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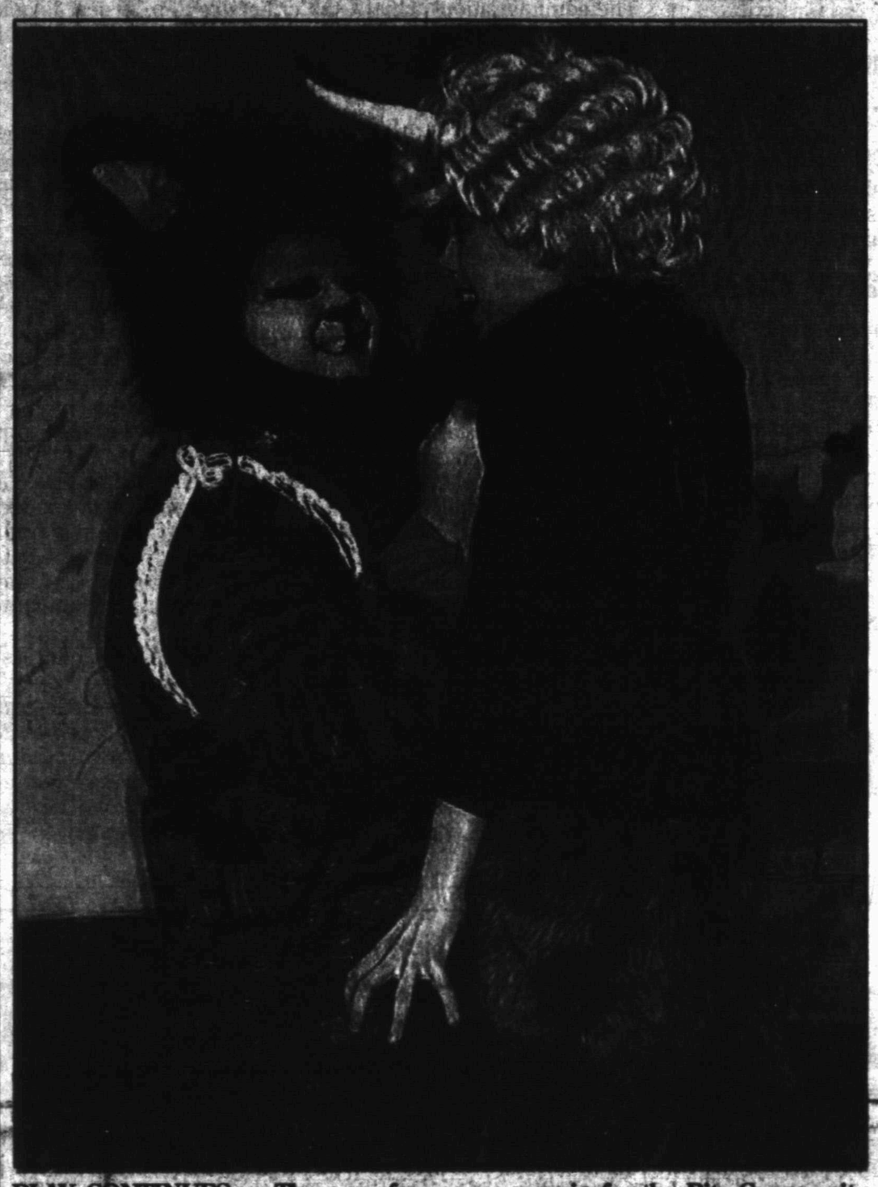

PLAY CONTINUES — Three performances remain for the Ritz Community Theatre's *The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe*, 7:30 tonight and Saturday night and 2:30 Sunday afternoon. Jacob Brumley as Fenrus Ulf, captain of the witch's secret police, arrests Tumnus, the fawn, played by Tyler Noblett. Tickets are $7 for adults, $5 for students and children and $5 for anyone at Sunday's matinee. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

For Enron, Andersen...

No more Fed contracts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reacting swiftly to the first indictment in the Enron bankruptcy, the government today suspended Enron Corp. and its former accounting firm, Arthur Andersen, from entering into new federal contracts.

"To qualify as a responsible contractor, a company or individual must have a satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics," the General Services Administration said in explaining its decision.

The move comes a day after a federal court unsealed an indictment charging Andersen with obstructing justice by destroying thousands of documents and deleting computer files of its audit on Enron. It was the first indictment in a case that has rocked the White House and Congress and depleted the retirement savings of thousands of current and former Enron employees.

"Enron, its subsidiaries, certain former corporate officials, and one former Andersen official, have engaged in misconduct and caused internal control irregularities that seriously impact their suitability to receive Government contracts," the GSA said. "Andersen has been indicted under one criminal count of destruction of documents."

At a news conference Thursday announcing the indictment, Deputy Attorney General Larry Thompson said Andersen had "sought to undermine our justice system by destroying evidence."

Over a month-long span starting in mid-October, the eight-page indictment said, "an unparalleled initiative was undertaken to shred physical documentation and delete computer files. Tons of paper relating to the Enron audit were promptly shredded as part of the orchestrated document destruction."

Much of the shredding occurred after the Securities and Exchange Commission sought documents from Andersen in its ongoing civil investigation of Enron's accounting.

And the prosecutors alleged that the document destruction was much broader than Andersen has contended, with employees in Portland, Ore., its Chicago headquarters, and London being instructed to join in the shredding.

Andersen has sought to lay blame for the document destruction on its lead Enron auditor, David Duncan, and others in its Houston office. Duncan, who was fired by Andersen in January, is cooperating with investigators, said his attorney, Vince DiBlasi.

Andersen, a venerable Big Five accounting firm now on the ropes as a string of its blue-chip corporate clients have dumped it, said the criminal proceedings were tantamount to a "death penalty" against it. The firm called the indictment "a gross abuse of government power."

The maximum penalty for obstruction of justice is a five-year term of probation and a $500,000 fine. But the worst potential penalty could be that Andersen would be barred from auditing and approving financial statements that companies file with the SEC, its core business.

Under the GSA suspension, Andersen is barred from doing new business with the federal government while the indictment is pending. Duncan also was suspended.

The GSA suspended for a period of one year Enron, its corporate entities, and several former officials, among them ex-Chairman Kenneth Lay, Jeffrey Skilling, former chief executive officer, and Andrew Fastow, who was chief financial officer.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Worry kills more people than work. The reason could be that more people worry than work."

A week or so ago, we promised to give you some insight into some of the people who make the Snyder Daily News happen.

While some of the staff fill jobs that put them out in the community, others are manning important jobs behind the camera or computer.

We first want to introduce you to Nancy McFatridge, a 30-year veteran of the newspaper production department.

Nancy McFatridge

Nancy is our staff's go-to person for several reasons. Most go to Nancy because, regardless of the situation, she approaches it with a cheerful, positive attitude.

Her best characteristic is problem solving. She's been around long enough to know there's a solution to every problem, it's just a matter of thinking through it.

Nancy figures out why things can work, rather than dwelling on why they won't.

All work places need a Nancy McFatridge.

She's also been around long enough to see some major changes in newspaper production. The word 'computer' once would have struck terror into hearts of folks the age of Nancy and me, but she relishes a challenge and opportunity to learn something new.

Nancy started in the back, where the press, plate room and camera are located. She has since moved up front and has evolved into an extremely talented ad makeup artist on the computer. She also builds entire newspaper pages using the modern pagination system — a far cry from the old cut and paste days.

She's best known around the office for her role as grandmother to her five grandchildren. Son Weldon and his wife, Kim, have two sons and a daughter. Tonja Ashworth and her husband, Laney, have two boys.

Last year was an eventful one for the McFatridge family. Nancy's husband, W.C. who works for Southern Electric, had emergency bypass surgery. Three months later, son Weldon suffered burns in an industrial accident. In between, the oldest grandson had an appendectomy.

While tending to family matters, Nancy also attended to her job. She would come in early – or late – and always expressed concern that her absence wasn't being a burden to someone else.

Nancy moved to Snyder in 1962, when she was a freshman in high school. Her father worked for St. John Drilling Co.

While Nancy had only two siblings, she married into a family of eight sisters and two brothers. Family gatherings, and resulting all-night card games, are big – literally — with some 40 to 50 attending.

In addition to hugging grandkids, she likes to read and looks forward to those rare trips to Ruidoso.

Ask anybody at the SDN, Nancy is a jewel.

Allied troops pursue al-Qaida fighters fleeing from hideouts

BAGRAM, Afghanistan (AP) — U.S. and Canadian troops pursued four al-Qaida fighters fleeing through the mountains of eastern Afghanistan today after a gunbattle during the mopping up operations of the biggest U.S.-led offensive of the Afghan war.

Troops from the two allied nations also discovered a cache of mortars, grenades and a 107 mm rocket, according to the Canadian Press news agency which has a reporter with the Canadian unit. All the weapons were destroyed, the agency said today.

Helicopters, commandos and ground troops scanned the valley passes to track stragglers after the four al-Qaida gunmen fled following a brief exchange of fire Thursday.

Coalition troops clearing caves and bunkers in the Shah-e-Kot valley also killed three enemy fighters after a separate 90-minute gunbattle Thursday as the remnants of al-Qaida fighters struggled to survive in the aftermath of Operation Anaconda.

"Today is March 15, so here's a sooth for the al-Qaida," said Maj. Bryan Hilferty, a spokesman for the 10th Mountain Division. "If you come out of your holes, I'd say beware the Ides of March."

Coalition troops earlier subdued a cell of suspected al-Qaida or Taliban fighters and found with them anti-tank weapons, grenades, heavy machine guns and small arms fire. There were no coalition casualties, said Canadian news agency.

The coalition casualty toll stood at eight U.S. special forces troops and three Afghan allied fighters. All died in the first two days of the operation.

U.S., Canadian and Afghan troops combed the area around the Shah-e-Kot valley for intelligence information and any stray enemy fighters left behind after al-Qaida and its Afghan Taliban allies fled the area following 12 days of airstrikes and ground fighting in Operation Anaconda.

Maj. Gen. Frank L. Hagenbeck, the commander of all coalition troops in Afghanistan, told reporters he had ordered DNA tests on remains of al-Qaida fighters to determine whether any senior figures in the terrorist network were among the dead.

Neither Osama bin Laden nor Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar was believed to be in the area on March 2 when U.S. forces and their Afghan allies launched Operation Anaconda.

Hagenbeck said some of the 20 prisoners captured in the operation indicated that "second and third tier" al-Qaida leaders had been killed and he ordered the tests just to make sure that no senior figures were there too.

Saturday and Sunday...

Legion to host district meeting

The spring convention of the 17th District of the American Legion will be Saturday and Sunday in Snyder.

The local Layne-Kite Post 181 will host the visitors from the district at the Post Home at 1100 Ave. R.

The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion will also hold its spring convention at the same time.

Registration will get underway at 10 a.m. Saturday, and at 8:30 a.m. Sunday.

Bill Valentine serves as commander of the local post, while Shirley Minyard is the auxiliary president.

