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Home of Russell Fisk

SHS grad is stand-in for George W.

By Shirley A. Gorman
SDN News Editor

With a West Texan about to be sworn in as the 43rd President of the United States, it was only fitting that the incoming president's stand-in for last Saturday's mock inauguration be from Texas as well.

Staff Sgt. Michael Long, a former Snyder resident, was the stand-in in for President-elect George W. Bush during two back-to-back inauguration dress rehearsals conducted in Washington, D.C.

Staff Sgt. Michael Long, left, stands in for President-elect Bush

Long, who has served in the U.S. Army for 11 years, said in a telephone interview that this experience was a "neat thing," and noted that the "press coverage (for the mock inauguration) has been unbelievable. Even if you were used to it, it would be really unnerving," Long added.

During the actual inauguration ceremony, Long said many people with cameras will be positioned at Bush's feet, but viewers in the audience will not be able to see them because no cameras will show them.

Long, like the other people who participated in the mock event, volunteered his services. He said the main reason he was selected was because he is about the same height as Bush, who is around 5 feet 10 or 11 inches tall. Height was an important requirement, Long said, because camera angles were also being set that day.

Long said some people later joked that his Texas accent was another reason he was selected. All kidding aside, the 1987 Snyder High School graduate, said "it was a tremendous honor to be part of history and to participate in such a well-documented event." He especially likes the fact that he and Bush are both Texans.

Long said preparations for the mock inauguration kicked off at 3:30 a.m. when all of the volunteers gathered to receive their assignments. The first practice got underway at 5:30 a.m. Then another run through was held after the first one was completed.

Long said he did everything during the rehearsals just the way Bush will do it on Saturday, including being sworn in, giving a "speech" and watching the parade and military bands who will pass in review. After Long was "sworn in," he said he waited about 30 seconds and then closed his pretend speech with "May God bless America," Bush's standard closing.

While Long did not ride in an inauguration limo, he did get to ride with one of President Clinton's Secret Service agents and he did walk through the White House and to the previewing stand on Pennsylvannia Avenue, where Bush will watch the parade, including military bands, pass.

Bush will also attend a luncheon on Capitol Hill as well.

According to a Jan. 14 article in *The Washington Post*, about 2,000 people participated in the dry runs, including military and police personnel. Military people were selected according to their records and performance evaluations.

The Post reported that everyone who will take part in the inauguration had a stand-in. There were also stand-ins for the vehicles that will be used in Saturday's swearing in. For instance, a black Ford Expedition took the place of Bush's limo. The Bible to be held by Chief Justice H. Rehnquist for the swearing in was an old dictionary.

The Post article said organizers made last-minute changes over walkie-talkies. The rehearsal parade traced its route from the east steps of the Capitol to the White House in about 90 minutes. Pennsylvania Avenue had been closed to traffic so the empty motorcade and military personnel could pass.

While Long was honored to be part of the mock inauguration practices, that wasn't his initial assignment. At first, he was going to be a driver attached to the Armed Forces Inauguration Committee (AFIC). When the decision was made to use civilian drivers instead, Long volunteered to be a stand-in with the Capitol Hill Division for the inauguration dress rehearsal.

Long has been living in the Washington, D.C. area for about a year, and is currently stationed at Fort Meyer, Va. Normally he said he is attached to a field unit and takes part in regular training exercises. Long is married to the former Angela Buchanan, who graduated from SHS in 1990. They have three children: Calvin, 8, Bryant, 3, and Amanda, 2.

Michael Long
1987 SHS senior photo

Long's mother, Cinda Long, died in 1995. Prior to her death, she had worked at local convenience stores. Long's sister, Rhonda Clements, still lives in Snyder. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E.M. Stewart of Mineral Wells.

Angela is the daughter of Joyce and Jim Lionberger of Hermleigh. Joyce teaches the third grade at Hermleigh School and Jim is a wildlife biologist with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

American Profile to debut this weekend

Debuting this weekend in the Snyder Daily News is *American Profile*, a full-color Sunday supplement with a regional editorial focus.

"Many metro daily newspapers for years have had feature supplements," said SDN publisher Roy McQueen. "*American Profile* is designed primarily for community newspapers like us."

Subscribers to the Snyder Daily News will receive this value-added supplement at no additional cost. However, the newsstand price of the weekend edition will be adjusted 25 cents to $1.

Stock show continues today...

Janet Eckert's hog takes top honors

Janet Eckert of Hermleigh FFA took top honors Thursday night with her hog entry as action kicked off for the annual Scurry County Junior Livestock Show and Sale at the coliseum's ag annex.

The Hermleigh senior's lightweight Hamp was named Grand Champion.

Reserve Champion honors went to Jordan Derryberry, Scurry County 4-H member, for her medium weight Duroc.

Corbin Smith of the Scurry County 4-H won the junior showmanship award and Eckert captured the senior showmanship award.

The show continues this evening with the judging of lambs at 6 p.m. immediately followed by the goat judging. Steers will be judged 30 minutes after the goat show.

On Saturday, a meal for buyers will be held at 11:15 a.m., followed by the awards presentation at noon. The auction gets underway at 1 p.m.

The show is open to the public and there is no admission charge. Scurry County 4-H is operating the concession stand this year.

O'Donnell's Eddie Smallwood served as hog judge. Steve Sturtz of Glasscock County will judge both the lambs and goats while Michael Schertz of Bridgeport will judge the steers.

GRAND CHAMPION HOG — Janet Eckert (left) of Hermleigh FFA captured Grand Champion honors with this light weight Hamp as the annual Scurry County Junior Livestock Show and Sale got underway Thursday night. She is pictured with twin sister Lori Eckert. (SDN Staff Photo)

Local Lions to host district conference

Snyder Lions Club will host the District 2-T2 Mid-winter Conference Saturday at the Wagon Wheel Ranch.

Approximately 125 Lions Club members are expected to attend the function. Registration begins at 8:45 a.m. and the general meeting starts at 9:30.

District governor Dr. Jerry Marshall from Rotan will conduct the meeting and at noon, John Eads of DeSoto, past council chairman, will speak.

Activities for wives will include a book review by Bobbie Steakley of Colorado City and entertainment and quilting tips from Terrisu Mann of Snyder.

Acitivities conclude at 3 p.m.

The president of the local Lions Club is Mike Hartman.

Serving as local chairman of the event Saturday is Mac McCown.

The chairmen of the women's events are Mary McCown and Peggy Vernon.

All members of the Snyder Lions Club are encouraged to attend the conference.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "If you're not sleepy when you go to bed, don't fret. You will be the next morning."

The fact that we were 10 days late in reporting the Jan. 5 auto accident near Dallas in which Snyder residents **Troy** and **Marylou Scott** were seriously injured again underscores how much we need the help of readers.

Many times, our staff won't be aware of something unless we get a tip – and we always appreciate your help.

We hope the Scotts continue to improve and can soon return home to Snyder.

During the holidays, the items for What's Up slow down, but by mid-January the number of items again exceed the space. When that occurs, we try to alternate notices with preference given to those events that are going to occur the earliest.

The Scurry County stock show is underway, Girl Scouts are selling cookies and the SHS choir and drama departments are preparing for the presentation of "Music Man."

Transition from one year to the next always brings a flurry of resignations. Tiger AD and head football coach **David Baugh** is hanging up his cleats after 13 years and a winning record at SHS.

And WTC president **Harry Krenek** has given notice to the board that he plans to retire at the end of the school year. Krenek, who has been college CEO for the past 14 years, plans to settle on the Texas coast while Coach Baugh will likely end up on the family ranch in Fisher County.

He's one of those quiet ones with perhaps the most important job in Snyder.

The city recognized **Darrell Callahan** as employee of the month. Callahan is head of the water and sewer department.

You may not have thought how pressure-packed that job can be unless you consider the possibility of waking some morning without running tap water and without flushing toilets.

Billy Ray and **Pam Browning** continue to be good ambassadors for Snyder. They are using their business, the Wagon Wheel Ranch, to promote Snyder and Scurry County. To help promote western swing music in the area, well-known western swing DJ **Larry Scott** has been brought on board as the manager.

Congratulations to **Michael Compton** and to **Johnny Vasquez**.

Compton, an SHS senior, was named to the all-state choir.

Vasquez, a Snyder fighter, has earned a berth at the national senior boxing finals to be held in Colorado Springs in March.

ASK US

Q—How long can the confirmation hearings last, and if the nominee is not confirmed, do they start in office before the process is complete?

A—There is no time limit on the hearings, and they do not take office until confirmed, according to Rep. Charles Stenholm's office.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 40 degrees; low, 26; 7 a.m. Friday 26; .02 of an inch precipitation; total for 2001, .94 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear, low lower 20s, light, variable wind. Saturday, mostly sunny, high lower 50s. Saturday night, partly cloudy, low around 30.

Kelsi Fulford
Sunny

Sunset:
6:08 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:42 a.m.
Of 18 days in 2001, the sun has shone 14 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Cherish your visions and your dreams, as they are the children of your soul, the blueprints of your ultimate achievements.
—Napoleon Hill

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Lab starts new DNA testing for condemned man

DALLAS (AP) — A convicted child molester's appeal of his death sentence for a North Texas girl's abduction and strangulation now includes a new round of DNA tests on hair evidence used to convict him.

Hair samples and a fiber from a stuffed toy were the key physical evidence that Collin County prosecutors used to link Michael Blair with his 7-year-old victim, Ashley Estell.

A forensic laboratory, Mitotyping Technologies of Pennsylvania, is performing DNA tests on two previously untested hair fragments and is retesting a strand of hair found on the floorboard of Blair's car.

A forensic expert testified at Blair's 1998 trial that the strand microscopically matched Ashley's hair. However, results in June from a DNA test performed at a North Carolina lab hired by Blair's attorneys showed it "could not have originated from Ashley Estell."

A court-appointed attorney for Blair, Philip Wischkaemper of Lubbock, said Thursday he was cautiously optimistic about the latest round of DNA testing.

The federal judge overseeing Blair's death-row appeal ordered the tests last month after the Texas attorney general's office requested them.

Blair's case became the catalyst for "Ashley's Laws," a package of tough sexual predator measures in Texas requiring longer prison terms and public registration for sex offenders.

Ashley was abducted from a crowded Plano soccer field. Her body was found a day later.

Blair, who has repeatedly said he is innocent, was scheduled for execution in July 1999, but the date was delayed when his attorneys moved his appeal to federal court.

Defense attorney Barry Scheck, founder of the Innocence Project at Cardozo Law School in New York City, said he has consulted with Blair's attorneys regarding DNA-related technology that wasn't available during his trial.

events

LOTTO TEXAS

TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Cash Five

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

3-7-11-18-30

Pick 3

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

1-3-0

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Consumers facing higher beef prices

DENVER (AP) — First it was the electric bill. Now consumers are paying more at the grocery store for a pound of beef.

