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CEO list trimmed

The last of five scheduled interviews for the vacant chief executive officer's position at Cogdell Memorial Hospital was held Wednesday night.

Following a two-hour interview with Carol Hanes of Linden, the board agreed to invite her and Comanche Hospital CEO Evan Moore back to Snyder for a follow-up interview.

These interviews are tentatively set for March 22-23.

In all, the board met for over three hours with chairman Dink Foree presiding.

All board members were present to include Bo Robinson, Dr. Charles Church, Mark Cullifer, Wade Warren and Terry Williams.

Also present was Cheryl Chance, the hospital's director of nurses and acting administrator.

The CEO's position has been vacant since Covenant Health Systems terminated its management agreement with Scurry County and Cogdell Hospital in November.

SLIDIN' INTO SPRING — Brittnee Anderson took full advantage of Wednesday afternoon's warm temperatures to enjoy the playground at Towle Memorial Park. (SDN Staff Photo by Annie Rowe)

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Annie Rowe

Monday night I attended the first town hall meeting about crime and clean up. About 30 residents were present and the commonality was the welfare of Snyder.

The forum resulted in many positive ideas for improvement.

But one thing came up that I was a little bothered by. A resident spoke up and actually said that he didn't like to call the police department because his name would be recorded on the blotter and ultimately, go into the newspaper.

I didn't have the opportunity to address the audience at the time, so I'm seizing my opportunity now.

First of all, a police report is not exclusive to Snyder Daily News. Newspapers all across the nation run it on a regular basis. Pick up any publication from any of our neighboring communities and you'll see the police activity from either the night or week before.

The reason that a newspaper is allowed to print police reports is because of a little ol' thing called the First Amendment and believe me, that's a whole 'nuther column.

The resident further stated that if his name is seen, he's afraid of retaliation.

Well, for you frequent police report readers, you know that there are only certain circumstances for which we will run a name or a specific house number. SDN is one of the few newspapers that will take pains to protect information. Read a Houston police report sometime. You'll know the victims, their cars and the color of their socks.

But, on the other hand, I understand his point of view. However, if Monday's meeting taught us anything it's that we can't be afraid when we face these petty criminals.

My two kids and I had an incident happen about two weeks ago. We had been out on a Saturday night and arrived home rather late. All the restaurants were closed so we opted to cook a very late supper. Suddenly there was a loud knock at our door. Blue, my son, went to open it, leaving the chain on. The man told him that he wanted to come in. He, of course, told the man no and asked him to leave. He walked back out into the street and began screaming obscenities. I don't know why. I suppose he was ticked because we weren't up for a party.

Blue picked up the phone and dialed the police department. It took, I swear, less than 45 seconds for an officer to arrive. The drunk hid in the bushes. We could see where he was hiding from our front window so Blue gave directions to the dispatcher who then relayed the information to the officer.

Snyder's finest had the fellow cuffed and stuffed in no time and the three of us cheered.

Needless to say, we were wide-awake again.

The reality is that situations like this one and worse are happening in our town. So one has to wonder if it's the time to even think about whether or not one's identity will end up in the newspaper.

Andrew Jackson said, "Take time to deliberate; but when the time for action arrives, stop thinking and go on."

If you see *anything* suspicious, stop thinking and make the call. If you want to remain anonymous, you may. Our law enforcement will do everything possible to protect you. Don't wait thirty minutes to call. Call immediately. The toll-free number is 9-1-1.

Total Primary Votes

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY	Votes	%
U.S. PRESIDENT		
George W. Bush	1,019	90.25%
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 11		
Bill Lester	194	17.18%
Mike Conaway	752	66.80%
STATE SENATOR, DISTRICT 28		
Robert Duncan	797	70.59%
STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 72		
Scott Campbell	866	76.70%
DISTRICT JUDGE, 132ND DISTRICT		
Ernie B. Armstrong	929	82.28%
DISTRICT ATTORNEY, 132ND DISTRICT		
Dana W. Cooley	927	82.10%
COUNTY ATTORNEY		
Michael W. Hartman	899	79.62%
COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR		
Magali Bernal	442	39.14%
Jana Young	678	60.05%
PCT. 1 COMMISSIONER		
Terry Williams	88	71.54%
PCT. 3 COMMISSIONER		
Howard Limmer	336	74.17%
REPUBLICAN COUNTY CHAIRMAN		
Drew Bullard	878	77.76%

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY	Votes	%
U.S. PRESIDENT		
Randy Crow	2	.61%
Al Sharpton	2	.61%
Wesley K Clark	9	2.75%
John Edwards	41	12.53%
John F. Kerry	224	68.50%
Dick Gephardt	4	1.22%
Howard Dean	5	1.52%
Dennis J. Kucinich	2	.61%
Joe Lieberman	5	1.52%
Lyndon H. Larouche, Jr.	3	.91%
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 11		
Wayne Raasch	241	73.70%
STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 72		
Jeri Slone	252	77.06%
COUNTY SHERIFF		
Darren Jackson	296	90.51%
PCT. 1 COUNTY COMMISSIONER		
Ralph Trevey	58	68.23%
PCT. 3 COUNTY COMMISSIONER		
Susie White	61	83.56%
COUNTY CHAIRMAN		
Janet Stribling	277	84.70%

Perry wants property tax limits

HOUSTON (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry wants to cut property taxes for homeowners by limiting appraisal increases and putting a cap on the amount of money raised from property taxes.

Perry's proposal, a reform to the so-called "Robin Hood" school financing system in Texas, was being unveiled at appearances today in Houston and San Antonio.

The governor's office, in a statement previewing his appearances, noted that one of his goals in any special legislative session on education reforms would be to "provide real, meaningful and lasting property tax relief."

It is reported, the proposal, which would need legislative approval, includes a limit on annual appraisal increases, perhaps as low as 3 percent. The cap is now 10 percent.

Another key aspect of the plan would be a new limit on growth in property tax revenues tied to a factor like inflation. And it would require voter approval to override the limit.

Local property taxes are a key source of local government revenue and pay for about 60 percent of public education costs in the state.

The Texas House last year approved a measure that would have limited annual appraisal increases to 5 percent. The bill, however, opposed by cities and counties, died in the Senate.

Boosts in appraised values have been a major factor in driving up property tax bills.

On Wednesday, the Joint Select Committee on Public School Finance outlined its goals for a special session, which Perry has said he may call this spring. The panel wants property tax relief of at least 50 cents per $100 assessed valuation.

To make up for as much as $8 billion that would be lost to schools from lower property taxes, the committee is considering options that include sales taxes on consumer services, a business activity tax, a cigarette tax increase and expanded gambling.

Long-range facilities report on SISD agenda

Snyder school trustees will view the district's long-range strategic facilities report when they meet at 6 p.m. today.

The study was conducted by Total Program Management (TPM) of Fort Worth at a cost of $13,000.

Trustees also will review the bids that were opened Wednesday afternoon for heating and cooling updates for Snyder High School buildings not connected to the main facility.

These buildings include the student center and library, biology/science building, band hall and CVAE building. Funding for the projects are expected to come from budgeted funds and maintenance tax notes.

Trustees also will approve contract extensions for teachers and accept staff resignations.

Letters of resignation have been received from Linda Cozart, resource teacher at Stanfield; Carolyn Hamby in the pre-school program for children with disabilities at West; Neoma Harlin, second grade teacher at Stanfield; Carolyn Martin, second grade at Stanfield; Patti Palmer, reading teacher at West; and Jo Ann Williams, sixth grade at West.

Trustees also will review the financial report and the report from the textbook committee.

Bank robber back in court

A 28-year-old Ballinger man, convicted of the robbery of the Rowena branch of West Texas State Bank, will be sentenced Friday morning in U.S. District Court in Lubbock.

Darin Heath West was found guilty last December on three counts to include aggravated robbery and kidnapping.

A total of $210,900 was taken in the heist early on the morning of Aug. 5 when West confronted a bank teller as she was opening the bank.

Armed with a pistol, the man forced the teller into the bank, took the money and fled in the teller's vehicle. That vehicle was abandoned a short distance from the bank and he got into a second one parked at the Rowena Gin.

West was arrested the next day in a routine check of a suspicious vehicle in Dickinson in Galveston County.

The vehicle had been rented in West's name and contained the weapon and most of the money from the bank still in WTBS wrappers. Recovered was $203,160.

The conviction carries a maximum sentence of 30 years in prison.

It's time for spring break

Snyder and Ira students will be out of class next week for spring break.

SISD students will go to class all day Friday and dismiss at the regular time, while Ira students will be dismissed at 1:15 p.m. Friday and buses will run at that time.

Western Texas College students also will be out of class next week as dorms will close on campus at 2 p.m. Friday and re-open at 2 p.m. March 21.

Hermleigh ISD is observing spring break this week and will resume classes on Monday.

ASK US

Q—When is the SHS Jr-Sr Prom?
A—Saturday, April 17.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Rosanna Gutierrez...

...was born and reared in Snyder. The mother of Zerick Gutierrez, 11, she enjoys cleaning her house and attending her son's baseball games.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Secure an education at any cost.
—Booker T. Washington

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

First Baptist support group

First Baptist Church sponsors a support group for persons facing difficulties – including cancer, divorce, grief, etc. It meets on the first floor Adult 6 Department at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month.

WTC GED testing dates

Western Texas College has scheduled GED testing dates, the next set for Friday and registration is from 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. today. The remaining dates are March 26, April 16 and April 30. To take the test or for more information contact Betty Thompson at 573-2310 or Emily Hataway 573-8511, ext. 297 or 574-2112. It is recommended that candidates receive some preparation before attempting the test.

FBC sets program for women

Joanne Wallace will speak at the First Baptist Church at 7 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Admission is free. Childcare will be available on Saturday only.

What's up guidelines

Items for What's Up will be published twice at no charge, the day before and the day of the event. Events or activities requiring additional publicity will be referred to the advertising department where a special non-profit rate is available.

Election problems stir up bad memories

By the Associated Press

Florida elections workers counted ballots by hand — again — on Wednesday after improperly coded ballots appeared to give former presidential candidate Rep. Dick Gephardt a decisive win in one Panhandle county.

When the count was completed late in the day, Sen. John Kerry was shown to be the easy victor in Bay County, just as he was statewide in Tuesday's Democratic primary.

On the other end of the country, a report Wednesday found that a computer battery problem affected about 40 percent of polling stations in San Diego County, Calif., delaying and frustrating voters who lined up to cast electronic ballots in last week's primary.

The problem occurred during the largest rollout of an electronic voting system by any local jurisdiction in the nation. Officials believe an unknown number of people did not cast votes because of the frustration caused by the malfunction.

San Diego County, like others across the state and country, was forced to change its election system because of the 2000 presidential fiasco in Florida.

With Kerry the presumptive Democratic nominee, the glitch in Florida on Tuesday did not affect the outcome of the state's primary. But it created new embarrassment in a state that became the butt of jokes for the 2000 election and ran into more voting problems in 2002.

