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STREET SATURATION — The recent rains have made a messy situation for the construction on College Avenue with work shut down completely Monday. More rain is in the forecast for this evening, but only partly cloudy skies are expected on Wednesday. Almost an inch of rain was recorded at the Snyder water plant Monday. (SDN Staff Photo by Annie Rowe)

Lady Tigers face Canyon

Snyder girls looking for 27th consecutive victory

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

Tonight's the night.

The Snyder Lady Tigers, area champions and winners of 26 consecutive games, take on the number one-ranked team in the state when they match up with the defending state champion Canyon Lady Eagles.

Snyder, ranked seventh in the texashoops.com poll and 10th in the TABC poll, presents a stark contrast to a Canyon team that returned six players from last year's state championship club. Canyon is ranked first in both polls.

Canyon also was the USA Today national champion in 2002-2003, and has won 10 state titles.

Snyder has not lost since Nov. 25 against Frenship, while Canyon fell to Mansfield Summit at a Christmas tournament.

Last Friday's 69-47 victory over Perryton marked the first playoff victory in the history of girls basketball at Snyder High School.

Canyon advanced to the regional quarterfinal by destroying Denver City, 80-37.

Lady Tiger head coach Mike Martin said the team has had good work in practice and did not change any of its routine heading into tonight's contest.

He said the biggest difference between Canyon and Perryton will be the pressure Canyon puts on its opponents.

"They contest every shot, every pass," he said.

Canyon head coach Joe Lombard, who has guided the Lady Eagles to the postseason in each of his 19 years at the helm, said the Lady Tigers present a balanced attack.

"I think the most dangerous thing is they have a bunch of kids who can score, so you don't key on one player," he said. "I watched them against Perryton, and their shooting percentage was outstanding."

The Lady Tigers shot almost 70 percent against Perryton, nailing 12 shots from behind the arc.

"They are going to try to take away those shots, and hopefully we can find a way to make them," Martin said.

Lombard said his team is extremely confident.

"Having those returners from the year before, the kids expect to win when they step onto the court," he said. "The kids understand that we have to play well to get through the playoffs, but they feel like they can do it again and repeat as state champions."

Martin said the Lady Tigers are not at all nervous or apprehensive about the challenge awaiting them.

"They are just excited," he said.

Freshman point guard Terann Ragland was unfazed about the prospect of playing the defending state champs.

"We're going to approach it like any other game," she said.

Tipoff is scheduled for 6 p.m. at the Hutcherson Center at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Broad hints are often wasted on the narrow-minded."

Snyder's Martha Gist says she's never going to a nursing home. Instead, she plans on long-term care at a Holiday Inn, or something similar.

She's the same Scurry County Museum employee who has a T-shirt with this message: "My next big break may be a hip." That may give you some clue to her sense of humor.

Here's her 10-reason plan:

With the average cost for a nursing home reaching $188 per day, there is a better way to spend savings when we get old and feeble.

Somebody has already checked on reservations at the Holiday Inn for a combined long-term stay discount and a senior discount. It comes to only $49.23 per night. That leaves $138.77 a day for:

1. Breakfast, lunch and dinner in any restaurant, or room service.

2. Laundry, gratuities and special TV movies. Plus, they provide a swimming pool, workout room, lounge, washer, dryer, etc. Most have free toothpaste and razors and all have shampoo and soap.

3. They treat you like a customer, not a patient. At $5 worth of tips a day, the entire staff will be scrambling to assist you.

4. There is a city bus stop out front, and seniors ride free. The handicap bus also will pick you up (if you fake a decent limp).

5. To meet other nice people, call a church bus on Sundays. For a change of scenery, take the airport shuttle bus and eat at one of the nice restaurants there. While at the airport, fly somewhere. Otherwise, the cash keeps building.

6. It takes months to get into a decent nursing home. Holiday Inn will take your reservation today. And you are not stuck in one place forever, as you can move from inn to inn, or even from city to city. Want to see Hawaii? They have a Holiday Inn there too.

7. TV broken? Light bulbs need changing or a mattress replaced? No problem. They fix everything and apologize for the inconvenience.

8.The inn has a night security person and daily room service. The maid checks to see if you are okay. If not, they will call the undertaker or the ambulance.

9. If you fall and break a hip, Medicare will pay for the hip and the hotel will upgrade you to a suite for the rest of your life.

10. No worries about visits from family. Kids can use the pool. What more could you want?

WTC hosting theatre festival

The sound and lighting have been checked, the actors are in place and the curtain's going up on the Western Texas College Theatre Festival.

"This is the first time that we've had the chance to host something like this and we're very excited," said WTC drama instructor Ray Newton.

The month-long festival will be held in the Fine Arts Theatre and 33 high schools from all over the region are scheduled for the presentation of one act plays. The festival will give the various schools the chance to present their plays before judges who will in turn critique their work and offer instruction for performance improvement.

"This event will be beneficial to all the schools involved," Newton said. "It will give them a chance to tune up before the kids head out to zone and district competitions.

Rotan High School drama students were one of the first to take part in the program with their performance of *Dearly Departed*.

"I've been bringing my students to this for the last couple of years and it's been great. My kids get so much out of it," said Rotan High School drama instructor Byrde Sparks.

Dr. Louise Stinespring of Texas Tech University critiqued the presentation.

"The help that she offered to the students was invaluable," said Sparks. "Her critiques were not only instructional, they were encouraging as well."

The remaining schools scheduled to perform throughout the month are Stanton, Idalou, Jim Ned, Spur, Crosbyton, Ira, Cooper, Sudan, Anson, Westbrook, Grady, Patton Springs, Irion County, Colorado City, Hamlin, Lubbock Monterey, Midland Lee, Roscoe, Highland, Jayton, Coahoma, Shallowater, Dawson, Tahoka, Roby, Amarillo High, Ralls, Haskell, Breckenridge, Snyder, Sweetwater and Lubbock High.

The cast of Snyder High School's one act play is scheduled to perform on March 23, the final day of the festival.

Rainfall Reports

Snyder	.98
East of city	1.00
West of city	.70
Lake Thomas	.70
Hermleigh	.80
Ennis Creek	.50
Fluvanna	.90
Polar	.25
Loyd Mountain	.90
Camp Springs	1.00
Dunn	.80
Ira	.80
Dermott	.60
Union	.60
Gail	.50
Gins	
Farmers Co-Op (E)	1.20
Sc. County (W)	1.20
Inadale	.80

Totals as reported by area residents for Monday and this morning.

AREA TALENT — Rotan High School's Angela Isbel and Aaron Greene were among the cast of *Dearly Departed* as part of the WTC Theatre Festival that continues through March 23. (SDN Staff Photo by Annie Rowe)

Hospital committee sets meeting

As a prelude to Thursday morning's regular hospital board meeting, the finance committee will meet at 7:30 Wednesday morning.

Dr. Charles Church will chair the meeting that will include the finance report as presented by Ron Hunt, interim chief financial officer. The board also will review the accounts payable.

Acting CEO Cheryl Chance will update the committee on administrative action.

Hunt also will discuss a request by physicians to purchase a video gastroscope. This item also will be discussed during the Thursday board meeting.

Early voting is underway

Twenty-nine votes were cast Monday on the first day of early voting for the March 9 primary.

And this morning, 11 additional ballots were cast.

Voters may cast their ballots through March 5 in the county courtroom on the third floor of the courthouse.

Voting hours are 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

"The turnout has been steady so far," said County Clerk Joan Bunch. "And we're expecting that it will stay that way."

ASK US

Q—Where in Houston will this year's Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo be held, and when is it?

A—At Reliant Park from March 2-21.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Whitney Stewart...

...has been a resident of Snyder for nine years and she is a senior at Snyder High School. Her parents are Joe and Vanessa Stewart and she has a younger brother, Jeffrey, a third grader at Central Elementary. Whitney's hobbies are school, friends and music.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Think as little as possible about yourself and as much as possible about other people.

—Eleanor Roosevelt

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Genealogy Society to meet

The genealogy society will meet at 7 tonight at the county library. The program will be about Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee – one of the founding members of DAR. Dr. McGee is the great, great aunt of Kathy Nelson who will present the program.

SJHS presents *Oklahoma*

Snyder Junior High School drama and choir students present the final performance of *Oklahoma* at 7 this evening in the school auditorium. Tickets are $4 per person and may be reserved by calling the junior high office.

MAWC luncheon, game day

Martha Ann Woman's Club will host a luncheon and game day Wednesday. Reservations are needed by 5 p.m. today by calling 573-3427.

Service of Remembrance

Odyssey Hospice will conduct its annual memorial service at 6:30 this evening at the First Presbyterian Church in Snyder. The public is invited to the candlelight service in honor of patients who died in 2003.

Relay for Life meeting

The Scurry Unit of the American Cancer Society will hold a directors and Relay for Life meeting at 5:30 p.m. today in the Desperado classroom of First Baptist Church. For more information call Terrisu Mann at 573-1031.

Free income tax help

There is free help with income taxes every Wednesday from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-3 p.m. at the senior center at 2603 Ave. M.

Tennis boosters to meet

Snyder tennis boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Texas Savings Bank meeting room.

What's up guidelines

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

In campaign mode, president swipes at Kerry, Democrats

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, casting aside his desire to appear above the political fray, struck back at his Democratic critics, portraying presidential front-runner John Kerry as a waffler and warning that Democrats would raise taxes, expand government and fail to lead decisively on national security.

Bush had hung back for months, despite constant pummeling by the Democratic presidential candidates. But he leveled his sharpest criticism yet at his rivals in a speech Monday night. Bush recalled terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, signaling his willingness to use the strikes for political gain, which his aides long had promised would not be done.

"September the 14th, 2001, I stood in the ruins of the Twin Towers. I remember a lot that day," Bush told 1,400 Republican donors at a fund-raiser for GOP governors, recalling his trip to New York after the attacks.

"As we all did that day, these men and women searching through the rubble took it personally. I took it personally," he said. "I have a responsibility that goes on. I will never relent in bringing justice to our enemies. I will defend America, whatever it takes."

Kerry, a senator from Massachusetts, found himself fending off both Bush and his chief rival, fellow Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina, heading into nominating contests Tuesday in Hawaii, Idaho and Utah.

But both Democratic rivals are looking ahead to the 10 states, California and New York among them, with nominating contests on March 2, also known as Super Tuesday, where Kerry hopes to knock off Edwards.

Kerry will spend more than $1 million this week — nearly five times as much as Edwards — to run campaign ads in media markets in Ohio, Georgia and New York, which vote March 2, aides said. Edwards has bought about $270,000 of ad time in those states thus far.

DVD-copy software will be revamped after court order

NEW YORK (AP) — The maker of DVD-duplication software ruled in violation of copyright law is nevertheless pledging to keep selling it — but without a built-in tool for descrambling movies.

In order for the popular DVD Copy Plus and DVD X Copy programs to successfully make copies of DVDs, users will now need to obtain a separate descrambler that is widely available on the Internet, said Robert Moore, founder and president of 321 Studios Inc.

"It's a hollow victory" for movie studios, Moore said.

On Friday, U.S. District Judge Susan Illston in San Francisco gave 321 Studios a week to stop making, distributing "or otherwise trafficking in any type of DVD circumvention software."

She agreed with the Hollywood studios' contention that 321's DVD-copying products violate the 1998 Digital Millennium Copyright Act, which prohibits the circumvention of anti-piracy measures such as the Content Scramble System, or CSS, that is used to protect DVDs.

Makers of DVD players license keys to descramble CSS-protected DVDs, and Illston deemed 321's use of those keys unauthorized.

The ruling does not affect 321's other software for copying computer games or creating DVDs from home videos, PowerPoint presentations and digital photos. It also does not cover the scores of DVD-copy products available elsewhere online, often for free.

Moore said 321 would fully comply while it appeals the ruling. Retailers are also encouraged to return unsold copies to the company, he said, though the judge did not specifically order that.

