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Home of Mary (Grandma) Webster

ATF, fire marshals to view burned buildings

Fire investigators and the ATF arrived this morning in Snyder to inspect the site of Thursday night's fire that destroyed Colortyme Rent-to-Own and heavily damaged two adjacent buildings on the west side of the square.

The investigators, from the State Fire Marshal's office and the Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, had not visited the site at noon, but were to make their way there early this afternoon.

Foul play isn't suspected, but the investigators will attempt to uncover the cause of the fire that destroyed the 98-year-old building.

The charred remains of the two-story structure continued to smoke this morning. Local fire marshal Cy Posey said the remains would continue to smoke and occasionally flare up until the site is cleared.

The state agency requested the site not be touched until the investigators make their inspections for fear of destruction of evidence.

Posey said he believes the origin of the blaze was near the back of the building on an upper floor, but cause has yet to be determined.

The Boys and Girls Club of Scurry County owned the building, constructed in 1905.

The building immediately to the south at 2505 College Ave., which was vacant at the time of the fire, is owned by several descendents of Hugh Boren and is cared for by Lila Boren Knight of Buda.

A third building, which suffered heavy water damage, was recently occupied by M.M Mapes Small Appliance Repair and is owned by Fredrick Maurice Hodges of Midland.

All Snyder firefighters and law enforcement officers responded to the square with assistance from five surrounding cities. No serious injuries resulted from the fire.

The blaze could be seen from U.S. 84, more than three miles away.

City manager's evaluation will begin tonight

A number of agenda items await the Snyder city council when it convenes at 6:30 this evening, including the beginning of the annual evaluation of city manager John Gayle.

The council as scheduled an executive session for the evaluation.

In new business, the council will consider the third request from Sharp Image to drill a well within the city limits, and discuss the replat of Royal Cedars where developers have plans to build garden homes. The area is southeast of Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

The annual financial report will be presented by financial officer Jeanne Johnson, and the management letter from the accounting firm of Davis, Kinard & Co. will be reviewed.

The council also will consider an appointment to the board of the Development Corporation of Snyder. The position has been open since October.

A resolution to close Avalon Street in the Ridgecrest Addition will be considered by the council, as will budget amendments.

The council also is expected to appoint Bonnie Fry as election judge and Sonya Vinson as alternate judge for the May 3 city election.

In old business, the council will act on the renaming of Lorber St. at the industrial park to Baze Way.

Bids will be considered for refuse containers, a dump truck, a burn house facility for the fire department, and a fence at the landfill.

Lawmakers criticize proposed cutbacks in CHIPS program

AUSTIN (AP) — While lawmakers debate proposed cuts to the Children's Health Insurance Program that would deny coverage to some 227,000 youngsters, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst says he has a solution.

"In my budget work, I was able for my own draft budget purposes to balance without a reduction in the current CHIP program," Dewhurst told The Associated Press.

Dewhurst did not provide many more details about his budget plan, saying it was a draft he wanted to develop so he could justify his call to write a budget without new taxes despite a $10 billion shortfall.

"I don't like to take a position on anything unless I've done extensive work on it," he said Friday.

His comments came a day after Health and Human Services Commissioner Albert Hawkins laid out deep cuts to CHIP, Medicaid and other services. The cuts are necessary under spending reductions ordered by Gov. Rick Perry, Dewhurst and other state leaders, Hawkins told budget writers.

CHIP is a federal-state program that offers low-cost insurance to children whose families earn too much to qualify for Medicaid but not enough to afford private coverage. An estimated 508,368 children are expected to be eligible in 2004.

But Hawkins said his agency can only afford to cover 281,732 under that 12.5 percent cut needed to balance the budget.

WTC ART COMPETITION...





YOUNG ARTISTS — Western Texas College hosted the 11th annual West Texas High School Art Competition Saturday. Students throughout the area competed in the event. Shown in the top photo are D.J. Baiza from Post and Crystal Winter from Merkel. At right are, from left, Ashlee Henry of Post, Travis Pack of Merkel, Cody Henry of Post, and Ben Higgins of Merkel. (SDN Staff Photo)

Judge denies cameras in sniper suspect trial

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) — A judge rejected news media requests to allow still and television cameras in the courtroom for the trial of sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo.

"I am concerned with the possible prejudice to Mr. Malvo, whether still cameras or TV cameras," Circuit Judge Jane Marum Roush said at a hearing today.

She did approve a request from Fairfax County to allow a closed-circuit broadcast to an overflow courtroom for extra reporters and victims' families.

The prosecution objected only to a televised broadcast, while Malvo's lawyers opposed any cameras, including a closed-circuit broadcast.

Roush also was considering defense requests to ban display of gruesome crime-scene photos to the jury and for the prosecution to hand over any potentially exculpatory evidence.

In all, she was expected to address 13 motions filed by Malvo's lawyers, including one claiming Virginia's death-penalty law is unconstitutionally vague.

Malvo, 18, and John Allen Muhammad, 42, have been accused of shooting 19 people — killing 13 and wounding six — in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. No one was hit in another incident, in which a bullet struck a store window.

Prosecutors were dismissive of the claims.

The defense argument against the death-penalty law "can best be described as sixty-eight pages of diatribe against the Supreme Court of Virginia," Fairfax County Commonwealth's Attorney Robert F. Horan Jr. said. "It cites surprisingly few Virginia cases and then only to tell us how wrong they are."

Prosecutors also responded to defense lawyers' requests for information by releasing new details of their case against Malvo. Their response last week revealed that Malvo implicated Muhammad as an equal partner in the shootings, with Muhammad acting as a spotter and calling off shots.

They also said Malvo has made multiple confessions to pulling the trigger in some of the shootings, including the Oct. 14 shooting of FBI analyst Linda Franklin, for which he is facing trial in Fairfax County Circuit Court.

Rhode Island club fire...

Flammable foam not noted in club inspection reports

WEST WARWICK, R.I. (AP) — Town building and fire inspectors who visited The Station nightclub over the past three years never reported seeing highly flammable foam that was placed on the walls as soundproofing, documents released today showed.

The inspectors documented problems from burned-out lightbulbs to improperly installed fire extinguishers, but never took note of the black packaging foam, their reports show.

The polyurethane foam, intended as packaging material, was placed on the walls shortly after Jeffrey and Michael Derderian bought the club in 2000 because neighbors had complained of noise.

Authorities suspect that sparks from a pyrotechnic display used by the band Great White triggered the Feb. 20 fire that swept through the one-story, wooden building, killing 98 and injuring roughly twice that number.

Attorney General Patrick Lynch is leading a grand jury investigation into the blaze. He has not disclosed the specific targets of his criminal probe, but members of the band and their lawyers have consulted with the attorney general's office and appeared at a National Guard armory where the grand jury has been meeting.

The inspectors visited The Station at least annually to decide whether to renew its liquor license. A Nov. 27, 2002, report said the liquor license was not approved until minor problems noted in the inspections were fixed.

The liquor license was approved in December — and the Derderians were in the process of trying to sell the club and transfer the license just before the fire.

Town Manager Wolfgang Bauer could not say why the inspectors did not report the foam. "They either didn't see it or it wasn't there," he said today.

The club's stage manager and sound engineer, Paul Vanner, said the foam had been there since 2000.

"Every time I went into that club it was up on the wall," Vanner said this morning.

During the weekend, the focus in Rhode Island and Massachusetts was on remembering the victims of the tragedy. Church bells across both states tolled 98 times at noon, once for each of the people who died.

And in Hubbard, Ohio, family and friends gathered at Corner House Christian Church on Sunday to mourn Great White guitarist Ty Longley, who was killed in the blaze. Hundreds of people stood in a receiving line for the family as ribbons with "Rock on, Ty" printed in silver were handed out.

In Providence, William Kelly sat in his truck in driving rain outside Grace Church to hear a bell toll for his niece, Kelly Viera, who died Saturday at Shriners Hospital in Boston.

"I had to come to my own church" to listen, said Kelly, 57. "I keep asking the Lord 'Why?' She was such a sweetheart."

He said listening to the toll provided some temporary solace. He said the family had held out hope after the fire that his niece would survive.

"We thought she was in for a long, hard grind," Kelly said, fighting back tears.

Kelly said Viera, 40, of West Warwick, had two daughters and was at the club that night with her husband, Scott, described as an employee of The Station.

"He's beating himself up because he managed to get out," said Kelly, a retired truck driver.

ASK US

Q—Why is the ATF investigating the fire on the square?

A—The ATF often assists the State Fire Marshal's office, which has only 16 investigators across the entire state.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Jay Owens...

...moved to Snyder in 1987. He worked for Y-Z System for 9½ years. His wife, Melinda, teaches biology at Snyder High School. They have two sons, Austin, 13, and Reed, 2½. During his spare time he likes fishing, camping, golf and cross-stitching.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The stakes are too high for government to be a spectator sport.

—Barbara Jordan

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

SJHS' *Bye Bye Birdie*

Snyder Junior High School drama and choir departments will present *Bye Bye Birdie* today and Tuesday at the junior high auditorium. Tickets are $5 each and all seats are reserved.

Stanfield book fair

The Stanfield book fair will be held from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. through Thursday. Sales will benefit the school library.

Stanfield parent council

Stanfield's parent council will have a short meeting at 6 p.m. today in the teacher's lounge (front hall) to discuss playground equipment.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "The Church as Part of Bibical History," followed by "God's Blueprint for a Happy Home."

Pancake supper

The Hermleigh Masonic Lodge will host its annual pancake supper starting at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the cafeteria in conjunction with the Hermleigh school open house. There also will be a jump-a-thon in the gym to benefit the American Cancer Society.

Snyder bass club

The Snyder bass club will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Kinder Morgan offices on W. Hwy. 180.

Stanfield Muffins for Moms

In observance of Public School Week, Stanfield Elementary will host Muffins for Moms Tuesday beginning at 7:30 a.m., and Donuts for Dads beginning at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Free pancake supper

The First Presbyterian Church will host a free pancake supper at 6:30 p.m. Shrove Tuesday and an Ash Wednesday service at 6 p.m. The community is welcome to attend.

Lenten worship services

The First Presbyterian Church will hold Lenten worship services at 6 p.m. beginning Wednesday and continuing through April 9. Anyone wishing to observe Lent is welcome to attend.

West science fair

West Elementary's Sixth Grade Science Fair will be held Tuesday and Wednesday at the Towle Park Barn. The public is invited to view the exhibits on Tuesday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and on Wednesday from 8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. There is no charge for admission.

American Legion garage sale

The American Legion will host a garage sale Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. at 1804 Ave. R. Proceeds will benefit Gateway Family Services and the American Legion building fund.

WSI garage sale

WSI will have a garage sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at 2808 42nd to benefit Relay for Life. Employees who want to donate items may call Deana at 573-3365 or May Ann at 573-2808

Country, Gospel music

Country and Gospel music will be played at the Senior Citizens Center starting at 6 p.m. Saturday.

Retired teachers to meet

The Retired Teachers Association will meet at noon next Monday at The Shack. Sharla Bryan Moffett will speak about Cogdell Hospital services.

Community services fair

The community services fair will be Tuesday, March 18 from 4-6 p.m. at 2800 Second St. Free hot dogs, drinks and door prizes. Hosted by Scurry Community Services.

Senior water aerobics

Senior water aerobics will be held from 10-11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the WTC pool.

Withered flowers needed

The First Assembly of God youth group is needing withered flowers for a project. Call Camelia Soa at 574-2922 to have them picked up.

Trees still available

The Soil and Water Conservation office still has several varieties of trees available at $1 each. These include Lace Bark Elm, Sand Plum, Honeylocust, and Aromatic Sumac. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Relay for Life cookbooks

The cookbooks of the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Relay for Life team are now available for a $10 donation. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. Call Becky Craig at 573-2472, Jo Schooler at 573-7807 or 573-6374.

Relay for Life teams needed

Teams are now being recruited for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Scurry County to be held April 25-26 at Tiger Stadium. For more information, contact Margaret Presswood, recruitment chairperson, at 573-4873.

WTC adult basic education classes

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

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland is available free of charge. Call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakey Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Cutting horse finals...

12-year-old girl named reserve champion

HOUSTON (AP) — The new reserve champion of the World Cutting Horse Competition is a 12-year-old cowgirl, the youngest ever to show in the event that she says is very important to her.

