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Home of Ramona Reed

SHS CAREER DAY — WTC faculty members Tammy Wesson and Joann Snider, standing from left, spoke to classes choosing the computerized business technology profession at Snyder High School Career Day on Thursday. Sixty-seven presenters talked to students interested in pursuing a career in various professions. Seated from left are Shawn Pesina, Hunter Shipp, Jacob Rodriguez, Joe Torres. Jose Lopez is seated on the second row. Josh Mendoza stands in the center. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Tax cut expects stiffer opposition in Senate

By Local, Wire Reports

President Bush's across-the-board income tax cut plan, after hurtling through the House, is about to come to a screeching halt in the Senate, where Democrats and Republicans say it will take time and compromise to produce a final agreement.

Meanwhile U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm of the 17th District defended his vote against the president's tax-cut measure.

Earlier, the Stamford Democrat offered a motion to return the proposed tax cut to the ways and means committee until a budget is adopted that protects Social Security and Medicare as well as pays down the national debt.

"There is almost universal agreement that we will have a tax cut," Rep. Stenholm said. "I personally intend to vote for the biggest tax cut possible within a responsible budget plan."

"The trouble is when you start the game by voting in tax cuts without considering either what spending cuts will accompany the bill nor considering what other priorities must be funded, you find yourself in a bind."

"The size and scope and fate of this bill will be determined in the Senate," said Sen. Max Baucus of Montana, senior Democrat on the tax-writing Senate Finance Committee.

The panel's chairman, Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, said it will be May before the committee starts working in earnest on its version of Bush's 10-year, $1.6 trillion tax cut package. By that time, the House likely will have passed several other items in Bush's plan to add to the $958 billion income tax cut that Republican leaders pushed through the chamber Thursday.

"My goal is to get as much as we can for the president," Grassley said. "The most sacred goal we have to accomplish is as big a marginal rate cut as possible."

Even as he basked in the 230-198 House vote in favor of the income tax cut, Bush recognized there was much work ahead. There are 50 Democrats and 50 Republicans in the Senate, giving Democrats much greater clout in determining the outcome.

"One House down, and now the Senate to go," Bush told an audience in Fargo, N.D.

Republicans were exultant at the quick House victory, which came only 48 days into Bush's term, and promised in the coming weeks to send the Senate other parts of the president's tax plan. Candidates for the next measure in the pipeline include those addressing the "marriage penalty" paid by millions of two-income couples, doubling the $500 child tax credit, repealing the estate tax and expanding tax breaks for charitable contributions.

"Our message to the American people is: Help is on the way," said House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas. "We're going to do a lot more."

The income tax legislation would gradually reduce and condense the current five graduated income tax rates of 15 percent, 28 percent, 31 percent, 36 percent and 39.6 percent. By 2006, rates would be pegged at 10 percent, 15 percent, 25 percent and 33 percent.

To provide relief immediately, the measure also would create an interim 12 percent bracket, retroactive to Jan. 1 of this year and continuing in 2002, that would be applied to the first $12,000 of taxable income for couples and $6,000 of taxable income for individuals. That bracket would drop to 11 percent in 2003 and then to the permanent 10 percent level in 2006.

Taxpayers could see an estimated maximum tax cut this year of $360 for a couple and $180 for an individual, Republicans said. The Bush administration estimates that when the entire tax plan is fully in place, 6 million families would no longer pay federal income taxes.

Nolan County farmers...

Crop insurance fraud guilty plea may impact West Texas

LUBBOCK (AP) — A guilty plea in a case of crop insurance fraud may have far-reaching results in West Texas, federal prosecutors say.

"Based on what some of the neighboring farmers down there told us, from that we were able to put a case together that establishes some pretty widespread fraud," Assistant U.S. Attorney Bill Mateja said.

In some instances, a crop loss adjuster working for a Lubbock-based insurance office submitted claims for crop failures on fields that were never planted, federal investigators said.

Six farmers in Nolan County, who are named in the guilty plea, are part of a related investigation, one that could mushroom.

Darren Randell Jeffrey, 36, of McCaulley in Fisher County pleaded guilty Thursday to one count of making a false claim between June 1999 and October 1999. Jeffrey faces up to five years in prison and a $250,000 fine. Sentencing has not been scheduled.

Under terms of the plea, Jeffrey, a former crop loss adjuster for Fireman's Fund Insurance Co., must cooperate with investigators and provide testimony in grand jury hearings or trials that may result from the investigation.

In the plea document, Jeffrey admits to falsifying crop losses for six Nolan County farmers for a total $718,946 in claims paid by the Federal Crop Insurance Corp. Another $353,071 for federal disaster relief was filed for but was not paid.

Mateja told the newspaper that he will ask U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings to order Jeffrey to repay the money.

According to his plea, Jeffrey admits to submitting fraudulent appraisals to supervisors who used the information to support claims filed from a Fireman's Fund office in Lubbock. Fireman's Fund, based in Novato, Calif., has a contract to provide federal crop insurance through the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Jeffrey said an employee at the agency helped him file the fraudulent claims and that he also calculated false crop production levels with the help of some of the Nolan County farmers.

"We have reason to believe that this kind of activity goes on a lot in Texas, as well as throughout the country," Mateja said.

Evidence did not indicate that Jeffrey received money or other benefits from the farmers or insurance company, he said.

Windham names new regional administrator

Kerry Birdwell, who has served 15 years in the educational field both as a teacher and administrator, has been named as assistant regional administrator for Region V, Windham School.

He replaces Sharrylon Vestal who was named district assistant superintendent upon Bob Martin's retirement in January.

Birdwell, who came to work for the Windham system in 1993, began his duties Monday.

He moves from Palestine where he served two years as principal at the Michael Unit.

Prior to that position, Birdwell was assistant principal two years at the Beto Unit, also in Palestine.

In addition, he taught 1½ years at the Dominguez State Jail in San Antonio and two years at the Briscoe Unit in Dilley.

Before entering the prison education system, Birdwell was a teacher and coach in the public school system in Dilley.

Birdwell and his wife, Renee, have two sons. Sonny is a seventh grader and Zach is a fourth grader. His wife currently teaches in Palestine.

"She'll finish up the school year there, and we will then move the family in June," he said.

Birdwell said he is excited about his new duties, which he says includes handling everything from curriculum to personnel matters for the 20 schools in the region.

"I'm glad to be here. I'm excited about the challenge and the new job. I'm looking forward to it."

Windham is part of a state-wide system which offers a public school education to all inmates in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice who have not received a high school diploma or a GED equivalent.

Kerry Birdwell

Collision of barges closes ship channel

GALVESTON (AP) — A collision between two barges near the intersection of the Houston Ship Channel and the Intracoastal Waterway closed both important commercial lanes this morning.

The collision of barges pushed by the tug Robert Frasier and the tug Melinda Bryant caused one to rupture, spilling 33,000 gallons of a petroleum byproduct. There were no injuries reported, according to the Coast Guard.

The accident happened around 5:30 a.m. between Pelican Island and Bolivar Island, near where the Ship Channel meets the Gulf of Mexico.

The Bolivar Ferry also was closed, creating a backup of hundreds of cars trying to travel between Galveston Island and the Bolivar Peninsula.

Coast Guard and civilian personnel had begun trying to clean up the spill and monitored air quality to determine if there was any hazard. The byproduct, called naphtha, is used in industry.

It was not immediately known when the waterways and ferry would reopen, said Coast Guard Petty Officer James Dillard.

Spring break gets underway

Ira public schools released at noon today for spring break with Snyder public schools scheduled to do the same at 2 p.m.

Residence halls at Western Texas College were also scheduled to close at 2 p.m. today as the institution prepares for a week's vacation.

Hermleigh ISD does not take a week off for spring break, but rather opts for longer weekends throughout the second semester. The school is taking a holiday today and will do so again March 30.

WTC dorms will re-open at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 18, and classes resume the next day.

Snyder and Ira also go back to the books March 19.

After the break, the end of school will be fast-approaching as Western Texas' graduation ceremony is May 4. Snyder has graduation set May 18 while Ira commencement is scheduled May 19. Hermleigh's ceremony is planned for May 25.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The things that come to those who wait may be the things left by those who got there first."

No one should have been surprised.

With the Tiger-hosted baseball tournament in town and the Canyon Reef Relays scheduled tomorrow, foul weather could easily be predicted.

Nevertheless, Thursday's rains were nice despite the delay for the diamond competition. Both baseball and track fans can take heart, in the past it has been a lot colder.

Good grief again!

It's pretty hard for us to get excited about the concept of out-of-control Bobby Knight being head hoops coach for the Texas Tech Red Raiders.

Surely, it's a joke. All we need now is to make Bill Clinton the girls' athletic director for TTU.

Everybody showed up for work Thursday, an indication that the big Lottery winner wasn't from Snyder.

The ticket was sold in Austin. Hopefully, it was somebody from Scurry County visiting the capitol during the legislative session.

All-district honors...

Six Lady Tigers earned all-district honors in 4-4A.

Chosen for the first team was **Ashley Delce** while **T'Leah Eicke** was named to the third squad. Honorable mention honors went to **Kameron Kallemeyn, Cameron Mackey, Kristin Murray** and **Rina Geiger.**

Cameron Mackey is now over on the softball diamond, and has just signed a softball scholarship with Seward County Community College in Liberal, Kan.

Advancing to state...

Two SHS powerlifters earned berths in the state powerlifting meet later this month. The two seniors are **Edwin James** and **Tremaine Johnson.**

And advancing to state in speech were **Mark Haines, Jaci Smith, Austin McCormack, Josh Kemp, Lyndell Lee** and **Will Davis.**

SHS cage fans will remember **Rick Henderson**, the assistant principal's kid with the soft, easy shot. He's still at it.

Henderson paced Lubbock Christian University to the Sooner Athletic Conference title with a game-high 32 points.

Enjoy spring break!

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ASK US

Q.-What is an NFL franchise player?

A.-A team may designate one franchise player who is not free to sign with another team.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 63 degrees; low, 42; 7 a.m. Friday, 43; no precipitation; total for 2001, 4.13 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy, low upper 30s, SE wind 5-15 mph. Saturday, partly cloudy, high near 70, S wind 10-20 mph, gusty.

Partly Cloudy
Jessica West

Sunset:
6:49 p.m.
Sunrise:
7 a.m.

Of 67 days in 2001, the sun has shone 58 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Persistence is self-discipline in action.

—Brian Tracy

Thursday highlights from Texas Legislature

AUSTIN (AP) — State lawmakers wrestling with a tight budget could get $99 million more for new spending.

A bill approved by the Texas Senate on Thursday would free up the money from a state fund that holds interest on disputed tax payments.

The bill by Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, would let the state comptroller move the interest in that fund — about $99 million as of June 2000 — into the Legislature's general revenue.

Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander's office came up with the idea.

WATER, PART II

Sweeping legislation that establishes a water policy council, seeks to help residents get access to water resources and proposes millions of dollars in fees to pay for water projects has been filed.

The bill by Sen. Buster Brown, R-Lake Jackson, is a follow-up to 1997 legislation that set in place a water conservation plan.