Area sales tax rebates

City	March '02	March '01	+/-	Year '02	Year '01	+/-
Abilene	$1,661,077.88	$1,730,261.96	-3.99%	$6,593,226.51	$6,423,911.39	2.63%
Big Spring	$249,345.09	$239,892.95	3.94%	$899,402.03	$927,271.85	-3.00%
Colorado City	$18,211.13	$29,984.06	-39.26%	$99,643.15	$113,418.98	-12.14%
Lamesa	$52,254.65	$49,520.06	5.52%	$212,403.99	$219,993.26	-3.44%
Lubbock	$2,117,697.34	$2,055,789.38	3.01%	$7,568,194.75	$7,286,008.57	3.87%
Post	$18,947.65	$18,244.29	3.85%	$65,843.59	$70,038.37	-5.98%
Roby	$1,394.10	$1,265.56	10.15%	$5,385.14	$6,509.71	-17.27%
Rotan	$7,409.30	$7,234.46	2.41%	$30,808.38	$34,439.01	10.54%
Snyder	$104,204.81	$96,054.59	8.48%	$375,872.84	$351,420.47	6.95%
Sweetwater	$118,477.27	$102,556.13	15.52%	$463,924.80	$452,437.40	2.53%

SALES TAX REBATE — The sales tax rebate to the city of Snyder for the month of March is up 8.48 percent compared to the same month in 2001. Snyder's check is $104,204.81 compared to $96,054.59 last March.

ASK US

Q—Will the county library have a book sale this year?

A—The sale begins Wednesday and contnues through Saturday.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 85 degrees; low, 36; 7 a.m. Friday, 36; no precipitation; total for 2002, 1.48 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, low near 35; E winds 5-15 mph. Saturday, partly cloudy, high 65-70; SW winds 10-20 mph. Saturday night, increasing cloudiness; low near 40.

Chelsea Russell
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
6:52 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:53 a.m.
Of 73 days in 2002, the sun has shone 70 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

When life kicks you, let it kick you forward.
—E. Stanley Jones

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Two U.S. servicemen buried in 2 states

JOPLIN, Mo. (AP) — Hundreds of mourners in two states said goodbye to two soldiers who were killed in Afghanistan when hostile fire brought down one helicopter and damaged another.

Army Sgt. Philip Svitak, an aircraft repairman, was laid to rest with military honors Thursday after a service at the Church of Christ in Joplin. He had served as the flight engineer on one of the two Chinook MH-47 helicopters that were attacked on March 4.

Senior Airman Jason Dean Cunningham, a pararescue-squad member, was also buried with military honors Thursday. He was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery.

Cunningham, 26, and Svitak, 31, were part of the worst casualty toll in a single U.S. offensive operation in Afghanistan — seven U.S. servicemen killed.

"I never dreamed that the events of Sept. 11 would touch the lives of my family," said Svitak's brother-in-law, Shawn Starmer.

After the church service in Joplin, Svitak's casket was taken to Ozark Memorial Park Cemetery for burial. Seven Army soldiers fired off three synchronized rounds for a 21-gun salute, and a bugler played "Taps."

The flag from the casket was folded and presented to Svitak's wife Laura. Another was given to his mother, Roseann Svitak.

A note that Svitak's wife had written to him was read.

Laura Svitak said she was sorry her husband would not be with her to watch their two sons — Ethan, 5, and Nolan, 2 — grow up.

"I had only hoped we would grow old together. Phil, I promise you, the boys and I will love you forever; We will never forget you," she wrote.

In Virginia, Cunningham's family and fellow soldiers remembered him as a motivated soldier, a good-natured family man and a role model to those who knew him.

"You have left behind a legacy to your family and the world. I intend to uphold it," Cunningham's father, Lawrence, wrote in a letter he placed in his son's casket.

As a bugler blew "Taps" among rows of white headstones, and 4-year-old Kayla Cunningham stood and saluted her father's casket, which was draped with an American flag.

About 80 pararescuers in their distinctive maroon caps attended Cunningham's funeral. A pair of HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopters — commonly used by pararescuers — flew overhead. Three sharp cracks rang out from the seven-person rifle party for a 21-gun salute.

Berry's World

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Man acquitted in Ecstasy case

MIAMI (AP) — A federal jury acquitted an Ohio developer Thursday of charges stemming from the Ecstasy investigation that led to the raid of former football star O.J. Simpson's home.

Mark Nowakowski had been charged with distributing Ecstasy.

Nowakowski, of Toledo, Ohio, and eight others were indicted last November. Simpson was not indicted, but an FBI agent testified Monday that admitted dealer Andrew Anderson supplied Ecstasy to Simpson.

Simpson's attorney, Yale Galanter, has denied his client received even a single Ecstasy pill from anyone.

Prosecutor Tony Gonzalez conceded Monday that Nowakowski was not selling the party drug, but said he did not need to be making a profit to be guilty of distribution conspiracy.

Co-defendants John Thorburn and Anderson pleaded guilty late last month. Thorburn testified he was the middleman in the sale of Ecstasy obtained from Anderson and sold at cost to Nowakowski.

GOP and Demos demand more info on anti-terror war

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress may have to cut into spending that President Bush wants if his administration keeps unconstitutionally withholding information about anti-terror efforts ades of the aisle in the latest clash between Congress and the White House over information sharing and the war. By the end of a hearing before members of the House Appropriations Committee, Daniels was contrite — somewhat.

"Their concern is completely legitimate," the budget director told reporters. "The question is how to meet it."

The administration's chief GOP critic was Rep. Ernest Istook of Oklahoma, who became the latest lawmaker to complain that Homeland Security chief Tom Ridge is refusing to testify to Congress, despite the $38 billion in domestic safety spending Bush wants for next year.

"Any effort to cut off Congress' normal interaction with agency heads and policy-makers ... is not only wrong, but it violates the United States Constitution's express grant to Congress" of the powers of defending the country and regulating the armed services, Istook said.

He also said the lack of information "jeopardizes the administration's request for additional homeland security funds." Istook chairs the Appropriations committee's panel that controls the budget for the White House's operations.

Administration officials say Ridge has privately briefed lawmakers but will heed the usual practice in which the president's immediate staff does not testify to Congress.

Even more critical was Rep. David Obey of Wisconsin, top Democrat on the committee.

Obey said Daniels and other administration officials have "a severe attitude problem" and view Congress as "small-minded and inconsequential rabble." He cited their refusal to fully brief lawmakers on domestic security, White House criticisms of congressional earmarks of money for hometown projects, and the recent firing of a civilian Army official who criticized administration plans for water projects.

"This committee has an obligation," said Obey, citing Congress' constitutional power to spend funds. "No information, no money."

Obey also criticized Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill for disparaging Congress' role in decision making. And he lambasted Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., whom he called the "Ole Miss cheerleader in residence in the Senate" for criticizing Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., for questioning the administration's war aims.

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Date Book

Friday, March 15, 2002

Today is the 74th day of 2002, and the 85th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1493, Christopher Columbus landed on Spanish soil after completing his first voyage to the New World.

On this day in 1954, "The CBS Morning Show" premiered. The program featured Walter Cronkite and Jack Paar.

On this day in 1999, Pluto returned to being the ninth planet from the sun. Starting in 1978, the outward orbit of Neptune, combined with the in-swinging orbit of Pluto, meant that Neptune was actually the farthest from the sun during that time.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Andrew Jackson (1767 - 1845), seventh U.S. president; Judd Hirsch (1935 -), actor, is 67; Dee Snider (1955 -), Twisted Sister singer, is 47; Park Overall (1957 -), actress, is 45; Fabio Lanzoni (1961 -), model, is 41; Bret Michaels (1963 -), Poison singer, is 39.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1968, Bob Beamon set the indoor long-jump world record with a mark of 27 feet, 2.75 inches.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "There are no necessary evils in government. Its evils exist only in its abuses. If it would confine itself to equal protection, as heaven does its rains, shower its favors alike on the high and low, the rich and poor, it would be an unqualified blessing." — Andrew Jackson

TODAY'S MOON: In between the new moon (March 13) and the first quarter (March 21)

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Son files suit

FORT WORTH (AP) — A woman accused of striking a homeless man with her car, driving home with him stuck in her windshield and leaving him to die in her garage now faces a wrongful death lawsuit filed by the man's son.

The lawsuit, filed Thursday by Brandon Biggs, 19, claims that 25-year-old nursing aide Chante Mallard's "grossly negligent actions" led to his father's death.

Mallard, charged with murder, is jailed on a $250,000 bond. She has told police she hit Gregory Biggs, 37, near her house in October, then drove home, parked and left him, according to an affidavit. Mallard's friends allegedly moved the body to a park.

The body was found Oct. 27. A tipster told the police Mallard talked about the accident at a party.

Police originally said the elder Biggs could have lived as long as two days in Mallard's garage. Earlier this week, though, the county medical examiner said he likely died within a few hours or possibly as long as a day.

LOTTO TEXAS
TEXAS LOTTERY

Cash Five

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

9-10-13-16-23

Pick 3

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

3-8-7

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Complaint filed by human rights group over Andrea Yates' psychiatric care

HOUSTON (AP) — Contending that a Houston area mother received "shoddy" mental health care before drowning her children, a human rights group has filed a complaint with state regulators over her psychiatric treatment.

Andrea Yates, convicted this week of capital murder in the deaths of three of her children, was in a psychotic state caused by premature release from care, use of inappropriate drugs and overmedication, according to CCHR Texas' complaint filed with the state Board of Medical Examiners.

Jurors after four weeks of testimony rejected claims by Yates' lawyers that she was innocent by reason of insanity — severe psychosis from postpartum depression — of drowning her children one by one in the family bathtub on June 20.

Yates, 37, had been treated for schizophrenia and severe depression after the births of her last two children.

"We were appalled at what Andrea went through in her treatment," Jerry Boswell, president of CCHR Texas, told the Houston Chronicle in today's editions. "She basically came for help, and of course, we know what the outcome was."

The eight-woman, four-man jury was expected to begin deliberating Yates' fate today after closing arguments in her trial's punishment phase. She faces possible death by injection or life imprisonment.

Boswell said his group also planned to file a similar grievance with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The human rights group obtained Yates' medical records, which are now public records, last week and had them reviewed by a board-certified pharmacist, a physician and a psychiatrist, said Boswell.

"We feel like she was in a system and she should have expected a positive outcome," he said. "There is accountability here."

Medical records from Yates' last hospital stay at Devereux Texas Treatment Network in May indicate her condition had not changed much between her admission and discharge. Boswell said the complaints mainly target the League City psychiatric hospital.

The quality of Yates' psychiatric care was defended by prosecution witnesses who testified during her trial that her condition had improved during evaluation at Devereux and that she was responding favorably to drugs and other treatment.

Some equipment used by gynecologists may possibly be dangerous

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government sent doctors an urgent warning Thursday that a manufacturer may not have sterilized numerous devices used in births, infertility treatments and other gynecology procedures — posing a risk of life-threatening injuries.

The Food and Drug Administration said the potentially dangerous devices, made by A&A Medical of Alpharetta, Ga., were sold nationwide and in Canada, Egypt, Lebanon and Italy.

The FDA said it was urging A&A to voluntarily recall the devices. A message left Thursday with the company was not immediately returned.

"We're going to take the action necessary to make sure the products are taken off the market," FDA enforcement chief Larry Spears said.