In both cases, winter shares the blame.

The return of a colder, wetter winter in some Western states has contributed to higher beef and cattle prices by reducing supplies, according to livestock industry analysts.

"You have impacts on either extreme whether it's really hot or really cold, probably not unlike on people, though the emphasis on cattle is how it affects weight gain," said Bret Fox, a spokesman for ConAgra Beef Co. in Greeley.

Cattle use more energy to sustain themselves in colder, wetter weather so they gain weight at a slower rate, he said.

"Only when they reach a certain degree of fatness are they ready to market," Fox said. "When you have weather that slows them down, you have fewer cattle that are market-ready."

That means a tighter supply in the industry at a time when several factors have combined to push prices to near record levels.

The spot price for live cattle Thursday was 79.62 cents a pound on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, which could be on pace to break a record, said Chuck Levitt, a senior livestock analyst at Chicago-based Alaron Trading Corp. The spot price in September was 68.67 cents a pound.

The wholesale beef price is about $1.31 per pound this week, close to the record set Jan. 2 of about $1.32 per pound.

Although the previous two winters have been drier and warmer than normal, this season's weather has been colder in cattle-producing areas such as Colorado and western Nebraska and Kansas.

"Compared to the last couple of years, this (winter) seems a little more difficult," said Chuck Lambert, chief economist for the Denver-based National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

Lambert said the hardest recent winter for the cattle industry was 1992-93, when some feedlots were reduced to mud pits after a spate of blizzards.

Last summer's drought conditions in some states raised concerns about feed shortages, but Lambert said in general it appears there has been enough moisture this winter to start the grass growing in the spring.

Until then, he said, the impact of winter weather is only part of what is driving the market.

"This weather phenomenon is kind of a short term factor that just compounds the other factors that are in play," said Lambert.

He said the other factors affecting the market — including an increased consumer demand for beef in recent years — will remain in place when the winter weather conditions disappear this spring so it is difficult to predict what will happen to prices.

However, he said cattle prices typically increase in the spring and then decline during the summer. Because the prices were high during the winter, he said the spring increase may be lower than usual.

"We realize there are limits to how high beef prices will go for consumers," Lambert said. "The market will pretty much determine what point that is."

Levitt said cattle prices could come down once the weather has moderated and retailers have passed along the higher prices to the consumers.

"We're still looking at some storms lining up, moving from west to east in major cattle feeding areas," he said. "Until that pattern changes, we still have to pay attention to the weather."

On the Net:
National Cattlemen's Beef Association:
http://www.beef.org

General Motors honors former lobbyist

WASHINGTON (AP) — As fireworks lit up the Washington sky as part of the opening inauguration gala, a different celebration was taking place at the Kennedy Center.

Hundreds of well-wishers had jammed into the stately facility's top-floor restaurant Thursday evening to honor President-elect Bush's new chief of staff, Andrew Card. The party was paid for by Card's former employer, General Motors Corp., where he was the automaker's chief lobbyist in Washington.

"This is really a tribute to his new job and a special farewell," GM spokesman Bill Noack said.

The invitation-only party was one of several inauguration-related events paid for by companies with issues pending before the federal government. Indeed, much of the inaugural celebration is being financed by special interest donations; the Presidential Inaugural Committee has raised nearly $40 million, most of it in $100,000 contributions.

Among the $100,000 donors to the inaugural committee was GM, which has opposed efforts to set tighter fuel economy standards for motor vehicles. The company's financial services division gave another $100,000.

The contributions were in addition to the tab for Thursday's bash at the Kennedy Center. Guests dined on chicken wings, breaded clams, grilled vegetables and four kinds of pie, or ate grilled shrimp and lamb chops carried on trays by tuxedo-clad waiters.

GM's president and chief executive officer, Rick Wagoner, shared the receiving line with Card and two Republican governors, Paul Cellucci of Massachusetts and John Engler of Michigan.

General Motors, like the other inaugural donors, was mentioned in the official inaugural program. The contributors received tickets to inaugural activities, including the balls, the swearing-in ceremony and the parade.

Those who gave at least $2,500 received invitations to one of three black-tie candlelight dinners held Thursday evening, which featured appearances by Baseball Hall of Fame catcher Johnny Bench, actress Bo Derek and singer Wayne Newton. Bush, Vice President-elect Dick Cheney and their wives stopped by all three dinners.

The Republican National Committee, which raised $364 million between Jan. 1, 1999, and Nov. 27, 2000, a 22 percent increase over 1995-96, also used the inauguration to reward their large contributors. Donors of at least $15,000 to the party received invitations to a black-tie reception featuring Republican members of Congress.

Several companies and lobbying groups are inviting lawmakers and others to eat, drink and watch the parade from their offices along Pennsylvania Avenue.

"The average citizen doesn't give campaign contributions," said Charles Lewis, executive director of the watchdog Center for Public Integrity. "Even if you're a loyal Republican and you voted for Bush, you've got to try to fight the crowds in the cold weather. You don't have an exclusive dinner where you're in the same room as the president and vice president. You're not in a cushy suite overlooking Pennsylvania Avenue."

Presidential Inaugural Committee spokesman Ed Gillespie said the donations enabled the committee to provide low-cost or free activities, such as Thursday's opening ceremonies.

"We've been very fortunate to enjoy the kind of support to be able to defray the costs so the public can participate," Gillespie said. "We've very comfortable with the decision we made to open this up and broaden this to the general public."

Other six-figure givers include Philip Morris, the tobacco and food conglomerate, and its Kraft subsidiary, which each contributed $100,000 to the inaugural committee. The company opposes efforts to have the Food and Drug Administration regulate nicotine.

"We find that it's important to our employees and our shareholders for us to be involved in the political process," Philip Morris spokeswoman Peggy Roberts said. "Although this is a celebration of our democracy, it's an opportunity for us to talk to all the new members of Congress and the new administration to reach out and build those relationships."

Also giving to the inauguration was Enron Corp., the energy company that supports deregulating the industry. It has been Bush's top financial supporter during his political career, according to the Center for Public Integrity.

Enron and its officers contributed $300,000 to the inaugural committee. Chief executive officer Kenneth Lay, who raised more than $100,000 for Bush's campaign, is a member of the president-elect's energy transition team and attended his economic summit.

Snowmobiler dies in an avalanche

JACKSON, Mont. (AP) — A competitive snowmobiler was killed in an avalanche while riding with friends.

The body of David Shepherd, 37, was found Wednesday under under 6 feet of snow.

Shepherd and the other riders all were equipped with emergency avalanche locators, but he was dead before his friends could dig him out, Beaverhead County Coroner Ken Brunkhorst said

Shepherd was a widely known competitive hill climber who had won numerous titles.

Brunkhorst said Shepherd was the last of three riders trying to crest a steep ridge. The other riders failed to make it to the top.

Witnesses said Shepherd was nearly to the crest when it appeared his machine stalled, and the snow let loose, Brunkhorst said.

No one else was injured.

Berry's World

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Date Book

Friday, Jan. 19, 2001

Today is the 19th day of 2001 and the 30th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1869, Susan B. Anthony was elected president of the American Equal Rights Association.

On this day in 1937, Howard Hughes set a transcontinental flight record by flying across the United States in seven hours and 28 minutes.

On this day in 1986, in Asbury Park, N.J., Bruce Springsteen made an unannounced appearance at a benefit concert for laid-off factory workers.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: James Watt (1736-1819), inventor; Robert E. Lee (1807-1870), Confederate general; Edgar Allan Poe (1809-1849), writer; Paul Cezanne (1839-1906), painter; Jean Stapleton (1923-), actress, is 78; Phil Everly (1939-), singer, is 62; Janis Joplin (1943-1970), singer; Dolly Parton (1946-), entertainer, is 55.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1974, Notre Dame broke UCLA'S 88-game winning streak by defeating them 71-70.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "With an apple I will astonish Paris." — Paul Cezanne

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Jan. 16) and new moon (Jan. 24).

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Future First Lady wages war against illiteracy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The day before George W. Bush was sworn in as Texas governor in 1994, his wife Laura asked a half-dozen Texas authors to read their works at the University of Texas — foreshadowing the battle she would wage against illiteracy.

"Literate children become literate adults," the teacher/librarian-turned-first-lady said as she raised thousand of dollars to buy new books for Texas library shelves.

"Reading is a critical family skill," said Laura Bush, launching literacy centers in Texas almost a decade after mother-in-law Barbara Bush used her national First Lady platform to encourage a nation to read.

Now Laura Bush is branching out.

Today, the future first lady headlines an event for her husband's presidential inaugural celebration — Laura Bush Celebrates America's Authors. There, historian Stephen Ambrose, novelist Mary Higgins Clark and several children's writers will help the former teacher and librarian launch a national campaign for family literacy.

After the morning celebration at the Daughters of the American Revolution Constitution Hall, Laura Bush and several authors were to visit District of Columbia schools where researchers are studying reading instruction.

"With this event, she's going to set the tone," said Cyndi Hughes, director of the Texas Book Festival, which has raised more than $1 million for public library books. "She's a team player, but she's going to have some ideas about what should be done."

Laura Bush, 53, a native of Midland, Texas, grew up reading favorites like Laura Ingalls Wilder's "Little House on the Prairie." She was a public school teacher in Dallas, Houston and Austin from 1968 to 1977, when she married George W. Bush. She has a master's degree in library science from the University of Texas at Austin.

"I wouldn't be surprised if she emerged as a spokesperson for better teacher preparation, for the importance of educators understanding how to teach children how to read," said Louisa Cook Moats, who's directing the reading study in the District of Columbia schools.

During Bush's tenure as governor, Laura Bush helped him push a statewide plan to make sure all children learned to read at or above grade level by the end of third grade.

In 1996, with money from Barbara Bush's literacy foundation, Laura Bush started her First Lady's Family Literacy Initiative for Texas. The program gives grants to local family literacy programs where parents learn to help their children improve their skills by writing out shopping lists together or reading road signs when driving in a car. She also started the book festival and preschool reading programs.

In Washington, like president's wives who have pushed causes ranging from literacy to health care, Laura Bush will have a bully pulpit to champion her views on good reading instruction — and help shape her husband's education policy. A Bush spokesman said Thursday he would send Congress an education proposal next week.

New fed regulations to protect shrimp

CLUTE (AP) — Facing tightening environmental protections, Gulf shrimpers could be required to buy a permit to fish in federal waters under regulations approved Thursday by a federal fishery management council.