"I was hoping to get first place," McKenzie Mullins said early today after the world finals at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. "I am very excited. It means a lot to me. I enjoyed the competition in the show. I did really well and I am very happy."

She had led competition atop her father's 1,240-pound horse. Rosies Lena, an 11-year-old quarterhorse, was last year's world champion. But during the first two nights of competition, McKenzie fell into second place behind Don Pooley and his horse Quixote Mac.

Pooley became world champion.

Mullins led more than a dozen men three times her age in year-round earnings going into the final round at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Third place went to Harriott Playgirl, a horse from Batesville, Miss., guided by Allen Crouch, who had dominated the World Finals competition but lagged behind in year-round earnings. The owner is Lee Garner.

Mullins of Gordon, Texas, won a saddle, trophy, buckle — and a place in the history books.

"She is the youngest ever to compete in that event," said National Cutting Horse Association spokeswoman Amy Vorhes.

She moved ahead of Crouch, who came in second, and her other 13 competitors Saturday night in a win that put her back ahead of Pooley's $66,447.91 in earnings.

"I didn't have the best luck," the girl said of her first two rounds of competition on the horse she affectionately calls "Tater."

Vorhes said each of the four rounds of competition has a payout for those in the top spots and an additional amount was added to the pot of the rider who had the best average for the four rounds. The horse with the top earnings for the year is declared the world champion.

Mullins said she was overwhelmed with hugs from her competitors when she won Saturday's competition and moved back into first place for yearly earnings. She said she rewarded her horse with apple wafers.

"McKenzie did very well and being 12, we don't have them that young competing in the open finals," said Rebecca Brian of the NCHA.

Rust, who qualified Rosies Lena for the World Finals, said he is proud of his stepdaughter.

"I thought it was a great life experience — one that would be hard to duplicate," he said. "I am tickled to death. She has handled everything really well."

4-Hers place animals at stock shows

Scurry County 4-Hers attended the Fort Worth Stock Show in January.

Placing at the show were Tyrelle Gilbert, 3rd with his heavyweight American; Jordan Derryberry, 8th with her middleweight Hereford.

Others exhibiting were Macy Bilano, Kira Bilano, Jada Bilano, Joshua Stansell, Jordan Stansell, Chase Peterson, A'lex Koonce and Laramie Gilbert.

The San Antonio Stock Show was held Feb. 11-14

Placing at the show were Kira Bilano, 10th with her middleweight Limi; Jordan Stansell, 7th with her middleweight ABC; and Chase Peterson, 6th with his heavyweight shorthorn.

Others were Macy Bilano, 3rd place with her middleweight Shorthorn and 9th with her heavyweight Spot; Kailea Shaw 13th with her lightweight Cross; Valerie West, 4th with her lightweight Duroc; Corbin Smith, 4th with his Class 4 Crossbred Lamb.

Others exhibiting animals were Jada Bilano, Joshua Stansell, A'lex Koonce, Kelsey Shaw, Jordan Williamson and Larissa Nachlinger.

The San Angelo Stock Show was held this past week.

Placing at the show were Chase Peterson, 1st with his British heavyweight and 5th with his lightweight American; Jada Bilano, 2nd place with her lightweight American; Jordan Stansell, 6th with her lightweight American; Joshua Stansell, 7th with his medium weight American.

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Mima & Papa



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Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 124-12 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, four miles northwest of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 7,200 feet, drill site is in Section 17, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Sharp Image Energy Inc. will drill the No. 2-A Towle Park, a 7,500-foot wildcat located one mile southwest of Snyder. Drill site is in Section 182, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Kent County

Three Span Oil and Gas Inc. will drill the No. 1043-6 Percy Jones estate, five miles west of Clairemont. Planned for a depth of 7,500 feet, drill site is in Section 104, Block G, W&NW survey.

Mitchell County

Energen Resources Corp will drill the No. 631-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 11 miles west of Colorado City. Planned for a depth of 3,500 feet, drill site is in Section 28, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Energen Resources will drill the No. 632-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 11 miles west of Colorado City. Also scheduled for a depth of 3,500 feet, location is in Section 28, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Energen Resources will drill the No. 855-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 12 miles west of Colorado City. Contracted for a depth of 3,500 feet, drill site is in Section 33, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Energen Resources will drill the No. 1915-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 10 miles west of Colorado City. Also planned for 3,500 feet, location is in Section 27, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Energen Resources will drill the No. 216-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 11 miles west of Colorado City. Planned depth is 3,500 feet, and location is in Section 22, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Energen Resources will drill the No. 215-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 11 miles west of Colorado City. The project will be drilled to 3,500 feet, and location is in Section 22, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Energen Resources will drill the No. 867-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 12 miles west of Colorado City. Planned depth is 3,500 feet, and location is in Section 33, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Energen Resources will drill the No. 866-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 12 miles west of Colorado City. Planned depth is 3,500 feet, and location is in Section 33, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Energen Resources will drill the No. 856-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 12 miles west of Colorado City. Also set for a depth of 3,500 feet, location is in Section 33, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey

Energen Resources will drill the No. 2409-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 11 miles west of Colorado City. Planned depth is 3,500 feet, and location is in Section 34, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Energen Resources will drill the No. 3518-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 11 miles west of Colorado City. The project also is planned for 3,500 feet, and location is in Section 34, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Energen Resources will drill the No. 2716-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 12 miles southwest of Colorado City. Planned for 3,500 feet, location is in Section 40, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Energen Resources will drill the No. 857-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 12 miles west of Colorado City. The project is slated for 3,500 feet, and drill site is in Section 33, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Energen Resources will drill the No. 217-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 11 miles west of Colorado City. Planned for a depth of 3,500 feet, drill site is in Section 22, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Date Book

March 3, 2003

Today is the 62nd day of 2003 and the 72nd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1845, Florida became the 27th state of the Union.

On this day in 1923, the first issue of Time magazine was published.

On this day in 1951, "Mr. Wizard" made its television debut.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: George Pullman (1831-1897), inventor; Alexander Graham Bell (1847-1922), inventor; Miranda Richardson (1958-), actress, is 45; Jaqueline Joyner-Kersee (1962-), athlete, is 41.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1985, jockey Bill Shoemaker became the first to surpass $100 million in career earnings after riding Lord at War to victory in the $500,000 Santa Anita Handicap.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "When one door closes another door opens; but we so often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door, that we do not see the ones which open for us." — Alexander Graham Bell

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (March 2) and first quarter (March 11).

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NBC execs fear Sheen's position will hurt show

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor Martin Sheen said NBC executives fear his opposition to a U.S.-led war against Iraq will hurt his popular television show "The West Wing."

Sheen, who plays fictional U.S. President Josiah Bartlet on the NBC series, told the Los Angeles Times for a story Sunday that the show's staff has been "100 percent supportive" but top network executives have "let it be known they're very uncomfortable with where I'm at" on the war.

The 62-year-old actor helped lead a "Virtual March on Washington" last week that flooded the White House with thousands of anti-war e-mails and has spoken out against the potential war in public.

But NBC spokeswoman Rebecca Marks told The Associated Press on Sunday that she knows of "no concern among top management at NBC."

events

LOTTO TEXAS TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Saturday's Lottery Numbers
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 $12 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 6-13-22-23-33-45.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $15 million.

Pick 3
(Day) 6-9-3
(Night) 5-8-3
Cash Five
7-10-17-25-32

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Your Birthday

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In the year ahead there is a strong possibility that you're going to be far more enterprising than you have been in the past. Of the many involvements you'll take on, two of them could turn out to be big winners.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Fire your best shots today, especially if there is one person in particular you'd like to impress. Members of the opposite gender are apt to find you far more appealing at this time than usual.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Not one but two admirers could have some very nice things to say about you to others today. Getting compliments on two separate fronts will double your popularity.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Lady Luck will be in your corner today when it comes to one of your latest interests. She could put into play some elements that will turn your project into one of excitement.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — The only motivation you'll need today to get you up and going will be one of a material incentive. When you feel the stakes are worthy, you'll make success happen.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Because you'll instinctively know that your judgment is exceptionally keen today, you will not hesitate to make snap decisions. In fact, your first assumptions will be remarkably accurate.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Any kind gestures you make to others today will leave an indelible impression long after you've forgotten them, no matter if they were big or small.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Because Dan Cupid will consider you his special assignment today, he could be planning something very special that will warm the heart of the object of your love.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Your creative juices could be flowing today, so use them not only to enhance your work but also to beautify your surroundings. You'll make a great improvement on anything you touch.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — If you know of something involving several friends that is greatly in need of reorganization, let them know it is time to take measures. Lead and they'll follow.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You're on a lucky roll, so make sure to capitalize on it while you can, especially anything of a financial bent.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Take control of your destiny today and make things happen on matters that hold the most importance for you. You can advance your positions to your satisfaction.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Though it may be from unorthodox situations or ways, material accumulation looks very promising for you today. Be on your toes and look for these unusual avenues and sources.

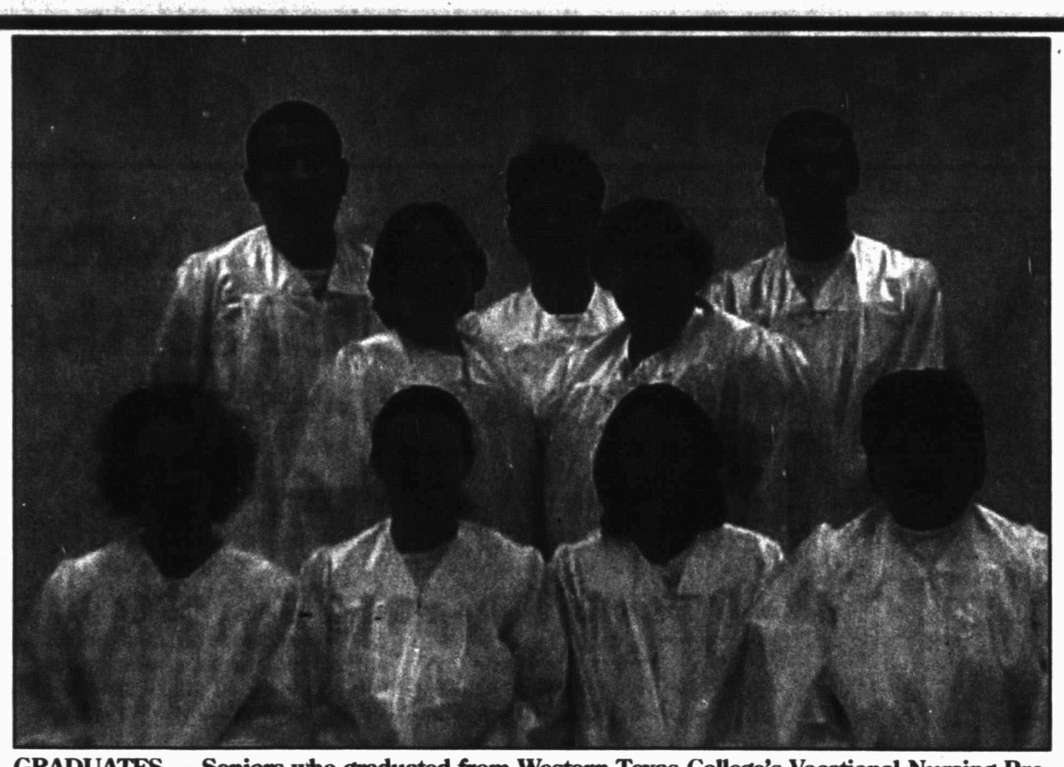
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Chaplain suspended

AUBURN, N.Y. (AP) — A state prison chaplain charged with helping to illegally send money to Iraq was suspended from his job indefinitely Sunday.

Corrections Department spokesman James Flateau said Osameh Al Wahaidy returned to work Sunday at Auburn Correctional Facility, reported his arrest on the federal charges and was immediately suspended without pay from his $57,140-a-year job.

Al Wahaidy, 41, a Jordanian citizen, has been a prison chaplain since 1997.



GRADUATES — Seniors who graduated from Western Texas College's Vocational Nursing Program are front row, left to right: Jina Miller, Kelli Pritchard, Jennifer Short, Teri Presley; back row, left to right: Eddie Tenorio, Sherri Budnaitis, Tammy Nowlin, Shanna Block and Ashton Weatherly. They are now eligible to take the State Board examination. (Contributed Photo)



PINNED — Juniors who received their pins at WTC's vocational nursing graduation were Trina Chandler, Sherrie Edwards, Melisa Lopez, Sonia Garrett; back row, Tosha Wilbert, DeAnn Fahntrapp, Bill Guynes, Mandi Hunt and Tida Collins. The pins means these students have completed half of the year-long program. (Contributed Photo)

WTC holds graduation and pinning ceremony for vocational nurses

The Vocational Nursing Program at Western Texas College held its spring graduation and pinning ceremony recently at the First United Methodist Church with a reception following in Wesley Hall.