"If a person drinks water or eats food, they ought to care," said Brown, chairman of the Senate Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

WANTED: MONEY FOR MEDICAID PLAN

Sponsors of legislation aimed at simplifying the process for enrolling children in Medicaid say they have the votes to pass the bills in the Texas House.

The holdup is the money.

The bills lingered in House and Senate committees as lawmakers scrambled to find an estimated $300 million to implement the ideas.

Rep. Patricia Gray, D-Galveston, who is leading the House efforts, said the legislation will save the state money in the long run. Senate Health and Human Services Chairman Mike Moncrief agreed.

"I don't think we can afford to have the children of our state go without the necessary care that they need to be normal," said Moncrief, D-Fort Worth.

SEALING SEARCH WARRANTS

Judges and prosecutors would have to follow certain criteria if they want to seal a search warrant affidavit under a bill sponsored by Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio. Wentworth has been an advocate of open government.

The legislation states a search warrant could be sealed to protect the safety of a confidential informant, witness or peace officer; to prevent destruction of evidence; to prevent disclosure of certain information obtained from a court-ordered wiretap; or to prevent a suspect from fleeing.

A search warrant affidavit could be sealed for up to 73 days.

The Senate is expected to take final action on the measure next week.

Donnis Baggett, publisher of the Bryan-College Station Eagle and chairman of the legislative advisory committee for the Texas Daily Newspaper Association, said currently a judge can determine at will whether an affidavit may be sealed.

"We feel we are probably better off with a set of criteria under which affidavits can be sealed for search warrants," Baggett said.

CAMPAIGN DIET

Rep. Debra Danburg, D-Houston, wants to shorten the time Texas politicians have to campaign before elections.

"The shorter the election period, the less money that has to be spent and the less burnout by voters," Danburg said.

She called the bill one of the "least aggressive" that was considered, but said it could be strengthened as it moves through the legislative process.

It would change the uniform election date from the first Saturday in May to the fourth Saturday in March.

It would move the general primary election date to the second Saturday in May and the runoff primary election date to the second Saturday in June. The presidential primary election date would be the second Saturday in May.

BREATHING EASIER

The Senate Health and Human Services Committee unanimously approved a bill that would create a pilot program within Medicaid to help children with asthma. Under Rep. Leticia Van de Putte's legislation, asthmatic children and their parents would learn to better manage the illness and necessary medication.

The management will help reduce the number of children admitted to the hospital for asthma-related problems and reduce emergency room visits, thus lower overall Medicaid costs, said Van de Putte, D-San Antonio. An estimated 400,000 Texas children have asthma.

The bill would cost the state no additional money.

COLLEGE CONTRACTS

Universities, medical schools, colleges and technical colleges would have to extend a written contract to a faculty member at least 60 days before the start of an academic year under a bill approved by the House.

Rep. Irma Rangel, D-Kingsville, proposed the measure.

AND ...

A bill by Rep. Glen Maxey, D-Austin, that would eliminate the fingerprinting of food stamp applicants was approved by the House.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Had I won the lottery, it would have been adios! ... Me and Hollywood Henderson would have been riding off into the sunset and then you all could have a really good time with redistricting." — House Appropriations Chairman Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, as lawmakers chatted about the winning $85 million lottery ticket sold in Austin.

Henderson, a former Dallas Cowboy player, won $28 million a year ago.

Magnetic fields used to map underground water reservoir

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Geologists are making a map of the foundation for the 11-county-wide water reservoir that supplies Texas' largest springs.

A plane chartered by the U.S. Geological Survey is conducting an aeromagnetic survey of the limestone and other rock layers that contain the Edwards Aquifer. San Antonio is the largest city in the country to rely solely upon such an underground reservoir for municipal water supplies.

The subterranean map to be completed after several weeks' work may help locate wells for monitoring water quality and quantity and small dams to boost recharge to the aquifer. Its levels have dropped in past summer droughts, cutting flow to Comal and San Marcos Springs where threatened and endangered species live.

Crews in a Piper Navajo owned by Spectra Exploration Geoscience Corp. of Calgary, Canada are conducting the survey with technology used by the U.S. Navy to hunt submarines and by American companies to explore for oil, gas and mineral deposits.

The plane will fly out of Hondo Municipal Airport for much of this month, recording patterns in the Earth's magnetic fields to map geological features as 20,000 feet below the surface.

Of particular interest to geologists and hydrologists are locations in Uvalde County and elsewhere where magma penetrated Edwards limestone to form barriers to the present-day flow of water.

"Being able to better identify the ones we can't see on the surface will help us understand the flow paths," Geary Schindel, the Edwards Aquifer Authority's chief technical officer, told the San Antonio Express-News in Friday's online edition.

The USGS and San Antonio Water System are paying Spectra a total of $120,000 to conduct the low-level flights, which could be completed within three weeks. Analysis likely will take at least six months.

Parts of Bexar, Uvalde and Medina counties are the first to be examined.

"It's not necessarily pinpointed at the Edwards. It's the structure the Edwards limestone is sitting on," said George B. Ozuna, a hydrologist and chief of the USGS office in San Antonio.

Football players accused of rape leave academy

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — Three Naval Academy football players accused of raping a female classmate have resigned from the school, and in exchange prosecutors will place the rape charges on hold and may eventually drop them, according to published reports today.

The three midshipmen accused in the case are Arion Williams, 21, of Detroit; Shaka Martin, 21, of Danville, Va. and Cordrea Brittingham, 21, of Berlin, Md.

"They are not going forward with the prosecution, and we are not going forward with our education at the Naval Academy," Brittingham's attorney, Warren A. Brown, told The Baltimore Sun.

One of the three resigned from the school Thursday and the other two resigned Wednesday, the Sun reported. The Washington Post, citing anonymous sources, also said the three have resigned, while The Capital of Annapolis reported two have left and the third was nearing an agreement.

A source with knowledge of the case who spoke on condition of anonymity confirmed details of The Capital's account to The Associated Press.

The proposed agreement between prosecutors and the men must be approved by a Circuit Court judge before it becomes final. Under the agreement, the second-degree rape charges against the three will be shelved for a year, meaning prosecutors can revive the case for any reason, including failing to comply with the plea terms or committing another crime.

The female classmate, who has not been identified, has agreed to the deal. She plans to continue her studies at the academy, The Capital said.

Naval Academy spokesman Cmdr. Bill Spann told the AP Thursday that he could not comment on the case because the state had primary criminal jurisdiction.

"It is inappropriate for the Naval Academy to discuss a case that is still pending before the Maryland court system," he said.

Williams and Brittingham were charged July 3 with second-degree rape and second-degree sex offense and suspended from the football team after they admitted having sex with the woman, then 20, at a June 29 party. Martin was charged four months later and suspended from the team after DNA samples linked him to the alleged crimes.

Attorneys for the woman said she passed out after drinking alcohol and awoke to find Williams and Brittingham sexually assaulting her. The three defendants said the sex was consensual.

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RESULTS

Cash Five

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

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

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TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1796, Napoleon and Josephine were wed in Paris.

On this day in 1945, large quantities of napalm was used for the first time in an air raid over Tokyo, Japan.

On this day in 1961, a dog named Blackie became the first animal to return alive from space. He had been launched into orbit aboard the Soviet spacecraft Sputnik 9.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Amerigo Vespucci (1451-1512), Italian navigator; Leland Stanford (1824-1893), financier; Mickey Spillane (1918-), writer, is 83; Yuri Gagarin (1934-1968), cosmonaut; Keely Smith (1935-), singer, is 66; Mickey Gilley (1936-), singer, is 65; Bobby Fischer (1943-), chess player, is 58; Benito Santiago (1965-), baseball player, is 36.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1976, Willie "The Worm" Monroe out-boxed Marvelous Marvin Hagler to win a 10-round decision.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I don't know a better preparation for life than a love of poetry and a good digestion." — Zona Gale

TODAY'S MOON: Full moon.

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Pro volleyball player files for divorce

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Model and professional beach volleyball player Gabrielle Reece is divorcing her surfer husband after about three years of marriage.

Reece cited irreconcilable differences as the reason for the split with Laird Hamilton in her Superior Court divorce petition filed Wednesday. They have no children.

Reece and Hamilton were married Nov. 30, 1997. The court document filed by attorney Marcy L. Kenerson said they separated Jan. 20.

MOVIES

HEAD OVER HEELS PG13

★★A New York art restorer falls in love with her neighbor - then assumes that he murdered someone after spying on him a la Afred Hitchcock's "Rear Window".**Starring Monica Potter, Freddie Prinze Jr.**

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Teen faces mandatory life sentence in wrestling death

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — When Lionel Tate was found guilty of killing a 6-year-old girl while imitating pro wrestlers, his lawyers turned their focus to a judge who could throw out the conviction.

They argue that County Judge Joel Lazarus should either overturn the conviction, or, at least reduce it from first-degree murder.

Lazarus faced those decisions at a sentencing hearing today that follows Tate's Jan. 25 conviction for fatally beating Tiffany Eunick, who suffered a fractured skull, a lacerated liver and more than 30 other injuries.

Michael J. Dale, a Nova Southeastern University law professor, said it was "highly unlikely" that Lazarus would overturn the jury's verdict.

"He would have to find that there was some kind of technical error" during the trial, Dale said. Otherwise, he would have to rule the evidence against Tate, 14, did not support the jury's verdict.

"That almost never happens," Dale said.

Defense attorney Richard Rosenbaum first raised the incompetence issue last week after Tate and his mother refused to let lawyer Jim Lewis testify on whether the boy understood before trial that he faced a life sentence.

Rosenbaum said Tate is incapable of understanding the consequences of not allowing the testimony, saying he relies too much on his mother.

"Tate is unable to make mature decisions on his own behalf," Rosenbaum wrote in court documents filed this week. "He relies upon his mother and defers to her decision-making as to crucial issues which affect his liberty."

The sentencing could be delayed if Lazarus orders outside experts to examine Tate.

The prospect of Tate spending the rest of his life in prison has angered some and led to protests.

"This was a very tragic accident — it should never have come to this," said James Higginbottom, an Ohio minister. He and about a dozen other protesters picketed at the Broward County Courthouse last week, demanding Tate's release.

"These were two children playing. If a baseball pitcher hits a batter and kills him, we don't charge him with murder," he said.

But Mark James, the victim's father, wants Tate imprisoned for life.

"I think he very much wanted to kill her," James said, pointing to the severity and number of injuries his daughter sustained during the 1999 attack.

If Lazarus imposes a life sentence, Tate's attorneys say they will ask Gov. Jeb Bush to commute the sentence.

Man convicted of drunken driving; 1 dead, 1 paralyzed

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A man was convicted Thursday in the drunken driving wreck that paralyzed the winner of the world's largest slot machine jackpot and killed her sister.

The jury found Clark Morse guilty of felony driving under the influence, involuntary manslaughter, reckless driving and leaving the scene of the accident. Jurors had deliberated since Tuesday afternoon.

Just weeks before the March 11, 2000, crash, Cynthia Jay-Brennan won a record $35 million Megabucks jackpot.

"On one hand we're happy that he was found guilty on all counts," Jay-Brennan's husband, Terry, said. "On the other, it's a hollow victory because when we wake up tomorrow my wife is still paralyzed and her sister is still dead."

