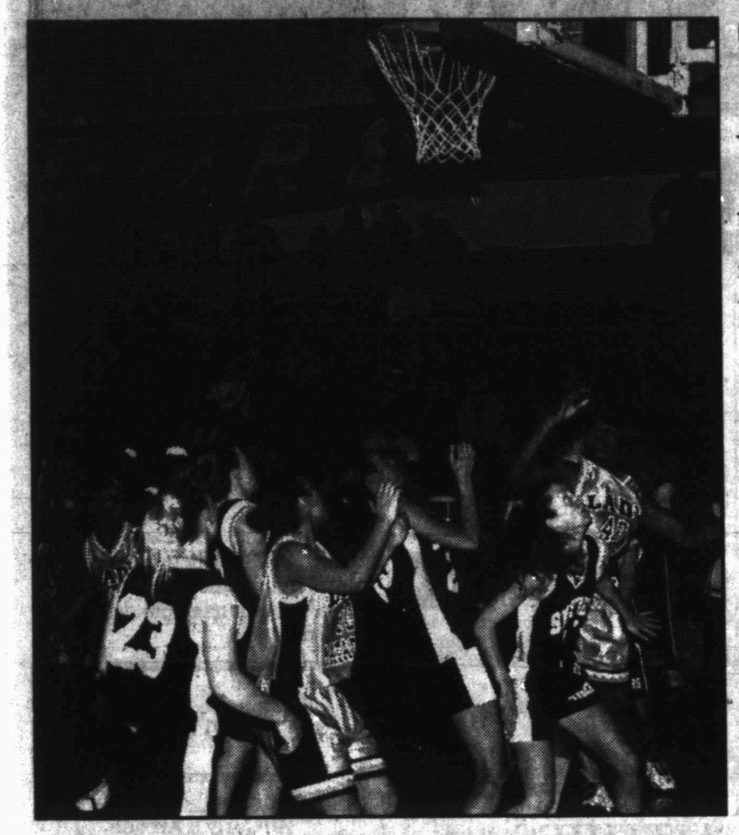
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BATTLE UNDER THE BOARDS — Snyder's Chaelyn Robinson, Erin Burleson, Zipporah Peoples and Afton Schwertner fight for a rebound for the Lady Tigers. The Snyder girls dropped their season finale Tuesday night to Andrews. (SDN Staff Photo)

Tigers edge Andrews in thriller

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

In their final meeting as district foes, the Snyder Tigers and Andrews Mustangs staged one to remember.

Snyder made five of its last six free throws, and Andrews' Sidney Hooper finally ran out of gas as the Tigers pulled out a 75-68 victory in double overtime Tuesday night at the SHS gym.

"Those are a lot of fun to win," said Snyder coach Bud Birks. "When the kids play hard for so long, it's nice when they can walk away with a victory.

"We have a lot of respect for Andrews, and they played a heck of a ballgame. But I'm proud of the way our kids kept their composure and never let up."

Snyder trailed for only 20 seconds in the second quarter, and another 30 seconds in the fourth, but the Tigers couldn't put the Mustangs away for good.

Hooper kept Andrews in the game in the second half. After posting only two points against the Tigers' aggressive defense in the first half, the Mustang standout poured in 30 points in the final 24 minutes.

Snyder led by five points with 37 seconds left in regulation, but went 2-of-4 from the line on their last two possessions. Andrews answered with a hurried three-pointer from 6-4 post Jason Glasson, and a layup from Eddie Carrasco that circled the rim twice before falling in to send the game to overtime.

"Give credit to Andrews. They made some impossible shots," Birks stated. "Although after what I saw tonight, I don't think any shot is impossible any more."

Buckets by Chris McLeod and T.J. Jones put the Tigers up by three midway through the first extra session, before Hooper drained a bomb to tie the game at 63-63.

After neither team could score in the final two minutes of the first overtime, the second session opened with a flurry for Snyder.

Josh Mendoza, Nick Landes and Corey Clay scored on layups as the Tigers tallied the first six points of the second overtime.

Hooper, who was the only Mustang to score in either overtime period, connected from long range again to cut the margin back to three.

After Tate Thompson made one of two free throws for Snyder, Hooper scored Andrews' final points with a minute left in the game.

Landes and Thompson combined to make five of six free throws down the stretch, and Hooper missed his last three shots of the night.

"I thought Hooper just finally wore out in the end," said Birks. "We made him work extremely hard all game long just to get open. I think it paid off in the end."

Hooper finished with a game-high 32 points.

Mendoza registered a double-double to anchor the Tigers' effort. The junior poured in 18 points, and hauled down 11 rebounds.

Mendoza was one of five Tigers to finish in double figures. McLeod posted 17 points. Thompson and Landes had 12 each, and Colby Driggers added 11.

Fueled by a trio of three-pointers from Driggers, the Tigers held a 26-21 lead at halftime.

The win pushes Snyder to 4-8 in the District 4-4A standings, and 8-19 overall.

The Tigers are in action again Friday when they host Levelland.

In other district games Tuesday night. Levelland upset Estacado, 49-48, and Frenship pounded Lake View, 72-42. Plainview and Big Spring did not play due to icy weather. Their game has been rescheduled for Thursday.

Andrews	07	14	15	23	4	5 — 68
Snyder	08	18	13	20	4	12— 75

Andrews
Kessler 1-9 0-5 2, Hooper 11-34 8-10 32, **Glasson** 7-9 0-2 15, Willis 0-1 0-0 0, **Carrasco** 3-6 5-8 11, McCracken 2-2 0-0 4, **Valles** 2-4 0-1 4. **Totals** 26-65 13-26 68.
Snyder
Clay 1-3 0-0 2, Thompson 4-4 4-6 12, Landes 3-12 5-8 12, McLeod 6-12 2-5 17, **Bedell** 0-0 0-0 0, Mendoza 7-8 4-7 18, Driggers 3-8 2-2 11, Scott 0-2 0-0 0, Jones 1-2 1-4 3. **Totals** 25-51 18-32 75.
Three-point goals: Andrews 3 (Hopper 2, Glasson), Snyder 7 (McLeod 3, Driggers 3, Landes). Rebounds: Andrews 30 (Glasson 11), Snyder 38 (Mendoza 11). Total fouls: Andrews 25, Snyder 22. Fouled out — Glasson; McLeod.

BOYS	District		Season	
Team	W	L	W	L
Estacado	11	1	26	6
Levelland	9	3	18	14
Plainview	7	4	15	11
Frenship	7	5	19	10
Andrews	5	7	14	13
Big Spring	4	7	12	15
Snyder	4	8	8	19
Lake View	0	12	6	22

Tuesday's results: Snyder 75, Andrews 68 (2OT); Levelland 49, Estacado 48; Frenship 72, Lake View 42; Big Spring at Plainview, ppd.
Thursday's game: Big Spring at Plainview.
Friday's games: Levelland at Snyder; Big Spring at Frenship; Plainview at Andrews; Lake View at Estacado.

Lady Tigers drop finale, 53-36

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

In their final game of the year, the Snyder Lady Tigers shot the ball better than they have at anytime in the past month.

But in the end, it was the same old miscues that cost the Lady Tigers a chance at victory.

Snyder committed 10 turnovers in the second quarter, and Andrews built a lead too large to overcome as the Lady Tigers dropped their finale, 53-36, Tuesday night at the SHS gym.

Snyder ended its season with an 8-20 record, 3-11 in District 4-4A play, and Tuesday's game was very similar to the rest.

"We made some of the same mistakes that we made all year long, and it hurt us," said SHS coach Mike Martin. "There were times when we executed really well, but then there were too many others when we didn't.

"Obviously we didn't get everything accomplished that we wanted to this season, but hopefully we've paid our dues and we'll see the benefits of this season in the long run."

Snyder trailed, 14-6, after the first quarter, before Andrews pulled away for good in the second.