Bay County Supervisor of Elections Mark Andersen withheld the presidential primary results about a half hour after the polls closed Tuesday because of the strange surge by Gephardt, who dropped out of the race in January.

With most precincts tabulated, the Missouri congressman was shown to be leading Kerry by a 2-to-1 ratio. He received 1 percent statewide, last among the nine candidates on the ballot, while Kerry received 77 percent.

But when the hand count was done, Kerry finished first in the county with 5,754 votes. John Edwards was next with 2,363. Gephardt was last among the nine candidates with 127 votes.

Bay County officials found that a coding system was incorrectly printed on the ballots. In the optical scanner system, voters use a pencil to mark their selections, which are then counted by machine.

"No vote was lost; every vote was counted," Secretary of State Glenda Hood said. "I don't think it in any way creates any significant concerns for future elections."

Officials were expected to finish recounting the ballots by hand later Wednesday.

In 2000, Democrat Al Gore contested Republican George W. Bush's narrow win in Florida, arguing that some votes were not counted because of problems such as partly punched, or "hanging," chads on punch-card ballots. Recounts conducted in some Florida counties were stopped by the U.S. Supreme Court after 36 days, handing Bush a 537-vote victory in Florida that gave him enough electoral votes to win the presidency.

The state also encountered voting machine glitches and other problems in the 2002 Democratic primary election. The president's brother, Gov. Jeb Bush, took the extraordinary step of ordering polls to stay open two hours longer than usual to make sure everyone got a chance to vote.

Florida has passed uniform standards for determining voter intent, adopted state-of-the-art technology and now leads the nation in election reform, said Kay Clem, president of the Florida Association of Supervisors of Elections.

But in a state with 9.3 million voters and 20,000 poll workers, Clem said, "Somebody is going to have a hiccup somewhere."

Diebold Election Systems, the maker of the electronic voting machines, is trying to determine the root of the problem in San Diego.

Determining Martha Stewart sentence is a complex process

NEW YORK (AP) — Whether Martha Stewart spends any time behind bars or is allowed to serve at least part of her sentence in her own well-appointed home depends largely on a bulky set of rules as controversial as they are complex.

Federal guidelines, adopted in 1987 and altered nearly every year since, turn criminal sentencing into an intricate process that combines mathematics with a legal tug-of-war.

The home-decorating entrepreneur and her former stockbroker, Peter Bacanovic, were convicted Friday of lying to investigators about why Stewart sold 3,928 shares of ImClone Systems stock.

Stewart was convicted of four crimes that, under the law, carry a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison. But because of the guidelines, there was never a risk Stewart would serve even close to that much time.

The specific crimes — conspiracy, obstruction of justice and twice making false statements — fall under Level 12, which means a judge could sentence her to 10 to 16 months in prison.

In a Level 12 sentence, at least half must be served in prison. But the judge could allow Stewart to spend the other half confined to her home, probably wearing an ankle bracelet or other electronic monitor.

Then again, federal probation officials or U.S. District Judge Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum could decide that Stewart caused "substantial interference with the administration of justice" by lying about the stock sale.

That would bump the crimes up to Level 15, punishable by up to two years in prison. Anything higher than Level 12 eliminates the chance that Stewart can serve any part of her sentence in home confinement.

"It's huge for her," said David Beneman, an expert on the guidelines who practices law in Portland, Maine. "If she is at Level 13 or higher, she's stuck in prison."

On the flip side, if Stewart's lawyers convince the judge she played only a minor role in the conspiracy she could be dropped to Level 10.

Today's chuckle

Two soldiers who met in Iraq to wed

MEDFORD, Ore. (AP) — The trip down the aisle for Drew Morgan and Kristi Grant began in combat boots and carrying sidearms in the Army's 18th Military Police Brigade.

In a war that has cost some 550 American lives and wounded nearly 3,000, the two met last summer and survived everything from roadside bombs to mortar attacks.

"Yeah, there were a couple of little things here and there we had to worry about," said Spec. 4 Morgan, 21, who is scheduled to marry Grant in Shady Cove on Tuesday.

Both soldiers went into Iraq when the war started, eventually ending up in Baghdad. The brigade returned to its home base in Germany late last month.

The two met one July night in an Iraqi police station where he was on duty. Her unit stopped by during a routine patrol.

"I asked him if I could smoke in the building because I didn't want to go outside," said Grant, 26.

He told her it was fine with him, and they struck up a conversation while looking at some photographs he had taken of Iraq.

That pleasant interlude in the midst of war left each of them looking for the other after that initial meeting. "He was waiting at the IP (Iraq police) station each night, hoping I'd come by," she said.

They met again in October. Then, one night, "He took me up on top of the palace roof to propose," she said. "It was wonderful."

The 24-carat gold ring he gave her was hand-fashioned by an Iraqi. On the inside are the words, "All My Love K&D."

World Almanac

Thursday, March 11, 2004

Today is the 71st day of 2004 and the 81st day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1888, the "Great Blizzard" hit the northeastern U.S., first with torrential rains, then with plunging temperatures and heavy snow - as much as 40 to 50 inches in some areas - resulting in over 400 deaths.

In 1941, President Roosevelt signed the "Lend-Lease" bill, allowing the United States to aid its allies — most notably England — in fighting the Axis powers.

In 1993, the Senate unanimously confirmed Janet Reno as U.S. attorney general, the first woman to hold this office.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Mercer Ellington (1919-1996), bandleader/composer; Rupert Murdoch (1931-), media magnate, is 73; Sam Donaldson (1934-), TV journalist, is 70; Antonin Scalia (1936-), U.S. Supreme Court justice, is 68; Jerry Zucker (1950-), film director/producer/writer, is 54; Lisa Loeb (1968-), singer, is 36.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1979, NHL player Randy Hold was penalized for 67 minutes during a 60-minute game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "This nation asks for action, and action now." — Franklin D. Roosevelt

TODAY'S FACT: The U.S. Supreme Court did not reside in a permanent building until 1935, 146 years after the Court was first established.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 31 billion — approximate amount of aid, in U.S. dollars, received by the British Commonwealth from the Lend-Lease Act.

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (March 6) and last quarter (March 13)

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LOTTO TEXAS™ TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Wednesday's Lottery Numbers
Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 5-6-15-23-36. Bonus Ball: 1.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: $21,820.

Number matching four of five, plus Bonus Ball: 6. Prize: $3,300.

Number matching four of five: 440. Prize: $97.

Number matching three of five, plus Bonus Ball: 305. Prize: $123.

Number matching three of five: 16,848. Prize: $5.

Number matching two of five, plus Bonus Ball: 4,206. Prize: $5.

Number matching one of five, plus Bonus Ball: 18,729. Prize: $3.

Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: $8 million.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1-4-26-31-35.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Matching four of five: 87. Prize: $709.

Matching three of five: 3,428. Prize: $13.

Matching two of five: 38,714. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

Pick 3
(Day) 2-9-9
(Night) 3-7-6

Ross to serve 2 days

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Diana Ross was ordered to return to Tucson to serve a two-day jail sentence in her drunken-driving case.

The singer, who pleaded no contest to DUI last month, had arranged to serve her sentence in Greenwich, Conn., where she lives. But during her stay, she left and returned multiple times, said City Court Magistrate T. Jay Cranshaw.

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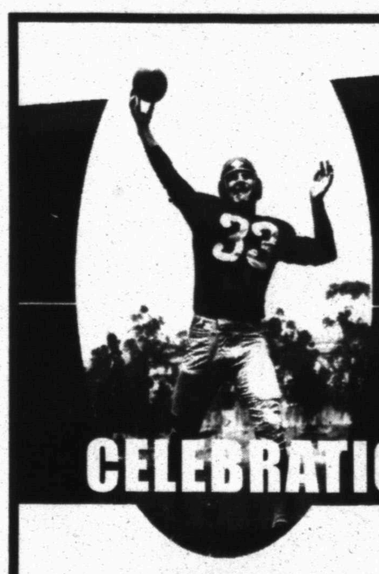

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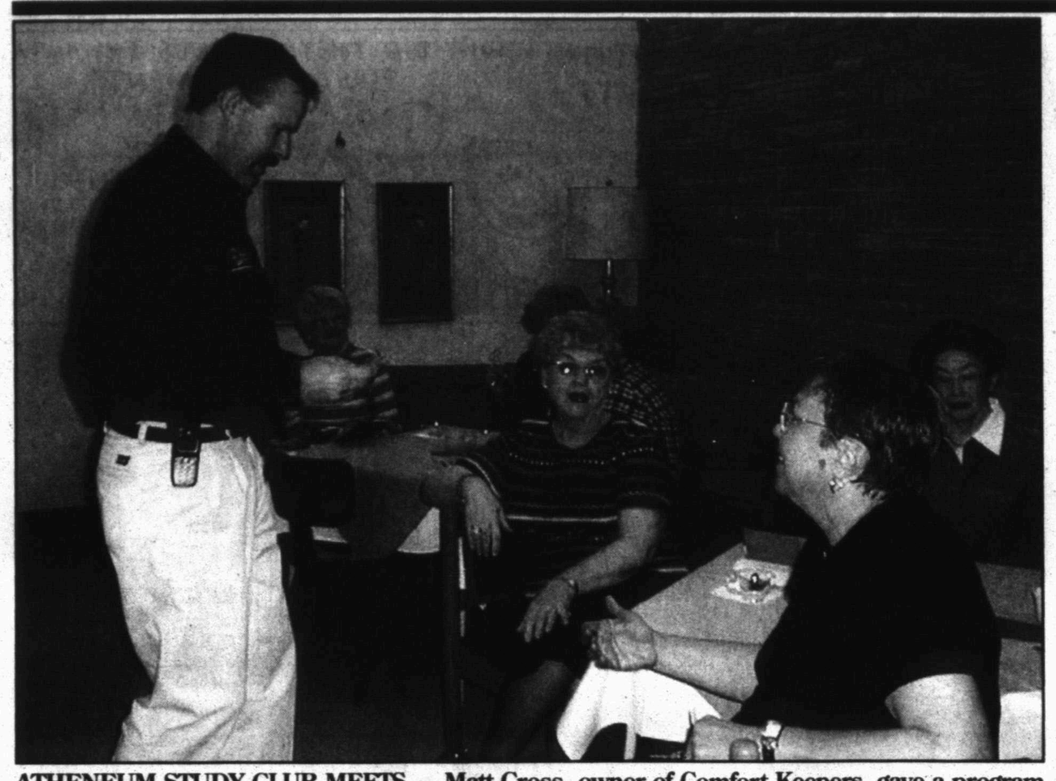

ATHENEUM STUDY CLUB MEETS — Matt Cross, owner of Comfort Keepers, gave a program to members of the Atheneum Study Club Tuesday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Comfort Keepers helps with various non-medical, in-home services for all ages, especially the elderly who choose to stay home in the Snyder, Sweetwater, Big Spring and Abilene areas. Atheneum members from left are Anne von Roeder, Doris Spikes, president Burnell Hargrove and Nelda Fields. Members will travel to Post for lunch and a visit to the museum on April 13. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Recipe Box

TORTILLA PIZZAS WITH ROASTED TOMATOES

1½ pounds fully ripened fresh Florida tomatoes, thinly sliced (3 large)

2 small onions, thinly sliced

3 teaspoons vegetable oil, divided

1½ cups coarsely shredded Pepper Jack or Monterey Jack cheese (about 6 ounces)

4 flour tortillas

Preheat oven to 425 F. On a large baking sheet, place tomato and onion slices in a single layer; brush with 2 teaspoons of the oil. Roast on lowest rack until tomatoes and onions are tender and golden, about 10 minutes; remove vegetables to a platter.