Morse faces more than 150 years in prison when he is sentenced April 20.

Defense attorneys argued that Morse, 58, is mentally disabled and has the mind of a third-grader.

But prosecutors said Morse knew drinking and driving was wrong and was intelligent enough to obtain a driver's license and hold jobs.

Authorities said Morse's blood-alcohol content was nearly twice the legal limit when the sport utility vehicle he was driving crashed into a car occupied by Jay-Brennan, 37, and her sister, Lela Anne Jay, 45.

The defense said it planned to appeal the verdict.

Man surrenders on charge of kidnapping 22 years ago

NEW YORK (AP) — A man accused of fleeing with a kidnapped baby more than two decades ago and raising him as his own surrendered to authorities on the young man's 22nd birthday.

"His son is an adult now," Barry Smiley's attorney, Eugene Sarchiapone, said Thursday after Smiley turned himself in. "He wanted to set the record straight."

The boy grew up believing his name to be Matthew Propp, but when he applied for a job with the New Mexico Department of Corrections last summer, red flags shot up over his birth certificate. That's when he learned the truth.

Prosecutors say he was born Anthony Joseph to an unwed teen-ager in New York and was taken from her hospital room when he was three days old by his maternal grandfather. The Smileys took possession of the baby as the grandfather arranged for them to adopt the child, but the adoption was later ruled illegal after the biological parents challenged it. That was when the Smileys fled.

Last week, Propp met his biological father, Anthony Russini, and other relatives for the first time.

"It's the first March 8 in 22 years that I don't feel bad," Russini, who still lives in New York, told reporters on his son's birthday. He said the boy's mother, Debbie Gardner, didn't wish to be included in the reunion. Gardner, who is divorced from Russini, lives in Miami and couldn't immediately be located for comment.

Russini said he never stopped searching for his son, but added that the young man feels attached to Smiley and his wife, Judith.

"He's sensitive about this, and I don't want him in the middle," Russini said. "He's my son. I don't want Barry Smiley acting like he's the poor soul here. What they did was wrong."

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown said the Smileys had been living in Albuquerque, N.M., where they apparently raised Propp under assumed names.

When the boy was born, his biological mother was pressured by her father into signing papers giving him up, Brown said.

Authorities say Barry Smiley, then a city employee, gathered personal information about a spokeswoman for the Queens district attorney's office for his wife to use. The spokeswoman learned of the theft last spring when she was contacted by the Internal Revenue Service, but she said she didn't find out about the kidnapping connection until last week.

Barry Smiley, who pleaded innocent to second-degree kidnapping on Thursday, could face up to 25 years in prison if convicted.

Judith Smiley, 54, was also expected to return to New York to face charges but cannot yet travel because of recent of knee replacement surgery, the district attorney said.

She told reporters from her Albuquerque home Thursday that she had no comment.

It was unclear when the Smileys settled in Albuquerque or when they changed their names. Both were indicted in 1982.

Authorities said Propp, who still lives in the home where he grew up, doesn't want to press charges against the Smileys, The New York Times reported Friday.

Neighbors said the family had lived in the home since Propp was a child.

"They seem like really good people," neighbor Marcella Gabaldon said. "They did a good job raising him. They taught him some good morals."

Intel Corp. to cut 5,000 jobs

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Computer chip-making giant Intel Corp. reduced its revenue estimates for the first quarter and announced it will be cutting 5,000 jobs — or 6 percent of its work force — during the next nine months, mainly through attrition.

Shares of Intel fell $2.31, or 7 percent, to $30.94 in after-hours trading Thursday after rising 31 cents to $33.25 in regular trading on the Nasdaq composite index.

The Santa Clara-based company expects revenue for the quarter to be down by about 25 percent from the fourth quarter's $8.7 billion. Previously, it estimated revenue would be down about 15 percent in the first quarter.

Intel executives blamed the bad news on the current economic slowdown, saying it continues to affect demand for personal computers and has spread to other sectors, including networking, communications and servers.

"This slowdown in demand for PCs has continued and has spread through nearly all sectors of our business and through all geographies," said Sean Maloney, director of Intel's sales and marketing group.

Intel has been branching out into other areas beyond its processors in the face of the saturated personal computer market. Now, the sour economy has caught up with these other segments, said SG Cowen Securities analyst Drew Peck.

"The processor business was already pretty much in the tank," he said. "Basically, one piece of bad business has become three pieces of bad business."

Intel earned $3.1 billion, excluding charges, on revenue of $8.02 billion, in the first quarter ended April 1, 2000.

Financial woes have beset all sectors of the high-tech industry, from chipmakers such as Intel to computer manufacturers such as Dell Computer Corp. The effects have been felt by Internet companies, networking firms and software developers.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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♦ K 9 8 5 4 2
♣ K 9 7

West
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♥ 10 9 8 5 2
♦ J
♣ Q 10 8 3 2

East
♠ A K J 7 6
♥ Q J 4
♦ —
♣ A J 6 5 4

South
♠ Q 10 3
♥ A 7 6 3
♦ A Q 10 7 6 3
♣ —

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
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2 ♦	Pass	5 ♦	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 8

Friday, March 9, 2001

Having a serum for the poison

By Phillip Alder

Sometimes, when the dummy comes down, you, as declarer, see that the contract has no apparent chance. In this situation, consider a falsecard. Maybe it will throw the defenders off the scent. Most players treat all cards at their face value, never noticing the aroma of rodent wafting across the table.

Now turn to the deal. Cover the South and West hands; you're East. Against five diamonds, your partner leads the spade eight: two, king, 10. You cash the spade ace: queen, four, five. What would you do next?

What would you bid with that North hand after partner overcalls the one-spade opening with two diamonds? It isn't obvious. Double-dummy, North can make three no-trump. And if South were the declarer, he would probably succeed. But how do you get there?

It needs this lucky layout, but East-West can make five clubs. However, it is hard to find that contract if North jumps to five diamonds!

At trick three, East tried to cash the club ace, but South ruffed, drew the missing trump, and claimed. He could either pitch his spade loser on dummy's club king or throw dummy's spade on his heart ace.

Was there any way for East to know what South was doing? Yes! Here is the mendacity medicine: When you have three low cards in partner's suit, lead low if you have not supported. Lead high only when you have supported, because partner already knows you have length.

Here, West had to have started with a doubleton spade. With the 8-4-3, he would have led the three, not the eight.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Monday, March 12, 2001

It will be important in the year ahead for you to remain patient and build upon foundations you've already established. Happiness and success stem from stability and concrete substance.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A defeatist attitude is all too easy to take on today. Keep your mind positive and stay clear of those who view life in pessimistic terms. Major changes are ahead for Pisces in the coming year.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) Misplaced sentiment isn't commercially sound today or any other day. Do not do business with someone just because that person is a friend of a friend. Check out his or her record first.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The only thing worse than indecision is being too stubborn to even look at the other side of issues. Loosen up and at least hear out opinions that oppose yours. You may learn something.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Someone in the office may have motives that are not in harmony with the rest of the staff. Be extremely careful in whom you place your trust today.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Should one of your friends be enjoying a bit more popularity than you today, be happy for this person, not jealous. You can actually ride on his or her coattails if you're smart.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Although intuition can serve us well, you may wrongfully think wishful thinking is an inner message. It is not. Be wise enough today to differentiate between the two, and rely on your logic.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Trying to manipulate people through flattery today isn't apt to succeed. In fact, it could work against you should others perceive your insincerity.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It's fine to love beautiful things, but purchasing them on credit today when it won't be easy for you to pay off the bills is just plain stupid. It'll jeopardize future acquisitions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A negative attitude will defeat you before you even enter the fray today, and it will be your biggest nemesis. You have as much chance of succeeding as you do at failing, but the choice is yours.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It might be tempting to neglect a responsibility today in order to do something fun. The trouble is you won't really have a good time because you'll be harboring guilt.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Although Capricorns can sometimes believe people like others because of what they have instead of who they are, this is not true. Don't live by this belief today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Unmethodical or helter-skelter procedures will lead to results with frayed edges or total failure. Take control and lay out a blue print first.

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The British unconditionally surrendered Singapore to the Japanese Feb. 15, 1942, during World War II. It was a major blow to the Allies because the island controlled an important sea route. The Japanese had landed to the north and marched through the jungle to take Singapore.

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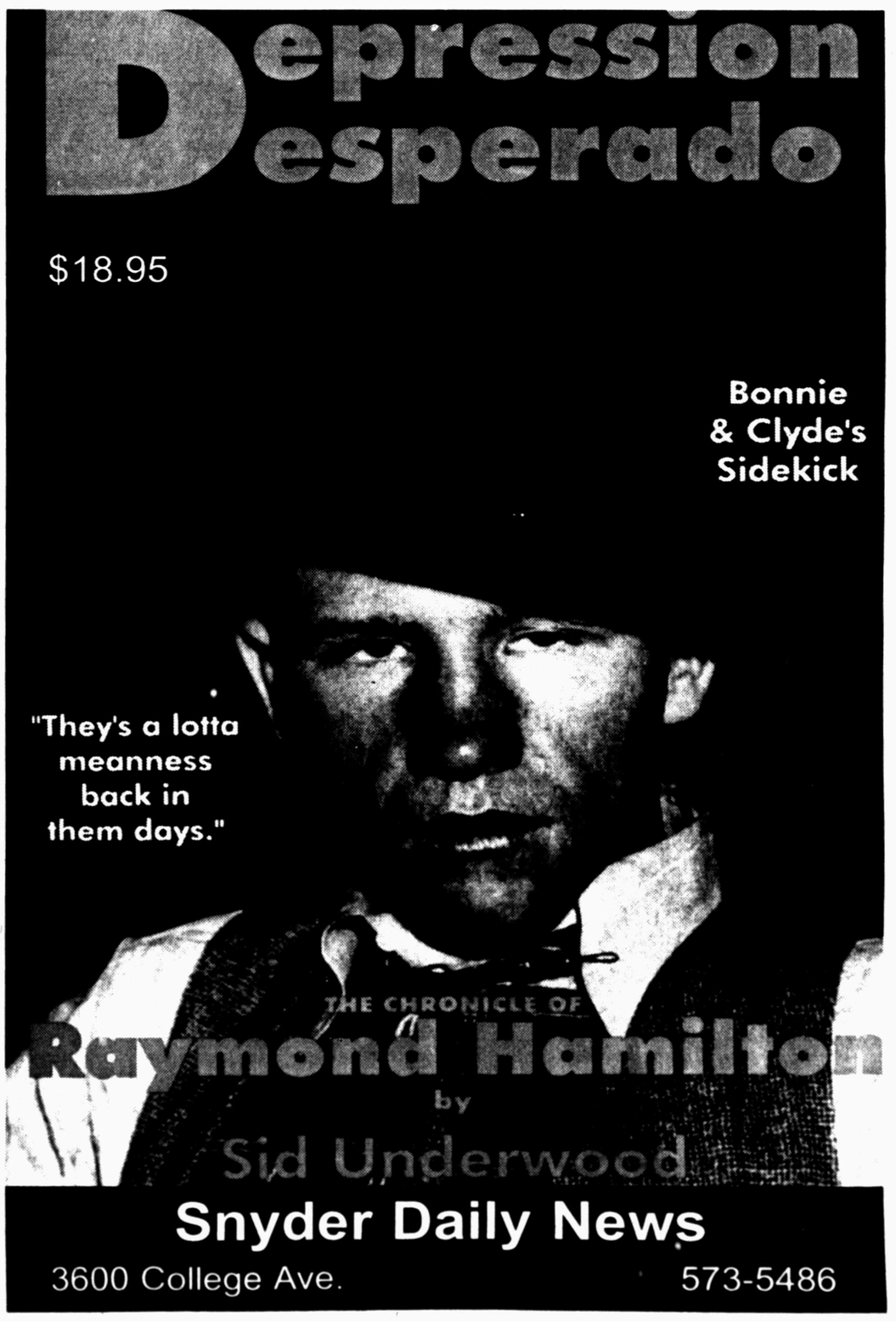