The Lady Mustangs took advantage of five turnovers in the first two minutes of the period to stretch the margin to 12 points.

After April Lollar and Kelby Drum scored for Snyder on consecutive possessions, the Lady Tigers didn't post another point for the next four minutes. Kentara McDonald broke the drought with a short-range jumper with 19 seconds left in the half.

Behind long-range buckets from Katie Fariss and Judy Delhierro, the Lady Mustangs were able to open up a 33-12 halftime advantage.

With Andrews no longer pressing, the Lady Tigers cut down on their turnovers in the second half and finally got their offense going.

Zipporah Peoples, who led Snyder with eight points, had three baskets in the Lady Tigers' 13-point third quarter effort.

Snyder outscored Andrews, 11-7, in the final frame, but couldn't erase the large deficit.

"After Andrews got out of the press, we did a lot better," said Martin. "And we've seen that all year. We didn't handle pressure in the backcourt very well. But once we got in the halfcourt, we were able to get some things done."

Thanks to their second-half production, the Lady Tigers shot 42 percent from the field on the night.

Fariss led all scorers with 14 points.

In other district games Tuesday evening, Levelland edged Estacado, 59-55, and Frenship downed Lake View, 48-33. Plainview and Big Spring did not play due to icy weather. Their game has been rescheduled for Thursday.

Andrews	14	19	13	07	— 53
Snyder	06	06	13	11	— 36

Andrews
Fariss 5-11 2-3 14, Courtney 1-5 3-4 5, Woods 2-4 3-4 7, Delhierro 3-4 2-3 10, Roberts 3-9 0-0 7, Randolph 0-1 0-1 0, Menefee 1-1 0-0 2, Bruton 0-1 0-0 0, Richards 3-5 1-2 8. **Totals** 18-41 11-17 53.
Snyder
Russell 3-4 0-0 7, Burleson 1-3 0-0 2, Peoples 4-7 0-0 8, Daniell 0-1 2-2 2, Robinson 0-5 2-2 2, Drum 1-3 0-2 2, Putnam 0-1 0-0 0, Lollar 1-5 0-1 2, Chambers 2-2 0-0 5, Schwertner 2-4 0-0 4, McDonald 1-1 0-0 2. **Totals** 15-36 4-7 36.
Three-point goals: Andrews 6 (Fariss 2, Delhierro 2, Roberts, Richards), Snyder 2 (Russell, Chambers). Rebounds: Andrews 16 (Courtney 5), Snyder 22 (Lollar 5). Total fouls: Andrews 15, Snyder 13. Fouled out — None.

Ira tops Ranger in tune-up

MERKEL — The Ranger Bulldogs might be the 17th-ranked team in the state in Class A, but the Ira Bulldogs proved why they're No. 8.

Ira put the clamps on Ranger in the first half Tuesday night to cruise to a 67-44 victory in a Class A playoff practice game at Merkel High School.

It was the 18th consecutive victory for Ira (21-3), matching the longest win streak in school history set two years ago.

"Everything starts with defense for us, and our kids got after them," said Ira coach Bubba Edwards. "Then on the offensive end we attacked the basket, and got the ball to the open man."

Ira's defensive effort dominated the first half as the Bulldogs built a 29-12 lead at the break.

Ira preserved the victory with 17 points in the third quarter, and 21 more in the final frame.

Nathan Smith paced Ira with 23 points and 10 rebounds.

Cade Tucker and Jake Barnes dropped in 13 points each, and Jess Wall tallied 10. Cole Shafer posted six points, and Jase Olvera chipped in two. Todd Wall registered nine assists.

The Bulldogs continue their postseason tune-up Friday night when they host Roscoe at 7:30.

Ira's bi-district tilt with Blackwell is set for Feb. 19. The site is still undetermined.

National Basketball Association

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
New Jersey	32	14	.696	—
Boston	28	20	.583	5
Washington	25	21	.544	7
Orlando	25	24	.510	8½
Philadelphia	24	24	.500	9
New York	18	28	.391	14
Miami	18	29	.383	14½
Central Division				
Milwaukee	27	18	.600	—
Toronto	28	21	.571	1
Detroit	25	21	.544	2½
Indiana	25	25	.500	4½
Charlotte	23	24	.489	5
Atlanta	16	32	.333	12½
Cleveland	14	33	.298	14
Chicago	10	36	.217	17½

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Midwest Division				
Dallas	34	14	.708	—
Minnesota	32	16	.667	2
San Antonio	31	16	.660	2½
Utah	25	24	.510	9½
Houston	16	32	.333	18
Denver	14	31	.311	18½
Memphis	14	34	.292	20
Pacific Division				
Sacramento	36	11	.766	—
L.A. Lakers	33	12	.733	2
Portland	25	22	.532	11
Phoenix	24	23	.511	12
Seattle	24	23	.511	12
L.A. Clippers	25	25	.500	12½
Golden State	14	32	.304	21½

Tuesday's Games
Boston 82, Charlotte 79
Atlanta 76, Miami 73
Orlando 106, Cleveland 98
Detroit 86, Philadelphia 82
L.A. Clippers 112, New York 110
Memphis 86, Utah 79
Washington 99, Toronto 94
Dallas 141, Indiana 140, 2OT
Denver 97, Portland 96
Seattle 113, Golden State 87
Wednesday's Games
Sacramento at Boston, 7 p.m.
Houston at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Dallas at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Chicago at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Sacramento at Washington, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at New York, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Memphis at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Toronto, 8 p.m.

Big 12 Basketball

MEN	Conference W	L	Pct.	AllGames W	L	Pct.
Kansas	9	0	1.000	20	2	.909
Oklahoma	6	2	.750	17	3	.850
Texas Tech	5	3	.625	16	4	.800
Missouri	5	3	.625	16	6	.727
Texas	5	3	.625	14	7	.667
Oklahoma St.	4	5	.444	17	5	.773
Colorado	4	5	.444	13	7	.650
Baylor	3	5	.375	13	8	.619
Texas A&M	3	5	.375	9	13	.409
Nebraska	3	6	.333	10	10	.500
Kansas St.	3	6	.333	9	11	.450
Iowa St.	1	8	.111	9	14	.391

Tuesday's result
Colorado 84, Nebraska 61
Tonight's games
Texas Tech at Oklahoma State
Baylor at Oklahoma
Texas at Texas A&M
Iowa State at Missouri

WOMEN	Conference W	L	Pct.	AllGames W	L	Pct.
Oklahoma	9	1	.900	19	2	.905
Kansas St.	9	2	.818	21	3	.875
Colorado	7	3	.700	17	6	.739
Texas	6	3	.667	14	5	.737
Baylor	6	4	.600	18	4	.818
Texas Tech	5	5	.500	13	7	.650
Iowa St.	5	5	.500	17	5	.773
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Nebraska	2	6	.250	12	9	.571
Kansas	0	9	.000	5	17	.227

Tuesday's results
Kansas State 79, Missouri 61
Oklahoma 69, Baylor 60
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Tonight's games
Texas at Texas Tech
Iowa State at Kansas
Nebraska at Colorado

Sports Briefs

Snyder hosts playoff game

Scurry County Coliseum will host a Class A girls district playoff at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

Selig delays contraction

NEW YORK (AP) — Unable to eliminate teams this season, Bud Selig sounded a familiar baseball cry: Wait 'til next year!

Stung by a streak of legal losses, the commissioner backed down from folding the Minnesota Twins and Montreal Expos this season but vowed to shrink the major leagues by 2003.

Astros want new name for ballpark

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros don't want the name "Enron Field" atop their 2-year-old ballpark.

Attorneys for Astros owner Drayton McLane filed a motion with the New York court overseeing Enron's bankruptcy requesting that Enron allow it to move forward with a new naming rights agreement with a third party, but Enron has refused. Enron signed a 30-year, $100 million naming rights agreement in 1999.