After the processional, Mike Thornton, dean of continuing education, gave the invocation and John Gibson, dean of vocational instruction, welcomed everyone.

Carmen Timora performed a song for the candidates and Dr. Greg Williams, WTC president, offered the graduation address.

Diane Beard, Carol Watkins and Donna Robinson presented the pins and certificates, followed by Thornton offering the benediction.

Candidates for graduation from Snyder were Shanna Block, Jennifer Short, Sherri Budnaitis, Teri Presley and Jina Miller.

Others are Tammy Nolan of Rotan; Eddie Tenorio of Colorado City; Kelli Pritchard of Hamlin and Ashton Weatherly of Colorado City.

Candidates for pinning were DeAnn Fahntrapp and Bill Guynes, both of Snyder; Trini Chandler of Hermleigh; Mandi Hunt of Sagerton; Tida Collins and Melisa Lopez, both of Lamesa; Sonia Garrett and Sherrie Edwards, both of Colorado City; and Tosha Wilbert of Big Spring.

Houston Social Security unit criticized for how it operates

HOUSTON (AP) — In order to verify that applicants were truly disabled, investigators with the Social Security Administration's antifraud unit told several Houston-area disability applicants — including a mentally ill woman — that they could be suspects in robberies, according to a published report.

Cheryl Braxton said two officers bearing badges came to her home to question her as a possible robbery suspect two years ago, the Houston Chronicle reported in its Sunday editions.

Even though Harris County Sheriff's deputies who were working undercover for the federal agency knew there wasn't a robbery case, they questioned her to determine if Braxton could think and talk clearly, undermining her disability claim based on a mental illness, the paper reported.

While some say the tactics are unethical, the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled it is acceptable for police officers to lie to people they suspect of committing a crime in order to obtain evidence or confessions.

Houston lawyer Victor Makris says although technically legal, the practice pushes the spirit of the law by confronting applicants with crimes they are not suspected of committing in order to obtain information.

Declaration of Texas' independence celebrated

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — At the shrine of Texas' independence, hundreds helped celebrate the 167th anniversary of the state's freedom from Mexico in a ceremony with prayers, songs — and sounds from Scotland.

While speakers Sunday described the importance of the state's turbulent history, a wreath of flowers was placed outside the Alamo entrance to the music of bagpipes.

Texians declared independence from Mexico on March 2, 1836, as Mexican Gen. Santa Anna's forces surrounded the mission, which now is located in downtown San Antonio.

"You just feel it," said Ben Taylor, 26, an engineering student from Tennessee who was with his wife, Ashley. "It's just the ambiance of the place."

Some of the 250 people at the Texas Independence Day ceremony included out-of-state residents who still follow Texas history.

"Texas pride is wonderful," said Rick Taylor, a self-described "Alamo nut" who lives in Neptune, N.J., with his wife, Gail. "(Texans) have a lot to be proud of."

The Taylors, standing near the area where the battle took place 167 years ago, recounted historical facts that would make many Texans tip their hats.

"What they did here is unique in military history," Taylor told the San Antonio Express-News in today's editions. "They were so outnumbered, and they even knew beforehand that they would be given no quarter."

"It's amazing what those guys did," Gail Taylor said. "I don't think today anybody would do that."

The couple belongs to the Alamo Society, a group of professional and amateur historians from around the world.

Few other states have such hallowed traditions. But a brother and sister from Rochester, N.Y., said it made sense.

"I'm a history major," said Beth Delthony, 26. "And this is a unique part of (U.S.) history."

A renewed interest in the state's history includes a new Alamo movie from Disney, with filming in Central Texas.

Some historians still argue over details of the siege, including whether Davy Crockett was executed or went down fighting.

Also, Col. William Travis is supposed to have drawn a line in the sand to find out who wanted to continue fighting and who didn't. All but one man decided to stay on. Historians tend to discount the story, as it appeared for the first time more than 40 years after the Alamo's fall. Figuratively, the story is true, the couple said.

"Those men knew what would happen to them," Gail Taylor said.



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CRACK OF THE BAT — Lady Tiger Shelley Fisk takes a swing against a Colorado City pitch in Saturday morning action at the Snyder tournament. Snyder defeated the Lady Wolves 15-4 and went on to win the tournament. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lady Tigers dominate field, win Snyder softball tourney

After crushing Colorado City 15-4 to start the final day of the Snyder Invitational softball tournament, the Lady Tigers needed to secure two more wins to claim the trophy.

That they did in emphatic fashion, blanking Coahoma, 4-0, in the semifinals, and crushing Eula, 9-1, to capture the tournament trophy.

"It feels really good (to win our tournament)," head softball coach Shelly Hayes said. "The girls worked hard, and I was proud of them."

Ashley Martinez threw a one-hit shutout over Coahoma to advance to the title game, mowing down seven of 19 batters on strikes to improve to 5-1 on the season.

"I saw a lot of good things come out of this tournament," Hayes said. "We're hitting the ball better and focusing. We're coming together as a team, and having fun, which is the key. Once they feel good about each other as players, they feel comfortable."

In the championship contest, Snyder (16-2) swatted 14 hits and didn't commit an error in cruising to the 9-1 victory over Eula.

Catcher Chaelyn Robinson connected for her first home run of the season, a two-run blast to center, and third sacker Dara Chambers drove in three runs on a double and a triple.

Missy Vasquez spanked a two-run single, and Martinez aided her cause, going one-for-four with an RBI.

Everyone entered the hit parade in the championship, as Shelley Fisk, Rachel Clanton and Megan Fletcher posted two hits each, and Kelsi Johnson drilled a double.

Jacque Alvarez (6-1) pitched a seven-inning complete game, allowing five hits and striking out two.

Hayes said the team is playing with plenty of confidence after dominating the field last weekend.

She said the tournament could not have come off without the help of all the parents.

"I just want to thank them for all their hard work," Hayes said. "The tournament was a success because of them."

The Lady Tigers will get back into action against Big Spring Tuesday afternoon.

"(Big Spring) is a scrappy bunch. They have good hitters and good pitching. The girls are going to have to play well," Hayes said.

The game against Big Spring is scheduled to start at 5 p.m. at Cates Field.

Boys track team places second

The Snyder boys track and field team recorded 91 points Saturday, good enough for second place at Wylie Bulldog Relay.

The Wylie boys won their own meet with 151 points.

Tiger pole vaulter Clay Williams tied for first with a jump of 12 feet six inches and Ricky McNatt earned first place in the discus with a throw of 143 feet, seven inches.

Jason Guynes won the high hurdles with a time of 15.13 seconds.

Two Tigers finished second in individual events, with Justin Boyd leaping six feet in the high jump, just two inches shy of Wylie's Cole Landers.

Malcolm Wells missed winning the long jump by a half-inch, measuring 20 feet eight inches.

The team finished second in the 800-meter relay with a time of 1:34.29, and also earned runner-up in the 1,600-meter relay, crossing the line less than three seconds after Sweetwater at 3:34.68.

The Snyder girls team earned 21 points to finish in ninth place in the tournament.

October Wells won the 100-meter sprint with a time of 12.72 seconds.

Snyder track will compete in Coahoma Friday, then in the Canyon Reef Relays Saturday.

Standings
Boys

TEAM POINTS - 1. Wylie 151; 2. Snyder 91; 3. Sweetwater 86; 4. Eula 68; 5. Brownwood 54; 6. Hamlin 45; 7. Stephenville 39; 8. Eastland 36; 9. Ballinger 23; 10. Brownwood JV 9; 11. Jim Ned 8; 12. Wylie JV 6; 13. Merkel 1.

HIGH JUMP - 1. Cole Landers, Wylie, 6-2; 2. Justin Boyd, Snyder, 6-0; 3. Aron King, Ballinger, 5-10.

SHOT PUT - 1.Aaron Falkner, Wylie 49-9; 2. Tyler Crump, Wylie, 48-91/4; 3. Josh Guzman, Sweetwater, 48-0.

POLE VAULT - 1. Tie, Clay Williams, Snyder. 12-6, and T.J. Felts, Eastland, 12-6; 3. Spencer Hillard, Wylie, 11-0.

DISCUS - 1. Ricky McNatt, Snyder, 143-7; 2. Kody Bodine, Eula, 132-9; 3. Joey Ellis, Brownwood, 127-6.

TRIPLE JUMP - 1. Jeremy Thompson, Sweetwater, 41-0; 2. Cole Landers, Wylie, 40-7; 3. Brock Woods, Brownwood, 40-3 3/4.

LONG JUMP -1. Jason Reynolds, Wylie, 20-8 1/2; 2. Malcolm Wells, Snyder 20-8; 3. Michael Williams, Sweetwater, 20-7 1/2.

3,200 - 1. Jorge Hernandez, Eula, 10:08.46; 2. Drew Powers. Eula, 10:24.46; 3. Bryan Pickens, Eula, 10:28.32.

400 RELAY - 1. Sweetwater 43.61; 2. Brownwood 44.64; 3. Hamlin 44.93. (Snyder was second but was disqualified).

100 METERS - 1. Adam Baugh, Wylie, 10.73; 2. Ryan Claterbaugh, Hamlin, 11.07; 3. Melvin Johnson, Brownwood, 11.22.

800 - 1. Drew Powers, Eula, 1:59.39; 2. Cameron O'Connell, Wylie, 2:05.17; 3. Cody Gann, Wylie, 2:06.33.

HIGH HURDLES - 1. Jason Guynes, Snyder, 15.13; 2. Clint Anthony, Eastland, 15.69; 3. Alan King, Ballinger, 15.70.

800 RELAY - 1. Wylie 1:31.37; 2. Snyder 1:34.29; 3. Stephenville, 1:36.99.

400 - 1. Josh Jackson, Sweetwater, 52.68; 2. Josh Lain, Hamlin, 63.56' 3. Jason Behler, Brownwood JV, 54.23.

300 HURDLES - 1. Brian Santos, Wylie, 40.84; 2. Kirby Freeman, Brownwood, 41.71; 3. Adam Davidson, Eastland, 42.51.

200 - 1. Tommy Felts, Wylie, 22.12; 2. Michael Williams, Sweetwater, 22.95; 3. Michael Green, Hamlin, 23.25.

1,600 - 1. Jorge Hernandez, Eula, 4:43.67; 2. Bryan Pickens, Eula, 4:44.09; 3. Cameron O'Connell, Wylie, 4:53.86.

1,600 RELAY - 1.Sweetwater 3:31.58; 2. Snyder 3:34.68; 3. Stephenville 3:40.89.

Girls

TEAM POINTS - 1. Stephenville 176; 2. Wylie 155.5; 3. Hamlin 73.5; 4. Jim Ned 47; 5. Canyon Randall, 45; 6. Merkel 38; 7. Eula 28; 8. Ballinger 26; 9. Snyder 21; 10. Wylie JV 9.

DISCUS - 1. Markesia Edwards, Stephenville, 118-8; 2. Ashley Cox, Stephenville, 105-3; 3. Caitlan Warren, Stephenville, 104-0.

POLE VAULT - 1. Heather Bashaw, Stephenville, 9-6; 2.Amanda Eichorst, Wylie, 9-0; 3. Tory Lasater, Stephenville, 7-6.

HIGH JUMP - 1. Sheena Teel, Wylie, 5-4; 2. Deidre Doggett, Stephenville, 4-10; 3. Brittney Lewis, Hamlin, 4-10.

LONG JUMP - 1. Angela Gonzales, Merkel, 17-6 1/2; 2. Ashley Malone, Hamlin, 16-9 1/2; 3. Lindsey Weems, Wylie, 15-3 3/4.

TRIPLE JUMP - 1. Angela Gonzales, Merkel, 34-4; 2. Emily Herrin, Stephenville, 32-8 1/2;p 3. Kristen Frye, Hamlin, 32-4.

SHOT PUT - 1. Markeisha Edwards, Stephenville, 44-6 1/2; 2. Whitney Conner, Canyon Randall, 33-5 1/4; 3. Courtney Laing, Wylie, 33-2.