Despite shrimpers' objections, the requirement for vessel permits passed by a 9-4 vote with one member abstaining. The measure now goes to the U.S. commerce secretary for approval.

The $50 permit would have to be purchased from the National Marine Fisheries Service, and would be renewable annually.

The permit was a first step toward conserving the shrimp population, the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council said.

Shrimpers got a break when a provision that would have also required operators to purchase permits failed.

"We're taking a big step when we approve the vessel permit ... The owners have said with a very clear voice that we are not ready for that," Hal Osborn, director of coastal fisheries for Texas Parks and Wildlife, said in Friday's editions of The Brazosport Facts. "They're already having a hard time getting captains."

Osborn said the permits are meant to be a counting mechanism.

Coastal states and the U.S. Coast Guard already collect data, but the council wanted to establish a federal system to avoid duplication of entries that sometimes occur when vessels are tracked more than once when crossing state lines.

The council also approved a measure to keep federal shrimping waters closed for three summer months.

Shrimpers publicly opposed the closure to the 200-mile span of federal waters because of its impact on their livelihoods.

"We have essentially taken fresh shrimp off Texan tables for half the summer and most of us have to leave our businesses and homes to make a living during the closure," said Muriel Tipps, a Sargent shrimper and restaurant owner. "After looking at your own figures, we essentially are subsidizing the large offshore fleets to more than their market share while the taxpayers along the local coastlines are suffering."

The multibillion dollar shrimping industry accounts for about $20 million of Brazoria County's annual economy, according to the newspaper.

"Permits are an important first step in establishing a comprehensive data collection program for the shrimp industry," said Chris Dorsett, director of fisheries for the Gulf Restoration Network in New Orleans.

"Better data is crucial in determining the amount and type of bycatch in gulf fisheries, including red snapper," he said.

Another alternative passed with little discussion.

It continues the prohibited use of traps in the royal red shrimp fishery of the Gulf, and prohibits possession of trap gear and royal red shrimp aboard a vessel and transferring the shrimp at sea.

In September, the council first proposed an amendment that would require shrimp vessels and operators to either purchase a federal permit or register with the National Marine Fisheries Service to help track shrimp stock in an effort to determine whether areas are being overfished.

Ecology maps distributed to schools

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new National Geographic Society map detailing the world's ecology is being donated to the nation's schools.

Ten copies of the map will be sent to each of the country's 114,000 elementary and secondary schools, the society said.

The two-sided map highlights the diversity of life and focuses on areas needing conservation.

One side shows the world's 867 regions with distinct climates and ecology while the other side concentrates on rich, rare and distinct areas and oceans.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Widower dad appears to be shifting his family allegiance

DEAR ABBY: Six years ago my mother died. A year after that, our father met a lady, "Alice," who made him very happy. My sister and I loved her from the start; our brother did not. Father has been engaged to this lovely lady for three years with our blessing.

Our brother decided that Dad had no right to happiness and has disowned the family over "that woman." We have all accepted our brother's decision not to be a part of the family.

The problem is, as time has gone on, our father spends less and less time with his children and grandchildren — who all live in the same town — and more and more time with her children and grandchildren. Dad now knows her granddaughter better than his own great-grandchildren.

During the past two years, he has spent both Thanksgiving and Christmas with her children. Dad and Alice show up to spend an hour or two with our side of the family for these holidays, and then leave for her children's home to celebrate. We had mentioned very early in the year that our family would like them to join us for at least one of the holiday dinners.

In short, this is my and my sister's dilemma: We lost our mother, we have lost our brother, and now we feel we are losing our father. We don't know how to broach the subject without causing hard feelings on the part of Dad's fiancee. We do love Alice; she has made our dad very happy. But this is beginning to cause resentment from my sister, our children, grandchildren and me.

How do we get them to understand that they need to give our family equal time without causing a rift? We love both Dad and Alice, and don't want our family splintered any more than it is. — **FAMILY TIES, TUCSON, ARIZ.**

DEAR FAMILY TIES: I think you've said it very well. Tell your dad and his fiancee exactly what you have told me. (If you feel unable to honestly express your feelings, then clip this column and give it to them.) You and your sister are not asking too much. In fairness to all concerned, an adjustment needs to be made.

Invite Alice's family to join your family for one, warm, blended family event. Life is too short to feel resentful.

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DEAR ABBY: I can top "Mystified in Fort Worth," who was shocked at an offering basket put out to defray the cost of an anniversary party.

Last year, a neighbor went door-to-door inviting people to a "Millennium New Year's Eve party." She and her husband were charging $230 per couple. She said that was a fair price to ask, since it was less than some of the fancy hotels were charging for a New Year's Eve party.

As it turned out, they had a dozen guests or so, some inexpensive entertainment and decor, and a catered meal. But nothing could top the look on those paying "guests" faces when in walked a bride and groom — and those poor souls realized they had been duped into paying for a wedding reception for the host's son! While it's the rudest thing I've ever heard of, it's so outrageous we're still laughing about it. I swear this is a true story. — **ALMOST SCAMMED IN SCOTTSDALE**

DEAR SCAMMED: Your letter qualifies for Ripley's Believe It or Not. I applaud you for laughing at the outrageous situation.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥
1 ♠	1 NT	2 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ K

Friday, Jan. 19, 2001

The most popular bridge club

By Phillip Alder

Which bridge club has the greatest percentage of its town's population attending its duplicates? It is surely Winton, which lies a few miles to the north of Invercargill at the bottom end of the south island of New Zealand. In a population of 2,000, they have 100 show up for the Thursday night game: a cool five percent. If a New York City club could do the same, it would have more than 100,000 tables in play!

This deal occurred during a duplicate at the club.

Note East's one-heart response. Don't bid four-card suits "up the line" at the one-level with a weak hand; get that major in.

West led the diamond king: two, nine, six. How should he have continued?

The defenders can take six tricks: two spades, three diamonds and one club. However, if West continues diamonds immediately, what will East do at trick four? He will switch to a club. (He isn't psychic.)

West must make matters meaningful for his partner. At trick two, he should cash the club ace, which denies the king. (Even if — sensibly! — you use ace from ace-king at trick one, later in the play you should lead king from ace-king.) Then, when West continues with the diamond queen and diamond 10, it shouldn't be hard for East to overtake with the ace and return his last diamond. Note that this effects a trump promotion for West — assuming he discards if South ruffs high, of course. (In general, don't overruff when your high trump will still win a trick and there is some chance to promote a lower trump.)

At the club, though, sadly no pair found this defense.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Saturday, Jan. 20, 2001

A number of interesting changes you make in the year ahead may not seem major at first, but as the months unfold, their peripheral effects will prove quite substantial and advantageous.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you're looking for a positive response to your personal needs or desires today, mingle among friends and associates. They'll be receptive to what makes you happy. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Something about which you've been experiencing a great deal of discomfort lately may undergo an improvement today. The situation might end up better than you dared hope.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) This could be another one of those fortunate days where Mother Nature is trying to fulfill your ambitions and expectations. Just don't forget to do your part as well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your financial picture looks just as bright today as it did yesterday. Continue to operate in realms where you can add to your resources.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) In endeavors where decisions require your stamp of approval, you'll be sharp as a whip today. In fact, there could be some kind of reward for your involvement in them.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Although it might not be obvious to you at all, Lady Luck will be working on your behalf today. She'll make sure you'll be involved with the right people at just the right time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Even if this is a weekend where you'd normally spend time with your family, you might want to mix a bit of business into your pleasure. It's a homogeneous blend that can play out well.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Involvements or activities that challenge your creativity will add a broader dimension to your effectiveness today. Use your imagination to the fullest. It's you're greatest asset.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) One with whom you'll be engaged socially today could turn out to be a tipster for an opportunity of substantial magnitude. Be all ears and eyes in order to hear or see the opening.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) One who knows the ins and outs of operating successful endeavors might act as your guide today, walking you through a maneuver that could substantially add to your resources or financial base.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) The types of rewards you're likely to garner today can't be measured materially. They'll be the accolades you'll receive for your good will and golden deeds.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) There's a lot of luck surrounding you today, but perhaps you'll be the luckiest in situations of a financial nature. Be alert for new ways to add to your resources.

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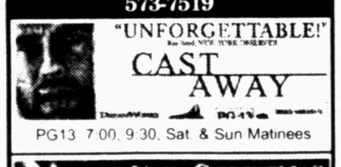

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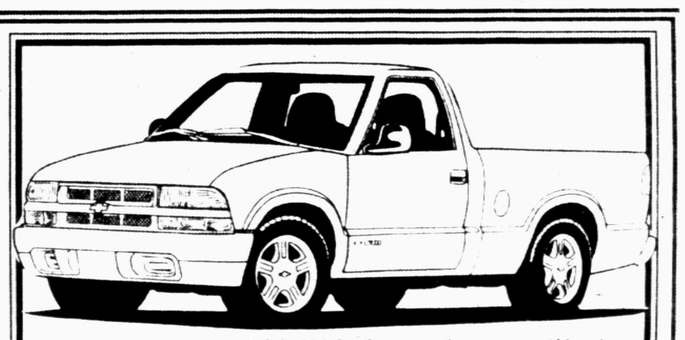

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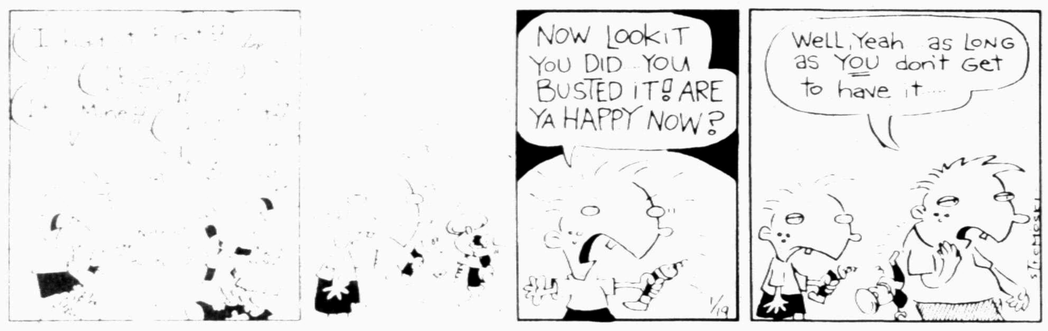