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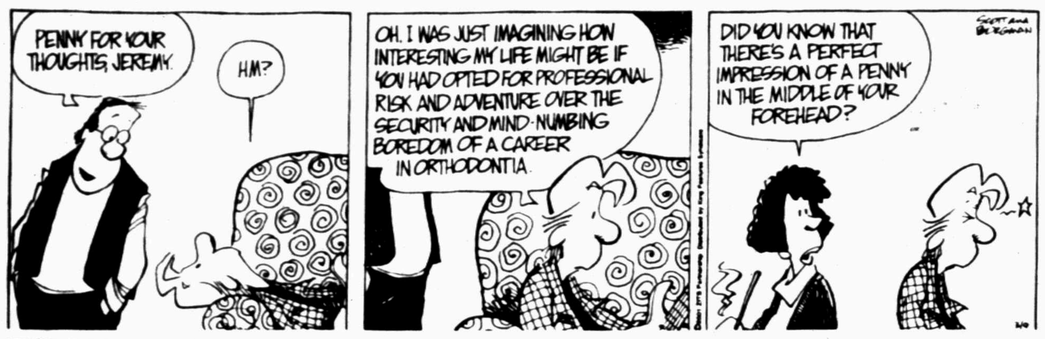

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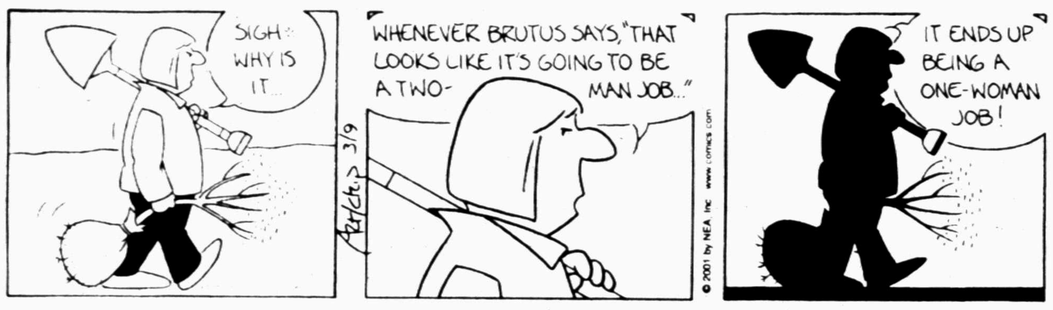

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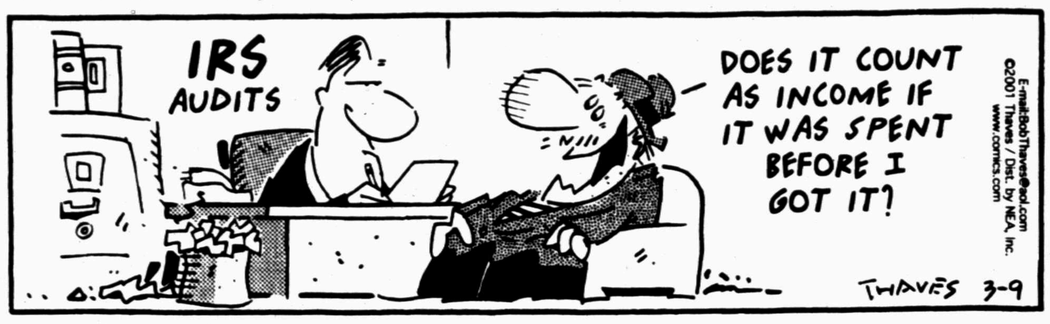

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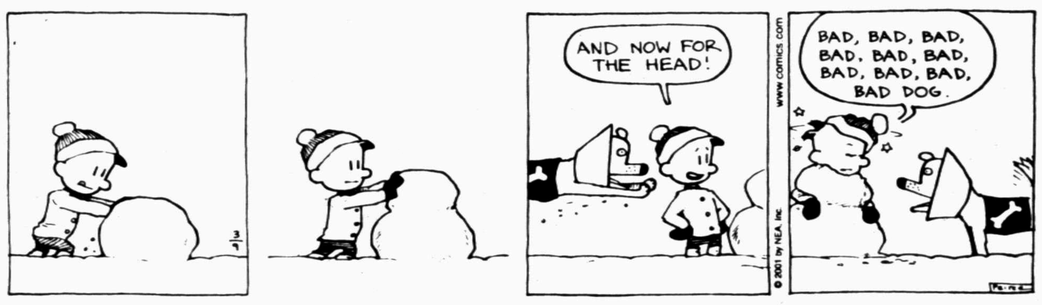

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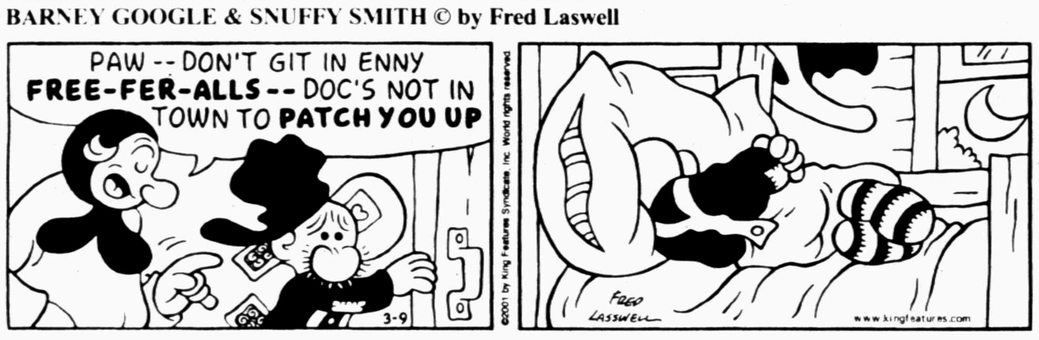

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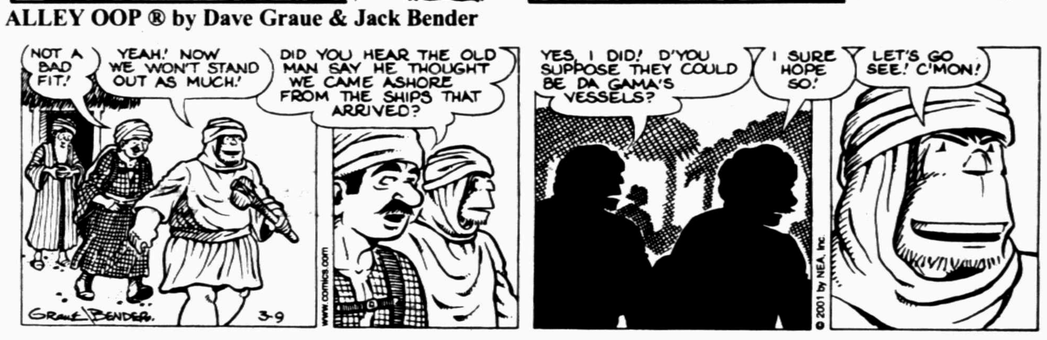

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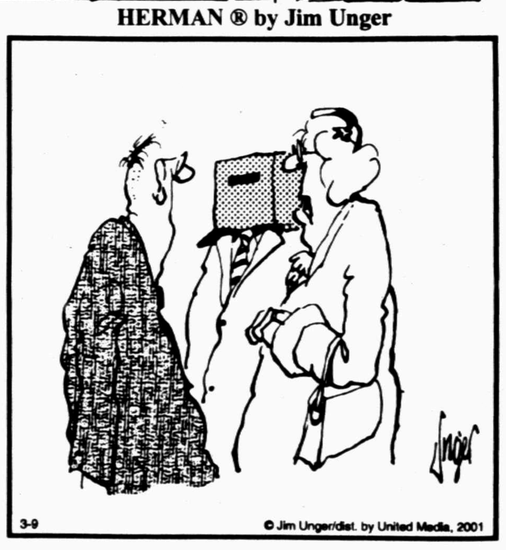

"He is uncomfortable meeting strangers."

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Having feet
7 Broader
12 Overwhelm with noise
13 Examine carefully
14 Apartment dweller, e.g.
15 Most extreme
16 Brown kiwi
17 RR depot
18 Flying saucer (abbr.)
21 Wall recess
23 Coffee dispenser
26 Hebrew letter
28 Writer Anita —
29 By birth
30 Decorate
31 Some unpaid workers
33 Soil problem
36 Singer Eartha —
37 Domicile (abbr.)
38 Chimps
40 Fencer's sword
41 Fr. holy woman
42 About
44 Transgress
45 Tibetan gazelle
46 Spoonbender Geller
48 Subtract
51 Landlord
55 Entwine
56 Least dark
57 Pore
58 Sleeping-sickness fly

DOWN

1 Calif. summer time
2 Wide shoe size
3 Newsman Rather
4 From a distance
5 Mortise and —
6 Involve
7 Dampest
8 "— La Douce"
9 Couple
10 Curvy letter
11 Soak (flax)
13 Continue a journey (2 wds.)
18 Says
19 Search out
20 Ineffective
22 Mint master
23 Not ready for eating
24 Leaseholder
25 Settler
27 Brit. Navy abbr.
32 — out (stretch)
34 Auto exec Lee —
35 Sedative
39 Emulate Brancusi
43 Spaces
45 Pacific island
47 Capri, e.g.
48 — Moines
49 Med. specialist
50 Unclaimed mail dept.
52 Place
53 Forerunner of the CIA
54 Map abbr.

