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Home of Richard Harper

Former SHS student...

Death being investigated as homicide

The skeletal remains of a woman found southeast of Midland have been identified as those of a former Snyder High School student, missing since April of 1998.

Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter said that the remains have been positively identified as those of Daytina Blair Hulslander, and the death is being investigated as a homicide.

Daytina Hulslander

"We are in the process of eliminating suspects until we can boil it down to the person that actually committed the crime," Painter said.

He said that Texas Rangers Sgt. Bob Bullock, Sgt. Jess Malone and Capt. Barry Caver as well as Glasscock County Sheriff Royce Pruitt are assisting in the investigation.

Painter said the cause of death is still under investigation.

Hulslander was 26 years old when she was reported missing by her family from her rural home just east of Midland on April 27, 1998. Her remains were found Feb. 25 by a quail hunter on Glasscock County ranchland southeast of Midland.

Her remains were taken to Midland and, on Friday, University of North Texas forensic anthropologist Dr. Gil King and his team identified them through dental records.

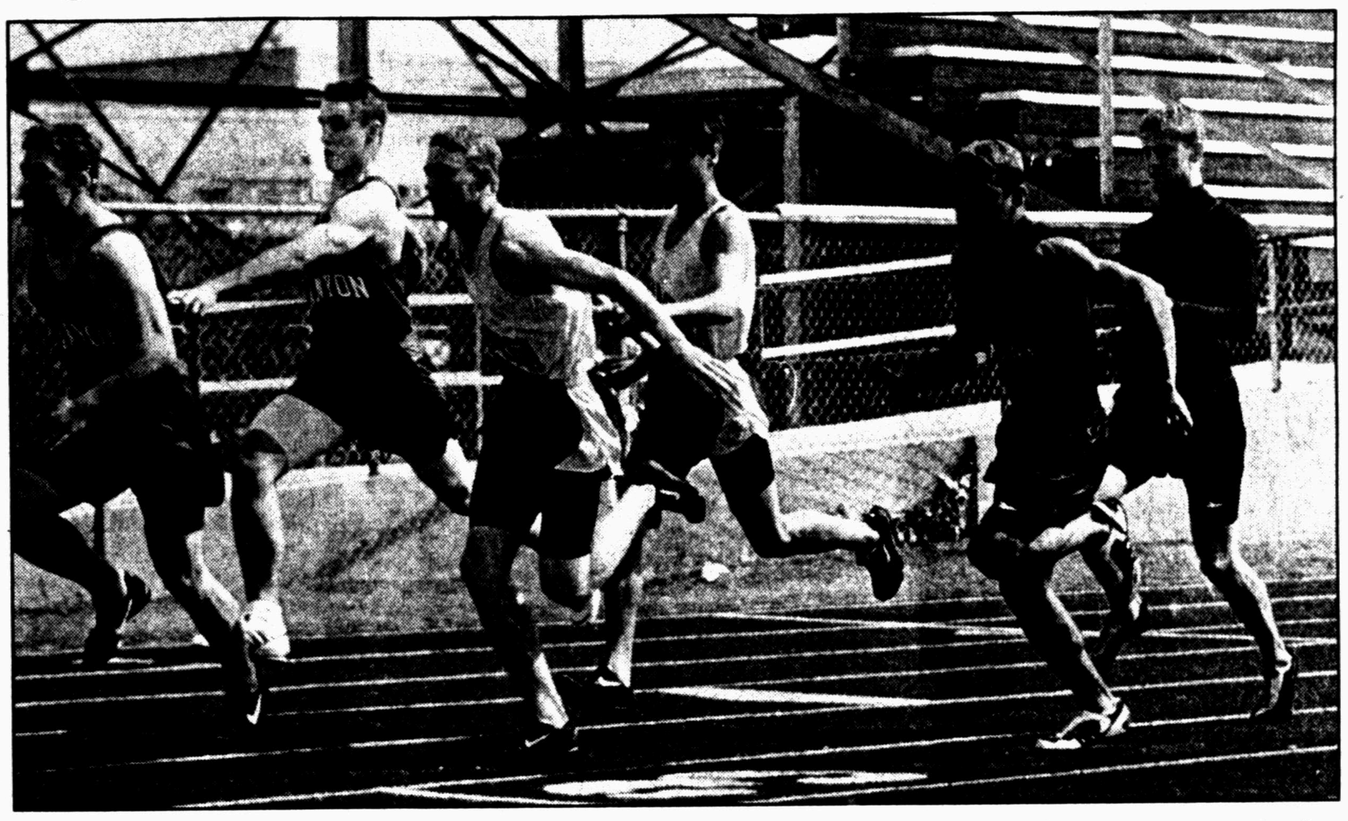
A former Snyder resident, Hulslander attended Snyder High School in the late 1980s but did not graduate. She went by the name of Daytina Mahurin while attending SHS.

In a 1998 interview, Hulslander's mother, Elfie Ratliff of Colorado City, said she suspected her daughter to be dead, stating that she didn't believe the woman would abandon her five children — Dakota, Aaron, Todd, Cati and Cori.

The woman's husband, Alan Hulslander, said at the time of her disappearance that his wife "could be anywhere." He said he didn't know her whereabouts, but her belongings were still at their house.

Sheriff Painter did not disclose or indicate a cause of death, or how or why Mrs. Hulslander's death was deemed a homicide.

Tigers race to championship...



HANDOFF — Snyder's Josh Arizmendi (right) takes the baton from Matthew Grimmett during the 4x100-meter relay Saturday at the Canyon Reef Relays. The Tigers won the relay with a time of 43.42 seconds, and captured their second consecutive Canyon Reef title. (SDN Staff Photo)

WTC to offer housing for summer students

In an attempt to better serve its students and the community, Western Texas College will offer housing for summer students who register with a minimum of six semester credit hours.

On-campus students have requested basic courses in math, science, government and history, and many have already reserved space in the apartment complex.

Dean of Student Services, Jim Clifton said that current students, as well as university students who will be home for the summer, can benefit from this arrangement.

The college will charge $100 per month for a private bedroom or $50 per month for shared bedrooms. Each apartment is furnished and has two baths and a full kitchen.

Telephones are the responsibility of the students. Interested students or parents of students are encouraged to contact the WTC admissions and housing office to make reservations as soon as possible at 573-8511 ext. 230.

Relay for Life seeking cancer survivor list

Plans are well underway for the Scurry County Relay for Life event set for April 20-21.

This American Cancer Society's unique fund-raising event will take place at Tiger Stadium beginning at 5:30 p.m. on April 20, and concluding at 10 a.m. on April 21.

The relay teams take turns walking or running the track at the stadium throughout the night in an effort to fight cancer.

The message of the event is that cancer can be conquered. The theme of hope is ignited as the ceremony begins with a cancer survivor's lap at 6 p.m.

This event honors the courage of all who have defeated cancer. Each survivor will be introduced, and then all will walk or run the opening lap.

Those who have survived the battle with cancer and would like to take part in the Relay for Life are asked to call Janet Wesson at 573-9914.

Five tons of supplies...

Astronauts attach supply module to space station

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Astronauts on space shuttle Discovery successfully attached an Italian-made module filled with 5 tons of supplies to the international space station early today.

The module, called Leonardo, was raised from Discovery's payload bay late Sunday night. Astronaut Andrew Thomas used the shuttle's robot arm to slowly hoist it up toward space station Alpha.

The process took somewhat longer than expected, slowed down in part by a delay in getting video from a station camera system the shuttle crew used to help attach the module.

"This crew is very deliberate. They make sure they get it exactly right and we sure applaud that," NASA's lead flight director John Shannon said.

After attaching the module, Thomas and astronaut Paul Richards checked out spacesuits and tools to be used during their spacewalk, set to begin late Monday evening. They were to install equipment on Alpha and try to fix a latch on one of the station's two giant solar wings.

Discovery is delivering Alpha's first replacement crew, made up of astronauts Jim Voss, Susan Helms and their Russian commander Yuri Usachev. They will spend the next four months living aboard the station.

Voss and Helms early Sunday completed the shuttle mission's first spacewalk, which at just four minutes shy of nine hours was billed as NASA's longest.

The reusable, cylindrical $150 million module, named after Leonardo da Vinci, contains more systems for the U.S. science lab Destiny, including the work station for Alpha's robotic arm, scheduled to be delivered in April.

Aboard the module is the first batch of lab experiments, which will study and evaluate the physiological, behavioral and chemical changes in human beings induced by space flight.

The unloading of major pieces of equipment aboard Leonardo won't begin until Monday evening. Activation of the module was delayed a short time Monday morning because a power cable had not been properly installed between the station and Leonardo.

While the replacement crew stays behind, Leonardo will be filled with used equipment and trash from the station and then placed back in Discovery's cargo bay and brought back to Earth on March 20.

Leonardo, an aluminum cylinder 21 feet long and 15 feet in diameter, is the first of Italy's three cargo carriers to be launched. The other two are dubbed Raffaello and Donatello.

The transfer of the replacement crew is being staggered over several days during the mission. Usachev moved into Alpha on Saturday. Voss settled into the station Sunday night; Helms will follow on Tuesday night.

They're replacing Alpha's first crew, led by American Bill Shepherd. By the time he and his two Russian shipmates return to Earth aboard Discovery, they will have spent 140 days in space.

Bush returns to Florida

CRAWFORD (AP) — President Bush is returning to Florida, his first visit to the state since taking office and one he hoped would put last year's recount battle behind him. But Democrats prepared a public relations offensive to ensure the bitter chapter does not fade from the public's memory.

Democrats will be spending $20,000 to air an ad over the next few days on Tallahassee and Panama City stations that criticizes both the president and brother Jeb, the governor of Florida.

"We're going to mark the occasion with a little reminder that Florida didn't buy his tax cut before the election and they're not buying it now," said Florida Democratic Chairman Bob Poe. "We're also challenging Jeb Bush and his big brother to offer more than lip service to fix Florida's election system."

The ad says: "Jeb Bush delivers Florida to his brother George and now we're going to pay the price. ... Jeb Bush didn't stand up to count Florida's vote right and George Bush's budget undermines prosperity. Bush fuzzy math ... it doesn't add up."

FBI security will be investigated

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department's internal watchdog will investigate FBI security procedures in light of charges that former agent Robert P. Hanssen sold U.S. secrets to Russia for 15 years without being detected.

The inspector general's inquiry, ordered by Attorney General John Ashcroft, could lead to a recommendation of discipline "if there was any wrongdoing by anybody aside from Hanssen in this case," department spokeswoman Mindy Tucker said Sunday.

A similar investigation by the CIA's inspector general investigation in 1994 led to the reprimand of 11 senior intelligence officers in the Aldrich Ames spy case.

This IG's investigation will be conducted simultaneously with a separate review ordered by the Justice Department immediately after Hanssen's arrest last month. William Webster, a former CIA and FBI director, is evaluating the FBI's internal security procedures and will recommend changes to prevent future espionage cases.

The IG general would be "following avenues that might not otherwise be determined productive avenues for examination" by Webster, Ashcroft said Sunday on ABC's "This Week."

He said Hanssen, a 25-year FBI veteran and counterintelligence expert, was responsible for "a grave loss" in national security.

Hanssen, 56, is accused of giving Moscow 6,000 pages of secret U.S. documents since 1985 in exchange for than $1.4 million in cash and diamonds. He was arrested Feb. 18 after authorities said he dropped off a package of documents at a Virginia park for his Russian contacts

Congressional leaders sought the investigation, Tucker said. In 1994, after Ames' arrest, they also pressed for answers and threatened CIA budget cuts.

Ames, a veteran CIA officer, spied for the former Soviet Union for more than eight years, authorities said.

ASK US

Q—These 70 degree days have gotten me in the gardening mood. What is the last average freeze date for our area?

A—Less than a month away, April 4.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 64 degrees; low, 42; high Sunday, 71; low, 45; 7 a.m. Monday, 46, no precipitation; total for 2001, 4.13 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear, low 35-40. Tuesday, partly cloudy, high around 70. Tuesday night, mostly cloudy, low 45-50.

Kelcey Stafford
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 6:51 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:57 a.m.
Of 70 days in 2001, the sun has shone 61 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Even the best team, without a sound plan, can't score.

—Woody Hayes

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Demos eye multimillionaire for 2002 gubernatorial bid

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A South Texas multimillionaire with strong border ties is viewed by a number of Democrats as the party's best chance to retake the state's governorship in 2002, despite financial links to George W. Bush's administration.

Laredo businessman A.R. "Tony" Sanchez Jr. has said he would decide this summer whether to run for the state's highest office.

If Sanchez decides to run, his campaign will be historic as he tries to become the first Hispanic governor of Texas, said spokesman Kelly Fero.

"It will become crusade-like, historical," Fero told the Houston Chronicle in a copyright report. "It will be the nation's second-largest state with a legitimate, well-funded Hispanic with a real chance of winning the governor's office."

Sanchez reportedly contributed more than $350,000, personally or through his businesses, to the National Republican Party and to Bush's successful runs for governor and president.

But Fero predicted that no Texans will be offended by Sanchez' financial support of Bush's campaigns.