3,200 - 1. Sharen Diggs, Hamlin, 12:21.47; 2. LaShay McDaniel, Stephenville, 12:26.30; 3. Whitney Rister, Eula, 12:36.28.

400 RELAY - 1. Wylie, 50.88; 2. Hamlin 52.24; 3. Stephenville, 52.27.

800 - 1. Samantha Buggess, Ballinger, 2:27.12; 2. Haylee Allen, Jim Ned, 2:29.21; 3. Mary Irvine, Stephenville, 2:30.53.

100 HURDLES - 1. Kristin Wallace, Wylie, 14.28; 2. Sheena Teel, Wylie, 16.88; 3. Becca Steele, Hamlin, 17.39.

100 METERS - 1. October Wells, Snyder, 12.72; 2. Angela Gonzales, Merkel, 13.07; 3. Jamie Ricker, Wylie, 13.18.

800 RELAY - 1. Wylie 1:48.62; 2. Stephenville 1:49.63; 3. Jim Ned 1:50.35.

400 — 1. Ashley Norton, Eula, 63.18; 2. Jess Evatt, Stephenville, 63.73; 3. Brittany Sayre, Wylie, 64.30.

300 HURDLES - 1. Cortney Robertson, Stephenville, 47.87; 2. Sheena Teel, Wylie, 49.31; 3. Tiffany Hendrickson, Canyon Randall, 50.04.

200 - 1. October Wells, Snyder, 27.08; 2. Anna Crittendon, Stephenville, 27.47; 3. Jordan Isom, Wylie, 27.91.

1,600 - 1. Jessica Pelzel, Ballinger, 5:45.45; 2. LaShay McDaniel, Stephenville, 5:47.30.

Dusters take finale at Howard College

BIG SPRING — The Lady Dusters were blindsided by Howard College Friday, falling behind 5-0 after the first inning in setting the tone for the four-game series with the Dusters winning only Saturday's finale.

Patricia Gonzales was charged with her second loss of the season, and was pulled after a five-run first inning in which she gave up no unearned runs.

WTC booted three balls in the opening stanza, and Gonzales gave up four hits, as Howard took control from the outset.

McNeill said the team needed to be sharper at the beginning of the tilt.

"We eased into the game," said head coach Rodney McNeill. "We missed those two big tournaments, and we are learning lessons that we could have learned before conference."

Howard's Jennifer Demay pitched seven scoreless innings in the nightcap Friday, allowing two hits and striking out eight Dusters in a 5-0 win for the Lady Hawks.

Brandy Jordan suffered her first loss on the season without giving up an earned run in another game the team kicked away, committing four errors.

Jordan was not sharp, though, as she allowed nine hits and walked two Howard batters in six innings.

Tabitha Rodriguez and Stephanie Wardlaw got the only hits I the game.

Howard's Jennifer Reed dominated the Dusters in the opener Saturday, pitching seven shutout innings and striking out seven in the Lady Hawks' 2-1 victory.

Reed and Gonzales (5-3) locked in a pitcher's duel, with Gonzales pitching six innings and giving up two hits and three walks.

Wardlaw, Gonzales and Amber Taylor collected the only base hits for the Dusters, with Gonzales receiving credit for the RBI.

WTC (14-4) avoided the sweep in the final tilt, scoring three runs in the eighth inning to earn a 6-3 win over Demay, who went eight full innings.

Gonzales pitched the final 1 1/3 to capture the win. Brandy Jordan threw the first 6 2/3, giving up three runs on 11 hits and two walks, while striking out one.

The Duster bats got hot in the last game, rapping 14 hits in the win.

Rodriguez carried the big stick for WTC, posting a three-for-four day at the plate with three runs driven in on a double and a triple.

Jordan connected on a two-run double, and Taylor scored two runs and drove in a run on two hits.

Wardlaw knocked three hits and scored, while Heather Patterson and Christina Gourd each had a pair of singles.

The Dusters will next square off with El Paso Community College Wednesday and Thursday in El Paso, before traveling to Phoenix for this weekend's Maricopa College Tournament.

Netters finish second at regional team tourney

The Snyder netters captured second place in the region last weekend, falling to Canyon, 10-6, in the finals at Levelland.

Snyder advanced to the finals by destroying Midland Greenwood, 19-0, in the quarterfinals, then crushing Sweetwater, 15-4, in the semifinals.

Head coach Ted Phillips said Canyon, a team Snyder beat in the fall, had four new faces this semester, and the new players helped Canyon claim the region.

"We dropped three doubles matches in the last set," he said. "It was fun. We played hard — everybody had six matches apiece."

Snyder will advance to the state team tournament this weekend at Waco as the number two seed in Region I.

Sixteen 3-A teams will compete in the state tournament, with the top two teams in each region making the trip.

Snyder, Vernon, Abilene Wylie and Canyon are considered the early favorites.

Phillips gets no rest from this weekend, as he is putting the finishing touches on the Snyder JV tennis tournament, which will be held Tuesday.

Spurs beat up Rockets, 97-88

HOUSTON (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs took turns beating up the Houston Rockets.

After Tim Duncan and Tony Parker softened up the Rockets in the first quarter, Emanuel Ginobili came on to score a career-high 20 points and lead the Spurs to a 97-88 victory Sunday.

The victory kept the Spurs on a blazing pace. They've won 13 of their last 14 games and are 22-4 since Jan. 1. Getting Ginobili back from the injured list (sprained right ankle) on Dec. 29 has helped, especially Sunday.

"Gino was incredible," Duncan said. "We all called it before the game. We were (Spanish television) and Gino is the only one who can speak Spanish on the team so we had to give him the ball and let him go."

Ginobili had nine points early in the second quarter to keep the Spurs rolling against the slow-starting Rockets.

"We played real well together tonight, I'm real proud," Ginobili said. "We have to keep doing the same thing. Twenty points just happened today. I don't know if it will happen again. I don't care if it does.

Duncan had 17 points, Parker and Malik Rose each had 16, and David Robinson added 14 points.

The Spurs never trailed and were up 87-70 with 6:04 to play when the Rockets rallied behind Glen Rice, who had 11 of his 19 points over the last 5:43 and helped Houston pull to 94-88 with 52 seconds left.

It was too late for the Rockets, struggling to keep in the playoff chase for the No. 8 spot in the Western Conference.

"We've got to do something about our slow starts defensively," Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "We got into a comfort zone and then when it got to the embarrassing stage we picked it up later on."

Steve Francis led the Rockets with 21 points, and Yao Ming had 14 points and nine rebounds.

The Spurs used a 12-4 run to build on their 51-39 advantage at halftime. Even an 11-1 run by the Rockets couldn't get their deficit under 10 points, and San Antonio kept Houston at bay and led 74-59 going into the fourth quarter.

Duncan and Parker peppered the Rockets defense in the first quarter and Ginobili scored nine points early in the second as the Spurs kept their big lead at halftime despite a late second-quarter 11-2 spurt by the Rockets.

Parker had 10 points in the first quarter and Duncan scored eight points to give the Spurs a 30-18

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SPORTS

Girls fall 15 strokes short of Andrews

The Lady Tigers golf team ran into a familiar foe at Midland last weekend, falling 15 strokes shy of Andrews in the Midland girls Invitational.

Snyder fired a 332 in the opening round — nine shots behind Andrews — before recording a 350 in the second round.

Andrews bested Snyder by six shots in the final round to secure the tournament, and Andrews golfers Halli Richards and Kerri Self finished in first and second place in the individual standings.

Katie Kerley and Lauren Day each fired a 163 to tie for third place in the individual standings with Pecos' Shelly Martinez.

Kerley shot a 77 in the first round, and followed it up with an 86. Day carded a 78 in the first round and an 85 on the last day.

Division II

Team Standings: Andrews 323-667, Snyder 332-682, Pecos 327-689, Monahans 346-717, Abilene Wylie 353-745, Fort Stockton 362-755, Big Spring 378-781, Midland Lee II 396-789, Canyon 377-790, Borger 395-821, Hereford 387-821, Midland High II 415-833, Pampa 397-834, Amarillo Caprock 456-929, Amarillo Palo Duro 521-1,046.

Medalist Standings (top 10): Halli Richards, Andrews, 74-149; Kerri Self, Andrews, 80-161; Shelly Martinez, Pecos, 75-163; Katie Kerley, Snyder, 77-163; Lauren Day, Snyder, 78-163; Jessica Harbin, Wylie, 81-164; Lauren Martinez, Pecos, 80-166; Whitney Mitchell, Monahans, 83-169; Britney Subia, 79-169; Allison Jordan, Monahans, 86-175.

Team-by-team Scores

Andrews: Halli Richards 74-149, Kerri Self 80-161, Britney Subia 79-169, Kelsie Gray 90-188, Megan Copeland 92-192.

Snyder: Katie Kerley 77-163, Lauren Day 78-163, Kelle Dodson 87-176, Hailey Putnam 90-180, Catherine Whitworth 94-191.

Pecos: Lauren Martinez 80-166, Shelly Martinez 75-163, Sarah McKinney 85-184, Brandi North 87-176, Dena Dutchover 89-191.

Monahans: Whitney Mitchell 83-169, Allison Jordan 86-175, Amanda Stuessy 86-178, Allison Valles 91-195, Amy Williamson no second round score.

Abilene Wylie: Jessica Harbin 81-164, Chandra Hayes 86-183, Darby Beal 93-195, Emily Molsinger 93-204, Beth Kute 100-210.

Big Spring: Rachel Gee 88-182, Angela Payne 91-209, Brennan Bailey 97-196, Jessica Hicks 102-213, Caylie Dunham 103-205.

Midland Lee II: Tracy Stanford 90-183, Melissa Sanard 104-201, Rita Behm 100-201, Samantha Fields 102-204, Grace Brazille 106-219.

Midland High II: Amber Douglas 98-196, Mary Faulkenberry 110-223, Kellye Navarro 103-201, Kelly Bush 113-231, Teagen Farmer 104-213.



INFIELD SINGLE — Lady Tigers' outfielder Missy Vasquez beats out the throw to reach first base against Grape Creek in the Snyder softball tournamet, which Snyder won, beating Eula 9-1 in the championship game. (SDN Staff Photo)

Tigers drop finale to Canyon Randall

The Snyder Tigers' rough weekend at Frenship ended Saturday with a 9-7 loss at the hands of Canyon Randall.

Snyder head coach Charles Bollinger said Canyon Randall was just the latest in a string of tough teams the Tigers will play in their pre-district schedule.

"Playing some salty teams," he said. "We've shown we can play with the big boys, now it's time to decide we are the big boys."

Ty Collier (1-1) was tagged with the loss despite throwing four solid innings.

Canyon trailed 5-2 before breaking loose in the fifth inning to take a 6-5 lead.

Chance Greenwood relieved Collier, who had allowed the go-ahead run to reach base, and gave up a short blooper that hit the foul line and plated the eventual winning run for Canyon.

Snyder (3-4) had another solid game at the plate, pounding out 10 hits and getting RBIs from six players in the lineup.

Greenwood, Shawn Roemisch and Bradley Price each connected for two base hits, and drove in a run apiece.

Isaac Ramon was one-for-three with two RBI, and Danny Hoyle and Marcus Villarreal both drove in a run.

The Tigers will take on Lakeview at 7 Tuesday night at Moffett Field in the final tune-up for the Snyder baseball tournament.

Bollinger said he would look at his staff today at practice before deciding on a starter for Tuesday.

Redskins lead early free agent race

By the Associated Press

No team dived into the NFL free agency pool quicker or deeper than the Washington Redskins.

Three days into the signing period, the Redskins have added two starting guards, two defensive linemen, a kicker and a backup quarterback. Redskins owner Daniel Snyder has been known as a big spender, and he's reinforced that reputation this weekend.

Headed to Washington are guards Randy Thomas, late of the Jets, and Dave Fiore (49ers); DT Brandon Noble (Cowboys) and DE Regan Upshaw (Raiders); kicker John Hall (Jets); and QB Rob Johnson (Buccaneers).

Washington also acquired running back Trung Canidate in a trade with St. Louis on Friday.

Thomas got the biggest deal, worth $28 million for seven years, with a $7 million signing bonus.

"That's what I like about that guy — he set the table," Thomas said.

He's set it nicely for coach Steve Spurrier, who went 7-9 in his first season as an NFL coach. And Spurrier has warned there might be more action in Washington.