Clean baking sheet; brush with the remaining 1 teaspoon oil; arrange tortillas in a single layer. Sprinkle half of the cheese on top of the tortillas, dividing evenly. Top with roasted tomato and onion slices and the remaining cheese. Bake until tortilla edges are golden and crisp, about 8 minutes. Top with mixed greens, if desired.

YIELD: 4 servings

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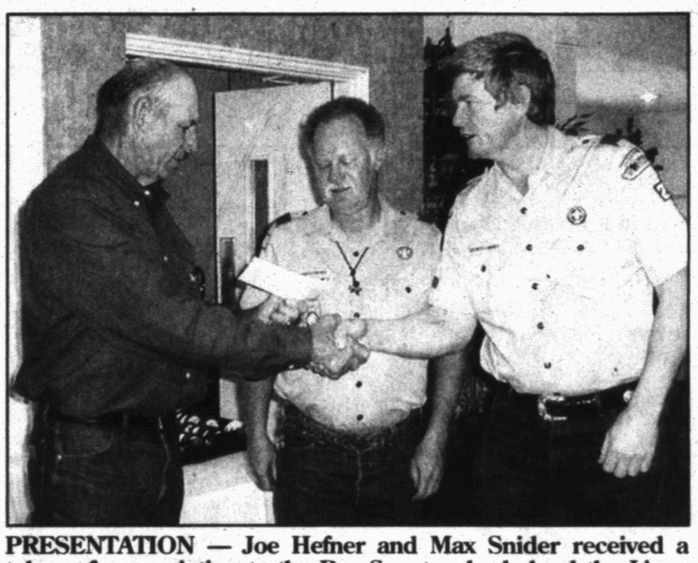
The Hope diamond is the only natural deep blue diamond ever found.

TV WINNER — Snyder Kiwanis Club sponsored a fund-raising project at its recent annual pancake supper by selling tickets for a TV. Theresa Jones won the 20-inch, flat screen TV. She is pictured with R.J. Youngclaus, vice president. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Births

Abby Anna Helm of Snyder announces the birth of her son, Hunter Eathan Rangel, at 11:13 a.m. on March 9 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed eight pounds, 7½ ounces.

His grandmother is Anna Marie Rangel of Snyder.



PRESENTATION — Joe Hefner and Max Snider received a token of appreciation to the Boy Scouts who helped the Lions Club with their July 4th Patriotic Breakfast. Lions president Ted Crenwelge made the presentation. From left are Crenwelge, Snider and Hefner. Lions Club will meet with Rotary Club on Thursday for the next two weeks. Dave Haynes, athletic director, and Dr. Greg Williams, WTC president, spoke on the upcoming Sammy Baugh 90th birthday celebration.

Sorvino helping to launch campaign

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mira Sorvino is helping Amnesty International launch a two-year campaign to end violence against women.

The actress said Tuesday the campaign is intended to put pressure on governments around the world to create policies that would discourage violence against women.

"Even in the United States, violence against women is the number one threat to women's safety in terms of their health," she said. "Women are more likely to be injured or killed by violence than by any other threat."

In many countries, Sorvino said, violence against women also can take the form of female infanticide or abortions of fetuses expected to be girls.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; at the coliseum annex; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

AA Big Book Study; closed meeting; contact numbers are 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center; 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd., Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

NA-Just For Today; Park Club; for information call 573-6179; 6-7 p.m.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club at Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving Course; one-day class from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; community room, Texas Savings Bank. For more information call 573-2850.

NA-Just For Today open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-1438; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 10 a.m.

NA-Just For Today; Park Club; for information call 573-6179; 6-7 p.m.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 03-11-04
♠ K 3
♥ A K 4 3
♦ K Q 7 4
♣ A Q 4

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

East
♠ 10 9 8 6 5
♥ 9 8 6 5 2
♦ —
♣ 10 7 3

South
♠ A Q J
♥ 7
♦ J 9 6 3 2
♣ K J 5 2

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	6 ♦	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ Q

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The bad break is not fatal

By Phillip Alder

In yesterday's deal, declarer had to worry about a 4-0 diamond break. It was no problem, because there was an easy countermeasure. Today, though, the 4-0 split seems to doom an excellent slam. In six diamonds, you win the first trick with dummy's heart king, carefully cross to hand in spades, and lead a low diamond to dummy's queen. Your spirits drop when East discards a heart (red on red when one cannot follow suit). But there is still life in the contract. How would you continue?

North might have used Blackwood immediately, but wasn't sure South had diamond length. (He might have opened with specifically 4-4-3-2 shape.) But when South rebid two clubs, that promised at least 5-4 in the minors.

This is the key point: You must reduce your trump length to the same as West's. So, you must take a ruff in hand. Then, West must not be able to trump in while you are cashing side-suit winners.

You can vary this sequence, but here is one line: Ruff a low heart at trick four, take your last two spade tricks (discarding a heart from the dummy), cash three club tricks ending on the board, and take the heart ace, pitching your last club.

North, West and South have only diamonds left: North has K-7-4, West A-10-8, and you J-9-6.

You play a diamond to your jack, and West's two apparent trump tricks melt into one. If he ducks the trick, you lead back toward dummy's king. Or, if West wins with his ace, he must lead away from his 10 around to your nine. It's tough to do, but enjoyable if you manage to succeed.

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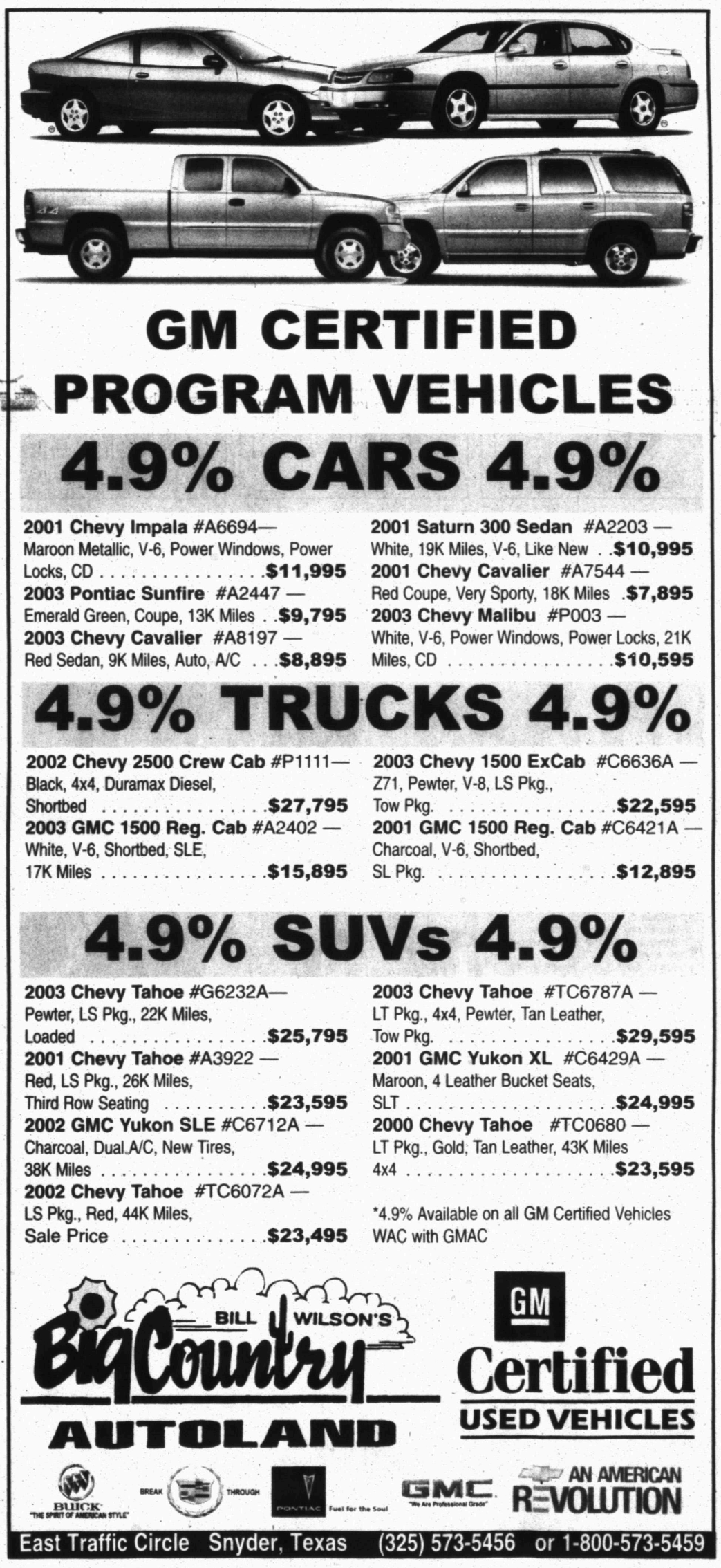

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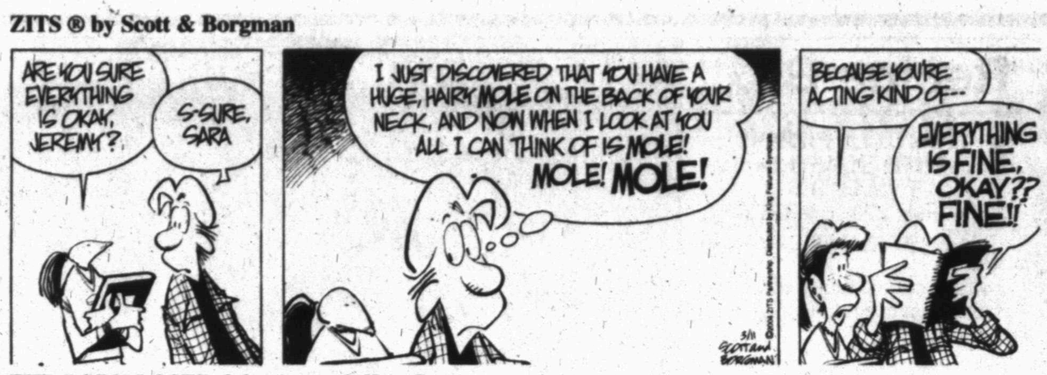