"Tony Sanchez' support of George W. Bush was in step with the majority of Texans," said Fero.

Sanchez, whose enterprises reportedly have a net worth of $600 million — including a 13,000-acre cattle ranch east of Laredo — prefers that his affairs remain private until he makes his decision.

The 58-year-old University of Texas regent, who has a private oil and gas company, also owns a real estate firm in San Antonio and a venture capital business in Austin.

"He is used to being in charge," Alan Jackson, owner of a Laredo insurance company and a childhood friend of Sanchez, told the San Antonio Express-News in Monday's online edition. "He's such a private person. He's going to have to learn to subject himself to the questions, to go on the record."

Sanchez did not immediately return a call Monday from The Associated Press.

In 1997, Bush as Republican governor picked Sanchez for a six-year term on the UT Board of Regents.

Formerly, Sanchez owned a savings and loan which law officers said was used for laundering nearly $13 million by Mexican drug dealers. The thrift later failed under the weight of bad loans.

Environmentalists were reportedly angered when Sanchez moved to drill for gas in Falcon State Park with a permit he obtained shortly after he served on the Texas Parks and Wildlife board. Sanchez in 2000 obtained a permit to drill for gas in Burnet Bay near the Baytown Nature Center and the San Jacinto Monument.

Several top officials of former Gov. Ann Richards' administration told the Chronicle that Sanchez first began supporting Bush after Richards rejected construction of a private toll road near Laredo, where Sanchez's bank held an investment interest.

Bush's administration later approved the project.

Sanchez' father, Tony Sanchez Sr., founded the International Bank of Commerce with six other businessmen. With his son's continued involvement, IBC became one of the largest Hispanic-owned banks in the United States with $5.8 billion in assets.

Jackson said a commitment by Sanchez to the underdog stems from his work as Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes' South Texas liaison in the 1960s.

"He was exposed to so much of the poverty," Jackson said. "I remember him talking about meeting a family that was living in a shanty, basically a cardboard hut. That moved him tremendously."

PERFECT ATTENDANCE WINNERS — These Snyder ISD students were the winners of the February perfect attendance drawings at their schools. Each received $150. Back row, from left, Jake Guzman, Snyder Junior High; Jeramy Lindsey, East Elementary; Pete Villa, West Elementary; and Rachel Fritz, SHS; front row, Justin Rivera, Central Elementary; Logan Tabor, Stanfield Elementary; and Gloria Valdez, Northeast Elementary. Each month, campus drawings are held from the names of students who were not absent. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

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Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $4 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 7-19-22-33-40-45.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $8 million.

Pick 3

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

1-1-6

Capital gains tax drops in 2001

Beginning in 2001, capital gains get even better. Taxpayers in the lowest tax bracket may pay as little as 8% tax on some long-term gains. Taxpayers in higher brackets may be taxed at 18% on qualified gains. The new law is complex, but it abounds with planning opportunities for reducing your taxes. For details, call us.

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Julia Roberts wins best actress award

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Julia Roberts has the inside track for an Oscar. But just about everything else at this month's Academy Awards ceremony seems up for grabs.

Roberts won the best-actress honor Sunday at the Screen Actors Guild awards for her saucy turn as the title character in the legal drama "Erin Brockovich." With a Golden Globe for the same role, Roberts has emerged as the solid front-runner for best actress at the Oscars on March 25.

"This is freaky," Roberts said in her SAG speech, at times choking back tears. "If this was a prom, this would be like the best school ever to go to. But it's not, so I'll be serious, in my own special way."

Backstage, Roberts told reporters that the real-life Erin Brockovich — who took on a major California utility and won a pollution case — was an inspiration.

"I think that she's remarkable," Roberts said. "She really is the perfect example that we are what we choose to be. We are as effective as we are tenacious."

"Gladiator," which has been considered the nominal best-picture favorite because of wins at previous awards shows, was shut out at the acting-guild ceremony. And "Gladiator" director Ridley Scott lost Saturday night at the Directors Guild of America awards, where the top honor went to Ang Lee for "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon."

SAG's award for a movie's ensemble, generally viewed as the guild's equivalent of a best-picture prize, went to the cast of "Traffic."

Competing for best picture at the Oscars are "Chocolat," "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," "Erin Brockovich," "Gladiator" and "Traffic."

Unlike last year, when "American Beauty" dominated earlier honors and went on to prevail at the Oscars, this awards season is fairly fragmented.

Judi Dench of "Chocolat" won SAG's supporting-actress award, but Kate Hudson of "Almost Famous" took the Golden Globe in the same category.

Benicio Del Toro of "Traffic" has won both a Golden Globe and a SAG prize. But the Globe was for supporting actor, while the acting guild gave Del Toro the lead-actor trophy.

Tom Hanks of "Cast Away," who won the lead-actor Golden Globe for drama, was among those losing out Sunday to Del Toro.

Come Oscar night, Del Toro will be back in the supporting-actor lineup, where his competition will include Albert Finney, who won the SAG honor in that category for "Erin Brockovich."

Backstage with Michael Douglas, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Don Cheadle and other co-stars of "Traffic," Del Toro credited the entire cast of the drug-war drama, which had about 100 speaking parts.

"I feel like if they put me in the driver's seat, I'm going to take the wheel," Del Toro said. "But I see this picture as an ensemble, and I'm very proud to be in this room. Some of the best actors in America are in it."

Lee appears to have the edge for best director after the guild win and his earlier triumph at the Golden Globes. Since the Directors Guild first gave its award in 1949, only four recipients have failed to win the Oscar.

But Oscar voters are a much broader group, including acting, sound, editing and music branches. The tastes of the full academy may not necessarily jibe with a single group such as directors.

"I don't really believe in film competitions or that you can compare filmmakers," Lee said after his Directors Guild win. "But I do believe this recognition is a great honor."

Besides Scott, Lee's Oscar competitors are Stephen Daldry of "Billy Elliot" and Steven Soderbergh, who is nominated for both "Erin Brockovich" and "Traffic." The Directors Guild also had nominated Soderbergh for both films.

Before Saturday's ceremony, Soderbergh said he would not offer academy voters any guidance on which of his movies he would prefer them to support. Some in Hollywood feel that could cost Soderbergh an Oscar because his votes might be split between "Erin Brockovich" and "Traffic."

Others say Soderbergh's two nominations will not cancel each other out because Oscar voters generally support the one achievement they think is most deserving.

"I don't see why this is any different, just because he's nominated for the two movies," said Scott Greenstein, chairman of USA Films, which released "Traffic."

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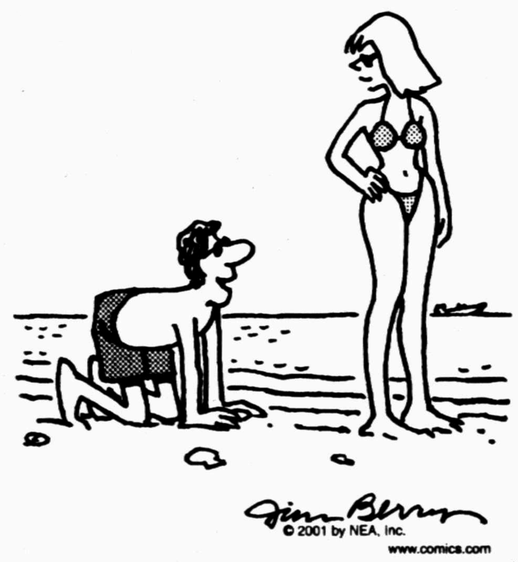

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Enron and Blockbuster end deal for 'movies on demand'

HOUSTON (AP) — A marriage between video rental company Blockbuster Inc. and a high-speed Internet company that was hoping to bring movies on demand to computers and televisions has ended in divorce.

Dallas-based Blockbuster and Enron Broadband Services, a wholly owned subsidiary of Houston-based Enron Corp., have terminated a 20-year deal announced last July to offer the service.

It would have given consumers access to a library of movies through their computers and televisions, so they could rent from home.

Both companies issued statements saying they plan to seek similar deals with other partners.

Blockbuster said it wanted freedom to work with other technologies or delivery mediums, while Enron said it wanted access to more movies and expanded service.

John Antioco, chairman and CEO of Blockbuster, said in a statement that while video on demand may not yet be profitable, "we continue to believe that video on demand will eventually become a commercial reality and that Blockbuster will have a formidable presence in this arena."

Blockbuster spokeswoman Karen Raskopf said the company will focus on its profitable ventures, such as video and DVD rentals and sale of DirecTV satellite systems.

Antioco said video on demand could earn Blockbuster $3 billion to $4 billion annually when it gains popularity, likely in seven to eight years.

"We believe in it, but video on demand is not a reality yet," Raskopf said. "We all know that when it becomes a commercial reality, we will be there."

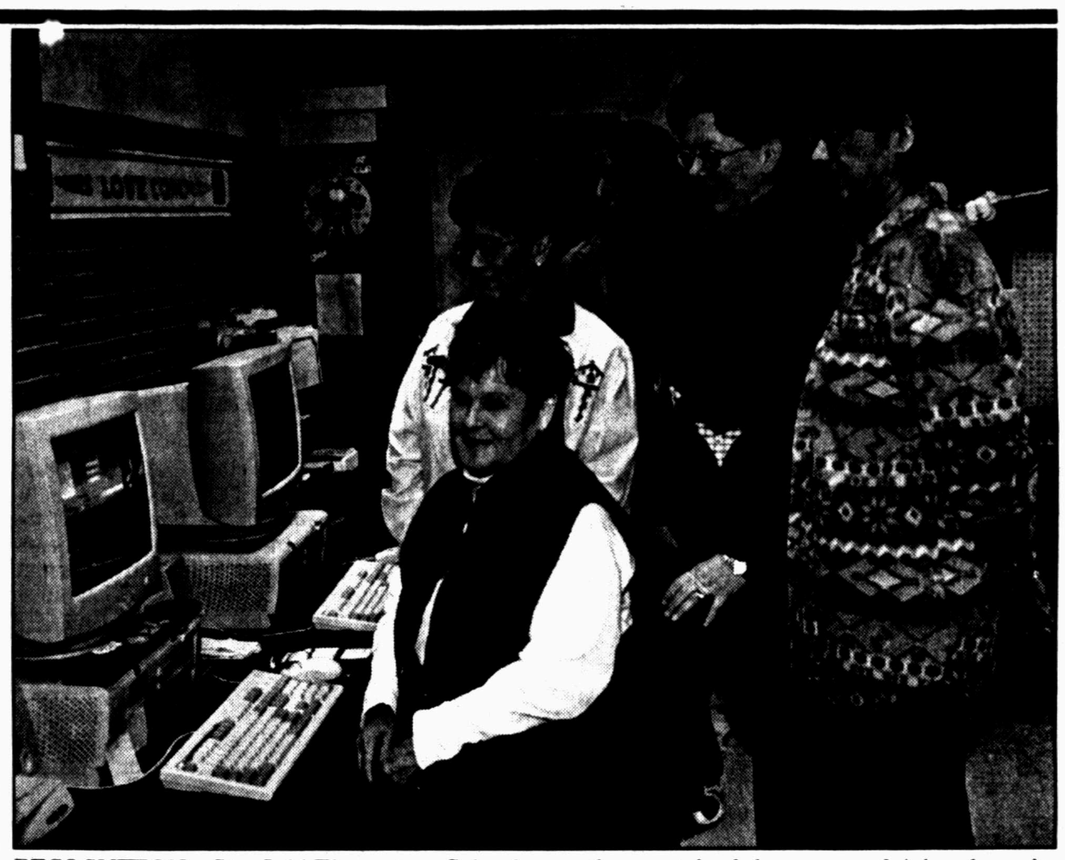
Kenneth D. Rice, chairman and CEO of Enron Broadband Services, said the company wants to offer more movies. The company has started talking to other providers, and can offer music, games and other programs as well.

A trial of the service at 800 homes in Manhattan, American Fork, Utah, Seattle and Portland, Ore. will end this month. Officials at both companies said they were pleased with results of the trial, but had second thoughts about the exclusive deal.

"The exclusive relationship has not yielded the quantity and quality of movies needed to drive demand," Rice said.

But Kelly Kimberly, a vice president at Enron Broadband Services, said the breakup doesn't mean Enron and Blockbuster won't collaborate on other video deals in the future.

Mary Joy Scafidi, an analyst with IDC, said Enron's desire to find other content providers made sense because Blockbuster's access to movie studios for online sales likely was limited.



RECOGNITION – Stanfield Elementary School recently recognized the para-professionals on its staff. They include, from left, Connie Otto, Hope Lopez, Martha Arellano, Terrisue Mann and Sally Rios. Not pictured are Donna Wilson, Betty Nolan, Barbara Gowin, Olga Hernandez, Becky McCravey. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Drug costs share of overall health spending is growing

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's bill for health care has risen to a record $1.2 trillion, with prescription drugs accounting for nearly 10 percent of the costs and expected to grab an even larger share of what Americans pay to get or stay healthy, government estimates show.

Overall health care spending will more than double to $2.6 trillion by 2010, in part because drug costs are projected to rise on average 12.6 percent every year, federal health economists said in an annual report being published Monday.