Former company employees told the FDA that sterile and nonsterile devices had been shipped together in the same batches, and agency inspectors who visited the company facilities found evidence supporting the allegations, Spears said.

Nonsterile products used in gynecology products could cause infections that lead to infertility, miscarriage and even death, the FDA warned, saying the problem could date as far as back as 1999.

Spears said he has no reports of injuries linked to the devices, but noted that gynecologic infections are common and may not raise a doctor's suspicions. He could not say how big a supplier of gynecology devices A&A is.

Among the potentially dangerous devices are uterine dilators, endometrial sampling sets, fetal blood samplers, accessories used in minimally invasive gynecologic surgery, harvesting pumps used for in vitro fertilization, and bone marrow needles, the FDA said.

Spears said it may be hard for doctors to tell if they have A&A devices. Anyone with questions can contact the FDA at 1-800-638-2041, or A&A at 1-800-424-1234.

Both sides rest in dog mauling case in San Francisco

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Before both sides rested their cases over the dog-mauling of a San Francisco woman, a dog behavior expert challenged a claim by defendant Marjorie Knoller that she threw herself on her neighbor in a desperate attempt to save her from the fatal attack.

Randall Lockwood testified Thursday that Knoller was not as close as she has claimed to the attack on lacrosse coach Diane Whipple by a presa canario dog.

"She may have been nearby but she was not in very close proximity," said Lockwood, a research official with the U.S. Humane Society.

Lockwood said that after listening to Knoller's testimony and analyzing evidence, he would have expected her to receive more severe bites than she did from the dog, named Bane.

Knoller's injuries "suggest she was at some distance and Bane was giving her warning bites to back off and let him do what he felt was his job. ... He essentially was telling her to leave him alone."

On cross-examination, Lockwood was asked whether Knoller was trying to prevent the attack.

"She was present," Lockwood said tersely.

The final piece of evidence introduced by prosecutors in the case was a letter written by Knoller's husband, Robert Noel, to a state prison inmate the couple had adopted. It stressed their devotion to the dogs.

"There is no way to ease into this. Bane is dead, as is our neighbor," the letter began.

In it, Noel promised to fight to keep another dog, Hera, alive.

"Neighbors be damned," he wrote. "If they don't like living in the building with her, they can move," he wrote.

The trial was adjourned until Monday when closing arguments are scheduled. The case is expected to go to the jury on Tuesday.

Knoller, 46, is charged with second-degree murder, involuntary manslaughter and keeping a mischievous dog that killed a person. Her 60-year-old husband faces the latter two charges. Their trial was moved to Los Angeles because of extensive pretrial publicity.

Whipple, 33, was attacked in the hallway of her building as she was carrying groceries into her apartment on Jan. 26, 2001.

Lockwood said he believed Knoller's testimony that she tried to pull Bane away, but he also suggested that some of her injuries were more likely produced by the leash in her hand.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Husband gets his dander up when wife lets secret slip

DEAR ABBY: I have worn a hairpiece for about 15 years and have been at my present job for the past five. My toupee was expensive and it's not obvious. I have never told anyone at work that my full head of hair isn't natural.

Last weekend at a work-related social function, my wife astonished me by mentioning to a group of my co-workers over cocktails that I wear a hairpiece. After we left the party, I became angry with her for making this revelation, but she refused to accept why I was so upset.

Then my wife had the nerve to say, "Don't you think they already know you wear a toupee?" I told her I didn't think they had any idea, but that was beside the point. The important thing was that I felt she betrayed a confidence.

Now she wants to ask someone impartial whether or not she goofed — so I'm asking you, Abby. Do you think she should have told my work associates about my toupee, and do you think I was wrong for getting upset with her? — BLOWING MY TOP IN OHIO

DEAR BLOWING MY TOP: Your reaction was understandable. Some "secrets" are supposed to remain in the family. Your wife's indiscretion was cruel and uncalled for. It's as out of line as it would be for you to tell her friends she wears dentures and falsies — she'd hit the roof.

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DEAR ABBY: This is for "Lonesome Teen in Riverside, Mo." I, too, have a 12-year-old son and an 8-year-old daughter. Their father and I divorced, and he left owing thousands of dollars in child support. My children had not heard from him in more than a month. When he finally did call, I got on the phone and made my point clear: Money was not an issue. I did not care where he was, or what kind of life he was living. I told him he needed to call his children once a week and tell them he loved them. I even said he could call collect. I emphasized that if there was ever an emergency, we needed to know we could communicate.

He sends no presents for Christmas and misses their birthdays, but since our conversation, he calls our children once a week.

My point: Kids are not little forever. They do not care if their father (or mother) has money or a nice job. They just want to talk to them and hear them say, "I love you." — BEEN THERE IN IOWA

DEAR BEEN THERE: That's true. You're a terrific mother for getting that message across to your former spouse. Other absent parents can learn from you.

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DEAR ABBY: After reading your letters about sleeping in the nude, I thought you might enjoy my poem. (Abby, I love your letters!) — JEAN WELLS ROGERS, COLUMBUS, N.M.

DEAR JEAN: And I loved your poem! Readers, here it is:

OLD-TIMER'S BEDTIME

Here he comes, all ready for bed
Wearing nothing at all but a cap on his head.
Here am I — my attire complete —
A smile on my face and sox on my feet.
We're old and we're wrinkled, but why should we mind?
We sleep like two trees — our branches entwined.
Who needs pajamas and nighties so cute
When sleeping's the best in your birthday suit?

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 03-15-02
♠ A K 10
♥ 7
♦ K 9 7 6
♣ K J 7 6 5

West
♠ 6
♥ A K Q J 9 8 5 3
♦ Q 3
♣ 10 3

East
♠ Q J 8 7 4
♥ 6 4
♦ J 8 4 2
♣ 9 8

South
♠ 9 5 3 2
♥ 10 2
♦ A 10 5
♣ A Q 4 2

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: North-South

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

Opening lead: ♥ A

Friday, March 15, 2002

A neat piece of counting

By Phillip Alder

No doubt you have heard Mark Twain's comment that the coldest winter he ever spent was a summer in San Francisco. However, what location is he referring to in this piece? "In the spring I have counted one hundred and thirty-six different kinds of weather inside of four-and-twenty hours."

As we all know, counting the 52 cards inside eight minutes leads to success at the bridge table. An excellent piece of counting occurred in this deal. It arose during the Senior Swiss Teams at Brighton, England, last August. The winners were John Collings-David Jones and Ken Forsyth-Wally Scott. They scored 136 out of a possible 160 victory points — an incredible 85 percent.

West's four-club opening promised a solid eight-card heart suit. North's first double showed clubs. His second double was for takeout. Then, South might have passed and collected 300, but he preferred to go for the vulnerable game bonus.

West cashed the heart ace, then shifted to the spade six. Declarer Forsyth won with dummy's king, cashed the club king, played a club to his ace, and ruffed the heart 10 in the dummy. Then he paused to count.

West was marked with eight hearts, had followed twice in trumps, and seemed to have shifted to a singleton spade. If so, he had two diamonds. If only one of them could be an honor. . .

Forsyth cashed dummy's diamond king and played a diamond to his 10, endplaying West. On the forced heart return, declarer discarded dummy's spade 10 and ruffed in hand. It was over.

Mark Twain was commenting on New England.

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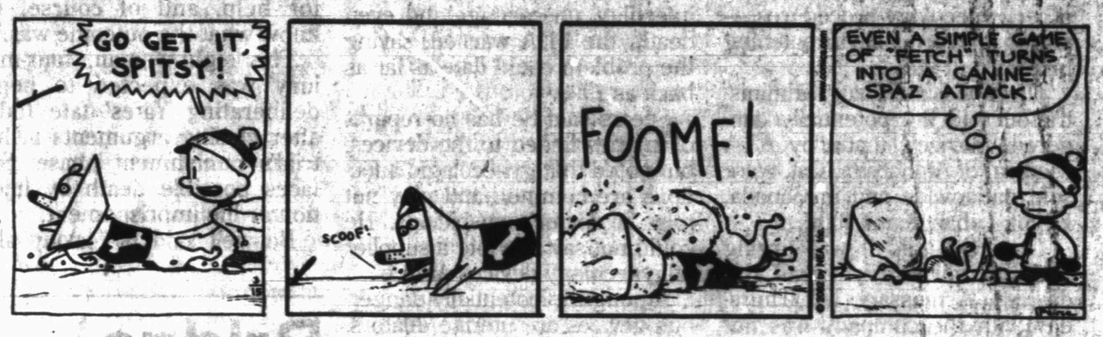

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ACROSS

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5 PC media
8 Flavor enhancer
11 Feel anxiety
13 Meditation practice
14 Cry of discovery
15 Veldt scavenger
16 Impress
17 Mr. Brynner
18 Jug
20 Be of use
22 Soul or folk
24 Schuss
25 Bench warmer
26 Actor Beery
28 Japanese wrestling
32 Corporal, briefly
33 High spirits
34 Love, to Pedro
35 Hunky-dory
37 Out loud
39 Hope or Newhart
40 Eight bits
41 Injure in the bullring
42 Begley and Marinaro
43 Santa's gift
45 Georgia university
47 Slow mover
50 Fragrance
51 Cyberspace service
52 Go on the –
54 More agreeable
58 "Vive le –!"
59 Seine alt
60 The March King
61 Crawling insect
62 Bonn single
63 Wren's abode

DOWN

1 Utility bill meas.
2 Myrna of old movies
3 Before
4 Fish-eating eagles
5 Ruler
6 Condensation
7 Move furtively
8 Poet Angelou
9 Feng –
10 Impudence
12 Fishtailing
19 Organisms, environment science
21 Passport companion
22 Sticky
23 "Lusitania" sinker (hyph.)
24 Clipped sheep
25 Arrogant one
27 Space preceder
29 Palette color
30 Brooding
31 Moon and sun, poetically
36 Big Foot's cousin
38 Citrus fruits
44 Stan's partner
46 Winter constellation
47 Paretsky of mysteries
48 Lunch hour, often
49 Perched
50 Sign
53 "Rope-a-dope" boxer
55 Actor's prompt
56 Feminine ending
57 Informant

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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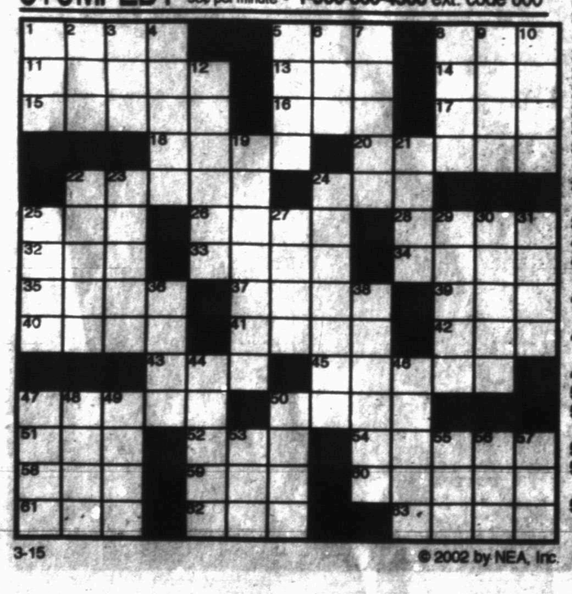

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SPORTS

Underdogs prevail on tournament's first day

By HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Sports Writer

Sure didn't take long for low-seeded teams to pick up right where they left off last year in the NCAA tournament.