Another NFC East team had a successful Sunday as the New York Giants agreed to terms with wide receiver Ike Hilliard. A source close to the team, who requested anonymity, said the receiver got a five-year, $12.5 million contract. The oft-injured Hilliard will get a $2.5 million signing bonus and will be paid an annual salary of $2.5 million.

Hilliard, who drew some interest from — surprise — the Redskins, suffered a season-ending shoulder injury in the seventh game on a late hit by Philadelphia Eagles safety Brian Dawkins.

St. Louis re-signed seven-time Pro Bowl cornerback Aeneas Williams, cut last week by the Rams, to a two-year deal.

"There's no better role model and leader for a young secondary than Aeneas," said Jay Zygmunt, the Rams' president of football operations. "This obviously was one of our big goals. We're really excited."

Park rocked in Rangers' win

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Chan Ho Park gave up five runs on six hits in two innings in his first spring start, but the Texas Rangers overcame their ace's struggles and beat the Milwaukee Brewers 14-8 Sunday for their first Cactus League win.

Ruben Sierra, the 37-year-old outfielder back in camp as a non-roster player, hit a three-run homer in the fifth inning off Matt Childers to put the Rangers ahead 8-7. An inning later, Carl Everett added a two-run double.

New Milwaukee general manager Doug Melvin, who was the Texas GM for seven years before being fired after the 2001 season, sat in the front row by the Brewers' dugout. It was his first visit to the Surprise complex he helped develop while with the Rangers.

Park didn't get an out until the sixth Milwaukee batter, and gave up four runs in the first inning.

Still, the outing wasn't a huge concern for Park or manager Buck Showalter. They were pleased that the right-hander was healthy after an injury-plagued season that started with a right hamstring problem in the spring.

Park threw mostly fastballs among his 40 pitches, and said he missed his target early when he tried to throw too hard at times.

"He threw crisp with stuff, and felt good with no problems with the leg," Showalter said. "It's a step in the right direction. He'll feel better and better every time out."

WTC claims second game of doubleheader against Howard

The Western Texas College baseball team recovered from two lopsided losses over the weekend to salvage the finale of a four-game series with Howard College, 14-8.

After suffering through a 15-2 loss in the nightcap Friday, the Westerners were routed 15-2 in the opener Saturday afternoon.

Roy Vernon was saddled with the loss, as Howard scored eight runs in the first two innings to seize early control of the game.

Tanyon Reeves collected two of WTC's five hits on the game.

The Westerners (5-16, 1-7) earned their first conference victory of the year in the second tilt of the twinbill, crushing Howard, 14-8.

Scott Peden got the win, and Scott Harris collected the first save in WTC history.

The team's bats came alive in the finale, as Logan Parker went four-for-five with a homer, double and four runs scored.

Landon Thompson launched a home run and slapped a single and a double in the game, scoring three times.

Kyle Toney was two-for-five, and Jeremy Cross powered a two-run bomb in the eighth inning to give the Westerners the six-run cushion heading into the ninth.

"Getting that first conference win was a big for us," assistant coach Billy Hefflinger said. "The guys are excited to get the win after being 10-run ruled twice."

He said the team knows now it can win in conference, and should compete well with Odessa this Friday and Saturday.

The team will play a doubleheader on both days, with a noon start time.

Hoosiers still rooting for Knight

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — It's not unusual to see Indiana basketball fans decked out in red.

But for some, it no longer represents the crimson of Indiana University, but the scarlet of Texas Tech.

It's been more than two years since coach Bob Knight was fired from IU and subsequently went to Texas Tech to lead the Red Raiders.

And while some IU fans continue to root for the Hoosiers and their new coach, Mike Davis, others have turned their loyalties westward.

"People do not want to let go of him," said Jean Duncan, a 1976 IU graduate who has organized fund-raisers for Texas Tech basketball scholarships. "He's such an important part of basketball in the state of Indiana."

Duncan, 50, has attended dozens of Texas Tech games, organized group trips to Tech games and recently presented the school with $100,000 — about half the cost of an endowed basketball scholarship. She plans to continue her fund-raising efforts to come up with the money needed for a full endowment.

"I was amazed that someone who had given so much to the state of Indiana and IU didn't get so much as a gold watch," Duncan said. "This is, in some small way, the gold watch he never received."

Duncan is far from alone in her loyalty to Knight.

Geoffrey Fortner, who attended IU for both undergraduate studies and medical school, grew up watching Bob Knight basketball and has taken trips to see Texas Tech play.

Sports Briefs

Football booster club

The football booster club will meet tonight at 7 in the film room. Parents of freshmen, JV and varsity players are encouraged to attend. Plans for summer activities will be discussed.

Tennis team accepting donations for charter bus

The SHS tennis team is accepting donations to go towards the rental of a charter bus for the state tournament. Anyone wishing to donate should contact Rhonda Sutter at 573-4818.

Jones Jr. makes history

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Roy Jones Jr. simply outpunched John Ruiz on Saturday night, making history by becoming only the second light heavyweight champion to win a piece of the heavyweight title.

In a fight that had moments of action and long lulls between punches, Jones won a unanimous 12-round decision to take the WBA heavyweight crown against a bigger man who was never able to use his size to his advantage.

Tiger pulls out of Dubai

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Tiger Woods pulled out of next week's Dubai Desert Classic, which has lost several players concerned about a possible war in Iraq.

The tournament announced his withdrawal Sunday, just as Woods was teeing off against David Toms for the final of the Match Play Championship.

Spring Training

AMERICAN LEAGUE	W	L	Pct
Kansas City	4	0	1.000
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Minnesota	3	1	.750
Oakland	3	1	.750
Boston	2	2	.500
Seattle	2	2	.500
Anaheim	1	2	.333
Chicago	1	2	.333
New York	1	2	.333
Texas	1	3	.250
Tampa Bay	0	2	.000
Detroit	0	3	.000

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Atlanta	3	0	1.000
Arizona	3	1	.750
Colorado	2	1	.667
Houston	2	1	.667
Montreal	2	1	.667
Cincinnati	2	2	.500
Florida	2	2	.500
St. Louis	2	2	.500
Chicago	1	2	.333
Los Angeles	1	2	.333
San Diego	1	2	.333
San Francisco	1	2	.333
Milwaukee	1	3	.250
New York	1	3	.250
Philadelphia	1	3	.250
Pittsburgh	1	3	.250

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE — Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	38	22	.633	—
Philadelphia	34	24	.586	3
Boston	33	26	.559	4½
Orlando	30	30	.500	8
Washington	29	30	.492	8½
New York	25	34	.424	12½
Miami	20	39	.339	17½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	38	21	.644	—
Detroit	37	23	.617	1½
New Orleans	34	27	.557	5
Milwaukee	29	30	.492	9
Atlanta	22	38	.367	16½
Chicago	21	40	.344	18
Toronto	18	38	.321	18½
Cleveland	11	48	.186	27
WESTERN CONFERENCE — Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	45	14	.763	—
San Antonio	41	17	.707	3½
Minnesota	40	21	.656	6
Utah	34	25	.576	11
Houston	30	29	.508	15
Memphis	18	40	.310	26½
Denver	12	48	.200	33½
Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	41	19	.683	—
Portland	39	20	.661	1½
L.A. Lakers	32	26	.552	8
Phoenix	31	28	.525	9½
Golden State	29	30	.492	11½
Seattle	27	31	.466	13
L.A. Clippers	19	39	.328	21

Saturday's Games

San Antonio 108, Sacramento 100
Washington 101, Chicago 93
Dallas 114, Memphis 87
New Orleans 97, Phoenix 92
Golden State 92, Detroit 90
Seattle 109, L.A. Clippers 101

Sunday's Games

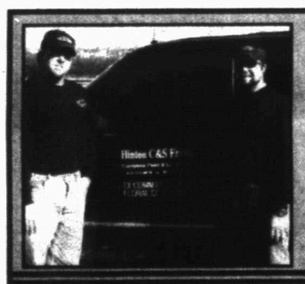
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Milwaukee 120, Atlanta 93
Minnesota 99, New York 90
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Portland 103, Detroit 86
Philadelphia 100, Denver 94

Monday's Games

Boston at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
New Orleans at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Toronto at Washington, 7 p.m.
Denver at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Seattle, 10 p.m.
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Work on new Alamo movie continues

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A cast and crew of hundreds are scurrying around a Hill Country ranch-turned-Hollywood-set, trying to make the most historically accurate movie about Texas' defining battle — the Alamo.

Michael Corenblith, production designer for "Alamo," said the upcoming movie will include perspectives of native Mexicans as well as the Texians.

"I wanted to present this as a dialogue between two factions," he said in Sunday editions of the San Antonio Express-News.

Mexican actors will speak 19th-century Spanish, and Native Americans will speak Cherokee. Those portions will have subtitles — a first for a major Alamo movie.

So far, Alamo historians seem pleased with the direction the movie is taking.

"It's one of the most compelling stories in all of American history. It's the ultimate story of American heroism and sacrifice in the face of overwhelming odds. It's that idea of victory over defeat," said Paul Hutton, executive director of the Western History Association and a professor of Western and American history at the University of New Mexico. "We need what it tells us about ourselves. We identify collectively with the Americans at the Alamo."

On a sprawling ranch a few miles north of Dripping Springs, San Antonio de Bexar of 1836 has been recreated through an elaborate set that stretches over 51 acres.

The church of San Fernando and the Alamo complex dominate the villa, while white tents dot the outlying hills.

Alamo historians who've visited or seen pictures of the set are impressed.

"If you look at it from a purely historical viewpoint, there are some things you might quibble with," said Bruce Winders, historian and curator of the Alamo. "But when you look at the overall picture, it's surprising how much attention to detail they got right."

Instead of just a facade, several of the buildings have been fully built. No filming will be conducted on a sound stage, and all interior scenes will be filmed on the set instead of in a studio.

The most challenging aspect of director John Lee Hancock's film is the accuracy of the story.

Hancock, who grew up in Texas City, was hired by Disney to take over directing chores from Ron Howard, who continues as an "Alamo" producer. The film's budget dropped from $125 million to the $75 million range. The movie is expected to open in December.

Winders said Hancock's challenge is how to handle Davy Crockett's death, the line in the sand story, and how to include more native voices in the film.

There are theories that Crockett was executed, while others believe he went down fighting.

The line in the sand story suggests that Col. William Travis drew a line in the sand to find out who wanted to continue fighting and who didn't. All but one man decided to stay on. Historians tend to discount the story, as it appeared for the first time more than 40 years after the Alamo's fall.

The new movie — the first major retelling of the Alamo story since John Wayne directed and starred in the 1960 version of "The Alamo" — will start in December 1835 during the Siege de Bexar. It will end at the Battle of San Jacinto.

Filmmakers have refused to say much more about the plot. Hancock said one thing's for sure: the Alamo is about more than a land fight.

"It's a lot about second chances," he said. "Texas was a land of second chances; it was a place to be reborn."

Many residents in Georgia still want to fly officially retired flag

BLOOMINGDALE, Ga. (AP) — When Georgia retired its Confederate-dominated state flag two years ago, Ray Johnson refused to surrender the red-and-blue banner flying in his own front yard.

Instead, he snapped up spares at the flea market.

"I've got a stockpile of 'em," says Johnson, 70, pulling out a box containing three flags folded into neat triangles. "Whenever they changed it, I figured they were going to do away with the old ones."

But Johnson was wrong about Georgia's official flag from 1956 to 2001 becoming a Rebel relic.

Along two-lane highways and back roads in rural Georgia, many homeowners, farmers and even a few local governments have kept the former flag flying in defiance of its replacement, which shrank the Confederate emblem from two-thirds of the design to the size of a postcard.

Their hope is that Gov. Sonny Perdue, who rode public fury over the flag change to an upset victory in November, will deliver on his promise to let Georgians vote on whether the state needs another flag facelift.

"There's a lot of folks who haven't given up on the old flag," said Don Newman, southeast Georgia brigade commander of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. "It is an act of defiance, but we're not ready to start the Civil War over again. But we may have a civil war at the ballot box."

Around Atlanta, you can pass hundreds of suburban houses and not see one rebel banner or old Georgia flag flying.

But from Johnson's home near Bloomingdale, 15 miles west of Savannah, and north on Highway 17 into Effingham County, there's little question as to which Georgia flag residents have pledged their allegiance.