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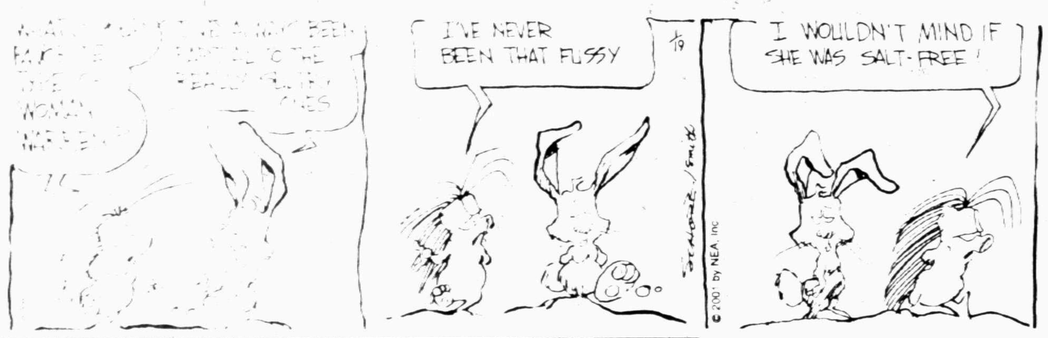

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Bovine
7 Skater Eric
13 Overadorned
14 Actor Peter
15 Lifted
16 Of the eyes
17 Actress Merkel
18 Neither Dem nor Rep
20 Ms. Ullmann
21 Female parents
23 Garden moisture
24 Window unit
25 Comedian Ed
27 South Dakota capital
29 — Town
31 Compass pt
32 Map abbr
33 Gym feat
34 Playground equipment
37 Actress Arlene —
40 So
41 "— Done Him Wrong" (Mae West movie)
43 Positive words
45 Vicious old woman
46 "Alley —"
47 CBS rival
48 Prehistoric creature
51 — National Park, Maine
54 Back out of a promise
55 Legal warning
56 Future Dr's course
57 Spins

DOWN

1 I'm so bored
2 Before this time
3 Bad reputation
4 Pudgy
5 French season
6 Performed anew
7 Deceive
8 List-ending abbr.
9 Debtor's note
10 Monetary unit
11 "Seinfeld" character
12 Guts
19 Fiber cluster
22 Sleep sounds
24 Settle up ahead of time
26 Sundae topping
28 Wife of Geraint
30 Figured
34 That which contours
35 Oregon city
36 Which one?
38 Double- — (baseball event)
39 Of the lips
40 Dancer Twyla —
42 Excess of solar over lunar year
44 Sings like Ella
49 One who belongs to a club (abbr.)
50 Grow old
52 Crow's sound
53 Bird (comb. form)

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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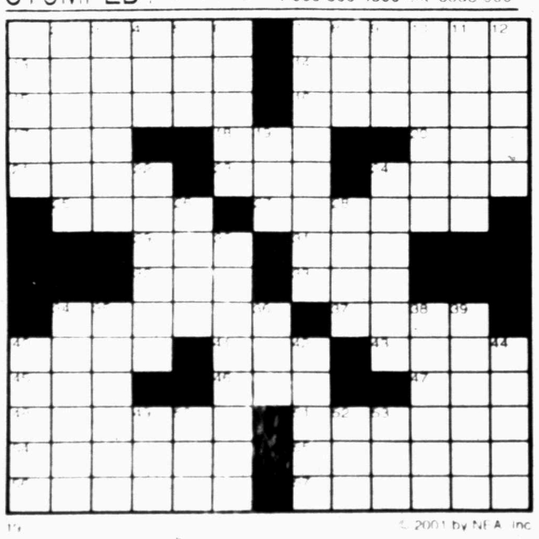

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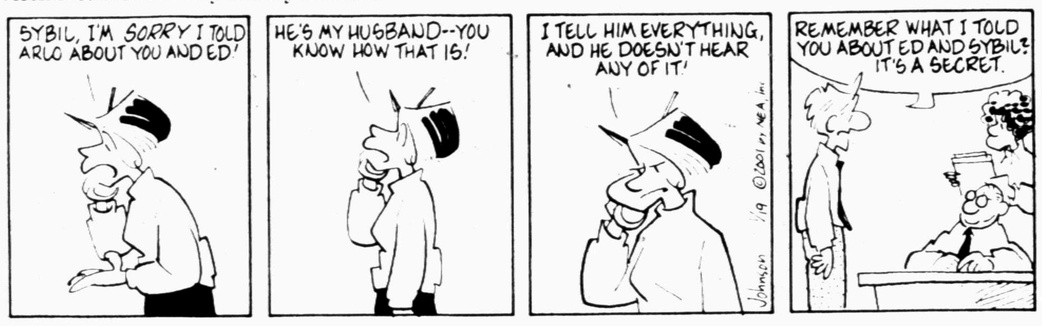

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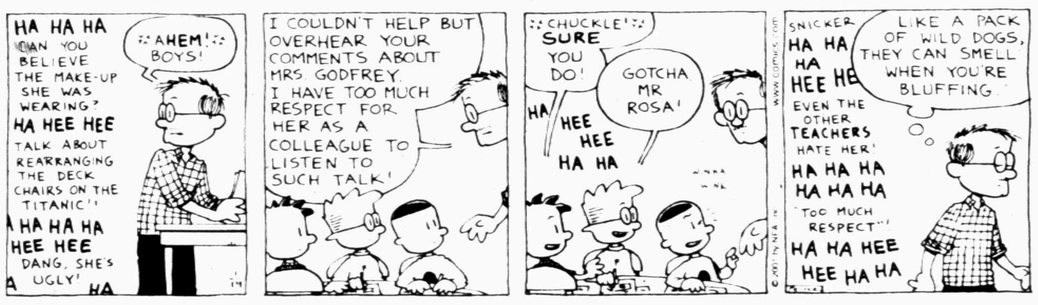

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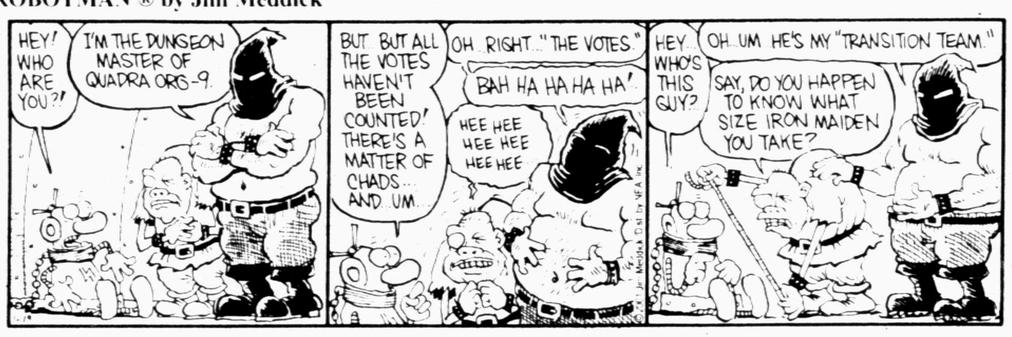

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"NOW IF MARGARET WOULD COME BY, WE COULD GET RID OF ALL OF THESE SNOWBALLS."

SPORTS

Lady Tigers seek second victory against Levelland

When they met in the girls' district opener, Snyder knocked off Levelland for the first time in school history.

Five weeks later, the Lady Tigers face the task of repeating that performance when the two squads square off tonight at the SHS gym.

Snyder hosts Levelland this evening for a pair of marquee match-ups in District 4-4A. Girls' action tips off at 6 o'clock, with the boys getting underway at 7:30.

The Lady Tigers (17-5, 6-2) are second in the league race and hold a one-game advantage over the Lady Lobos (19-4, 5-3), who have come on strong as late.

Snyder notched a 32-27 victory in the first meeting, but since starting 0-3 in league play, Levelland has won its last five games.

"Other than Plainview, who's ranked No. 1, Levelland is probably playing the best basketball in the district right now," said Snyder coach Sam Tipton. "We'll have our hands full. But our girls have found a way to win some tough ballgames this season, and hopefully we'll be able to again tonight."

Snyder's main objective will be shutting down Levelland's standout post Tara Vaughn. Vaughn led the Lady Lobos with 10 points in the first meeting, all of them in the first half, and Tipton is hopeful his squad can pick up where it left off.

"Vaughn was effective early against us, but then we were able to limit her shots in the second half," the SHS coach stated. "That's going to be the plan again tonight. We have to limit her shots in the paint, and we have to rebound. You can't afford to give a team like Levelland any second chances."

In boys' action, the Tigers' match-up with the Lobos marks the end of the first half of district play. Snyder (15-7) enters the game in second place at 5-1, while Levelland (17-8) is 3-3.

The Tigers' main concern will be slowing down Levelland's scoring leader Nate Bridges. Bridges, a 6-4 senior guard who can also post up in the paint, averages 17.5 points per game, and is the key to the Lobos' success.

"Bridges is a good player," said Snyder coach Bud Birks. "He can shoot from the outside, penetrate off the dribble, or post up. Their offense usually runs through him, so we're going to have to do a good job defensively."

The Tigers have won nine of their last 10 games, with their only setback coming on the road at Estacado.

In tonight's other District 4-4A match-ups, Big Spring visits Frenship. Estacado hosts Lake View, and Plainview travels to Andrews.

District 4-4A Boys' Basketball

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Estacado	6	0	15	9
Snyder	5	1	15	7
Plainview	4	2	13	11
Frenship	3	3	13	12
Levelland	3	3	17	8
Lake View	2	4	10	14
Andrews	1	5	14	10
Big Spring	0	6	5	18

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

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

District 4-4A Girls' Basketball

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Plainview	8	0	23	1
Snyder	6	2	17	5
Levelland	5	3	19	4
Big Spring	4	4	14	7
Frenship	4	4	17	9
Andrews	3	5	14	10
Estacado	2	6	12	10
Lake View	0	8	8	16

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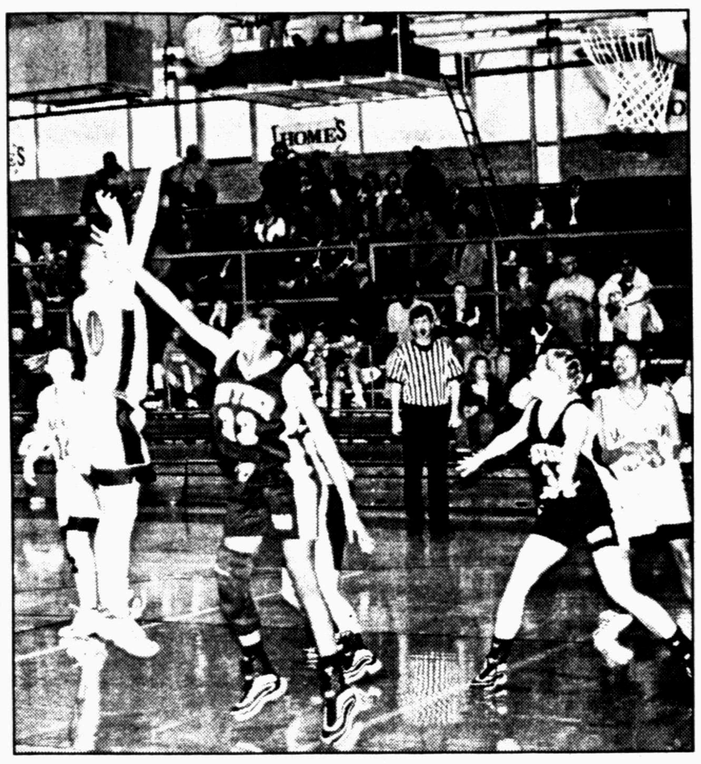

DISTRACTION — Snyder's Ashley Delce (33) tries to disrupt the shot of Lake View's Jennifer Hill, while teammate Kristin Murray (33) works for position underneath during the Lady Tigers' victory over the Maidens on Tuesday. Snyder continues district play tonight when it hosts Levelland at 6 o'clock. (SDN Staff Photo)

Rockets fly past Warriors

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Cuttino Mobley scored a career-high 41 points, and Walt Williams had 14 of his 22 in the second half as the Houston Rockets beat the Golden State Warriors 112-104 on Thursday night for their 11th straight win in Oakland.

