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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

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Home of Sarah Cave

Icy weather misses Scurry County

From staff, wire reports

Sleet and freezing rain turned north and central Texas into a blanket of white, forcing a shutdown of schools, businesses and government agencies throughout the area and slowing traffic to a crawl.

Parts of West Texas also had a taste of the moisture as Abilene received the brunt of the storm that caused schools to either close today or open late this morning.

Scurry County missed the moisture but had numbing temperatures as the high was 18, dropping to an overnight low of 14.

Mitchell County had a dusting of snow and sleet Monday afternoon, but traffic was not hampered on the Interstate or local roadways.

In the Metrolplex, roads, bridges and overpasses were slick and hazardous. There were isolated reports of vehicles sliding backward after coming to a halt on bridges and overpasses.

More sleet and freezing rain was in the North Texas forecast for tonight and Wednesday morning, the National Weather Service said.

"Travel is strongly discouraged. If you leave the safety of being indoors, you are putting your life at risk," the National Weather Service said Monday night in a weather statement for North Texas.

Near Waco, an ambulance skidded off the road and flipped en route to a six-car pileup on Interstate 35 in Bellmead. The chain reaction crash happened about 9 p.m. just before a Texas Department of Transportation truck was to apply sand to the overpass, said Capt. Joe Molina with the Waco Fire Department. None of the injuries appeared to be life threatening.

This morning, at least half of American Airlines' inbound and outbound flights — about 220 — had been canceled and more were expected throughout the day, American spokesman John Hotard said.

Delta canceled 27 departures this morning, and other flight cancellations and delays are expected, DFW spokesman Ken Capps said. A train that carries passengers from one terminal to another was shut down as a precaution, but extra buses were put into service.

Fort Worth-based American also said that passengers traveling to or from Texas, Oklahoma or Arkansas through tonight could reschedule flights without having to pay the usual $100 fee. They can choose flights through Wednesday, without paying the fee, Hotard said.

About 2,500 travelers were forced to stay overnight Monday at American terminals as deicing crews couldn't keep pace with the rate of snowfall, Hotard said.

"It was a losing battle," Hotard said. "Basically we lost it to the snowstorm."

The Texas Department of Transportation was sanding roads into the airport, an operation that was to continue today. DFW crews were busy treating all runways and roads leading to terminals.

At Dallas Love Field, Southwest Airlines canceled all arrivals and departures until 9 a.m. this morning, according to its Web site.



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS — Scurry County United Fund's annual awards luncheon was held Monday. President Stephen Covey, right, presented the Jack Smartt award to Y-Z Systems Inc., Western Texas College and Oncor. Distinguished service volunteer awards were presented to Peggy Vernon, Zola Schlegel, Dr. Ed Barkowsky and Ann Smartt. Mitchell Goodger accepted for Snyder Brick and Tile; Cy Posey, for the city of Snyder and Christy Brown for Cogdell Memorial Hospital. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

United Fund...

Volunteers are honored

Scurry County United Fund volunteers were recognized Monday at the annual awards luncheon held at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

President Stephen Covey presented the Jack Smartt award to a trio of businesses instrumental in reaching $72,400 to aid 11 agencies. Receiving the award were Y-Z Systems, Western Texas College and Oncor.

The Snyder High School National Honor Society members have pledged to raise $2,600 which is the amount short of the goal of $85,000.

Distinguished Service Volunteer awards went to Cogdell Memorial Hospital staff for its in-house campaign and coordinators Christy Brown and George Parsley.

Other recipients were Snyder Brick and Tile and employees, Snyder ISD employees, the late J.D. Hinton, Dr. Bryan Cave, Ann Smartt, Dr. Ed Barkowsky, Zola Schlegel, Stephen Covey and Peggy Vernon.

Special recognition awards went to Shirley Fritz and Jack McGlaun, with a combination of more than 60 years volunteering for UW.

Appreciation awards were given to KSNY and Snyder Daily News.

Participating agencies receiving allocations at the luncheon included the Scurry County Boys and Girls Club, Snyder Child Day Care Center, Gateway Family Services, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Scurry County Food Cupboard, American Red Cross, Salvation Army, Scurry County Youth Outreach and the Snyder Volunteer Fire Department.

Hermleigh election draws candidates

The list of candidates for three places on the Hermleigh school board increased by one Monday as Jim Lionberger filed for the May 3 election.

The district now has five candidates for three trustee positions.

Incumbents Tim Dacus and Joe Roemisch filed earlier for another term, and they will be challenged by Benny Sauceda and Jimmy Digby.

Lionberger works as a biologist for for the Texas Department of Wildlife.

His wife, Joyce, is a third grade teacher at Hermleigh.

The term of Alan Culp also is expiring on the Hermleigh board.

Two incumbent members of the Snyder school board filed for another term last week.

Mike Levens, Place 2, and Richard Chambers, Place 3, are seeking re-election.

At Ira, Dennis Taylor filed for his second term, as did Shane Smith.

Last week, Francene Noah filed for her second term as mayor of Snyder. Also, at-large councilmen Terry Martin and John Reed are up for election this spring.

The deadline for filing for any of the offices is March 19, and the last day to register to vote is April 13. Early voting begins April 3.

Western Texas College will not have a trustee election this year as board terms expire only in even years.

Chamber grants hotel-motel funds

Chamber of Commerce directors granted two hotel-motel requests and tabled one at Monday's noon meeting.

Directors okayed a request from Gateway Family Services for $1,000 to promote and for the cost of the annual fund-raising golf tournament to be held April 12 at Western Texas College.

Scurry County Rodeo Association received $2,000 of a requested $4,000 in hotel/motel funds for advertising flyers, posters, postage and awards for the June 26-28 rodeo.

Spokesman for the softball association, Jerry Webb, presented a request for $5,000 for a 15-20-foot rock or brick "Welcome to Cates Field" sign to be placed at the entrance road to the girls fields.

He also said that labor and material could be donated. After discussion, the chamber board tabled the request, but agreed to grant only the cost of the sign after that amount is determined.

Following approval of the minutes and financial statements, executive director Donna Fowler announced that the chamber would no longer receive a $3,000 Texas Commission on the Arts grant that is used for the Western Swing due to Gov. Rick Perry's budget cuts. Directors discussed ways to supplement the loss, but no action was taken.

Sandra Salinas, assistant chamber manager, announced that Starmark Insurance Co. had raised the cost from $1,522.60 to $1,849.92. She said bids from Great Group for $1,249.80 and First Care for $1,133.20 had been received. The board agreed to accept the bid from First Care for health insurance.

Elite Fitness was welcomed as a new member and a ribbon cutting was set for 10 a.m. March 5.

Jeffrey Martin presided in the absence of president Mike Thornton.

Others attending were David Harrell, Billy Grimmett, Elliott Cox, Joni Gonzales, Elois Pruitt, Anita Talbott, Darren Jackson, David Boyd, Fowler and Salinas.

DCOS board hears reports on UCO, increased sales tax

DCOS executive director John DeLille told his board of directors this morning that all the tax abatement extensions for UCO Textiles had been executed.

"The company is happy and this ends our incentive program with them," said DeLille.

DeLille added that the company is in production and the parent company is pleased with the product produced here in Snyder.

"They feel that they have a real good investment here," added DeLille.

The Belgium-based company bought the assets of Lorber Industries of Texas and is producing yarn that is then sent to its fabric plant in Rockingham, N.C. to be produced into specialty denim.

When the company is in peak production, it will use some 600 bales of cotton weekly.

Also during this morning's board meeting, DeLille told the board that Texas Tech University would be placing an unmanned weather station at the industrial park.

"Basically this will be for agricultural purposes, but when in operation, information from the site can be pulled from its web site," said DeLille.

The university will have about 40 of these weather stations on the South Plains when all are installed.

DeLille also reported on the sales tax rebate for this month and said it was the highest the figure had been since the DCOS had been organized - $47,712.

"This reflects the strength of our economy as opposed to other West Texas communities," said DeLille.

In action items this morning, the board approved the monthly financial statements and the bills payable.

Board president Dayton Robertson presided and members present were Mike McWilliams, James Brown and Mark Cypert.

Also present were chairman emeritus Roy Baze and Mayor Francene Noah.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek, "Only in America do soldiers die in combat so that citizens can protest their efforts."

Last fall, Cindy Williams of Laverne and Shirley TV show wrote a piece for the Washington Times that said a 13% wage increase for the military was not deserved.

A young airman's response is timely in view of the current military buildup.

"I just had the pleasure of reading your column, 'Our GIs earn enough' and I am a bit confused. I'm wondering where this vaunted overpayment is going, because as far as I can tell, it disappears every month between The Defense Finance and Accounting Service and my bank account.

"Checking my latest leave and earnings statement, I see that I make $1,117.80 before taxes. After taxes, I take home $874.20. When I run that through calculator, I come up with an annual salary of $13,413.60 before taxes, and $10,490.40 after.

"I work in the AF Network Control Center where I am part of the team responsible for the administration of a 5,000-host computer network. A check under jobs for Network Technicians in Washington, D.C. reveals a position in my career field, requiring three years experience. Amazingly, this job does not pay $13,413.60. No, this job is offered at $70,000 to $80,000. I'm sure you can draw the obvious conclusions.

"Also, you tout increases to Basic Allowance for Housing and Basic Allowance for Subsistence as being a further boon to an already overcompensated force. Again, I'm curious as to where this money has gone, as both were slashed 15%.

"Given the tenor of your column, I would assume that you have never had the pleasure of serving your country's armed forces. Before you take it upon yourself to once more castigate leadership for attempting to get the families in the military's lowest pay brackets off AFDC, WIC, and food stamps, I suggest that you join a group of soldiers headed for Afghanistan. I leave the choice of service branch up to you. Whatever choice, opt for the six month rotation. It will guarantee the longest possible time away from your family and friends.