The drug spending boom — $99.6 billion in 1999, the latest year for which figures were available — comes not only with an aging population, but as more patients ask for newer, high-priced drugs marketed to them on television and take drug treatments at home for conditions that once landed them in hospitals instead, the report said.

Those trends could slow amid an economic slowdown, when some employers and insurers could pass the growing costs onto consumers accustomed to low co-payments and other fees, said economists at the Health Care Financing Administration, which runs Medicare.

"They are going to be trade-offs," Katharine Levit, a lead economist on the spending report, said in an interview. "It puts increased pressure on all of us — the government, employers, providers — to somehow make choices in terms of how we spend our money."

Consumer advocates warn that patients who need prescription drugs will pay in other ways if they do not get increased access to lower-cost generic drugs, expansive drug coverage policies and lower premiums.

"The personal cost is very real and very dramatic," said Gail Shearer, who handles health cost issues for the Consumers Union, publisher of Consumer Reports magazine. "Children won't be getting the medicines they need to make them better. People of every age group will be suffering or they will have to neglect other basic needs."

The government publishes the health care spending forecasts in the journal Health Affairs, projecting expenditures on health care by patients, their insurance plans and government programs.

Close to 90 percent of that is considered personal health care spending — expenses that generally include doctors' visits, hospitals stays, medicines and other medical services.

The overall total for health care spending factors in things such as hospital construction costs.

In 1999, prescription drugs accounted for 9.4 percent of personal health spending; by 2010, prescription drugs' share will be 16 cents on the dollar — outpacing other services like nursing homes and home-based health care, the report said.

Prescription drugs also cut into Americans' out-of-pocket costs, expenses not offset by a private or government insurer. People spent $34.9 billion on drugs, compared with $12.6 billion for hospital care and $30.7 billion for doctor or clinic visits, the report said.

The estimates have implications for the government as well.

The projected drug cost total for 2010 — $366 billion — does not take into account what could be spent on medicines if they were fully covered under the Medicare program.

Adding prescription drug benefits to Medicare is a leading issue in Congress this year. President Bush and Senate lawmakers have competing plans on the table.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 03-12-01
♠ 7 5
♥ K Q J 7 3
♦ 8 3
♣ Q 4 3 2

West
♠ Q J 8 3
♥ 10 8 2
♦ J 9 6 5 2
♣ 7

East
♠ K 9 4
♥ A 9 6 5 4
♦ A K 10 7 4
♣ —

South
♠ A 10 6 2
♥ —
♦ Q
♣ A K J 10 9 8 6 5

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
6 ♣	Pass	Pass	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ♠ Q

Monday, March 12, 2001

An opening at the six-level

By Phillip Alder

What does it mean if you open with six of a suit?

Traditionally, it guarantees 12 tricks and announces that you are missing either the ace or king of trumps. Partner is expected to raise with either top trump. Yet that bid has a very low frequency. So, many players treat the opening as a speculation, hoping to buy a suitable dummy.

This deal occurred during the English trials for this year's European Championship. South opened six clubs. After East doubled, West passed, though there was a case for running to six diamonds because South might have had, for example, 12 clubs.

West led the spade queen. With no legitimate play for the contract, South set an effective trap. When East played a discouraging spade four, South smoothly dropped the six, hiding the two. Thinking partner was encouraging, and without giving the matter proper consideration, West continued with another spade.

Declarer won with his ace, played a club to dummy's queen, led the heart king to ruff away East's ace, returned to dummy by trumping a spade, discarded his diamond queen on the heart queen, and claimed.

What inference did West miss? If East had the ace and king of spades or only the ace, he would have won trick one. That he didn't win it marked South with the spade ace. So, West should have switched to a diamond. A heart trick could wait, but a diamond loser might disappear on dummy's hearts. (And, yes, East might have overtaken with the spade king at trick one!)

Two players, Chris Dixon and Marc Smith, bid and played identically to make six clubs doubled. Neither made the English team, though.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Ex-wife's poor parenting raises godfather's concern

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I divorced 11 years ago. We had no children together. However, for the past eight years — since the birth of her son — we have lived together. I love the boy with all my heart and soul. Although I am not his biological father, I am his Catholic godfather, and most definitely his "dad."

His mother and I do not have a good relationship. If it were not for this little boy, I would not want to be around her. She sleeps with him in his bed each and every night — and often bathes with him. She is sometimes nude; other times, she wears a bikini.

Abby, my concern is for my "son." I am turning to you for help. The counseling my ex-wife and I received from a doctor of psychology didn't help, because she rejected the advice. Things around here have become so volatile, I am desperate for any suggestion you can offer. — **BEYOND WORRY**

DEAR BEYOND WORRY: Most experts in child development think that as boys and girls reach the age when they become curious about sex, sleeping and bathing nude with a parent of the opposite sex is unhealthfully stimulating.

However, if your former wife won't listen to you, and ignores a Ph.D. in psychology, she's not likely to accept advice from me. Perhaps the problem will resolve itself when the boy is old enough to tell his mother to find other sleeping arrangements.

P.S. All three of you could benefit from family counseling.

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DEAR ABBY: Seven years ago, you received a letter from Prisoner No. 711895. Today, you are reading a letter from "Mark," a proud and productive member of society. I am not proud of my past, but I have made positive changes in my life.

I have worked at the same job since I was released from prison six years ago. I am now one of the top managers in the company. My children see a father who is not perfect, but willing to talk about mistakes and learn from them. My parents see a son who has finally grown up. They tell me they are very proud of me.

Abby, I want you and others to know I am not letting the fact I carry the stigma of being a felon define me. I am a man who works hard, takes care of his family and has learned from his mistakes. I am proud of who I am today. — **MARK IN SEATTLE**

P.S. Last month I had coffee with the officer who arrested me eight years ago. I thanked him for saving my life.

DEAR MARK: I salute you. You are living proof that with hard work and determination, rehabilitation is an attainable goal after release from prison. I hope that people who are currently incarcerated will see your letter and realize that one day, they, too, can become productive members of society.

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DEAR ABBY: A few months ago you published a letter from "Proud Mom," who had a child out of wedlock. The father supports the child financially, but does not see him. She wondered if she should tell the parents of the child's father they had a grandson. You opened the advice up to readers, but I haven't seen the results of this important question. Did I miss a column? — **ANOTHER PROUD MOM IN FLORIDA**

DEAR ANOTHER PROUD MOM: No, you didn't — and thank you for the reminder. The response I received from readers was a virtual tie. Half of those who wrote felt "Proud Mom" should keep her mouth shut. The other half believed she should inform the grandparents that they have a grandson, and let them choose whether or not to have a relationship with him. Belated thanks to the hundreds of you who responded.

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Avalanche kills 2

OAKLEY, Utah (AP) — Two snowmobilers were killed in a backcountry avalanche, officials said.

Jason Wade and Steven Barlow, both 29, were caught Saturday in a 180-foot wide, 12-foot deep avalanche in an area of Upper Chalk Creek. A friend and the father of one of the victims escaped without injury.

Jason Peacock, 25, tried to outmaneuver the slide on his snowmobile, Summit County Sheriff's Lt. Joe Offret said. He was unsuccessful but was only partially submerged under the snow and he was not hurt.

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SPORTS

Tiger repeat as champs at Canyon Reef Relays

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

The Snyder Tigers were missing a key member of their track team on Saturday. And that's exactly why the Tigers' performance at the Canyon Reef Relays proved they are a contender for the district title.

Snyder showed its depth Saturday by capturing its second consecutive Canyon Reef Relays crown, despite the absence of junior Wade Pinson.

Pinson sat out the event with tendonitis of his right ankle, but his presence would have only widened the Tigers' gap.

Snyder grabbed the meet lead early on and never looked back, totaling 154 points to distance itself from the field. The next closest competitor was Lamesa, which finished 23 points behind the Tigers.

"We had some kids who had an outstanding meet," said Tiger coach Chad Rogers. "There were some events that we didn't do as well in as we usually do, but there others where we really improved. This was an overall team effort, it took everyone of our guys to win the meet."

In the girls' division, the Snyder Lady Tigers finished 11th with 13 points. Levelland won the title, with Big Spring taking second.

"We're still getting better and better with each meet," said Lady Tiger coach Todd Pollard. "We had a long way to go when the season began, so we know we're not in a position yet where we can challenge people for the meet title. But we're getting there. We've come a long way since we started, and we're building toward being a very competitive track team."

The Tigers moved into the lead on the strength of their performance in the field events. Senior Mark Medley and junior Corey Clay spurred Snyder's effort in the morning.

Medley threw a personal best 168 feet, 2 inches to win the discus. Medley also won the shot put, while Shante Taylor took third in his first meet.

Clay picked up 20 points as well with victories in the triple jump and long jump, and Snyder added another 18 points when Jared Thornhill and Jesse Haines secured the top two spots in the pole vault.

The Tigers only other first-place finish came in the 4x100-meter relay where Thornhill teamed up with Edwin James, Matthew Grimmett and Josh Arizmendi to record a time of 43.42 seconds.

Those first-place efforts pushed Snyder out in front, and the Tigers' other performances helped keep it there. Snyder garnered points in nine other running events.

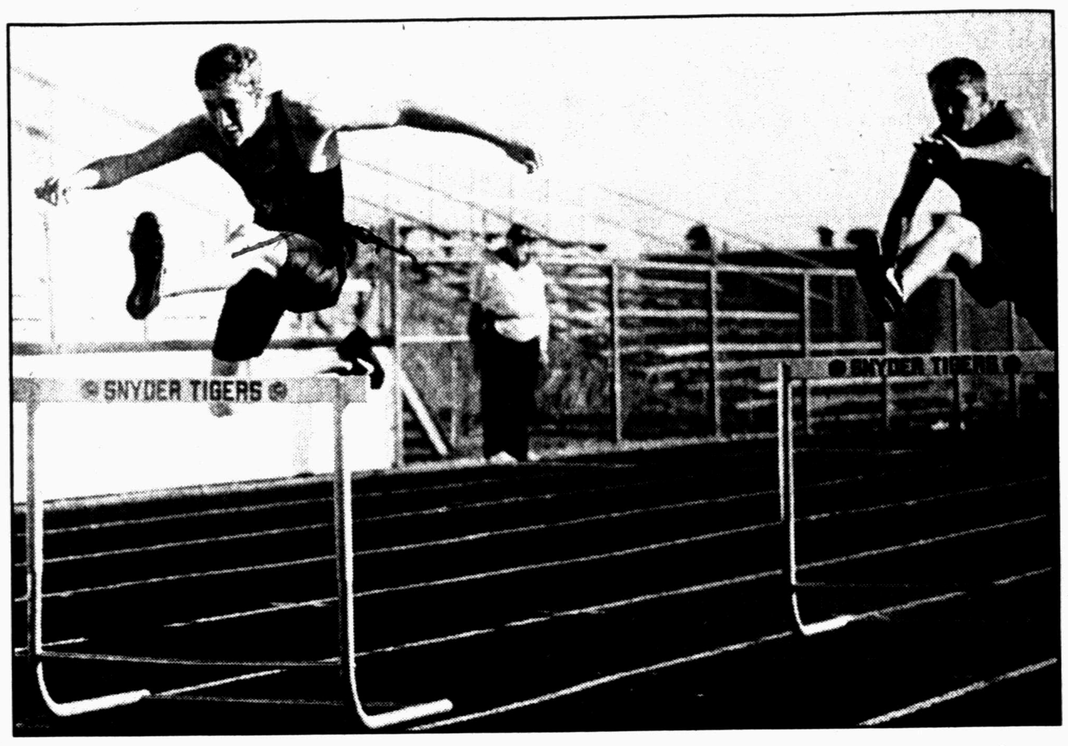
Grimmett took second in the 100 and 200, while Arizmendi was second in the 400, and Rudy Martinez was runner-up in the 800.

Snyder finished second to Lamesa in the final event of the day, the mile relay. Arizmendi, Clay, Martinez and Thornhill posted a time of 3:32.07 to finish one second behind the Tors.

For the Lady Tigers, Loryn Brown tallied 12 of the team's points. The junior took second place in the triple jump with a leap of 32-3½, and finished fourth in the 100 hurdles with a time of 16.61.

LaCrystal Brooks posted a time of 27.64 to grab sixth in the 200.

Both Snyder squads will take the weekend off. The Tigers return to competition March 23-24 at the San Angelo Relays, while the Lady Tigers will be back in action March 23 at the Caprock Relays in Post.



DOUBLE HURDLERS — Snyder's Jason Guynes, left, and Michael Murphrey compete Saturday in the 300 hurdles at the Canyon Reef Relays. The Tigers won the meet for the second second consecutive year. (SDN Staff Photo)

Big 12 lands six teams in NCAA tourney

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Iowa State earned the best of the Big 12 Conference's six NCAA tournament bids Sunday — even though the No. 7 Cyclones weren't anywhere near the site of the Big 12 championship game when the bids came out.

And the selection committee further mystified conference coaches and players when it didn't send a Big 12 team to the Midwest Regional's first-round game in Kansas City.