And — surprise! — Gonzaga was among the teams learning how it feels to be on the losing end of an upset.

Five schools with double-digit seedings advanced to the second round Thursday: North Carolina Wilmington is seeded 13th, Tulsa and Missouri are both No. 12, Wyoming is No. 11 and Kent State No. 10.

In 2001, 13 of the tournament's 32 first-round games were won by underdogs, the most opening victories by teams seeded ninth or worse since the event expanded to 64 teams in 1985.

The upset total was nearly higher Thursday, but Kansas (seeded first in the Midwest), Alabama (No. 2 in the South), and Ohio State (No. 4 in the West) narrowly avoided being bounced.

In the West Regional in Albuquerque, N.M., Josh Davis scored 11 points and grabbed 14 rebounds, including one that he slammed in with 1:07 left to punctuate Wyoming's 73-66 victory over sixth-seeded Gonzaga.

The Bulldogs are accustomed to being on the other end of such shockers.

Gonzaga fell just a game short of the Final Four as a No. 10 seed in 1999, reached the regional semifinals from the same slot in 2000, and again made the round of 16 as a 12th seed last year.

The Bulldogs were one of just three teams — along with Michigan State and Duke, the last two national champions — to make the round of 16 each of the past three seasons.

Also in the West, Missouri scored the first 12 points and knocked off No. 5-seeded Miami 93-80. The Tigers will try to register another shocker against Ohio State, which barely got by Davidson 69-64.

In the South Regional in Sacramento, Calif., UNC Wilmington knocked off fourth-seeded Southern California 93-89 in overtime for its first NCAA tournament victory.

Also in the South, Kent State started the streak of surprises by topping No. 7 Oklahoma State 69-61 in the tournament's very first game. Kent State now plays Alabama, which was tied with 15th-seeded Florida Atlantic with about 7 minutes left but won 86-78. Notre Dame defeated Charlotte 82-63.

In the East Regional in St. Louis, Greg Harrington's runner in the lane with 14.6 seconds left pushed Tulsa past No. 5 Marquette 71-69 in the tightest early game.

Tulsa now takes a crack at pulling off another surprise — and it would come against its former coach.

The Golden Hurricane next face fourth-seeded Kentucky, which beat Valparaiso 83-68. Kentucky coach Tubby Smith guided Tulsa to the round of 16 in 1994 and '95.

And in Midwest Regional action in St. Louis, Kansas barely avoided becoming the first top seed to make a first-round exit, holding off 16th-seeded Holy Cross 70-59. Kansas trailed at halftime for only the fifth time all year and was behind by five in the second half before recovering.

West

Wyoming 73, Gonzaga 66

Uche Nsonwu-Amadi, the Cowboys' 6-foot-10, 260-pound center from Nigeria, scored 14 points, including six straight early in the second half to keep Wyoming close.

Dan Dickau, Gonzaga's All-American point guard, scored 26 points, but was just 7-for-24 from the field.

Missouri 93, Miami 80

Looking once more like a team that opened 9-0 and climbed to No. 2 in the rankings, the Tigers got a 3-pointer from Ricky Paulding and five straight points from Clarence Gilbert in their game-starting run. Gilbert finished with 20 points.

Ohio State 69, Davidson 64

Brian Brown scored a career-high 33 points, and the Buckeyes barely avoided another quick exit in the NCAA tournament.

Davidson, trying for its first NCAA win since Lefty Driesell coached them in 1969, rallied for 59-58 lead with 41/2 minutes left. But Brown scored seven straight points for OSU, putting the Buckeyes ahead 65-61 with 21/2 minutes left.

Last year, Ohio State fell to lightly regarded Utah State in the first round.

East

Tulsa 71, Marquette 69

After Harrington's go-ahead shot, Marquette settled for Travis Diener's hasty 3-pointer from well beyond the arc. The shot was an air ball, and Dwyane Wade couldn't grab it for a follow at the buzzer. Antonio Reed scored 18 points as the Golden Hurricane won a first-round game for the fourth straight time.

Kentucky 83, Valparaiso 68

Keith Bogans had 21 points, and Tayshaun Prince made up for poor shooting with strong defense on Valpo star Lubos Barton.

South

UNC Wilmington 93, Southern California 89, OT

UNCW, from Michael Jordan's hometown, made just one field goal in the final 91/2 minutes of regulation, allowing USC to rally from a 19-point deficit.

But the Trojans were outscored 13-9 in overtime.

Kent State 69, Oklahoma State 61

Demetric Shaw scored 21 points, and Trevor Huffman 18 as the Golden Flashes (28-5) won their opening NCAA game for the second straight year. Oklahoma State shot 39.6 percent from the field.

Alabama 86, Flor. Atlantic 78

Freshman guard Mo Williams scored a career-high 33 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and had six assists, and Alabama went on a 10-0 run to pull away from a 64-64 tie.

Notre Dame 82, Charlotte 63

Matt Carroll and Ryan Humphrey scored 20 points each, and David Graves added 19 for the Irish.

Midwest

Kansas 70, Holy Cross 59

All-American Drew Gooden had 19 points and 13 rebounds to lead Kansas, which rallied without All-Big 12 guard Kirk Hinrich, who sprained his left ankle in the final minute of the first half.

Oregon 81, Montana 62

Luke Ridnour and Luke Jackson scored 18 points apiece to give Oregon its first NCAA tournament victory since 1960.

Wake Forest 83, Pepperdine 74

Craig Dawson senior scored 19 points to help Wake Forest win an NCAA game for the first time since 1997.

GIANT KILLERS — North Carolina-Wilmington's Brett Blizzard, left, struggles for a loose ball with Southern California's Sam Clancy during their NCAA South Regional game Thursday. Wilmington upset the fourth-seeded Trojans and will face Indiana in the second round. (AP Photo)

Women's tournament gets underway today

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tennessee's displeasure with its seeding in the NCAA women's basketball tournament has been well documented already. It's matched by that of the Lady Vols' first-round opponent.

Sixth-ranked Tennessee (25-4), seeded second in the Midwest Regional, plays No. 15 seed Georgia State today, a game that brings Georgia State coach Lea Henry back home.

Henry played at Tennessee for coach Pat Summitt and, like her mentor, had expected more favorable treatment from the NCAA committee.

"We thought that Tennessee would be a No. 1 seed, so we didn't think that we would come here," Henry said. "We prepared throughout the season and thought we would be in the position for a better first-round game.

"We are upset because we thought that there were a lot of teams in the NCAA field that had a lower RPI than us."

Summitt's response?

"I understand their feelings. I can relate," she said. "(But) I told our players we can't do anything other than what we did all season long and it's out of our hands."

What Summitt is saying is that it's time to play. Sixteen games at eight sites will start the tournament today. The remaining 16 first-round games, also at eight sites, will be played Saturday.

Top-ranked Connecticut is an overwhelming favorite to win the national title, but the Huskies still have to go out and earn it. They are the top seed in the Mideast Regional and open against St. Francis, Pa., at home on Saturday night.

Duke will be the only No. 1 seed playing Friday. The Blue Devils, who lead the bracket in the East Regional, play Norfolk State.

Snyder hosts District 4-4A twinbill today

Snyder hosts a District 4-4A twinbill today as the Lady Tigers take on Frenship at Cates Field, and the Tigers face Levelland at Moffett Field. Softball action gets underway at 2 o'clock, with the baseball game slated for 5.

Snyder and Frenship are part of a four-team tie for second place at 2-1 in the league softball standings. The Lady Tigers, who are coming off an impressive 2-0 shutout of Big Spring, blanked Frenship, 16-0, during a non-district tournament tilt.

"I'm sure they remember what we did to them last time," said SHS coach Shelly Hayes. "They're going to come in here with something to prove. We have to play solid in the field and be disciplined at the plate. We're playing pretty well right now, and we want to keep it going."

On the baseball diamond, the Tigers (1-0, 13-6-1) share the league lead with Andrews, Frenship and Big Spring after knocking off Lake View in Tuesday's opener. Levelland is 0-1 in conference play and 4-10 on the year.

Snyder junior Logan Hill is the scheduled starter on the mound. Hill is 3-0 on the season with a team best 2.59 ERA.

"We had a big win on Tuesday, so we need to make sure we don't have a letdown against Levelland," said Coach Roland Herrera. "Every district game is important. We need to go out and take care of business like we did against Lake View."

Both Snyder squads continue district play Tuesday at home. The Lady Tigers host Plainview, while the Tigers face Big Spring.

San Antonio holds off Chicago

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs scored 15 of their 23 fourth-period points from the foul line to post their eighth straight win Thursday night, 91-86 over the Chicago Bulls.

Jalen Rose connected on a 3-pointer to pull the Bulls to 88-86 with 17 seconds remaining, but Antonio Daniels made three of four from the line to clinch the win.

Tim Duncan finished with 24 points and 14 rebounds for the Spurs.

NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament

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EAST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 14
At St. Louis
Kentucky 83, Valparaiso 68
Tulsa 71, Marquette 69
Friday, March 15
At Washington
North Carolina State (22-10) vs. Michigan State (19-11), 12:15 p.m.
Connecticut (24-6) vs. Hampton (26-6), 30 minutes following previous game
Wisconsin (18-12) vs. St. John's (20-11), 7:40 p.m.
Maryland (26-4) vs. Siena (17-18), 25 minutes following previous game
At Chicago
Texas Tech (23-8) vs. Southern Illinois (26-7), 7:50 p.m.
Georgia (21-9) vs. Murray State (19-12), 25 minutes following previous game
Second Round
Saturday, March 16
At St. Louis
Kentucky (21-9) vs. Tulsa (27-6), 5:38 p.m.
Sunday, March 17
At Washington
North Carolina State or Michigan State vs. Connecticut or Hampton, 2:20 p.m.
Wisconsin or St. John's vs. Maryland or Siena, 30 minutes following previous game
At Chicago
Texas Tech or Southern Illinois vs. Georgia or Murray State, 4:46 p.m.

SOUTH REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 14
At Greenville, S.C.
Kent State 69, Oklahoma State 61
Alabama 86, Florida Atlantic 78
Notre Dame 82, Charlotte 63
Duke 84, Winthrop 37
At Sacramento, Calif.
North Carolina-Wilmington 93, Southern California 89 (OT)
Indiana 75, Utah 57
Friday, March 15
At Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh (27-5) vs. Central Connecticut State (27-4), 12:25 p.m.
California (22-8) vs. Pennsylvania (25-6), 30 minutes following previous game
Second Round
Saturday, March 16
At Greenville, S.C.
Kent State (28-5) vs. Alabama (27-7), 1:10 or 3:38 p.m.
Notre Dame (22-10) vs. Duke (30-3), 1:10 or 3:38 p.m.
At Sacramento, Calif.
North Carolina-Wilmington (23-9) vs. Indiana (21-11), 5:30 or 7:56 p.m.
Sunday, March 17
At Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh or Central Connecticut State vs. California or Pennsylvania, 12:10 or 2:36 p.m.