Fans celebrate Patriots' victory

BOSTON (AP) — Hundreds of thousands of New England Patriots fans braved freezing temperatures to welcome home the Super Bowl victors and celebrate the city's first championship in 16 years.

Turner named as Dolphins' offensive coordinator

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — Miami Dolphins coach Dave Wannstedt turned to an old friend, hiring former Washington coach Norv Turner as offensive coordinator and assistant head coach.

Redskins get new uniforms

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Washington Redskins have adopted a new uniform for their 70th anniversary season, shedding the image of a stern Indian face from the side of their helmets.

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Spurs guard suspended, fined

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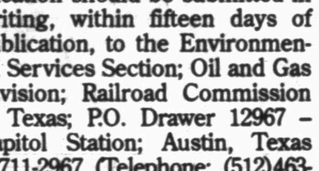
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Religious sect parents at the center of probe must present evidence of child

ATTLEBORO, Mass. (AP) — Two religious sect members who were jailed for allegedly hiding their newborn baby have until next week to either produce the child or show proof of a miscarriage.

Rebecca and David Corneau were sent to jail Tuesday after refusing to cooperate with authorities looking for the missing baby. The Corneaus belong to a small fundamentalist Christian group that rejects modern medicine, government and education.

The couple broke their silence Tuesday with the claim of a miscarriage, but refused to reveal where the remains were buried. Before Tuesday, they declined even to acknowledge that Rebecca Corneau had been pregnant.

"The limited testimony or evidence I have heard that a miscarriage occurred does not convince me that one did," said Judge Kenneth Nasif, who held the Corneaus in contempt and jailed them.

Nasif told the Corneaus they have to bring their child to court on Feb. 14, or reveal the burial site.

Rebecca Corneau miscarried in November at a friend's house in Massachusetts, according to her lawyer, J.W. Carney. He openly criticized Nasif, telling the judge, "You should not sit on this case."

Nasif said they shouldn't have waited until the "midnight hour" to discuss the possible miscarriage.

Carney said he was disappointed the judge sent the couple to jail even after they talked to him about the miscarriage.

"The judge has forced the Corneau family to come forward and reveal the most private information," he said later. "It is cruel and inhumane to ask people to do that."

John Rego, a court-appointed attorney for the baby in question, said he was not prepared to believe the story of a miscarriage.

"I'm saddened to the possibility of a miscarriage, however my position is I need further evidence to believe that," he said. "Just simply relying on Mr. and Mrs. Corneau's testimony is tenuous at best."

State child welfare officials have already taken custody of the couple's four other children. They say they believe there was another child and it may have been harmed because of the Corneaus' religious practices and membership in the sect, called "The Body."

This was the second time in three years the Corneaus have been locked up for stonewalling authorities who were looking for their missing child. The other child, they claim, was stillborn.

David Corneau and several other members of the sect were jailed in 2000 for refusing to help authorities in the search for two other children of sect members, including another Corneau newborn, Jeremiah.

And Rebecca Corneau was taken into custody in September 2000, when she was eight months pregnant, for refusing to get medical attention for her unborn child. She also would not speak about her son's disappearance.

David Corneau later reached a deal for immunity and led authorities to Baxter State Park in Maine and the buried bodies of his son and a 10-month-old boy, Samuel.

Prosecutors say Samuel starved to death after his aunt said she had a vision from God instructing his parents — sect leader Jacques Robidoux and his wife, Karen — to withhold solid food. Three people, including Samuel's parents, are charged.

Actress changes hair to brunette

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mandy Moore went from blond to brunette for her role in the new film "A Walk to Remember" — and found it very liberating.

"I think people could not disassociate me with the character if I'd kept the blond hair," she told AP Radio. "People would have looked on screen and said, 'Oh, that's that pop singer Mandy Moore.'"

The 17-year-old said she felt much more like herself and independent "in a weird way" with the darker hair. "It's very odd."

"A Walk to Remember" also stars Shane West.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



What does a high triglyceride level mean?

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 77 and healthy. My cholesterol is normal (210), but my triglycerides are 258. How can I lower them?

DEAR READER: Your cholesterol level is, indeed, normal for a person your age. (Patients with coronary artery disease, on the other hand, should have cholesterol levels below 200 milligrams per deciliter.)

The role of triglycerides, the other major blood fat, is less clear. While the normal range of normal is up to 150 mg/dL, many elderly patients run levels somewhat higher — without apparent health consequences. Therefore, whether you should take a prescription drug to reduce your triglycerides is a decision best left to you and your physician. If you are physically active, follow a prudent low-fat diet and don't smoke, I believe that you can safely monitor your triglyceride level and take no additional action for now. As a general rule, triglyceride and cholesterol counts can be lowered by limiting saturated (animal) fats in the diet. Such fats include butterfat (in whole milk, cheese and ice cream), as well as eggs and the fat in red meat.

Remember that diabetes is often associated with excess triglycerides, so you'll want to keep an eye on your blood sugar. Triglyceride levels, in this instance, can usually be reduced by maintaining a blood glucose in the normal range, through diet and/or medication.

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

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DEAR READER: Keloids are exaggerated scars. After an injury or surgery, the scar tissue enlarges, forming a shiny, smooth overgrowth, rather than a thin, lightly colored line. The cause of keloids is unknown; they are more common in blacks and tend to be inherited. Keloids, which do not affect health in any way, can be removed by plastic surgery or laser treatment.

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If your mother has no edema, I believe she would be better off without the Dyazide - or she could use it for short periods when she experiences fluid retention. Ask her doctor about this. In my experience, people over the age of 90 are particularly susceptible to the side effects of medicines and often fare better without drugs that are not absolutely necessary.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



Transfer to aid your side

	North ♠ A 10 9 ♥ 7 3 ♦ A Q J 10 5 ♣ K 5 2	02-06-02
West ♠ 6 3 ♥ K Q 5 2 ♦ 9 4 3 ♣ Q 9 6 4		East ♠ 8 7 2 ♥ A J 9 4 ♦ 8 7 6 2 ♣ A 7
	South ♠ K Q J 5 4 ♥ 10 8 6 ♦ K ♣ J 10 8 3	

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		1 NT	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ K

By Phillip Alder

Samuel Johnson said, "Sir, I do not call a gamester a dishonest man; but I call him an unsocial man, an unprofitable man. Gaming is a mode of transferring property without producing any intermediate good."

Bridge can be a gambling game, and as such does result in a transferring of money, but hopefully even the losers have enjoyed the mental struggle. There is another "transfer" in bridge — the transfer bid. And it would have helped North-South in this deal.

North correctly upgraded his hand to 15 points because of the wonderful five-card suit. I know it sounds obvious, but many people "forget" that a five-card suit might be worth five tricks, whereas a four-card suit, even with the same number of high-card points, can be worth only four tricks — and winning tricks is the name of the game.

After South responded with an old-fashioned three spades, North raised.

West led the heart king: three, nine, six. West continued with the heart queen: seven, four, eight. Now West shifted to the club four. The contract was on the line. Did West have the club ace or the club queen? Eventually South called for dummy's king and went one down.

If South could have started with a two-heart transfer bid, North would have rebid two spades and become the declarer in four spades. Not wanting to lead away from an ace, East would probably have led the diamond eight, allowing declarer to take the first 10 tricks.

Of course, one example proves nothing, but on the whole, keeping the stronger hand hidden is a good plan.