"As you prepares to board the plane, make sure to note the family saying good-bye. Also note that several families are still unsure of how they'll be able to make ends meet while the primary breadwinner is gone.

"And when you're over there sitting in a Defensive Fire Position (the modern-day foxhole), shivering against the cold desert night; and the flight sergeant tells you that there aren't enough people on shift to relieve you for chow, remember this: trade whatever MRE (meal-ready-to-eat) you manage to get for the tuna noodle casserole or cheese tortellini, and add Tabasco to everything. This gives some flavor.

"Talk to your loved ones as often as you are permitted; it won't nearly be long enough or often enough. You may have concluded that I disagree with most of the points you present.

"But, tomorrow from Kabul, I will defend your right to say it. You see, I am an American fighting man, a guarantor of your First Amendment rights and every other right you cherish. On a daily basis, soldiers worldwide ensure that people like you can thumb your collective nose at us, all on a salary that is nothing short of pitiful and under conditions that would make most people cringe.

"We hemorrhage our best and brightest into the private sector because we can't offer the stability and pay of civilian companies. And you, Ms, Williams, have the gall to say that we make more than we deserve? Rubbish!"

A1C Michael Bragg, Hill AFB

ASK US

Q—What is the number for Cogdell Hospital's Rural Health Clinic?
A—574-7288.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Peggy Womack...

... has been the office manager at Coventry Plumbing since it opened in 1999. Peggy has lived in Snyder on and off most her life. Her parents are Jack and Sue Womack. She has a son, Dusty Davis, who is a sixth grader at West and a grown daughter, Kristi Womack. Peggy likes to ride motorcycles and she has made a miniature dollhouse.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

You will like yourself better when you have the approval of your conscience.
—Orison Swett Marden

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Welfare board meeting

The Scurry County welfare board will meet at 6 p.m. today at 3409 Snyder Shopping Center.

Horseshoe pitching tourney

Horseshoe pitching team members and anyone else interested are to meet at 7 tonight at the chamber of commerce to plan an upcoming tournament.

Weather spotter training

The National Weather Service will conduct a Skywarn spotter training class from 7 to 9 this evening at the Snyder Fire Station, 1911 27th. Any interested person is invited.

Community garden planning

A planning meeting for the 2003 community garden will be held at 7 tonight at the First Presbyterian Church. Persons interested in growing food for the needy, or having a family garden at the site are welcome.

Genealogical Society

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will not meet at 7 this evening in the Scurry County Library.

MAWC game day

Martha Ann Woman's Club will have its fourth Wednesday luncheon and game day beginning at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday. Cost is $8. Reservations should be made by calling 573-3427 by this afternoon.

SJHS's *Bye Bye Birdie*

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

Scurry Lodge 706 to meet

Scurry Lodge #706 AF&AM will have a called meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday for work in the Fellowcraft and Master Degree. All Master Masons are invited.

GED pre-registration and testing dates

Mandatory pre-registration for the GED tests will be Thursday at the GED testing center at WTC in building 7B. Testing will be from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The math portion of the test will be given at 8 a.m. Friday. For more information about the GED test, call Molly Kattes, 573-2919, or Emily Hataway, 573-8511, ext. 297, or 574-2112. It is recommended that candidates receive some preparation before attempting the test.

Snyder Oaks family council

The family council of Snyder Oaks Care Center will meet from 6:30-7:30 Thursday. The meeting is for resident's family members for a program presented by Brenda Elkins of the Area Agency of Aging.

Chicken spaghetti fundraiser

Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection will host a chicken spaghetti fundraiser Friday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Tickets are $6 for adults and $4 for children 6-12 and persons 50 and older. Carry-out orders will be available. Call 573-1141 or 574-1931 to purchase tickets or come by 2513 College Ave. Tickets also will be available at the door, and a door prize will be given.

Pancake breakfast

The annual Noon Kiwanis Club pancake breakfast will be from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday at West Elementary. Tickets are $5 and may be purchased at the door or from any Kiwanis Club member.

Stanfield book fair

The Stanfield book fair will be held from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. March 3-6. Sales will benefit the school library.

Support groups

Adult family violence support group and children's family violence support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Monday at Gateway Family Service. For information call 573-1822.

Stanfield Muffins for Moms

In observance of Public School Week, Stanfield Elementary will host Muffins for Moms next Tuesday beginning at 7:30 a.m., and Donuts for Dads beginning at 7:30 a.m. on March 5.

American Legion garage sale

The American Legion will host a garage sale Saturday, March 8 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.

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 Plums, Russian Olive, Honeylocust, Amur Honeysuckle, Desert Willow, Pinyon Pine 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.

Family criticized for not donating organs

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — As Jesica Santillan's family grieves her death after a botched heart-lung transplant, they are being criticized for refusing to make the girl an organ donor herself.

"We have received several scathing e-mails from people who are concerned that the family refused to donate Jesica's organs," said Mack Mahoney, head of the foundation created to pay for the girl's medical bills.

Jesica, whose family moved to the United States from Mexico to receive care for a heart deformity, spent three years on a waiting list before receiving a heart-lung transplant at Duke University Medical Center on Feb. 7.

But surgeons discovered they had mistakenly transplanted organs of the wrong blood type, causing the body to immediately reject them. She was near death by the time the second set was placed in her body last Thursday. Irreversible brain damage soon followed. After more than a day without brain activity, she was declared dead Saturday.

Mahoney said Jesica's mother asked doctors about donating the 17-year-old girl's new heart and lungs as well as other organs. She was told the heart and lungs could not be reused and the kidneys and liver were ruined from being on life support too long.

Other organs and tissues were so saturated with medications and anti-rejection drugs that they also would not be reusable, Mahoney said.

"The family had been put through the worst ordeal a family could face," Mahoney said. "And a very tired and emotionally worn out mother took the advice of her legal counsel to leave Jesica as is, for the pending autopsy."

One medical ethicist said the criticism is unfair.

"My bottom line is — let the family grieve now," said Thomas Murray, president of The Hastings Center, a medical ethics think tank in Garrison, N.Y.

Laura Wright, who received a transplant of a kidney and a pancreas six years ago and heads a Charlotte transplant support group, said she doubted that any of Jesica's organs could have been reused.

"You've got tubes and wires everywhere," she said, "and the amount of drugs they pump through you is astronomical."

Results of the autopsy performed Monday won't be released for six to eight weeks, said chief medical examiner Dr. John Butts.

A public memorial service for Jesica was scheduled for Wednesday at Louisburg College, where her mother worked as a housekeeper.

Senator returns to work after heart surgery

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Mitch McConnell, the Senate's second-ranking Republican, returned to work Monday, three weeks after undergoing triple bypass heart surgery.

The Kentucky lawmaker met with other Senate leaders and his staff and voted on an anti-child pornography bill. "It's great to be back at work," McConnell, 60, said in a statement.

McConnell, who is married to Labor Secretary Elaine Chao, underwent surgery at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., on Feb. 3. He was released from the hospital on Feb. 7 and has spent the last two weeks recovering at his Washington home.

Date Book

Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2003

Today is the 56th day of 2003 and the 66th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1791, the U.S. Congress chartered the Bank of the United States, in Philadelphia — the first national bank.

On this day in 1979, Soyuz 32 was launched from Baikonur space center in Soviet Central Asia, returning 175 days later after what was then a record number of days in space.

On this day in 1994, an American-born Jewish settler opened fire with an assault rifle in a crowded mosque in Hebron, Israel. Twenty-nine people were killed instantly, more in the riots that followed.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Pierre August Renoir (1841-1919), painter; Jim Backus (1913-1989), actor; Anthony Burgess (1917-1993), writer; Sally Jessy Raphael (1935-), TV personality, is 68.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1964, Cassius Clay (later Muhammad Ali) defeated Sonny Liston to become world heavyweight boxing champion.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Laugh and the world laughs with you, snore and you sleep alone." — Anthony Burgess

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Feb. 23) and new moon (March 2).

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Former FBI agent Claude Martin dies

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Former FBI special agent Claude C. Martin, who helped to identify Charles Harrelson as the sniper who assassinated U.S. District Judge John Wood in 1979, has died. He was 60.

Martin, who died Sunday in San Antonio, had suffered from numerous medical problems for many years, the San Antonio Express-News reported.

He began his career with the FBI as special agent in 1966. Nine years later, he was transferred to San Antonio, where he worked as an FBI liaison to the Drug Enforcement Administration and an FBI police instructor.