Mobley got 28 of his points in the first half during a duel with Antawn Jamison, who scored 26 of his 43 before halftime. But Jamison, who also had 15 rebounds, got just 10 points in the fourth quarter as the reeling Warriors lost their sixth straight.

Houston broke open a tight game with a 14-4 run in the third, but Golden State pulled within seven with 41/2 minutes left. Mobley scored six points in the next three minutes as the Rockets pulled away for their eighth road win in 11 games.

Moochie Norris, who beat the Warriors in Oakland last month with a bank-shot 3-pointer as time expired, had seven points in the fourth as the Rockets held on. Houston is the NBA's only team with a winning road record (11-9) and a losing home record.

Bob Sura matched his career high with 31 points as Golden State, the NBA's worst defensive team, allowed Houston to shoot 52 percent. The Rockets finished just three points shy of their best offensive output of the season even while playing without four of their big men.

Maurice Taylor started the game for Houston, but he went to the locker room midway through the first quarter and didn't return. His absence forced the Rockets to rely on their talented guards.

Giants' Barber expands role for Super Bowl clash

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Tiki Barber is ready to quit worrying about his broken left arm.

"It's going real good," said the New York Giants running back, who has played in all three games since breaking his left forearm against Dallas on Dec. 17. "I'm re-establishing my confidence."

Barber said his arm feels so good, he is planning to return punts in the Super Bowl against the Baltimore Ravens. He might even play without a cast.

Coach Jim Fassel isn't so sure that Barber will play without a cast against the Ravens on Jan. 28 in Tampa, Fla., but the Giants' coach said the little running back who was the most valuable player on his offense is improving.

Barber fielded punts Thursday for the first time since the regular-season finale against Jacksonville on Dec. 23.

"He looks good, real good," Fassel said.

Receivers Amani Toomer and Ike Hilliard have returned punts for the Giants in the playoffs because Barber lacked the confidence to handle the job.

He had a problem rotating his left hand wearing a cast and could not field the ball. That's not a problem any more, he said.

"There's so much at stake, and this has been a dream season for me," said Barber, who rushed for a career-best 1,006 yards, caught 70 passes for 719 yards and averaged 8.5 yards on punt returns. "To have to sit out the important part of it would have been too much for me to take."

Seventh grade girls nab win

BIG SPRING — After the first half of Thursday's match-up, it was apparent Snyder would move into the second round of the Big Spring tournament.

Snyder's seventh grade girls built a 23-5 first-half lead, then cruised to a 41-14 victory over Midland Christian in the opening round of the tourney.

Sequoya Powell drained 15 points to pace the Lady Tigers.

Teddi Crenwelge poured in six points, while Sirena Medrano and Glyn Wright added five apiece. Breanna Talavera and Aeryal Peoples netted four points each, and Emily Jones finished with two.

Snyder will be back on the court at 11 a.m. Saturday against Monahans.

Hermleigh's Callaway garners weekly honor

Sheena Callaway

Hermleigh's Sheena Callaway is off to a stellar start in district play, and the Lady Cardinal leader has been recognized for her efforts.

Callaway was named *Abilene Reporter-News* girls' basketball player of the week for her performances against Loraine and Highland.

The 5-3 Hermleigh senior scored 36 points, and added 13 steals, 16 rebounds and eight assists in the Lady Cards' 58-53 setback to the Lady Bulldogs.

Callaway, who averages 24.5 points and 12 rebounds per game, poured in 28 points in Hermleigh's 46-43 victory over Highland. She also grabbed 11 rebounds and registered nine steals against the Lady Hornets.

Callaway and her Lady Cardinal teammates have this evening off, before returning to action Tuesday at Loraine.

SJHS girls hold on, 43-31

BIG SPRING — Snyder's eighth grade girls posted their sixth win of the season Thursday with a 43-31 victory over Midland Christian at the Big Spring tournament.

The Lady Tigers, now 6-1 on the year, trailed by a point at halftime, before grabbing a 30-27 lead in the third quarter. Snyder finished off the contest with a 13-4 run in the final frame.

Stacey Williamson poured in 14 points to pace Snyder, while Rebecca Aguirre added 10.

Briana Burk netted eight points. J.J. Farmer tallied six. Courtney Cox finished with three points, and Kassey Burney chipped in two.

The Lady Tigers return to tournament action at 11 a.m. Saturday.

Local Sports Schedule

FRIDAY
Basketball

Levelland at Snyder girls, varsity at 6 p.m., JV at 7:30

Levelland at Snyder boys, JV at 6 p.m., varsity at 7:30

Hermleigh, idle

Ira, idle

SATURDAY
Basketball

Snyder 7th and 8th grade girls at Big Spring tourney

South Plains Basketball Leaders

4A BOYS

Scoring

Player, Team	G	Pts	Avg
McGaha, Frenship	12	248	20.7
Davis, Plainview	24	434	18.1
N.Bridges, Lvlland	24	420	17.5
Pinkerton, Snyder	20	327	16.4
Thornhill, Snyder	22	307	14.0
Wofford, Snyder	21	233	11.1
Bradic, Plainview	22	244	11.1
King, Plainview	24	257	10.7
Wise, Levelland	24	254	10.6
Bell, Frenship	25	248	9.9

Rebounding

Player, Team	G	Reb	Avg
King, Plainview	24	226	9.4
Davis, Plainview	24	200	8.3
Taylor, Snyder	17	137	8.1
Bell, Frenship	25	168	6.7
Pinkerton, Snyder	20	127	6.4
Thornhill, Snyder	22	121	5.5
Gilliam, Frenship	25	123	4.9
Shelby, Frenship	12	47	3.9
Mcgaha, Frenship	12	45	3.8
Thomas, Frenship	12	44	3.7

4A GIRLS

Scoring

Player, Team	G	Pts	Avg
Delce, Snyder	22	366	16.6
Robertson, Plnview	24	377	15.7
Welch, Plainview	24	368	15.3
A.Shephard, Estcdo	23	304	13.2
Forth, Big Spring	21	261	12.4
Kallemeyn, Snyder	19	223	11.7
Russell, Frenship	24	258	11.2
Curry, Estacado	23	249	10.8
Fariss, Andrews	24	266	11.1
Davis, Estacado	23	251	10.9

Rebounding

Player, Team	G	Reb	Avg
Delce, Snyder	22	224	10.2
Russell, Frenship	24	220	9.6
Davis, Estacado	23	193	8.4
Kallemeyn, Snyder	19	118	6.2
Robertson, Plnview	24	145	6.0
Neloms, Estacado	21	127	5.8
Bagwell, Frenship	24	132	5.5
Fariss, Andrews	24	127	5.3
Gwyn, Big Spring	21	112	5.3
Flenniken, BSpring	21	102	5.0

1A BOYS

Scoring

Player, Team	G	Pts	Avg
Lee, O'Donnell	18	460	25.1
Cline, CottonCntr	21	444	21.6
Long, Jayton	20	412	20.1
Bleiker, Jayton	20	362	18.4
Gergory, Farwell	22	400	18.2
Ferguson, P.S.	11	185	16.8
McLaughlin, Amhrst	20	321	16.1
Harvey, Jayton	20	294	14.7
Smith, Ira	17	242	14.2
Crawford, Farwell	22	308	14.0

Rebounding

Player, Team	G	Reb	Avg
McLaughlin, Amhrst	20	290	14.5
Smithson, Sands	17	244	14.4
Ferguson, Amherst	20	221	11.1
Bleiker, Jayton	20	218	10.9
Floyd, Sands	17	155	9.1
Gregory, Farwell	22	194	8.8
Long, Jayton	20	174	8.7
Cline, CottonCntr	21	172	8.2
Land, CottonCntr	18	132	7.3
Wilkins, Ira	17	117	6.9

1A GIRLS

Scoring

Player, Team	G	Pts	Avg
Callaway, Hermleigh	17	416	24.5
Clements, Ira	19	388	20.4
Thiel, Nazareth	24	486	20.3
Johnson, Jayton	19	356	18.7
Via, Lazbuddie	19	323	17.0
Gonzales, Whrl.	22	370	16.8
Hoelting, Nazareth	24	398	16.6
Cornelius, W-Union	22	333	15.1
Vaughn, Petersburg	21	307	14.6
Castaneda, Whtface	23	304	13.2

Rebounding

Player, Team	G	Reb	Avg
Callaway, Hermleigh	17	204	12.0
Johnson, Jayton	19	224	11.8
Gonzales, Whrl.	22	238	10.8
Wilson, Meadow	24	242	10.1
Via, Lazbuddie	19	184	9.7
Cornelius, W-Union	22	206	9.4
Clements, Ira	19	168	8.8
Thiel, Nazareth	24	209	8.7
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Carrillo, Lorenzo	21	177	8.4

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	29	9	.763	--
New York	24	13	.649	4½
Miami	23	18	.561	7½
Orlando	17	21	.447	12
Boston	15	25	.375	15
New Jersey	13	26	.333	16½
Washington	7	33	.175	23

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	23	15	.605	—
Charlotte	23	18	.561	1½
Toronto	20	19	.513	3½
Cleveland	18	19	.486	4½
Indiana	19	21	.475	5
Detroit	15	24	.385	8½
Atlanta	14	24	.368	9
Chicago	6	33	.154	17½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	24	14	.632	—
San Antonio	23	14	.622	½
Dallas	26	16	.619	—
Denver	23	16	.590	1½
Minnesota	22	18	.550	3
Houston	20	19	.513	4½
Vancouver	11	27	.289	13

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	30	11	.732	—
Sacramento	26	10	.722	1½
L.A. Lakers	25	12	.676	3
Phoenix	23	13	.639	4½
Seattle	21	20	.512	9
L.A. Clippers	13	29	.310	17½
Golden State	11	27	.289	17½

Thursday's Games

Indiana 84, Atlanta 76

Portland 85, Miami 74

Dallas 115, Orlando 106, OT

Detroit 116, Chicago 110

Houston 112, Golden State 104

Boston 82, L.A. Clippers 79

Friday's Games

Washington at Toronto, 7 p.m.