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AOL TimeWrn		24.24	23.70	24.08 + .48
AT&T Corp s		16.67	15.75	16.01—.26
Albertsons		29.30	28.61	28.83—.24
Alltel		54.62	53.09	53.20—1.21
AmEl Pw		41.17	40.53	40.64—.16
AndarkPtr		49.12	48.20	48.65 + .51
ATMOS Egy		21.00	20.71	20.85—.24
Aviall		7.08	6.97	7.00 + .10
BP PLC		46.55	46.05	46.55 + .59
BakerHughes		35.15	34.15	34.82 + .43
Bank of Amer		59.06	57.51	57.93—.97
BellSouth		38.35	37.76	37.76 + .01
vjBeth Steel		.41	.39	.39—.02
BurlNoSFe		28.40	28.12	28.20—.10
Caterpillar		49.13	48.41	48.66—.12
ChevronTex		82.98	82.30	82.50 + .14
Citigroup		45.37	43.50	44.00—.80
CocaCola		45.83	45.21	45.61—.14
ColgatePal		55.75	54.90	55.30—.66
ComclMetals		34.33	33.82	34.05—.28
CooperInd		35.04	34.65	34.85—.10
DaimlrChry		37.15	36.40	37.10—.88
DeltaAirl		32.20	31.05	31.71—.13
Dillards Inc		13.67	13.47	13.55 + .13
DowChem		29.48	28.65	29.40 + .64
DuPont		42.77	41.90	42.24—.06
EastmanChem		38.05	37.60	37.86 + .04
EstKodak		28.00	27.31	27.35—.09
EDS Corp		62.62	59.25	59.72—1.59
Entergy		41.59	41.07	41.29—.09
ExxonMobil s		38.85	38.13	38.68 + .35
FstBkSAm		31.83	31.67	31.67—.18
FootLocker		15.00	14.76	14.76—.09
GenDynam		88.25	87.50	87.87—.38
GenElec		36.85	35.94	36.20—.01
GenMills		44.75	43.60	43.65—5.06
GenMotors		49.83	49.00	49.04—.79
GaPacific		24.35	23.61	23.89 + .34
Goodrich		26.53	26.30	26.31—.32
Goodyear s		22.20	21.81	21.97—.35
GtAtlPac		25.32	24.52	24.67—.51
Halliburtn		13.73	13.00	13.55 + .11
Hanson ADS		31.27	30.90	30.91—.79
HarteHanks		28.50	28.15	28.26—.17
HomeDepot		49.20	48.50	48.67—.43
Honeywellntl		33.75	32.90	33.35 + .59
IBM		107.82	105.33	105.85—.31
IntlPaper		41.41	40.70	40.92 + .01
JohnsonJn s		55.76	55.50	55.50
vjK mart		1.10	.96	.97—.07
KinderMorg		50.50	49.63	49.63 + .17
Kroger Co		20.78	20.49	20.55—.24
LockheedM		53.60	53.00	53.53 + .32
Lowes Cos s		46.20	45.33	45.81—.19
Lubys		6.53	6.36	6.40—.17
LucentTech		6.02	5.00	5.66—.09
MarathonOil		28.25	27.82	27.97 + .21
MayDeptStr		35.35	34.70	34.85—.55
Medtronic		48.84	48.33	48.54—.53
Motorola		12.42	11.99	12.06 + .13
NCR Corp		41.90	41.10	41.57 + .07
Navistar		39.70	38.70	39.15—.10
PNM Rescs		26.30	25.86	25.87—.43
Penney JC		24.08	23.20	23.30—.96
PepBoys		15.60	15.06	15.06—.48
PepsiCo		49.55	48.19	48.92—1.89
Pharmacia		39.45	38.41	38.68—.45
PhelpDodge		34.48	33.55	34.34 + .79
PhilipPet		58.46	57.60	57.97 + .17
PilgrmPrd B		12.20	11.90	11.90—.35
Praxair		56.99	56.05	56.39 + .79
ProctGamb		82.35	81.73	82.28—.34
RadioShack		28.71	27.70	28.10—.54
ReliantEngy		23.00	21.75	21.75—1.19
RoyalDut		49.84	49.29	49.69 + .24
SBC Comm		36.00	34.80	34.86—1.15
SaraLee		21.30	20.85	21.12—.13
Scripps EW		70.40	70.02	70.03—.02
SearsRoeb		52.68	51.83	52.10—.41
SherwinW		24.86	23.50	24.80 + .11
SouthernCo s		24.60	24.31	24.37—.18
SwstAirl		18.93	18.56	18.71—.20
SprintFON		14.06	13.45	13.62—.21
SprintPCS		11.15	10.52	10.69—.30
Sunoco Inc		38.50	38.01	38.15 + .30
TXU Corp		49.50	49.15	49.29—.05
TempleInland		54.29	53.46	53.60—.38
Textind		36.70	36.48	36.62 + .26
TexasInst		29.95	29.00	29.21—.54
Textron		44.21	43.48	43.98 + .90
TriconGlbR		56.20	54.64	54.80—1.07
TrinityInds		23.05	22.95	23.05
TylerTech		4.25	3.95	3.95—.30
UnionPacif		61.05	60.65	60.83—.32
USSteel		18.61	18.35	18.46—.12
UnitedTech		67.91	67.54	67.81 + .44
Unocal		34.57	34.12	34.50 + .38
VerizonComm		45.05	43.72	43.90—1.11
WalMart		59.17	58.41	58.76—.04
WellsFargo		45.50	44.81	45.05—.31
WstnGasRs		29.50	28.95	29.14 + .21
WinnDixie		14.05	13.62	13.70—.21
Xerox Cp		10.95	10.60	10.71—.27

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Scurry County Country

Common source of stains; longer life for leather

Common Source of Uncommon Stains

When food or coffee spills on clothes, it's no surprise if a stain appears. Other stains seem to have mystery origins, but the culprit may be surprisingly close at hand.

Skin preparations, including face creams, skin creams and acne preparations, generally contain bleaches that may discolor fabrics, so be sure they're completely absorbed into the skin before getting dressed. Hair spray and other hair preparations can also damage color and fibers. Put a towel or cloth around shoulders to protect the garment before the product is used.

Light-colored or clear beverages may not cause an immediate stain. However, if they contain sugar, over time the stain may turn brown from heat exposure. The solution is to treat the spill by blotting it with cold water. Then clean the garment as soon as possible.

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Salts from perspiration can eat away at fabrics, causing holes. Avoid deodorant and/or antiperspirants that contain aluminum chlorides. These can cause fabric — particularly rayon — to deteriorate or turn yellow. To minimize the damage, clean the garment as soon as possible after wearing.

Longer Life for Leather

Leather is enjoying unprecedented popularity as a fashion fabric. In fact, designers are incorporating it as a year-round fashion fabric. The broad price range makes it accessible to consumers of all ages; and, new technologies have made caring for leather easier than ever before.

Some everyday care tips will make maintenance easier. For example, wearing a neck scarf will protect the collar from perspiration, body oils and hair tonics. Storing it in a cool well-ventilated place will keep it from drying out or attracting mildew. If the garment gets wet, air-dry it away from heat. Consumers need to read and save all the care information that comes with the leather garment.

If leather gets dirty, there are special soaps sometimes called saddle soap, which can be spread onto the garment and then removed with a moist cloth. Another solution is to look for a professional cleaner who specializes in leather cleaning.

Farm Agency Report

By Joseph Hefner
Executive Director

The ranking period for the 2002 Environmental Quality Inventive Program (EQUIP) is scheduled to end March 29, 2002.

Although applications can be made at any time, they must be filed by March 29 to be considered during this ranking period. This program is designed to assist producers with environmental conservation practices such as brush control, pear control, livestock pipelines, concrete storage facilities, terraces, livestock water wells and other approved practices.

Contracts are long term, for a period of 5 to 10 years, with cost shares up to 75 percent. Applicants bid against other producers in the statewide area or in a specific priority area based on an environmental point system. If interested, please contact our USDA Service Center for an appointment to apply.

Joint appointments will be set up with Farm Service Agency and Natural Resources Conservation Service, since both agencies administer the program.

For more information regarding EQUIP, contact the Scurry County Service Center at 915-573-0171 or visit FSA on the World Wide Web at http://ww.fsa.usda.gov.

Child safety seat checks set Thursday

A child safety seat check-up is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at United Supermarket. A team from Texas A&M will be on hand to check each child safety seat for defects, frays and improper installation.