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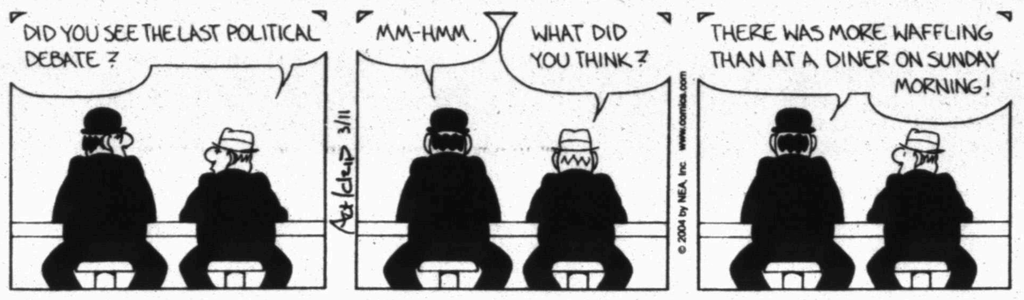

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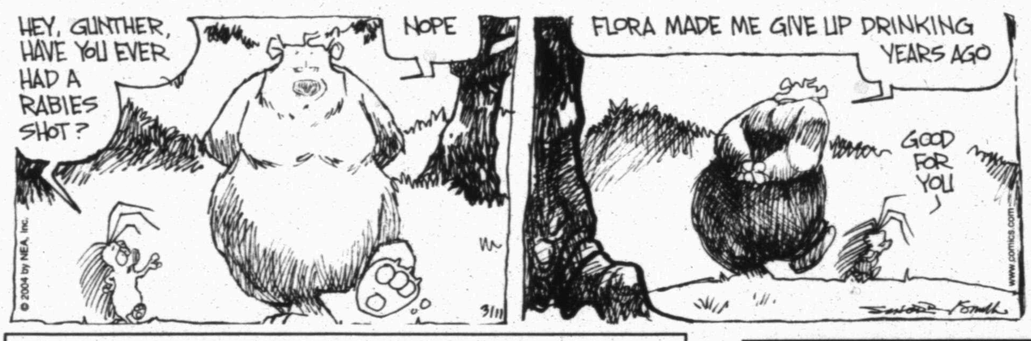

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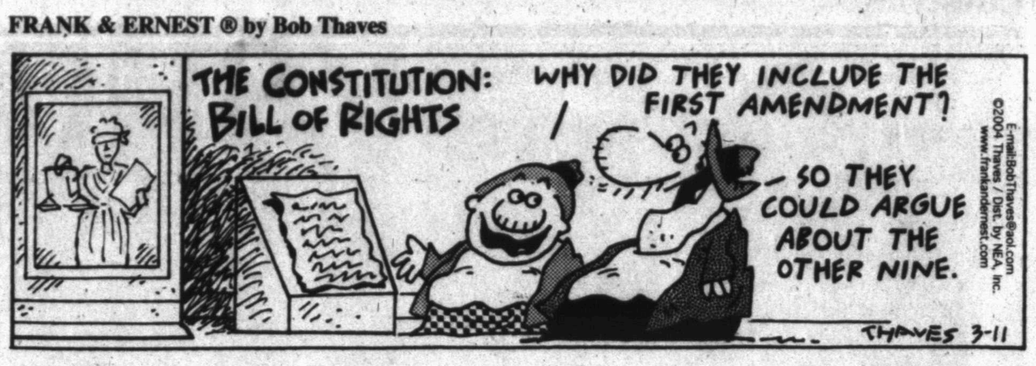

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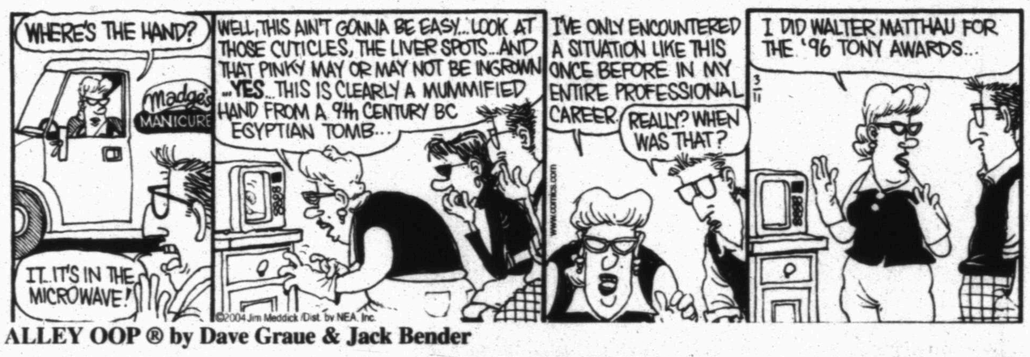

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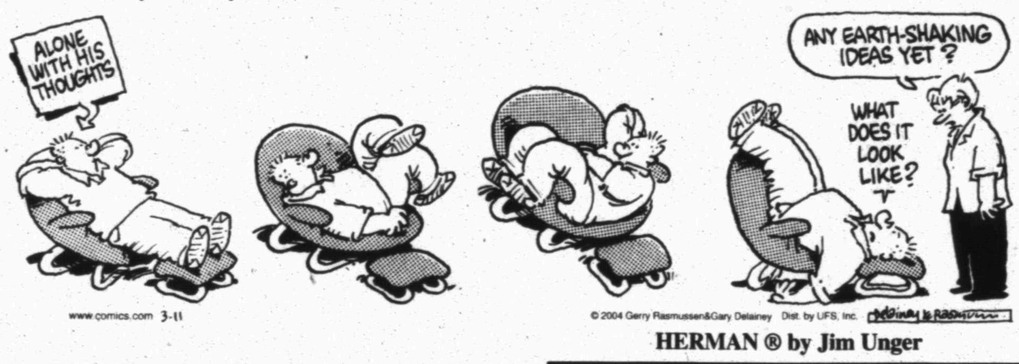

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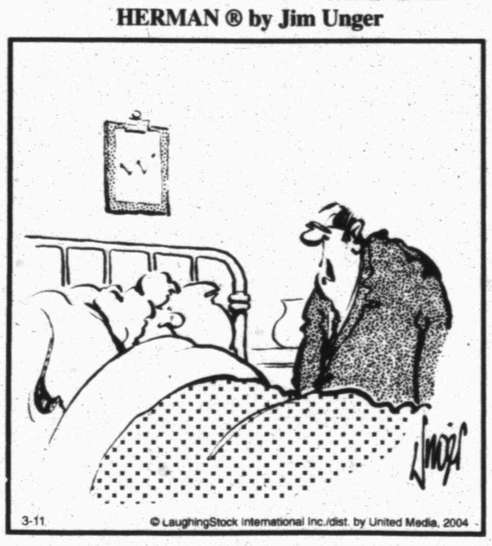

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1 Pedestals
6 Luxurious
10 Crater Lake locale
12 Very pleased
14 Build, as assets
15 Bwana's trip
16 Constructs
18 Dock denizen
19 Speck of dust
21 Prayer-wheel turner
23 Pit stop item
24 Batman and Robin
26 Linoleum measurement
29 Turkish official
30 Vat
32 Weight in Canada
34 Similar
36 Turmoil
37 Marino or Rather
38 Singer Vikki —
40 Wyo. neighbor
42 CPR giver
43 No different
45 Polynesian staple
47 U.N. locale
50 Steal software
52 Cummerbund sites
54 Ocean game fish
58 Is not winning
59 Most aloof
60 Rowboat
61 Moor

DOWN

1 Jungle menace
2 Rainbow shape
3 Wine category
4 Wading bird
5 Curdled
6 Blood-bank supply
7 Klutz
8 Marshal's badge
9 Zeus' wife
11 Society-column word
12 This senora
13 Telegraph signal
17 More hazy
19 Merlin's forte
20 City near Kyoto
22 Indiana Jones quest
23 Slangy lady
25 Tony-winner — Hagen
27 Sea duck
28 Historic shrine
31 Slangy physique
33 Ottawa's prov.
35 Pause fillers
39 Absorbedly
41 Fasten
44 Overlook
46 Eagle's nest
47 RCMP patrol zone
48 Lawn
49 Hi or bye
51 Jacques' pal
53 Olivier title
55 Pastoral spot
56 Devotee
57 Utmost degree

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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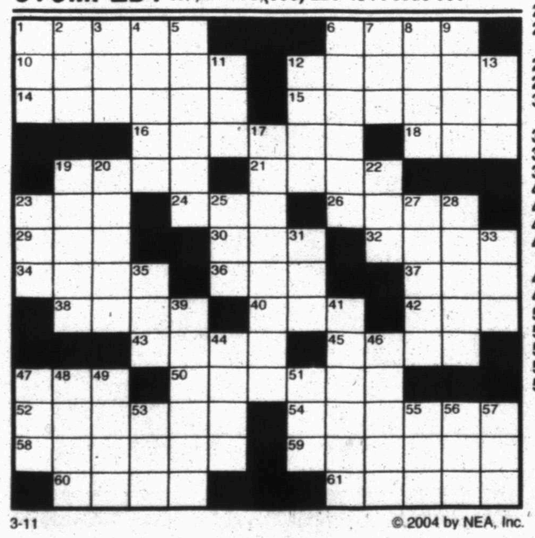

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SPORTS

OUT OF THE CHUTE — Western Texas College breakaway roper Jennifer Weeding gets in some practice runs at the rodeo grounds Wednesday. Weeding and teammates began the spring rodeo schedule today in Weatherford. The women's team is in second in the conference, while the men are holding down third. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

WTC hands saddle up for Weatherford rodeo

The Western Texas College riders and ropers started the spring schedule this morning at the Weatherford, and head coach Greg Rhodes feels confident in his teams' preparation.

"We are prepared mentally and physically," he said. "We just need to get to a rodeo and get in the groove."

The men's team currently sits in the third place in the Southwest Conference with 615 points.

West Texas A&M leads the conference with 833.13 points, followed by Tarleton St. with 765.

The women's team is in a two-school race for the top spot in conference with Tarleton St.

TSU has earned 492.50 points, while WTC has garnered 450.

Sam Spreadborough, who has won the event in the conference the past two years, is in second in saddle bronc riding, and Guy Simonton is in fifth.

Cody Horwedel and James Irish also are in the top 12 in conference.

Clay Bunney sits just 10 points off the lead in bareback riding, and Jake Marshall is in the top 10 of that event.

Tate Stratton is in third place in bull riding, and Rhodes said both Lance Nixon and Jared Farely are doing well in the event.

Clay Long is fourth in tie-down roping, Bruno Paoiella is fifth in steer wrestling and team roping heeler, and Tyler Riggan is in the same position as team roping header.