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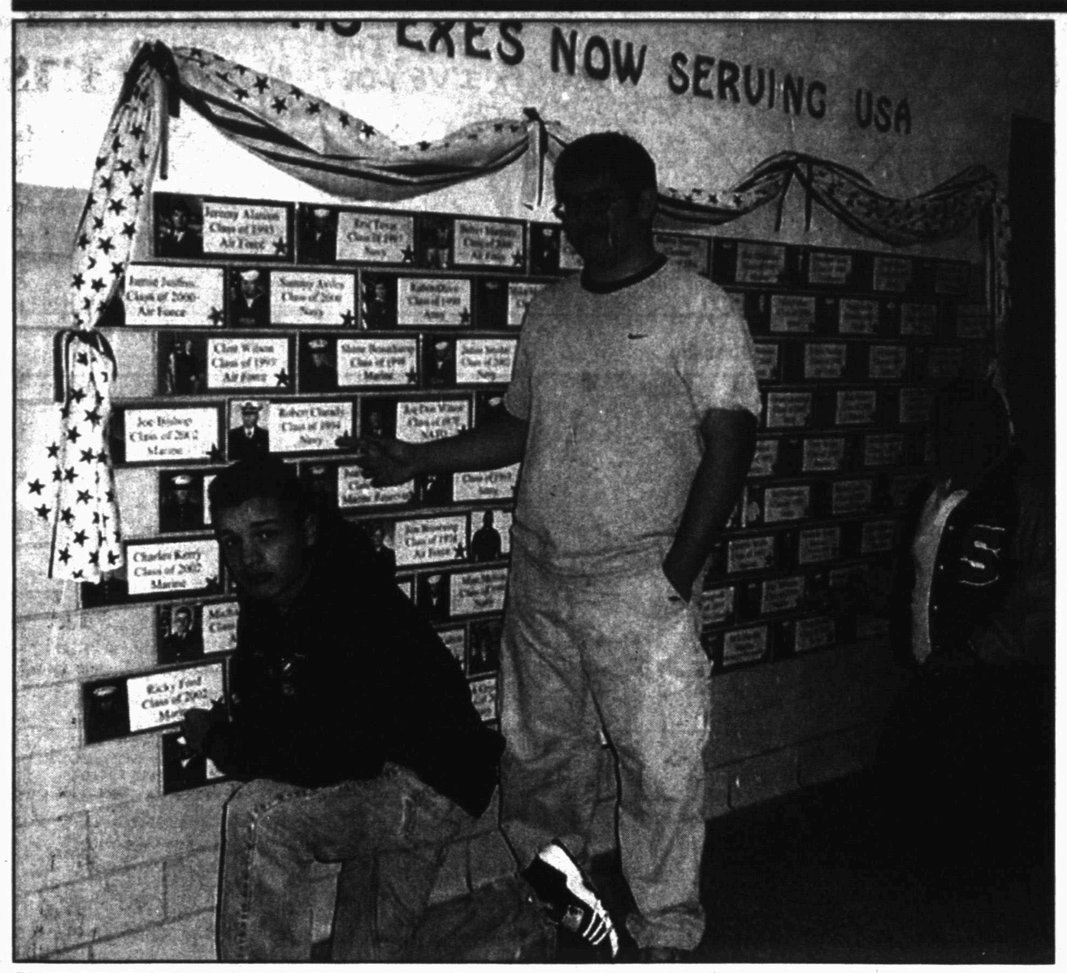
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SNYDER EXES IN MILITARY — Many Snyder High School exes are serving in a branch of the military and are being recognized at SHS during the time the U.S. is preparing for possible war with Iraq. Wynola Early, sponsor, encourages relatives of SHS exes serving in the military to bring a picture and the branch of service to the high school. From left are Michael Ford pointing to his brother, Ricky Ford, serving in the Marines; Nathaniel Clarady points out his brother, Robert Clarady, serving in the Navy; and Juan Rodriguez, points to his cousin, Guy Terrazos, who is serving in the Marines. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



BRIDE-ELECT FETED — Keri Kemp, bride-elect of Jimmy Edwards, was honoree at a bridal shower held Feb. 15 in the home of Karen Herrley. The couple will marry on March 8 in the Christian Church in San Angelo. From left are Karen Herrley, the future bride's aunt; Sheila Kemp, her mother; the honoree; Kara Smith, her cousin; and Rebecca Reyes, the bride's brother's fiancée. Other hostesses included Janet Merritt, Thelma Garza, Sandy Hodges, Omega Vargas, Rachael Massingill, Tina Tidwell, Beverly Greene, Hayly Altman, Kara Smith and Bobbye Greene. (Contributed Photo)

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.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Trinity United Methodist Church. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

MAWC Game Day and Luncheon; serving begins at 11:30 games of choice will follow; reservations should be made by calling 573-3427.

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By Phillip Alder



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Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2003

Try to find the pressure play

By Phillip Alder

A few weeks ago, I gave a deal featuring our winners of the World Women's Open Pairs held in Montreal last year, Karen McCallum and Debbie Rosenberg. Here is another great play from the final session that helped their push to the title.

Look at the North-South hands. You are in four hearts, knowing that East on your right has a minor two-suiter. West leads the diamond seven. How would you plan the play?

The bidding is not without its debatable actions. East's two-no-trump overcall showed length in both minors, but she should have had at least 5-5. (I would have made either a brave takeout double, keeping spades in play, or a nervous pass.)

Once South had doubled, if North couldn't bid four hearts, South should not have done so — but stopping in three hearts would have lost the title.

It looks as though four hearts has four certain losers: one spade, one heart (West surely has the king) and two clubs. But Rosenberg found a clever series of plays that fooled West. First, she won trick one with dummy's diamond king; she didn't run it to her hand because she knew that when East played the queen, that would tell West that their side had no diamond trick coming. Then declarer played a spade to her ace — more camouflage — and continued with the heart six from hand.

Time stood still while West, a former world champion, mulled over the situation. Was South being clever, or did East have a bare heart ace? Eventually, West said, "OK, you win," as she tossed the heart eight onto the table. How right she was!

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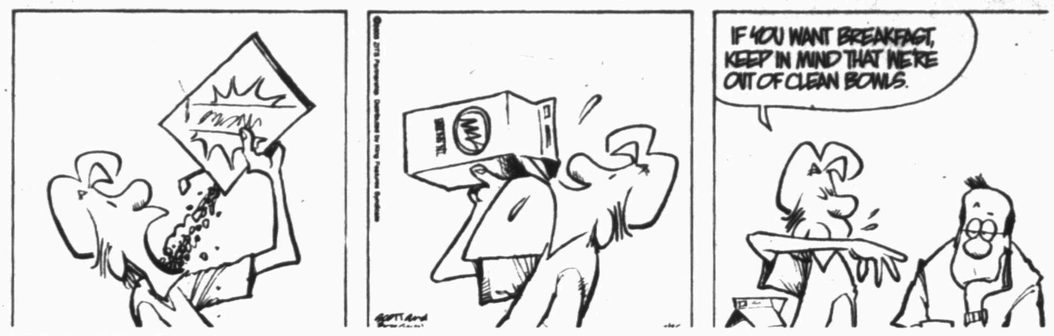
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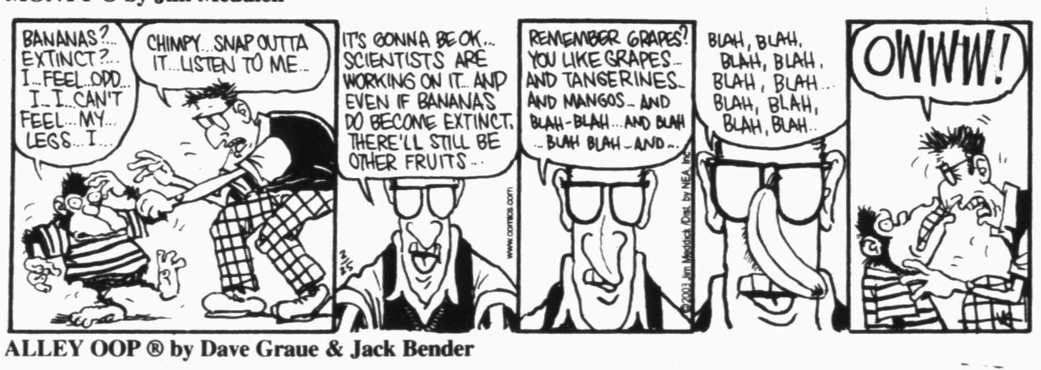
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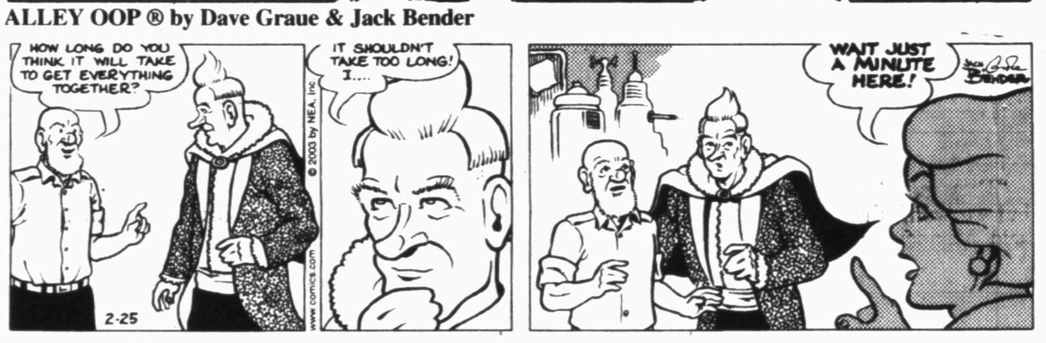
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7 Lump of clay
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12 Explorer — Ericson
14 News follower
15 Hobby ender
16 Encourage
17 Broad sts.
18 Quit
20 A Mandrell sister
22 Monsieur's nose
23 Fleur-de- —
24 River edges
27 Exquisitely
30 Donations
31 Go kaput, with "out"
32 Sense organ
34 Sault — Marie, Mich.
35 Prudish person
36 Wan
37 Gourmet soup
39 Bailed out
40 Perform
41 Std.
42 Japanese theater
45 Ugly cuts
49 Help a crook
50 Roll of stamps
52 40-cup brewer
53 Eggnog time
54 Go it alone
55 Conceit
56 Galaxy unit
57 Corral
58 Plant