Russell Frackman, a lawyer for the movie studios that brought the lawsuit, questioned whether 321's response was consistent with the spirit of Illston's order.

"You can't sell the product with a wink and a nod and then tell your users, 'What you need to do is get the ripper (descrambling) component ... from another source,'" said Frackman said. "The law generally does not permit one to do indirectly what they can't do directly."

Army shipping less gear for Iraq occupation

KUWAIT CITY, Kuwait (AP) — The slimming down of the U.S.-led occupation in neighboring Iraq can be seen in this city's main port, where the four Army divisions being shifted out of Iraq are sending home far more heavy weapons and gear than the replacement troops are bringing in.

The Army's Texas-based 4th Infantry Division, which currently occupies a swath of Iraq north of Baghdad, will require 19 of the Navy's massive "roll-on, roll-off" or Ro-Ro ships to carry away its vast collection of tanks, armored vehicles and heavy bridging equipment, Army Maj. Faris Williams, the Army's operations officer at the port of al-Shuaiba, said Monday.

The 4th Infantry from Fort Hood, Texas has been responsible for the Tikrit area that was former dictator Saddam Hussein's tribal home.

The Army's 1st Armored Division, which has just begun pulling out of Baghdad, will need as many as 20 ships, Williams said.

By contrast, the Army's 1st Infantry Division, which will replace the 4th Infantry in the coming weeks, is arriving in Kuwait on just five Ro-Ro ships, Williams said. All three divisions' home bases are in Germany.

Before the war, the 4th Infantry's mountains of gear required 39 smaller vessels to transport — first to the Turkish coast, then, after being refused permission to land — to al-Shuaiba, Williams said.

"They brought absolutely everything with them," Williams said. The enormous multi-role bridging units needed for the war were a particular space-grabber.

"With all the bridging stuff they brought we could have bridged our way back to the States," Williams joked.

Military officials have said the U.S.-led occupation of Iraq will take on a less-intrusive hue when the massive rotation of U.S. troops now underway sends 110,000 fresh troops into neighboring Iraq to replace the 130,000 being sent home.

Instead of patrolling Iraq in Bradley armored vehicles and 70-ton Abrams tanks — brought in for the land invasion in March — incoming soldiers and Marines will rely more on armored Humvees and other lighter, more maneuverable vehicles. Hence the need for fewer trips by Navy ships like the hulking gray U.S.N.S. Pomeroy, which was being loaded Monday with Humvees from the Army's V Corps, which is in the process of returning to Germany.

The troop rotation also signals the start of Operation Iraqi Freedom 2, when most U.S. troops will be shifted from the current tight-knit occupation that uses dozens of bases inside Baghdad and other cities, to large camps lying on the outskirts of Iraqi cities. Several bases have already closed.

The Kuwaiti port of al-Shuaiba has been the U.S. military's chief landing area for war supplies used in the invasion and occupation of Iraq. The port is now proving essential in the troop rotation, since 90 percent of the tonnage for the occupation is being shipped by sea.

Kuwaiti authorities have given most of the port over to the U.S. military, which has unloaded and loaded war supplies from 428 ships since the war preparations began, Williams said.

"Without them we couldn't do this operation. It's that simple," said Army Maj. Gen. Stephen M. Speakes, the commander in charge of the troop rotation.

Four U.S. ships were docked in the choppy waters on Monday, including the Pomeroy, which can carry 55,000 tons or 250,000 square feet of cargo.

Behind the Pomeroy's berth, a parking lot that stretched for a quarter-mile was packed with every type of American military vehicle, from helicopters to small trailers with portable electric generators.

The Pomeroy and other Ro-Ro ships have five stories of cargo holds and a large deck for shipping containers.

Later this month, the last ship bearing the equipment of the Army's 101st Airborne Division — which has pulled entirely out of Iraq — will steam out of al-Shuaiba.

World Almanac

Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2004

Today is the 55th day of 2004 and the 65th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1836, Mexican forces attacked the Alamo.

In 1868, the U.S. House of Representatives voted to impeach President Andrew Johnson.

In 1991, U.S.-led coalition forces launched ground invasions of Kuwait and Iraq.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Winslow Homer (1836-1910), artist; George Moore (1852-1933), poet/dramatist; Joseph Lieberman (1942-), politician, is 62; Edward James Olmos (1947-), actor, is 57; Steven Jobs (1955-), computer pioneer, is 49; Paula Zahn (1956-), TV newscaster, is 48; Billy Zane (1966-), actor, is 38.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 2003, baseball commissioner Bud Selig banned the use of ephedra in the major leagues.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Reality can destroy the dream; why shouldn't the dream destroy reality?" — George Moore

TODAY'S FACT: A pangram is a sentence containing all 26 letters of the alphabet, such as "The five boxing wizards jump quickly."

TODAY'S NUMBER: 3,537,438 — Total area in square miles of the United States.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Feb. 20) and first quarter (Feb. 28)

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Herpes infection is reminder of husband's broken promise

DEAR ABBY: A young mother wrote that her husband had given her herpes-2, and asked you to help her decide whether to stay or to leave the marriage. She said that the virus was a constant reminder of his indiscretion, and asked if any other man could love her if he knew. Please give her this message:

I also contracted herpes-2 (HSV-2) from my ex-husband during our marriage. We divorced and I married my soul mate. While we were dating, I told him about the virus and waited to hear him say, "Adios." Instead, to my amazement, his response was, "I love you. This isn't your fault and we'll deal with it."

I, too, am angry during an outbreak because it is a reminder that the person I trusted most betrayed me. But remember that stress is one of the triggers for an outbreak. Then remind yourself that this virus doesn't change who you are inside. You have done nothing wrong. Get all the information you can because knowledge is empowering. No matter what decision you make about your marriage, your heart will heal. My thoughts are with you. — **LIVING HAPPILY EVER AFTER**

DEAR LIVING: Thank you for the beautiful testimonial that a full life is possible after an HSV-2 diagnosis. People who have this infection often feel isolated because it is not a condition that is easily discussed. For anyone who might have missed it in my previous column, the National Herpes Hotline — (919) 361-8488 operates from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Eastern time. The staff provides information and referrals to support groups.

I'm pleased to say you are not the only caring reader who wrote to offer support to that young woman. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: I contracted herpes-2 after a one-night stand 10 years ago. Since the age of 17, I have struggled with feelings of anger, humiliation and the fear of never finding love. I, too, felt "robbed of my dignity, my self-image and my future." But I have slowly arrived at the acceptance stage, and so will that young wife.

She can save her marriage if she truly loves her husband "in sickness and health." Living with HSV-2 is possible; many people do it. She should ask herself if she can live without the family unit the two of them have built together.

I am still single since my diagnosis, but I have had two healthy relationships over six years' time. The key is honesty and healthy communication. — **LIVING STRONG IN LOS ANGELES**

DEAR LIVING STRONG: I agree, and that is true in any healthy relationship. I would be shirking my responsibility as an advice columnist, however, if I didn't point out that more than half of all teenagers today are sexually active. That is why they need clear, concise sex education — beyond "just say no" — to help them avoid sexually transmitted diseases and unwanted pregnancies. While most adults prefer that teens and preteens abstain from having sex, it is obvious that many are NOT abstaining.

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DEAR ABBY: My friend "Diane" and I went downtown for a few drinks after work. She drove. At the end of the night, she had a parking ticket. I was surprised when she said I should pay half, especially since she knows money is tight for me right now. I think Diane is being unfair. I wouldn't expect her to pay half of it if it was my ticket. Am I wrong? — **CONFUSED IN FLORIDA**

DEAR CONFUSED: She provided the transportation. I assume she paid for the gas. Since you were together when she got the parking ticket, it would have been nice if you had OFFERED to pay half the ticket. That's how friends treat each other.

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Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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RESULTS

Monday's Lottery Numbers
Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 29-25-26-36-8.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Matching four of five: 106. Prize: $681.

Matching three of five: 4,245. Prize: $12.

Matching two of five: 45,568. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

Pick 3
(Day) 0-0-9
(Night) 4-0-4

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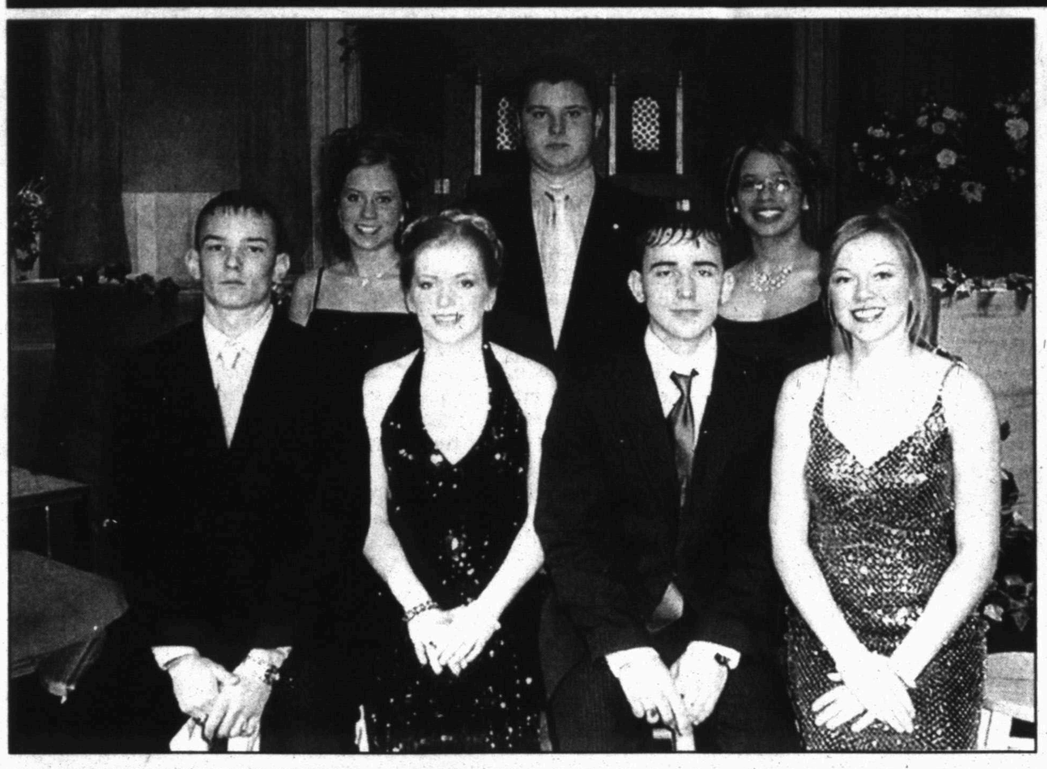
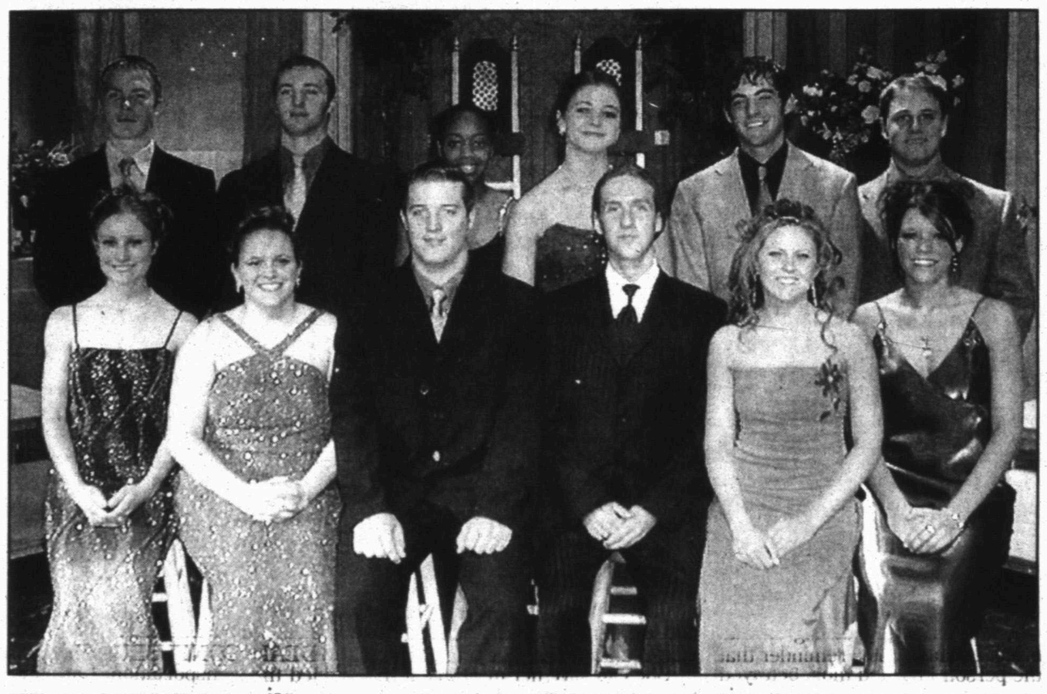
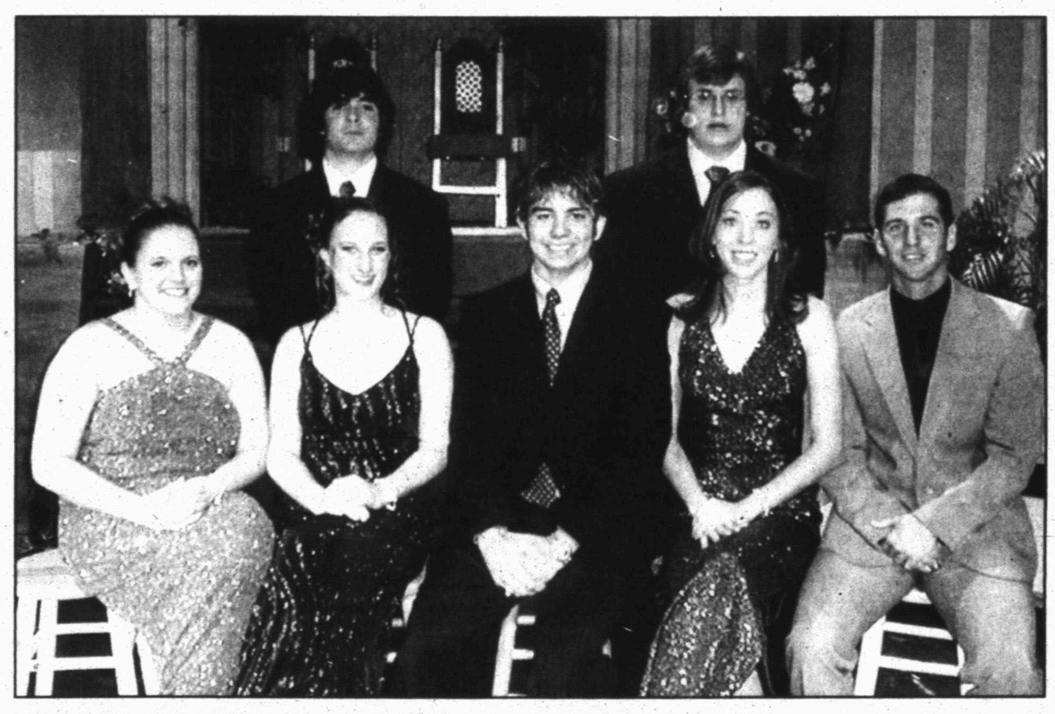