No. 9 Kansas, Missouri, No. 7 Iowa State, Oklahoma State, No. 20 Oklahoma — all within a day's drive of Kemper Arena — were all sent elsewhere. Kansas was assigned to the Midwest Regional, but the Jayhawks open at Dayton, Ohio.

"It would have been better for our fans" to play at Kemper, coach Roy Williams said. "It's about 643 miles to Dayton, but we played ourselves into this spot."

Oklahoma State, which saw 10 members of its traveling party killed in a January plane crash, is just glad to be going anywhere.

The Cowboys (20-9) were made the 11th seed in the East regional. They will play No. 6 seed Southern California (21-9) on Thursday at Uniondale, N.Y.

"It doesn't make any difference as long as we make the big dance," Sutton said. "I was really thrilled and so happy for our team. It means so much to them after what they've been through. I think they've been very courageous to get their team to this point."

Iowa State is the NCAA's No. 2 seed in the Mideast Regional, despite being upset by Baylor in the quarterfinals of the Big 12 tournament. The Cyclones (25-5) play Hampton (24-6) on Thursday at Boise, Idaho.

"I was like, 'Where's Boise at?' " Iowa State forward Martin Rancik said. "I mean, it's not the most attractive spot in the United States.

"But it's the NCAA tournament and no matter where we go, we've got to take care of business."

Iowa State's position is two seeds better than tournament champion Oklahoma and four better than runner-up Texas — which didn't sit well with either of those two teams.

"Why play a tough nonleague schedule if you're not going to be rewarded for it?" said Texas coach Rick Barnes, whose 20th-ranked Longhorns dropped to the sixth seed in the South Regional after falling 54-45 to No. 16 Oklahoma in the conference title game. "It doesn't make sense. They say 'Go out and play a tough schedule,' which we did, and to come out with a sixth seed — it is disappointing."

If anyone deserved a No. 2 seed, Barnes said, it was the Sooners.

"I said coming in that the winner of this tournament deserves a No. 2 seed," said Barnes, whose Longhorns (25-8) meet Temple (21-12) in the first round at New Orleans. "Oklahoma should have had that seed. They ended up winning more games in Big 12 competition than anyone all year, and they deserved a better seeding than they got."

Instead, the Sooners (26-6) — also in the South — were given a No. 4 seed and will meet 13th-seeded Indiana State (21-11) on Friday in the first round at Memphis, Tenn.

Results of the Canyon Reef Relays

VARSITY BOYS

Team standings: 1. Snyder 154, 2. Lamesa 131, 3. Canyon 105, 4. Frenship 83, 5. Levelland 70, 6. Post 2, 7. Abilene Wylie 1.

Field Events

High jump: 1. Alston Graves, Levelland, 6-2; 2. Luke McNeely, Levelland, 6-2; 3. Tanner Stevens, Canyon, 5-10; 4. Jason Tezano, Levelland, 5-10.

Discus: 1. Mark Medley, Snyder, 168-2; 2. Brandon Davidson, Frenship, 139-0; 3. Shante Taylor, Snyder, 130-7 1/2; 4. Isaac Martinez, Lamesa, 125-9; 5. Mark McClendon, Frenship, 125-4; 6. Benny Rodriguez, Lamesa, 124-9 1/2.

Shot put: 1. Mark Medley, Snyder, 53-9 1/4; 2. Brandon Davidson, Frenship, 51-3 1/2; 3. Scotty Mitchell, Levelland, 50-5 1/2; 4. Nathan Cates, Frenship, 46-3 3/4; 5. EJ Montez, Levelland, 45-6 3/4; 6. Chuck Martin, Canyon, 43-2 1/2.

Pole vault: 1. Jared Thornhill, Snyder, 13-0; 2. Jesse Haines, Snyder, 13-0; 3. Brady Brown, Lamesa, 12-0.

Triple jump: 1. Corey Clay, Snyder, 40-9; 2. Lawrence Johnson, Levelland, 40-7 1/2; 3. Jacob Ortiz, Lamesa, 37-8; 4. Fred Clement, Lamesa, 36-11 1/2; 5. Pedro Barrioz, Lamesa, 36-9 1/2; 6. Josh Salazar, Levelland, 36-4.

Long jump: 1. Corey Clay, Snyder, 21-4 3/4; 2. David Thomas, Frenship, 20-1; 3. Koby Page, Lamesa, 20-0; 4. Jason Tezano, Levelland, 19-5; 5. Lawrence Johnson, Levelland, 19-2 1/2; 6. Josh Landrum, Levelland, 18-8 3/4.

Running Events

3,200: 1. Josh Hawkins, Frenship, 10:17.2; 2. Burton Sheperd, Canyon, 10:20.5; 3. Nick Eyhorn, Canyon, 10:24.9; 4. Don Welling, Canyon, 10:25.5; 5. Trent Gary, Frenship, 10:40.1; 6. Rudy Martinez, Snyder, 10:40.5.

4x100 relay: 1. Snyder 43.42, 2. Canyon 43.83, 3. Lamesa 44.29, 4. Levelland 44.62, 5. Frenship 45.0.

800: 1. Chad Penn, Canyon, 2:00.92; 2. Rudy Martinez, Snyder, 2:01.94; 3. Ronnie Cole, Frenship, 2:02.58; 4. Brady Brown, Lamesa, 2:08.75; 5. Colby Driggers, Snyder, 2:10.42; 6. Logan Bowles, Frenship, 2:13.35.

110 hurdles: 1. Marty McGee, Lamesa, 14.85; 2. Teddy Dane, Lamesa, 16.04; 3. Kevin George, Canyon, 16.12; 4. Michael Murphrey, Snyder, 17.17; 5. Luke McNeely, Levelland, 17.35; 6. Josh Salazar, Levelland, 18.85.

100: 1. Rusty Shorter, Canyon, 10.43; 2. Matthew Grimmett, Snyder, 10.92; 3. Koby Page, Lamesa, 11.11; 4. Jason Tezano, Levelland, 11.15; 5. Edwin James, Snyder, 11.16; 6. Eric Massey, Abilene Wylie, 11.17.

400: 1. Pedro Barrioz, Lamesa, 51.10; 2. Josh Arizmendi, Snyder, 51.47; 3. Chad Penn, Canyon, 53.25; 4. Chris Flores, Levelland, 53.68; 5. Abel Rodriguez, Lamesa, 53.78; 6. Corey Clay, Snyder, 54.01.

300 hurdles: 1. Teddy Dane, Lamesa, 41.62; 2. Marty McGee, Lamesa, 41.85; 3. Kevin George, Canyon, 42.68; 4. Jason Guynes, Snyder, 43.63; 5. Michael Murphrey, Snyder, 43.74; 6. Joseph Amalla, Frenship, 44.15.

200: 1. Koby Page, Lamesa, 22.73; 2. Matthew Grimmett, Snyder, 23.07; 3. David Thomas, Frenship, 23.15; 4. Beau Uptgrove, Canyon, 23.30; 5. Chris Sambrano, Lamesa, 23.32; 6. Josh Landrum, Levelland, 23.69.

1,600: 1. Josh Hawkins, Frenship, 4:41.09; 2. Chad Penn, Canyon, 4:41.30; 3. Charles Kerry, Snyder, 4:44.87; 4. Burton Sheperd, Canyon, 4:50.12; 5. Don Welling, Canyon, 4:53.44; 6. Trent Gary, Frenship, 4:56.74.

4x400 relay: 1. Lamesa 3:31.17, 2. Snyder 3:32.07, 3. Frenship 3:37.07, 4. Canyon 3:41.14, 5. Levelland 3:42.78, 6. Post 3:42.87.

VARSITY GIRLS

Team standings: 1. Levelland 109.11, 2. Big Spring 89.11, 3. Abilene Wylie 84, 4. Seminole 59.22, 5. Canyon 59.11, 6. Lamesa 55, 7. Andrews 46.11, 8. Frenship 26, 9. Kermit 24.11, 10. Plainview 18.22, 11. Snyder 13, 12. Lake View 6.

Field Events

High jump: 1. Jennifer Johnson, Kermit, 5-0; 2. Sheena Teel, Wylie, 4-10; 3. (tie) Melanie Hackett, Lamesa, Brittney Roberts, Lamesa, and Jill Nix, Lamesa, 4-8; 6. (tie) nine competitors tied at 4-6.

Triple jump: 1. Nitra Woods, Andrews, 32-5 3/4; 2. Loryn Brown, Snyder, 32-3 1/2; 3. Brittney Roberts, Lamesa, 31-10; 4. BJ Williams, Seminole, 31-3; 5. Jackie Adams, Seminole, 30-3 1/2; 6. Katie Chauveaux, Wylie, 30-1/4.

Discus: 1. Tojinay Thompson, Plainview, 117-0; 2. Olivia Clardy, Wylie, 113-3; 3. Amber Mayes, Big Spring, 109-7; 4. Dena Cook, Big Spring, 103-4; 5. Julia Villalva, Seminole, 100-3; 6. Mika Robertson, Levelland, 95-0.

Shot put: 1. Leandra Williams, Big Spring, 38-10 1/2; 2. Tojinay Thompson, Plainview, 35-4; 3. Melissa Hill, Seminole, 33-8; 4. Nicole Dawson, Levelland, 32-5 3/4; 5. Mandy Cardenas, Seminole, 32-3 1/2; 6. Jennifer Weems, Wylie, 31-5.

Long jump: 1. Crystal Adams, Seminole, 15-9 1/4; 2. Amber Bunton, Lamesa, 15-9; 3. Kim Brackens, Levelland, 15-9; 4. Crystal Landrum, Levelland, 15-7 3/4; 5. Nitra Woods, Andrews, 15-7; 6. Jackie Adams, Seminole, 15-2.

Running Events

3,200: 1. Susan Munoz, Levelland, 12:20.06; 2. Hope Jimenez, Lamesa, 12:25.95; 3. Lisa Bull, Wylie, 12:37.75; 4. Meagan Knight, Canyon, 12:53.52; 5. Melinda Chapa, Levelland, 13:23.38; 6. Anna Hagood, Frenship, 13:24.34.

4x100 relay: 1. Big Spring 50.25, 2. Levelland 51.09, 3. Canyon 51.40, 4. Seminole 52.83, 5. Wylie 52.84, 6. Lamesa 53.0.

800: 1. Jennifer Pena, Levelland, 2:30.0; 2. Emily Gilbert, Frenship, 2:32.0; 3. Haile Shortes, Seminole, 2:35.0; 4. Tamara Taylor, Kermit, 2:36.0; 5. Danielle Wilson, Levelland, 2:37.0; 6. Amanda Eicherst, Wylie, 2:39.0.

100 hurdles: 1. Kristin Wallace, Wylie, 14.72, meet record, old record 14.80 Jennifer Gotl, Lake View 1980; 2. Brittney Roberts, Lamesa, 15.53; 3. Jalyn Matthews, Andrews, 16.02; 4. Loryn Brown, Snyder, 16.61; 5. Amanda Phillips, Lake View, 16.74; 6. Chelsea Churchwell, Big Spring, 16.76.

100: 1. Amber Rose, Levelland, 12.26; 2. Ashley Jackson, Levelland, 12.56; 3. Kim Brackens, Levelland, 12.59; 4. Melissa Forth, Big Spring, 12.75; 5. Nitra Woods, Andrews, 12.89; 6. Sarah James, Canyon, 12.98.

4x200 relay: 1. Big Spring 1:47.47, 2. Wylie 1:50.57, 3. Seminole 1:50.76, 4. Levelland 1:51.00; 5. Canyon 1:51.74; 6. Andrews 1:51.96.

400: 1. Jennifer Johnson, Kermit, 1:01.03; 2. Jackie Wren, Frenship, 1:01.41; 3. Lavon Green, Levelland, 1:01.68; 4. Erin Simpson, Canyon, 1:02.38; 5. Jennifer Pena, Levelland, 1:05.23; 6. Melissa Seidensticker, Wylie, 1:05.90.

300 hurdles: 1. Jennifer Baker, Canyon, 48.08; 2. Sheena Teel, Wylie, 49.02; 3. Jalyn Matthews, Andrews, 49.52; 4. Amanda Phillips, Lake View, 50.37; 5. Rebeka Ferguson, Levelland, 50.63; 6. Brittney Roberts, Lamesa, 51.31.

200: 1. Amber Menefee, Andrews, 26.67; 2. Karissa Majors, Big Spring, 26.89; 3. Nitra Woods, Andrews, 27.37; 4. Kim Brackens, Levelland, 27.39; 5. Laura Gore, Wylie, 27.58; 6. LaCrystal Brooks, Snyder, 27.64.

1,600: 1. Hope Jimenez, Lamesa, 5:37.00; 2. Susan Munoz, Levelland, 5:50.57; 3. Lisa Bull, Wylie, 5:54.69; 4. Meagan Knight, Canyon, 5:57.00; 5. Dilcia Diaz, Seminole, 6:07.00; 6. Anna Hagood, Frenship, 6:11.00.

4x400 relay: 1. Canyon 4:13.44, 2. Big Spring 4:16.82, 3. Wylie 4:18.76, 4. Frenship 4:23.65, 5. Seminole 4:24.99, 6. Andrews 4:25.12.