Through a grant from the department of transportation, 14 infant seats and 18 high back booster seats will be given away free to the first people who have worn/defective seat.

The Scurry and Borden Counties' Cooperative Extension are sponsoring this check-up, free of charge. For additional information call Beth Dannheim, Extension Agent at 573-5423.

Markets Reports

Colorado City

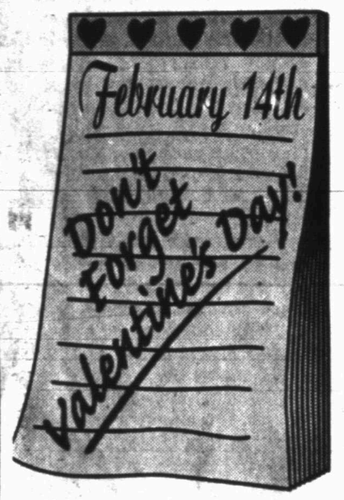
The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 1,486 head of cattle for the Saturday, Feb. 2, sale. Feeder steers and heifers were $1 to $4 higher. Slaughter cows $1 to $2 higher, bulls were steady. Bred cows were $50-$100/hd higher. Pairs were $100/pr higher. Trading was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:
200-300: 119-128
300-400: 108-119
400-500: 101-108
500-600: 91-93
600-700: 83.50-87.50
700-800: 73-76.50
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 93-99
400-500: 89-98
500-600: 80-87
600-700: 76.50-82
700-800: 73-75
Replacement cows:
Bred cows (5-7 months): 690-865
Bred cows (3-7 months): 485-650
Cow & calf pairs: 835-950
Aged pairs: 685-780
Slaughter cows:
Breakers: 1000-1250 Lbs.: 38.75-42.50
Boners: 1000-1200 Lbs. 41-45.50
Lean: 1150-1200 Lbs.: 46.50
800-1000 Lbs.: 38-43.50
800-1000 Lbs.: 35-39.50
Under 750 Lb.: 34
Slaughter bulls:
Yield Grade 1-2: 1300-2100 Lbs.: 50-56
High dressing: 1500-2200 Lbs.: 56.50-59.50
Low Dressing: 1000-1500: 46-50

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 300 head of cattle for the Thursday, Jan. 31, sale. Cows were $3 to $4 better. Yearlings and calves were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities; 38-47.50
Canner and low cutters: 33-38
Slaughter bulls: 48-58
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 100-120
400-500: 92-108
500-600: 82-95
600-700: 82-86
700-800: 77-85
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 90-100
400-500: 80-90
500-600: 75-82
600-700: 73-78.50
700-800: 65-75
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 80-92.50
700-800: 65-75
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 650-775
Grade: 550-650
Springers: 400-675
Baby calves: 100-150
Doodlers: 200-275



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Senate Demos and administration at odds over amount of farm spending

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's budget has sparked a debate between the administration and Senate Democrats over how much money to spend on farmers over the next five years.

The budget fulfills Bush's promise to support $73.5 billion in new spending over the next decade, but administration officials disagree with Democrats on how quickly the money should be spent.

A Democratic-backed farm bill pending in the Senate would use an estimated $44 billion by 2007, leaving about $30 billion for the remaining five years. Congress would either have to slash farm programs then or approve another increase in spending. A House-passed farm bill would cost $34.6 billion over the first five years.

Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman said Tuesday that the money should be distributed evenly over the 10-year period.

"We feel strongly that we shouldn't front-load a farm bill," Veneman said.

Senate work on the farm bill stalled in December, but lawmakers were expected to return to work on the legislation as early as today.

The administration's budget sets aside $4.2 billion for new farm spending this year and $7.3 billion in 2003, with the remainder of the $73.5 billion spread evenly in the following years. Veneman said the annual spending levels are subject to negotiation.

Democrats said the budget should have earmarked more money for 2002 through 2007. Much of the additional spending they want for that period was earmarked for conservation programs to gain the backing of environmental groups for their bill.

The budget "falls well short" of what is needed in the first five years, said Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Tom Harkin, D-Iowa. "Farm families and rural communities need help now," he said.

"The president has substantially reduced the money available for agriculture in the first five years," said Senate Budget Committee Chairman Kent Conrad, D-N.D. "Our problem and the problem of farmers at this point is getting through the next year and the next two years and the next thee years."

The $73.5 billion would represent a 78 percent increase over the spending required by existing farm programs, which expire Sept. 30.

The Bush administration has not taken a stand on two of the thorniest issues left for the Senate: a proposed ban on meatpacker control of cattle and hog supplies, and lower limits on the subsidies that individual farms can receive.

Supporters of the anti-meatpacker legislation say that processors have used their control over cattle supplies to manipulate the prices they pay to producers. The cattle industry is divided over the proposal. Packing industry officials say the ban would it make it more difficult for them to obtain consistent supplies of high-quality beef.

"While there are strong feelings" in favor of the packer ban, "there are also strong feelings on the other side," Veneman said.

The bill is S.1731.
On the Net:
USDA: http://www.usda.gov
Senate Agriculture Committee: http://agriculture.senate.gov

National parkland in Ohio being rented out for small-scale farming

PENINSULA, Ohio (AP) — Three families of modern-day pioneers will soon set out for the Cuyahoga River valley to carve out farms on national parkland.

The three are the first selected for leases of up to 50 years to farm within the boundaries of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, an oasis of coyotes, hawks and white-tailed deer between Cleveland and Akron.

"We always had a dream to do something like this," said Mike Lytz, a computer science instructor from nearby Cuyahoga Falls who plans to run a small winery.

"You could never make the numbers work if you buy land where people are around," Lytz said. "You have to pay too much money and it's too hard to make a go of it."

The families were chosen in a competition run by the National Park Service with an eye toward preserving historic homesteads and encouraging environmentally friendly farming.

The park service eventually hopes to set up farmers on 30 plots totaling 1,500 acres of the 33,000-acre park, which is in a valley that used to be covered by farmland.

Thomas A. Bradley, assistant superintendent of the park, said the lease program is the first in the nation involving farmland in a national park. Backers expect it to become a model for farm preservation efforts.

Alan and Susan Halko will move from three acres in Huntsburg to a 12-acre spread in the park, including a home that's listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Alan, a township road supervisor, and Susan, a stay-at-home mom, have farmed part-time, growing pumpkins, beans, tomatoes and squash for sale at a farmers market near Cleveland.

They plan to expand production on their new lot, with dreams of making a living at it.

The third family, Bob and Joan Hall of Grayslake, Ill., plan to raise chickens and sheep at their new farm. The Halls grew up in the Youngstown area, and their agricultural experience is limited to gardening at their home northwest of Chicago.

"I think eventually we can build up to where we can make a living," Joan Hall said. "There's a small-farming movement out there that says you can do this. It's just a matter of how you go about it."

Bidders for the leases had to submit proposals that took into account the valley's environment and the fact that they would be farming in a park that draws 3 million visitors a year. The farmers must limit herbicides and accommodate visitors if possible.

The government maintains title to the property and homesteaders get a renovated farmhouse, barns and land. They must pay rent for their houses at half the market rate, discounted because of the highly public park setting. They must also pay up to 10 percent of their gross farm income as rent for the land.

About 400 people expressed interest in the five initial homesteads and 22 completed applications.

The government hopes the farm restoration program will give a hint of 19th-century rural Ohio while appealing to 21st century tastes and tourists.

Lytz wants a wine-tasting garden alongside a ceramics studio that will be run by his wife, Margaret. The Halkos plan an acre of flowers to appeal to suburban day-trippers, while the Halls think a roadside stand can add to their income from selling to farmer markets in cities.