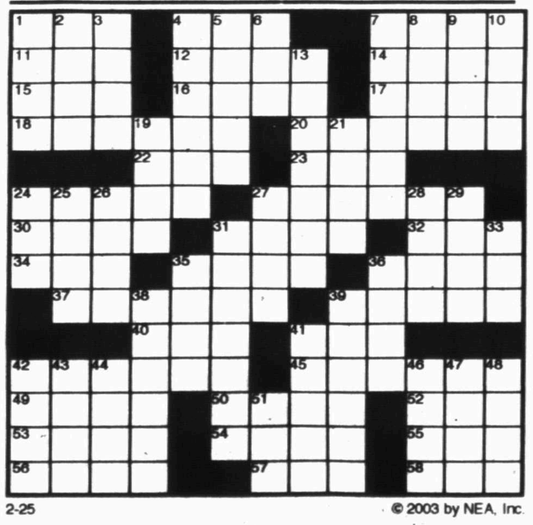
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19 Calligraphy fluids
21 Barnyard noise
24 Undergrad degs.
25 Low voice
26 Okla. neighbor
27 Food wrapping
28 Soft metal
29 Ivy League member
31 Movie reviewers
33 Rainbow band
35 Wolf family
36 Sty dwellers
38 Not as loose
39 "Venus" singer
41 Like gymnasts
42 Boyle and Kyser
43 Touch
44 Composer — Bartok
46 Tints
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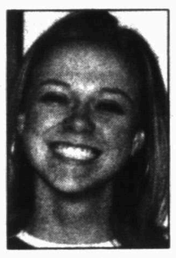
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Krissa Johnson, Jr., Denver City
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Christa Manley, Sr., Seminole
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Kelly Rainbolt, So., Sweetwater

Honorable Mentions:
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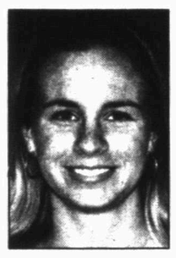
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Gonzales sits out with bad back; Astros will honor Columbia crew with patch

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Juan Gonzalez suited up and took part in agility drills Monday, but then was kept out of the rest of the Texas Rangers' workout due to a continued problem with his back.

"He was ready to go, and I probably would have played him if there was a game," said manager Buck Showalter. "At this point it's just better to let him rest."

"It's just a little tight right here," Gonzalez said, pointing to the left side of his lower back. "It's a little uncomfortable, but I'll be fine."

The Rangers will play an intrasquad game Tuesday in the main stadium, weather permitting.

"If it rains, we'll play a simulated game in the cages," Showalter said. "It really depends on the weather."

Chan Ho Park will be one of the starters against either John Koronka or Joaquin Benoit.

Also Monday, Jim Sundberg, in his second year as the club's catching coordinator, was in camp.

"We're going to work a lot on pitcher/catcher relations," said Sundberg, one of the top defensive catchers in the game during his 16-year career. He won six Gold Gloves and was a three-time American League All-Star.

It wouldn't be fair to judge the current crop of Rangers catchers against Ivan "Pudge" Rodriguez, but they're all hard workers, Sundberg said.

Rodriguez played for the Rangers for more than 11 seasons. He is now with the Florida Marlins.

Les Porter, one of the Rangers' scouts brought in to do a three-day evaluation of the team, said he likes what he sees so far.

"On paper we are really improved," Porter said. "You never know if that will translate into wins, but the bullpen is really improved."

Without disclosing terms, the Rangers announced they have agreed to terms with lefthanded pitcher Ben Kozlowski on a one-year contract for the 2003 season. Kozlowski was the Rangers' minor league player of the year last season, going 8-6 with a 1.99 earned-run average in 29 games that included 20 starts.

He was 4-4, 2.05 in 21 games at Charlotte and 4-2, 1.90 in eight starts at Tulsa before posting a 6.30 era in two starts with the Rangers in September.

With the agreement, 38 of the 40 players on the Rangers roster are under contract for 2003. The only unsigned players are pitchers Joaquin Benoit and Colby Lewis.

Lefthanded pitcher Brian Shouse was cleared to resume spring training workouts after an examination Monday at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas. Electrophysicist Dr. Peter Wells put Shouse through a full series of tests and was able to clarify what was responsible for an electrical disturbance with his heart.

Shouse will return to Arizona on Tuesday to resume spring training workouts with the Rangers. He last worked out with the club on Wednesday after an abnormality appeared on his EKG during his club physical the previous day.

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros will wear the mission patch from the space shuttle Columbia throughout the season to honor the astronauts who died earlier this month.

The Astros received permission from NASA and the families of the astronauts to wear the patch. The team also will conduct a special ceremony on opening day, April 1, at Minute Maid Park.

"The astronauts on this mission are true American heroes, and we are deeply grateful to be afforded the opportunity to pay tribute to these incredible people," Astros owner Drayton McLane Jr. said.

When the Colt .45s changed their name to the Astros in 1965, coinciding with the opening of the Astrodome and recognizing the space program, 24 astronauts threw ceremonial pitches at the team's home opener.

In each season since moving to Minute Maid Park in 2000, the Astros have hosted a "NASA Day" honoring astronauts and employees of the Johnson Space Center in southeast Houston.

Knight focused on winning out

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — Bob Knight isn't looking ahead to the postseason, even after a victory on the road against Oklahoma State boosted Texas Tech's NCAA tournament chances.

"I haven't even thought about the NCAA tournament," Knight said after a 62-57 victory Monday night. "I just think we have not played as well at the ends of games.

"We're just trying to play to get where we can finish games we have a chance to win, and win."

The Red Raiders (16-8, 6-7 Big 12) did that, riding the play of Andre Emmett and Kasib Powell to a much-needed victory. They had lost five of their first six road games in conference play, but are closer to getting to .500 in the league.

Meanwhile, No. 16 Oklahoma State was stunned at home for the second time in three games. The Cowboys (20-6, 9-4) also lost to Baylor on Feb. 15.

Oklahoma State was coming off its biggest victory of the season, over then-No. 3 Texas on Saturday, and both coaches said that may have played a role Monday night.

"It's really hard for a team, any team, to have a win like Oklahoma State had on Saturday and then come back and have to play right away again," Knight said.

Eddie Sutton saw his team build a 13-point first-half lead before struggling the rest of the way.

"I think it's possible that we exerted so much energy in the game Saturday that that could have been a factor in the second half," Sutton said.

In other games involving Top 25 teams, Connecticut beat No. 9 Notre Dame 87-79, and No. 23 Utah topped Brigham Young 71-64.

The Cowboys closed the first half with a 15-4 run that gave them a 29-18 halftime lead. The margin was 35-23 when Texas Tech got going three minutes into the second half.

Rockets top Celtics in overtime

BOSTON (AP) — Yao Ming got to meet a diplomat and a famous chef before making his Boston debut. During the game, he mostly saw Tony Battie up close and personal.

"They guarded me very tight, but we won," the 7-foot-6 rookie said Monday night after being held to two baskets and three rebounds in Houston's 101-95 overtime victory over the Celtics.

With the Celtics focusing on Yao, Cuttino Mobley scored 31 points with 10 rebounds and Steve Francis scored 33 with nine rebounds and nine assists. Yao had nine points as Houston beat Boston for the fifth consecutive time.

"They were all over Yao and this was a great learning experience for him," Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "This was the most concentrated defense I have seen on one guy this season defending Yao."

Mobley hit a 3-pointer to force overtime and another for the game-winner to disappoint a sell-out crowd that came to see Yao on Asian-American Night. Francis, who missed the previous game with a sore back, hit two free throws with 20 seconds left in overtime, then added a breakaway dunk for insurance with 8.6 seconds left.

"They were double- and triple-teaming the big fella," Francis said. "As much as we wanted to get him the ball, I think he understood because they had so many arms and legs on him that we didn't really want to force it."

The Celtics banged Yao around and denied him the ball at the low post. But he hit a nice skyhook in the lane with 3:59 left in the fourth to cap an 11-0 run that cut the Celtics' lead to four as the Rockets scored 20 of the last 25 points in regulation.

Antoine Walker had 22 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists, and Eric Williams had 11 points and 11 boards as the Celtics lost to the Rockets for the fifth consecutive time.

SHS baseball game cancelled; Dusters postpone doubleheader

Today's scheduled baseball game between the Tigers and Trinity Christian has been cancelled due to freezing weather.

The teams were originally slated to play Monday at 5 p.m., but weather forced the schools to postpone the contest until this afternoon in hopes it would warm up.

Head Coach Charles Bollinger said the teams may try to make up the game between district tilts, but no formal make-up date has been announced.

Today's afternoon twinbill between the WTC Lady Dusters and Odessa College has been tentatively rescheduled for Wednesday at 3 and 5 p.m.

Women's Top 25

By The Associated Press

	Record	Pts	Pv
1. Connecticut (44)	26-0	1,100	1
2. Duke	25-1	1,050	2
3. Tennessee	24-3	1,017	3
4. LSU	23-2	956	4
5. Kansas St.	25-2	928	5
6. Louisiana Tech	23-2	814	7
7. Texas Tech	22-3	812	8
8. North Carolina	23-3	795	6
9. Stanford	22-3	773	9
10. Texas	19-5	749	10
11. Purdue	21-5	562	11
12. Mississippi St.	20-6	551	14
13. Minnesota	21-4	540	16
14. Georgia	18-7	478	13
15. Penn St.	22-7	473	12
16. South Carolina	19-6	432	17
17. Vanderbilt	18-7	369	18
18. Villanova	20-4	358	20
19. UC Santa Barbara	19-4	352	19
20. Rutgers	18-5	258	22
21. Arkansas	19-8	219	15
22. Wis.-Green Bay	22-3	215	21
23. Boston College	18-6	149	24
24. Arizona	18-7	79	25
25. Washington	20-6	62	23

Others receiving votes: Ohio St. 43, Utah 40, Mississippi 25, Cincinnati 23, Colorado 23, DePaul 15, George Washington 15, Austin Peay 7, Liberty 6, Charlotte 3, N.C.-Wilmington 3, Auburn 2, Oklahoma 2, Indiana St. 1, Notre Dame 1.