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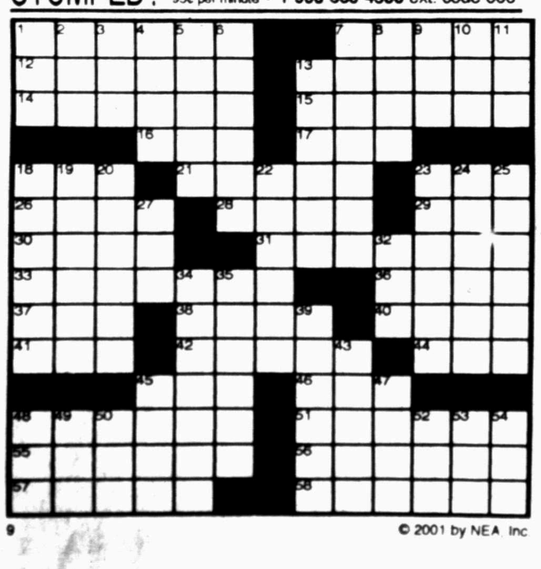

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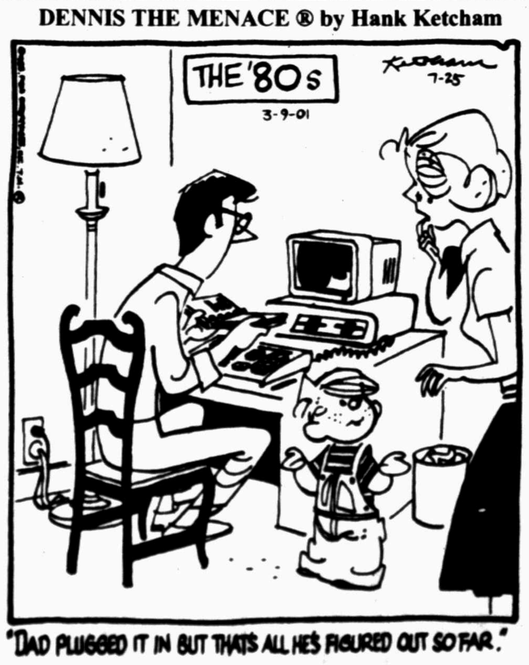

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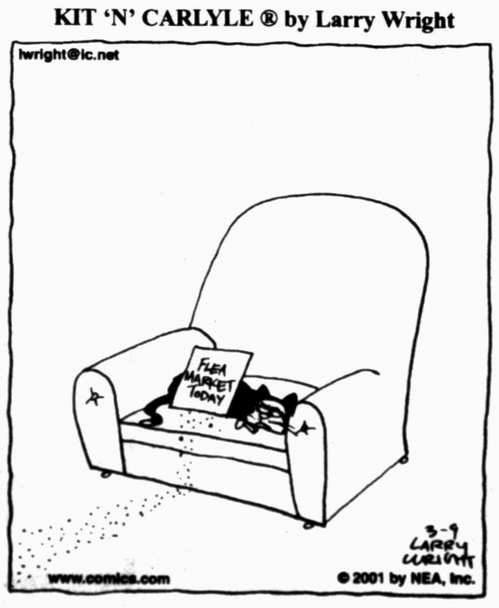

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SPORTS

On opening day of Snyder Baseball Tournament...

Tigers hold out for semifinal berth

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

It came a little later than expected, but when the opening day of the Snyder Baseball Tournament finally came to an end, the Tigers had earned a spot in the semifinals.

Snyder beat Mineral Wells, then finished off Crane shortly before 1 this morning, to advance to the semifinal round at Moffett Field.

Without Thursday morning's rain the Tigers would have played at 2 and again at 7:30, but soggy field conditions pushed the tournament back and forced the Tigers to play back-to-back games starting at 8:30 and 11.

"It was a long day, but it was well worth it," said Snyder coach Roland Herrera. "We were able to get most of the games played, and we picked up two wins. The guys played hard in both games, and they kept their focus even though it was past midnight when we finished."

Snyder's 7-2 win over Mineral Wells and 11-3 victory over Crane earned it a match-up with either Odessa High or Levelland in tonight's 7 o'clock semifinal.

The Tigers used a disciplined approach at the plate to win their opener over the Rams.

Snyder batters struck out only five times, while drawing seven walks to go along with seven hits.

Junior Brooks Nunley, who is hitting over .500 on the year to lead the Tigers, drew three free passes and belted a triple to drive in the first two runs of the game in the opening frame.

"Brooks is really hitting the ball well," Herrera stated. "Sometimes he gets extra bases, and sometimes it's just a single, but it always seems to be when we need it most. He's hitting well in the clutch, with runners on base."

Senior Jesse Haines also drove in a pair of runs with a 2-for-3 performance against Mineral Wells.

Junior pitcher Jase Olvera and his defensive mates held the Rams scoreless for the first five innings. Olvera surrendered five hits and a walk, and notched seven strikeouts.

After Nunley's triple gave the Tigers a 2-0 lead in the first, Snyder extended the margin with two more runs in third, and another in the fifth.

Mineral Wells finally got on the board in the top of the sixth. Snyder chalked up two more runs in the bottom of the frame, before the two-hour time limit expired.

Snyder continued its offensive outburst against Crane.

The Tigers grabbed a 5-0 lead in the first inning when they sent nine batters to the plate.

Snyder belted 10 hits in the 4½-inning contest. Nunley pounded two more singles and drove in two more runs to give him four RBIs on the day.

The Golden Cranes managed only three hits off junior Shay Franks who finished with six strikeouts.

Pinch hitter Kyle McClendon busted a two-run double in the bottom of the fourth to put the Tigers up by eight runs.

Snyder closed out Crane in the top of the fifth on the eight-run rule.

The tournament continues today at Moffett Field and Rotan High School. Games will run all day at both sites to make up for lost time due to rain.

In Thursday's other action, West toppled Dumas, 14-10. Odessa Permian knocked off Hereford, 9-4. Odessa High notched a 4-1 win over Pampa. Perryton fell to Lubbock Cooper, 7-5, and Levelland rolled over Fort Worth Dunbar, 27-0.

Snyder will face the Odessa High-Levelland winner in one semifinal, while Lubbock Cooper squares off with the West-Odessa Permian winner in the other.

The championship game is scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday at Moffett Field.

Mineral Wells	ab	r	h	bi
Vogl rf	3	1	2	0
Brown 3b	3	1	0	0
Hatley c	3	0	1	1
Crump cf	2	0	1	1
Gonzales 1b	2	0	0	0
A.Benavides 2b	3	0	1	0
Cates dh	2	0	0	0
Menchaca ph	1	0	0	0
M.Benavides lf	2	0	0	0
McDaniel ss	2	0	0	0
Totals	23	2	5	2

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
McLeod cf	2	0	0	0
Greenwood cf	0	0	0	0
Pena ss	3	0	0	0
Ramon c	4	0	2	0
McGuire rf	3	3	1	1
Nunley 2b	1	1	1	2
Pendleton 1b	2	0	0	0
Haines 3b	3	1	2	2
Pollard dh	2	0	1	0
Boyd lf	2	0	0	0
Dorsett lf	1	2	0	0
Totals	23	7	7	5

Min. Wells	0	0	0	0	0	2—	2 5 2
Snyder	2	0	2	0	1	2—	7 7 2

LOB - Mineral Wells 5, Snyder 9. 2B - Haines. 3B - Nunley.

Mineral Wells	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Guzman	2	6	4	4	2	3
Vogl	3 1/3	1	3	1	5	2
Radford	2/3	0	0	0	0	0
Snyder	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**
Olvera	6	5	2	2	1	7

Crane	ab	r	h	bi
Garcia ss	3	0	0	0
Baiza cf	2	1	1	0
Carrasco c	3	1	0	0
Heredia rf	2	0	0	0
Sena 3b	2	1	0	0
Arana lf	3	0	2	0
Moody p	2	0	0	1
Cadena dh	3	0	0	0
Corley 2b	1	0	0	0
Totals	21	3	3	1

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Greenwood cf	1	2	0	0
Taylor ph	1	0	0	0
Pena ss	3	1	0	0
Ramon c	3	0	2	1
McLeod cr	0	3	0	0
McGuire rf	2	2	1	1
Nunley 2b	3	2	2	2
Pendleton 1b	2	0	0	0
McClendon ph	1	0	1	2
Haines 3b	3	1	1	0
Pollard dh	3	0	2	1
Dorsett lf	2	0	1	2
Totals	24	11	10	9

Crane	0	1	0	0	2	—	3 3 4
Snyder	5	2	1	3	x	—11	10 3

LOB - Crane 8, Snyder 6. 2B - Dorsett

Crane	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Moody	4	10	11	7	3	2
Snyder	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**
Franks	5	3	3	1	4	6

SNYDER BASEBALL TOURNAMENT
FIRST ROUND

West 14, Dumas 10
Odessa Permian 9, Hereford 4
Lubbock Cooper 7, Perryton 5
Odessa High 4, Pampa 1
Levelland 27, FW Dunbar 0
Snyder 7, Mineral Wells 2

WINNERS' BRACKET

Snyder 11, Crane 3
West vs. Odessa Permian, 9 a.m. today, Moffett Field
Odessa High vs. Levelland, 11:30 a.m. today, Moffett Field

Semifinals

West-Permian winner vs. Lubbock Cooper, 4:30 p.m. today, Moffett Field
Odessa-Levelland winner vs. Snyder, 7 p.m. today, Moffett Field

CONSOLATION BRACKET

Crane vs. Dumas, 9 a.m. today, Rotan
Hereford vs. Perryton, 11:30 a.m. today, Rotan
Pampa vs. FW Dunbar, 2 p.m. today, Moffett Field
Crane-Dumas winner vs. Hereford-Perryton winner, 2 p.m. today, Rotan
West-Permian loser vs. Odessa-Levelland loser, 4 p.m. today, Rotan
Pampa-FW Dunbar winner vs. Mineral Wells, 9 p.m. today, Moffett Field

Busy weekend on tap for SHS athletes

On the track, on the diamond or on the links, local fans will get their fill of high school sports this weekend.

A full weekend of competition is slated for Snyder High School teams, including a local baseball tournament and track meet.

The Snyder Baseball Tournament got underway Thursday, and continues through Saturday. Games are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and Saturday at Moffett Field.

The Tigers won their first two games on Thursday, and will be on the field again at 7 tonight in a semifinal match-up against either Odessa High or Levelland.

The annual Canyon Reef Relays is also on tap for Saturday at Tiger Stadium.

Six boys' teams and 14 girls' squads are expected to compete in varsity and junior varsity divisions. Competition gets underway at 9 a.m.

The Snyder boys captured the Canyon Reef title a year ago, and have their sights set on another crown come Saturday.

"The Canyon Reef was a big meet for us last year, because it proved to ourselves and to everybody else that we could be a successful track team," said Tigers coach Chad Rogers. "Right now, we're still trying people at a few different events, and on our relay teams. We have some talented athletes, and we're seeing who fits best in which events."

One thing that might hurt the Tigers' run for back-to-back titles is the absence of Wade Pinson. The junior, who typically garners points in at least four events, is suffering from tendonitis in his right ankle and will miss Saturday's meet.

In the girls' competition, the Lady Tigers hope their rapid improvement continues.

The Snyder girls' team has doubled in size, compared to recent years, and the extra athletes are proving to be beneficial.

"Girls are actually excited about track at Snyder High School," said first year Lady Tiger coach Todd Pollard. "I don't think it has been that way in a while. We're working really hard in practice, and the girls are improving by leaps and bounds every week."

Field events will run from 9 a.m. until noon, with running preliminaries starting at 10 a.m. followed by the finals at 2 p.m.

The baseball and track teams aren't the only SHS squads in action this weekend.

The Lady Tigers will look to keep their unblemished district softball record when they visit Levelland at 3 p.m. Saturday.

Snyder won Tuesday's district opener over Lake View, and can remain tied for the league lead with a win against the Lady Lobos.

Three Snyder High School golf teams also opened tournament competition this morning.