SWEETHEARTS RECOGNIZED — Snyder High School sweethearts and escorts were recognized during the recent coronation in the Worsham Auditorium. Mr. and Miss SHS were Sterling Millhollon and Kelsi Johnson, not pictured. From left are, bottom row, Justin Boyd, girls track; Molly Haire, Tiger's Tale; Jerry Ashley, volleyball; Erin Burleson, boys track; top row, Heather Holmes, Boyd's escort; Hunter Shipp, Haire's escort; and Missy Vasquez Ashley's escort. (Staff Photos by Jo Ann Nunley)



OTHER SWEETHEARTS — Sweethearts featured at the Mr. and Miss SHS coronation were bottom row, Stephanie Williams, band; Katie Haggard, Tiger's Lair; Brock Tyrell, girl's basketball; Jeff Scott, cheerleaders; Gerrico Greenlee, baseball; and Sarah Crawford, choir. Shown on back row are Patrick Jones, Williams' escort; Tucker Early, Haggard's escort; Dominique Braziel, Tyrell's escort; Kristel Fitts, Scott's escort; Ty Collier, Greenlee's escort; and Logan Martin, Crawford's escort.



SHS CLUB SWEETHEARTS, ESCORTS — Other recognized as sweethearts and escorts during the Mr. and Miss SHS coronation in Worsham Auditorium included, bottom row, Katie Haggard, boys basketball; Paula Fritz, forensics; Josh Kemp, forensics; Sara Thornhill, KTXS Academic Challenge Team; Blake Grimmett, softball; top row, Tyler Price, Fritz' escort; and Josh Payne, Thornhill's escort.

CORONATION ENTERTAINMENT — Jacki Thompson, Anna Henson and Molly Haire provided entertainment for the SHS coronation held in the Worsham Auditorium.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 02-24-04
♠ K Q J 3
♥ K 8 6 3 2
♦ J 9
♣ 6 4

West
♠ 10 7
♥ Q 4
♦ A Q 8 3 2
♣ A 10 8 5

East
♠ 6 5 4
♥ J 9
♦ 10 5
♣ K Q J 9 3 2

South
♠ A 9 8 2
♥ A 10 7 5
♦ K 7 6 4
♣ 7

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
		Pass	3 ♣
Dbl.	3 ♦!	4 ♣	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ 5

Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2004

Prepare defense during the auction

By Phillip Alder

Occasionally, you can anticipate a defense that has a good chance to succeed. However, you know partner is not so well-informed. Can you help him? David Price, one of England's top players, found one way on this deal.

Since there is no weak two-bid in clubs, many tournament players think nothing of opening three clubs with only a six-card suit (instead of the traditional seven-bagger). South, despite limited point-count, had such good distribution that he was happy to make a takeout double.

At any other vulnerability, Price (West) would have jumped to five clubs. But he expected that North would double and take the money — which would be 500 points here, more than the value of a nonvulnerable game. So, West started to consider the defense against four of a major. Probably, South held the diamond king, making a lead through that honor surely good for the defense.

To let partner in on the secret, West bid three diamonds.

North, deciding that he wanted to bid game but make his partner the declarer, cue-bid four clubs.

Now came Price's second clever move: Against four hearts, he led a low club, not the ace.

When East won with his club jack, it was the work of a moment to shift to the diamond 10. West won with his queen and cashed the diamond ace. But where was defensive trick four?

Not a club; East had to have a six-card suit. Not a spade. So, it had to be a heart. Price led a diamond, which produced a trump promotion — strike three!

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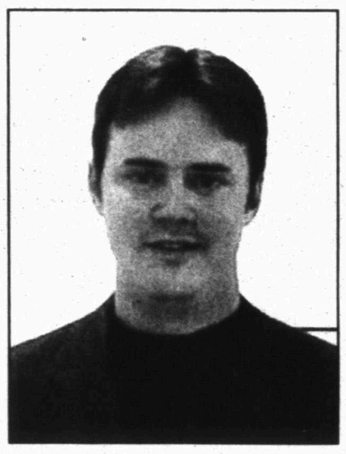

Stephen Covey

Stephen Covey transferred to Conroe office

Stephen Covey has recently been relocated from the Y-Z Systems Inc. plant in Snyder as cost management supervisor to the corporate headquarters in Conroe.

He will continue to be over cost accounting in the Snyder plant that will entail his being in the local office a few times each month.

Covey worked in the Snyder plant for seven years, joining Y-Z Systems after his graduation from Texas Tech University with an accounting degree.

He graduated from Conroe High School and his parents, David and Diane Covey live in Willis, near Conroe.

He is outgoing president of the Scurry County United Way where he has served five years as a director and the last three years as president.

He was a member of Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Writers hear program on poetry contests

Doodle Bug Writers Fellowship met Feb. 17 at the Golden Terrace community room with Helene Tutt presiding.

During the business session, Pam Mauldin reported the valentine poem presented to the Senior Citizens on behalf of the club entitled "Ode to Senior Citizens" was appreciated.

In addition, the group voted to begin future meetings at 11 a.m. and share covered dish meals.

Betty Kellum made the motion that was approved for the club to purchase a new scrapbook and a new study book, "The Discovery of Poems."

Mauldin presented the program, "The Worst Poetry Contests" and how to recognize a legitimate contest after which members did an exercise "The Three Minute Metaphor."

Members then read selections of their poetry.

New member Sherry Bryant was welcomed and will serve as the club reporter.

Doodle Bug Writers Fellowship will meet again at 11 a.m. on March 9 at the Golden Terrace community room and they invite anyone interested in listening to poetry or prose or interested in writing and sharing their talents.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers meeting; Colonial Hill Baptist Church; for more information call Kathy at 573-1289 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

Beginners' AA open meeting; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 573-8268, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

Births

Sergio Sifuentes and Ibon Garcia of Snyder announce the birth of their son, Christopher Xavier Sifuentes, at 2:30 p.m. on Feb. 20 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed eight pounds, two ounces.

Sergio and Ana Amelia Sifuentes of Durango, Mexico are his paternal grandparents. Luis and Florina Garcia of Snyder are his maternal grandparents.

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What We Learn From The Pain...

The pain and suffering of the cross is described in brief fashion in the Scriptures. Mark 15: 24 says, "And they crucified him." The readers of the New Testament times understood those words. It was nails, a wooden beam and a hammer. It was excruciating pain. It was the punishment of the Roman empire reserved for the worst of criminals and for rebels against Rome. It kept the Roman empire in order, that word... .crucifixion.

The crucifixion of Jesus was the preaching of the apostles. Paul reminds the Christians at Corinth that when he came to them he knew nothing among them except Jesus Christ and him crucified, I Corinthians 2:2. This was the message he preached. It was the gospel of Jesus Christ. He suffered terribly and died. But it was the reason he died that changed the whole thing. He died for us, for our sins.

Jesus taught several lessons by the pain that he endured on the cross. First, he taught that sin is real and brings a real consequence. Jesus bears the punishment for sin, the just punishment for sin, Romans 3: 25. Second, Jesus showed how much God really loves us, in spite of our sins, Romans 5:6-8. It is amazing but true, that God loved us so much that he gave his Son to suffer and die for us. Third, Jesus showed his disciples what it would mean to follow him. Sometimes it would be hard, sometimes difficult, but doing the will of God meant accepting all difficulties no matter what they were.

"And they crucified him."