For the women's team, Sabrina Long is well ahead of the field in barrel racing, leading the next closest competitor by 115 points.

Julie Jones sits in fifth in goat-tying.

Rhodes said the team is ready to get started, with each competitor primed for a strong showing.

"I don't think we'll hurt ourselves," he said. "We just have to keep focusing on what we do, and see if we'll have our rodeo."

JV Tigers take eighth at Seminole varsity tourney

The Snyder junior varsity boys golf team finished in eighth place at the Seminole varsity tournament Wednesday, being only one of two JV teams in the 14-team tournament.

Ryne Trout led the way for the junior Tigers with a 93, while Seth Cooper carded a 100.

Cade Krueger stroked a 107, Jordan Payne fired a 110 and Adrian Sosa shot a 115.

The team took third at the San Angelo tournament March 2.

Trout led Snyder in that tournament with an 88, while Cooper delivered a 90.

Payne and Krueger both cared 93 in San Angelo, and Sosa recorded a 102.

The JV boys will be in Andrews with the girls varsity Friday and Saturday.

Congress scolds union chief Fehr

WASHINGTON (AP) — Baseball must institute a more stringent drug-testing policy, such as the one in place by the NFL, or Congress will step in and make changes.

"Your failure to commit to addressing this issue straight on and immediately will motivate this committee to search for legislative remedies," Sen. John McCain warned the baseball players' association Wednesday.

McCain, the Senate Commerce Committee chairman, challenged union head Donald Fehr to make changes. Fehr said he couldn't agree to changes in the collective bargaining agreement.

"I can tell you, and the players you represent, the status quo is not acceptable," said McCain, Arizona Republican. "And we will have to act in some way unless the major league players' union acts in the affirmative and rapid fashion."

Home runs have been hit at a record pace in the past decade, and players have gotten larger and stronger. Former MVPs Jose Canseco and Ken Caminiti have said the use of steroids was widespread.

In his State of the Union address, President Bush appealed to sports leagues and athletes to end the use of performance-enhancing drugs. On Thursday, the White House is expected to endorse legislation criminalizing the use of certain performance-enhancing drugs that currently are available without prescriptions.

The San Francisco Chronicle, quoting information it said was provided to federal investigators, reported last week that steroids were given to Barry Bonds, Jason Giambi and Gary Sheffield. Bonds, Giambi and Sheffield have denied using steroids.

That report came out of a grand jury investigation of the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative in San Francisco. Last month, two company executives, along with Bonds' personal trainer and a track coach, were charged with illegally supplying steroids to athletes.

The suspicion that some of the game's greats are using steroids has loomed over spring training.

Betruzzi suspended for rest of season for sneak attack

TORONTO (AP) — Todd Bertuzzi of the Vancouver Canucks was suspended for the rest of the regular season and the playoffs by the NHL today for attacking Colorado's Steve Moore.

In addition, Bertuzzi's eligibility for next season will be determined by NHL commissioner Gary Bettman before the start of training camp.

The Canucks were also fined $250,000.

Bertuzzi sat out Wednesday's 1-1 tie with Minnesota and will miss the final 12 games of the regular season, forfeiting at least $500,000. The suspension will amount to a minimum of 17 games if the Canucks make the playoffs and are swept in a first-round series.

The All-Star forward slugged Moore in the side of the head late in Monday night's 9-2 victory by the Avalanche. He hit Moore from behind and drove his head into the ice. Moore landed face-first — with the 245-pound Bertuzzi on top of him — and lay in a pool of blood for several minutes before he was removed on a stretcher.

Moore is out for the season with a broken neck. He also sustained a concussion and deep cuts on his face, and remained hospitalized in Vancouver.

Area Sports Calendar

TODAY

Baseball: Snyder Varsity Tournament
Snyder vs. Dumas, 7 p.m.
SHS JV at Frenship Tournament
Track: SHS JV at Sweetwater

FRIDAY

Baseball: Snyder Varsity Tournament
SHS JV at Frenship Tournament
Softball: SHS varsity vs. Lubbock Cooper, district opener, 5 p.m.
Track: SHS varsity at Odessa
SHS JV vs. Lubbock Cooper, 7 p.m.
Tennis: SHS varsity at State Team Tournament, Waco
Golf: SHS varsity boys at San Angelo Tournament
SHS varsity girls at Andrews Tournament

SATURDAY

Baseball: Snyder Tournament
WTC at Midland JC, DH, noon
SHS JV at Frenship Tournament
Softball: SHS varsity at Lake View, 11 a.m.
SHS JV at Lake View, 1 p.m.
Tennis: SHS varsity at State Team Tournament, Waco
Golf: SHS varsity boys at San Angelo Tournament
SHS varsity girls at Andrews Tournament
SHS JV boys at Sweetwater Tournament
Track: SHS varsity at Odessa
Powerlifting: SHS at Regionals, Lubbock

Snyder Baseball Tournament

Snyder Varsity Baseball Tournament Schedule
First school listed is home team
(All games 2:15 time limit)

TODAY
WTC Complex
Cooper vs. Post, 9 a.m.
Shallowater vs. Coahoma, 11:30 a.m.
Levelland vs. Dumas, 2 p.m.
Perryton vs. Sweetwater, 4:40 p.m.
Moffett Field
Wylie vs. Perryton, 9 a.m.
Sweetwater vs. Cooper, 11:30 a.m.
Pampa vs. Wylie, 2 p.m.
Canyon vs. Levelland, 4:30 p.m.
Snyder vs. Dumas, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY
WTC
Coahoma, vs. Levelland, 9 a.m.
Shallowater vs. Canyon, 11:30 a.m.
Pampa vs. Sweetwater, 2 p.m.
Wylie vs. Post, 4:30 p.m.
Moffett
Post vs. Pampa, 9 a.m.
Perryton vs. Cooper, 11:30 a.m.
Snyder vs. Shallowater, 2 p.m.
Dumas vs. Coahoma, 4:30 p.m.
Snyder vs. Canyon, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY
WTC
Canyon vs. Dumas, 9 a.m.
Cooper vs. Pampa, 11:30 a.m.
Post vs. Perryton, 2 p.m.
Moffett
Sweetwater vs. Wylie, 9 a.m.
Snyder vs. Coahoma, 11:30 a.m.
Levelland vs. Shallowater, 2 p.m.
Third-place game, 4:30 p.m.
Championship game, 7 p.m.

Sports Briefs

MGA Tournament

The WTC Men's Golf Association monthly tournament will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Owens hearing set for Saturday

NEW YORK (AP) — Terrell Owens' request to be declared a free agent will be heard Saturday by an arbitrator, and a decision is expected the following day.

The standout receiver was prevented from becoming a free agent when the NFL Management Council ruled last week that his agent, David Joseph, failed to void the last two years of his contract with the San Francisco 49ers by a Feb. 21 deadline.

National Hockey League

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	36	17	12	6	90	204	162
New Jersey	35	21	11	2	83	170	140
N.Y. Islanders	30	25	10	4	74	192	180
N.Y. Rangers	25	33	7	5	62	182	207
Pittsburgh	16	44	6	4	42	154	267

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	38	20	9	3	88	203	175
Ottawa	37	18	9	5	88	230	152
Boston	33	16	14	7	87	178	159
Montreal	37	26	6	2	82	184	162
Buffalo	31	31	6	1	69	182	187

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
x-Tampa Bay	40	17	8	5	93	209	159
Florida	24	29	14	3	65	152	182
Atlanta	27	33	7	3	64	186	214
Carolina	22	30	13	4	61	133	171
Washington	21	39	8	2	52	159	213

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	39	17	10	2	90	214	153
Nashville	33	26	8	2	76	182	184
St. Louis	32	26	9	2	75	161	171
Columbus	20	37	8	4	52	147	200
Chicago	18	35	9	6	51	158	206

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	36	17	12	5	89	211	167
Vancouver	36	21	9	4	85	200	168
Calgary	34	26	6	3	77	168	153
Edmonton	28	27	12	3	71	185	180
Minnesota	22	26	20	2	66	150	157

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	33	19	11	6	83	176	153
Dallas	35	23	11	0	81	160	149
Los Angeles	27	19	16	7	77	181	178
Anaheim	25	28	9	8	67	157	180
Phoenix	20	29	16	5	61	172	211

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.
x-clinched division

Wednesday's Games

Buffalo 6, Washington 0
Tampa Bay 4, Carolina 2
Colorado 3, Edmonton 2, OT
Los Angeles 3, Phoenix 1
Minnesota 1, Vancouver 1, tie

Today's Games

Boston at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Dallas at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Florida at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Nashville at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Calgary, 8 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	39	24	.619	—
New York	29	36	.446	11
Boston	29	37	.439	11½
Miami	28	37	.431	12
Philadelphia	27	38	.415	13
Washington	20	43	.317	19
Orlando	19	48	.284	22

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Indiana	48	16	.750	—
Detroit	42	25	.627	7½
Milwaukee	34	30	.531	14
New Orleans	34	30	.531	14
Cleveland	29	36	.446	19½
Toronto	27	38	.415	21½
Atlanta	20	44	.313	28
Chicago	18	46	.281	30

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	45	20	.692	—
San Antonio	43	22	.662	2
Dallas	40	23	.635	4
Memphis	40	24	.625	4½
Houston	37	26	.587	7
Denver	34	32	.515	11½
Utah	33	32	.508	12

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	47	16	.746	—
L.A. Lakers	42	22	.656	5½
Portland	31	33	.484	16½
Seattle	27	37	.422	20½
L.A. Clippers	26	38	.406	21½
Golden State	25	38	.397	22
Phoenix	21	43	.328	26½

x-clinched playoff spot

Wednesday's Games

L.A. Lakers 117, Boston 109
Cleveland 106, Toronto 92
Orlando 108, Washington 99
Detroit 98, Chicago 85
New Jersey 98, Denver 97
Milwaukee 94, Atlanta 80
New Orleans 95, Miami 84
San Antonio 108, L.A. Clippers 90
Utah 91, Golden State 77
Portland 92, Minnesota 79

Tosday's Games

New Orleans at Houston, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

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Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div. Office (s)

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Abilene, Texas 79604-0150
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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I take issue with your position that a patient requiring thyroid supplements should take L-thyroxine (Synthroid and others). I have been taking good, old-fashioned Armour thyroid for 20 years with excellent results and no problems. I hope you will amend your recommendation.

DEAR READER: Sorry, but I won't.

Armour thyroid is extracted from the thyroid glands of cattle that are butchered. Several years ago, researchers discovered that there was considerable variation in potency from batch to batch — in short, a manufacturing quality issue.

This was not found to be the case with synthetic thyroid supplements.

Therefore, I'll stick to my guns. As a general rule, L-thyroxine is a more appropriate supplement than is Armour thyroid.

DEAR DR. GOTT: An experience I hope will help others.

When I retired in my late 50s, I suffered from leg pain and difficulty walking. I bought a treadmill and can now easily walk 3 miles for 30 minutes 6 days a week. No pain and my legs feel great.