Men's Top 25

By The Associated Press

	Record	Pts	Pv
1. Arizona (58)	21-2	1,786	1
2. Kentucky (14)	22-3	1,741	2
3. Oklahoma	19-4	1,633	5
4. Florida	22-4	1,539	7
5. Texas	18-5	1,431	3
6. Duke	19-4	1,414	8
7. Kansas	20-6	1,327	6
8. Pittsburgh	19-4	1,241	9
9. Notre Dame	21-5	1,147	12
10. Marquette	20-4	1,115	11
11. Louisville	19-4	1,065	4
12. Wake Forest	19-4	967	10
13. Xavier	20-4	963	14
14. Maryland	17-7	865	13
15. Syracuse	19-4	819	15
16. Oklahoma St.	20-5	686	16
17. Creighton	24-3	637	17
18. Illinois	18-5	592	20
19. Stanford	21-6	491	21
20. Mississippi St.	17-6	430	19
21. Georgia	16-7	342	22
22. Utah	20-4	334	23
23. California	19-5	270	18
24. Memphis	18-5	118	—
25. Dayton	19-5	112	25

Others receiving votes: Connecticut 104, Saint Joseph's 57, Wisconsin 51, Missouri 29, Butler 26, Gonzaga 16, BYU 10, Kent St. 5, Weber St. 5, Cent. Michigan 4, Michigan 4, Minnesota 4, S. Illinois 4, Manhattan 3, Tennessee 3, Auburn 2, Colorado 2, Purdue 2, Cincinnati 1, Holy Cross 1, Troy St. 1, Wyoming 1.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
New Jersey	37	20	.649	—
Philadelphia	31	24	.564	5
Boston	31	25	.554	5½
Orlando	28	29	.491	9
Washington	26	29	.473	10
New York	23	32	.418	13
Miami	19	36	.345	17
Central Division				
Detroit	37	19	.661	—
Indiana	37	19	.661	—
New Orleans	31	27	.534	7
Milwaukee	28	28	.500	9
Atlanta	21	35	.375	16
Chicago	20	38	.345	18
Toronto	17	36	.321	18½
Cleveland	10	46	.179	27
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Dallas	44	12	.786	—
San Antonio	38	17	.691	5½
Minnesota	37	21	.638	8
Utah	33	23	.589	11
Houston	30	26	.536	14
Memphis	17	38	.309	26½
Denver	12	45	.211	32½
Pacific Division				
Sacramento	39	18	.684	—
Portland	35	20	.636	3
L.A. Lakers	30	25	.545	8
Phoenix	30	27	.526	9
Golden State	27	30	.474	12
Seattle	24	31	.436	14
L.A. Clippers	19	35	.352	18½

Sunday's Games
Dallas 106, Washington 101, OT
Orlando 113, New Jersey 105
Minnesota 99, Phoenix 97
Philadelphia 116, Cleveland 103
Sacramento 99, New York 92
Golden State 115, Atlanta 93
L.A. Lakers 106, Seattle 101

Monday's Games
Houston 101, Boston 95, OT
Memphis 103, Utah 92
Minnesota 117, Milwaukee 114
Chicago 90, Phoenix 87
Golden State 94, Denver 89
Seattle 86, Detroit 79

Tuesday's Games
Dallas at Orlando, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Washington at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Houston at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Atlanta at Portland, 10 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Indiana at Boston, 7 p.m.
Memphis at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
New York at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Miami at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m.
Toronto at Chicago, 9 p.m.
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Major review of NASA planned

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the wake of the Columbia loss, the House Science Committee is planning a top to bottom examination of NASA, forcing the space agency to come to grips with the true dangers of flying the space shuttle.

The committee, which has the greatest congressional oversight of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, scheduled a hearing for Thursday, but the major NASA inquiry must await the Columbia Accident Investigation Board's final report expected in about a month, committee aides said.

Using the board's report as a starting point, the congressional panel will conduct a full-bore investigation that concentrates on the policies, management and safety philosophy of the space agency, according to a committee source who spoke only on condition of anonymity.

"We're going to look at the NASA budget, the requests that were made, statements that were made, the final appropriations, and what, if anything, could have been done to prevent this (Columbia accident)," the committee source said. "We are going to be looking generally on the future of the space program."

Among the issues is how the agency now contracts out much of the detailed work on the shuttle and whether these contracts affected safety. The committee also wants NASA to explain its plans for returning to Earth the three-man crew on the international space station now that the shuttle fleet is grounded because of Columbia's destruction 3½ weeks ago.

In 113 space shuttle flights, two spacecraft have been destroyed with the loss each time of a seven-member crew. Challenger was lost during launch in 1986 and Columbia came apart over Texas on Feb. 1 while returning to Earth. It is a grim safety record that would not be tolerated in most fields of aviation and the committee plans an intense examination of the true risks of space shuttle flights.

"Everybody has a different opinion (about what is an acceptable level of risk for spaceflight) but about one in 57 is not a very good set of odds," said David Goldston, the chief of staff for the House Science Committee. "We need to know what is the real risk of operating the shuttle. If those risks are high, as they appear to be now, can they be reduced and over what period of time?"

In the past, NASA's estimates of risks for a loss of the shuttle ranged from one in 200 launches to almost one in 500.

"There is a question about whether any of those figures were ever reliable," said Goldston. "We need to at least get an estimate of what the risk actually is. Obviously, the risk will never be anywhere near zero."

Almost certainly, any fixes to the shuttle or to NASA will require a boost in the agency's current $15 billion budget and in the proposed 2004 budget of $15.4 billion, but some in Congress want more from NASA before voting the appropriation.

"I don't think Congress will be prepared to appropriate any significant amount of money until NASA better explains where we're going, what it will cost," said Rep. Bart Gordon, D-Tenn., a member of the science committee. "I think there will be money for incremental fixes for the shuttle, but I don't see any large amount coming forth until we can see the bigger pictures. That's where our hearings need to go."

One of the major targets of hearings, sources said, will be the contract held by the United Space Alliance, a combine of aerospace companies that does most of the detailed work of maintaining, refurbishing and launching the space shuttle at Florida's Kennedy Space Center. NASA engineers provide oversight in key supervising positions.

"We're not assuming the contractor is responsible, but if you do a complete overview of the shuttle program and where it needs to go in the future, you can't do it without looking over that contract because that's the way the program is run now," said Goldston.

Today's chuckle

Good intentions land woman in big trouble

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Leslie Strickland said she had nothing but good intentions when she loaded a badly hurt 6-foot alligator into the back seat of her car and took it home to Port Charlotte.



The 49-year-old woman had hit the animal with her car Friday night and went back to rescue it Saturday — but wound up spending a night in jail, charged with possession of an alligator, a felony in Florida.

Police also charged her with driving with a suspended license and walking away from the scene of an accident, leaving the injured alligator in the back seat.

"I knew I was in trouble, and I panicked and I left," Strickland said by phone Monday. "I had a felony in the back seat, and I just didn't know what to do."

On Saturday, Strickland said she drove the gator home, wetted it down with hose and then tried unsuccessfully to reach somebody with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

After neighbors told her it was illegal to have the animal, she loaded it in the car again and drove off in search of a pond to release it.

The alligator started to thrash its tail, she said. Distracted, she veered off the road and hit a mailbox. Witnesses told police she tried to drive off, but her car got stuck in the ditch. So she got out and walked away.

Police arrested Strickland at her home nearby, adding a charge of resisting arrest after she struggled with officers who tried to handcuff her. She said she "freaked out" at the prospect of going to jail.

The game commission finally removed the alligator from the car; it died later.

Pat Robertson returned to host TV show

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP) — Religious broadcaster Pat Robertson returned to host his television program "The 700 Club," a week after successful surgery to remove a cancerous prostate gland.

Robertson's recovery was so robust that he went back to work a week ahead of schedule, said his Virginia Beach-based Christian Broadcasting Network.

"I am profoundly grateful and touched by the thousands of prayers and expressions of goodwill that were made on my behalf by people all across the United States," Robertson said in a statement Monday.

Robertson, 72, said he hopes his example will serve as a reminder to men older than 50 to get early screenings for prostate cancer.

Robertson had said on "The 700 Club" that he was diagnosed shortly after Christmas.

Dr. Arnon Krongrad performed a laparoscopic radical prostatectomy, a form of minimally invasive surgery, on Robertson at North Shore Medical Center in Miami, CBN said.