Dale Huff

The Snyder Chamber of Commerce

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS
THIS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

All members of the Chamber are invited to a reception to discuss issues regarding Scurry County. We especially invite the 32 new members that have joined and encourage anyone that is interested in becoming a member to attend this fun event. This will be held the last Thursday of each month. *COME AND ENJOY!!!*

SPARKLE CITY IS BACK — Volunteer this Saturday 8:00 AM — Chamber office - location posted on door

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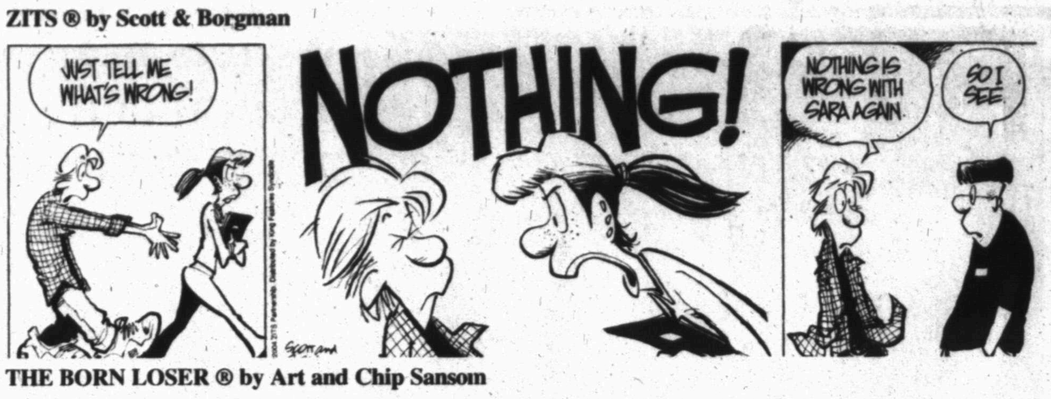

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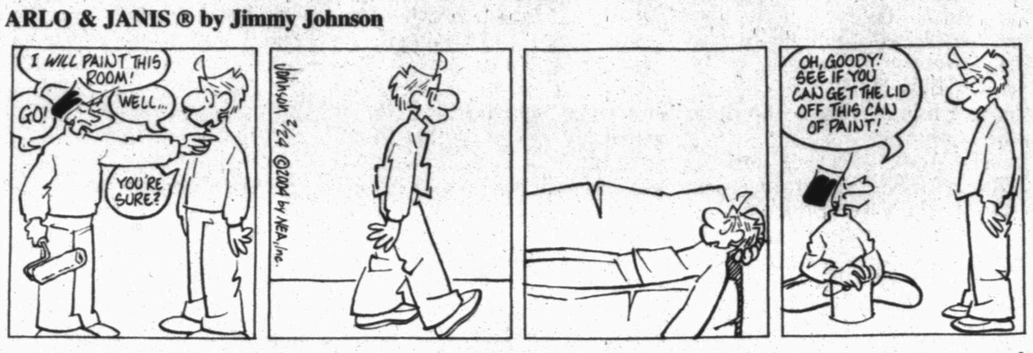

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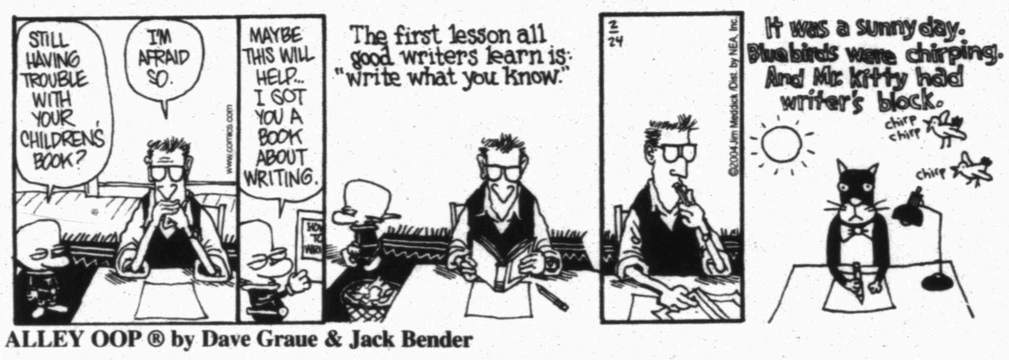

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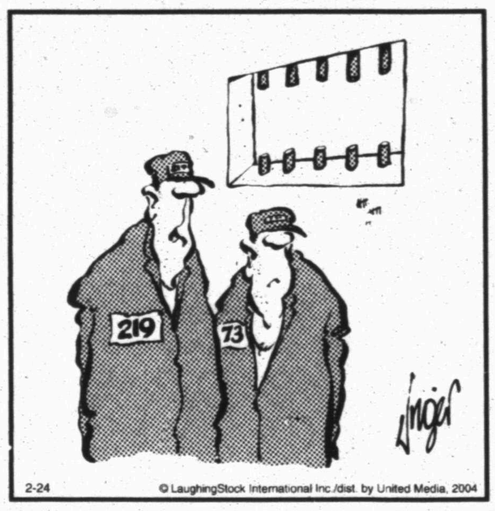

"We were finding it very hot in here, Warden."

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Sphagnum moss
5 Perturb
8 Cash giver
11 Hibernating animal
12 "— got it!"
13 Europe-Asia range
15 NYC area
16 Mesh
17 Garr or Hatcher
18 Law, to Caesar
20 New cop
22 Bowed
25 Fossil fuel
26 Not worth a —
27 Consume
28 Respect
31 Red-waxed cheese
33 Off-road vehicle
34 Nile wader
38 Persist
39 Golf peg
40 Theta follower
41 Rush away
44 Kind of meditation
45 Triumphant shout
48 Ballgame stat
49 Specks
51 Walled city, once
53 Wanted-poster abbr.
54 Green fruit
55 Gold Medal org.
57 Essence
61 Early garden?
62 Cloistered woman
63 — Major
64 Lupino of old films
65 Before
66 Wheeze

DOWN

1 "Nova" network
2 Fair-hiring letters
3 Sigh of content
4 Sing
5 Hex
6 Livy's hello
7 Hunting dog
8 Motorcar
9 Expeditions
10 Ninetendo hero
14 "Instead of" word
19 Riviera summer
21 Fiesta shout
22 Ship's bottom
23 Zilch
24 LGA postings
25 Aquatic mammals
29 Gloomy
30 Twice DI
32 Geographical abbr.
35 Goofball
36 Particular
37 Lacking, to Yves
42 T'ai — ch'uan
43 Talk on
45 Qualified
46 Alpine heroine
47 Ready to fight
50 Touch base (2 wds.)
52 Actress — Olin
53 Teen problem
56 Not just my
58 Nest-egg letters
59 Nine-digit ID
60 Make lace

Answer to Previous Puzzle

M	A	N	E		C	D	S			O	R	B
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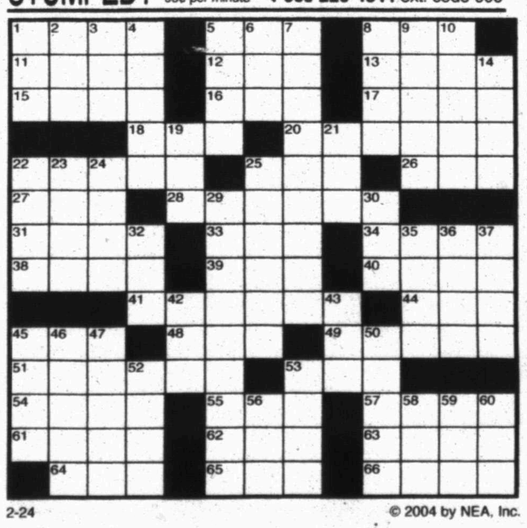

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SPORTS

Westerners swept at El Paso

The Western Texas College baseball team dropped four games to conference powerhouse El Paso Community College over the weekend, but head coach Billy Hefflinger said the program is moving in the right direction.

The Westerners (1-13) took El Paso, which is 7-1 in conference play, to the wire in the opening game of the series Friday, leading 3-1 after the top of the sixth.

El Paso rallied to take a 5-3 lead after six, before WTC tied it up in the top of the seventh.

Though the team eventually lost, 6-5, Hefflinger said the program gained a lot of respect from El Paso, especially the way the team challenged the conference leaders on the base paths.

Hefflinger said El Paso responded by playing more aggressively on Saturday, a sign that that home team was not taking WTC lightly after the close call in the opener.

"El Paso is just flat out good," he said. "Physically, they are unreal. I think it was a turning point for our program — on Saturday they went for the kill. They knew if we stayed in it, we would make it a game."

Hefflinger said the Westerners, which lost the final three games by scores of 12-2, 13-0 and 17-6, need to feel a couple of wins to get some momentum started.

He said the team again had plenty of runners in scoring position, but could not find a way to plate them.

"We're hitting about .300 as a team and our strike outs have gone down," he said. "We have scored 53 runs, but we've stolen 30 bags. We're getting guys in scoring position."

Today's scheduled game with Hardin-Simmons is postponed due to rain, and the team will get back into action this weekend against Howard College in Big Spring with a four-game set starting at noon Friday.

Hefflinger said the team has plenty of time and opportunity to right the ship.

"It's actually good that it worked out this way. Now El Paso comes to us in the second half, and we won't be traveling as much," he said. "The guys are working hard, we just have to get a couple of wins under our belt. If we could have won games when we were ahead late in the game, we could have five or six wins right now, easily."

Abilene tops Big Spring in OT in semi-pro contest

The Abilene Force topped the Big Spring Rebels Friday in a Texas Profeesional Basketball League tilt at WTC gym.

Abilene's Orlando Banks scored a game-high 36, and Big Spring's Van Jamison had 34 in defeat. Matt Fambro added 25 and Bryan Cave kncoked in 13.

The Rebels will take on the San Angelo Chaparrals at 8 p.m. Friday in San Angleo.

The remaining home games on Big Spring's schedule will be played at the WTC gym, with the next home contest slated for 4 p.m. Sunday against the Kerrville Kings.

Bonds addresses steroid rumors

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — For years, Barry Bonds has faced accusations of steroid use and the assumptions that it's the reason he keeps hitting home runs even as he pushes 40.

"They can test me every day if they choose to," said Bonds, who showed up at spring training right around his playing weight of 228 pounds.

A winter without his father beside him in the batting cage weighed more heavily on Bonds' mind this offseason than his connection to a lab at the center of an alleged steroid ring.

"It's been difficult," the slugger said Monday, sitting in the dugout at soggy Scottsdale Stadium. "Just hard all the way around. I broke down a couple times in the batting cage just due to the fact he wasn't with me. He's been my coach my whole life."

Bonds was surrounded by reporters on his first day at spring training, and was asked repeatedly about his ties to the supplements lab accused of illegally distributing steroids to dozens of athletes. The six-time National League MVP, who appeared in December before a grand jury probing the lab, had always denied using steroids.

After last season, Bonds seriously considered walking away from baseball for good, unable to imagine playing without his dad. Bobby, who had been ill for nearly a year with lung cancer and a brain tumor, died in August at age 57.

But Bonds pushed on, at the urging of his mother, his wife and godfather Willie Mays.

"I couldn't hit. I didn't want to go in the cage. I didn't want to swing the bat," Bonds said. "I really didn't want any part of it for a while."

Now, another important member of Bonds' supporting cast, trainer Greg Anderson, won't be around.

Anderson was among four men charged this month in an alleged steroid-distribution ring that federal prosecutors say supplied professional athletes with banned substances. All the men have pleaded innocent and no athletes have been charged.

"I feel bad for him," said Bonds, who turns 40 this summer. "I feel sad. We grew up together. We're friends. It's unfortunate what he's having to go through."

About BALCO, the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative that's at the center of the federal steroids case, Bonds said: "There's nothing I can do about it right now. I have to go out and play baseball and, hopefully, it will blow over. ...

"I believe if I wasn't going for records, it would be a nullified situation. If you want to be at the top, you've got to have broad shoulders. ... I know who I am. I know what I stand for. I know what kind of ballplayer I am."

Bonds spent two stints on the bereavement list in 2003 and, despite all he was dealing with, still batted .341 with 45 home runs and 90 RBIs.

He's two homers shy of tying Mays for third on the career list.

HONORED — Former Texas Tech basketball coach Polk Robison, left, was honored with a bust before Tech's game with A&M last Saturday. Former Tech captain and Snyder resident Ned Underwood, center, and current Tech coach Bob Knight attended a banquet last Friday to honor Robison. (Contributed Photo)

Tech honors Robison

Texas Tech honored former Red Raider basketball coach Polk Robison, 92, before the Texas A&M game Saturday, presenting a bronze bust of Robison that will be permanently displayed in the McHaney-Robison Hall of Honor at United Spirit Arena.

Robison also was honored at a banquet Friday, and the players from his four conference championship teams and the first Tech team to play in the NCAA tournament were in attendance.

Former Snyder and Tech head coach Gene Gibson attended the ceremonies, as did Snyder native Ned Underwood, who played for Red Raiders from 1953-1957. He served as the captain of the 1956-57 club.