JV BOYS

Team standings: 1. Frenship 190, 2. Canyon 135, 3. Snyder 87, 4. Lamesa 81, 5. Levelland 36, 6. Post 4.

Snyder Results

Justin Boyd: first place, high jump, 5-8; fifth place, long jump, 16-9.

Bradley Spells: sixth place, long jump, 16-8 1/4.

Clay Williams: second place, pole vault, 9-0; third place, 100, 11.72; second place, 200, 24.06.

Josh Knox: fourth place, discus, 98-2.

Trey Roland: second place, discus, 112-0.

Jay Scott: first place, 800, 2:16.26.

TJ Jones: fifth place, 100, 12.05; sixth place, 400, 58.30.

Tyler Kerr: third place, 400, 56.59.

Danny Thurman: fifth place, 400, 58.13.

JV GIRLS

Team standings: 1. Abilene Wylie 154, 2. Frenship 96, 3. Seminole 62, 4. Andrews 53, 5. Snyder 40, 6. Lamesa 38, 7. Levelland 37, 8. Big Spring 36, 9. Lake View 24, 10. Canyon 18, 11. Kermit 9.

Snyder Results

Tamara Norman: first place, triple jump, 29-0; fifth place, 100, 14.30; fifth place, 200, 30.47.

Anna Henson: first place, shot put, 29-6 1/4; first place, discus, 85-9.

Janie Garcia: third place, 400, 1:09.75.

JV Tigers nab third place at Sweetwater

SWEETWATER — It took two varsity teams to top Snyder's junior varsity boys.

Snyder JV fired rounds of 328 and 324 to finish third at the Sweetwater Invitational on Saturday.

The Tigers were topped only by varsity squads from Sweetwater and Breckenridge.

Levi Mandrell carded consecutive rounds of 80 for Snyder to finish with a tourney total of 160.

Tanner Beard tallied an 81-82—163, while Matt McCormick also posted a 163 with rounds of 83 and 80.

Jason Williams came in with an 86-82—168, and Vaughn Wiggins finished with an 84-85—169.

Local Schedule

MONDAY
Baseball
Grape Creek JV at Snyder JV Gold, 11 a.m.
Rotan at Snyder JV Black, doubleheader, 1 p.m.

TUESDAY
Baseball
Lake View at Snyder, 7 p.m.
Softball
Snyder at Big Spring, 4 p.m.

THURSDAY
Baseball
Snyder JV Black at Sweetwater tourney
Snyder JV Gold at Grape Creek tourney

FRIDAY
Baseball
Snyder at Levelland, 4:30
Snyder JV Black at Sweetwater tourney
Snyder JV Gold at Grape Creek tourney
Softball
Frenship at Snyder, 7 p.m.

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SPORTS

At Snyder Baseball Tournament...

Tigers fall in title game, 8-0

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

Following Saturday night's championship game of the Snyder Baseball Tournament, all the Tigers could do was tip their caps to Odessa Permian's Danny Herrera.

Herrera tossed a no-hitter in the championship round to lead Permian to an 8-0 victory over Snyder.

Herrera issued five walks and hit one batter, but never surrendered a hit and struck out 10 Tigers in the six-inning affair.

"We can't take anything away from Permian's performance. That pitcher did a great job," said Snyder coach Roland Herrera. "He had a great curve ball that broke really hard, and a good fastball that had some movement on it.

"He made us look bad at times, when a good pitcher has all of his stuff, he can do that to you. It was his night, and not ours."

The Tigers were riding a six-game winning streak coming into the title tilt, and had knocked off Permian's cross-town rival Odessa High in the semifinals.

But the Panthers were too strong. Even when the Tigers did put the ball in play, which was only six times, Permian's fielders were there to make the play.

The Panthers jumped on top in the second inning, posting three runs on two hits, three walks and two Snyder errors.

The game turned into a pitching duel for the next two innings, with Herrera and Snyder's Ralph Ramon taking control.

Ramon fanned six Panthers in row, and Herrera fanned seven of the next 12 Tigers he faced.

Permian chased Ramon in the top of the sixth. With one out, a walk and an error were followed by a Jessie Lujan single and a double by Cory Zimmerman to push the Panthers' lead to 4-0.

Jase Olvera relieved Ramon. Olvera allowed one hit, one run and two walks in two-thirds of an inning.

Snyder left the bases loaded in the fourth, and had runners at first and second in the bottom of the sixth, before Permian turned a double play to end the game on the eight-run rule.

The tournament was the Tigers' final tune-up before Tuesday's district opener against San Angelo Lake View. Snyder will carry a 7-4 mark into league play.

"Even though we didn't win the championship, I feel real good about our ballclub heading into district," Coach Herrera said. "The kids have improved a lot, and have really come together as a team.

"Our pitching has been very consistent, and if you have that, then you'll always be competitive. I think what we still need to work on our defense some. That's where we have to improve the most right now. We need to cut out some of our errors to be a really good team."

Junior Tito Alaniz draws the start on the mound for Tuesday's district opener against the Chiefs. The game is set for 7 p.m. at Moffett Field.

Permian	ab	r	h	bi
Lujan 2b	4	1	1	0
Zimmerman ss	3	1	1	2
Whitaker cf	4	1	2	2
Parker 1b	3	0	1	0
A.Herrera c	3	0	0	0
McWilliams 3b	3	1	0	1
D.Herrera p	3	1	0	0
Ontiveros rf	3	2	1	1
Valdez dh	2	1	0	0
Totals	**28**	**8**	**6**	**6**

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
McLeod cf	3	0	0	0
Pena ss	1	0	0	0
Ramon p	3	0	0	0
McGuire rf	1	0	0	0
Nunley 2b	2	0	0	0
Haines 3b	1	0	0	0
Pollard c	2	0	0	0
Pendleton 1b	2	0	0	0
Dorsett rf	2	0	0	0
Totals	**17**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Permian	0	3	0	0	0	5—	8	6	0
Snyder	0	0	1	0	0	1—	0	0	4

DP - Permian 1. LOB - Permian 9, Snyder 5. 2B - Zimmerman.

Permian	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
D.Herrera	6	0	0	0	5	10
Snyder	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**
Ramon	5 1/3	5	7	3	5	11
Olvera	2/3	1	1	0	2	0

Lady Tigers pound Lady Lobos, 14-2

LEVELLAND — Heading into Tuesday's showdown with district rival Big Spring, the Snyder Lady Tigers used Saturday's contest to sharpen their offensive skills.

Snyder belted 16 hits and played steady defense Saturday to roll over the Levelland Lady Lobos, 14-2, in a District 4-4A softball match-up.

The victory improved Snyder's overall mark to 9-9, and 2-0 in league play. The Lady Tigers travel to Big Spring on Tuesday to take on the Lady Steers (2-0), with the winner grabbing the early lead in the district race.

"I think we have probably surprised a few people in our district, with the way we've started," said Snyder coach Shelly Hayes. "Since we graduated all of our pitchers from last year, a lot of people thought we might struggle."

The Lady Tigers didn't struggle a bit against Levelland.

Snyder jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first inning, before exploding for eight runs in the second.

A Cameron Mackey home run fueled the second-inning outburst, which put the game out of reach early. Mackey was 3-for-3 on the day, and Whitney Webb went 3-for-4.

"One reason we're playing so much better right now, is because of our hitting," Hayes stated. "The girls are making the right adjustments at the plate, and it's paying off. Then our defense is also playing well, and our pitching is holding up."

Freshman pitcher Kelsi Johnson worked all five innings for Snyder. Johnson surrendered six hits and two walks to go along with five strikeouts.

The Lady Tigers managed 16 hits without their leading hitter in the batting order. Sophomore Kira Diaz, who is hitting .515 on the year, didn't bat against the Lady lobos due to a deep bruise on her hand. Diaz did play in the field, and should be back in the order against the Lady Steers.

Tuesday's game gets underway in Big Spring at 4 p.m.

The Lady Tigers return home Friday to host Frenship at 7 p.m.

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Webb lf	4	3	2	1
Mackey cf	3	3	2	3
Fisk ss	4	2	3	2
Newman 1b	3	1	1	1
Freeman dh	4	1	1	0
Hernandez 2b	3	1	2	1
Robinson c	4	1	3	0
L.Martinez rf	3	1	1	0
Johnson p	3	1	1	1
Totals	**31**	**14**	**16**	**9**

Snyder	2	8	2	0	2—	14	16	2
Levelland	0	0	0	0	2—	2	6	5

HR - Mackey.

Snyder	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Johnson	5	6	2	2	2	5

SHS boys grab fourth place

SAN ANGELO — The final golf tournament before the opening of district competition should give the Snyder Tigers something to look forward to.

Snyder fired rounds of 316 and 299 to finish fourth in the talent-heavy San Angelo Golf Classic.

With the first round of the two-day event was held at Quicksand Golf Club, site of this year's Region I tournament, the region's top contenders were on hand for the event.

Snyder finished behind Wichita Falls Rider, Granbury and Southlake Carroll.

The Tigers were tied with Granbury for third place going into the final round, which was held at Riverside Golf Club.

Snyder carded the third-lowest round on Saturday, but couldn't keep up with Granbury's scorching 291.

Sophomore Zach Starnes led the Tigers with rounds of 77 and 73 for a two-day total of 150.

Clinton Calmes tallied an 80-72—152, while Landon Day came in with a 77-78—155. Brady Reed posted an 82-76—158, and Stafford Gray finished with an 84-83—167.

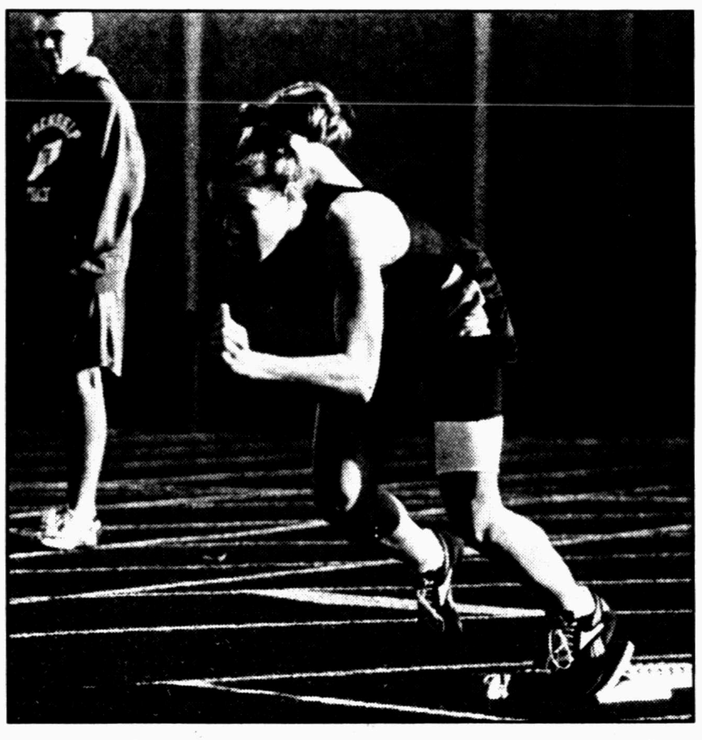
The San Angelo tournament was the Tigers' final tune-up before opening district competition March 26 at Levelland.

SAN ANGELO GOLF CLASSIC
Blue Division

Team standings: 1. Wichita Falls Rider 310-289—599, 2. Granbury 316-291—607, 3. Southlake Carroll 303-305—608, 4. Snyder 316-299—615, 5. Frenship 317-306—623, 6. Andrews 322-304—626, 7. Pampa 323-311—634, 8. Monahans 326-311—637, 8. Justin Northwest 332-305—637, 10. Lake View 337-307—644, 11. Borger 330-327—657, 12. Canyon Randall 342-317—659, 13. Big Spring 362-304—666, 14. Sonora 336-335—671, 15. Hereford 352-324—676, 15. Plainview 357-319—676, 17. North Crowley 364-322—686, 17. Canyon 366-320—686, 19. Brownwood 367-335—702, 20. Pecos 369-333—703.

Individual standings: 1. Eddie Rowe, Monahans, 72-71—143; 2. Parker Sullivan, WF Rider, 78-67—145; 3. Casey Jones, Granbury, 78-70—148; 4. Michael Snider, Southlake Carroll, 75-74—149; 4. Brandon Melville, Frenship, 76-73—149.

Snyder: Zach Starnes, 77-73—150; Landon Day, 77-78—155; Clinton Calmes, 80-72—152; Stafford Gray, 84-83—167; Brady Reed, 82-76—158.



A FLYING START — Snyder's Loryn Brown comes out of the blocks Saturday during the finals of the girls' 300 hurdles at the Canyon Reef Relays. (SDN Staff Photo)

Snyder girls ready for district

ANDREWS — In their final tournament before the district golf season gets underway, the Snyder Lady Tigers came up with their best effort of the year.

Snyder tallied its lowest tournament total of the season, carding rounds of 332 and 334 to finish third at the Andrews Invitational.

The Lady Tigers finished 17 strokes off the pace of first-place Andrews, and only seven shots behind Fort Stockton.