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NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	2.74	2.71	2.74	—.07
AOL TimeWrn	10.45	9.80	10.44	+ .38
AT&T Corp rs	18.33	17.89	18.06	—.22
Albertsons	19.20	18.81	19.19	+ .19
Alltel	42.13	41.61	42.02	+ .02
AmEl Pw	21.39	20.64	20.84	—.26
AndarkPtr	47.50	46.55	46.57	—.19
ATMOS Egy	22.02	21.75	21.93	+ .10
Aviall	6.86	6.65	6.75	—.20
BP PLC	39.99	39.50	39.79	—.01
BakerHughes	33.30	31.80	31.80	+ .15
Bank of Amer	68.50	67.93	68.20	—.47
BellSouth	21.55	21.07	21.29	—.16
BurlNoSFe	24.71	24.16	24.44	—.31
Caterpillar	45.58	44.91	45.24	—.57
CenterPoint	4.62	4.45	4.48	—.06
ChevronTex	64.95	64.10	64.52	+ .11
Citigroup	32.25	31.46	32.05	—.38
CocaCola	39.90	39.50	39.73	—.09
ColgatePal	50.37	49.90	50.10	—.27
CrnclMetals s	13.89	13.76	13.76	—.13
ConocoPhill	50.10	49.55	49.80	+ .13
Cooper Inds	38.29	37.70	38.14	—.35
DaimlrChry	30.00	29.16	29.65	—.41
DeltaAirl	7.97	7.52	7.90	—.26
Dillards Inc	13.71	13.46	13.69	+ .07
DowChem	26.65	25.90	26.19	—.78
DuPont	36.55	35.76	36.15	—.72
EastmanChem	31.70	31.06	31.44	—.51
EstKodak	29.76	28.75	29.35	+ .01
EDS Corp	16.01	15.50	15.65	—.77
Entergy	45.71	45.18	45.20	+ .02
ExxonMobil	34.19	33.63	33.99	—.01
FootLocker	10.44	10.22	10.24	—.20
GenDynam	61.77	60.60	61.44	—.46
GenElec	23.40	22.90	23.31	—.11
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GaPacific	14.67	14.23	14.49	—.24
Goodrich	16.10	15.72	15.87	—.34
Goodyear	4.04	3.97	3.98	—.08
GtAtlPac	4.98	4.75	4.97	+ .26
Halliburtn	20.88	20.23	20.24	—.24
Hanson ADS	22.94	22.71	22.71	—.60
HarteHanks s	18.02	17.75	17.98	+ .20
HomeDepot	22.85	21.10	22.09	—.09
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JohnsonJn	52.77	51.35	51.81	—.62
KinderMorg	46.50	45.95	46.00	— .07
Kroger Co	13.60	13.25	13.59	+ .12
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MayDeptStr	19.04	18.69	19.02	+ .01
Medtronic	43.93	43.15	43.77	—.30
Motorola	8.27	7.90	8.01	—.10
NCR Corp	18.75	18.30	18.72	—.18
Navistar	24.54	23.96	24.22	+ .05
PNM Rescs	20.02	19.80	20.00	+ .25
Penney JC	19.39	18.91	19.34	—.05
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Pharmacia	38.80	38.27	38.52	—.82
PhelpDodge	35.15	34.80	35.15	+ .05
PilgrmPrd B	7.74	7.47	7.65	+ .08
Praxair	51.35	50.30	50.60	—1.17
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Texlnd	19.80	19.55	19.65	—.10
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Textron	35.91	35.50	35.80	—.21
TrinityInds	16.05	15.85	15.94	—.16
TylerTech	3.85	3.76	3.76	—.06
UnionPacif	54.87	53.70	54.46	—.74
USSteel	11.94	11.67	11.94	—.17
UnitedTech	59.65	58.59	58.90	—.74
Unocal	27.00	26.50	26.58	+ .04
VerizonComm	35.42	34.66	35.10	—.35
WalMart	47.72	46.76	47.63	—.01
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Experimental bandage can stop bleeding

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — As the United States threatens war against Iraq, soldiers are being armed with the newest medical technology, including an experimental bandage soaked in a blood-clotting agent that may save lives on the battlefield.

The 4-by-4-inch cloth bandage could be specially helpful for wounds in the neck, groin or armpit, where bleeding is particularly hard to stop. On remote battlefields, wounded soldiers might otherwise die before reaching a hospital.

Special Operations also has developed a tourniquet that can be applied with one hand. Researchers are working on other bandages to accelerate natural blood-clotting abilities, including one made from shrimp shells and another from potatoes.

The cloth bandages are reaching fighting units through U.S. Special Operations Command, based at Tampa's MacDill Air Force Base.

"We've known for a long, long time that the biggest bang for the buck you can get in saving lives on the battlefield is to stop hemorrhage," said Air Force Col. David Hammer, Special Operations Command surgeon.

Special Operations also is experimenting with a hemoglobin fluid that could be used instead of blood to carry oxygen in the body. Unchilled blood won't keep long in the field; the fluid could maintain blood pressure until a wounded soldier is evacuated.

Special Operations troops perform the riskiest tasks and are most likely to be on the front lines when shooting starts. The highly trained, elite force of about 48,000 includes Army Rangers and Green Berets, Navy SEALs and Air Force Pararescue Jumpers.

The need to better help stranded, critically wounded soldiers was underscored in Somalia in 1993, when a raid by Rangers and Delta Force soldiers went awry. In the failed operation, 18 Americans died, including a soldier who bled to death after being shot in the femoral artery.

That spurred Somalia veteran John Holcomb, now an Army colonel and trauma consultant to the Army surgeon general, to seek new ways to keep wounded soldiers alive until choppers move them out.

Special Operations Command invested several million dollars to develop the new blood-clotting bandage. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved it for use under a strict testing protocol, and medics are being trained to use it.

"One of the good things that will come out of Somalia was that we pushed this whole area of hemorrhage control into the hands of medics in the battlefield," said Holcomb, commander of the Army Institute of Surgical Research at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Hammer said development of the blood-clotting bandage sped up other medical advancements. The bandage made from shrimp shells may go into wide distribution first, he said. Because it doesn't contain a blood product, it's not subject to strict FDA testing protocol.

Medics are also being issued hand-held computers to quickly enter treatment information and retrieve medical data.

Ex-rock band bassist Epstein dies of possible drug overdose

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — Howie Epstein, a former bass player for Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, died of what authorities suspect was a drug overdose. He was 47.

Investigators were told Epstein had been using heroin, said Maj. Ron Madrid of the Santa Fe County Sheriff's Department. Epstein was driven to St. Vincent Hospital by his girlfriend, who described him as "under distress." He died Sunday.

Epstein was taking antibiotics for an illness, and he had recently suffered from flu, stomach problems and an abscess on his leg, friends said.

"Apparently he passed out in the bathroom, and (his girlfriend) drove him to the hospital," Madrid said.

Epstein has been a respected musician and producer for more than 20 years. In addition to his work with Petty, he played on some of Bob Dylan's albums in the 1980s and produced a Grammy-award winning album for folk singer-songwriter John Prine called The Lost Years.

He was singer Carlene Carter's longtime boyfriend, producing two of her albums, one of which was nominated for a Grammy.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Girl's 'betrayal' of friendship saves life of anorexic teen

DEAR ABBY: I do not typically write to advice columnists, but the plea from the 16-year-old from Santa Rosa, who asked how to help her friend who has an eating disorder, touched me. I was in a similar situation — my friend was anorexic. I, too, was afraid of betraying her, but my fear for her life finally overrode that.

Sobbing, I called her parents and talked with her mother. My friend was furious and refused to speak to me for a long time. I felt guilty for revealing her secret.

Her parents thanked me and saw that she got much-needed help. Today she is healthy, happily married and has children of her own. And we are friends again.

I want that young lady to know that it's OK — even if it feels wrong — to tell the truth, to ask for help, and yes, to betray a trust if it's a matter of life and death. Bulimia, and any other eating disorder, falls into that category. — **STILL FRIENDS IN WISCONSIN**

DEAR STILL FRIENDS: Bless you for wanting to support her. Her letter brought a flood of mail about the danger of eating disorders. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: I just saw the letter from the 16-year-old girl with the bulimic friend. Yes, PLEASE tell someone! One of my best friends in high school was the same way. I had many opportunities to tell teachers or her mom, but I didn't. She committed suicide in her parents' garage during our sophomore year in college. Had I "betrayed" her in high school, perhaps she would have gotten the professional help she needed and she'd be with us today. She was beautiful and talented. I will always miss her. — **KATHY IN COLORADO**

DEAR KATHY: Please do not blame yourself. Years ago, people did not recognize the seriousness of eating disorders.

DEAR ABBY: The daughter of some close friends has anorexia. Her friends, including her boyfriend, intervened and told her that if she did not tell her parents, they would. The girl took them seriously. She went to her high school social worker and her parents were called in.

The parents handled it wonderfully. They got their daughter medical and psychological help — not only for her, but also for the entire family.

A true friend must tell, regardless of the possible consequences. It beats the alternative, which can be death. — **ANONYMOUS IN MINNESOTA**

DEAR ANONYMOUS: Thank you for pointing out that an eating disorder can be a FAMILY problem.

DEAR ABBY: My 16-year-old niece took her life. After the funeral, two of her closest friends told my sister that my niece had been bulimic for nine months preceding her death.

Eating disorders should be taken seriously, as there are reasons behind them that have nothing to do with food. A person who is bulimic — or has "episodes" of purging — is in serious danger and may be depressed or even suicidal. —**SURVIVOR OF A LOVED ONE'S SUICIDE IN NEW YORK**

DEAR SURVIVOR: Please accept my sympathy for your loss. Thank you for wanting to warn others.

DEAR ABBY: Your advice was right on. The friend must tell. There is no time to waste. I know from personal experience. I am bulimic and have been since I was 15. I am now 33 and struggle every day. I only wish someone had helped me when I needed it. The longer you wait, the harder it is to control. She will be saving her friend's life, because in the long run, the life of a bulimic is no life at all. — **ANONYMOUS, GRANTS PASS, ORE.**

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Excess weight causes painful joints

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 39-year-old female, who weighs 275 pounds and is having a terrible time with joint pains in my hips and knees. I have no energy and feel terrible most of the time. I take medications for depression and multiple allergies, but these drugs don't help the problem. At work every day, I am on my feet. My doctor has run out of suggestions. I'm willing to go the extra distance for relief, whatever that may entail.

DEAR READER: Your excess weight is a large part of the problem. I'm not surprised that your weight-bearing hip and knee joints are crying out for relief, especially since you are on your feet at work.

I am sure that anyone reading your letter would be struck by your story. I strongly urge you to get on a weight-loss diet ASAP. You could try Weight Watchers or any other commercial program, or you could put yourself on my "no flour, no sugar" diet.

If I were your doctor, I'd hold off dealing with your depression and allergies until you had lost at least 50 pounds. As you begin to trim down, your symptoms of malaise and diminished energy should dissipate. But I don't predict any significant improvement until you have lost the weight that is severely stressing your hips and knees.

The "extra distance" you should be willing to go is — purely and simply — weight reduction.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is there such a thing as too much exercise? My son, 30, participates regularly in competitive athletic activities and is now in training for an Ironman competition. He is well developed and exercises daily. Could this program adversely affect his heart?

DEAR READER: Kudos to your son, who has committed himself to a grueling and extensive training regimen, in preparation for a major event.