Current Red Raider coach Bob Knight spoke to the group before the banquet.

Texas Tech won the Border Conference from 1954-1956 and claimed the Southwest Conference crown in 1961.

Rain forces cancellations

Rain and the potential for snow forced the cancellation of several games on the diamond today.

The varsity Tigers were slated to open the season at 4 p.m. today at Wylie, but that game has been postponed. Head coach Charles Bollinger said the schools would try to reschedule the game for Thursday, weather permitting.

The JV contest also was called off.

Both the varsity and the JV softball games against Pecos were cancelled today, with no make-up date set.

Western Texas College's baseball game with Hardin-Simmons also was cancelled, and the schools have not announced whether the game will be made up or erased from the schedule.

Redskins and Broncos discussing major deal

DENVER (AP) — If a proposed trade goes through, Clinton Portis would head to Washington to solve the Redskins' unsettled running back situation.

The Denver Broncos are discussing a deal that would send Portis to Washington for cornerback Champ Bailey in a swap of two Pro Bowlers upset with their contracts, a source said Monday.

In giving up Portis for Bailey, Denver also would receive Washington's second-round selection in the April draft, the NFL source told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Vinny Cerrato, Washington's player personnel director, said at the NFL scouting combine in Indianapolis: "We are talking to a number of teams and Denver is one of the teams." He wouldn't name the players.

The deal would make sense because the Redskins went last season without an every-down running back, a must in the offensive system favored by new coach Joe Gibbs. Trung Canidate led the Redskins with 600 yards rushing, followed by Rock Cartwright (411), Ladell Betts (255) and Chad Morton (216).

Portis ran for 1,591 yards last year despite missing three games with chest and ankle injuries.

Jack Reale, Bailey's agent, said the Redskins have talked with several teams.

Denver City rolls Monahans; Mustangs play Kermit tonight

The Denver City Mustangs crushed Monahans Monday, 86-55 to advance to the area round in the Class 3A boys basketball playoffs.

The Mustangs, runners-up in 3-3A, take on District 2 winner Dimmitt at 7 p.m. Friday at Lubbock Coronado High School.

District 3-3A champion Merkel has a bye and will play the winner of Dalhart-Littlefield. Those teams square off at 7 tonight at West Texas A&M.

Third-seed Sweetwater takes on Kermit at Howard College in Big Spring at 7 tonight.

Derington leads JV girls in tournament

Heather Derington led three junior varsity Lady Tiger golfers at the Snyder Invitational over the weekend, shooting an 89-93 182.

Kaylee Lacik carded a 101-109 210, and April Boyd fired a 109-107 216.

The Snyder JV girls could not field a team of five due to ineligibility.

Sports Briefs

Little League applications for coaches

Applications for coaches are being accepted at the Boys and Girls Club after 4 p.m. until Friday.

Groundhog Open

Scurry County Golf Course will host the Groundhog Open Saturday and Sunday. Format is two-man scramble and cost is $80 per team, with a 1 p.m. shotgun start both days. Contact the pro shop at 573-7101 for more information or to register.

Ryan signs personal services contract with Astros

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — The Astros agreed to a five-year personal services contract with Hall of Famer Nolan Ryan, a baseball official told The Associated Press.

The Astros, who signed hometown stars Andy Pettitte and Roger Clemens during the offseason, plan to announce the deal at a news conference today.

Mondesi finalizes deal with Pirates

BRADENTON, Fla. (AP) — Raul Mondesi passed his physical and the Pittsburgh Pirates finalized their contract with the free-agent outfielder.

Mondesi, 33, hit .272 with 24 homers, 71 RBIs and 22 steals in 143 games with the New York Yankees and Arizona last year. His contract includes a team option for 2005.

Colts give Manning franchise tag

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Indianapolis Colts gave Peyton Manning their franchise tag, a move that will pay him $18.4 million this year unless he agrees to a long-term deal.

The move, which came one day before the NFL deadline for designating franchise players, prevents Manning from hitting the open market March 3. The date is also the deadline for teams to be under the league's $80.5 million salary cap.

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	34	20	.630	—
New York	26	31	.456	9½
Miami	25	33	.431	11
Philadelphia	23	34	.404	12½
Boston	23	35	.397	13
Washington	16	38	.296	18
Orlando	16	42	.276	20

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	41	15	.732	—
Detroit	35	24	.593	7½
New Orleans	30	26	.536	11
Milwaukee	29	26	.527	11½
Toronto	25	30	.455	15½
Cleveland	23	34	.404	18½
Atlanta	18	38	.321	23
Chicago	16	40	.286	25

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	40	16	.714	—
San Antonio	37	19	.661	3
Dallas	35	20	.636	4½
Memphis	34	22	.607	6
Houston	32	23	.582	7½
Denver	32	26	.552	9
Utah	27	30	.474	13½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	40	14	.741	—
L.A. Lakers	35	19	.648	5
Portland	28	28	.500	13
Seattle	26	29	.473	14½
Golden State	24	30	.444	16
L.A. Clippers	24	30	.444	16
Phoenix	18	40	.310	24

Monday's Games

Detroit 76, Philadelphia 66
Cleveland 104, New Orleans 100
Portland 89, Miami 81
Memphis 109, Denver 106

Today's Games

Portland at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Golden State at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Houston at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Utah, 8 p.m.
New York at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

Snyder Bowling Leagues

Men's Commercial League

Team	W	L
Snyder Iron&Metal	54.5	30.5
BJ Services	49.5	35.5
Culligan	47	38
Anadarko	44	41
Good Guys	43.5	41.5
Timely Pawn	43	42
Circle M Welding	43	42
The Shack	37	48
WTP Energy	32	53
Robert Early's Weld	31.5	53.5

High series: Tim Marshall, scratch, 588; Greg Hodge, handicap, 670.
High game: Elbert Klein, scratch, 213; Chris Goebel, handicap, 243.

Jack-N-Jill

Team	W	L
Renegades	18	6
Turkey Hunters	17	7
Outcasts	16	8
Moment's Captured	15	9
Replacements	13	11
Snyder Lanes	12	12
Timely Finance	11	13
WTP Energy	11	13
JB's	11	13
Snyder Iron&Metal	11	13
E.D. Walton	8	16
Phantom Team	1	23

High series: Scratch: Jay Roemisch, 601, Daphene Thompson, 542; **Handicap:** Jay Roemisch, 685, Daphene Thompson, 653.
High game: Scratch: Jay Roemisch, 247, Daphene Thompson, 206; **Handicap:** Jay Roemisch, 217, Daphene Thompson, 243.

National Hockey League

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	32	15	11	5	80	182	145
New Jersey	32	17	11	1	76	147	121
N.Y. Islanders	29	22	8	2	68	174	153
N.Y. Rangers	22	29	7	4	55	160	183
Pittsburgh	11	42	5	4	31	125	241

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	34	15	8	5	81	206	134
Toronto	34	17	9	3	80	182	158
Boston	30	15	12	6	78	163	146
Montreal	30	25	6	2	68	158	146
Buffalo	28	27	6	1	63	161	159

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	32	17	7	5	76	176	141
Florida	22	25	13	3	60	139	161
Atlanta	24	31	6	2	56	170	196
Carolina	19	27	12	3	53	118	152
Washington	19	33	8	2	48	147	191

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	35	16	9	2	81	200	143
Nashville	30	23	7	2	69	159	165
St. Louis	29	23	7	2	67	144	156
Chicago	17	31	7	5	46	138	178
Columbus	17	33	8	4	46	129	177

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	33	14	10	4	80	182	138
Vancouver	32	19	7	4	75	178	146
Calgary	30	23	5	3	68	147	138
Edmonton	25	26	10	1	61	159	157
Minnesota	21	23	16	2	60	139	139

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	30	16	11	5	76	161	132
Dallas	30	22	10	0	70	138	136
Los Angeles	24	17	14	7	69	166	162
Anaheim	21	25	9	8	59	136	164
Phoenix	20	24	15	3	58	154	180

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.

Monday's Games

Florida 2, Boston 0
Tampa Bay 6, Washington 3
Montreal 4, N.Y. Rangers 1
Carolina 2, Toronto 1
Detroit 1, Edmonton 1, tie
Anaheim 1, Phoenix 1, tie
San Jose 4, Columbus 2
Los Angeles 3, Nashville 0

Today's Games

Ottawa at Montreal, 6 p.m.
Boston at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
Chicago at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Calgary at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

Area Sports Calendar

TODAY

Basketball: Lady Tigers vs. Canyon, Plainview, 6 p.m.
Ira vs. Aspermont, bi-district, Post, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Softball: WTC at Odessa College, DH, 1:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Softball: Snyder varsity at Midland Tournament
Baseball: Snyder JV in Snyder tourney

FRIDAY

Baseball: WTC at Howard, DH, noon
Softball: Snyder varsity at Midland Tournament
Golf: SHS varsity and JV boys at Midland
SHS JV girls at Sweetwater
Track: SHS at Frenship meet

SATURDAY

Baseball: SHS vs. Pecos, DH, 2 p.m.
WTC at Howard, DH, noon
Softball: Snyder varsity at Midland Tournament
WTC vs. Howard, DH, 1:30 p.m.
Golf: SHS varsity and JV boys at Midland
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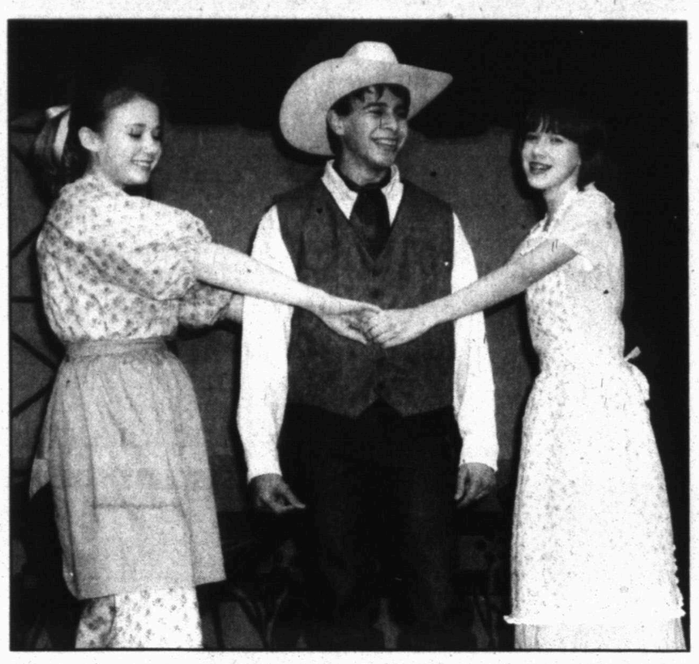