MIDWEST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 14
At St. Louis
Kansas 70, Holy Cross 59
Stanford 84, Western Kentucky 68
At Sacramento, Calif.
Wake Forest 83, Pepperdine 74
Oregon 81, Montana 62
Friday, March 15
At Chicago
Florida (22-8) vs. Creighton (22-8), 12:30 p.m.
Illinois (24-8) vs. San Diego State (21-11), 30 minutes following previous game
At Dallas
Mississippi State (26-7) vs. McNeese State (21-8), 7:55 p.m.
Texas (20-11) vs. Boston College (20-11), 25 minutes following previous game
Second Round
Saturday, March 16
At St. Louis
Kansas (30-3) vs. Stanford (20-9), 8:04 p.m.
At Sacramento, Calif.
Wake Forest (21-12) vs. Oregon (24-8), 5:30 or 7:56 p.m.
Sunday, March 17
At Chicago
Florida or Creighton vs. Illinois or San Diego State, 2:20 p.m.
At Dallas
Mississippi State or McNeese State vs. Texas or Boston College, 2:15 p.m.

WEST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 14
At Albuquerque, N.M.
Missouri 93, Miami 80
Ohio State 69, Davidson 64
Wyoming 73, Gonzaga 66
Arizona 86, UC Santa Barbara 81
Friday, March 15
At Pittsburgh
Cincinnati (30-3) vs. Boston University (22-9), 7:40 p.m.
UCLA (19-11) vs. Mississippi (20-10), 25 minutes following previous game
At Dallas
Oklahoma (27-4) vs. Illinois-Chicago (20-13), 12:30 p.m.
Xavier (25-5) vs. Hawaii (27-5), 30 minutes following previous game
Second Round
Saturday, March 16
At Albuquerque, N.M.
Missouri (22-11) vs. Ohio State (24-7), 3:20 p.m.
Wyoming (22-8) vs. Arizona (23-9), 30 minutes following previous game
Sunday, March 17
At Pittsburgh
Cincinnati or Boston University vs. UCLA or Mississippi, 12:10 or 2:36 p.m.
At Dallas
Oklahoma or Illinois-Chicago vs. Xavier or Hawaii, 4:41 p.m.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	40	24	.625	—
Boston	37	27	.578	3
Orlando	34	30	.531	6
Philadelphia	34	30	.531	6
Miami	29	33	.468	10
Washington	29	35	.453	11
New York	24	39	.381	15½

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	36	26	.581	—
Milwaukee	36	27	.571	½
Indiana	32	32	.500	5
Charlotte	31	33	.484	6
Toronto	30	36	.455	8
Atlanta	24	39	.381	12½
Cleveland	23	41	.359	14
Chicago	16	50	.242	22

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	45	18	.714	—
San Antonio	44	21	.677	2
Minnesota	40	24	.625	5½
Utah	34	30	.531	11½
Houston	25	39	.391	20½
Denver	19	42	.311	25
Memphis	17	47	.266	28½

Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	46	18	.719	—
L.A. Lakers	44	18	.710	1
Portland	38	25	.603	7½
Seattle	36	29	.554	10½
L.A. Clippers	34	31	.523	12½
Phoenix	30	35	.462	16½
Golden State	17	45	.274	28

Thursday's Games
Charlotte 100, Utah 82
New York 113, Sacramento 98
San Antonio 91, Chicago 86
Dallas at Portland, 10 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Friday's Games
Phoenix at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Utah at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Indiana at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Washington at Seattle, 10 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Denver at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Boston at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Washington at Portland, 10 p.m.
Dallas at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Seattle at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Orlando at Philadelphia, Noon
Atlanta at Indiana, 2:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Memphis, 3 p.m.
Sacramento at Toronto, 3 p.m.
Utah at Minnesota, 3:30 p.m.
New York at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Dallas at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

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EAST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 15
At Durham, N.C.
Texas Christian (23-6) vs. Indiana (17-13), 6:06 p.m.
Duke (27-3) vs. Norfolk State (22-8), 30 minutes after first game
At Austin
Louisiana Tech (25-4) vs. UC Santa Barbara (25-5), TBA
Texas (20-9) vs. Wisconsin-Green Bay (24-6), 30 minutes after first game
At Waco
Drake (23-7) vs. Syracuse (18-12), TBA
Baylor (26-5) vs. Bucknell (21-9), 30 minutes after first game
Saturday, March 16
At Columbia, S.C.
Cincinnati (26-4) vs. St. Peter's (25-5), TBA
South Carolina (22-6) vs. Liberty (23-7), 30 minutes after first game

MIDEAST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 15
At Manhattan, Kan.
Arkansas (19-11) vs. Clemson (17-11), TBA
Kansas State (24-7) vs. Kent State (20-10), 30 minutes after first game
At State College, Pa.
Florida International (26-5) vs. Creighton (24-9), TBA
Penn State (21-11) vs. Chattanooga (23-7), 30 minutes after first game
Saturday, March 16
At Storrs, Conn.
Virginia (17-12) vs. Iowa (17-10), 11:06 a.m.
Connecticut (33-0) vs. St. Francis, Pa. (19-11), 30 minutes after first game
At West Lafayette, Ind.
Old Dominion (25-5) vs. Georgia (19-10), 11:06 a.m.
Purdue (23-5) vs. Austin Peay (19-11), 30 minutes after first game

MIDWEST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 15
At Knoxville, Tenn.
Notre Dame (19-9) vs. New Mexico (22-8), TBA
Tennessee (25-4) vs. Georgia State (21-9), 30 minutes after first game
Saturday, March 16
At Nashville, Tenn.
Wisconsin (19-11) vs. Arizona State (24-8), TBA
Vanderbilt (27-6) vs. Oakland, Mich. (17-13), 30 minutes after first game
At Chapel Hill, N.C.
Minnesota (21-7) vs. UNLV (23-7), TBA
North Carolina (25-7) vs. Harvard (21-5), 30 minutes after first game
At Ames, Iowa
Florida (18-10) vs. Brigham Young (22-8), TBA
Iowa State (23-8) vs. Temple (20-10), 10:06 p.m.

WEST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 15
At Lubbock
Boston College (23-7) vs. Mississippi State (18-11), TBA
Texas Tech (18-11) vs. Stephen F. Austin (24-5), 30 minutes after first game
At Boulder, Colo.
Colorado (21-9) vs. Southern University (26-4), TBA
LSU (17-11) vs. Santa Clara (21-9), 11:36 p.m.
Saturday, March 16
At Norman, Okla.
Pepperdine (23-7) vs. Villanova (19-10), TBA
Oklahoma (27-3) vs. Hartford (16-14), TBA
At Stanford, Calif.
Colorado State (24-6) vs. Tulane (23-10), TBA
Stanford (30-2) vs. Weber State (22-8), TBA

DANCE
Saturday, March 16
9:00-1:00
Texas Mesquite
Country & Western
American Legion
1800 Ave. R
Members & Guests

T-Ball &
Snyder Little League Baseball
SIGN-UPS
Saturday, March 16 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Monday & Tuesday 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
No sign-ups before 5 p.m. on Monday & Tuesday
Wall Insurance
2517 College Ave (West Side of Square)
Boys who will be 4 years old by July 31st & Not 13 by August 1st.
Bring Birth Certificate
$35.00 Sign Up Fee

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Legal Notice

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

District: Abilene
Contract 6083-16-001 for LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE in SCURRY County, etc. will be opened on April 23, 2002 at 11:00 a.m. at the District Office for an estimate of $8,100.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 6106

State Office
Construction Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

District Office (s)
Abilene District
District Engineer
4250 N. Clack
Abilene, Texas 79604-0150
Phone: 915-676-6800

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex or national origin.

Lost & Found

Lost wallet in Wal-Mart parking lot. If found please call me! 573-0757

REWARD
Lost: Male Pomeranian, white w/red tips. Answers to the name "Taz". Someone was seen picking him up by the Ritz, so please bring him home. I would not take your baby. 915-573-8477 or 915-573-8855

Personal

I am looking for my twin aunts, **Christina and Annie Myhre** and their families and friends. You might be able to help me, but I do not know how to reach you. **Please try again**. We want to know about you and we want to tell our story too.
Arvid J. Myhre
Box 459
San Ardo, CA 93450
831-627-2534

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1990 Fleetwood Cadillac
$4,500, see at 2803 Ave. Y.
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Good mechanical condition.
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Specializing In LONG TERM CARE
111 College Ave. Office: 915-573-3255
P.O. Box 97 Toll Free: 877-571-3255
Snyder, TX 79550 Res: 915-573-6526

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Residential
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STEVE LEE
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C# 235-6568 C# 235-6026

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M-19955
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Snyder, Texas 79549
Jim Coventry Owner

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Vehicles

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All leather interior, front & rear air controls, CD/Cass. Stereo, four-wheel drive, brand new tires, cargo bed extender. Under 23K mi., 5 year/75K mi. warranty. Not a scratch on it!!
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Clean your garage, attic, old estate or house.
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Will run errands, pay bills, grocery shop, etc. Call 573-6595 or 725-0068.

Employment

Abilene Reporter-News Carrier
$1,100 a month. 7 days a week. Early mornings. Must have reliable vehicle. Call Sharon at 1-800-588-4284.

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$ EARN EXTRA MONEY $
Independent Contractors (*must be at least 18*) needed to deliver the Western Plains Area Wide Phone Book in Snyder, Sweetwater, Big Spring & surrounding areas. Call Today!
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SCURRY COMMUNITY SERVICES
Snyder Child Day Care Center
Scurry County Head Start
2800 2nd St.
Snyder, TX 79549
Taking applications for temporary office help and qualified, dependable substitute teacher aides for Snyder Day Care and Head Start programs. Teacher aide positions could become permanent. Also taking applications for position of Executive Director to become effective January 1, 2003. Job qualifications are available at 2800 2nd Street. The deadline for applications is March 21st and applications must be submitted in person to be considered. Call 573-7403 for more information.

Employment

Job Openings
Need 2 people for evening janitorial position. Call Servicemaster, 915-685-3121.

LVN needed at Covenant, Mon.–Fri., 9a.m.–6p.m. Come by and pick up application at 5009 College.

LVN NEEDED: Good Benefits, Meals, Holidays, Vacation. Apply in person to Terri Owens, Director of Nurses at Kristi Lee Manor, 1941 Chestnut, Colorado City, TX.

Manager & Asst. Manager
General merchandise retail experience required. Fax resume to 214-688-4431

Employment

Our agency is looking for a caring, compassionate RN or LVN for an on call position in the Snyder area. Contact Covenant Home Health Care - Post, (806)495-3533, 231 East Main.

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Production Clerk, full-time, for gas plant located 25-miles between Snyder and Big Spring, Texas, near Vincent. Code invoices, receive and order materials, calculate production, conduct gas analysis, take phone calls, and other office duties. Excel experience preferred. Need oilfield experience. Salary up to $2,000/month DOE. Send resume to 11703 East FM 846, Coahoma, Texas 79511, or fax to (915) 399-4290.

Snyder Health Care Center has re-opened, and because of increasing census, we are accepting applications for:
LVN's, CNA's, Dietary Aides
Contact Priscilla or Gloria at
5300 Big Spring Highway
915-573-6332

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Teller position available.
Fast paced environment. Computer skills necessary and ability to work well with others. Send resume to: P.O. Box 949S
Snyder, TX 79550

Waitress wanted. Will train. Must be able to work weekends. Apply in person at 4604 College.