George Haramis, a fifth-generation farmer, says the kind of small-scale farming coming to the park offers visitors an exciting outing.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, Feb. 7, 2002

Through different and unusual conditions that pop out of nowhere in the year ahead you could get on a promising, new path. Where it takes you will be better than you had ever imagined.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Don't be afraid to experiment today with things that are new and novel. In fact, you could be exceptionally lucky with the outcome of involvements you never tried before. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Conditions could unexpectedly shift in a favorable direction for you in a situation where you have been competing against another. Count your blessings.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — It's the gentle way you ask your questions today that allows you to become privy to information previously denied you. Your kindly, sedate manner has people trusting you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Someone with whom you're associated who is known to be a bit harsh may suddenly do an about-face today and turn out to be a cooperative ally. Don't question it; just enjoy it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Even though you may be a bit dubious, it'll pay off today to go along with your associate on something she or he believes is progressive. Your cohort will prove to be correct.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — A surprise could be in store for you at work today that you could find rather pleasing. It may come through a person you'd never suspect had it in him or her.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — There's a good chance you may get to know someone today with whom you've only had a nodding acquaintance. This person might turn out to be a whole lot more than what you thought.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — With a little creativity or ingenuity on your part today you might be able to acquire something for which your family has yearned. You'll make everyone happy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You could have a gift today for picking up valuable tidbits from conversations that may be totally missed by others. More importantly, you'll know how to use the information.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — A financial opportunity might unexpectedly develop for you today through someone who thinks very highly of you. Good things will result from this person's intervention.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You won't let any grass grow under your feet today in taking measure to advance your personal interests when something highly unusual, but good, is dumped in your lap.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — A situation over which you've not been able to exercise any control will most surprisingly work out in such a manner today as if you had orchestrated it yourself.

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House fire leaves three children dead

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Crew members from a TV show about a lawyer who advocates for young people rushed to the aid of three real-life children, throwing water on a house fire that ultimately killed two boys and a girl.

The children — a 4-year-old girl and boys ages 3 and 5 — apparently started the fire Tuesday by playing with cigarette lighters in a first-floor bedroom, city fire spokesman Bob Collis said. Three adults suffered minor burns and smoke inhalation.

"Investigators found two lighters at the base of a bed," fire Capt. Joe Castro said.

There were no smoke detectors in the room where the children were found, which was in a large Victorian-style house divided into three apartments.

A crew shooting "The Guardian" nearby, including security workers and fire inspectors, ran two blocks to the fire and formed a bucket brigade, joining neighbors in a futile attempt to save the children.

"Flames were coming out of the front window," said Vahan Moosekian, co-executive producer of the CBS show. "Our security people, drivers and second assistant director had garden hoses and a bucket brigade and were throwing water inside the house through the window."

Carlos Suarez, 27, said he saw smoke coming out of the house at around 8:20 a.m. as he took his daughter to school. But he didn't think it was a fire because his neighbors often have barbecues. When he arrived home 10 minutes later, the house was in flames.

"I (wanted) to go in myself," he said. "I heard the kids screaming."

Less than an hour after the fire was out, the show's crew members had gathered food, clothing and blankets for the families, Moosekian said. The show's producers brought in crisis counselors to help those who witnessed the fire, he added.

"You see tragedy like that happen so fast," the producer said. "It sobers you up real quick. Fire happens, people lose their lives so quickly, it gives you pause. It was surreal. It's just the way it looks like on TV."

"The Guardian," which debuted last fall, stars Simon Baker as a troubled attorney and Dabney Coleman as his father. Neither Baker nor Coleman were involved in the scene being filmed near the fire.

On the show, Baker's character reluctantly works as a child advocate to fulfill a community service requirement after a drug arrest.

House to vote on campaign spending

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House is heading toward a climactic vote next week on how best to rein in massive spending that has come to dominate the nation's federal elections.

Prodded by a grass-roots effort by House lawmakers, Republican leaders announced Tuesday that they will devote Feb. 12-13 to proposals to overhaul the nation's campaign finance laws.

"I expect that there will be a vigorous debate on this issue that will reflect well on the House of Representatives," said House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill.

Hastert, who opposes the leading campaign spending bill offered by Reps. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., and Marty Meehan, D-Mass., announced the dates after conferring with House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, and Democratic leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri.

The vote will give Shays and Meehan supporters their best chance in years to bring about the most significant changes in campaign spending rules since the post-Watergate era of the mid-1970s.

The Shays-Meehan bill would ban soft money donations, which corporations, unions and wealthy individuals now make to federal political parties. It also bars unions, corporations and some independent groups from broadcasting certain types of political advertising within 60 days of an election or 30 days of a primary.

Giving of soft money to the parties has exploded from $86 million in the 1992 presidential election to some $500 million in 2000.

Shays-Meehan probably will be opposed by a GOP-backed measure, sponsored by Rep. Bob Ney, R-Ohio, that would require more disclosure of campaign contributions and would limit but not ban soft money.

Legislation very similar to the Shays-Meehan bill, sponsored by Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Russell Feingold, D-Wis., passed the Senate last year. It is the goal of Shays-Meehan supporters to defeat the Ney bill and any Republican amendments so that they can send a bill back to the Senate that can be endorsed quickly and sent on to the White House.

Their fear is that if the bill has to go to a House-Senate conference to resolve differences, opponents of campaign spending limits will try to block attempts at compromise.

The Shays-Meehan bill has the backing of a large majority of Democrats and a minority of Republicans. Most Republicans and the GOP leaders oppose the soft money ban, arguing that it violates constitutional free speech rights.

President Bush also opposes the soft money ban but has made clear to Republicans that they cannot count on him to veto the bill if it reaches his desk.

House GOP leaders gave supporters of campaign spending limits a vote last July, but the legislation was pulled after the two sides clashed over the procedures for debate.

To force the leaders to bring the issue back to the floor, Shays-Meehan supporters resorted to the rarely used tactic called a "discharge petition," through which the signatures of 218 lawmakers, half the House, can force the leaders to allow a vote on legislation.

That 218 figure was reached last month against the background of the Enron Corp. scandal and revelations that the collapsed energy company had donated millions of dollars to politicians from both parties over the past decade.

"The Enron debacle has created a climate that I believe will make it very difficult for members to vote against reform," said Feingold. "The time has come to ban soft money, and we're going to get it done."

Shays and Meehan, in a joint statement, echoed that sentiment: "The unfolding Enron scandal underscores the need for reform.

Co-worker killed

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — A mail-room employee at the Mobile Register shot and killed one of his co-workers following an argument Tuesday, authorities said.

The gunman was arrested at his home about a half-mile from the newspaper's building in downtown Mobile, police Cpl. Pat Mitchell said. The victim, Christopher Lawrence, 29, was pronounced dead at a hospital.

The shooting resulted from an argument between the two part-time employees, said Register Editor Mike Marshall.

Cops said the suspect, Roderick Seals, was charged with murder.

4-H wins at Forth Worth

The Scurry County 4-H members were successful at the Fort Worth Steer Show.

The placings were Jordan Derryberry — 3rd place — light weight Shorthorn.

Morgan Miller — 4th place — light weight ABC.