New Jersey at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

Milwaukee at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.

New York at Detroit, 8 p.m.

Cleveland at Denver, 9 p.m.

Golden State at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Miami at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Minnesota at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Houston at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Orlando at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m.

Sacramento at Portland, 5:30 p.m.

Chicago at New Jersey, 8 p.m.

Denver at Dallas, 8 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Indiana at New York, Noon

Atlanta at Washington, 1 p.m.

Toronto at Philadelphia, 2:30 p.m.

Phoenix at Utah, 2:30 p.m.

Minnesota at Vancouver, 3:30 p.m.

Miami at L.A. Lakers, 5 p.m.

Milwaukee at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

Sacramento at Seattle, 9 p.m.

Boston at Golden State, 9 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Super Bowl party

A Super Bowl party will be held Jan. 28 from 4-9 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club. Refreshments will be provided, and door prizes will be given away each hour. Admission is $1 for members, and $2 for non-members.

Jets name new coach

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) — Herman Edwards finally moved into a top job after nine years as an NFL assistant when he was introduced as head coach of the New York Jets.

Edwards, 45, becomes the NFL's third active black head coach.

Replacing Al Groh, who left after one season to coach his alma mater, Virginia, Edwards is the Jets' fourth coach in a little more than a year.

Edwards was an assistant head coach of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers last season.

Carruth jury still deadlocked

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Deadlocked jurors in Rae Carruth's murder trial were ordered to keep trying to reach a verdict on whether the former NFL player masterminded the killing of his pregnant girlfriend.

NCAA could move tournament

ATLANTA (AP) — The NCAA is making contingency plans to move the 2002 Final Four from Atlanta because of the use of the Confederate battle symbol in the Georgia state flag.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported that the Indianapolis-based NCAA has said it will probably decide in April, after the Georgia legislative session ends in March, whether to move the tournament and possibly the 2003 women's Final Four.

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Natural Gas geysers erupt; hundreds flee

HUTCHINSON, Kan. (AP) — Natural gas geysers erupted across the city's east end, sparking fires, critically injuring a couple in a mobile home park and forcing hundreds of people to flee.

Bright yellow flames, fed by the gas, continued to burn this morning downtown, where a blast Wednesday destroyed two businesses, and at the Big Chief Mobile Home Park, where an explosion Thursday prompted evacuations.

"I'm not going to lie to you all. This is a very serious situation," Mayor Patrick McCreary said Thursday.

Experts say the gas is likely coming from a storage facility that may be leaking the gas along the city's water lines here, 60 miles northwest of Wichita. Authorities estimated there are nine blowholes.

Gas shooting as high as 30 feet above ground caused the mobile home blast.

"I went outside to look, and all I could see was a black cloud of smoke," said Jim Gregory, one of 80 to 100 people evacuated from a square-mile area around the mobile home park.

Employees were also evacuated from Underground Vaults & Storage, which houses the original film negative of "The Wizard of Oz," secret federal government documents and thousands of medical research biopsies.

Firefighters were letting the blazes burn themselves out.

Fire Chief Gary Frazier linked the gas geysers to a leak at a storage facility owned by a Kansas Gas Service affiliate seven miles north of the city. The facility, which holds 3.2 billion cubic feet of natural gas, has registered a hundred-pound drop in gas pressure.

The gas may be moving along the water lines and rising up through 300-foot brine wells, which were dug to mine salt, Frazier said. Many of the wells were drilled decades ago, and there is no reliable map of their locations, police said.

Authorities said they were not sure how to deal with the leaks. One option would be to pump the remaining gas from the facility.

"I'm a little embarrassed because I feel so helpless," said Lt. Gov. Gary Sherrer. He declared an emergency after visiting the area Thursday and authorized the use of National Guardsmen and state troopers.

Park residents John Hahn, 68, and his wife, Mary, 64, were listed in critical condition Friday. A third victim suffered minor injuries.

Dene Morris, a Hutchinson Correctional Facility officer, was walking through the park when the explosion happened.

Oklahoma bombing victims asked if they want to attend the execution of McVeigh

OKLAHOMA CIY (AP) — The government is sending out letters to 1,100 people asking if they want to attend the May 16 execution of Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh.

McVeigh is set to die by injection at the federal prison in Terre Haute, Ind., for blowing up the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in 1995, killing 168 people and injuring more than 500.

Eight seats are open to victims, but that number could expand, U.S. Bureau of Prisons spokesman Dan Dunne said Thursday.

Some Oklahoma City residents want the government to put the execution on closed-circuit television.

Dunne said the letters should arrive by Saturday at the homes of bombing survivors and relatives of victims.

"The number of victim seats could change given the number of victims involved," he told the Tulsa World. "The first step is to get a sense of how many want to attend. Then we will look at what we can do to accommodate needs."

McVeigh is allowed execution seats for two attorneys, a spiritual adviser and three adult family members or friends. The government will have a few seats and the media will be given 10 seats.

Paul Heath and seven other bombing survivors have asked attorney Karen Howith to go to court if necessary to give victims a closed-circuit telecast of the execution.

Congress authorized such a telecast to an Oklahoma City auditorium for the Denver trials of McVeigh and co-defendant Terry Nichols.

McVeigh has halted his appeals and has until mid-February to file a clemency request.

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Albertsons	26 38	25 88	25 94	—19
Alltel	67 94	66 63	66 75	—1 19
AmEl Pw	41 13	40 06	41 06	—13
AndarkPtr	58 25	55 65	58 14	+ 1 10
ATMOS Egy	24 25	24 06	24 19	
Aviall	6 25	6 00	6 25	+ 25
BP Amoco	51 19	50 69	51 19	—06
BakerHughes	40 38	37 75	40 13	+ 1 13
Bank of Amer	49 94	48 44	48 69	—25
BellSouth	44 44	43 50	43 56	—1 13
Beth Steel	2 81	2 63	2 63	—06
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Chevron	80 00	78 63	79 44	
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EDS Corp	56 38	54 75	55 00	—2 38
Entergy	35 88	34 81	35 69	—06
ExxonMobil	79 88	78 81	79 44	+ 31
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Although there are overweight people who truly suffer from a metabolic disorder, the overwhelming majority of obese adults simply eat too much for their nutritional needs. Thyroid deficiencies rarely, if ever, cause weight problems.

As I have repeatedly stated in this column, some people burn calories for energy as fast as they eat them, whereas other folks have a tendency to store extra calories as fat. These characteristics have a genetic basis.

Most weight-reduction programs will result in lost pounds. However, the major difficulty is keeping off the weight once it has been lost. This is why I recommend a dietary modification with which people feel comfortable for long-term management, year after year. Liquid protein diets, the grapefruit diet, the Atkins diet and other similar methods often produce an initial weight loss; however, they are so restrictive that most dieters won't stick to them.

For the average adult who is plump, increased exercise, avoidance of "empty" calories (in alcohol and sugar), smaller portions, and emphasis on low-calorie foods (vegetables and salads) will ordinarily lead to a consistent, albeit slow, weight reduction that can be maintained indefinitely. Physicians and dieticians can often help people decide on (and continue with) a diet that is flexible enough to provide both variety and adequate nutrition.

Those rare individuals who absolutely and unequivocally cannot shed pounds on such a program are candidates for nutritional intervention, such as support groups or with specialists who treat glandular disorders. Such responses are usually affiliated with teaching hospitals and medical centers.

Thus, in answer to your question, I recommend that you seek your physician's counsel. If all you need is some dietary guidance and support, the doctor can provide this service — or, if necessary, refer you for more extensive and complicated nutritional counseling.

I'd like to close with one additional comment. In this country and in Western Europe, we're seeing a modern phenomenon that is both peculiar and unhealthful: A preoccupation with body image and an obsession with slimness. The plump woman and the portly man were considered to be the cultural norm 100 years ago. Today, this body configuration is considered unattractive.

The current norm is pencil thin, especially for women. While such a goal is easy for fast calorie-burners, it can be torture for people with "stout genes." Slim, young women literally starve themselves to lose another 10 pounds — just to achieve an arbitrary weight that is socially acceptable.

We need to recognize that men and women come in varying sizes and shapes. We must be flexible in encouraging a range of ideal weights that are consistent with a person's age, activity and genetic background.

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

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Norton describes herself as a 'passionate conservative'

WASHINGTON (AP) — After a confident Gale Norton faced mild questioning at a Senate confirmation hearing, a top Democrat acknowledged she is likely to be confirmed as Interior secretary.

Norton called herself "a passionate conservationist" as her Energy and Natural Resources Committee hearing opened Thursday. She is scheduled to face another round of questions from the panel today.

The Energy committee's top Democrat, Sen. Jeff Bingaman of New Mexico, said Thursday he anticipates Norton will get all 50 Republican votes and, "I will assume she'll have some Democratic votes as well."

Norton said her critics had misinterpreted her writings to portray her as an enemy of the environment. She said she prefers collaborating with state and local governments and "the people who feel closest to the land," but does support protecting endangered species and fighting pollution.

"I am both a conservative and a conservationist. I see no conflict there," said Norton, a former Colorado state attorney general. "In fact, I am a compassionate conservative and a passionate conservationist. I believe that, too, is entirely consistent."

Norton said she had pursued polluters during her eight years as Colorado's top law enforcer, putting some in prison and suing to block a bankrupt mine operator from abandoning efforts to fight water contamination.

She also disavowed as poorly worded comments that she made at a 1989 symposium that "we might even go so far as to recognize a homesteading right to pollute."

"The idea of a right to pollute is not something that I support," Norton said.

She later added that she did not believe private property rights trumped all environmental regulations.

"You cannot use your property in a way that harms your neighbors," Norton said.

Committee Democrats said they were encouraged by Norton's answers but said they had not decided whether to support her.

"You have to convince me in these hearings that as you provide flexibility to states and other parties, that your bottom line will be unwavering — that all environmental laws will be enforced," said Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore.

If confirmed, Norton would be the first woman to head the Interior Department, which oversees about a third of the nation's land and most federally owned mineral and petroleum resources.