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DuPont	45.73	45.05	45.71	+ .18
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EstKodak	28.75	28.16	28.68	—.01
EDS Corp	19.22	18.98	19.18	—.17
Entergy	57.83	57.37	57.64	—.01
ExxonMobil	42.60	42.26	42.57	—.01
FootLocker	26.11	25.56	26.11	+ .11
GenDynam	93.57	92.70	93.02	—.50
GenElec	33.59	33.15	33.51	+ .09
GenMills	45.62	45.19	45.36	—.17
GenMotors	47.80	47.12	47.55	+ .04
GaPacific	31.60	30.94	31.60	+ .31
Goodrich	29.29	28.95	29.07	—.08
Goodyear	7.87	7.56	7.81	+ .03
GtAtlPac	7.83	7.62	7.81	+ .09
Halliburtn	30.97	30.25	30.51	—.51
Hanson PLC	41.47	40.99	41.47	+ .21
HarteHanks	22.44	22.21	22.41	+ .08
HomeDepot	36.11	35.46	35.98	+ .60
HoneywellIntl	35.65	34.97	35.46	+ .45
IBM	96.37	95.20	96.24	+ .28
IntlPaper	44.53	44.03	44.45	+ .33
JohnsonJn	54.30	53.25	54.28	+ 1.23
KinderMorg	60.45	60.05	60.44	+ .19
Kroger Co	19.38	19.10	19.20	—.26
LockheedM	47.61	47.13	47.15	—.57
Lowes Cos	56.90	56.00	56.64	—.03
Lubys	4.26	3.87	4.21	+ .39
LucentTech	5.05	4.02	4.11	—.04
MarathonOil	34.36	33.90	34.30	+ .27
MayDeptStr	35.90	35.36	35.58	+ .13
Medtronic	47.69	47.23	47.50	—.60
Motorola	17.00	16.59	16.87	—.21
NCR Corp	44.07	43.39	43.88	+ .18
Navistar	46.70	45.86	46.66	—.34
PNM Rescs	30.25	30.12	30.19	—.07
Penney JC	28.98	28.31	28.98	+ .44
PepBoys	22.36	21.95	22.29	+ .31
PepsiCo	52.18	51.71	52.10	+ .01
PhelpDodge	83.30	80.71	82.68	+ 1.38
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Praxair s	36.89	36.05	36.76	+ .55
ProctGamb	104.00	102.76	102.98	—.59
RadioShack	34.54	33.72	34.40	+ .45
RoyalDut	48.98	48.61	48.87	—.05
SBC Comm	24.14	23.76	24.09	+ .09
SaraLee	21.76	21.56	21.69	+ .05
Scripps EW	99.07	98.83	98.94	—.13
SearsRoeb	46.30	45.50	46.15	+ .46
SherwinW	35.11	34.70	35.08	+ .15
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SwstAirl	14.40	14.21	14.37	+ .03
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Sunoco Inc	58.62	57.95	58.61	+ .36
TXU Corp	28.35	27.24	27.29	—.58
TempleInland	65.70	64.40	65.63	+ .71
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Textron	54.96	54.11	54.91	+ .23
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USSteel	35.72	34.68	35.61	+ .80
UnitedTech	94.31	92.25	92.99	—.81
Unocal	37.20	36.55	37.16	+ .17
VerizonComm	38.45	37.05	38.37	+ 1.36
WalMart	60.00	59.52	59.74	—.31
WellsFargo	56.91	56.60	56.71	—.15
WstnGasRs	48.82	48.57	48.74	+ .16
WinnDixie	6.06	5.96	5.97	—.10
Xerox Cp	14.18	13.81	14.10	—.13
YumBrands	35.70	35.31	35.48	—.06

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SHS band students earn superior ratings

UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest Saturday in Lubbock

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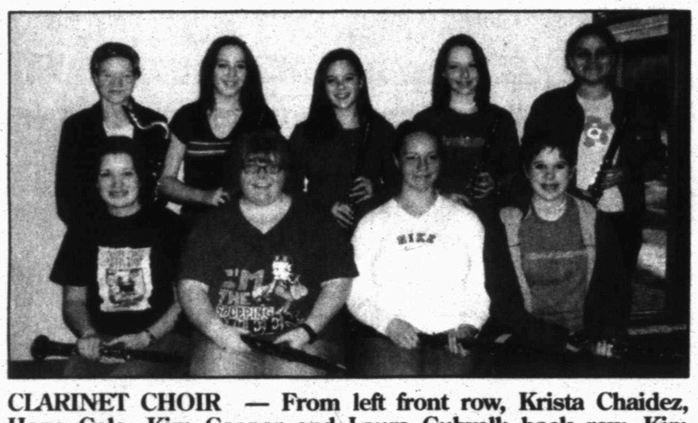
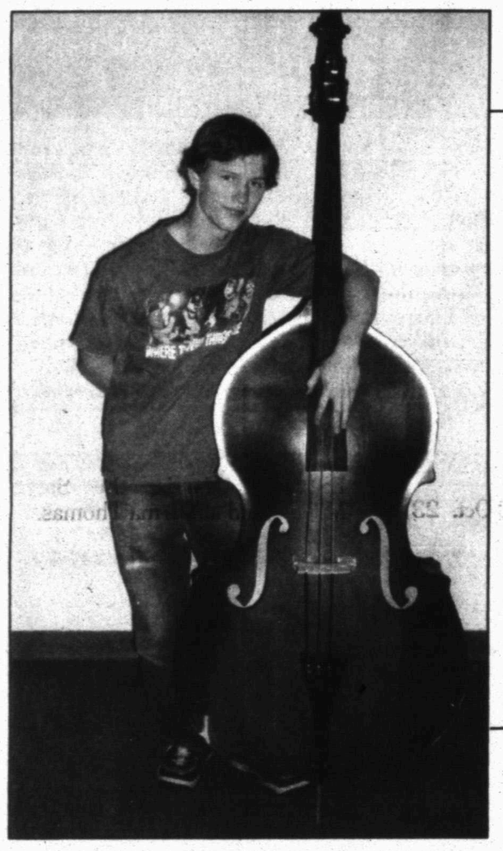


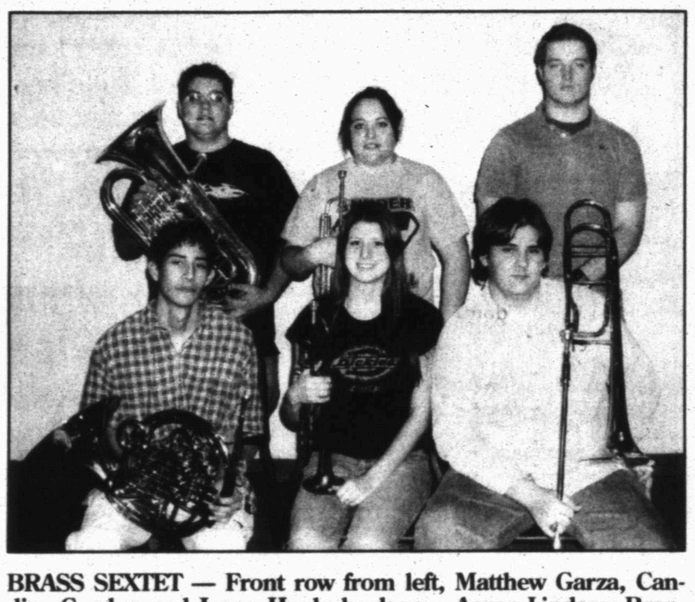
CLARINET CHOIR — From left front row, Krista Chaidez, Hope Cole, Kim Cooper and Laura Culwell; back row, Kim Henkell, Melissa Jerome, Katie Neves, Claire Morris and Felicia Guzman. (SDN Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

BRASS QUINTET — From left front row are Matthew Garza, Candice Gordon and Jason Hook; back row, Aaron Lindsey and Brandi Russell.

BRASS QUINTET — Front row from left, Seth Cooper, Patrick Jones and Matthew Kerr; back row, Austin Owens and Brock Tyrrell.

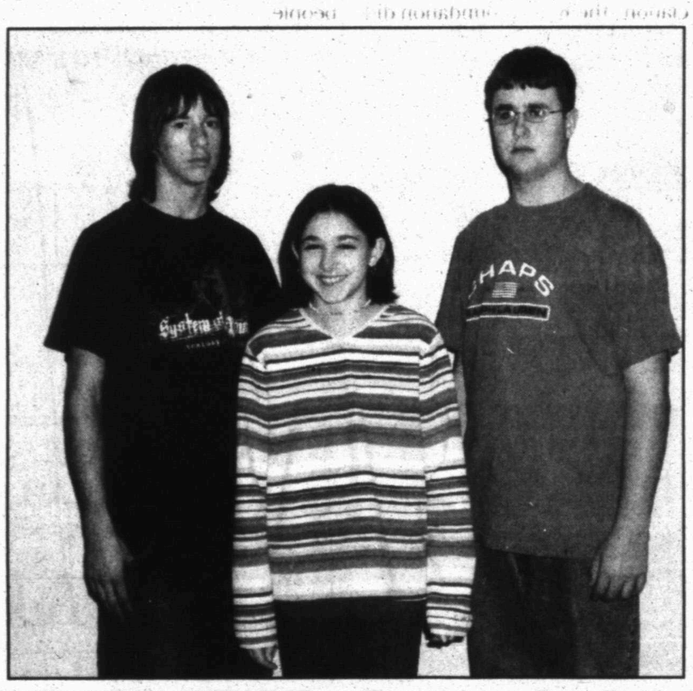


CLASSICAL GUITAR SOLO — Though he is pictured with a base guitar, Sterling Millhollon earned a superior rating for his classical guitar solo.



BRASS SEXTET — Front row from left, Matthew Garza, Candice Gordon and Jason Hook; back row, Aaron Lindsey, Brandi Russell and Brock Tyrrell.

FLUTE TRIO — From left are Megan Deloera, Meagan Langham and Stephanie Williams.



PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE — From left are Brett Bowlin, Alyssa Davis and Andrew Dupree. Not pictured: Blake Robertson.

Today's chuckle

Minneapolis police chief tickets mayor

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — New Police Chief Bill McManus proved he's serious about zero tolerance — by issuing a ticket to his new boss, Mayor R.T. Rybak.

McManus said he gave the mayor a ticket for illegally leaving his vehicle running on a city street.

"I don't believe the mayor wants to be held to any double standard," McManus said Monday.

McManus, who was sworn in last Tuesday, said he became aware of Rybak's violation when he saw a story about it in Saturday's newspaper. "Obviously, it caught my attention," he said.

McManus, who was Rybak's choice as chief, said he then spoke with the mayor, who "agreed it would be appropriate for him to receive a citation."

The incident happened as Rybak was rushing to and from appointments Feb. 16. Rybak said he stopped the Toyota Prius hybrid he was driving, jumped out and got into the driver's seat of a car his family was waiting in to go to a memorial service.

The mayor, however, neglected to turn off the Toyota and take the keys out of the ignition.

After Rybak left, the car rolled down a grade, coming to rest in a snowbank. It was spotted by bystanders as it rolled. No one was injured and the car wasn't damaged.

The amount of the fine wasn't immediately available, but moving violations run around $150 in Minneapolis.

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Member spotlight

Brandon Weaver

Brandon trains regularly at **Tiger Health & Fitness** to prepare for the endurance type events that he is involved in. He has competed in mountain bike races, Iron Man events, and even in the New York City Marathon. Later this month, **Brandon** will compete in a 100k mountain bike event in Lajitas followed by a ½ Iron Man event later this summer.

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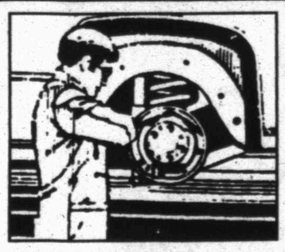

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Incumbent faces tough battle in District 9

HOUSTON (AP) — Democratic Rep. Chris Bell is running in a new congressional district, but it's familiar territory.

The freshman congressman was elected in 2002 in the old District 25, which incorporated parts of Houston. When Republicans redrew the voting districts last year to favor their candidates, Bell moved into District 9, which is still heavily Democratic and includes about half of his previous district.

The newly drawn District 9 is about 37 percent black, 30 percent Hispanic, 21 percent white and 11 percent Asian, said Richard Murray, director of the University of Houston's Center for Public Policy. That doesn't concern Bell, who is white.

"There are those who want to say if you don't look like me, you can't represent me, but I think they are becoming fewer and fewer," said Bell, a former member of the Houston city council. "Most people want to know what you can do for them."

The field of candidates in the Democratic and GOP primaries on March 9 speak to the district's diversity.

Bell faces two black candidates — Al Green, former head of the Houston NAACP and attorney Beverly Spencer.

Attorney Arlette Molina, who is Hispanic, runs against Houston businessman A.R. Hassan, an Egyptian immigrant, for the GOP nomination.

Murray said the question is whether blacks will overwhelmingly support black candidates in the race or split their vote. He said Bell will win if he splits the black vote and wins the white, Hispanic and Asian vote.

Since the district leans Democratic, whoever wins the party's primary will likely go on to Congress, Murray said.