Financial

Advance-Fee Loans or Credit Offers
Companies that do business by phone can't ask you to pay for credit **before** you get it. For more information, call toll-free 1-877-FTC HELP. A public service message from Snyder Daily News and the Federal Trade Commission.

Farmer's Column

WHEAT HAY
Square bales, $3.00
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The link between buyer and seller
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Substance Abuse Counselor – Adolescent Services - 4 Positions
The Betty Hardwick Center (Substance Abuse Services)
Provide substance abuse counseling services to individuals ages 13-17, and their families within Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Region 2. Services provided in the Abilene, Brownwood, Sweetwater/Colorado City/Snyder, Cisco/Breckenridge/Eastland areas. Adolescent experience or training required. Require LCDC, LPC, LMSW, LMFT, Psychologist, CARN, APN-PN/MH.
$2,389/mo. – $3,009/mo. Depending on experience, education, and credentials.
Apply at: Betty Hardwick Center, 2616 S. Clack, Suite 140, Abilene, Texas. EOE

Large Industrial manufacturer is seeking a #1 Electrician for their cement plant located in Maryneal, TX.
Requirements for the job include, but are not limited to the following:
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2. Knowledge of 120/460 volt controls.
3. Knowledge of voltages up to 4160.
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5. A good working knowledge of all plant electro-mechanical and instrumentation would be a plus.

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Please send resume to Judy Hill, Lone Star Industries, Inc., P.O. Box 1639, Sweetwater, TX 79556. Or call (915) 288-4221 to receive an application. Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Recreational Vehicles

1986 27' Terry 5th wheel travel trailer. Full bedroom & bathroom, lots of storage. Kept in barn, excellent condition! $7,000 573-2172

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Deluxe side-by-side refrigerator w/icemaker, Maytag, large capacity. $490 863-2299

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(2) receivers, $99 w/basic install. Also, qualify for free system installed. *Other options available. Call 575-0990

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Washers, Dryers, Refrigerators, Ranges & Freezers
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$1.00
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AKC Registered Labs
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Garage Sales

2-FAMILY INSIDE SALE
2506 Ave. I
Saturday 8a.m. – ??
Lots of misc. Too much to list!! Antique bedroom suite & more!

GARAGE SALE
3505 Kerrville
Saturday 9a.m. – ??

Garage Sales

3 FAMILY SALE
Landes Storage Unit #14
East 37th St.
Saturday 9a.m. – Noon
Mattress set, Couches, Toys, Children's, men's & women's clothes and more!

BACKYARD SALE
2317 Sunset Ave.
Friday & Saturday
8a.m. – ??
Too Much To List!

BARN SALE
Saturday 9a.m. – 4p.m. only
18 mi. east on 180, turn north at light
Furniture, Deer blinds, Feeder, Travel trailer, Guns, Riding mower, Generator, Propane tanks, Household items, Donkeys and more. 735-2016

BIG YARD SALE
508 14th St.
Fri. & Sat. 9a.m. – ??
Lots of stuff! Clothes (toddler – adult), Bathroom vanity, Microwave, Knick-knacks & misc.

CARPORT SALE
204 31st St.
Saturday 9a.m. – 1p.m.
Jewelry, Armoire, Small curio, CD rack, Nice clothes & misc.

GARAGE & BAKE SALE
1601 N. College Ave.
Saturday Early 'til Late
Sunday 1p.m. – 5p.m.
Lots of Items!
Everything Must Go!!

GARAGE SALE
1634 N. Ave. O
N. on Clairmont Hwy, turn right on Taylor St., go 4 blks, turn left
Big white shop building
Saturday 8a.m. – 2p.m.

GARAGE SALE
201 Chestnut
Saturday 7a.m. – ??
Craft items, Clothes - all sizes, Toys, Household items. Just a little bit of everything.

GARAGE SALE
2806 El Paso
Saturday 8a.m. – ??
Computer, $225; Microwave, TV, Household items, Cam-corder, $60; (3) bar stools, $50; Clothes and misc. Cash Only!

GARAGE SALE
2807 Ave. U
Saturday 8a.m. – ??
Clothes, Toys & more!!

GARAGE SALE
308 36th Place
Saturday 8a.m. – 2p.m.
Furniture, TV, Lamps, Home & kitchen items, Clothes & lots more!

GARAGE SALE
3105 Beaumont
Saturday 8a.m. – ??
No Early Sales
Bedroom suite, Kitchen items, Clothes (boy's 2T – adult) and lots of misc.

GARAGE SALE
3305 Irving
Saturday 8a.m. – Noon
Lots of teen clothes & misc.

GARAGE SALE
409 N. Ave. Q
Saturday 7a.m. – 7p.m.
You Name It
We Have It!!

Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE
411 26th St.
Thursday, Friday & Saturday
9a.m. until late
Lots of misc. Come see!!

GARAGE SALE
419 36th Place
Friday & Saturday
7a.m. – 2p.m.
Lots of Everything!!

GARAGE SALE
Friday 5p.m. – ???
180 W. to Ponderosa Motel, N. on CR 221 approx. 1 mi., right side of road
King-size mattress set, $175; Girl's headboard & footboard, $30; Jeans; Men's - little boy's & teen girl's clothes; Lots & lots of misc.

GARAGE SALE
Old Circle In Gro. Bldg.
Lamesa Hwy.
Saturday 8:30a.m. – 2:30p.m.
Hide-a-bed couch & much more!

MOVING SALE
3742 Avondale
Saturday 8a.m. – Noon
Sofa, Dining table w/chairs, Tools, Home decor., Maternity clothes, Riding lawn mower w/attachments & more!!!

MOVING SALE
936 Harlan (Hermleigh)
Saturday 7:30a.m. – ??
Clothes, Shoes & Lots of misc.

PATIO SALE
4502 Denison
Sat. & Sun. 8a.m. – ??
Tiller, Riding lawn mower, Garden tools, Hand tools, TV, Small refrigerator, Deep freeze, and much more!

YARD SALE
3715 Ave. U
Saturday 7a.m. – Noon
Crafter quitting the business!
Lots of stuff!!

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120 acres of NW quarter of section 159 for oil lease. Call 573-5211.

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Cute 1 bedroom duplex, appliances, CH/A, garage. Call 915-573-1012, leave message.

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Available March 16th
Hermleigh 2-1-1 house. $350 month, $150 deposit. Call after 5:30p.m., 863-2723

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Mobile Homes For Rent

3B-2B-CH/RA, den w/fireplace, deck, huge metal cover over all, fenced, 2-cp. Owner/finance. 207 30th 573-2251

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$500 Move-In
Owner Finance
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Beautiful Doublewide
In Country
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Cute Little House
Very Affordable.
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Comm Bldgs 1801 22nd, 2703 College Ave....Call
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Great Location! Existing beauty salon ..Call
N. Hwy. 208 3-2 .....Sell or Lease $50's
5603 Cedar Creek Dr. - Dream Home! .....Call
2017 40th Seller will help w/closing ....$30's
4008 Irving - 3-2-2 .....$50's
2508 27th - Owner Transferred .....$20's
3605 Jacksboro Good Neighborhood! 3-2-2 $60's
300 34th 4-2-cp .....Reduced $20's
305 34th Great Starter 2-1-1 ....Only $13T
2904 37th Delightful 2-1-1, dining/living $55T
2509 48th - Entertain- 3-2½-2 & RV space $110T
2501 48th - Beautiful kitchen 3-3½ ..$100's
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6.91 Acres 2-1 + Lots of out Bldgs & Pens
REDUCED 4-2-2 2211 27th $39T
160 Acres w/3-1¾+2, 3 miles NE Snyder
Spacious 4-1¾+½-2cp+2 LA's...3600 Hill Ave.
321 35th St. 3-1-1 Detached $25T
160 A's 3-2-cp & shop 5.2 mi. NE of Hermleigh
REDUCED 2805 Ave. V 3-1¾+1cp.....$39,750
14.49 Acres 32-Hot Tub, Sprinkler System...$95T
Attractive 3-1¾+-2 4014 Irving $65T
Economical mobile home 3-1 $9T 2209 Gilmore
Near City 160 acres w/2-1-1cp.....$100T
3202 40th 3-1-1 Nice Kitchen & Carpeting $295T
Good Floor Plan 3-1¾-2 4006 Jacksboro $54.9T
3-2½-2+4+RV Gar., Pool, Hot Tub, 2501 48th
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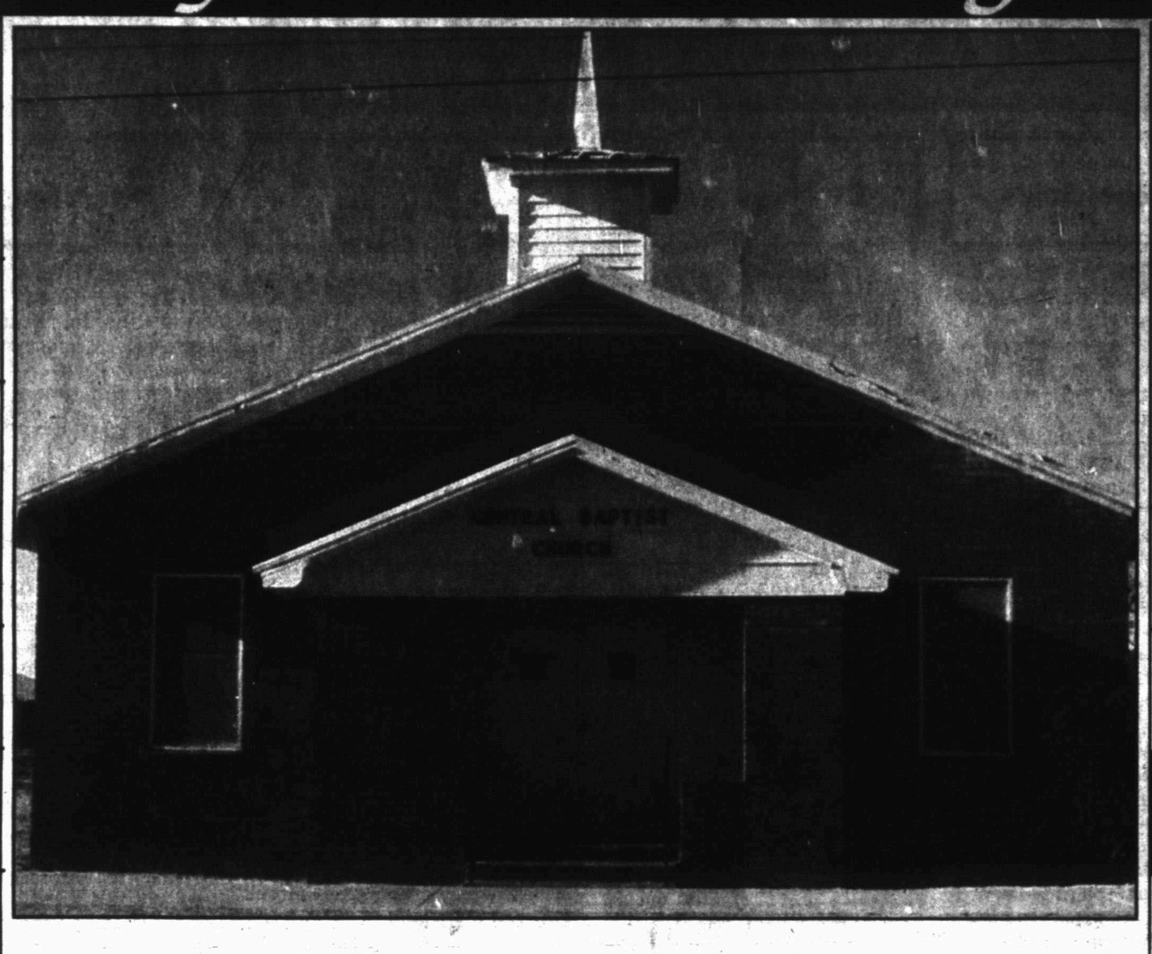

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New airport security devices unveiled

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — The airport security systems of the future can see through clothes for weapons, sniff a person for explosives and determine what's in a bottle without opening it.