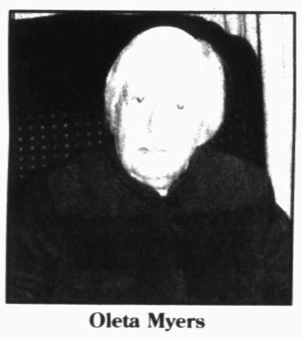
This high-level of conditioning should not be harmful, providing his physician has declared him fit — no heart murmur, abnormal pulse or signs of cardiac disease.

For a well-trained athlete, there is no such thing as too much exercise. What these guys can accomplish is astonishing.

Exercise is, by and large, an important activity for all of us. Recent medical studies have proven that our preoccupation with a sedentary lifestyle is causing severe consequences, such as teen obesity, metabolic syndrome and other health issues. Your son is a marvelous example of one means of overcoming these consequences. Good luck to him. Let me know how he performs in the Ironman competition.

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Snyder Oaks Corner



Oleta Myers

Our resident of the week is Oleta Myers. She came to Snyder Oaks on May 22, 2002. Miss Myers has lived in Scurry County for nearly 85 years.

Miss Myers worked for Gulf oil industry for 34 years as a secretary and has a niece, Deanna Holladay of Snyder. She is a long time member of First Baptist Church. One hobby that she enjoys is crocheting. She is a delight to be around and visit with.

We're glad to have Miss Myers as a part of the Snyder Oaks Community.

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The Kingdom of God

When anyone reads the gospels, they are likely to notice that there is a lot said about the kingdom of God. John the Baptist comes preaching and proclaiming the kingdom of God. It is near, right at hand. When Jesus begins his ministry, Matthew 4: 17 tells us that he preached the same message that John preached. People need to repent because the kingdom of God is at hand. It is near. Once, when Jesus was talking to his disciples he told them that the kingdom would come with power while most of them were still alive, Matthew 16: 28. The day of Pentecost, when the Spirit came like a rushing, mighty wind is surely the fulfillment of Jesus' words.

What is the kingdom of God? Jesus talks about it all the time. Much of his teaching is introduced by the phrase, "the kingdom of heaven is like...." Just in Matthew 13, you find this phrase 5 times. As you read the gospels you will find it come up many more times. The kingdom of God was important to Jesus. It was what he came to bring. It was what he was teaching. The kingdom of God is something we need to understand.

This we know for sure. Everyone needs to repent if they want to enter the kingdom. A change of heart and life because of faith in Jesus is essential for everyone who wants to enter into the kingdom of God. John preached it. Jesus preached it and the apostles of Jesus preached repentance. We will look at the kingdom more in the coming weeks. There is a lot to understand, but there is one thing that the kingdom of God teaches each one of us. We need to change, we need to repent because of the kingdom!

Dale Huff

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2nd Front Page

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

In Alabama...

Four dead in workplace shooting

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (AP) — A "very unstable" man opened fire today during an argument at a temporary employment agency, killing four people and wounding a fifth.

The gunman was later believed to be cornered in his apartment, where police said he shot at officers. Authorities evacuated a residential area around the small building, which law officers surrounded.

Three people were dead on the scene at Labor Ready Inc., and a 55-year-old man died during surgery, Huntsville Hospital spokeswoman Terri Bryson said.

Bryson said the wounded man, 46, was expected to be treated and released for what police described as a leg wound.

Police said the shooting occurred about 6:30 a.m. in the lobby of Labor Ready, where as many as 15 people were gathered waiting for work.

"A fight broke out among two groups of men over a CD player," said police spokesman Wendell Johnson. The suspect was well-known both to employees and other laborers, he said.

"People who know him say he is a very unstable individual," said Johnson.

Witness Patricia Johnson, 38, said at one point the man turned the weapon on her and pulled the trigger, but nothing happened. She ran for cover into a closet, where three or four people already were hiding.

The man left in a car and apparently went to his home, where police Lt. Vince Dauro said at least one shot was fired as officers arrived outside the apartment building.

A police tactical team and dozens of patrol cars surrounded the building, where the man was believed to be alone. Officers saw movement through a window but had no immediate contact with the man, Dauro said.

"Sometimes these things can take a while," said Dauro.

The Labor Ready office is next to a building that houses law enforcement agencies, including state troopers and investigators with the Madison County sheriff's department.

TDCJ to layoff 88 employees

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — The Texas Department of Criminal Justice will lay off 88 employees from its facilities division, which is mostly responsible for prison maintenance, and more cutbacks could follow, prison spokesman Larry Todd said.

The positions, which are paid for by bonds, are mostly in Huntsville and will be eliminated by May 1. The decision to eliminate the jobs came after the state's Bond Review Board indefinitely postponed $80 million in bonds appropriated to the prison system for the 2003 fiscal year.

"Nobody likes to see someone lose their job, but if we continue as we are now, this is just the tip of the iceberg," Todd told The Huntsville Item in today's editions. "These reductions are painful, but under the current fiscal circumstances, we have no choice."

Todd said in addition to the job cutbacks, many non-critical projects will be postponed. Todd said "the cuts that have been chosen were selected so that public safety will not be imperiled."

Like other state agencies, the prison system has been ordered to cut back its 2003 fiscal year budget by seven percent, with another 12.5 percent in cuts required the following year. However, the $250,000 in monthly savings created by the current job cutbacks won't go toward the ordered state reductions because the affected positions are paid with bond proceeds not tax revenue.

TDCJ employs more than 40,700 and has a two-year budget of $5.2 billion. More than 105,000 convicts are in custody of the prison system, which has 105 prisons throughout the state.

Officers arrest two people

•Arrests

Officers arrested a 23-year-old man at the police station Monday morning on warrants for no driver's license, failure to maintain liability insurance and failure to appear before a judge.

At 10:30 a.m. Monday, officers took a 21-year-old man into custody in the 1500 block of 25th Street on warrants for theft by check, failure to maintain liability insurance and failure to appear before a judge.

•Close patrol

A woman in the 3000 block of 39th Street reported Monday morning that a window at her house was broken and requested a close patrol of the area.

A woman requested at 4 p.m. Monday a close patrol at a residence in the 100 block of Milburn and reported damage to a storage shed.

At 7:20 p.m. Monday, a clerk at Rip Griffin's Truck Stop requested a close patrol because a subject was harassing the truck drivers at the station.

•Noise complaint

A woman reported loud music at the Park Village Apartments at 10 p.m. Monday. Officers contacted a woman who advised she would lower the volume.

Scurry Community Services awarded grant to expand its Early Head Start

Scurry Community Services has been awarded $240,000 by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to expand its Early Head Start program, alloowing for the addition of both children and employees.

The funding is allocated for the increased enrollment of 24 children. Ricky Fritz, executive director, said eight more employees and additional buildings also would be required.

"We're very excited because this allows us to add more children and gives us an opportunity to employ more people from the community," Fritz said.

U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm (D-Stamford) announced the award today and said the programs help "ensure that when the participating children enter kindergarten, they will be up to speed, prepared and ready to hit the ground running with their education."

Fritz said the addition of students and employees will bring the programs total enrollment to 230 children and its number of employs will grow to 55.

Begun in 1965, the Head Start program offers child development services for low-income children and their families. Head Start is intended for preschoolers and seeks to foster their development, enabling them to deal more effectively with both their present environment and later responsibilities in school and community life.

More than 5,000 square feet of modular buildings are being added to the campus.

The final building was scheduled to arrive Monday, but the truck carrying the structure was caught in the ice storm that swept across portions of Texas.

Borden County in regional semifinals

The Borden County Coyotes will attempt to add another golden basketball to their trophy case tonight in the Class A Division II regional semifinals.

The Coyotes (20-10), runners-up in District 7-A, will take on District 4-A champion Silverton (24-7) at Lubbock Coronado High School at 7.

The winner will advance to the semi-state semifinal to face off against either District 3-A champ Nazareth (22-5) or 7-A top-seed Grady (30-1), which will play each other at 7 tonight at Cooper High School in Woodrow.

Obituaries

Leslie Walberg

1916-2003

Leslie A. Walberg, a former Snyder resident, died early this morning in Meadows Nursing Home in Alvarado.

Services for Mr. Walberg, 86, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born on Nov. 2, 1916 in Pine City, Minn., Mr. Walberg was a retired bricklayer and had worked for Red Faver's Fina Station for several years.

Survivors include his wife, Lois Walberg of Alvarado; four stepdaughters, Nancy Adams of Everton, Ark., Dorothy Malson and Linda Belt of Alvarado and Glenda McCartney of Louisiana; a stepson, David Byrd of Newcastle, Wyo.; and a brother, Allen Walbert of Pine City.

Mrs. Abernathy

1918-2003

LORAINE — Billie Ruth Tartt Abernathy, the mother of Judy Brown of Snyder, died Saturday, Feb. 22, in Rapides Regional Medical Center in Alexandria, La.



Abernathy

A memorial service was held Monday in Alexandria.

A funeral service for Mrs. Abernathy, 84, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the First Baptist Church in Loraine with the Rev. Bobby Magee officiating. Interment will follow in the Loraine Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Born March 9, 1918 to Will and Chera Young, longtime Callahan County ranchers, she was a 1939 graduate of Abilene Christian University.

She was a teacher in the Loraine Independent School District for 29 years and farmed in Mitchell County. While in Loraine, she served as a community volunteer and was a member of the First Baptist Church. After moving to Pineville, La., she was a member of the Kingsville Baptist Church. She married George Abernathy in 1988, and he died on Aug. 20, 1990.

She also was preceded in death by an infant brother, Max Young; a sister, Verna Jo Corder; and her parents.