Republicans wanted to drive Bell out of his district as part of a strategy to take control of the state's 32-member congressional delegation, which is now split evenly between Democrats and the GOP.

"We wouldn't be having this primary, but for the fact that Tom DeLay decided to participate in the most divisive redistricting process this country has ever seen," Bell said. "I don't think Democrats are going to let Mr. DeLay decide who represents Democrats in Democratic districts."

House Speaker DeLay helped push through the GOP-redistricting plan finally approved by the Legislature last fall after two walkouts by Democrats.

Bell has a well-known competitor in Green, who spent two decades as a judge and several years as local president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Green said his long tenure in public service proves voters believe in him.

"You have name identification you can buy. The name identification I have has to do with integrity," Green said. "That is the type of name identification it takes 26 years to build."

Bell's incumbency and previous political experience translates to name recognition, which is an asset in a short primary season, Murray said.

Job growth, protecting social security and bringing more businesses to the district are issues Green and Bell have in common. Bell would also like to see improved tax relief and flood control.

Spencer said while she may be the least known of the three Democrats, her life experiences make her best suited for the job.

"There is a need for someone to be in Congress who actually knows what it is to look for gainful employment and not find it," said Spencer, who said she has only worked full-time briefly since 1986 when she was laid-off.

On the Republican side, Hassan, who canvasses the district daily to meet people, describes himself as "a regular guy" who knows rewards come from hard work.

"I am a winner just to be on the ballot as an immigrant," said Hassan, who came to America in 1980 and became a U.S. citizen four years later. "I can discuss immigration problems because I know what immigrants go through."

He said he gets upset when people are broken down according to skin color or ethnicity and that everyone should be considered an equal.

"I am just American, plain American," he said.

Molina said the race is an opportunity for her to make a difference.

"This district has given so much to me," she said. "I believe in the promise of District 9 and I want to give back to it."

Studies link advertising to obesity in childhood

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thousands of advertisements for candy and sugary foods help fuel the epidemic of childhood obesity in America, a pair of new studies asserts.

The Kaiser Family Foundation said in a study released today that the main mechanism through which the media contributes to childhood obesity is through billions of dollars worth of advertising.

"The number of ads children see on TV has doubled from 20,000 to 40,000 since the 1970s, and the majority of ads targeted to kids are for candy, cereal and fast food," the Foundation said.

It reported that 15.3 percent of children aged six to 11 were listed as overweight in 1999-2000, compared to 4.2 percent in 1963-1970.

The American Psychological Association on Monday called for the government to restrict ads aimed at children under 8.

Unlike the Psychological Association , the Kaiser foundation did not endorse any specific action, saying many options are available to policy-makers, food companies, the media and parents.

Dr. Susan Linn, a Harvard psychologist who was a co-author of the APA report, said actions "could include specific restrictions on advertising junk food or toys that promote violence or precocious sexuality."

"Given the developmental vulnerabilities young children have to advertising, however, a prohibition on all marketing aimed at children is the only truly effective solution," said Linn.

The American Advertising Federation reserved comment until officials had seen the reports.

In the 1970s, both the Federal Communications Commission and Federal Trade Commission considered banning advertising directed at children.

The FCC adopted rules limiting the amount of time that could be devoted to commercials during children's programs and banning such practices as selling by the host and program-length commercials. The FTC moved to institute the ban but backed down after Congress rejected the idea and cut funding for the agency.

Dale Kunkel of the University of California, Santa Barbara, a co-author of the Psychological Association report, said its study "shows young children are uniquely vulnerable to commercial persuasion."

"The most predominant products marketed to children are sugared cereals, candies, sweets, sodas and snack foods," he added.

Kunkel said a six-person team of psychologists spent 18 months analyzing studies of children and their reaction to advertising.

The basic concept is understanding persuasive intent, and children aged 8 and younger generally do not grasp that intent, Kunkel explained. Older children and adults recognize the intent to sell and know advertising can exaggerate, though they may not apply that knowledge in every case, he said.

"What we're saying is that, because children 8 and below cannot grasp intent ... it is inherently unfair," Kunkel said.

The Psychologists estimated that advertisers spend more than $12 billion per year on advertising messages aimed at young people.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2004

Don't be hesitant to take on greater responsibilities or additional duties in the year ahead when the necessity arises; it could mean advancement in your chosen field of endeavor, and a raise in pay and prestige as well.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — You could be placed in the position today of managing a complex situation where you have to bring two dissenting factions together for a common purpose. You'll make it look easy.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Conditions pertaining to your material well-being look exceptionally promising again today. Gains can come through hard work and lucky breaks, but not through false notions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Concentrate your efforts and talents today on what you might consider your biggest desire or goal, whether it is in your business or personal life. This is where fortune can smile on you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Your personal, secret affairs will be taking an upward swing today, and situations that might have looked like losers could now be put on the right path to success. Keep a positive attitude.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — The greatest thing to concentrate on today is not so much where you are, but which direction you are heading. Take a step toward making your dreams a reality and luck will lend a hand.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — If you have any trump cards to play where your work or career is concerned, today may be the day to lay them out on the table. Chances are you're the one who is holding the winning hand.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Get in touch today with someone who you consider an important contact if you're trying to promote something important. This person may have information that would further your cause.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Joint ventures are usually rather lucky for you, and today one in particular could turn out to be exceptionally successful — especially if you are teamed up with someone who thinks in big terms.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Matters of a legal nature should work out particularly well and even lucky for you today. If you have any agreement or document to sign, get your pen out and affix your signature to it now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Give any important project that you're presently working on your complete attention today. What transpires could offer much greater rewards that would exceed your present expectations.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Although you may believe in hard work but not in luck, today you could experience a number of fortunate breaks in areas that involve your social contacts or valued relationships.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Conditions are undergoing a very favorable change at this time — which could affect not only you, but your entire family as well. Something you never thought would occur could happen today.

Pisces, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph year ahead predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

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Jazz festival planned

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Harry Connick Jr., Lenny Kravitz, Smokey Robinson, Branford Marsalis, Bonnie Raitt, Ray Charles, Dave Brubeck and B.B. King are among scores of acts — some widely known, others with small but faithful followings — set for this year's New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival.

Others set for appearances during the festival's 35th anniversary run from April 23-May 2 include the Neville Brothers, Shaggy, Emmylou Harris, the Steve Miller Band and Irma Thomas.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Hyperacidity is treatable

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please provide information on how to treat hyperacidity. Is there a diet or medication for this?

DEAR READER: Many people experience the periodic heartburn and indigestion caused by too much stomach acid. This is often worsened by smoking, caffeine-containing beverages, alcohol, spices and rich meals. Therefore, to discover what dietary restrictions might help you, I suggest that you experiment by eliminating foods that you know aggravate the problem.

In addition, the use of antacids (TUMS, Maalox, Mylanta and others) or drugs to inhibit gastric secretions (Pepcid AC, Prilosec, Zantac and others) may reduce symptoms.

If these simple steps are ineffective, see a doctor, because you may need X-rays or other testing to diagnose your disorder. For example, acid reflux and peptic ulcer are common conditions that usually require prescription drugs for relief.

Remember that angina (heart muscle cramps caused by coronary artery blockages) can, in some people, mimic hyperacidity, so your doctor may wish to check this out as well.

Finally, if you are using anti-inflammatory medication (ibuprofen, aspirin and others), you should immediately stop. These drugs are often associated with gastric irritation, ulcers and intestinal bleeding.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm concerned about my 4-year-old grandson, whose bowel movements, when he visits me, are light gray with bright green blotches. Should I worry?

DEAR READER: Grandmothers always worry; that's part of the job of being a grandmother. However, in this instance, I believe you can safely ignore your grandson's unique bowel movement color, providing he is in good health and free of symptoms. The color, frequency, consistency and quality of our bowel movements — for both children and adults — depends on what we eat. Therefore, variations are common and expected.

On the other hand, if your grandson is not growing properly, not eating a balanced diet or suffers from abdominal discomfort, his pediatrician should be alerted.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Your advice is generally on target, but why are you against using Vaseline for a dry nose?

DEAR READER: I'm not unequivocally against using petrolatum products in the nose, but I caution against their use in that area, because authorities point out that such products, when inhaled, can cause lung problems. As a result of this recommendation, I would be negligent if I failed to warn people that there is a rare but real potential for harm from Vaseline (and similar products) when the medication warms, vaporizes and is inhaled into the lungs.

If you require treatment for dry nose, I suggest using an over-the-counter, harmless saline solution in preference to Vaseline.

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

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More countries ban U.S. poultry exports

GONZALES (AP) — The reclassification of a strain of avian flu found in Texas as deadlier to poultry than originally feared prompted Mexico, the European Union and South Korea today to join the growing ban of U.S. poultry imports.

The actions come a day after federal officials said the strain is deadlier, though not the same strain that has killed at least 22 people in Asia.

The virus found about 50 miles east of San Antonio poses little threat to people, said Dr. Nancy Cox, an influenza expert at the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Still, state health workers are testing birds in a 10-mile radius of the farm.

Mexico's agriculture department on today prohibited imports of live U.S. birds, eggs and poultry products. The only exemption is for some products subjected to heat treatment for at least 10 minutes.

Mexico imported about 160,000 tons of U.S. chicken worth nearly $100 million in 2003, making it the second-biggest international market for the meat. The agency said the restrictions would remain in effect until U.S. authorities show evidence of actions to eradicate the influenza.

EU Health and Consumer Affairs Commissioner David Byrne said its ban on imports of live chickens, turkeys and eggs came after he had been informed by U.S. authorities on the outbreak. Chicken and turkey meat are also banned, although the EU currently does not import any due to differences in vaccination policies.

Seoul implemented an open-ended ban today. About 1,900 tons of U.S. chicken meat currently warehoused in South Korea will be returned, officials said in a statement.

Texas poultry also is banned from Russia, America's largest poultry export market. The Philippines also planned to prohibit imports.

Over the weekend, 6,600 broilers from the farm in Gonzales County were destroyed after the strain was reclassified from low pathogenic to highly contagious.

Some poultry from the farm had been taken to live-bird markets in Houston and about 20 ducks had to be destroyed there.

By Monday evening, blood samples or throat swabs had been taken on birds on almost all farms within five miles of the infected farm and 40 percent of farms within a 10-mile radius. Ten percent of the birds at the farms were being tested. It normally takes about 48 hours to get results.

The two bird markets also were being tested.

The precise location of the South Texas farm and the name of its owner were not made public.

New trial ordered for inmate in state

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court lifted the death sentence for a long-serving Texas inmate who claimed that prosecutors played dirty and withheld evidence at his trial.

The court's action, announced today, came in the case of a man who came within minutes of execution before the body stepped in last year to stop it.

Delma Banks, one of the country's longest-serving death row inmates, was sentenced to die for the 1980 killing of a 16-year-old former co-worker at a fast food restaurant.

The high court's 7-2 ruling means Banks can continue to press his appeals in lower courts.

He claims that prosecutors lied and that his original defense lawyer did not do enough to help him.

"When police or prosecutors conceal significant exculpatory or impeaching material, we hold, it is ordinarily incumbent on the state to set the record straight," Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg wrote for the high court majority.

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices John Paul Stevens, Sandra Day O'Connor, Anthony M. Kennedy, David H. Souter and Stephen Breyer fully agreed with Ginsburg.

"A rule declaring 'prosecutor may hide, defendant must seek,' is not tenable in a system constitutionally bound to accord defendants due process," Ginsburg said.

Quorum not present for chamber meet

Snyder Chamber of Commerce directors meeting failed to have a quorum present to vote on chamber issues but discussion was held on upcoming events.

The Snyder Wheels Car Show to be held April 30-May 1, the WTC Rodeo April 1-3, and the Ranch Rodeo, March 27-28 will make requests for hotel-motel funds at the next board meeting.