Snyder's varsity boys teed off today at the San Angelo Invitational. The tournament is being held at Quicksand Golf Club and Riverside Golf Club.

Teeing it up for the Tigers are Landon Day, Clinton Calmes, Zach Starnes, Brady Reed and Stafford Gray.

While the varsity is in San Angelo, the junior varsity Tigers will compete at the Sweetwater Invitational. Playing for the junior varsity are Levi Mandrell, Vaughn Wiggins, Jason Williams, Tanner Beard and Matt McCormick.

The SHS varsity girls are taking part in the Andrews Invitational. The Lady Tiger squad is comprised of Andra Lancaster, Kara Harrison, Christan Curry, Hailey Putnam and Katie Kerley.

Dickey to meet with Tech officials

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech coach James Dickey expects to meet soon with university officials, but still does not know if he is on the way out or if Bob Knight will replace him.

The university in the West Texas plains, hardly a basketball power, reportedly is courting the fired Indiana coach, a disciplinarian with a notorious temper and three national championships.

The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal quoted an unidentified former college coach who is close to Knight as saying that athletic director Gerald Myers and Tech president David Schmidly were in Florida to talk to Knight about possibly replacing Dickey.

A source close to discussions between Knight and Texas Tech told The Dallas Morning News that Knight will be offered the coaching job next week if both sides agree.

The source also told the Morning News the school plans to fire Dickey on Friday, with Tech buying out his contract for about $1 million. Dickey has three years left in the pact with a base salary of $200,000.

"In the last two weeks, I've had two meetings with our president, had at least three meetings with Myers and several phone conversations, but was given no indication in what direction they might go," Dickey told The Associated Press by telephone today from his Kansas City hotel room.

"I do anticipate that we will have a meeting," he said. "But I have not heard from the administration on this. We have had no discussion whatsoever about the future, about me or the staff."

Shortly after the 71-59 defeat, Dickey said the only thing Myers said to him Thursday was, "tough loss."

He also said he last met with Myers on Tuesday and asked if Texas Tech was going to hire a new coach.

"He said he'd talk with me later," Dickey said. Myers refused comment Thursday.

Boys' State Basketball Tournament

Beaumont Ozen 54, Hereford 39

AUSTIN (AP) — Kendrick Perkins is promising a very bright future indeed.

Beaumont Ozen's 6-foot-11 sophomore center scored 31 points and grabbed 10 rebounds in a 54-39 victory over Hereford on Thursday, sending the Panthers to a 4A state final in just the school's fourth year of existence.

Perkins scored in just about every way imaginable. Regarded as one of the top sophomores in the country, he had 14 points by halftime, and was 11-0f-14 from the floor on the night.

Ozen is one of two undefeated teams in the state tournament. None of the Panthers' five postseason wins have been closer than 12 points. It was the third time Ozen held a playoff opponent under 40.

Andrew Carnahan led Hereford with 10 points.

SA Lanier 50, Dallas Lincoln 48

AUSTIN (AP) — Playing the role of the undersized underdog once again, San Antonio Lanier this time finds itself also playing in the Class 4A state championship game.

Joseph Martinez' layup on a pass from his brother Josh lifted Lanier to a stunning 50-48 upset over heralded Dallas Lincoln Thursday night in the state semifinals.

Lanier (32-5) which gave up considerable size and pregame publicity to heavily favored Dallas Lincoln (29-3), led by as much as 10 points in the second half and never wavered in the frantic final minute.

Mexia 59, Gainesville 58

AUSTIN (AP) — Rickey Huckaby's free throw with 1.1 seconds left lifted Mexia to a 59-58 victory over Gainesville in the Class 3A state semifinals on Thursday.

Mexia's John McGilvray had tied it with a layup with 15 seconds left. Gainesville's J.R. Harrison tried to win it with five seconds on the clock but his shot was blocked by Sam Chambers, who grabbed the ball and called timeout.

On the inbounds play, Huckaby raced past two Gainesville defenders at midcourt before he was fouled on the arm by Alvin Thomas near the 3-point arc.

CC West Oso 45, Dimmitt 21

AUSTIN (AP) — Dimmitt had no trouble scoring on the road to the state tournament. Come crunch time, the Bobcats' offense didn't just stall, it never got started.

Richard Gonzalez scored 16 points and Corpus Christi West Oso held Dimmitt to eight first half points in a 45-21 win Thursday to advance to the Class 3A state championship game.

West Oso (33-3) held Dimmitt (26-9) scoreless for an 11-minute stretch over the first and second quarters and came within a last second shot of shutting out the Bobcats in the second period.

Goodrich 62, Nazareth 51

AUSTIN (AP) — Nazareth's basketball tradition will have to stay with its girls team for now.

Joe Henderson scored 25 points as Goodrich drove to the basket almost at will for a 62-51 victory over Nazareth on Thursday to win the boys Class 1A Division II state championship.

Nazareth (25-10), which had hoped to match its girls team state title of a week ago, got 19 points from Eric Schilling and 17 from Kade Wilcox.

Evadale 61, Stratford 47

AUSTIN (AP) — Evadale wasn't leaving its first state tournament empty-handed.

Jason Wilkins scored 22 points and Matt Bruce added 15 to lead Evadale past Stratford 61-47 Thursday to win the Class 1A Division I state championship.

Evadale (30-5) won despite shooting just 34 percent. The Rebels scored 28 points in the fourth quarter, 16 from the foul line, to pull away.

National Basketball Association

All Times EST

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Philadelphia	45	16	.738	—
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New Jersey	21	42	.333	25
Washington	14	47	.230	31
Central Division				
Milwaukee	38	22	.633	—
Charlotte	35	27	.565	4
Toronto	33	29	.532	6
Indiana	26	33	.441	11½
Cleveland	22	38	.367	16
Detroit	22	39	.361	16½
Atlanta	18	44	.290	21
Chicago	11	48	.186	26½
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Utah	42	18	.700	—
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Denver	30	33	.476	13½
Vancouver	19	43	.306	24
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	41	19	.683	—
Sacramento	40	19	.678	½
Portland	42	20	.677	—
Phoenix	36	24	.600	5
Seattle	31	32	.492	11½
L.A. Clippers	22	42	.344	21
Golden State	16	45	.262	25½

Thursday's Games
Charlotte 97, Orlando 84
San Antonio 93, Portland 79
Houston 99, L.A. Clippers 87

Friday's Games
Cleveland at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Washington at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
New York at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Utah, 9 p.m.
Toronto at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Portland at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Denver at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Local Schedule

TODAY
Baseball
Snyder vs. Odessa High-Levelland winner, at Snyder tourney, 7 p.m.
Golf
Snyder boys at San Angelo Invitational
Snyder girls at Andrews Invitational
SATURDAY
Track
Snyder boys and girls host Canyon Reef Relays
Softball
Snyder at Levelland, 3 p.m.
Baseball
Snyder hosts Snyder tourney
Golf
Snyder boys at San Angelo Invitational
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Big 12 Basketball Tournaments

MEN
First Round
Baylor 86, Colorado 84
Kansas St. 62, Nebraska 58
Missouri 77, Texas A&M 62
Oklahoma St. 71, Texas Tech 59
Today's Quarterfinals
Baylor vs. Iowa St., noon
Oklahoma St. vs. Texas, 2:20 p.m.
Kansas St. vs. Kansas, 6 p.m.
Missouri vs. Oklahoma, 8:20 p.m.
WOMEN
Semifinals
Iowa St. 73, Texas Tech 62
Oklahoma 102, Colorado 93
Final
Iowa St. vs. Oklahoma, 7 p.m. Saturday

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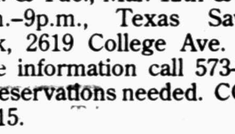
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The first-ever Texas Film Hall of Fame induction ceremony was scheduled tonight at the new Austin Studios, located at the former Robert Mueller Municipal Airport.

First-round inductees include the Quitman-born Spacek, who starred in "Coal Miner's Daughter"; Robert Benton, a director and Waxahachie native whose projects included "Kramer vs. Kramer" and "Places in the Heart"; and Austin screenwriter Bill Wittliff, who worked on "Lonesome Dove" and "The Perfect Storm".

Another inductee is Fort Worth native and gossip columnist Liz Smith. Mike Simpson, Austin talent agent and executive vice president of the William Morris Agency, was scheduled to receive the Warren Skaaren Lifetime Achievement Award.

"It's going to be a great celebration of Texas film," Austin writer and actor Turk Pipkin, the event's master of ceremonies, told the Austin American-Statesman in today's online edition. "We've never really had an opportunity for everybody to get together and say, 'Wow, look at all the great movies made here in the last 30 years!' "

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By Abigail V

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Dr. G

By Peter G

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Man is reluctant to explain why he stops short of intimacy

DEAR ABBY: I am a 70-year-old male. I have had erectile dysfunction for five years. I am sure this was the cause of my last divorce. I like to date women, but when it's time to initiate a physical relationship, I usually move on.

When I showed no interest in sex, one woman asked if I was gay. Another went so far as to ask me to "prove it."

I have a heart condition, diabetes, and the medicine I am prescribed prevents me from taking Viagra.

Abby, how do I handle this gracefully? — **JUST WANT TO DATE IN MODESTO, CALIF.**

DEAR JUST: You don't owe these women an explanation unless you're considering a committed relationship. I see no reason to disclose your medical problems before that.

Continue dating. Don't isolate yourself. Many women out there are just looking for companionship, too. You will find someone. Trust me!

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DEAR ABBY: I just lost my husband. He was 61 years old and suffered a massive coronary at home. Taking care of all the things a "new" widow must do has been very hard.

My husband had been married before, briefly, in the 1960s. When I contacted the Social Security office, they told me I would have to provide a copy of his divorce papers — among other documents — before I could receive his widow benefits. (Thank God his mother is still living and could tell me which city to contact and the approximate year of the divorce.)

I am writing this for the benefit of other women who are second and third wives. NOW is the time to get the divorce papers from their husbands' previous marriages. Doing it while you are grief-stricken is very stressful. — **HANGING BY A THREAD, TULSA, OKLA.**

DEAR HANGING BY A THREAD: Please accept my condolences for the sudden loss of your beloved husband. I am sure many couples will be grateful that you made it a point at this difficult time to warn them.

You now need all of the support you can get, and I do not mean just financial. I hope you will find a grief-support group to help you through. Many readers have written to tell me how helpful they are. Please let me know how you are in six months. I care.

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DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been married for 23 years. Last week she got a letter from an old boyfriend, and she called him. I can understand why this guy is curious, and I don't mind that she called him, but they've been meeting for coffee.

I am not a jealous person, but I don't understand what he wants. I feel she should have just said "thanks for calling," and let that be the end of it.

We have never had any problems in our marriage, but I feel we are now definitely headed for one. Got any suggestions? — **WORRIED IN WICHITA**

DEAR WORRIED: It's time for you to meet this old beau. The next time they have a coffee date, you should be included. It may put your fears to rest — or alert you that trouble is brewing.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Eating red meat

DEAR DR. GOTT: In a recent article, you stated that Americans probably eat too much red meat. But, of course, this means that such people have less iron in their diets. I am 77 years old. When I went for a check-up with my doctor, my hemoglobin was 7 grams, so my doctor advised me to eat more red meat. What do you think of this approach?