Two mobile homes fly the retired flag side-by-side. Another flaps in the breeze atop a tall pole in a farmer's field as the road winds toward Guyton, home to a 270-bed Confederate hospital during the Civil War.

In the tiny historic downtown area, lined with elegant 19th-century homes, Karen Cantaline looks out from her wrap-around porch at the old Georgia flag atop a pole beside her driveway. She and others who want to bring back the retired flag say it's a symbol of stubborn Southern pride rather than racism.

"That flag honors my husband's great-grandfather, who as a Confederate soldier fought for this state. But my husband's family never owned a slave," she said. "Those people in Atlanta, they don't understand it. They're taking Jesse Jackson and all these people's word that it's a racial thing, when it isn't."

Arrests, family violence reported

Arrests

Snyder officers arrested a 26-year-old woman in the 2700 block of Ave. F at 6:45 p.m. Saturday for failure to maintain liability insurance and failure to appear before a judge.

A 31-year-old woman was taken into custody at 9:20 p.m. Saturday in the 1400 block of 25th Street for driving with a suspended license.

At 1:24 a.m. Sunday, officers arrested a 31-year-old man in the 2100 block of Ave. T for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

DPS troopers arrested a 29-year-old man on Hwy. 350 at 3:30 p.m. Sunday for outstanding warrants and failure to identify.

Disturbances

Three Snyder officers, a deputy and a DPS trooper were called to a residence on Peach Street at 1:45 a.m. Sunday after a woman reported a man with a gun threatening to kill her and himself.

She advised that she got one daughter out of the house, but her 13-month-old baby remained inside with the armed man.

The officers entered the home, took the man into custody and escorted him to meet with MHMR representatives.

An offense report for family violence was submitted.

Just 20 minutes later, at 2:05 a.m., the same officers responded to a home on Ave. F when a woman reported several subjects entering the residence and attempting to start a fight.

She advised there were five males and two females and that one of the men was carrying a gun. None of the subjects were located, but a close patrol was maintained for the remainder of the day.

A woman contacted officers at 11:10 a.m. Sunday to report a man forging checks on his mother's account and also that he was having problems with him regarding child support. The officers advised her of the proper steps regarding the child support. She was told the man's mother would have to report the forging if she wished to file charges.

Minutes later, the man requested officers at his home and reported the woman was assaulting him. Officers served both subjects with criminal trespass warnings to stay away from each other.

At 1:16 p.m. Sunday, a woman reported that her husband assaulted her earlier in the day. She left the residence and an offense report for assault, family violence was submitted.

Deputies responded to a residence on FM 1606 Sunday afternoon after a man reported his pickup missing.

The man told deputies his wife knew who took the pickup but she refused to give him the information. She advised a verbal altercation had occurred and the man left the residence for the remainder of the evening.

No assault occurred and no report was filed.

9-1-1 calls

A Fisher County dispatcher advised at 5:50 p.m. Sunday she had received two 9-1-1 calls reporting a male subject pulling into a picnic area on E. Hwy 180, then falling from his vehicle. Another caller reported the man walking toward Snyder.

A DPS trooper was dispatched and located the vehicle, which is registered to a woman in Hermleigh, but its driver wasn't located. No other information was available.

Vandalism

Yosef Shlezinger requested an officer in the 3700 block of Ave. U Saturday morning to report that his vehicle and several others had paint splattered on them. Officers advised the vehicles should be washed because the paint was from paintball guns and if the vandalism continued, offense reports would be filed.

Close patrols

A woman in the 2300 block of Ave. I reported kids climbing on her back fence and leaving trash in her yard. A close patrol was requested.

Gas drive offs

A clerk at Allsup's in Hermleigh reported three gas drive offs Sunday worth $27.36, $21.86 and $15.43.

A drive off in the amount of $22.64 was reported from Town and Country East at 11:50 p.m. Sunday.

Today's chuckle

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FAIRFAX, Mo. (AP) — Farmer Gary Wennihan may have made a meteoric rise to wealth.

Wennihan, 60, was tossing aside rocks in his soybean field to prevent damage to his combine when he picked up a strange-looking rock in the fall of 2000.



It turned out to be a rare meteorite scientists say could be worth as much as $1 million.

Ben Rogers, a Northwest Missouri State University student who attends Wennihan's church, offered to take it to his geology professor.

After polishing away the layers of rust, Rogers and assistant geology professor Richard Felton found a shiny metallic surface.

"It was beautiful, almost like chrome, it was so shiny," Rogers said.

Felton's colleague, Renee Rohs, took the rock to a University of Kansas professor who taught her about meteors.

Half of it was sent to the Institute of Meteoritics at the University of New Mexico for more analysis.

A leading meteorite expert at UCLA concluded that nothing similar had ever been found.

Rohs said other meteorites have brought $500 a gram. After small samples were donated to three universities, there still were 1,800 grams — or 4 pounds — left of Wennihan's rock.

Wennihan is enjoying his treasure — whether it makes him a millionaire or not.

"I'm holding onto it until I get a good offer, and it may never come," he said last week. "I'm certainly not holding my breath. And in the meantime, I'm just having fun with it.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	2.45	2.38	2.39	+ .05
AOL TimeWarn	11.59	11.20	11.20	—.06
AT&T Corp rs	18.75	18.57	18.57	+ .03
Albertsons	19.12	18.72	18.82	—.01
Alltel	43.93	43.28	43.44	+ .02
AmEl Pw	22.15	21.00	21.86	+ .08
AndarkPtr	46.23	45.66	45.97	—.11
ATMOS Egy	21.65	21.27	21.27	—.01
Aviall	6.85	6.60	6.78	+ .08
BP PLC	39.08	38.70	38.77	+ .66
BakerHughes	31.16	30.64	30.87	—.15
Bank of Amer	70.26	69.45	69.57	+ .33
BellSouth	22.09	21.70	21.79	+ .12
BurlNoSFe	25.35	24.81	24.85	—.15
Caterpillar	47.35	46.88	46.95	—.05
CenterPoint	5.90	5.18	5.57	+ .92
ChevronTex	65.05	64.36	64.55	+ .38
Citigroup	34.08	33.55	33.57	+ .23
CocaCola	40.44	39.60	39.73	—.49
ColgatePal	50.67	50.04	50.06	—.25
CnclMetals s	14.08	13.80	13.80	—.27
ConocoPhill	51.80	51.10	51.31	+ .61
Cooper Inds	38.63	38.18	38.18	+ .33
DaimlrChry	31.38	30.65	30.72	+ .15
DeltaAirl	8.66	8.52	8.62	+ .22
Dillards Inc	14.24	14.00	14.00	+ .05
DowChem	27.50	26.92	26.98	—.32
DuPont	37.24	36.60	36.68	+ .01
EastmanChem	32.61	32.05	32.05	—.14
EstKodak	30.20	29.71	29.80	+ .20
EDS Corp	15.95	15.58	15.66	+ .09
Entergy	46.02	45.60	45.92	+ .37
ExxonMobil	34.65	34.20	34.28	+ .26
FootLocker	10.50	10.20	10.44	+ .24
GenDynam	60.54	59.66	59.83	+ .57
GenElec	24.50	24.08	24.13	+ .08
GenMills	43.42	43.06	43.13	+ .26
GenMotors	34.01	33.18	33.28	—.49
GaPacific	15.39	14.95	14.95	—.06
Goodrich	15.64	15.31	15.32	—.05
Goodyear	4.10	4.00	4.05	+ .05
GtAtlPac	4.80	4.61	4.62	—.05
Halliburtn	20.74	20.19	20.44	+ .18
Hanson ADS	24.21	23.82	24.15	+ .60
HarteHanks s	18.57	18.26	18.26	—.05
HomeDepot	23.77	23.25	23.27	—.18
Honeywellntl	23.44	23.06	23.11	+ .22
IBM	79.00	77.95	78.20	+ .25
IntlPaper	35.75	34.90	34.93	—.10
JohnsonJn	53.44	52.31	52.44	—.01
KinderMorg	45.55	45.21	45.21	—.32
Kroger Co	13.49	13.30	13.31	+ .09
LockheedM	46.62	46.05	46.13	+ .41
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Lubys	1.40	1.31	1.32	—.04
LucentTech	1.71	1.65	1.66	+ .02
MarathonOil	23.43	23.09	23.13	+ .04
MayDeptStr	19.91	19.65	19.65	+ .03
Medtronic	45.33	44.71	44.85	+ .15
Motorola	8.57	8.44	8.45	+ .03
NCR Corp	19.68	19.46	19.47	+ .02
Navistar	23.97	23.71	23.80	+ .17
PNM Rescs	21.25	20.95	20.95	—.13
Penney JC	19.85	19.05	19.49	—.36
PepBoys	9.10	8.79	8.85	—.18
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TylerTech	3.75	3.40	3.52	—.26
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USSteel	11.84	11.60	11.63	+ .01
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Unocal	26.73	26.40	26.40	+ .05
VerizonComm	35.52	34.59	34.99	+ .41
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Ask Hollywood by Holly Wood

Banfield not banned from MSNBC

Q: What became of Ashleigh Banfield from MSNBC? — **V.B., Arcadia, Calif.**

A: Banfield is still working for MSNBC as a correspondent and a host on "MSNBC Investigates."

Q: I read in your column that Dennis Patrick was in "Dark Shadows," but was it the same program that co-starred Marsha Mason, who won an Oscar for "The Goodbye Girl," and former "Charlie's Angel" Kate Jackson? — **R.D., Kerman. Calif.**

A: Yup — it's the same show. The daytime series, which ran from 1966 to 1971, has a cast list the length of a cruise-ship manifest, but some other names you might recognize are Joan Bennett, Dana Elcar and Alexandra Isles.

Q: What is the name of the woman who played the reporter in the movie "Damn Yankees!" starring Tab Hunter? What is her background, and what is she doing today? — **T.M., Altoona, Pa.**

A: The role of Gloria Thorpe was played by Rae Allen, who was born in 1926 in New York City. "Damn Yankees!" was her film debut, and she appeared in the movies "A League of Their Own," "Calendar Girl" and "Stargate." She also appeared in episodes of "Providence," "Seinfeld," "Soap" and "All in the Family." These days, she's working mostly as an acting teacher, director, writer and drama coach.

Q: Do you have an address where I can order tapes of movies filmed in the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s? — **M.M., Searcy, Ark.**

A: I wish you had been more specific. Lots of stores sell old movies. One is Cable Films. You can write to them at Country Club Station 7171, 2026 East 63rd St., Mission Hills, KS 66208, or reach them on the Web at www.onlineworld.com/movies. You can also try Grapevine Video at P.O. Box 46161, Phoenix, Arizona 85063; their Web address is www.grapevinevideo.com.

Q: A&E's "A Nero Wolfe Mystery," starring Timothy Hutton, is very interesting and enjoyable. I do not remember ever seeing Hutton in any other movies. Do you know if he's been in any movies? If he has been, when? He portrays Wolfe perfectly. — **A.A., Dixon, Ill.**

A: I'm not sure which actor you're asking about, since Hutton plays Archie Goodwin and Maury Chaykin plays Wolfe. Hutton has been in many movies, on television and on the big screen, including "Playing God" and "The General's Daughter." Chaykin also has a lengthy list of credits, which include "Entrapment," "Mouse Hunt," "My Cousin Vinny" and a role on the HBO show "Oz."

Q: Where have I seen Greg Smith before? He plays Ephram Brown on the WB series "Everwood." Was he in the movies "Small Soldiers" and "Krippendorf's Tribe"? Can you tell me more about him? — R.V., Linsday, Calif.

A: Yes, he was in both of those movies. Other movies you might have seen him in are "American Outlaws," "The Patriot" and "Harriet the Spy." He was born on July 6, 1983, in Toronto, Canada. He started his acting career in the film "Andre" when he was 6 years old. He has three siblings (two brothers and a sister), and lives in Los Angeles.

TRIVIA: Greg Smith of "Everwood" has dual citizenship in the United States and Canada.