During discussion on the Snyder Clean Up project by executive director Vicki Shroyer, she said a waiver form drafted by Mike Hartman, county attorney, would be available to those whose property is being cleaned up by volunteers. The clean-up campaign will continue each Saturday through April 24 and those wishing to volunteer for this project should call 573-3558.

The Scurry County Parks and Recreation staff — Scott Crenwelge, Tommy Johnson and Larry Thompson — offered help to the chamber in storing Christmas decorations and offered suggestions for celebrating Christmas in the park and other projects in the works.

Shroyer announced the Business After-Hours meeting would be held the last Thursday of each month from 5 to 7 p.m. where all local business owners and managers are invited to attend to discuss ways to help Snyder that will in turn help their business.

Officers make two arrests Monday

• Arrests

Law enforcement officers made two arrests on Monday.

Scurry County law enforcement officers took Donald Craig Baker, 32, of Big Spring into custody at the Howard County Jail at 3:15 p.m. Monday on a warrant for motion to revoke probation. He was later booked into Scurry County Jail.

At 6:14 p.m. Monday, Andres Gutierrez, 18, of 2809 25th St. was arrested for felony motion to revoke probation and on a warrant for public intoxication.

• Accident

A two-vehicle minor accident was reported at 12:26 p.m. Monday in the 1800 block of 37th St. The mishap involved a 2003 Chevrolet Silverado pickup driven by Janet Merritt, 56, 1865 Santa Fe St., and a 1990 Toyota Corolla driven by John Bane, 18, of 2212 41st St.

DPS troopers investigated a one-vehicle accident involving an 18-wheeler that jackknifed on U.S. 84 near Hermleigh. The accident was reported at 3:26 a.m. today.

• Theft

At 12:10 p.m. Monday a caller reported the theft of a cell phone from the Wagon Wheel Ranch.

• Criminal mischief

An officer was requested at 2:35 p.m. Monday at a residence at 1615 26th St. as several windows had been broken out of a truck.

• Telephone harassment

At 4:40 p.m. Monday an individual reported receiving harassing phone calls from another individual. Officers were to serve the caller with a criminal trespass warning.

At 12:48 a.m. today, a man reported that he was receiving harassing phone calls from an ex-girlfriend.

Obituaries

Mrs. Fuentez

1930-2004

Anastacia Aguilar Fuentez of Snyder died Monday, Feb. 23, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock after a lengthy illness.

Services for Mrs. Fuentez, 74, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 22, 1930 in Lubbock, she married Hilario Fuentez on Aug. 17, 1948 in Lubbock. He died Nov. 8, 2002. She also was preceded in death by a son, Miguel Fuentez.

She was a homemaker.

Survivors include six daughters, Irene Canales and Anita Medina, both of Snyder, Rosie Martinez of Alice, Carol Barrera of Colorado City, Eva Salcido of Midland and Joanna Stone of Pampa; six sons, George, Luis, Johnny, Jimmy and Manuel Fuentez, all of Snyder, and Steve Fuentez of Alice; four brothers, Juan Aguilar of Johnstown, Colo., Frank, Marcelo and Benito Aguilar, all of Lubbock; two sisters, Margarita Lozano of Lubbock and Josephina Perez of San Angelo; 32 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Dorothy Dennis

1915-2004

SAN ANGELO — Mrs. Wiley Bert Dennis passed away on February 23. She was born Dorothy Lee Austin on March 15, 1915 in San Angelo, Texas. Her parents were Rose and Robert Austin. Her maternal and paternal grandparents, the H.R. Rowlands and the J.J. Austins, were among the first citizens of Tom Green County.

She attended schools in San Angelo, graduating from Central High, attending San Angelo Jr. College and San Angelo Business College. Later she attended Texas Tech University.

For five years she was secretary to Louis L. Farr, Jr., Manager of the Sawyer Cattle Company (Bar S Ranch). On September 9, 1938 she married Wiley Bert Dennis and they moved to Pecos County where the Dennis brothers, Jack, Bert and John, had entered into the ranch business. They first leased the Maud S. Kincaid (Saenger) ranch. Bert and Dorothy lived on this ranch for five years and in 1943 purchased a ranch in Borden County from Jack Canning.

Mrs. Dennis was active in all phases of ranch life and community affairs. She did extensive historical research on Borden County ranches and families for the Borden County Historical Society. Several of these papers appeared in historical magazines. She served as president of Altrurian Daughters Club in Snyder and in 1963 was president of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Auxiliary. She worked closely with the Miss Wool of Texas program and was named an honorary member of the Auxiliary. She was always closely associated with the Borden County school activities while her children were in school. She was also a member of the Martin Preuitt, Jr. chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Snyder. She was an avid needlepoint enthusiast and had her own shop in Snyder for eight years and was a member of the American Needlepoint Guild and the Embroiders' Guild. She was a member of the First Christian Church in San Angelo.

In 1997, Dorothy published her autobiography, "In Pursuit of Happiness." The book chronicles her memories of life in San Angelo and as a ranch wife in Pecos and Borden Counties.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bert, in 1995.

She is survived by her children: Steve Dennis and his wife Nancy of Odessa, Joel Dennis and his wife Betty of Borden County, and Lisa Dennis Mahler and her husband Keith of San Angelo. Her four grandsons: Jeff Dennis of Lubbock, Bert Patrick Dennis of Odessa and Andrew Dennis Mahler and Matthew Lee Mahler of San Angelo. And nieces and nephews: Jenny Austin Dietrich of Houston, Colleen Foster Nickum of Tacoma, Washington, Robert Dennis of Bedford, David Dennis of Post, Mary Ann Dennis Awtry of Orange City, Iowas, Jacqui Dennis Whalen of Borden County, and Sally Munn Lacy of Water Valley.

The family wishes to thank Tina Huro and Marie Castro for their love and caring spirit during the last month of Dorothy's life.

Family visitation will be from 7:00 to 9:00 Tuesday at Johnson's Funeral Home.

Service: Funeral service will be 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 25, in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Ben Hubert and Karen Schmeltekoph officiating. Burial will follow in Fairmount Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be grandsons. Honorary pallbearers will be Joe Canon, Mickey McMeans, Frank Beaver, Carl Dillaha, Rich Anderson, Bill Sims and Bill Nickum.

Memorials may be made to the Borden County Cemetery Fund, the Borden County EMS, the Borden County Historical Museum, Hope House of San Angelo, Hospice of San Angelo, or First Christian Church in San Angelo.

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Beth Kea

1919-2004

DE LEON — Vesta Elizabeth "Beth" Kea, a former Snyder resident, died Friday, Feb. 20, in a De Leon hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Kea, 84, was held Sunday in the Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in the De Leon Cemetery.

Born Aug. 2, 1919 in Desdemona, she married Wayne Kea on Sept. 10, 1938 in De Leon.

She was a long-time resident of De Leon and was a retired nurse and a member of the First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a son, Melvin Kea; two brotherw, Webb Golden and Jader Golden; and one sister, Christine Brewer.

Survivors include her husband, Wayne Kea of De Leon; two sons, Gene Kea of Eastland and Jack Kea of Tyler; two brothers, Seborn Golden of De Leon and Jack Golden of Comanche; a sister, Frances Gilchrest of Sidney; seven grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

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Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Wed 2/25	Thu 2/26	Fri 2/27
51/27	60/33	65/41
Partly cloudy. High 51F. Winds N at 10 to 20 mph.	Fair. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 30s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 40s.
Sunrise 7:17 AM / Sunset 6:37 PM	Sunrise 7:16 AM / Sunset 6:38 PM	Sunrise 7:14 AM / Sunset 6:39 PM

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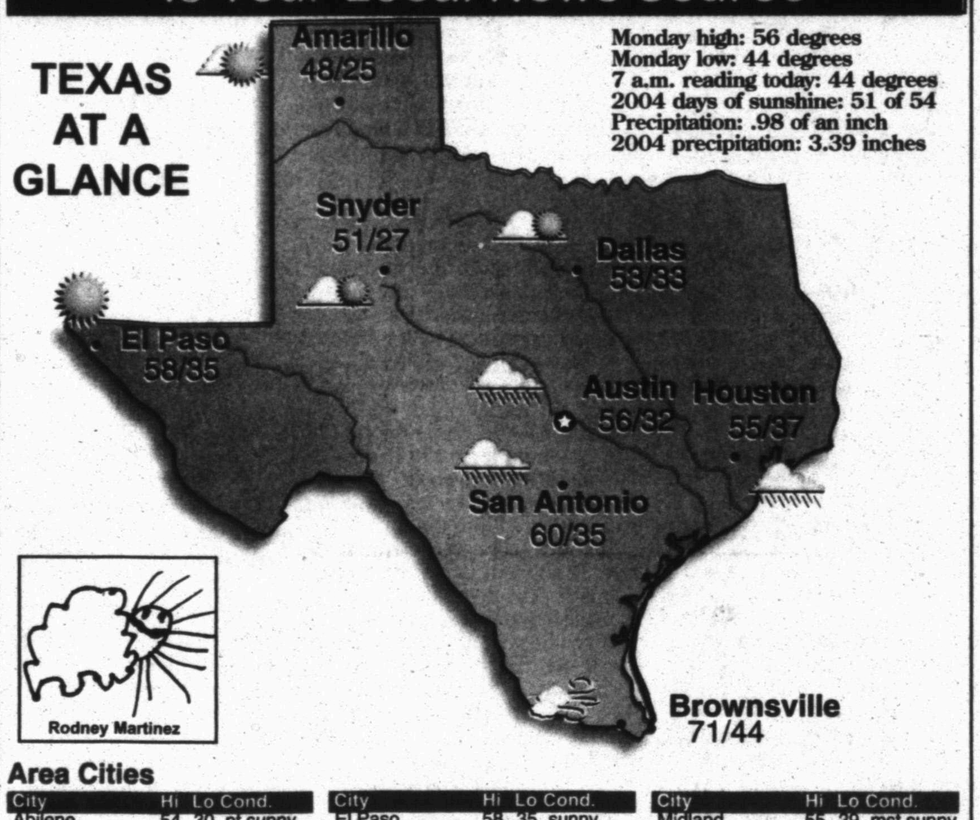
TEXAS AT A GLANCE

Monday high: 56 degrees
Monday low: 44 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 44 degrees
2004 days of sunshine: 51 of 54
Precipitation: .98 of an inch
2004 precipitation: 3.39 inches



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	54	30	pt sunny	El Paso	58	35	sunny	Midland	55	29	mst sunny
Amarillo	48	25	mst sunny	Fort Stockton	56	32	mst sunny	Raymondville	70	40	windy
Austin	56	32	rain	Gainesville	51	28	pt sunny	Rosenberg	55	36	rain
Beaumont	56	37	rain	Greenville	52	30	pt sunny	San Antonio	60	35	rain
Brownsville	71	44	windy	Houston	55	37	rain	San Marcos	56	32	rain
Brownwood	56	31	pt sunny	Kingsville	66	39	windy	Sulphur Springs	53	30	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	62	40	windy	Livingston	53	32	rain	Sweetwater	53	30	pt sunny
Corsicana	50	32	rain	Longview	50	32	rain	Tyler	50	31	rain
Dallas	53	33	pt sunny	Lubbock	51	27	mst sunny	Weatherford	50	28	pt sunny
Del Rio	63	38	windy	Lufkin	55	33	rain	Wichita Falls	51	28	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	46	31	rain	Houston	55	37	rain	Phoenix	68	49	mst sunny
Boston	36	23	sunny	Los Angeles	60	53	rain	San Francisco	57	49	rain
Chicago	38	25	sunny	Miami	81	66	t-storm	Seattle	50	42	rain
Dallas	53	33	pt sunny	Minneapolis	37	24	pt sunny	St. Louis	45	25	mst sunny
Denver	51	30	mst sunny	New York	38	27	sunny	Washington, DC	43	26	sunny

Moon Phases

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

UV Index

Wed 2/25	Thu 2/26	Fri 2/27
6	6	6
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

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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