At Orlando International Airport the future is now, as six prototype security systems will begin operation over the next few days. Orlando, one of the world's busiest airports, was chosen in December as the testing ground for next-generation security checkpoint devices.

However, the heightened security may come at a price.

The scanner that can see through clothes leaves nothing to the imagination, and the bomb sniffer also can test for drugs. Both of these systems concern civil liberties advocates.

On Thursday, the Advanced Technology Checkpoint Project made its debut to the media as government leaders looked on approvingly.

"We have to make sure that people feel safe and secure going to our airports," said Orlando Mayor Glenda Hood, chairwoman of the Florida Domestic Security Advisory Panel. "Our businesses depend on it."

Airport security has been one of the nation's top priorities since Sept. 11, when terrorists hijacked four passenger planes and used them as flying bombs.

The tests in Orlando will be run by the National Safe Skies Alliance, a nonprofit organization that evaluates new security devices and reports its findings to the federal Transportation Security Administration.

Tom Jensen, president/CEO of Safe Skies, said the technology at Orlando International is some of the most advanced in the world.

"A few years ago, a whole roomful of machinery had the same kind of power that your little laptop has today," Jensen said. "Same thing's going to happen with all this. We're going to find the equipment easier to install, with lighter weight and taking up less space to do the same job."

The checkpoint will feature six security systems: three for passengers and three for carry-on baggage. Only passengers who volunteer will go through the checkpoint.

One system, the Rapiscan Secure 1000, uses low-energy X-rays to search a person through clothing. When Rapiscan project manager Bryan Allman scanned himself, a plastic knife hidden in his shirt pocket was detected.

However, the outline of his body — every inch of it — also was clearly visible. Mindful of the machine's revealing nature, airport officials refused to put a woman in the scanner.

Security officials said the scanner would only be used when a passenger shows an "anomaly." Also, the security worker examining the scan would be the same sex as the person being searched.

The potential for complaints about the invasiveness of the search didn't seem to bother Allman.

"Everybody has to learn that the world has changed since Sept. 11, and the world needs a much more thorough type of screening," Allman said.

But the American Civil Liberties Union says the scan is too intrusive.

"This, of course, is a virtual strip-search," ACLU associate director Barry Steinhardt said. "There's no question this has tremendous potential for embarrassment."

Steinhardt pointed out there have been incidents across the nation where male security workers harassed female passengers during hands-on searches.

"We fear this is going to be indiscriminately used," Steinhardt said. "We know that even less-invasive searches are being abused at airports."

Another system, a little larger than a phone booth, blows quick bursts of air at a person, then "sniffs" the air to detect any traces of explosives. The Barringer Ionscan 400B has a library of 40 types of explosives against which it can judge results.

The Ionscan also can be quickly adjusted to test for 60 types of drug residue, which Hood praised as a bonus stemming from the war on terrorism. "The ability to use technology to be able to stop some of the drug trafficking, we're always looking for the opportunity to deal with that war as well," Hood said.

But Steinhardt asked: "Do we really want to be turning airport security personnel into the DEA?" He added that searching for drugs would distract checkpoint workers from their true purpose: keeping planes safe.

Former officer tries to bolster image

NEW YORK (AP) — The newspaper and television images exude innocence: Chuck Schwarz wolfing down a roast beef sandwich, belatedly celebrating Christmas, kissing his wife.

Abner Louima's lawyer, Sanford Rubenstein, says the images are part of a public relations effort on behalf of the former New York police officer, who is scheduled to be retried in the Louima torture case after his conviction was overturned.

In newspaper stories and TV interviews since his release last week, Schwarz talked about coping behind bars and his friends talked about vindication.

"This is nothing more than a well-orchestrated public relations campaign by an expert in spin, namely Ron Fischetti," Rubenstein said, referring to Schwarz's lawyer.

The campaign to shift public opinion in Schwarz's favor has worked so well, prosecutors say, that they sought a gag order last week against the defendant and Fischetti.

The motion was denied, but prosecutors and lawyers for Louima say the stream of positive publicity for Schwarz threatens to taint the jury pool in the new trial, tentatively scheduled for June.

Fischetti defends his efforts to sway public opinion.

"When I took over this case, Chuck Schwarz was a pariah," he said. "I realized I needed to tell the media about the facts."

Schwarz has denied he was in the 70th Precinct bathroom when former officer Justin Volpe sodomized Louima, a Haitian immigrant, with a broken broomstick. After Volpe pleaded guilty in the 1997 attack, a jury convicted Schwarz in 1998 of violating Louima's civil rights by holding him down during the assault.

A federal appeals court, while throwing out the conviction, did not clear Schwarz of wrongdoing. It found he deserved a new trial because his lawyer had a conflict of interest and the jury was tainted because it was aware of Volpe's secret plea.

U.S. Attorney Alan Vinegrad said today that "if you look beyond the defense's hype," the fact remains that a jury convicted Schwarz.

While the appeal was pending, Fischetti courted journalists. The coverage began to question whether Schwarz, serving 15 years, was a victim of mistaken identity. Stories detailed a grass-roots "Free Chuck" movement featuring fund-raisers and a Web site selling T-shirts, buttons and bumper stickers.

"There is no question that the press has been very supportive of Chuck Schwarz," Fischetti said. "It's not because Ronald Fischetti was saying it. It's because they're familiar with the facts of the case."

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Saturday, March 16, 2002

There's a good chance there will be significant changes in your social life in the year ahead. You could become a member of a small, but exciting clique who'll broaden your horizons.

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CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Through adjustments today, you can maximize your advantages concerning an endeavor in which you're involved. Make the pertinent changes, and the improvements will be obvious.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Nothing is apt to get you down today. In fact, difficulties will serve to stimulate your ingenuity and inventiveness. You know how to free yourself from unproductive restrictions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Get out and socialize as much as possible today, because there is a good chance you could meet someone with whom you'll have much in common and want to get to know better.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Any endeavor that could yield you a potential profit, even if it comes from out of the blue, should be given top priority today. Make it your objective, and success should follow.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Don't be afraid to make snap decisions today, because quick thinking could be a basic requirement in your involvements today, and your judgment is good.

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Two charged

KILLEEN (AP) — A Harker Heights man was charged Thursday with murder in the death of his 2-year-old daughter a week ago.

Robert Pearson III, 35, was being held in the Bell County Jail on a $1 million bond in the death of Sharletha Nicole Pearson.

His wife, Army Sgt. Ruby Hatcher, 27, was being held on a $500,000 bond on a charge of injury to a child.

Police were summoned to a home on March 7 on a call reporting a nonresponsive child.

Harker Heights police Detective Mike Simmons said the father told authorities the child was found in the kitchen.

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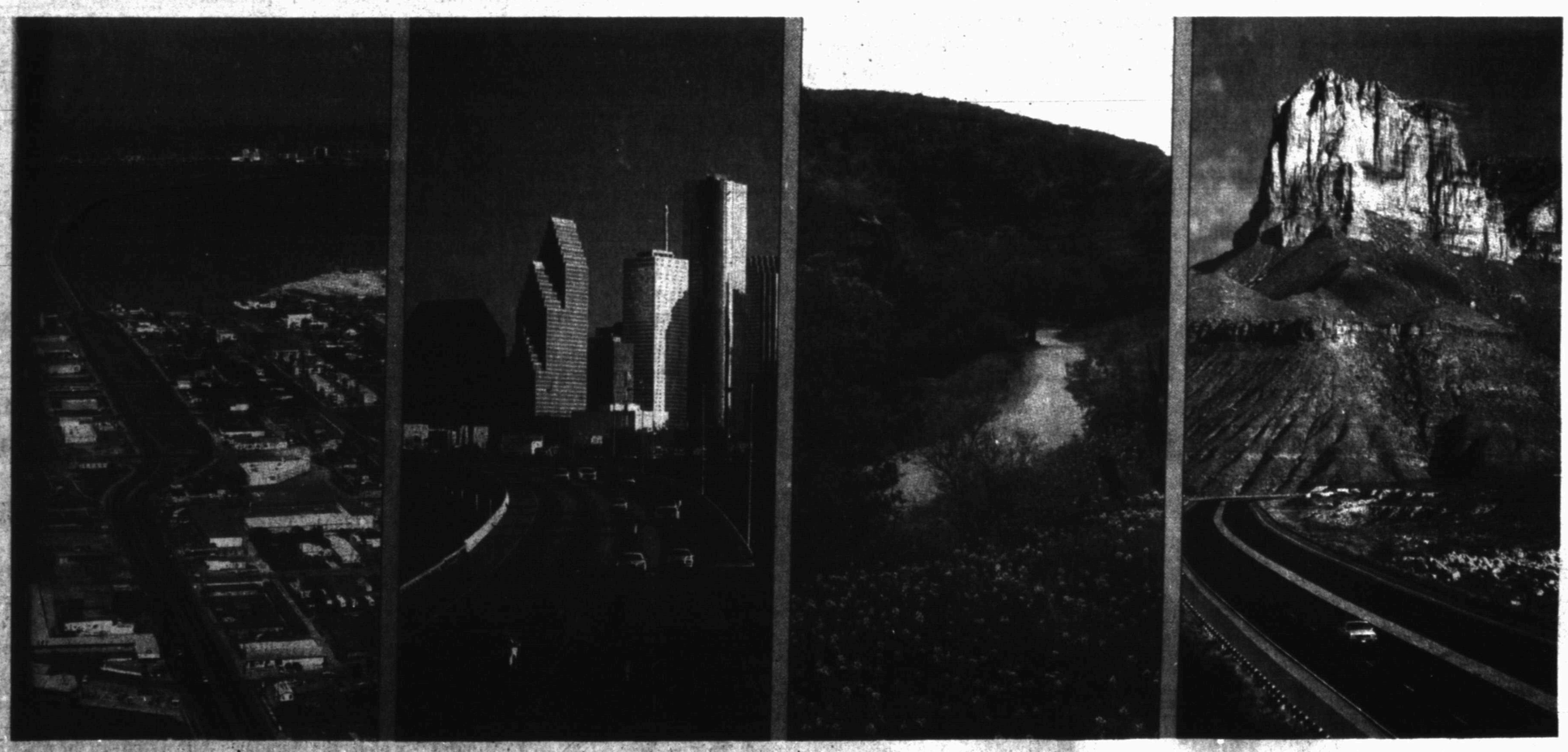

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Israelis pull back to outskirts of 3 towns

JERUSALEM (AP) — Scaling down its biggest military operation in a generation, Israel withdrew from three West Bank towns today but failed to comply with U.S. demands that it leave all Palestinian-controlled areas to give a boost to an American envoy's truce mission.