DEAR READER: This is yet another testimonial for the benefits of regular exercise in older folks. I suspect that you had some arterial blockages in your legs when you retired. Now your exercise has stimulated other arteries in you lower extremities to compensate for the blockages. This is known as "collateral circulation" and is another way that the body adjusts and adapts to change. Keep up the good work, and thanks for writing.

DEAR DR. GOTT: While driving my vintage 1966 Mustang, I recently felt very sick, my heart raced. I was faint, nauseated and lightheaded. What was happening to me and why?

DEAR READER: This is a classic example of vintage-carosis: when people drive old models of vintage cars, they may experience symptoms of extreme pleasure.

I'm just kidding.

Your symptoms, which I doubt are related to your automobile, could be the result of an abnormality in your pulse rate. While this symptom may be totally benign, it could reflect a potentially dangerous irregularity that should be addressed.

Therefore, I recommend that you be examined by your physician, who may — depending on your exam —suggest that you have further testing performed. In my view, you need a Holter monitor, but this is not an emergency. Check with your doctor, who can advise you.

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

If readers would like to contact Dr. Gott, they may write him through your newspaper or send their mail directly to Dr. Gott c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., 4th fl., New York, NY 10016.

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Pentagon: Halliburton's cost estimates 'faulty'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pentagon auditors have found that cost estimates provided by Halliburton Co. for $2.7 billion worth of government contracts in Iraq were unreliable, a Democratic critic of the company wrote colleagues in Congress.

The Pentagon's Defense Contract Audit Agency determined that a Halliburton subsidiary providing logistics for troops failed to reveal it fired two subcontractors responsible for $1 billion in food for American forces, Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., said in his letter.

A separate inquiry by congressional investigators already has pointed to weaknesses in the Pentagon's oversight of Halliburton's contracts in Iraq.

Houston-based Halliburton has repeatedly denied any wrongdoing, saying its own auditors discovered a kickback scheme and that high gasoline prices were being charged by a Kuwaiti subcontractor approved by the Army.

The company also has been running television commercials saying it proudly serves American troops in Iraq and dismissing criticism as politically motivated.

"We are disappointed, once again, that selective portions of audit reports have been released publicly even before KBR (the subsidiary) and the Army have made final reviews of the information," Halliburton spokeswoman Wendy Hall said in a statement Wednesday evening. "Releases of partial reports are inappropriate because the true and complete story cannot be conveyed."

Halliburton told federal securities regulators on Monday it expects a formal Pentagon inquiry into alleged deficiencies in its procurement procedures in Iraq and Kuwait. The company told the Securities and Exchange Commission it has credited $36 million to the Defense Department and delayed billing the Pentagon for an additional $141 million because of the problem.

The Defense Department has launched a separate, criminal investigation into whether Vice President Dick Cheney's former company overcharged by $61 million last year for importing gasoline from Kuwait to Iraq for subsidized sales to Iraqi civilians. The military recently gave that contract to another Texas-based petroleum broker.

The Wall Street Journal reported today that Pentagon officials have asked the Justice Department to join the criminal inquiry, a move that would bring additional resources and investigative firepower to the effort.

Pentagon investigators lack authority to press criminal charges or secure grand jury indictments.

Halliburton has acknowledged it fired two employees and reimbursed the Pentagon $6.3 million because of kickbacks allegedly paid to a Kuwaiti subcontractor on a different contract. The company's KBR subsidiary has reimbursed $27.4 million for alleged overcharging for meals served to troops in the Iraq area. Those two reimbursements alone account for $33.7 million of the $36 million Halliburton acknowledged reimbursing.

Waxman and other Democrats in Congress have said the Halliburton problems show the Bush administration is soft on companies with GOP connections. Administration officials say Cheney — who resigned as head of Halliburton to become Bush's running mate in 2000 — has no role in awarding Pentagon contracts.

Waxman's memo says a December report from Pentagon auditors says Halliburton repeatedly violated federal regulations by giving incomplete and outdated information on subcontracting costs on a $2.7 billion proposal for military logistics spending in Iraq. Waxman wrote that the DCAA warned the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on Jan. 13 that Halliburton's cost proposals were questionable, but the Corps awarded Halliburton a $1.6 billion Iraqi oil industry reconstruction contract three days later.

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	14.00	13.04	13.75	—.04
AT&T Corp	20.15	19.21	19.53	+.13
Albertsons	22.77	22.14	22.61	—.27
Alltel	51.36	50.90	51.04	—.76
AmEl Pw	33.91	33.60	33.73	—.17
AndarkPtr	51.81	50.78	50.85	—1.01
ATMOS Egy	26.33	26.14	26.24	—.06
Aviall	15.35	15.25	15.30	—.02
BP PLC	49.18	48.92	49.15	—.22
BakerHughes	36.17	35.44	35.52	—.24
Bank of Amer	80.66	79.80	80.25	+.26
BellSouth	28.06	27.56	27.89	—.02
BurlNoSFe	30.39	29.52	30.27	+.21
Caterpillar	73.67	72.51	73.24	—.27
CenterPoint	10.81	10.51	10.59	—.21
ChevronTex	88.48	87.97	87.99	—.74
Citigroup	49.35	48.72	49.12	—.09
CocaCola	49.62	48.90	48.95	—.70
ColgatePal	56.30	55.46	55.66	—.89
CmclMetals	29.07	28.30	28.94	+.70
ConocoPhill	68.90	68.50	68.52	—.70
Cooper Inds	52.39	51.34	52.07	+.51
DaimlrChry	42.75	42.29	42.32	—.63
DeltaAirLines	8.86	8.52	8.76	
Dillards Inc	18.43	17.08	18.08	+.98
DowChem	39.77	38.50	39.55	—.36
DuPont	42.67	41.65	42.57	+.62
EastmanChem	39.56	39.10	39.52	+.10
EstKodak	25.95	25.56	25.65	—.45
EDS Corp	19.31	18.82	19.19	+.14
Entergy	58.66	58.15	58.61	—.32
ExxonMobil	42.43	42.05	42.08	—.35
FootLocker	25.15	24.40	24.41	—.49
GenDynam	88.01	86.58	87.95	+.64
GentElec	31.15	30.76	30.88	—.22
GenMills	47.66	47.35	47.41	—.26
GenMotors	46.10	45.54	45.62	—.46
GaPacific	32.13	31.23	31.87	+.47
Goodrich	27.23	26.60	27.02	—.07
Goodyear	7.94	7.65	7.88	+.07
GtAtlPac	7.90	7.80	7.83	—.02
Halliburtn	29.35	28.32	28.40	—1.57
Hanson PLC	36.70	36.56	36.62	—.66
HarteHanks	22.55	22.43	22.50	+.02
HomeDepot	36.74	36.01	36.49	+.09
HoneywellIntl	32.95	32.19	32.80	—.16
IBM	92.80	92.00	92.38	—.68
IntlPaper	41.55	40.90	41.15	+.09
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NCR Corp	43.16	42.30	42.70	+.35
Navistar	44.45	43.87	43.96	—.34
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Penney JC	32.41	31.74	31.96	—.44
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Textron	53.40	52.67	53.34	—.06
TimeWarner	16.87	16.45	16.81	+.19
TrinityInds	26.85	26.47	26.60	—.27
TylerTech	9.10	8.80	9.05	—.07
UnionPacif	61.33	60.89	61.30	+.07
USSteel	35.81	34.65	35.27	+.26
UnitedTech	87.60	85.60	87.19	+.09
Unocal	37.95	37.35	37.36	—.67
VerizonComm	38.12	37.76	38.00	—.27
WalMart	58.76	58.07	58.37	—.39
WellsFargo	58.38	58.08	58.18	—.26
WstnGasRs	50.92	50.53	50.75	—.06
WinnDixie	7.00	6.77	6.85	—.15
Xerox Cp	13.80	13.35	13.51	—.39
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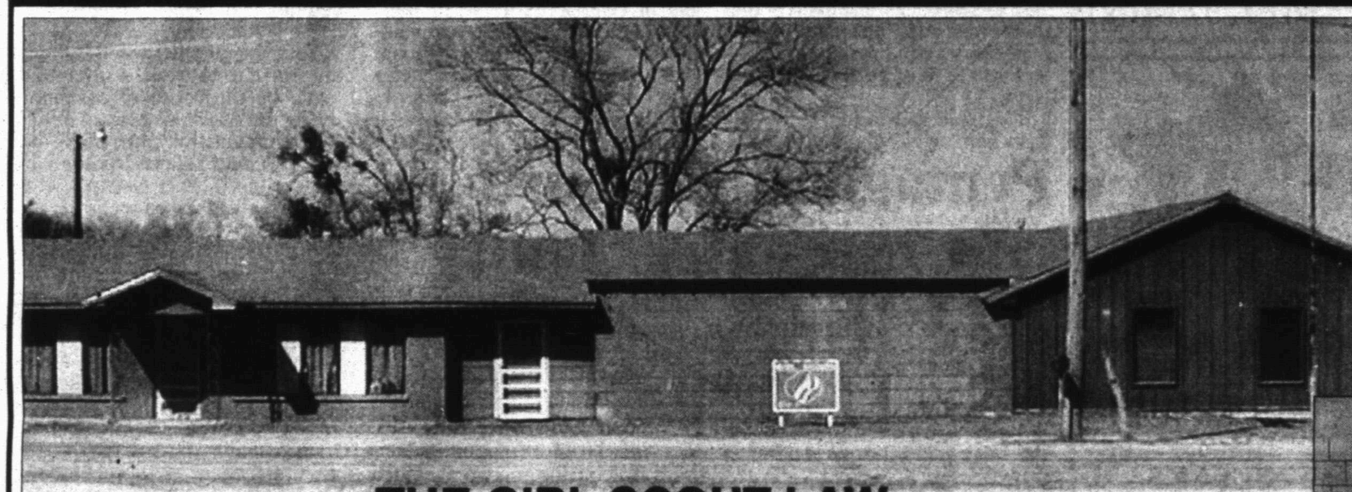

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Angry viewers help get channels restored

DENVER (AP) — After a two-day blackout that brought the wrath of satellite television viewers by the thousands, EchoStar Communications Corp. and Viacom Inc. reached a deal that restored several popular channels such as MTV and Nickelodeon to the DISH Network.

The two sides reached a deal early today. Within 20 minutes, Viacom's channels, including VH1, Comedy Central and BET, were back on DISH, EchoStar spokesman Marc Lumpkin said.

EchoStar had dropped Viacom channels early Tuesday in a dispute over fees. Up to 9 million DISH satellite television viewers were affected.

The dispute also left as many as 2 million DISH viewers without CBS shows when EchoStar pulled the network's programing in cities including New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Miami, Boston, Denver, Minneapolis and Dallas.

DISH subscribers in those cities were threatened with the loss of the upcoming NCAA men's basketball tournament, which begins March 18 on CBS. Viacom is CBS' parent corporation.