Andra Lancaster paced Snyder with rounds of 80 and 78 to finish in a three-way tie for low medalist. Lancaster won the individual title on the first playoff hole.

Kara Harrison posted an 84-81—165. Kellie Dodson turned in an 84-87—171, while Katie Kerley finished with an 84-88—172. Christan Curry came in with a 94-88—182, and Hailey Putnam registered a 98-86—184.

The Lady Tigers have this weekend off, before opening district competition March 24 at Big Spring.

Mavs match last year's victory total

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas coach Don Nelson never thought the Mavericks would have a chance to win 50 games this season.

Dallas won 40 game in 1999-00. This season, the Mavericks reached that mark with 19 games remaining as they beat the Los Angeles Clippers 111-93 Sunday.

"I never would have dreamed we'd do it this early, but I thought we'd pass it," Mavericks coach Don Nelson said of 40 wins. "I thought we'd probably get maybe 44-45 wins. I didn't think we'd have a chance for 50 like maybe we do.

"But if we keep playing at a high level, you just never know where it's going to lead."

Dirk Nowitzki scored 22 points, all in the first half, Juwan Howard had 20 points and 10 rebounds, and Steve Nash had 16 points and seven assists for Dallas, which won for the sixth time in seven games and reached the 40-win mark at the third-fastest pace in team history.

The 1987-88 Mavericks won 40 of their first 57 games, and the 1986-87 team needed 62 games to collect 40 victories.

Nowitzki got the Mavericks off to a roaring start, playing before a contingent of 30 from his hometown of Wurzburg, Germany. The group included a 20-piece band that played at halftime plus family and friends.

Nowitzki led the Mavericks to a 63-50 halftime advantage.

"It's good to get some international flavor in here," Nowitzki said. "It's nice when the fans from Germany get to come over. It's a lot of fun."

Nowitzki shot 9-of-11 from the field in the first half as the Mavericks hit 26 of their first 45 field goal attempts (57.8 percent). Nowitzki scored 10 points as Dallas assumed a 32-23 lead after the first quarter.

Howard continues to adapt to the Mavericks since he came over in a trade with the Washington Wizards on Feb. 22. Howard is getting used to Dallas' run-and-gun style, consistently filling a lane on the fast break.

"That's always been a strength of mine," said Howard, who went 8-for-16 from the field. "I just try to beat my opponent up the court."

NBA Glance

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
x-Philadelphia	47	16	.746	—
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New York	37	26	.587	10
Orlando	34	28	.548	12½
Boston	27	36	.429	20
New Jersey	22	43	.338	26
Washington	15	48	.238	32
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Milwaukee	38	24	.613	—
Charlotte	36	27	.571	2½
Toronto	35	29	.547	4
Indiana	27	34	.443	10½
Detroit	24	39	.381	14½
Cleveland	23	39	.371	15
Atlanta	19	45	.297	20
Chicago	11	50	.180	26½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
San Antonio	43	19	.694	—
Utah	43	19	.694	—
Dallas	40	23	.635	3½
Minnesota	37	26	.587	6½
Houston	35	29	.547	9
Denver	30	34	.469	14
Vancouver	20	44	.313	24
Pacific Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Sacramento	42	19	.689	—
Portland	42	21	.667	1
L.A. Lakers	41	21	.661	1½
Phoenix	37	25	.597	5½
Seattle	32	33	.492	12
L.A. Clippers	22	43	.338	22
Golden State	16	47	.254	27

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1981 tax cuts had major consequences

WASHINGTON (AP) — Twenty years ago a new president, Ronald Reagan, pushed through a giant tax cut that changed the course of the U.S. economy. Today, Republican supporters of President Bush's tax cuts view the earlier version as a model to emulate; most Democrats see it as a mistake that must not be repeated.

Both sides say a comparison between the 1981 tax cut and Bush's 10-year, $1.6 trillion plan go only so far. The economy was weaker when Reagan took over, the government was running budget deficits and the Cold War was still in full force.

That's why Republicans say a tax cut makes even more sense today in the new age of government surpluses and Democrats counter that, with baby boomers approaching retirement, the consequences could be even more dire.

Reagan's plan, passed with considerable Democratic support, provided $750 billion in tax cuts for individuals and businesses over six years. The top income tax rate for the wealthy was cut, over six years, from 70 percent to 28 percent.

Combined with a surge in spending for defense and other federal programs, the tax cut contributed to the federal deficit jumping from $58 billion in 1981 to $220 billion in 1986, and the long-term debt rising from $1 trillion at the start of Reagan's presidency to some $2.6 trillion at the end of it.

"It pains me to think that we may have learned nothing from our mistakes," Rep. Charlie Stenholm, D-Texas, who voted for the 1981 package but opposed the Bush plan, said in a speech on the House floor.

Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., ranking Democrat on the Senate Budget Committee, said in an interview that Bush's plan is more dangerous because this time the nation won't have time to recover before baby boomers retire and start consuming the Social Security and Medicare surpluses.

Medicare is now projected to go broke in 2009, "just at the end of (Bush's) second term. Some of us don't intend to leave that as our legacy," Conrad said.

Such doomsayers are out of line, said William Beach of the conservative Heritage Foundation: "The world is just entirely different."

Beach said the deficits of the '80s resulted from the need to rebuild the military and end the Cold War, very costly efforts to reform the U.S. banking system and, only thirdly, a lack of fiscal discipline by Congress.

"We were coming out of a real and definite recession and we were looking at rising deficits, not rising surpluses," said Scott Hodge of the conservative Tax Foundation. The federal surplus, if Social Security and Medicare trust funds are included, is projected to be $5.6 trillion over the next 10 years.

Supporters of Bush's plan also argue that, as measured against the gross domestic product — the total value of goods and services produced in the United States — it is far smaller than the Reagan tax cut or even President Kennedy's reduction in 1963. The National Taxpayers Union estimates Reagan's cut was 3.3 percent of a smaller economy, compared with 1.2 percent for Bush's plan.

The liberal Center on Budget and Policy Priorities figures the two plans to be much closer. It reports that Bush's is 1.5 percent of GDP and Reagan's was 2.1 percent if adjustments for inflation in the Reagan plan and a 1982 tax increase that scaled back part of the 1981 act are considered.

They are also similar, said Peter Orszag, the report's author, in that "the Reagan tax cuts resulted in a fiscal mess and the Bush tax cut," while it may not result in the same deficits, "is just as fiscally irresponsible."

Orszag and others see trouble ahead because they say the estimated $1.6 trillion cost of the Bush plan could go well above $2 trillion when added interest costs and pressures to increase tax relief are factored in.

Reagan had to deal in 1981 with a Democratic Congress that presumably was less willing to cut spending than today's GOP-led Congress. Bush supporters acknowledge that the impulse to spend tax dollars crosses party lines.

It's long overdue for lawmakers to rein in spending on agriculture, energy, housing and other programs, the Tax Foundation's Hodge said. "But we are already seeing some grousing" about Bush's attempts to keep spending down, he noted.

Reagan's plan was "linked to a set of promises regarding future budget policy that were not honored," said Henry Aaron, an economist with the liberal Brookings Institution. This time too, he said, there are a whole range of spending programs that have bipartisan support and — if the Bush plan is enacted as proposed — the possibility there won't be enough money to go around.

On the Net: National Taxpayers Union: http://www.ntu.org/
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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

The miraculous immune system

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please explain how our bodies fight off infection.

DEAR READER: None of us is aware of the remarkable microscopic battles raging within us every minute. We are constantly invaded by hordes of infectious microorganisms that enter our bodies from cuts and scratches, from the normal intestinal tract and from the respiratory system. Good health depends on an early warning system composed of blood cells whose major role is to act like janissary guards to repel these invaders.

Until recently, scientists had only a general idea of the ways in which blood cells destroy viruses and bacteria. However, new studies have probed the biochemical basis of our immune systems: Some findings are astonishingly revolutionary; others are surprisingly plebian.

One of the key players in this constant war is the macrophage, a large Rambo-like cell that enters the bloodstream after having been released from the bone marrow. Immature, inactive macrophages, called monocytes, randomly migrate throughout the body. Like amoebas, they are elastic and can change shape, enabling them to squeeze between the cells that line blood vessels and to penetrate tissue. Ever alert to subtle chemical changes in their environment, monocytes await a call-to-arms that changes them into tiny killing machines.

Initially, monocytes are attracted to a source of infection by substances secreted by bacteria or derived from the injury to healthy tissue. Once at the site of the infection, monocytes become activated and rapidly mature into macrophages. They enlarge and change their outer walls from a smooth contour to ruffled, highly sensitive membranes. They develop pseudopods: tiny false feet of cellular material that stick out like fuses on a floating mine. After activation, macrophages undergo a flurry of respiratory activity during which oxygen is converted to poisonous chemicals — such as hydrogen peroxide, collagenase, interleukin, and interferon — that are toxic to foreign tissue but not the to the body itself. The macrophage prepares to do battle.

Simultaneously, platoons of other infection-fighting blood cells — in particular, neutrophils, which are like minuscule commandos — are drawn to the inflammation. Like the larger macrophages, these cells are lethal because they contain granules, like grenades, composed of toxic enzymes, notably myeloperoxidase. In the past, scientists were uncertain how these enzymes crippled bacteria; elegant new studies have provided the answer.

The granules move to the outer portions of the neutrophils, where they are discharged in tiny bursts, like fire from semi-automatic weapons. Newly released myeloperoxidase is relatively inert; it doesn't cause injury to microorganisms. However, when combined with the hydrogen peroxide excreted by macrophages (and by neutrophils themselves), a violent chemical reaction ensues: The bonding of peroxidase and hydrogen peroxide produces hypochlorous acid, which readily destroys bacteria. You may be interested in learning that hypochlorous acid is the active ingredient in household bleach.

The most striking characteristic of this acid is that it causes no damage to normal tissue. This fact was amply demonstrated during World War I when doctors, before the discovery of antibiotics, treated infected wounds by cleansing them with buffered hypochlorous acid. This therapy decreased infection and gangrene, but until recently, scientists did not understand why.

Once again, nature seems to have anticipated our attempts to combat infection. With all the wondrously complex chemical reactions in the body, the most effective compounds remain naturally occurring, disarmingly simple substances: hydrogen peroxide and bleach. What's more, our macrophages and neutrophils are programmed to manufacture what we need when we need it. Now that's miraculous.

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Date Book

Monday, March 12, 2001
Today is the 71st day of 2001 1and the 82nd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1755, the first steam engine for industrial use in North America was put into service at a copper mine in North Arlington, N.J. Josiah Hornblower, a pioneering steam engineer, assembled and installed it after importing it from England.

On this day in 1912, the Girl Guides was founded by Juliette Gordon Low in Savannah, Ga. It was the first scouting organization for girls in the United States.

On this day in 1954, in Cranston, R.I., a bridge hand was dealt in which every player got a perfect hand — 13 cards of the same suit.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Vaslav Nijinsky (1890-1950), ballet dancer; Jack Kerouac (1922-1969), writer; Edward Albee (1928-), playwright, is 73; Andrew Young (1932-), U.S. politician, is 69; Al Jarreau (1940-), singer, is 61; Liza Minnelli (1946-), singer-actress, is 55; James Taylor (1948-), singer-songwriter, is 53.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1993, a ball hit by LPGA golfer Anne Marie Palli killed a flying duck, earning her a penalty.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "You gotta have a swine to show you where the truffles are." — Edward Albee, "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?"

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (March 9) and last quarter (March 16).