Environmentalists contend Norton's writings and legal work supporting private property rights and public land uses such as mining and oil drilling show an "anti-environmental agenda." That phrase appeared in an ad in Thursday's Washington Post paid for by the League of Conservation Voters.

Mexico's high court decides suspects can be extradited

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The Mexican Supreme Court has issued a ruling that could speed extraditions of Mexican suspects to the United States, a verdict much anticipated by law enforcement authorities there.

The unanimous ruling Thursday gives the government "discretionary power" to send citizens north of the border for trial, provided they are sentenced under Mexican guidelines.

While Mexico has already extradited dozens of its citizens in recent years under an existing treaty, some suspects delayed the process for years by filing appeals citing an article of the criminal code that states Mexicans must be sentenced under Mexico's legal code.

Lawyers for suspects had long argued the clause meant suspects had to be tried, sentenced and serve their terms in Mexico.

The new ruling applies only to extraditions to the United States.

The requirement that sentencing be done under Mexican guidelines apparently means that no extradited suspect could receive the death penalty, since it is not applied in Mexico.

In practice, U.S. prosecutors in several recent cases have signed formal pledges not to seek the death penalty against Mexicans suspects, precisely to win their extradition.

Two of the suspects the United States wants most, Jesus and Luis Amezcua, have been held since 1998 on a U.S. extradition request but now face drug-trafficking charges in a Mexican court.

Many Nazi items will come with Aryan Nation's land

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho (AP) — The successful bidder for the Aryan Nations property next month will get more than the 20-acre neo-Nazi compound.

The deal will also include portraits of Adolf Hitler, swastikas of various colors, posters glorifying the Ku Klux Klan and others denouncing marriage between blacks and whites. There is a "whites only" sign and a bumper sticker reading "I'd rather be killing Communists."

The Nazi paraphernalia represents the life work of Aryan Nations founder Richard Butler, who lost a $6.3 million civil lawsuit last year and must sell the compound to pay part of his bankruptcy judgment. Victoria and Jason Keenan brought the lawsuit after they were chased and shot at by Aryan Nations security guards in 1998.

The level of propaganda they pushed on themselves was enormous," said attorney Norm Gissel, who represented the Keenans. "They were up there to start a revolution."

The compound since the 1970s has been a national gathering place for people who support Butler's beliefs.

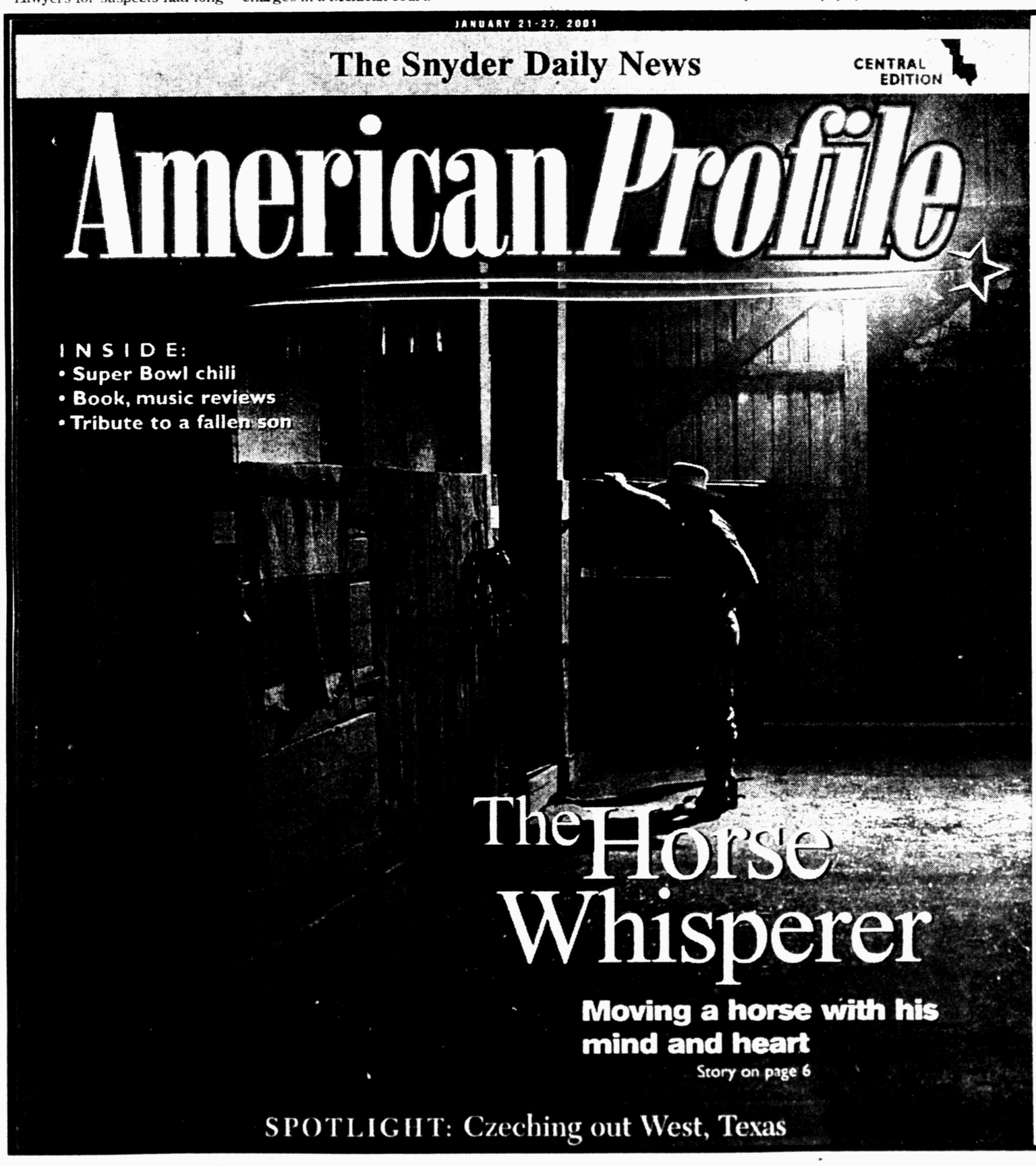
The compound and all its contents will be sold to one bidder at the Feb. 13 auction.

So far, the only people to meet the auction's $15,000 deposit and $300,000 credit requirements are the Keenans. Gissel said the Keenans do not want the property, appraised at about $240,000, and will immediately try to sell it.

Gissel went to the compound in September to take pictures of the contents so he could create an inventory for his clients. He showed those pictures to The Associated Press on Thursday.

Much of the furniture in the compound's buildings is dingy and battered. The mattresses in the 13-bed bunkhouse are stained and sag.

There are banged-up old school desks, ancient kitchen appliances and a handful of battered vehicles.



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Star-studded show kicked off inaugural activities for Bush

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Bush's inaugural festival stretched into today, with celebrations for authors, veterans and youth on tap by day and the Texas Black Tie and Boots Ball on the party list at night.

Beneath a canopy of gray clouds and floodlights on the Lincoln Memorial, Bush promised "a fresh start" as the four-day inaugural festival began Thursday night. Hip-swiveling singer Ricky Martin, the 21/2-hour show's headliner, sashayed over to Bush and coaxed him into busting a dance move, the two of them briefly swaying together on stage to the Latin beat of "The Cup of Life."

The two were the biggest draws. "I wanted to see the president and Ricky Martin," said a smiling Lorenz Everett, 10, of Woodbridge, Va., accompanied by his mother, Retina, a brother, Levance, and neighbor Camden Babcock.

Bush and his wife, Laura, sat together chatting and beaming at the tens of thousands of onlookers who crowded the memorial and lined the Washington Mall.

CNN talk show host Larry King played master of ceremonies, the Radio City Music Hall Rockettes kicked up their heels and military jets buzzed overhead. Las Vegas entertainer Wayne Newton won an enthusiastic thumbs up from Bush, while country music stars such as Brooks & Dunn set a plaid-and-saddle tone for the former Texas governor's ascent to the White House.

Secretary of State-designate Colin Powell, who sat in the audience with Commerce Secretary-designate Don Evans, at one point stood up and clapped and sang "Let the Sun Shine In" along with Marilyn McCoo and her husband, Billy Davis Jr., founding members of the 1960s group The Fifth Dimension.

Christian singer Sandi Patty performed the national anthem. Spectacular red, white, blue and gold fireworks erupted over the Washington Monument, blending pageantry with storm clouds.

"We had to come down to celebrate a new president. It's something you want to see at least once in your life," said Rick Davies of Reston, Va., who was joined by his wife, Terry, and their son, Dean.

Before laying claim to the presidency on Saturday, the Bushes and Vice President-elect Dick Cheney and his wife, Lynne, allowed themselves some time to celebrate after the grueling five-week presidential contest and shortened time for assembling a White House Cabinet and staff.

Other politicians at the show were Attorney General-designate John Ashcroft, and Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris, who played a critical role in the troubled presidential vote counting.

Bush took to the stage toward the end of the show, telling the crowd, "I am honored to serve and I am ready to start."

Organizers had anticipated that 75,000 people would attend, but the cold and an intermittent drizzle kept many away. Bush and other members of the incoming administration had seats protected by tents.

Later in the evening, Bush and Cheney appeared at three candlelight dinners for Republican supporters paying $2,500 a ticket. A table cost $25,000.

Laura Bush was to make her Washington debut today at a celebration for America's authors. Cheney was hosting a salute to the nation's veterans. The president-elect was to attend both.

Several preinaugural galas were scheduled for Friday night, including the Texas Black Tie & Boots Ball with Dallas Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman, actors Chuck Norris, Robert Duvall and others celebrating the presidential victory of Texas' governor. Bush's Hispanic supporters also were holding a special ball in his honor.

The focus of the hoopla, of course, was Bush's swearing in at the Capitol at noon Saturday. About 500,000 people were expected to attend.

Results from hog show held Thursday night

Hogs

Grand Champion: Janet Eckert, Hermleigh FFA, Light Weight Hamp.

Reserve Champion: Jordan Derryberry, Scurry County 4-H, Medium Weight Duroc.

Duroc

Light Weight: 1. Valerie West, Hermleigh FFA; 2. Jodi Parker Hamilton, Scurry County 4-H; 3. Shayla Thompson, Scurry County 4-H; 4. Grant Gonzales, Snyder FFA; 5. Seth Sanchez, Ira FFA.

Medium Weight: 1. Jordan Derryberry, Scurry County 4-H, Breed Champion; 2. Valerie West, Hermleigh FFA; 3. Kara Bilanos, Scurry County 4-H; 4. Coty Lomax, Ira FFA; 5. Grant Gonzales, Snyder FFA.