Viacom and EchoStar began sparring after a contract for the DISH Network to broadcast Viacom channels expired Dec. 31. The contract was extended at least three times, with the latest court order expiring late Monday.

MTV spokeswoman Jeanine Smartt said customer displeasure as a factor in the renewed negotiations that led to a deal.

"Really, it was the outcry from the viewers that truly, I think, brought EchoStar back to the negotiating table," Smartt said. "They called us by the thousands and thousands."

Financial terms of the new contract were not disclosed.

The deal will add the Nicktoons channel to some DISH packages this spring. It also extends the length of DISH's contract to carry the CBS HD East and West, Spike TV and CMT channels.

"We understand that this has been a difficult few days for our customers, and we thank them for all the encouragement they have given us throughout," EchoStar chairman and CEO Charles Ergen said in a joint statement with Viacom. "We also look forward to a long relationship with Viacom in which we can provide their quality channels to our viewers."

In the statement, Viacom president Mel Karmazin apologized for the service disruption and thanked viewers "for their patience and support."

EchoStar said Viacom illegally tried to force it to carry channels at unfair prices in exchange for the right to also carry 18 CBS-owned stations in 16 markets.

It said New York-based Viacom sought rate increases up to 40 percent over the length of the contract, which would total potentially hundreds of millions of dollars.

Viacom officials said EchoStar was fighting over what amounted to 6 cents more per customer per month.

DISH customers will receive a credit of $1 if they lost CBS programming and an additional $1 if they lost any Viacom channels during the blackout period.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, March 12, 2004

A number of important opportunities that could further your interests are in the offing for you in the year ahead. One that starts out looking unfavorable at first glance may turn out to be the luckiest for you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Disappointment and hard feelings could result if you back out of a favor today you had promised to do for another. This person is banking on you and will be sorely let down.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Pleasurable pursuits should not be given priority over your duties and responsibilities today. If you alter your schedule to please yourself, it will create more work for you down the line.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Many times it's wise not to get involved in any business deals with friends because, if it should go awry, the friendship could suffer. Today may be a perfect example of just such a scenario.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Normally your quick mind has the ability to size up situations instantaneously and accurately, but today your initial assessments could be totally off target. Take a hard second look.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — It's likely that you could be quite blase about general opportunities that cross your path today and miss a couple of good deals. But when it comes to matters of the heart, you'll not miss a cue.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You have the capabilities to get what you go after today, but, unfortunately, you might be a bit indifferent about things and end the day with a little less than when you got up.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Something you thought would come automatically today will take a bit of effort you didn't expect, and unless you recognize it, regroup and try a different approach, it won't happen.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Resist temptations today to pass onto others hearsay or gossip that has yet to be verified. Say nothing until all the facts are in and you're sure about all the details.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You're quite adept at acquisition today, but sadly you're also equally or more adroit at squandering. Don't allow extravagant whims to offset your early gains.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — All the good intentions in the world won't set the world on fire and accomplish your goals today. If you permit your energies to wander, or allow others to alter your course, nothing will be gained.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You may be extremely sensitive to the needs of others today, but taking action to do anything about matters where you could make a difference may be another story, and you could end up with regrets.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Don't think things have changed if you have to do business again with someone who has "bested" you in the past. This person is still flying false colors and will repeat his or her modus operandi.

Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that are governing you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph year ahead predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Regular reassessment helps patients in therapy succeed

DEAR ABBY: A reader asked how a person can tell if psychiatry is "working." We would like to offer some suggestions.

The patient or client should have a specific plan for recovery. The therapist — a clinical social worker, psychologist, psychiatrist, or marriage and family therapist — should teach coping skills so the person can assemble a "coping toolbox." Patients should expect to do behavioral homework between counseling sessions.

Sometimes medication is needed; often it is not. Most uncomplicated depression and anxiety problems respond favorably within 10 to 20 sessions. Additional complicating factors may extend the number of sessions, but by the 20th session the person should see definite improvement.

Just "talking about" problems is helpful, but not usually enough to make and maintain changes. It is also not generally helpful to focus ONLY on the past/childhood when the problems are occurring today. Therapists and clients can be sure that goals are being met by assessing behavior and emotional changes at regular intervals.

We hope this information is helpful. — **ERIK J. ABELL, PH.D., GAIL SIMPSON, MSW, LCSW, COSTA MESA, CALIF.**

DEAR DR. ABELL AND MS. SIMPSON: Thank you for lending your expertise to answer this often-asked question. People who are emotionally vulnerable are not always in the best position to evaluate their own progress. I'm sure your letter will be appreciated by many readers.

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DEAR ABBY: I am 30 years old and have been married for four years. I have known since I was a teen-ager that I never wanted to have children. My husband was well aware of this when we met, dated and married.

His sister gave birth to a baby boy last summer, and suddenly my husband has changed his mind and wants children too.

I know I am not parent material. I am impatient with children and generally uncomfortable around them. I do not want my life to be defined by children, nor do I want to give up the lifestyle I enjoy to raise them.

What can I do? Is a divorce pending? — **CHILDLESS BY CHOICE IN FLORIDA**

DEAR C.B.C.: While parenthood can be joyful and rewarding, it requires commitment and sacrifice. The bundle from heaven cannot be returned to sender if the recipients change their minds. It would be interesting to see if baby-sitting for his nephew would change your husband's mind — or yours. However, if you cannot come to a meeting of the minds, a divorce may indeed be on the horizon.

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DEAR ABBY: My marriage is pretty much over. My wife and I can't get along, and all the counseling we've had didn't help.

I feel "naked" without my wedding band and am wondering if it is proper for me to wear another ring that has personal sentimental value on my ring finger. I hope this isn't a dumb question. — **TOM IN NEW YORK**

DEAR TOM: No question is dumb if it's sincere. You may wear any kind of ring you wish on your ring finger — but please be aware that a ring on the third finger of the left hand is a signal that the wearer is "unavailable."

P.S. Many divorced people feel naked when they remove their wedding ring for the last time, but that stage usually passes by the time the tan line fades.

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Prosecutor convening grand jury, possibly in M. Jackson case

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The district attorney who charged Michael Jackson with child molestation is convening a grand jury to hear evidence in the case, a move apparently designed to sidestep a public preliminary hearing, a newspaper reported Wednesday.

Citing unnamed legal sources, the Santa Barbara News-Press said potential grand jurors have received summonses to appear later this month.

A spokesman for Tellem Worldwide, which handles media inquiries for Santa Barbara County prosecutor Tom Sneddon, said a grand jury is being convened but he could not say whether it's for the Jackson case or another matter.

"The business of the grand jury is confidential," spokesman Jason Karpf said.

Jackson's lawyers said Wednesday they could not comment due to a judge's gag order.

Ex-Tech professor receives two years

LUBBOCK (AP) — A former Texas Tech University professor who started a bioterrorism scare when he reported plague bacteria missing last year was sentenced Wednesday to two years in prison.

Dr. Thomas C. Butler, 62, also was fined $15,000 and ordered to pay restitution of $38,000. He earlier had agreed to retire from the school and surrender his medical license.

Butler gave no reaction when the sentence was read. He remains free on bond, but must report to federal authorities on April 14.

The father of four had faced up to 240 years in prison and millions in fines for convictions that stemmed from an investigation after his report that 30 vials of the bacteria were missing from his lab in January 2003.

He later said he accidentally destroyed the samples, but during his trial he testified he had no clear memory of destroying the vials and that they could have been destroyed during his cleanup of an accident.

Butler's attorneys had sought probation.

In January, after his conviction, Butler agreed to pay $250,000 to the school and retire. Last month, Butler voluntarily surrendered his medical license to the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners.

In December, a jury found Butler guilty of mislabeling a Fed Ex package that contained plague samples he sent to Tanzania and their unauthorized export to the African country.

The jury also found Butler guilty of theft, embezzlement, fraud, and mail and wire fraud charges pertaining to shadow contracts prosecutors claimed he had illegally negotiated while at Tech. The settlement with Tech pertained to these charges.

He was acquitted of the most serious charges of smuggling and illegally transporting the potentially deadly germ and charges of lying to federal agents about the missing vials.

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Newlywed singers plan separate tours

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Newlywed singers Diana Krall and Elvis Costello still plan to go their separate ways on tour, but with some limits.

In a talk-show interview that aired Tuesday on CTV, Costello said he and Krall hope to avoid separations longer than three weeks.

"We have actually a date in Madeira in a couple of weeks' time and it is going to be like that, on and off," he said.

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Bombs kill more than 180 in Spain

MADRID, Spain (AP) — Ten terrorist bombs tore through trains and stations along a commuter line at the height of Madrid's morning rush hour today, killing more than 180 people and wounding 900 others. Officials blamed Basque separatists for the terrorist attack.

"This is mass murder," said a somber Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar following an emergency cabinet meeting, vowing to hunt down the attackers and ruling out negotiations with the ETA separatist group.

The explosives used in the blasts were a type of dynamite that the ETA Basque separatist group normally uses, the Interior Ministry said following tests. A U.S. intelligence official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said, "It's too early to tell. We're not ruling anything out."

Panicked commuters abandoned bags and their shoes as they trampled each other to escape the Atocha terminal, where bombs struck two trains. Some fled into darkened, dangerous tunnels at the station, a bustling hub for subway, commuter and long-distance trains just south of Madrid's famed Prado Museum.

The bodies of the dead were carried away by rescue workers. The wounded, faces bloodied, sat on curbs as buses were pressed into service as ambulances.

One firefighter said he saw 70 bodies along a platform at El Pozo station, just east of downtown Madrid. One corpse had been blown onto the roof.

A total of 10 bombs exploded in a 10-minute span along nine miles of the commuter line — running from Santa Eugenia to the Madrid hub of Atocha — killing 182 people and injuring more than 900, Interior Minister Angel Acebes said.

Police found and detonated three other bombs.

The blasts began about 7:50 a.m., tearing through trains or platforms on the commuter line running to the Atocha station. At least two of the bombs went off in trains at that station.

Worst hit was a double-decker train at the El Pozo station, where two bombs killed 70 people, fire department inspector Juan Redondo said. El Pozo is about six miles from Atocha.

"ETA had been looking for a massacre in Spain," Acebes said. "Unfortunately, today it achieved its goal."

Aznar said Spain would not deal with ETA.

"No negotiation is possible or desirable with these assassins who so many times have sown death all around Spain," Aznar said.

A top Basque politician, Arnold Otegi, denied the separatists were behind the blasts and blamed "Arab resistance."

Otegi told Radio Popular in San Sebastian that ETA always phones in warnings before attacking. Acebes said there was no warning today.

Greenspan warns against protective trade barriers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said today that "employment will begin to increase more quickly before long," and that erecting protective trade barriers was not the answer to the nation's current worries about the loss of jobs to foreign competition.