Survivors include three other daughters and sons-in-law, Loretta and Danny Magee of Pineville, Gwen and Gary Book of Little Rock, Ark., and Karen and Mitch Hamer of Midland; another son-in-law, Donny Brown of Snyder; seven grandchildren, Gina Gotschall of Oklahoma City, Nolan Daniel of Pineville, Lance Bell and Cody Bell of San Angelo, Ben Brown of Snyder, Landon Hamer and Cameron Hamer of Midland; and one great-granddaughter, Kaylee Daniel of Pineville.

Grandsons will serve as pallbearers. Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 today at the funeral home.

Don Gill

1929-2003

SWEETWATER — Milton Donald "Don" Gill, a former resident of Fluvanna, died Sunday, Feb. 23, in Wise Regional Hospital in Decatur.

Funeral service for Mr. Gill, 73, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in the Roscoe Cemetery.

Born June 30, 1929 in Garden City, he was married to Gwendolyn Louise Timms who died in 2002.

Mr. Gill, a retired rancher, had lived in Fort Sumner, N.M., for 25 years. He was a Korean War veteran.

Survivors include three sons, Randy Gill of Midland, Richard Gill of Denver, Colo., and Ronald Gill of Paradise; a brother, Vernon Gill of Garden City; a stepdaughter, Gwen Burgess of Sheridan, Wyo.; five grandchildren; and one step-grandson.

Patsy Johnson

1929-2003

JAYTON — Patsy Ruth Johnson, a former resident of Snyder, died Sunday, Feb. 23, in an Abilene nursing home.

Service for Mrs. Johnson, 73, was set for 2 p.m. today in the First United Methodist Church in Jayton with Jim Reinbolt officiating. Burial was to follow in the Jayton Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee-Ray Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 22, 1929 in Draw in Lynn County to the late Luther and Vada Canon Johnson, Mrs. Johnson was the manager of Rip Griffin's Truck Stop in Snyder for many years. A brother, John Johnson, also preceded her in death.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Tammy Wilking of Lorenzo; two daughters, Trisha Johnson of Abilene and Debra Harris of Plano; two sisters, Bernadine Walker and husband H.V. of Snyder and Mary McAteer of Jayton; a sister-in-law, Mary Lynn Johnson of Jayton; and six grandchildren.

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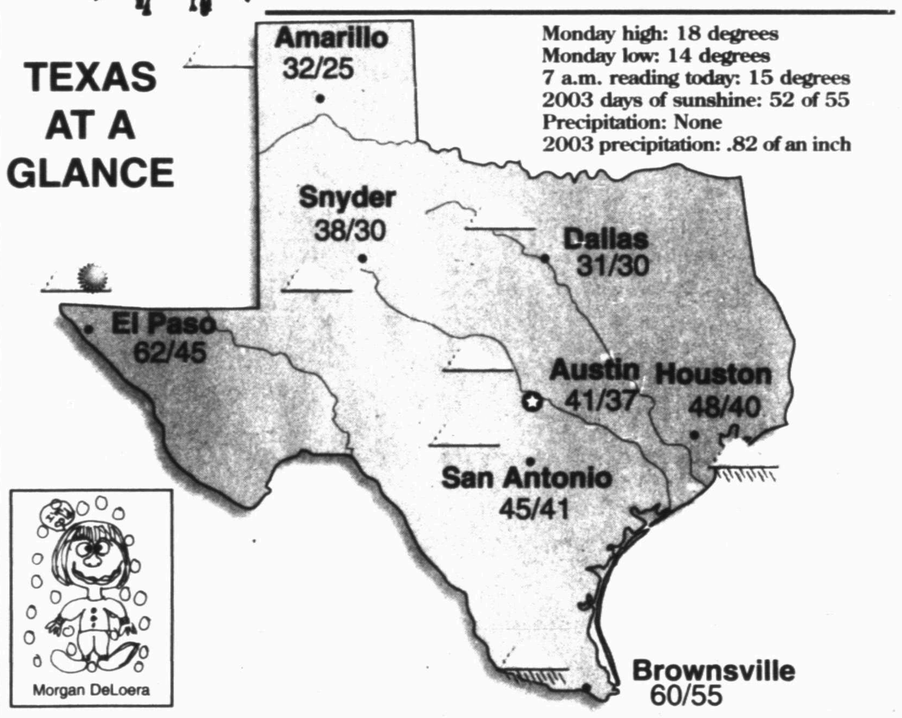
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Local 3-Day Forecast

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Austin	41	37	cloudy	Gainesville	27	25	cloudy	Rosenberg	48	40	rain
Beaumont	48	38	cloudy	Greenville	27	26	cloudy	San Antonio	45	41	cloudy
Brownsville	60	55	rain	Houston	48	40	rain	San Marcos	42	39	cloudy
Brownwood	33	31	cloudy	Kingsville	55	49	rain	Sulphur Springs	28	27	cloudy
Corpus Christi	50	43	rain	Livingston	45	34	rain	Sweetwater	31	28	cloudy
Corsicana	30	29	cloudy	Longview	33	28	cloudy	Tyler	32	31	cloudy
Dallas	31	30	cloudy	Lubbock	42	31	cloudy	Weatherford	28	26	cloudy
Del Rio	51	47	cloudy	Lufkin	45	35	cloudy	Wichita Falls	27	26	cloudy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	45	33	cloudy	Houston	48	40	rain	Phoenix	62	51	t-storm
Boston	27	8	windy	Los Angeles	59	48	rain	San Francisco	58	41	pt sunny
Chicago	19	13	pt sunny	Miami	80	67	t-storm	Seattle	49	33	pt sunny
Dallas	31	30	cloudy	Minneapolis	17	8	mst sunny	St. Louis	23	17	cloudy
Denver	28	13	sn shower	New York	31	11	pt sunny	Washington, DC	35	21	cloudy

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TEA plan would cut $3 billion and lay off 125

AUSTIN (AP) — Eliminating 125 jobs, postponing textbook purchases and scaling back reading and math funding are among the $2.8 billion in cost-cutting measures proposed by the Texas Education Agency.

Education Commissioner Felipe Alanis told lawmakers Monday that his 2004-05 budget request also includes a reduction of $1.1 billion of money that goes to local school districts. State leaders had hoped that money could be untouched by the budget ax.

The agency also would delay the purchase of certain textbooks and instructional material for pre-kindergarten until 2006-07, eliminate some teacher training programs, cut education service center funding and cut funding from reading and math initiatives championed by President Bush and Gov. Rick Perry.

A few of the cuts could be plugged with federal money, TEA officials said.

"We have worked diligently the last several days to try to make informed decisions as possible, to try to maximize the reductions to staff and reduction in dollars and be as surgical as we could when we involve programs that impact schoolchildren," Alanis said.

"All of these decisions are very difficult ones."

His proposal comes after members of the House Appropriations Committee on Thursday asked for more administrative cuts as lawmakers tackle a $10 billion state budget shortfall.

The agency's current two-year budget is $29.2 billion, $22.4 billion of it state money.

TEA, which oversees the state's public school system, now has 860 full-time employees.

The new budget request proposes eliminating 125 jobs in administration as well as in areas such as dropout prevention, school monitoring and the evaluation of discipline in alternative education programs. The previous request did not cut any jobs.

Perry and other leaders have vowed to protect — even increase — education funding as lawmakers reduce state spending.

But the agency, which only spends 1 percent of its money on administration, was forced to look to layoffs and programs to comply with lawmakers' orders.

Nearly 90 percent of its budget goes directly to schools and the rest is spent in areas such as the service centers that help districts with technology, research, teacher training and other tasks.

Rep. Jose Menendez, D-San Antonio, was upset by the proposal. He worried about children going without books when a tougher test is being given.

"I'm frustrated because I recall the leadership saying, 'Make the cuts, but don't affect services,'" Menendez said.

He asked Alanis provide more details about how children would be hurt.

"If you could help illuminate the wisdom of these cuts and help make this a lot easier to explain to my constituents," Menendez said.

Subcommittee Chairman Jim Pitts, D-Waxahachie, also wanted a more detailed explanation of the cuts before members begin drafting the next budget later this week.

"This doesn't make sense to me at all," Pitts said, holding up the agency's revised proposal. "We're going to have to probably have to do some surgery on your numbers."

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By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2003

In the year ahead you could become involved with something exciting unlike anything you've ever attempted previously. Although you may have to feel your way through it, you'll manage it with extraordinary skill.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — A unique opportunity of a fleeting nature is within your grasp today. Be an alert and observant participator when out in the world so that you'll recognize it when you see it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Break from your busy schedule today and spend some personal time contacting someone who may be separated from you by distance but not by spirit. A call from you will be truly welcome.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — This can be an extremely promising day for you in joint ventures, be they business or social, especially if there is a mystery to be solved or a puzzle to be unraveled. Delve beneath the obvious.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Rather than locking yourself into a definite schedule today, find a buddy and do something impromptu. The unanticipated will turn out to be revitalizing and fun.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — A change in venue or a new way of doing something could create a more lucrative arrangement for you today where your work or career is concerned. Dare to be different.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Spur-of-the-moment happenings may bring a welcome ray of sunshine into your life today. Approach everything with an optimistic attitude.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Examine, scrutinize and probe every job you're confronted with today and you'll be amazed at what wonders you'll discover. That which has been beneath your nose holds some rare gems.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Bright ideas that flash into your head today will be worth following through on. If you can, try to strike while the iron is hot and can leave its mark.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — There could be an unexpected, sudden shift in your financial trends today. However, this very favorable switch in direction will be aimed squarely at bettering your lifestyle.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Sometimes it is necessary to switch horses in mid-stream and this could be one of those days. Discard an old, unworkable plan for any better and brighter ideas.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Someone you have treated considerately recently and have totally forgotten about might find a clever way of reciprocating.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Bright, articulate companions will serve as stimulants today to trigger your own creative processes. In conversational exchanges, each will have something to impart that helps the other.

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