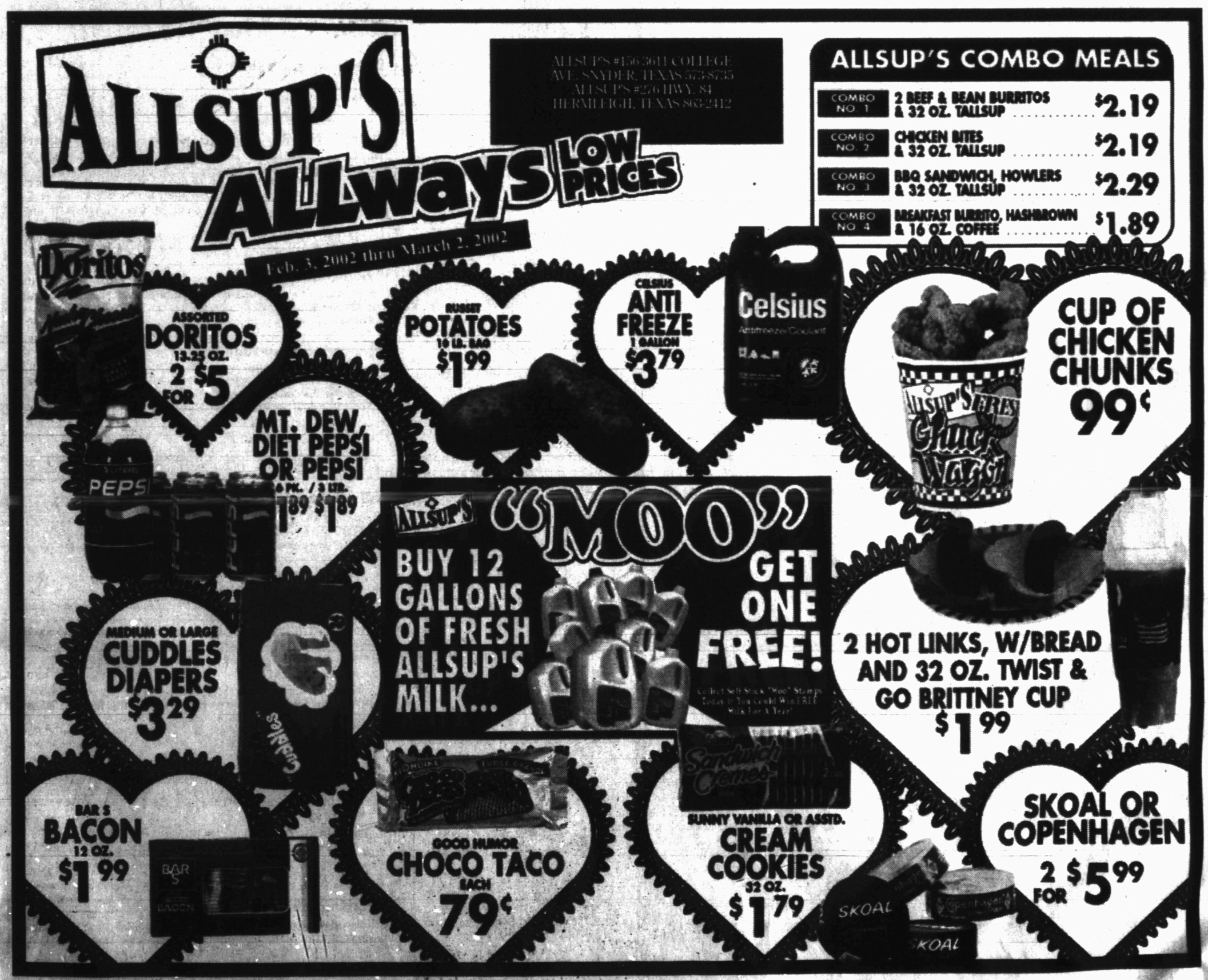
Jada Bilano — 6th place — heavy weight ABC.

Tyrelle Gilbert — 10th place light weight Hereford.

Cody Beaver — 12th place — Class 6 Exotic.

Joshua Stansell — 15th place — light weight ABC.

Other members exhibiting were Malorye Miller, Jordan Stansell, Kira Bilano and Laramie Gilbert.



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American Taliban to be held for trial

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — A federal judge, declaring that U.S.-born Taliban John Walker Lindh "has every incentive to flee" from federal custody, ordered him held today pending a trial on charges of conspiring to kill Americans.

"No combination of conditions" could permit the 20-year-old's release, said U.S. Magistrate Judge W. Curtis Sewell, turning aside pleas by Lindh's parents that he be released in their custody.

After a hearing of around an hour at the U.S. Courthouse here, Sewell rejected arguments that Lindh presented no danger of flight and scoffed at his lawyers assertions that he should be released in the custody of his father, Frank Lindh, and his mother, Marilyn Walker.

"It may be argued by the defense that the defendant is a loyal American," Sewell said, "but the evidence before the court belies that assumption."

"These are not family ties" that should lead to release, Sewell said. Lindh's parents did not speak with reporters, as they had during his previous appearance.

After his son's initial appearance Jan. 24, Frank Lindh told reporters that Lindh "loves his country." But in indicting Lindh and then arguing forcefully against his release, federal prosecutors and a grand jury said Lindh demonstrated a pattern of hostility toward the United States.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Randy Bellows, speaking to reporters after the hearing, declared: "Our view is that John Lindh is a committed terrorist who not only talked the talk, but walked the walk."

Brosnahan, talking to reporters outside, said he asked attorney General John Ashcroft not to use Lindh to take out his frustrations on terrorism. He said he asked Ashcroft to refrain from commenting on the case.

Iraq rejects U.S. accusations of weapons

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Responding to harsh U.S. rhetoric, Iraq has reiterated its claims that it has dismantled weapons of mass destruction.

"The U.S. administration is aware of the fact that Iraq has fully cooperated with (U.N. weapons inspectors) and the International Atomic Energy Agency," an unidentified Foreign Ministry official was quoted as saying in the al-Iraq newspaper today.

In his State of the Union address last week, President Bush called Iraq, Iran and North Korea an "axis of evil," accusing them of seeking to obtain weapons of mass destruction. Bush also has recently warned Iraq of unspecified consequences if it did not resume cooperation with the United Nations. In Washington Tuesday, an Iraqi offer conveyed through the Arab League for a dialogue with the United Nations drew a curt and negative response from Secretary of State Colin Powell.

"It should be a very short discussion," Powell told the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee. "The inspectors have to go back on our terms."

The Iraqi Foreign Ministry official quoted by al-Iraq newspaper claimed that U.N. inspectors worked in Iraq for years without finding any evidence Iraq had violated U.N. resolutions barring it from having weapons of mass destruction.

U.N. inspectors left Baghdad in December 1998 ahead of U.S. and British airstrikes, and Iraq has barred them from returning.

Last month, Iraq has allowed International Atomic Energy Agency experts to begin limited inspections of a nuclear research center near Baghdad, but it said the visit is unrelated to U.N. demands on Iraq to dispose of its weapons of mass destruction.

Man arrested on 2 warrants

•Arrest

Officers arrested a 23-year-old man Tuesday afternoon on an outstanding misdemeanor warrant from Coke County for motion to revoke probation on an original charge of driving while intoxicated.

•Criminal trespass

A woman requested an officer at her residence Monday night in reference to a man entering her residence without permission. Officers located the man at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday and issued him a criminal trespass warning.

•Prowlers

Venita Baldwin requested a close patrol of her residence at 12:30 a.m. today after hearing noises outside her residence and then hearing her car alarm. Officers were dispatched to her residence on the Roby Highway and advised a close patrol was initiated for the remainder of the night.

•Gas drive off

A clerk at Town and Country North reported a drive off of $17.06 at 9:30 Tuesday morning.

Surgeons reattach hand

SEATTLE (AP) — A saw on a fishing boat severed a worker's hand while he was 100 miles offshore, and it took him more than 24 hours to get to an operating room, but surgeons managed to reattach the hand and were hopeful about his recovery.

"I thought it was gone," Patrick Laulu said Tuesday, "but no — so I'm happy."

Laulu's ship, the 238-foot Alaska Juris, was trawling for mackerel west of Adak, Alaska, in the Aleutian Islands on Thursday when Laulu reached for a fish rake that was sliding along the floor. Just then, a big wave hit.

"A belt pulled my hand underneath the saw blade," Laulu said. "I didn't know my hand was off. It just hurt a little bit, then it was numb."

Guided by a Coast Guard flight surgeon through radio, shipmates applied a tourniquet and injected Laulu with morphine as they waited for a Coast Guard helicopter that flew nearly 500 miles over open sea amid 45-knot wind gusts, swirling snow and 8-foot waves.