Greenspan said that erecting protectionist barriers was not the answer to foreign competition and that Congress would at some point have to address the problem of the pending retirement of 77 million baby boomers. He repeated his warning that Congress will have to trim future Social Security benefits.

Greenspan, in response to a question from Democratic presidential candidate Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, said that the government cannot afford to meet all the promises in Social Security and Medicare that have been made to future retirees.

"We do not have enough in real resources to meet the promises that have already been made. We will not be able to fully meet the benefits to the next generation, the baby boomers that are retiring," Greenspan said.

"We have to construct a pattern that the benefits we do promise will be delivered rather than have these people retire in very large numbers and find out that they were betrayed by government," Greenspan said.

Greenspan's comments about the need to trim retirement benefits provoked a firestorm of criticism when he made them last month, with critics charging that Greenspan was urging benefit cuts at the same time that he was urging that President Bush's tax cuts be made permanent.

Kucinich challenged Greenspan to defend his recommendation that the retirement age, which is scheduled to rise gradually to 67, be raised further to reflect longer lifespans. Kucinich said that would be unfair because 50 percent of current Social Security beneficiaries chose early retirement at 62, even though it meant reduced benefits. Kucinich said many Americans simply can't work longer because of health problems.

Greenspan said the issue was that government did not have the resources to meet all the retirement benefits currently pledged under Social Security and Medicare and that choices would have to be made and "all the choices regrettably are negative."

Greenspan said the nation had reason to be more optimistic that job growth will rebound in coming months.

Six people arrested in county

• Arrests

Six people were arrested in Scurry County Wednesday and early today.

A caller at a home on Eastridge at 5:38 a.m. today reported that a subject had assaulted him. Officers took into custody Bradley Spells, 19, of 4014 Eastridge and charged him with injury to a child.

At 11:21 p.m. Wednesday, four people were arrested at Western Texas College. Two 20-year-old males, a 19-year-old male and a 19-year-old female were charged with consumption of alcohol by a minor.

At 6:50 p.m. Wednesday, a 21-year-old woman was taken into custody at Park Village Apartments on two warrants for driving under the influence and no driver's license.

• Criminal mischief

An officer was requested at 8 a.m. Wednesday at Colortyme Rental in the Varsity Square Shopping Center to report someone had thrown eggs at the building.

It was reported at 9:14 a.m. Wednesday that a key pad at the Techno Tan and Nails in the 1900 block of 37th St. had been tampered with.

At 6:53 p.m. Wednesday a caller reported that windows appeared to have been broken at the Hog Heaven Café at 1510 College Ave. Officers checked the building and found no glass was broken, but the window tint peeling.

• Officer requested

An officer was requested at 10:34 p.m. Wednesday to Taco Bell on College Ave. The caller said that a man was urinating in the drive through. Officers later located the subject at WTC.

• Disturbance

At 8:09 p.m. Wednesday, an anonymous caller reported a fight between a man and a woman in the Park Village Apartments parking lot. Officers arrived and contacted a woman who said she and her husband had earlier been in a verbal dispute, but he had already left.

• Close patrol

At 9:59 a.m. the manager of Park Village Apartments requested a close patrol by officers in reference to having a criminal trespass warning served on a subject.

• Gas drive off

A clerk at Town and Country east reported at 10:46 a.m. the theft of $21.69 worth of gas.

Obituaries

LaRue Hyatt

1928-2004

LaRue Hyatt, longtime resident of Snyder, died Tuesday, March 9, at her home in Snyder.

Funeral service for Mrs. Hyatt, 75, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Larry McAden, pastor, officiating. Assisting will be Brian Fairchild, pastor of Colonial Bible Church in Midland and Mrs. Hyatt's grandson. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens and arrangements are under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Born April 17, 1928 in Wichita Falls, she married Charles Robert Hyatt on Aug. 10, 1946 in Olney. He died April 10, 1982.

A homemaker, Mrs. Hyatt was a member of Calvary Baptist Church and did ironing for the public for several years.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Martha and Pat Fairchild of Midland and Debbie and Monty Wheeler of Bedford; a sister, Geraldine Dalrymple of Olney; a brother, Jim Johnson of Wichita Falls; and three other grandchildren, Beau McLeod of Arlington, Cole McLeod of Abilene and Jenni Fairchild of Midland.

Visitation will be held from 7 to 8 this evening at Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Yank Hildreth

1911-2004

MIDLAND — Lawrence E. "Yank" Hildreth Sr., father of Larry Hildreth of Snyder, died Sunday, March 7.

A memorial service for Mr. Hildreth, 92, has been scheduled for 3 p.m. Saturday in Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Oscar Bejil officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born on Sept. 10, 1911 to Fred and Mary Gates Hildreth in Sudbury, Mass., and he was reared and educated there.

Mr. Hildreth moved to Snyder in the 1950s and later to Big Spring. Prior to his retirement, he worked for I&R Meter Service. Mr. Hildreth was a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Snyder.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Margaret Louise Pickett in 1962.

Survivors include his wife, Phyllis Hildreth of Big Spring; two other sons, Edward L. Hildreth and Paul B. Hildreth; and a daughter, Carol Cothran; three stepchildren, Phyllis Sutter, Alton Sutter and Johnny Sutter; 17 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

Memorials may be directed to Home Hospice, 901 W. Missouri in Midland, 79701.

Truman Davis

1922-2004

MIDLAND — Truman C. Davis, a native of Ira, died Wednesday, March 10, in Midland.

Service for Mr. Davis, 81, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel. Don Mitchell will officiate.

Truman Davis

Born May 30, 1922 in Ira, he was reared in Snyder and attended Snyder High School. He married Evelene Tamplin on March 6, 1942 in Snyder. Mr. Davis was a member of the Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul M. and Maudie Davis; and a brother, Raymond Davis.

Survivors include his wife, Evelene Davis of Midland; a son and daughter-in-law, Marlin Gene and Floy Davis of Las Vegas, Nev.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Kathy J. Phillips of Midland and Linda Sue and Max Moreland of Bosque Farms, N.M.; a sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy and J.C. Wall of Big Spring; five grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Family visitation will be from 6-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorials to the Home Hospice, 901 Missouri in Midland, 79705.

Tommy Beene

1916-2004

McKINNEY — Tommy H. Beene, a former coach and teacher in Snyder, died Sunday, March 7, in Georgetown.

Services for Mr. Beene, 87, were held Wednesday in McKinney and interment followed in Ridgeview Memorial Park.

Born June 5, 1916 in Roby, he married Helen Broadwell on July 20, 1941 in Roscoe. He began his career in education in the early 1940s and also worked in Aspermont, Anson and Odessa.

He was a Mason and a member of the Second Baptist Church in Odessa. In 1984, Mr. Beene was inducted into the Texas Tennis Hall of Fame.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Beene of McKinney; a daughter Sharon Beavers of Spring; a son, Mike Beene of McKinney; four sisters, Nell Humphries of Edgewood, Dean Sansing of Mineola, Helyn Rinks of Edgewood and Lou Kerby of Austin; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

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48/42	67/43	46/31
Rain. High 48F. Winds SSE at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 70%.	Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s.	Cloudy and windy. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the low 30s.
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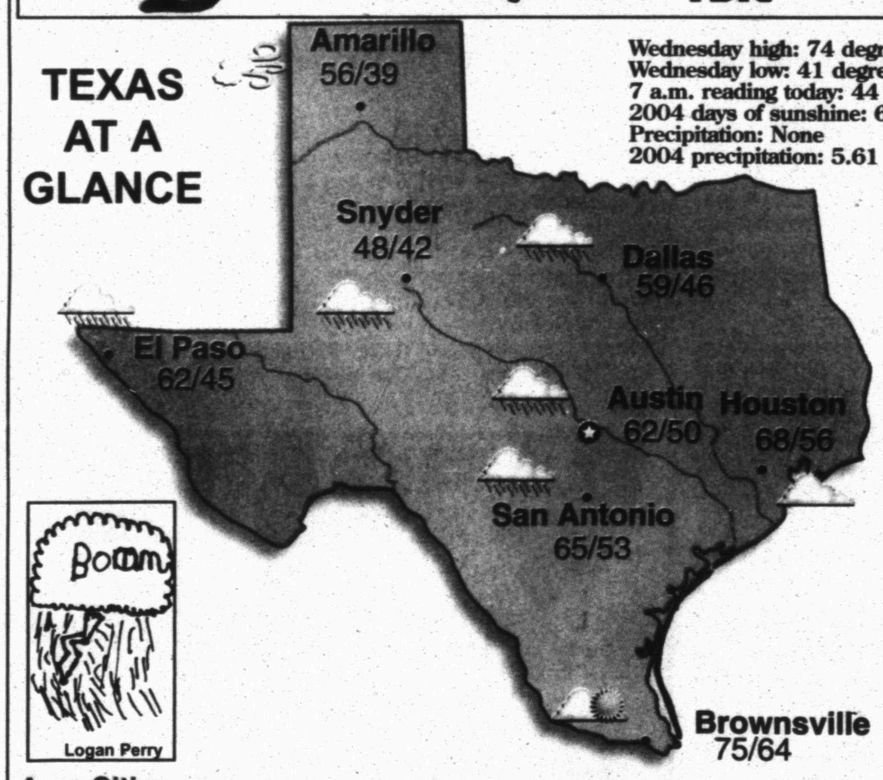

Area Cities

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Abilene	51	44	rain	El Paso	62	45	rain	Midland	49	43	rain
Amarillo	56	39	windy	Fort Stockton	54	46	rain	Raymondville	75	62	pt sunny
Austin	62	50	rain	Gainesville	56	42	rain	Rosenberg	67	55	cloudy
Beaumont	67	53	cloudy	Greenville	58	43	rain	San Antonio	65	53	rain
Brownsville	75	64	pt sunny	Houston	68	56	cloudy	San Marcos	64	50	rain
Brownwood	57	46	rain	Kingsville	72	61	cloudy	Sulphur Springs	59	42	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	69	61	cloudy	Livingston	65	47	cloudy	Sweetwater	51	43	rain
Corsicana	60	45	rain	Longview	60	43	pt sunny	Tyler	60	43	rain
Dallas	59	46	rain	Lubbock	51	42	rain	Weatherford	56	43	rain
Del Rio	61	54	rain	Lufkin	63	46	rain	Wichita Falls	55	43	rain

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	57	32	sunny	Houston	68	56	cloudy	Phoenix	82	60	mst sunny
Boston	40	32	mixed	Los Angeles	77	55	mst sunny	San Francisco	73	52	sunny
Chicago	36	22	sunny	Miami	75	65	pt sunny	Seattle	55	36	rain
Dallas	59	46	rain	Minneapolis	35	27	pt sunny	St. Louis	47	29	sunny
Denver	66	41	mst sunny	New York	44	31	mixed	Washington, DC	46	29	windy

Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
Mar 6	Mar 13	Mar 20	Mar 28

UV Index

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