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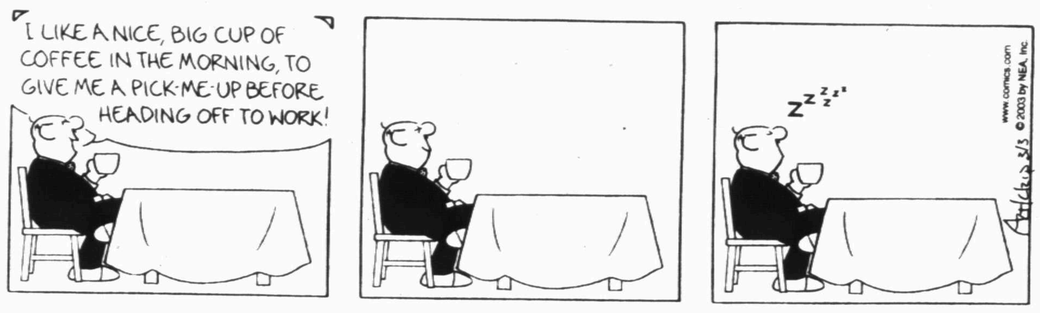
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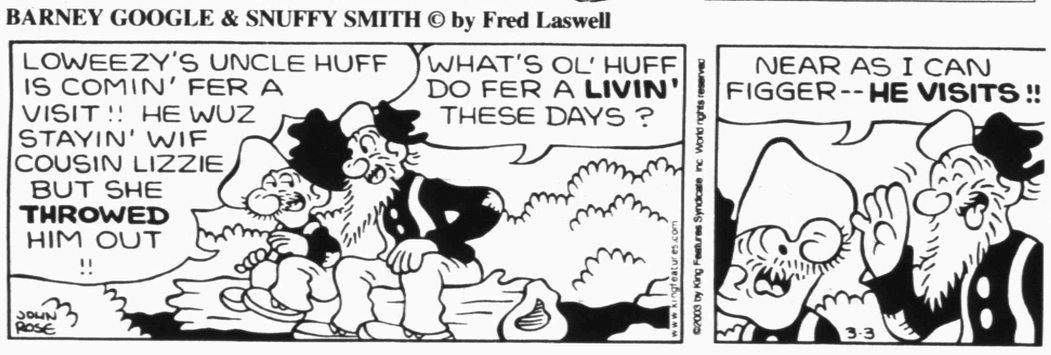
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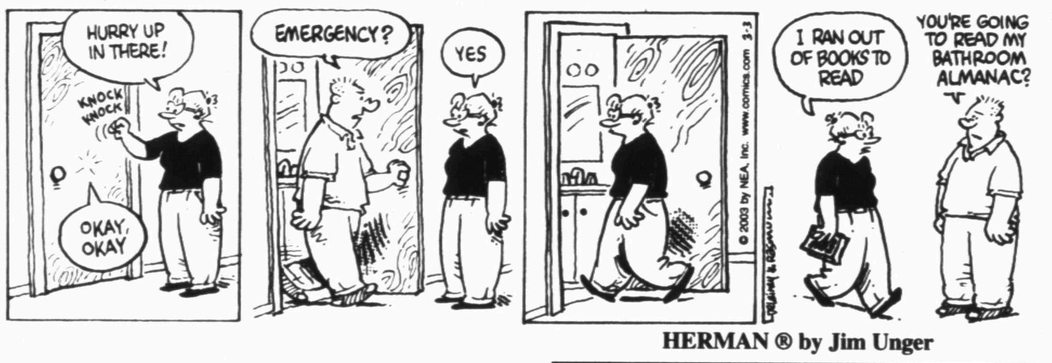
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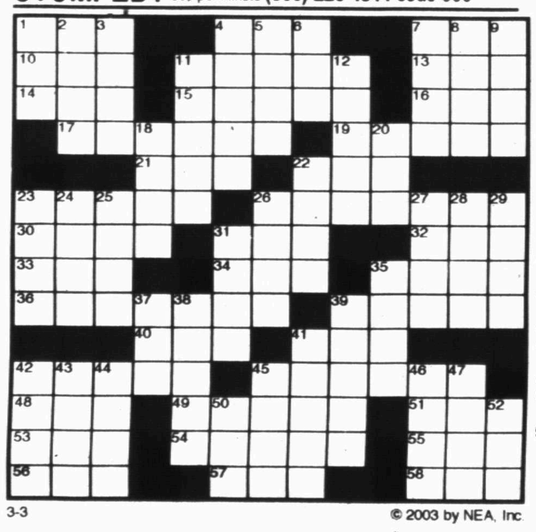
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29 Walk
31 NYSE rival
35 Cure
37 Stun
38 Eagle's claw
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DENNIS THE MENACE ® by Hank Ketcham



Singer, writer of original 'The Twist' dies Sunday

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hank Ballard, the singer and songwriter whose hit "The Twist" ushered a nationwide dance craze in the 1960s, has died.

Ballard, who was suffering from throat cancer, died Sunday at his home, friends said. Friend and caretaker Anna Ayala said Ballard's birth records indicate he was born in 1927, but biographical information lists his birthdate as 1936.



Hank Ballard

"He was just a very good man and loved by so many people," Ayala said.

In 1958, Ballard wrote and recorded "The Twist," but it was only released on the "B" side of a record.

One year later, Chubby Checker debuted his own version of "The Twist" on Dick Clark's Philadelphia television show.

It soon topped the charts and launched a dance craze that prompted the creation of other Twist songs, including "Twist and Shout" by the Isley Brothers and "Twistin' the Night Away" by Sam Cooke.

Ballard was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1990.

In a 1996 interview, he described music as his medicine.

"If you're looking for youth, you're looking for longevity, just take a dose of rock 'n' roll," Ballard said. "It keeps you going. Just like the caffeine in your coffee. Rock 'n' roll is good for the soul, for the well being, for the psyche, for your everything. I love it. I can't even picture being without rock 'n' roll."

Ballard was discovered in the early 1950s by writer-producer Johnny Otis. He was lead singer for the Royals, which changed its name to the Midnighters.

Ballard's songs were sometimes banned from 1950s radio for their sexually suggestive lyrics.

By the early 1960s, he had charted 22 singles on the rhythm and blues charts, including "Work with Me Annie" — the biggest R&B hit of 1954, selling more than 1 million copies. The song was part of a well-known trilogy of risque R&B numbers that included "Annie Had a Baby" and "Annie's Aunt Fannie."

Ballard and the Midnighters didn't suffer from Checker's version of "The Twist." By the mid 1960s, the group had three simultaneous hits in the pop top 40: "Finger Poppin' Time," "Let's Go, Let's Go, Let's Go," and their original version of "The Twist."

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Teenager deserves to know circumstances of his birth

DEAR ABBY: My 14-year-old son, "Bradley," was conceived by artificial insemination using an anonymous donor. His father and I divorced when our child was very young, and Brad has never been told the truth about his conception. However, a handful of people on both sides of the family DO know. Over the years, Brad's father has provided minimal financial and emotional support for our son. (My ex has remarried; I have not.)

I have been advised by my minister to tell Bradley the truth now. However, I am being told by my mother that Brad should never be told, and we should just hope that no one spills the beans.

Have you any thoughts on a situation such as this? — **WORRIED MOM IN CHICAGO**

DEAR WORRIED MOM: Your mother is well-meaning, but your minister is right. Your son should be told the truth. There is no shame in it, and because other family members already know, the boy needs to hear it from you before he hears it from someone else. Better now than later.

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DEAR ABBY: For the past year, I've had an exclusive relationship with "Bernie." We're both in our mid-20s and live in the same neighborhood. A month ago, Bernie broke up with me. He said he hadn't gotten over the pain of a previous relationship and wasn't ready to get serious. He said he wanted to remain "friends," but every so often he'd do something that made me feel like I still meant something to him.

One night last week we went to a movie, grabbed a bite to eat and ended up at his place. Bernie sweetly asked me to stay the night and I was overjoyed. The next morning he said it had been a mistake — his feelings for me had not changed.

We haven't talked since then, and I feel hurt and devalued. Am I overreacting? — **CONFUSED IN BROOKLYN**

DEAR CONFUSED: I don't think so. Bernie knew he had a sitting duck and his behavior wasn't sportsmanlike. Accept the fact that you and he have different goals and move on. Once you have started dating someone else, you can revisit the issue of a friendship with Bernie. (I'll bet you decide against it.)

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DEAR ABBY: My fiance, "Todd," presented me with a ring made of cheap, colored stones that cost him three days' pay. Nobody treats me like I'm engaged because my ring doesn't look like an engagement ring. Meanwhile, I am surrounded by women at work who have beautiful solitaire engagement rings.

Todd never makes any effort in bed. He takes his pleasure and gives me none. He keeps a photo scrapbook of his former girlfriends and continues to take them out to dinner during the week. If I object, he says they're just "gal pals," and I'm being unreasonable.

On weekends — which is the only time I see him — Todd says he's "too tired" or "too broke" to take me to dinner and a movie. Am I right to feel cheated? — **MAD AND SAD IN MISSOURI**

DEAR MAD AND SAD: From what you have written, Todd is meeting none of your needs — materially, physically or emotionally. If you continue this relationship, you are only cheating yourself.

A word to the wise: Ask yourself why you are with him. Only you can answer that.

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Strike deadline set

NEW YORK (AP) — The union representing Broadway musicians has set a deadline of midnight Thursday for a walkout that would affect virtually every musical on Broadway.

The union's move came even though theater producers softened their position on minimums — the number of orchestra players required for Broadway shows.

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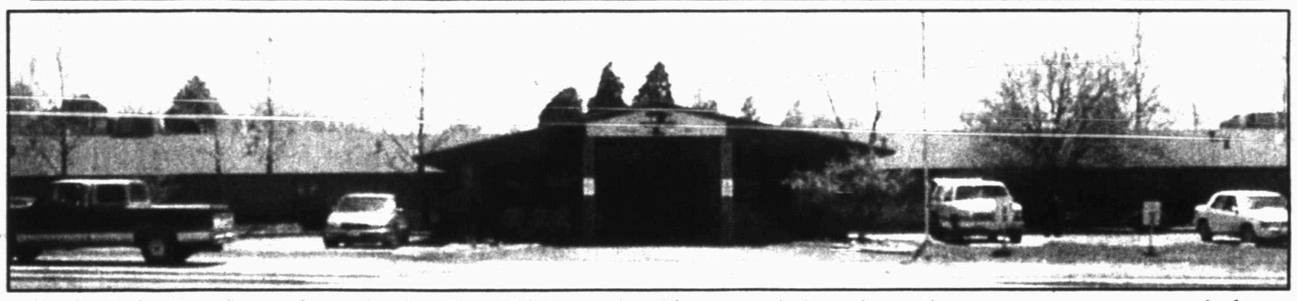
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More risk likely for U.S. without bases in Turkey

WASHINGTON (AP) — American troops could seize Baghdad without a Turkish-based northern front against Iraq, but at higher risk and with more difficulty, defense officials and analysts say.

U.S. war planners have envisioned attacks on Iraq from Kuwait in the south and Turkey in the north. That approach would complicate Iraq's defense planning and ease U.S. logistical problems.

But to the surprise of American officials, the Turkish Parliament on Saturday narrowly rejected a motion to grant a U.S. request to position tens of thousands of troops for the assault into northern Iraq and to station about 200 additional strike aircraft at two other bases.

A top member of Turkey's governing party rejected a quick new vote on the proposal, but Foreign Minister Yasar Yakis appeared to leave the door open for another vote, saying leaders will conduct a "process of evaluation" first.

Defense officials, speaking Sunday on condition of anonymity, said Gen. Tommy Franks, who would command a U.S. war in Iraq, had not decided to give up on Turkey. Franks told The Associated Press last week that his war plans are flexible and take into account such problems.

If Turkish bases were not available to U.S. ground forces, Franks could opt to airlift a force into northern Iraq from Kuwait or elsewhere in the Persian Gulf.

Instead of having the Army's 4th Infantry Division — a heavily armored force — roll into northern Iraq from Turkey, Franks might choose to use the 101st Airborne Division, a lighter, airmobile force.

It was not clear whether that was Turkey's last word on the matter. Reconsideration could come as early as Tuesday, but the head of Turkey's ruling party said Sunday there are no plans in the "foreseeable future" to seek another parliamentary vote.

Still, a senior U.S. official said the administration was evaluating the situation and did not regard the vote as necessarily final. Another official said the Turkish vote was a disappointment and that the U.S. ambassador was seeking clarification from Ankara.

Several senators were less sanguine on the Sunday television talk shows.

"It's a huge setback for our purposes. It stunned me," Sen. Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia, ranking Democrat on the Intelligence Committee, said on CNN's "Late Edition."

Top al-Qaida figure was plotting attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Khalid Shaikh Mohammed was actively plotting attacks against commercial sites in the United States and targets in the Arabian peninsula, U.S. counterterrorism officials said today.