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Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -Morning stocks:

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	36.10	35.75	35.78	—.67
AOL TimeWrn	42.00	40.30	40.30	—2.57
AT&T Corp	23.15	22.75	23.04	—.57
Albertsons	28.23	27.65	27.78	—.92
Alltel	54.99	53.92	54.88	+.49
AmEl Pw	47.15	46.43	46.72	+.08
AndarkPtr	69.96	66.95	66.95	—3.57
ATMOS Egy	23.65	23.35	23.38	—.42
Aviall	7.25	7.14	7.22	—.03
BP Amoco	51.75	51.43	51.70	—.30
BakerHughes	44.15	43.00	43.10	—.97
Bank of Amer	52.25	51.66	51.99	—.51
BellSouth	42.00	41.06	42.00	+.49
Beth Steel	2.99	2.70	2.79	—.09
BurlNoSFe	30.10	29.82	29.90	—.09
Caterpillar	46.67	45.38	46.66	—.18
Chevron	92.74	91.83	92.29	—.49
Citigroup s	47.99	47.13	47.35	—1.78
CocaCola	51.20	50.03	51.20	—.30
ColgatePal	61.00	58.00	58.94	+.04
ComclMetals	26.00	25.96	25.96	
CooperIn	45.66	45.06	45.56	+.40
DaimlrChry	51.45	51.02	51.12	—.88
DallSemicn	31.88	31.19	31.59	—.95
DeltaAirl	44.39	43.79	44.12	—.26
Dillards Inc	18.99	18.45	18.96	
DowChem s	35.46	34.26	34.60	—1.05
DuPont	46.99	45.76	46.29	—.81
EastmanChem	53.45	52.73	53.02	—.86
EstKodak	44.98	44.31	44.50	—.42
EDS Corp	61.60	59.50	60.25	—2.45
Entergy	39.61	39.15	39.56	+.26
ExxonMobil	85.99	84.30	85.06	—.93
FstBksAm	22.00	22.00	22.00	
Flowers	17.13	16.91	16.99	—.12
GenDynam	71.95	70.80	70.90	—1.05
GenElec s	43.30	38.60	40.79	—3.02
GenMills	44.42	43.95	44.35	—.24
GenMotors	59.40	57.84	59.40	+.45
GaPacGP	32.01	31.40	31.55	—.56
GlobalMar	32.25	31.02	31.13	—.96
Goodrich	42.10	41.57	41.70	—.35
Goodyear s	27.11	26.42	26.60	—.75
GtAtlPac	10.00	9.89	10.00	+.14
Halliburtn	44.96	43.50	43.51	—1.00
Hanson ADS	32.20	31.90	32.20	+.25
HartleHanks	23.75	23.65	23.65	—.25
HomeDepot	43.98	43.00	43.87	—.65
Honeywellint	43.80	40.68	40.95	—3.03
IBM	98.40	95.50	95.76	—3.53
IntlPaper	39.98	39.07	39.29	—.69
JohnsonJn	97.00	95.82	96.41	—.29
K mart	9.46	9.30	9.33	—.27
Kroger Co	25.59	24.97	25.49	+.54
Litton	79.67	79.61	79.62	
LockheedM	38.65	38.21	38.30	—.26
Lowes Cos	62.01	61.41	61.60	—.87
Lubys	7.98	7.55	7.98	+.64
LucentTech	12.13	11.75	11.80	—.54
MayDeptStr	40.50	39.79	40.48	—.02
Medtronic	50.70	49.09	49.22	—1.28
Motorola s	15.52	14.96	15.00	—.55
NCR Corp	46.25	45.53	45.62	—.64
Navistar	27.60	27.25	27.40	—.30
Penney JC	17.50	16.86	17.01	—.74
PepBoys	6.91	6.50	6.60	—.26
PepsiCo	46.45	45.85	46.25	—.15
Pharmacia	51.60	50.40	51.39	+.20
PhelpDodge	49.49	49.05	49.31	—.58
PhilipPet	57.41	56.47	56.74	—.74
PilgrmPrd B	10.85	10.82	10.82	—.08
Polaroid	5.45	5.25	5.26	—.20
Praxair	48.95	48.10	48.53	—.37
ProctGamb	70.25	68.51	70.22	+1.08
PubS NwMx	25.60	25.29	25.49	+.21
RadioShack	42.30	41.90	42.11	—.89
ReliantEngy	42.37	41.90	42.06	+.14
RoyalDut	59.25	58.78	59.20	—.90
SBC Comm	46.00	44.44	46.00	+1.00
SaraLee	21.49	21.12	21.47	+.07
Scripps EW	63.63	63.30	63.60	+.24
SearsRoeb	40.35	39.65	40.30	—.30
SherwinW	26.73	26.37	26.46	—.05
SouthernCo	31.05	30.57	30.98	+.03
SwstAirl s	17.15	16.60	16.97	—.20
SprintFON	22.30	21.10	22.25	+.47
SprintPCS	20.90	20.00	20.36	—.76
Sunoco Inc	36.35	35.50	35.63	—.49
TXU Corp	41.37	40.80	40.93	—.25
TempleInland	49.76	48.90	49.16	—.85
Texaco	69.98	69.12	69.40	—.54
TexInd	30.95	30.70	30.91	+.21
TexasInst s	31.94	30.50	30.78	—1.97
Textron	57.80	57.10	57.75	—1.37
TriconGlbR	39.85	38.83	39.00	—.93
TrinityInds	21.32	20.98	21.06	—.41
TritonEngy	23.50	22.63	22.63	—1.22
TylerTech	1.25	1.10	1.21	—.14
USX-Marathn	29.99	28.79	29.04	—.31
USX-USS	17.05	16.34	16.50	—.35
UnionPacif	56.73	56.30	56.55	—.08
UnitedTech	81.21	79.95	80.30	—1.40
Unocal	37.80	36.57	36.91	—.86
Venator Grp	12.20	12.00	12.11	—.03
VerizonComm	48.44	47.15	48.37	+.63
WalMart	50.25	48.96	49.65	—1.13
WellsFargo	49.99	49.21	49.23	—1.26
WstnGasRs	33.70	31.55	31.71	—1.99
WinnDixie	26.50	26.30	26.50	+.26
Xerox Cp	6.53	6.41	6.49	—.21

Oil Patch News

Garza County

Texland Petroleum Inc. will drill the No. 405 Canyon Valley Forbes field unit, 14 miles north of Post. Planned for a depth of 3,550 feet, drill site is in the T&T Railway survey.

George R. Brown Partnership will drill the No. San Andres Deep unit in the Garza field within the Post city limits. Planned for a depth of 3,780 feet, location is in EL&RR survey.

Howard County

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No.2874W-E in the Snyder field, eight miles southeast of Coahoma. Planned for a depth of 3,700 feet, location is in Section 28, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Southwest Royalties Inc. will drill the No. 3-12-3 Powell in the Signal Peak field, five miles south of Coahoma. Location is in Section 12, Block 31, T1S, T&P survey.

Triolgy Operating Inc. will drill the No. 1 Iden, a 10,500-foot wildcat located two miles west of Luther. Location is in Section 16, Block 32, T2N, T&P survey.

Nolan County

Cottonwood Petroleum will drill the No. 1 Davis in the Nolan County Regular field, six miles east of Maryneal. Planned for a depth of 3,999 feet, location is in Section 165, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Chisholm Operating will drill the No. 1 Brooks in the Mulberry Canyon field, six miles northeast of Nolan. Planned depth is 4,300 feet, and location is in T&P survey.

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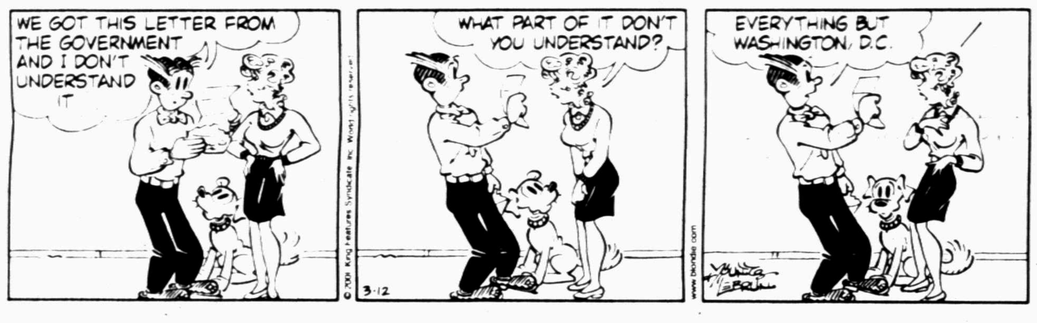

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ACROSS

1 Model Lauren —
7 Medicinal root
13 Sedative
14 Forceful person
15 Swell out
16 Before this time
17 Single
18 Hesitation sounds
20 Kind of curve
21 Small French bagpipe
25 Old-time comedian Jimmy —
28 Open a brooch
32 Kate Nelligan movie
33 Authority
34 Breathing organs
35 Fabric used as a theater drop
36 Serve soup
37 "The — Falcon"
39 Breathes out
41 Genetic abbr.
44 Doctrine
45 Neighbor of Mex.
48 Booed and — (expressed disapproval)
51 Lots and lots
54 Defy
55 Backbones
56 Squanders
57 Apartment dweller, often

DOWN

1 Vagrant
2 — — arms (angry)
3 Flooring piece
4 1960 chess champion Mikhail —
5 Ear (comb. form)
6 Latest
7 I.e., in full
8 Unit of light
9 Opposite of WSW
10 Walking stick
11 "Famous" cookiemaker
12 Daunts
19 Dakota Indian
21 Mutilate
22 Like some clothing
23 Scuffle
24 Passes (laws)
25 Farmer's place?
26 Hawaiian food fish
27 Tear
29 Pile of combustibles
30 Egyptian goddess
31 Seaport in Alaska
37 Holiday suffix
38 Nearly
40 Secretes
41 Arab vessel
42 Thatch palm
43 Snakes
45 Forearm bone
46 Looked at
47 Aide (abbr.)
49 Hard drinker
50 "Brooklyn" end
52 Unclose (poet.)
53 Clatter

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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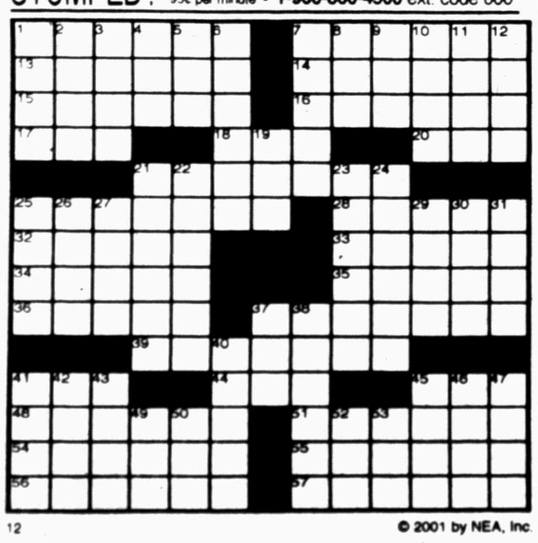

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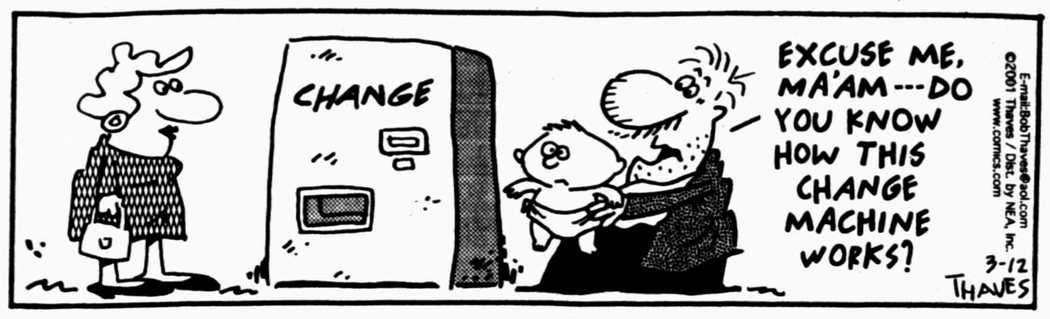

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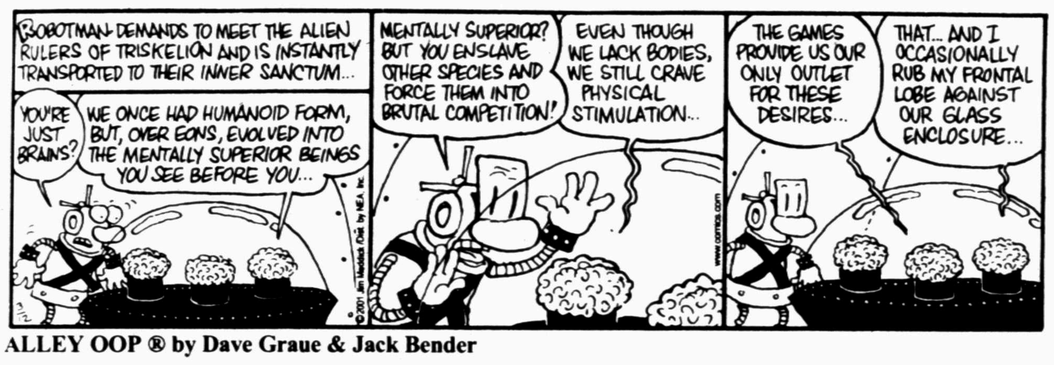

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

GOP: Tax adjustment possible

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two key GOP lawmakers are suggesting an alternative to a plan by moderate Democrats and Republicans for a "trigger" that would tie tax cuts to surpluses.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., and Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, raised the possibility Sunday that Congress could make a "midcourse" adjustment to President Bush's 10-year, $1.6 trillion tax cut if the projected surpluses don't materialize.

The shift in thinking is apparently intended to win support from reluctant centrists of both parties. The suggestion came two days after Bush indicated he might be willing to compromise and followed a poll that found Americans would overwhelmingly support a tax cut if it were automatically scaled back in the absence of a surplus.

Bush has opposed automatic triggers, which would make tax cuts contingent on reaching goals in paying down the debt or having a certain level of surplus money available each year.

Tax relief passed the Republican-controlled House last week with little support from Democrats, whose help will be crucial if Bush's plan is to pass in a Senate that is evenly split between Republicans and Democrats.

Lott said a trigger would inevitably undo the tax cuts. But he suggested an alternative.

"I think that if you put a waiver in there for the president or if you had some sort of a midcourse adjustment opportunity where you sort of look at what's happening and set up a process — but a trigger, which is automatic, it's sort of like, now you see it, now you don't," Lott said on "Fox News Sunday."