The severed right hand was placed on ice.

"I was thinking about God. I said a prayer, asking Him to help me through this accident," said Laulu, 37, a former construction worker who turned to fishing after leaving Samoa a year ago.

By the time he reached Seattle's Harborview Medical Center 15 hours later, Laulu had lost as much as a third of his blood.

Usually, muscles die from lack of blood after several hours and release deadly toxins.

Obituaries

Eva Ward

1919-2002

LOS ALAMOS, N.M. – Eva Colyer Ward, the mother of Margaret Corkran of Snyder, died Monday, Feb. 4, after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Ward, 82, is set for 11 a.m. Friday in the First Baptist Church in Los Alamos. Interment will follow in the Santa Fe National Cemetery in Santa Fe, N.M. Arrangements are under the direction of McGee Memorial Chapel Mortuary.



Eva Ward

Born April 3, 1919 in Ravanna, Ark., she married Horace Colyer in Bloomburg, Tex. He died Dec. 28, 1967. She married Carter Ward on March 27, 1970 in Los Alamos.

A resident of White Rock, N.M., she was a member of the First Baptist Church in Los Alamos and sang in the church choir. She worked with the youth of the church and was active in the WMU.

Mrs. Ward was employed by Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory for 20 years, retiring in 1975.

She also was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Georgia Maybelle Arledge.

Survivors also include her husband, Carter Ward of White Rock; another daughter and her husband, Juanita and Tommy Lawrence of Rio Rancho, N.M.; another son-in-law, Jerry Corkran of Snyder; a daughter, Janice Peterson of Albuquerque; seven grandchildren, Chris Lawrence and Cathy Kaiser of Rio Rancho, Sarah Peterson and Matt Peterson of Albuquerque, Jill Peterson of Portland, Ore., Jeff Corkran of Dallas and Andrea Corkran of San Angelo; and six great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Alzheimer's Disease Research, 15825 Shady Grove Road, Suite 140, Rockville, Md., 20850.

Vivian Bachus

1920-2002

LAKE JACKSON — Vivian Rose Black Bachus of Rockport died Tuesday, Feb. 5, in Plantation Healthcare Center in Lake Jackson after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Bachus, 81, is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in the Lakewood Funeral Home Chapel in Lake Jackson. Deacon Wallace Shaw will officiate. Cremation was requested.

Born June 26, 1920 in Oklahoma, she was a homemaker and enjoyed sewing, quilting, gardening and animals.

Mrs. Bachus was preceded in death by her parents, Leanord and Mable Ruthardt, and her first husband, John Black.

Survivors include her husband, Norman Douglas Bachus of Rockport; a son and daughter-in-law, Pat and Pam Black of Houston, four daughters and three sons-in-law, Anne and Bob Linkous of Kentucky, Suzanne and David Clark of San Antonio, Cathy Black of Houston; a stepdaughter and her husband, Roxanne and Don Stoker of Snyder; a stepson, Loyd Bachus of Snyder; eight grandchildren and three step grandchildren, Colby Stoker of Austin, and Bailey and Justin Stoker of Snyder; and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society.

Lois Noble

1928-2002

BOWIE – Lois B. Noble, the mother of Rita Knox of Snyder, died Monday, Feb. 4.

Funeral service for Mrs. Noble, 73, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Fry Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Ben Wiseman officiating. Burial was to follow in the Elmwood Cemetery.

Born May 18, 1928 in Nocona, she had lived in Bowie for 56 years. Mrs. Noble, a homemaker, was a Baptist and a member of the Reddy McClellan VFW Post 8789 Ladies Auxiliary where she served as president and poppy chairman.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William Garland and Lola Bell Hutson; her husband, Clarence Noble on June 14, 1995; and one brother, William Alfred Hutson.

Survivors also include two other daughters, Patsy Patterson of Bowie and Ginger Slocum of Midland; two sisters, Jo Carlisle of Bowie and Frances Hutson of Germantown, Md.; four brothers, Leroy Hutson, Charlie Hutson and Gene Hutson, all of Bowie, and Gerald Hutson of Snyder; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Maria Salas

1934-2002

BROWNFIELD – Maria Salas, the mother of Luisa McCown of Snyder, died Tuesday, Feb. 5.

Rosary for Mrs. Salas, 68, is set for 7 this evening in the St. Anthony's Catholic Church.

Funeral service is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the St. Anthony's Catholic Church with the Rev. Gerald Leatham officiating. Burial will follow in the Terry County Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Jones Funeral Directors.

Born Feb. 3, 1934 in Aspermont, she had lived in Brownfield since 1944 and married Luis Salas in 1948 in Brownfield.

Mrs. Salas was a homemaker and a member of the St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Cursillistas, Guadalupanas and ladies prayer group.

A son, Jesse Salas, died in 1994. She also was preceded in death by a grandchild.

Survivors include her husband, Luis Salas of Brownfield; a son, Abraham Salas of Brownfield; four other daughters, Ofelia Fonseca of Ulysses, Kan., Mary Jane Garza of Lubbock, Nancy Rivas of Hobbs, N.M., and Barbara Rivas of Brownfield; two brothers, Jesse and Pete Rodriguez of Brownfield; four sisters, Manuela Moreno of Lubbock, Jose Sansing and Tomasa Longoria of Brownfield and Anita Talmantez of Amarillo; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Video on channel 2

"America: Let the Righteous Arise!" will be shown on channel 2 at 10 a.m. Thursday.

FBC services televised

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

WTC pool hours:

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

Clogging lessons

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

SHS class of 1977 reunion

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

Soil Conservation Service trees

Hardwood and evergreen trees will be available to purchase at the Soil Conservation Service starting Friday.

Snyder Oaks fundraiser

Snyder Oaks Care Center will have a fundraiser Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Hamburger plates are $5 and there will be crafts for sale.

Country and gospel music

There will be country and gospel music played beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Snyder Senior Center. Call 573-3996 for more information.

8th grade parents meeting

There will be a meeting at 3 p.m. Sunday to plan the 8th grade end-of-school party. The meeting will be at Terri Sue Brock's home, 4209 Lubbock Ave.

Snyder Tiger booster club

The Snyder Tiger booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the film room at the field house. The public and all parents are invited.

Video school

The Center for Biblical Counseling video school, sponsored by His Joy Ministries, begins Tuesday. Supplies must be ordered now. Call 573-9799 for more information.

Alzheimer information

To learn more about Alzheimer's disease, attend a meeting from 6-7 p.m. Tuesday in the old fellowship hall at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. For information call Kinney Robinson at Snyder Oaks Care Center, 573-9377.

Utility assistance, utilization

Representatives from People for Progress will be in Snyder Tuesday and next Wednesday from 10 a.m. –noon and 1-3:30 p.m. at the Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th St.

Last call for Ira annuals

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

Free income tax help

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

Discovery School fundraiser

Discovery School is selling tickets for a drawing for dinner for two at the Spanish Inn and a movie rental, plus a second drawing for six six-inch subs from Subway. The drawing will be Thursday, Feb. 14, and tickets are $1 each. All proceeds go to Discovery School.

Candidate's luncheon

State Representative candidate Scott Campbell will hold a Dutch treat luncheon at noon next Thursday at The Spanish Inn. The public is invited.

Child safety seat check

The Scurry and Borden county extension service's child safety task force will conduct a child safety seat check from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, at United Supermarket. A safety team from Texas A&M will perform the inspections.

Adult basic education classes

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

ESL, GED classes

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

Medical account

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

St. Elizabeth fish fry

The annual St. Elizabeth fish fry is Friday, Feb. 15, from 5:30-8 p.m. Tickets are $6 for adults and $4 for children ages 6-12. Tickets will be sold at the door and proceeds go to the scholarship fund.

Vocational nurses graduation

The vocational nursing program at Western Texas College will hold a graduation and pinning ceremony at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21 at Trinity United Methodist Church. The public is invited.