In fresh fighting, three Palestinians were killed by Israeli fire in the Gaza Strip, including one the army said was trying to plant bombs. Also, a Palestinian woman and three of her children were killed in a mysterious explosion in a Gaza refugee camp, and a suspected Palestinian informer for Israel was shot dead by gunmen in the West Bank.

U.S. envoy Anthony Zinni met today in the West Bank town of Ramallah with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. Earlier in the day, he held talks with Israel's defense and foreign ministers in the American's latest bid to forge a truce in 18 months of violence.

Israel pulled its troops out of the West Bank towns of Ramallah, Tulkarem and Qalqiliya. But troops remained in Bethlehem and the adjacent town of Beit Jalla, and tanks ringed the nearby refugee camps of Dheisheh and Aida.

The withdrawals began several hours after Zinni's arrival Thursday afternoon and were complete by this morning, though troops remained stationed near the three towns, enforcing a blockade that kept Palestinians confined to their communities.

After his talks with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, Zinni said that "despite the conditions, I thinl there are the ingredients here for hope," adding: "My expectation is success."

Peres and Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer were also optimistic. Peres said success was possible in Zinni's mission "because both sides want it and need it."

The United States was exerting strong pressure on Israel to leave all Palestinian-controlled areas. Secretary of State Colin Powell made the demand to Ariel Sharon in a phone call this week, and Zinni repeated it in his meeting with the Israeli prime minister late Thursday.

Israeli officials told Zinni that Israeli troops would have to remain in some Palestinian areas in order to prevent attacks on Israelis by militants.

Neighbor to stand trial in slaying of girl

SAN DIEGO (AP) — After three days of testimony about the disappearance and death of 7-year-old Danielle van Dam, a judge ordered a neighbor to stand trial on charges of kidnapping and killing the girl.

The girl's mother, Brenda van Dam, held back tears as she testified Thursday at a preliminary hearing for David Westerfield, 50, who has been charged with kidnapping, murder and possession of child pornography. He has pleaded innocent.

"I have reasonable cause to believe that Mr. Westerfield is guilty," Judge H. Ronald Domnitz said in issuing his decision.

Under cross-examination by the defense, van Dam, 39, at times grew frustrated and repeatedly said she couldn't recall details about events surrounding her daughter's disappearance from the family's home Feb. 1.

"I've been through a lot," she said.

Van Dam recalled meeting Westerfield when she and Danielle went to his home in their north San Diego neighborhood to sell Girl Scout cookies last year.

She testified that she had little contact with the twice-divorced engineer until earlier this year when she ran into him at a local bar while she was out with two friends.

Days later, she went to Westerfield's home with Danielle and one of her sons to again sell cookies, she said. As the children explored the home, van Dam said she chatted with Westerfield.

He said he often hosted "adult parties" and barbecues and invited van Dam and her husband.

She said she thought it odd Westerfield mentioned "adult parties."

"I didn't know what he meant by that," she testified.

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Van Dam said she and two friends met on Feb. 1 and shared a marijuana cigarette in van Dam's garage before going out.

The girl's father, Damon van Dam, 37, testified he also smoked marijuana with the women in the garage, but went back inside to play video games with their sons while Danielle read a book.

2 reports filed Thursday for break-ins

•Thefts

A. J. Valdez reported the theft of a ladder from his pickup Thursday morning. He advised the ladder was taken during the night while his vehicle was parked at the Willow Park Inn. A report for Class B theft was submitted.

Antonio Hernandez reported a break-in at the Union Community Center Thursday afternoon. Nothing was stolen from the building, but an offense report was filed for damage done to the facility.

Amy Torrez reported Thursday that her residence was broken into. A report for criminal mischief was submitted.

•Arrest

A DPS trooper arrested a 37-year-old man Thursday night for interference with child custody.

•Gas drive off

A clerk at Town and Country North reported a drive off in the amount of $16.04 at 11 p.m. Thursday.

Births

Miranda Hackford and Brian Hall announce the birth of their daughter, Breauna Kaitlynn Hall, at 12:24 a.m. on March 14 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Zoey weighed five pounds, 11 ounces.

Grandparents are Billy Hall and Linda and Tom Guy, all of Snyder.

More spending for Pentagon on agenda

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — President Bush sought support for his proposed military spending increase today among rank-and-file soldiers integral to the war in Afghanistan, urging Congress to make the extra funds "the first order of business so we can plan for this war."

Before a crowd of civilians and soldiers in the Cumberland County Arena — where graduation ceremonies for a new class of Green Berets was held just days ago — Bush said the United States is entering the second phase of "a tireless, relentless campaign" against terrorism worldwide, and will need both the patience and support of the American people to carry it out.

With the House preparing to vote on next year's target budget, Bush used a visit to Fort Bragg, N.C., to call attention to his plan to raise defense spending by $48 billion to $379 billion, the largest increase in two decades.

"Nothing is more important than the national security of our country. So nothing is more important than our defense budget," Bush said. "The price for freedom is high, but it's never too high as far as I'm concerned."

Bush was to have lunch with troops and watch a demonstration of tactical training exercises by the special operations forces headquartered at Fort Bragg before returning to Washington.

The president said he wants to make certain that the Immigration and Naturalization Service is reformed, so that bureaucratic inefficiency does not produce more embarrassments like the delayed delivery of student visas for two of the Sept. 11 hijackers.

Obituaries

Lucille Yandell

1916-2002

Eunice Lucille Yandell, a resident of Snyder since 1960, died Thursday, March 14, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Yandell, 85, will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday in Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home. The Rev. Henry Walton, pastor of Hobbs Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in the White Deer Cemetery in White Deer at 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

Born Dec. 2, 1916 in Electra, she married Darrell E. Yandell in April, 1945 in Indiana. Mr. Yandell, field superintendent for Halliburton in Snyder, died Dec. 9, 1982.

Survivors include a nephew and his wife, Craig and Tammy Hutchings of Merkel; two nieces and their husbands, Kathleen and Larry Carley of Ft. Myers, Fla., and Vickie and Ramon Durazo of Tucson; a sister-in-law, Dorma Lee Reece of Tucson; two great-nephews, Jason and Trey Hutchings.

Visitation will be from 6-7 this evening at the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Troy Irvin

1926-2002

LUBBOCK – Troy L. Irvin, a former resident of Snyder, died Wednesday, March 13.

Graveside service for Mr. Irvin, 75, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in Resthaven Memorial Park with the Rev. Paul Jantzen officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

Born May 14, 1926 in Colorado City, he was a graduate of Snyder High School and served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II.

He married Anthena Nancy Miggos on Dec. 28, 1978 in Lubbock. He was the owner and operator of Irvin's Drive In for 25 years.

Survivors include his wife, Athena Irvin of Lubbock; a son, Jimmy Irvin of Lubbock; a sister, Sybil Hollis of Midland; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Dr. Mendenhall

1931-2002

ABILENE — Dr. Elliott Mendenhall Jr. of Abilene, brother of Mendy O'Banion of Snyder, died Tuesday, March 12.

A memorial service for Dr. Mendenhall, 70, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the First United Methodist Church with arrangements under the direction of Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home.

Born April 3, 1931 in Dallas, he attended Southern Methodist University, Baylor University College of Medicine and Duke University Medical Center.

A resident of Abilene since 1963, Dr. Mendenhall was a thoracic and cardiovascular surgeon. He performed the first open heart surgery in Abilene at West Texas Medical Center. After retirement, he worked at Hamlin Family Medical Clinic, Abilene Diagnostic Clinic and Serenity House.

He was a director of the West Texas Medical Center Research Foundation and was active in the Abilene Community Theatre, Abilene Philharmonic, Pastoral Care and Counseling and Serenity House. He served as chairman of the deacons at University Baptist Church and at the time of his death he was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Charlene Mendenhall of Abilene; a son, Craig Mendenhall; two daughters, Catherine Conder and Cheryl Mitchell; a stepdaughter, Courtney Fayrweather; and five grandchildren.

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ONGOINGS

Iglesia de Cristo

Iglesia de Cristo, 501 N. College Ave., will have a special study program on the Book of Revelations from 7-8:15 this evening.

UW board meeting

Directors of the Scurry County United Way will meet at noon Monday at 2311 Ave. T.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "The Conscience," followed by "Tell Me the Old Story."

Scurry Masonic Lodge #706

Scurry Masonic Lodge will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday for work in the Masters Degree. All Master Masons are invited.

Community choir class

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

Mesquite Country Emmaus

The Mesquite Country Emmaus community meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Calvary Baptist Church in Colorado City. Babe chicks meet at 6 p.m.

Scurry County 4-H Club meeting

The Scurry County 4-H Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at East Elementary.

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.

Senior center banquet

The 23rd annual Scurry County Senior Center volunteer recognition banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. next Friday at the Senior Center.

SHS class of 1992 reunion

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

Enchilada dinner

The third annual Knights of Columbus enchilada dinner is Sunday, March 24, at West Elementary. Serving will be from noon until 5 p.m. Adult plates are $5 and child's plates are $3. Meal includes tea and dessert.

Foster care meeting

To learn more information of foster care and adoption, attend an informational meeting to be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, at the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services office at 3409 Snyder Shopping Center.

Windbreak trees

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

American Legion membership drive

The American Legion is holding its membership drive and if you or a family member served in the military, you could be eligible for membership in the American Legion, Ladies Auxiliary or Sons of American Legion. Call 573-4082, 573-6542 or 574-6805 for more information.

Adult basic education classes

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

FBC support groups

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

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.

Math whiz whose life was made into a movie denies all rumors

NEW YORK (AP) — The schizophrenic math whiz whose life is portrayed by Russell Crowe in the Oscar-nominated movie "A Beautiful Mind" says allegations that he is homosexual and anti-Semitic are untrue.

Critics have said that certain aspects of mathematician John Nash's life were left out of the movie, including rumors he had an affair and was a bad father.

In an interview with CBS' "60 Minutes," which airs Sunday, Nash denies being anti-Semitic but acknowledges he may have said things while delusional that could be construed that way.

"I did have strange ideas during certain periods of time," he said, adding that he heard voices then. "It's really my subconscious talking. It was really that. I know that now."

Nash, 73, and his wife, Alicia Nash, denied that he is gay.

"That's just not true," Alicia Nash said. "I should know."

Some critics have charged that Nash ignored a son born of a long-ago relationship, according to the interview on CBS, which provided excerpts to The Associated Press on Thursday. But Nash says he's now close to that son, John Stier, and gave him a share of the royalties from the movie.

Nash and his wife have a son, Johnny, who suffers from schizophrenia.

The elder Nash's schizophrenia diminished through the 1970s and 1980s.

"A Beautiful Mind" is nominated for best picture.