Intelligence about Mohammed's activities led in part to the orange alert that lasted most of February, said these officials, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"Some of the concerns we had that caused us to raise the threat level were attributable to the planning he was involved in," Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge told reporters today. "There were multiple reasons that we raised the threat level and his relation to one of the plot lines was one of the several."

Authorities recovered a huge amount of information about al-Qaida at the house in Pakistan where Mohammed and two others were arrested early Saturday, a senior law enforcement official said today.

This includes computers, disks, cell phones and documents that authorities believe will provide names, locations and potential terrorist plots of al-Qaida cells in the United States and around the world. Mohammed also was believed by U.S. officials to have details about the group's finances.

FBI and CIA officials were described as working around the clock to pore over the seized information to prevent any imminent attacks and to determine when and if more arrests could be made.

There was also the fear that even as officials work feverishly on the case, some of the al-Qaida operatives might go into hiding or halt any terrorist plots. It could also have the opposite effect of pushing al-Qaida cells to accelerate plots in the United States and elsewhere rather than run the risk of being captured.

Mohammed's interrogators — whether from the CIA, FBI or from a foreign security service — are working against the clock. His information about impending terrorist operations and the location of al-Qaida leaders and cells grows more dated by the hour.

Whether the CIA can learn anything useful from the alleged Sept. 11 mastermind depends on the skills and methods of the interrogators, Mohammed's willingness to talk and perhaps simply time.

Of top priority during the questioning is gaining intelligence that could help quickly disrupt attacks being planned or lead to added precautions, American counterterrorism officials said.

Iraq threatens to stop missile destruction

By The Associated Press

Iraq destroyed six more outlawed Al Samoud 2 missiles today and promised to hand over a report showing how it destroyed deadly anthrax and VX nerve agent.

A top Iraqi official also said Sunday that Iraq may stop destroying the missiles, banned because they fly farther than allowed by the United Nations, if it believes Washington is determined to go to war anyway.

"If it turns out at an early stage during this month that America is not going to a legal way, then why should we continue?" Saddam Hussein's scientific adviser, Lt. Gen. Amer al-Saadi said Sunday.

That statement was likely only to provide more fodder for U.S. officials who say Iraq's destruction of the banned Al Samoud 2 missiles is just part of a pattern of deception and doesn't indicate any real cooperation.

U.S. war plans were dealt a new blow today when Turkey's Prime Minister Abdullah Gul refused to say whether the country's parliament would quickly reconsider its decision to block U.S. troops from deploying there.

"We are analyzing the situation and we will see what happens in the next few days," Gul said in a news conference.

Turkey's stock market plunged today on fears that the decision would jeopardize a promised $15 billion aid package.

On Saturday, parliament failed to get an outright majority to allow the deployment of 62,000 U.S. troops in Turkey, which borders Iraq to the north. U.S. war planners had hoped to use troops there to open a second front in the war.

The uncertainty led the stock market to fall by 11.3 percent just minutes after it opened today. The drop accompanied a five percent drop in the Turkish currency, the lira.

Gul said parliament's failure to approve the deployment shouldn't jeopardize the relationship between Ankara and Washington, and warned Iraq not to try to capitalize on the vote.

In Qatar, a meeting of Gulf ministers failed today to endorse a proposal by the United Arab Emirates calling on Saddam to step down.

Obituaries

Stanley Martin

1942-2003

Stanley Lowell Martin, an independent oil operator, died Saturday, March 1, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

A private service was conducted this morning with The Rev. Steve Highfield officiating. Interment was in Hillside Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.



Stanley Martin

Born March 22, 1942 in Snyder, he married Carolyn Beckham on May 29, 1965 in Snyder. Mr. Martin was a partner in Lynx Energy Co. and a self-employed pumper. He served on the Cogdell Memorial Hospital board from 1996-2001 and was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Martin of Snyder; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Trent and Annette Martin of Snyder and Reese Martin of Abilene; his father, T.L. Martin of Snyder; two sisters, Patsy Powell of Brownwood and Donna Nicholson of Snyder; his father-in-law, James Beckham of Snyder; and a grandson, Tanner Lowell Martin of Snyder.

Pallbearers were Carson Clayton, Darrell Carpenter, Jack Pevehouse, Larry Richardson, Perry Jamison and Bobby Highfield.

Lucille House

1916-2003

Lucille House, longtime Scurry County resident, died Sunday, March 2, in Harborview Nursing Home in League City after a lengthy illness.

Services for Mrs. House, 86, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 10, 1916 in Wood County, she moved to Scurry County in 1939. She married Travis House on Dec. 31, 1939 in Snyder and they farmed until his death in February 1981.

Survivors include a daughter, Eudera House of Houston; one sister, Lanell Davis of Riverside, Calif.; one grandson, Wendell Stanley of Houston; and one great-granddaughter, Haley Stanley of Houston.

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Sonny Edgar

1933-2003

ALBANY — Sonny Edgar, longtime area cowboy and ranch hand, died Friday, Feb. 28, in a Lubbock hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Edgar, 69, was set for 10 a.m. today in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Danny Williams officiating. Burial was to follow in the Albany Cemetery.

Born Nov. 29, 1933 in Albany, he was a 1952 graduate of Albany High School, attended Texas Tech and was a U.S. Navy veteran.

He first worked for the Waggoner Ranch and then drove a cattle truck. He married Loraine Fancher on July 4, 1965 and they lived on several ranches – including Sammy Baugh's Double Mountain Ranch, Millron, OS, Spires, Pitchfork, Cook and Nail. He spent his retirement at the Corriente Rope Co.

Survivors include his wife, Loraine of Albany; a daughter and son-in-law, Shelby and Damon Shipp of Gail; another daughter, Jeanie Edgar of Sherman; a sister, Patsy Cox; and two granddaughters.

Mrs. Stapleton

1913-2003

SAN ANGELO — Funeral service for Bernice Irene Stapleton, the sister of R.C. Patton of Snyder, was held Friday in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel.

Mrs. Stapleton, 89, died Feb. 25 in Lubbock.

Born Oct. 12, 1913 in Rochester, she moved to Floydada in 1928 and graduated from Floydada High School in 1932.

Mrs. Stapleton was retired from Texas Utilities Company and was a member of the First Baptist Church of San Angelo. She had recently moved to Lubbock.

Survivors include one son, John Stapleton of San Antonio; a daughter, Sandra Waggoner of Lubbock; a sister, Nell McClung of Floydada; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Della Wade

1907-2003

LAMESA — Della Minnie Wade, 95, died Friday, Feb. 28.

Funeral service for Mrs. Wade is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Lamesa Church of Christ with Mark Hackett, minister, officiating. Burial will follow in Lamesa Memorial Park under the direction of Branon Funeral Home.

Born May 3, 1907 in Erath County, she married William Gay Wade on Feb. 10, 1924 in Snyder. He died in 1986.

Mrs. Wade was a homemaker and a member of the Lamesa Church of Christ.

Survivors include four daughters, Myrle Mitchell and Elnora Phillips, both of Lamesa, Iris Wade of Houston and Gaynelle Drum of Richmond, Ky.; a sister, Margaret of Bakersville, Calif.; a brother, Verna Lay of Dallas; 15 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Carol Gruben

1945-2003

ROTAN — Carol Ann Gruben, the mother of Greg Gruben of Snyder, died Saturday, March 1.

Services for Mrs. Gruben, 57, are pending at Weathersbee-Ray Funeral Home.

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Local 3-Day Forecast

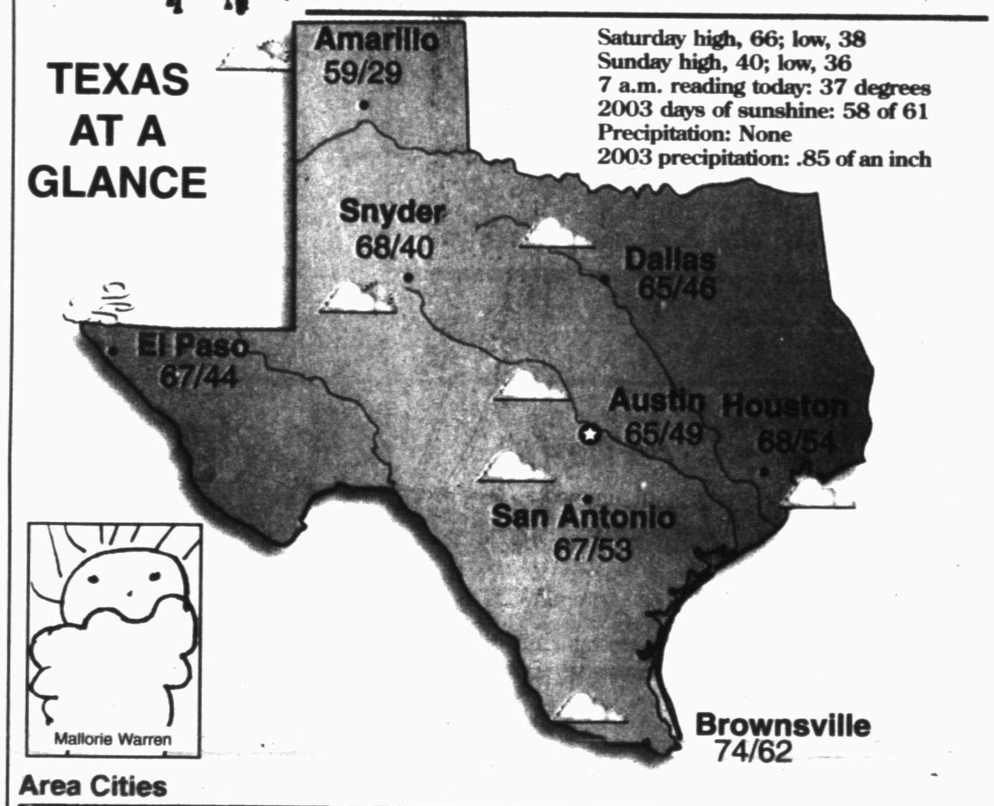
Tue 3/4	Wed 3/5	Thu 3/6
68/40	65/38	67/40
Cloudy early with partial sunshine expected late. High 68F.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	Overcast. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s.
Sunrise 7:08 AM / Sunset 6:43 PM	Sunrise 7:07 AM / Sunset 6:44 PM	Sunrise 7:06 AM / Sunset 6:45 PM

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Saturday high, 66; low, 38
Sunday high, 40; low, 36
7 a.m. reading today: 37 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 58 of 61
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: .85 of an inch

Mallorie Warren

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	69	47	pt sunny	El Paso	67	44	windy	Midland	72	45	windy
Amarillo	59	29	pt sunny	Fort Stockton	75	46	pt sunny	Raymondville	74	57	cloudy
Austin	65	49	cloudy	Gainesville	61	43	cloudy	Rosenberg	60	53	cloudy
Beaumont	68	53	cloudy	Greenville	62	46	cloudy	San Antonio	67	53	cloudy
Brownsville	74	62	cloudy	Houston	68	54	cloudy	San Marcos	67	50	cloudy
Brownwood	70	46	pt sunny	Kingsville	72	55	cloudy	Sulphur Springs	62	47	cloudy
Corpus Christi	68	56	cloudy	Livingston	67	49	cloudy	Sweetwater	71	43	pt sunny
Corsicana	64	51	cloudy	Longview	64	51	cloudy	Tyler	65	54	cloudy
Dallas	65	46	cloudy	Lubbock	69	37	windy	Weatherford	63	43	cloudy
Del Rio	75	54	pt sunny	Lufkin	66	55	cloudy	Wichita Falls	65	37	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Atlanta	57	48	cloudy	Houston	68	54	cloudy	Phoenix	64	49	pt sunny
Boston	37	35	cloudy	Los Angeles	59	48	rain	San Francisco	59	44	pt sunny
Chicago	32	14	sn shower	Miami	86	72	pt sunny	Seattle	48	41	rain
Dallas	65	46	cloudy	Minneapolis	18	-2	pt sunny	St. Louis	47	25	rain
Denver	34	17	snow	New York	40	37	pt sunny	Washington, DC	49	41	pt sunny

Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
Mar 3	Mar 11	Mar 18	Mar 25

UV Index

Tue 3/4	Wed 3/5	Thu 3/6
5	6	
Moderate	Moderate	Low

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection. 0 — 11

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