Heavy Weight: 1. Jacinda Judah, Snyder FFA, Reserve Breed Champion; 2. Rance Dunn, Ira FFA; 3. April Lollar, Ira FFA; 4. Jacinda Judah, Snyder FFA; 5. Ty Burton, Snyder FFA.

Hamps

Light Weight: 1. Janet Eckert, Hermleigh FFA, Breed Champion; 2. Laci Hackfeld, Snyder FFA, Reserve Breed Champion; 3. Amanda Whisenhunt, Snyder FFA; 4. Brandy Shafer, Snyder FFA; 5. David Digby, Hermleigh FFA.

Medium Weight: 1. Lori Eckert, Hermleigh FFA; 2. Janet Eckert, Hermleigh FFA; 3. Shaye Williams, Hermleigh FFA; 4. Shae Pinehart, Hermleigh FFA; 5. Kendyll Pilcher, Ira FFA.

Heavy Weight: 1. Jordan Derryberry, Scurry County 4-H; 2. Rance Dunn, Ira FFA; 3. Jacinda Judah, Snyder FFA; 4. Melanie Earlainen, Hermleigh FFA; 5. Anne Stribling, Scurry County 4-H.

Black OPB

1. Dana Stribling, Snyder FFA; 2. David Beard, Snyder FFA; 3. Dana Stribling, Snyder FFA; 4. Kendra Cardwell, Snyder FFA; 5. Lele Bilanos, Scurry County 4-H.

White OPB

Light Weight: 1. Lori Eckert, Hermleigh FFA; 2. Karlea Shaw, Scurry County 4-H; 3. Clint Beights, Snyder FFA; 4. Amber Sanchez, Ira FFA; 5. Robert Early Jr., Snyder FFA.

Medium Weight: 1. Kaci Waller, Ira FFA, Reserve Breed Champion; 2. Chance Tatum, Snyder FFA; 3. Riley Tatum, Snyder FFA; 4. Austin Pinehart, Snyder FFA; 5. Candace Sanchez, Ira FFA.

Heavy Weight: 1. Riley Tatum, Snyder FFA, Breed Champion; 2. Ashton Smith, Ira FFA; 3. Justin Taylor, Ira FFA; 4. Shane Kitchens, Snyder FFA; 5. Seth Sanchez, Ira FFA.

Cross

Light Weight: 1. Franki Falcon, Ira FFA, Reserve Breed Champion; 2. Cassi Guerrero, Snyder FFA; 3. Candace Sanchez, Ira FFA; 4. Kevin Graves, Ira FFA; 5. Seth Sanchez, Ira FFA.

Medium Weight: 1. Corbin Smith, Scurry County 4-H, Breed Champion; 2. David Beard, Snyder FFA; 3. Travis Frey, Ira FFA; 4. Janet Eckert, Hermleigh FFA; 5. Kendyll Pilcher, Ira FFA.

Heavy Weight: 1. Lori Eckert, Hermleigh FFA; 2. Austin Pinehart, Snyder FFA; 3. Kaci Waller, Ira FFA; 4. Ty Collier, Snyder FFA; 5. Justin Taylor, Ira FFA.

Alarm scares would-be store burglars

• ***Break-in***

An alarm at the Snyder One Stop Thursday night apparently scared off would-be burglars.

Officers responded to the alarm at the convenience store at 10:57 p.m. and found that the west side door had been forced open.

Sgt. Keith Ward said that the doorframe around the lock had been shattered. Officers did not locate anyone in the building, and owner Joseph Shlezinger did not find anything missing.

• ***Assault***

A 41-year-old man called police at 7:56 a.m. Thursday to report that a co-worker had pushed him at his workplace. A report for Class C assault was taken.

• ***Shoplifter***

A 31-year-old female was issued a citation for shoplifting at 1:06 p.m. Thursday at Wal-Mart. The woman did return the five videos she was attempting to steal.

• ***Arrests***

At 7:53 p.m. Thursday, a 39-year-old man was taken into custody in the 1000 block of 25th Street on warrants for no liability insurance, failure to appear and misdemeanor theft of service.

Public intoxication landed a 39-year-old man in jail at 8:37 p.m. Officers arrested him at the Plaza Truck Stop.

A 29-year-old man was jailed at 10:19 p.m. Thursday on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility (no liability insurance), driving without a valid Texas driver's license and two counts of failure to appear.

A Department of Public Safety trooper took a 25-year-old man into custody at 10:57 p.m. Thursday for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Obituaries

Georgia Mooty

1918-2001

Funeral service for Georgia Mooty, a longtime Snyder resident, is set for 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Dr. Tommy Culwell, pastor, and the Rev. Miller Robinson, former minister, will officiate.

Georgia Mooty

Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Mooty, 82, died Thursday, Jan. 18, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock following a lengthy illness.

Born Sept. 27, 1918 in Delight, Ark., she married Elexd Leon Mooty on Nov. 21, 1936 in El Dorado, Ark. He died Nov. 5, 1987.

Mrs. Mooty was a homemaker and a member of the Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Buddy Everett of Lubbock; a son and daughter-in-law, Bob and Bretza Mooty of Lubbock; a sister, Mary Bugg of Delight, Ark.; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Family visitation will be held from 6 to 8 this evening at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Thomas Wright

1950-2001

SWEETWATER — Thomas Earl Wright, the brother of Linda Sweet of Snyder, died Wednesday, Jan. 17, in Rolling Plains Hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Wright, 50, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in the Sweetwater Cemetery.

Born Oct. 3, 1950 in Sweetwater, Mr. Wright was a Baptist and had worked for Pace Packing Co.

Survivors include a daughter, Sharonda Moore of Sweetwater; his mother, Bertie Wright of Sweetwater; two brothers, Clarence Wright of Sweetwater and Charlie Wright of Copperas Cove; two other sisters, Wanda Lemons of San Francisco and Melma Johnson of Brownfield; three aunts; an uncle; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Blackwood

1944-2001

MIDLAND — Caroline Blackwood, sister of Pauline Northcutt of Snyder, died Wednesday, Jan. 17, in a Midland hospital.

Graveside service is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in Resthaven Memorial Park with Fr. Arturo Pestin officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born on April 18, 1944 in Rowena to Victor and Hilda Wanoreck who preceded her in death. Mrs. Blackwood was a Catholic.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas Blackwood of Midland; two sons, Brack Blackwood and Jeff Blackwood, both of Midland; two daughters, Kathy Satterfield and Tammy Broadway, both of Midland; another sister, Joyce Knott of Midland; and nine grandchildren.

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Married for Life outreach

Outreach night for the Married for Life seminar will be held at 7 p.m. Monday in the Word is Life Deliverance Church, 312 Coliseum Drive. Groups will be forming soon. For information, call 573-7471.

Tiger Swim Sharks

Snyder Tiger Swim Sharks will start practice Monday at the WTC pool. The team is for ages 7-18, and workouts will be held from 4-5 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

SHS baseball booster club

The booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the student center. The club reminds everyone of the Tiger quilt raffle underway. The quilt was handmade by Sandy Pollard and tickets are $2 each, or three for $5. Contact Sandy Pollard at 573-1686, or Carla Nunley at 573-7134 for tickets.

Family Math and Science Nights

Snyder Junior High School plans two Family Math and Science Nights. The first one, for eighth graders and their families, will be Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. in the cafeteria. The one for seventh graders and their families will be Tuesday, Jan. 30, from 6-8 p.m. in the cafeteria.

WTC swimming pool opens

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

WTC registration

Tuesday is the last day to register, add or change classes for the spring semester at Western Texas College.

Ira school photos

Spring portraits and friendship pictures will be taken at the Ira schools Wednesday. Each student will be photographed, as will each class group. Sitting fee cost for the friendship pictures is $2 per person.

Diabetes education group

The Snyder diabetes education group will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday in the hospital cafeteria. Brian Moffett, CMH radiology manager, will discuss diabetes patients getting X-rays.

Life Changing Power

The Potter's House Christian Fellowship Church will sponsor a "Life Changing Power" revival at 7 p.m. Thursday and next Friday at Central Elementary, 2700 Ave. K. Daniel Gutierrez is the evangelist. Call 573-0519 for more information.

'Music Man'

Snyder High School's Fine Arts Department will present "The Music Man" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Jan. 27, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 28. Adult tickets are $6, student tickets are $5 and reserve seat tickets are $8. Directors are Ronda Haire, choir director, and Brad Vincent, drama director.

GED testing dates

The next testing date for GED (high school equivalency) is next Friday. For more information call Molly Kattes, 573-2919, or Emily Hataway, at home at 574-2112, or 573-8511, ext. 297 at WTC between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Chili supper

Ira Baptist Church will sponsor a chili supper Saturday, Jan. 27, to raise funds for the GA and RA programs. The meal will be served from 5-7:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Cost is $5 for adults, tickets for children under 12 are $3.50 and a family can eat for $20.

Ex-resident on 'Nick News'

Julie Zeck Smithey, former Snyder resident, and her fifth grade class in Adriana, Mich., will be featured on "Nick News," which airs at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, on Nickelodeon. Smithey's students wrote letters explaining what they thought should be done with the Kennewick Man, a 9,000- year-old skeleton unearthed four years ago in Washington State.

Girl Scout cookie sale

Girl Scouts are taking cookie orders until Sunday, Jan. 28, for delivery in February. Anyone not contacted by a Girl Scout who wishes to order cookies may call Carla at 574-8004 or Peggy at 573-6725.

Credit union annual meeting

The annual membership meeting of the Scurry County School Federal Credit Union will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 29, in the SHS cafeteria.

Vocational nurse program testing

The next testing dates for the March vocational nursing class at WTC are 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, and 9 a.m. Friday, Feb. 9. To schedule an appointment, call 573-8511, ext. 313.

Medical fund

A medical fund has been established at West Texas State Bank to defray medical expenses of Christa Lane Arnold who was born four months premature to Ruby and Larry Arnold. The baby is in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock with medicine expenses alone totaling over $900 per day. The account number at the bank is 3113906-01. Arnold is a DJ at KSNY.

1981 class reunion

The SHS class of 1981 reunion committee is seeking current addresses of class members for a reunion scheduled June 29-30. Submit names, addresses and e-mail addresses at shsclassof81@hotmail.com, or by calling Beth Bowen (573-2670), or Charlotte Clifton (573-2430).

WTC continuing ed classes

Western Texas College's Continuing Education Department will present "The Great American Debt Opportunity" on Jan. 29 and "Spend Smart" on Jan. 30. Each session will last from 6 to 9 p.m. and both will be located in building 15A. The cost for each is $40. The textbook for "The Great American Debt Opportunity" costs $43, but it is not required. Call 573-8511, ext. 390 to reserve space in either class.