He did not elaborate on how such an adjustment would work.

The trigger idea was proposed by Sens. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, and Evan Bayh, D-Ind., and several moderate Republican senators have joined the effort, including Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island and Susan Collins of Maine. Among the Democrats supporting it are Dianne Feinstein of California and Mary Landrieu of Louisiana.

An NBC-Wall Street Journal poll released last week found that 73 percent of Americans would support a tax cut if tied to surpluses.

Gramm, who sits on the Senate Budget and Finance committees, said a trigger would risk putting a financial straitjacket on the country. But like Lott, he appeared open to compromise.

"I think we can come up with a way of giving Congress an expedited consideration of something like a midcourse correction, but we can't lock the country into a straitjacket," he told NBC's "Meet the Press." "It is a workable, responsible alternative.

Mischief, theft reported at college golf course

• ***Golf course damage***

Officers were called to Western Texas College at 9:24 a.m. Sunday in reference to damage and thefts at the golf course.

Three pins were stolen from three different holes and several different signs around the course were taken.

In addition, a sign was torn from a pole, and greens 7, 8 and 9 were damaged.

Reports for Class B criminal mischief and Class A theft were filed. Representatives requested a close patrol of the college campus.

• ***Theft***

Hector Rodriguez reported an air compressor stolen at 1:23 p.m. Sunday from the 2600 block of Avenue K.

• ***Burglary***

Holly Sawyer called police at 3:15 p.m. Saturday to report that her purse had been stolen out of her vehicle.

• ***Loud music***

Officers contacted a man at 6:08 p.m. Saturday concerning a complaint of loud music from the man's residence.

Two different calls came in to dispatchers at 1:04 a.m. Sunday reporting a music disturbance in the 2700 block of Avenue Y.

• ***Bicycle found***

A bicycle was found in the 2200 block of 40th Street at 3:21 p.m. Sunday and brought to the police department.

• ***Runaways***

A mother reported her two sons, ages 16 and 17, as runaways at 7:20 p.m. Sunday.

At 11:04 p.m. Sunday, a mother called police to report that her 11-year-old son had not returned home. An offense report for runaway was taken.

• ***Arrests***

At 5:37 p.m. Saturday, a 19-year-old man was arrested on outstanding warrants from Tom Green County for speeding and failure to appear.

A 25-year-old man was taken into custody for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated, failure to identify and a warrant for public intoxication.

Kenneth Ray White, 48, of 7339 18th Street in Lubbock was jailed for felony driving while intoxicated Sunday. He was arrested at 8:39 p.m. and also had Taylor County warrants for bond forfeiture on an original charge of DWI and failure to identify as a fugitive from justice.

Calf sale set Saturday

Scurry County Coliseum will be the site of the Rana Mier club calf sale this week with livestock being brought to the coliseum beginning Wednesday.

The actual sale will be held Saturday in the coliseum annex beginning at 10:30 in the morning.

Tobacco pact in Texas not helping plans to cut smoking

DALLAS (AP) — Texas' use of funds from a multibillion-dollar tobacco settlement has fallen short of reducing teen smoking, producing safer cigarettes or changing business practices of cigarette manufacturers, according to analysts.

Of more than $2 billion paid so far to state and county officials, less than one-half of one percent has been used to fight youth smoking, officials said.

Former Texas Attorney General Dan Morales, who filed the tobacco lawsuit, told The Dallas Morning News in Monday's editions it is "disappointing" that only $1 of every $215 paid to the state by the industry goes to prevent youth smoking and adult cessation programs.

Morales defended the settlement he negotiated in January 1998 as "the best we could under the restrictions we faced."

Forty other states also sued cigarette makers, seeking reimbursement from companies for the costs of treating sick smokers. Mississippi has spent four times more money to combat teen-age tobacco use during the last two years, though Texas' settlement was five times more money than Mississippi's, or about $17.3 billion.

"Texas has not lived up to the promises it made in settling the tobacco lawsuit," Mississippi Attorney General Mike Moore, who led the fight against the industry, said.

Obituaries

Joe League

1917-2001

Masonic graveside service for Joseph L. "Joe" League is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in Hillside Memorial Gardens. The Rev. Miller Robinson, retired Baptist minister, will officiate, assisted by Dr. Tommy Culwell, pastor of the Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Joe League

Mr. League, 83, died Saturday, March 10, in San Angelo after a lengthy illness.

Born March 29, 1917 in Longview, he grew up there and married Gertrude English on April 3, 1936 in Tyler.

Mr. League went to work in the oilfields when he was 20 years old with Strubie Oil Company. He then began work with General Crude, making 82 cents an hour as a roughneck. He retired after 46 years as regional drilling superintendent for General Crude and Mobil.

Mr. League's work also took him to New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Montana, North and South Dakota, Kansas and Oklahoma.

A resident of Snyder since 1972, he was a Master Mason and Shriner. He was a member of the Hamlin Masonic Lodge 958, and a member of Colonial Hill Baptist Church. An avid golfer, he was a member of the Snyder Country Club.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Earl and Paul League.

Survivors include his wife, Gertrude League of Snyder; a son and daughter-in-law, Joe and Bette League of San Angelo; two sisters, Lois Moore of Longview and Bessie Cain of Jacksboro; a brother, Morgan League of Lonoke, Ark.; and two grandsons.

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William Harris

1914-2001

JAYTON - William Albert Harris, the father of Joyce Dunn of Snyder, died Sunday, March 11, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Funeral service for Mr. Harris, 86, is set for 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Jayton Church of Christ with Garth Gregory officiating. Burial will follow in the Jayton Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 14, 1914 in Bonds Chapel in Kent County, he married Amanda King on Sept. 16,1946 in Jayton. She died in 1998.

A resident of Girard and a member of the Jayton Church of Christ, Mr. Harris was a lifelong resident of Kent County where he farmed until his retirement.

Survivors include another daughter, Helen Kimbell of Fort Worth; a brother, Milton Harris of Lamesa; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Vincent Brown

1918-2001

SAN ANGELO — Vincent O. Brown, brother-in-law of Frank Miller of Snyder, died Friday, March 9, in San Antonio.

Funeral service for Mr. Brown, 82, will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Coker United Methodist Church. The Rev. John Gibbs will officiate. Interment with full military honors will follow in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. Sunset Funeral Home in San Angelo is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Brown was born Sept. 9, 1918 in Dilley. He retired after 20 years of service in the U.S. Air Force, and later retired after 20 years as a teacher.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Julia Brown; a son, Michael Brown and his wife, Marilyn; a daughter, Suzanne Shook; two sisters, Annie J. Roberts and Cecil Staudt; all are of San Antonio; and five grandchildren.

Memorials may be directed to Coker United Methodist Church or to VITAS Hospice.

Clifford Mitchell

1945-2001

ROTAN — Clifford Odiss Mitchell, 56, died Sunday night at his home.

Service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Weatherbee Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. James Brigham officiating. Burial will be Friday at the Anson Cemetery.

Mr. Clifford was the father of Tim Mitchell and Bryant Mitchell, and the grandfather of Ryan, Brittany, Samantha and Bryana Mitchell, all of Snyder.

He was born on Jan. 25, 1945 to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Mitchell in Stamford. He married Cecilia Mitchell on Nov. 15, 1993 in Rotan. He had been a prison guard at the Price Daniel Unit for seven years. He was also a member of the First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, John Mitchell, and his first wife, Wanda Sue Thomas Mitchell, in 1983.

He is survived by his second wife, Cecelia Mitchell; one daughter, Tonya L. Reynolds of Dyess AFB; three sisters, Martha Brockman of Stamford, Patsy Branch of Hamlin, Joyce May of Abilene; two other grandchildren, Tara Offield of Hamlin, Kyrie Offield of Dyess AFB; five step-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: March 11-Mary Woods, Ysidro Estrada, Juanita Ford, Daniela Garcia, Lucille Joyce and Tabitha Zamora.

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ONGOINGS

Bible study tapes

Bible study videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 tonight 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.

Hermleigh one-act

Hermleigh High School will present its one-act entry, *Daddy's Dyin' (Who's Got the Will?)* at 6 p.m. Friday in the high school auditorium. Ice cream will also be sold. The zone one-act play contest will be next Monday at Westbrook.

Ira sophomore fundraiser

Ira sophomore class will hold a fundraiser from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday 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.

8th grade party planning

All parents of 8th graders are invited to a meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday at Tiger Health and Fitness to plan the 8th grade party. For more information, call 573-7205.

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 plus 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

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.

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.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information, call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakely Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Discovery School registration

Registration for summer Discovery School at First United Methodist Church is underway. The session is for June and July. Registration will continue until classes are filled. Summer hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for children ages six weeks through five years. For more information, call 573-4770.

Service held for school shooting victim

LAKESIDE, Calif. (AP) — Bryan Zuckor, one of two teens killed during a shooting rampage at Santana High School, was remembered by family and friends as a boy with a daredevil streak and a warm smile for everyone he met.

Hundreds filed past his bicycle with a silver helmet hanging from the handlebars as they mourned the 14-year-old boy Sunday at Community Presbyterian Church.

"You may have heard reports this week that Bryan dreamed of being a stuntman," the Rev. Bob Mentze told mourners.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, March 13, 2001

Chances are in the year ahead you'll finally shed the notion that fortuitous things can happen for others but not for you. You're the one who everybody will be ending up envying.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It's time to let go of an intrinsic desire you've been sheltering which, in reality, you know its possibilities for fulfillment are long gone. Get on with your life with something else.

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.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It's good to be focused on a goal, but don't be so targeted today that you have no thought for those who are helping you. Be sure to acknowledge their input and express some gratitude.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) There's only one person you should count on, and that is yourself. If you expect others to do for you what you should being doing for yourself, you're going to be sorely disappointed today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Harboring a grudge is always a major mistake, and today you could prove that to be true by shunning the very person who can help you out of a mess you've gotten yourself into. It's your loss.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) The only thing holding you back from success today is continuing to interpret things darkly and foreseeing trouble where none exists. Turn that mood around.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If your focus today is narrowed on only one objective, you might not see all the bulls-eyes you could hit that are around you. Open your mind to peripheral targets.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be careful today not to divide your attention to the point that you befuddle your mind. It's okay to have a lot on your plate, but digest one morsel at a time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You're able to distinguish between doing things the hard way and doing things the easy way, yet today you may knowingly make everything tough on yourself because of a closed mind.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't stew over not being able to finalize a matter today that you want to get out of the way. Concentrate on what you can do so that you'll at least get something done.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you turn your life into a military installation where no one around you is allowed to think for him or herself, your harsh commands and rules will hamper creativity from contributors.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You can marshal your negative thoughts to vanquish failures and replace them with positive thoughts to achieve victories today. The mind is a remarkable mechanism that will perform either.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) The reason you may not be able to get into a position today to capitalize on your opportunities is because you might refuse to believe they exist, even though they're in front of your face.

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100,000 students expected to visit South Padre Island

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND (AP) — For merchants on South Padre Island, spring break means tens of thousands of rowdy high school and college students who like to spend their week off from school partying and having fun on the island.

It also means a lot more business.

Some schools had spring break last week, and business owners said so far there have been fewer students in their stores than in years past.

But it's this week — "Texas Week" — that the real crush of students is expected.

More than 100,000 students are expected this week for fun and sun in a community that has spent months preparing for spring break.

"It's slower than it should be, but they've been good kids. We've had no rowdiness, no problems, but they're just not buying," said Bob Patterson, the owner of Sun-N-Fun. "I think it's a lack of numbers ... but we're hoping for a good Texas Week, so we'll see what happens."

This year, the island has stepped up its emphasis on law enforcement, traffic control and a zero tolerance policy toward illegal drugs.

In response to problems with cruising and public consumption of alcohol, town aldermen enacted a loitering ordinance and a ban on open containers in the town's central business district.

The ordinance, passed last April, allows officers to arrest anyone who, when requested, refuses to show an ID or move.

Friday, to stop endless cruising, officials began installing temporary fencing in the center lane of the main route. The fence, which is scheduled to remain in place for 10 days, will restrict left hand turns on the lower blocks of Padre Boulevard. Traffic lights in the Four Corners area have been installed.

Officials said they hope the lights will facilitate traffic flow off the causeway and into town.

Car plunges over 350-foot cliff; man survives 2 nights

SANTA ROSA, Calif. (AP) — A man spent two cold nights alone in his car after it plunged 350 feet over a seaside cliff and wedged into a dense ravine.

James Sloan, 72, suffered cuts and bruises and was in stable condition in a hospital Sunday.

Sloan left home Thursday to buy tires in Santa Rosa. His wife reported him missing Saturday, and he was rescued that day by a Sonoma County Sheriff's Department helicopter.

The vehicle apparently tumbled down the cliff in a treacherous area along Highway 1 called Highpoint, Deputy Dan Peccorini said.

It caught on an area of heavy brush. Within a few feet on either side was a straight drop into the Pacific Ocean.

Paramedics said Sloan was awake but very confused.

"I think he passed beyond the panic and scared state and was just really calm," Peccorini said. "I don't think he would have made it through another night."

Temperatures in the area were in the 40s and 50s.

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