DEAR READER: Not much, I'm afraid.

Red meat is, of course, a rich source of iron, a mineral needed for normal blood production. An anemia such as yours (the hemoglobin should be about 14 grams) could be caused by inadequate iron in the diet, but I have never seen this happen in a normal adult who consumes a nutritious, meat-free diet.

More likely, you may be suffering a hidden blood loss (with resulting iron loss, too) from within your intestinal tract. Or you may be deficient in some other necessary dietary nutrient. In any case, I believe that your doctor was incorrect. He should have investigated your anemia more aggressively with b' od tests and stool analyses at the least. Moreover, if you are iron-deficient because of your diet, you need supplemental iron pills, which will supply you with a whole lot more mineral then you can get from eating red meat — without the additional problem of excess dietary cholesterol. By all means, continue to monitor your hemoglobin level, but I urge you to ask your physician to test you further.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 54-year-old wife has suffered from menopause for two years, with the result that her libido and our love life has evaporated. When I suggest that she consider hormone therapy, she refuses and says that such medications would make her fat. Is this true?

DEAR READER: No, it's false. For many post-menopausal women, hormone supplements can make an enormous difference in quality of life, not to mention the protective effects that this therapy has in preventing osteoporosis and heart disease. There are potential drawbacks, of course, including slightly increased risk of uterine and breast cancer. Thus, hormone therapy is not appropriate for all women.

From the tone of your question, I surmise that you are frustrated by the changes your wife is experiencing. So, I'll bet, is she. Therefore, in my opinion, her best option is to discuss her problem with a gynecologist. Such a consultation does not necessarily mean that hormone therapy is a fait accompli, but it will give your wife more valid information and help her to make an educated choice about what to do.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 9-year-old grandson cannot swallow a pill. Now he has a bad ear infection for which the doctor has prescribed antibiotic pills. However, the child gags and vomits when he tries to swallow them. Do you have any suggestions?

DEAR READER: Sure, the most obvious ones: crush the pills and administer them in food, such as applesauce, or ask the doctor to prescribe the antibiotic in a liquid, pediatric form. Over time, your grandson will outgrow his inability to swallow pills; until then, you need to take his swallowing problem seriously and alter the form in which his medicine is administered.

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Washington apples donated in protest

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — Apple prices are so low, farmers in Washington state are going to great lengths to protest.

This week, a Yakima Valley farmer and a warehouse have donated 20,000 pounds of apples to charity in a bittersweet demonstration of grower frustration.

"We give our apples away every day," said Gary Holwegner, a Sunnyside farmer. "Today, we're giving them to somebody who really needs them."

The apples were donated by Rick Derrey, a Zillah farmer, and Olympic Fruit Co. as part of a tractor parade and protest, organized to raise consumer awareness about tough times in the fruit orchard.

Apple prices are a critical problem in Washington, the country's No. 1 apple state.

For the past three years, some farmers have let their fruit rot in the orchard rather than spend the money to harvest the crop.

Last year, Congress approved the first national bailout program for apple growers. Sign-up for the $100 million market-loss program began Thursday.

Northwest Harvest will distribute the apples to food banks statewide, said Yakima coordinator Lisa Hall.

"We don't even get the cost of production anymore," said Forrest Baugher, 65, who grows apples, cherries, pears and peaches south of Union Gap. "For the last three years, I haven't made a profit with apples. I haven't broke even."

A similar rally was held last month in Wenatchee and East Wenatchee that concluded with a symbolic dumping of a bin of apples for television camera crews at a Douglas County park.

Apple and pear growers blame their troubles on high tariffs for exports and other trade restrictions; competition from Southern Hemisphere imports; powerful grocery store conglomerates that very nearly set their own prices for fruit; huge crops; and flat domestic consumption.

Farmers on average get as little as 5 cents a pound for apples that cost 15 cents a pound to produce, and sometimes sell for more than $1 in the grocery store, according to the Yakima County Farm Bureau.

Apple and pear growers are investigating forming statewide marketing cooperatives to set a minimum, break-even price for their fruit.

"We get to farm this year. A lot of our friends aren't," said Lena Cowin, 42, a third-generation farmer growing cherries, pears and apples near Wapato.

She and her husband have three children, ages 12, 14 and 15.

"We're telling our kids not to go into farming," Cowin said, adding that they're encouraging them to consider high-tech careers.

Legislative leaders from Western Washington are starting to get the message about hard times in agriculture. State House Co-Speaker Frank Chopp said help for farmers is a priority for him this year.

State high court lifts stay of execution

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — A convicted killer whose execution was delayed in the final hours over a possible conflict of interest involving the governor was again headed for the death chamber today.

The state Supreme Court early today lifted a stay of execution that had been granted hours earlier, clearing the way for Willie Ervin Fisher's execution for the 1992 stabbing death of his girlfriend.

State prison officials began preparations to move ahead with the execution as early as tonight. Fisher's attorneys, meanwhile, appealed the ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The state judge who issued the stay late Thursday wrote that Gov. Mike Easley may have had a conflict of interest when he denied Fisher's request for clemency because Easley had been the state's attorney general during Fisher's appeals process.

By rejecting Fisher's clemency request, Easley may have violated the constitutional principles of separation of powers, Superior Court Judge Howard Manning Jr. wrote.

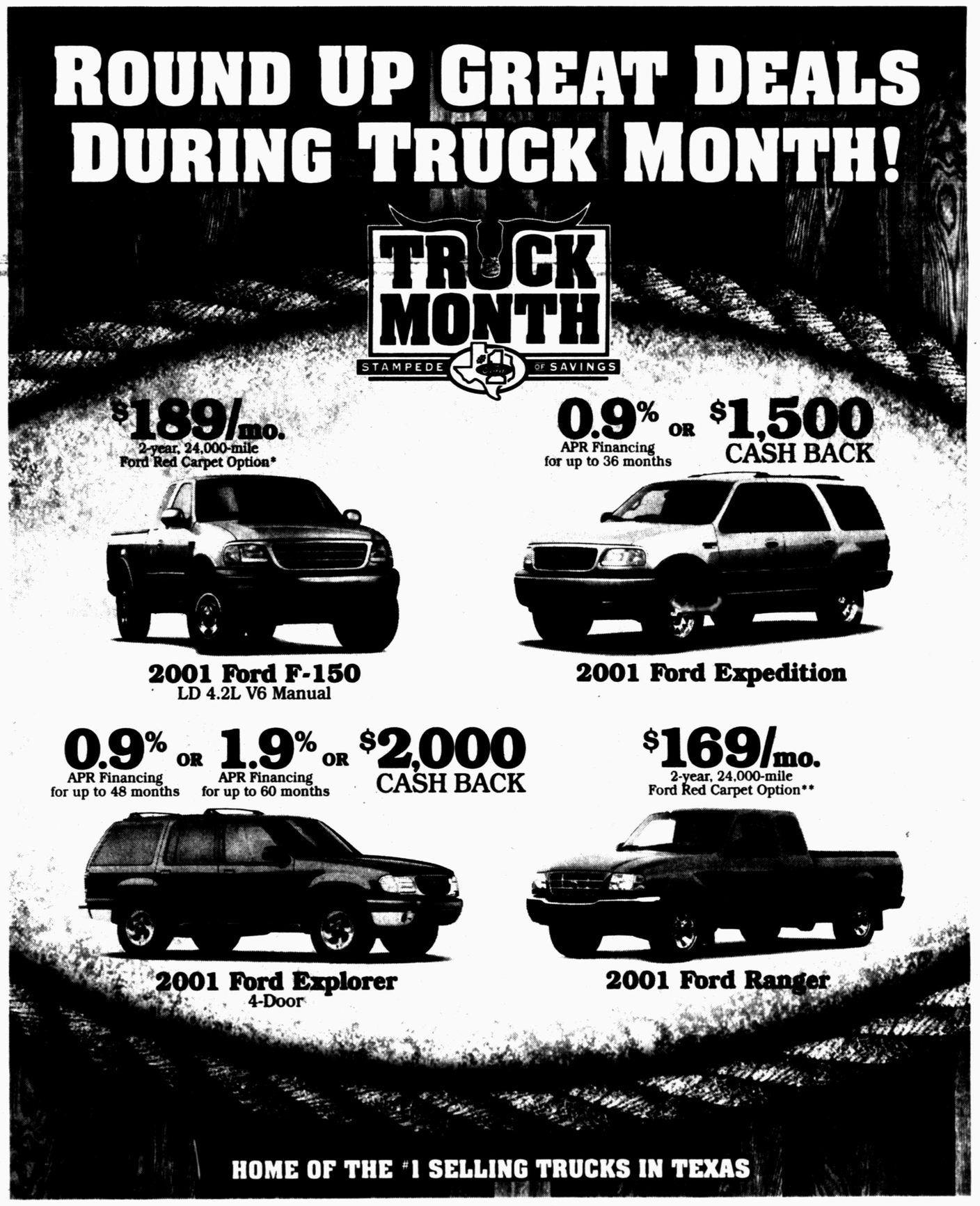
The attorney general's office petitioned the state Supreme Court, writing: "Ironically, if Fisher's argument is correct, under the North Carolina constitution, there is no one who could grant clemency to him. Gov. Easley is the only person under our constitution with the power of clemency; he must be permitted to exercise it if he so wishes."

Easley denied Fisher's request for clemency Thursday evening, citing the "heinous nature" of the slaying, in which Angela Johnson was stabbed 32 times.

In their appeal of Manning's stay, state lawyers cited a 1998 ruling by the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

In that case, lawyers for Douglas M. Buchanan Jr. argued that Virginia Gov. Jim Gilmore could not impartially consider clemency because he had fought Buchanan's court appeals when he was the state's attorney general.

A federal judge issued a restraining order to give Buchanan's lawyers a chance to challenge Virginia's clemency procedures, but the appeals court overturned it and Buchanan was executed.



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Shuttle to link with station Saturday

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Space shuttle Discovery raced toward the international space station to deliver the first replacement crew for the orbiting outpost.

The shuttle is scheduled to make its 235-mile-high hookup with space station Alpha early Saturday.

The main objective of Discovery's 12-day flight is to exchange Alpha crews. Russian cosmonaut Yuri Usachev and American astronauts Jim Voss and Susan Helms will move into the space station for a 41/2-month stay. Helms will be the first woman to live on the space station.

Discovery, which blasted off early Thursday, will bring back space station commander Bill Shepherd and his two Russian crewmates, who have been living aboard Alpha since Nov. 2.

As the new space station crew and four other astronauts headed to Alpha, they made routine checks of the shuttle's robotic arm and three spacesuits on board and were also scheduled to check Discovery's docking system.

Two spacewalks will be conducted to continue the process of outfitting the Destiny research laboratory and prepare for the April installation of the station's robotic arm. The $1.4 billion Destiny lab was delivered by space shuttle Atlantis in February.

Spacewalkers also will help move a station docking port to make room for an Italian-made module named Leonardo, being ferried aboard Discovery. The module will be attached to the space station and emptied of the 10,000 pounds of supplies it is carrying before returning to Earth aboard the shuttle on March 20.

More lab systems along with the first batch of experiments for Destiny are also aboard Leonardo.

The president of the Italian Space Agency, Sergio De Julio, called Discovery on Friday to see how Leonardo — "our baby, the Italian baby" — was doing.

"Very nice, very beautiful outside in the payload bay," shuttle commander James Wetherbee assured him. "It's sparkling silver, very clean looking ... You have made a very nice module, a very great spacecraft."

Responded De Julio: "Treat him with care, please, and come back safe."

He also told Wetherbee he would like to increase Italian-American cooperation in building the space station.

Births

Rayland and Christina Goswick of Snyder announce the birth of their six-pound, 13½-ounce son. He was born at 3:45 a.m. on March 8 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Schools cracking down at slightest hints of threats

By The Associated Press

At a suburban Philadelphia high school, students have been banned from driving cars to school for fear bombs or weapons could be hidden in the trunks.

In one Houston intermediate school, students were herded through metal detectors after a threatening message was discovered in a restroom.

In schools across the country, officials are taking no chances as rumors of threatened violence pour in following Monday's deadly shooting at a suburban San Diego high school.

"Any kind of violence, we're not going to take it," said Eddie Keesee, a police officer in Noblesville, Ind., where a 16-year-old was suspended Thursday for threatening to take a bomb to school.

In another Houston school, two third-graders were suspended for having a pocketknife on school grounds, though administrators said no one was threatened. A teacher spotted the knife in the sock of one of the boys during a computer class.

"I know they're keeping up with the news," said Fleming Elementary School Principal Delma Banuelos.

At Santana High School, where two students were killed Monday in the worst school attack since the 1999 Columbine High School massacre, officials said Thursday that the four students who had heard Charles Andrew Williams threaten to shoot classmates and failed to report him will be barred from school for their own good.

"This is not a punitive action," Superintendent Granger Ward said Thursday. "There have been comments made that raised my level of concern ... about their safety."

Williams, 15, was arrested Monday.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: March 8-Sandra Groce, Inez Alonzo, Myrthal Callaway, Ronald Pope and Clovis Robinson.

DISMISSALS: Melissa Duran, Elbert Hill, Thomas Murphy, Willie Thomas, Floyd Fowler, Wallace Jones and Amanda Salinas and son.

CENSUS: 45 (Med./Surg.-17, Long-term Care-24, ICU-2, OB-1 and Nursery-1)

Police looking for trash dumper

• ***Trash dumped***

Dispatchers received a call at 3:07 p.m. Thursday of a man in a 1970s model pickup dumping trash near Brick Plant Road. Officers were unable to locate the subject but indicated they would maintain an attempt to locate.

• ***Siblings fighting***

A mother called police at 6:08 p.m. Thursday in reference to her son and daughter assaulting each other and the daughter leaving the residence. She requested officers attempt to locate the girl.

The woman called back at 6:43 p.m. to report that the juvenile's father had picked her up and taken her to their other daughter's house.

• ***Theft***

At 6:11 p.m. Thursday, Shirley Daves notified officers that someone had stolen money from her 1991 Ford while it was parked on the west side of Stanfield Elementary.

• ***Arrest***

A 37-year-old woman was taken into custody at 1:55 a.m. today in the 300 block of 33rd Street for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

• ***Hit and run***

A hit and run accident report was filed at 12:41 a.m. today in the parking lot of the Plaza Truck Stop. An unknown vehicle that left the scene struck a parked, unoccupied 1999 Honda Accord owned by Kay Beeks of Abilene.

C-City man gets 5 years probation

A 20-year-old Colorado City man pleaded guilty Thursday in 132nd District Court.

Christopher Lee Mosher accepted a plea bargain for the Oct. 11 offense of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle belonging to Rick Martinez.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong sentenced Mosher to a two-year term in a state jail facility, probated for five years. The defendant also was fined $750 and ordered to pay $70 in restitution.

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Obituaries

Margie McNair

1919-2001

Margie McNair, a retired Snyder elementary school teacher, died Friday, March 9, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Service for Mrs. McNair, 81, will be held at 10 a.m. Monday in the First Baptist Church. The Rev. Miller Robinson, retired Baptist minister, and the Rev. Mike Henson, pastor of the church, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Margie McNair

Born Nov. 2, 1919 in San Antonio, she was a graduate of Baylor University and taught in Gilmer and Big Spring before joining the faculty of Central Elementary in January, 1955. She later taught at West and became a member of the original faculty at Stanfield. She completed her 28-year teaching career in Snyder at East Elementary, retiring at the end of the 1982 school year.

She married Wacil McNair on April 18, 1943 in Gilmer. Mr. McNair was the long-time editor of the Snyder Daily News and he died Oct. 23, 1995.

Mrs. McNair was a member of the Cosmorama Study Club and was active in Delta Kappa Gamma. She was active in the Texas State Teachers Association and served as president of the Snyder Classroom Teachers Association in 1966-67.

Mrs. McNair was a member of the Colonial Hill Baptist Church where she taught Sunday school and sang in the choir.

She also was preceded in death by a son, Larry McNair.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Lee and Debra McNair of Snyder and Terry and Gail McNair of Framingham, Md.; another daughter-in-law, Jane Rose of Richmond, Tex.; a sister, Valerie Fellows of Los Angeles; a brother, Hal Tucker Jr. of Washington, D.C.; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Juanita Donalson

1909-2001

Funeral service for Juanita Donalson, a resident of Snyder since 1981, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the East Side Church of Christ. Tom Holcomb, minister, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Highland Cemetery in Stamford with arrangements under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Donalson

Mrs. Donalson, 91, died Wednesday, March 7, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Born May 30, 1909 in Anson, she married Henry Donalson on Aug. 31, 1927 in Abilene. He died in 1953.

Mrs. Donalson worked as a dormitory monitor at Abilene Christian University for 23 years, and was a member of Snyder's East Side Church of Christ.

Survivors include a daughter, Virginia Cox of Snyder; a son, Robert Donalson of Lynchburg, Tenn.; and six grandchildren.

Ike Eischeid

1917-2000

A memorial service for Ike Eischeid, a former Scurry County resident, is set for 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Hermleigh United Methodist Church. The Rev. Bunny Cox will officiate.

Family visitation will follow in the church fellowship hall.

Mr. Eischeid, 83, died Dec. 22, 2000 in a healthcare facility in Asheville, N.C.

Born March 4, 1917 in North Washington, Iowa, Mr. Eischeid was a former resident of Dunn and a stock farmer. He was a member of the Marshall United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mary A. Eischeid of Asheville; one daughter, Samantha Wynn of Arden; one son and daughter-in-law, Charles Thomas and Melinda Hallmark of Bryan; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Henry J. and Kay Eischeid of New Hampton, Iowa, and Dale Eischeid of Indianapolis, Ind.; three step grandsons; and two step great-grandsons.

Memorials may be made to the Dunn Cemetery Association.

Reyes Portillo

1919-2001

MIDLAND – Reyes Portillo, the father of Rosario Portillo of Snyder, died Wednesday, March 7.

Rosary for Mr. Portillo, 82, is set for 7 this evening in the Thomas Funeral Home Chapel. Mass will be read at 11 a.m. Saturday in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Burial will follow in the Fairview Cemetery.

Born Jan. 6, 1919, Mr. Portillo was married to Lucy Portillo who died in 1998. He also was preceded in death by a daughter, Reina Arrdondo; and two brothers, Willie Portillo and Robert Portillo.

Survivors include four other sons, Lupe Portillo, Jesse Portillo and Johnny Portillo, all of Midland, and Reyes Portillo Jr. of Stanton; four daughters, Virginia Hinojos, Gabina Rodriguez, Juanita Carrasco and Mary Ellen Vasquez, all of Midland; two sisters, Maria Ramos of Pecos and Lucia Portillo of Arizona; four brothers, Antonio Portillo and Juanello Portillo, both of Pecos, Daniel Portillo of Alpine and Octavio Portillo of Arizona; 54 grandchildren; and 60 great-grandchildren.

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Country, Gospel music night

Country and Gospel music night is scheduled for 6 p.m. Saturday at the Senior Citizens Center. For information, call 573-3996.

Retired teachers meeting

Scurry County Retired Teachers Association will meet at noon Monday at The Shack. Dorothy Rosson will present a book review.

United Way board meeting

Scurry County United Way board meeting will be held at noon Monday at the chamber of commerce.

Bible study tapes

Bible study videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Growing in Christian Virtues," followed by "Let Us Love One Another."

Alzheimer support group

The Alzheimer family support group meets at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at Snyder Oaks Care Center.

AARP board meeting

AARP Chapter 2063 board will meet at 9 a.m. Wednesday in the Senior Citizens Center.

Income tax help

An IRS-approved program for elderly and low-income persons of any age is held from 9 a.m. until noon and from 1-3 p.m. every Wednesday at the Snyder Senior Citizens Center.

Ira sophomore fundraiser

Ira sophomore class will hold a fundraiser from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, March 17, at Western Golfland. Miniature golf and batting cages will be $3 for kids and $3.50 for adults. The class will also conduct a car wash with donations accepted.

Community coalition meeting

A community coalition meeting, sponsored by the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. The substance abuse problem in Scurry County will be discussed.

Parents meeting

Parents of all eighth grade students are urged to attend a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 22, at the junior high auditorium. High school counselor Debbie Phillips will provide information and answer questions concerning high school registration procedures, course selection and requirements for the diploma programs.

Stress workshop

A stress survival skills workshop will be presented March 23-24 at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Cost is $10 and includes lunch Saturday and all conference material. Friday's sessions are from 7-10 p.m. and Saturday's sessions are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 573-8596 for reservations. Deadline is Wednesday, March 21.

Weigh Down Workshop

An orientation for a Weigh Down Workshop will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, March 26, at the Word is Life Church. For more information, call Donna Nehring at 573-7471

West family reading night

West Elementary holds its family reading night from 6-7:30 p.m. every Thursday. New sessions have been added. Childcare and refreshments are provided.

1961 SHS class reunion

The class of 1961 is seeking current e-mail and mailing addresses of class members for a summer reunion. To submit information call Ginny Sims Griffith, 573-0212, or e-mail griffdg@bigcountry.net, or Gilbert Merritt, 573-1921, or e-mail gmerritt@snydertex.com.

1986 class reunion

The SHS class of 1986 is seeking current addresses of class members for a reunion set for July 6-7. To submit names and addresses or for more information call Mike McWilliams, 573-6543 or Xalyn Harris Palacios, 574-3343 or 573-2148.

SHS '91 class reunion

The SHS class of 1991 reunion is set for July 20-21. Addresses are being sought for classmates. Send information to Robbie Braziel at 2303 Ave. H, or 573-6632, or Melissa Jones at 1045 CR 132 or call 574-8005.

Class of '56 seeks addresses

The SHS Class of 1956 is seeking addresses of class members for a June 30 reunion. Also, classes of 1954, 1955, 1957 and 1958 are invited. To submit names and addresses call 573-5021, 573-8987 or 573-7445.

Adult basic education classes

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

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.

Glory Room open

The Glory Room, a Christian library located at Trinity United Methodist Church, is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Everyone is asked to return materials so that others may check them out. If other hours are needed, contact the church at 573-3988.