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Nightclub fire death toll at 65

WEST WARWICK, R.I. (AP) — A nightclub erupted in a raging fire during a pyrotechnics display at a rock concert, killing at least 65 people and injuring more than 160 others as frantic mobs rushed to escape.

The death toll rose today as firefighters searched through the charred shell of the one-story wood building. Town Manager Wolfgang Bauer said the number of dead had reached 65 by midday.

"They are still pulling bodies out," Gov. Don Carcieri said after rushing back to the state from a conference in Florida.

It was the deadliest U.S. fire since nearly 80 people died in the 1993 inferno at the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas. It also came less than a week after 21 people were killed in a stampede at a Chicago nightspot.

The entire club was engulfed in flames within three minutes, Fire Chief Charles Hall said. Club capacity was 300, but Hall said fewer people than that were inside the building.

The '80s hard rock band Great White had just started playing Thursday night when giant pyrotechnic sparklers on stage began shooting up and ignited the ceiling above them and soundproofing near the stage. Some in the crowd said they thought it was part of the act, but the fire quickly spread through the low-ceilinged building, filling it with thick, black smoke.

Robin Petrarca, 44, was standing within a few feet of a door, but said she couldn't see the exit because of the billowing smoke. In the rush to escape, she fell and was trampled, but made it out.

"There was nothing they could do, it went up so fast," she said.

Hall said the club, called The Station, had recently passed a fire inspection, but didn't have a city permit for pyrotechnics. The building, which is at least 60 years old, was not required to have a sprinkler system because of its small size.

Most of the bodies were found near the club's front exit, some of them burned and others dead from smoke inhalation. Hall said some appeared to have been trampled in the rush to escape.

"They tried to go out the same way they came in. That was the problem," Hall said. "They didn't use the other three fire exits."

More than 160 people were taken to area hospitals after Thursday's blaze, Bauer said. Many were taken to Rhode Island Hospital and 38 remained there today, 14 of them in critical condition. Doctors said they had severe burns and were suffering from smoke inhalation.

The ages of the victims ranged from the teens to the late 30s.

Out of the rain, into the lane...

RIGHT DOWN THE MIDDLE — Snyder sixth grader Kaycee Westlund charges the lane hoping for a strike this morning at a good behavior party at Snyder Lanes for West Elementary students that met the criteria, including good grades and attendance. (SDN Staff Photo)

New DPS trooper patrolling highways

Snyder is a "step up" for its newest resident, Bryan Kolb, who grew up in Aspermont.

Kolb is the new DPS trooper assigned to Scurry County and he said he's glad to be here.

"I'm looking forward to Snyder and to being a trooper here," he said.

Kolb graduated from high school in Aspermont in 1998 and from Angelo State University in 2002.

He obtained a degree in kinesiology, but decided to give law enforcement a try after seeing several family members enjoy the field.

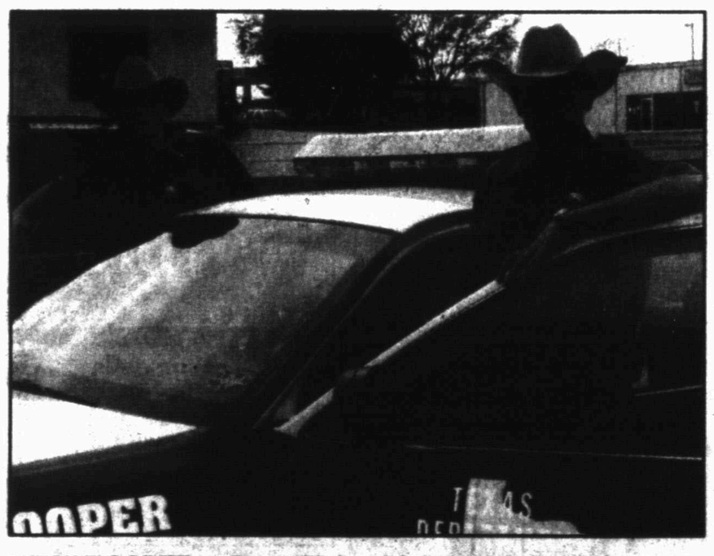
Kolb graduated Dec. 13 from the DPS Training Academy in Austin and Scurry County is his first duty station.

Trooper Terry Snyder said Kolb has done a good job since starting in January.

"We're glad to have him with us," Snyder said. "He's been doing great and we think he will be an asset to the area and to the department."

The troopers are partners until Kolb begins patrolling alone, Snyder said.

Kolb, 22, has a fiancee, Cassie Short, in Westbrook, but a wedding date has not been set.



NEW TROOPER — Bryan Kolb (right), Scurry County's newest DPS Trooper is pictured with his partner, Terry Snyder. Kolb completed the DPS Academy in December. (SDN Staff Photo)

Appraisal district sets wildlife requirements

Scurry County Appraisal District board of directors set the minimum land requirements for wildlife management valuation in a meeting that took almost three-hours Thursday.

The board is required to set the minimum amount of acreage required for the designation by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Larry Crooks, chief appraiser, said the minimum land parcel size for stand-alone properties was set at 50 acres and minimum plot size for a species of concern is 20 acres.

"We are required by the state to set these numbers," Crooks said. "But we have no one in Scurry County that has applied for the designation. It's a very involved and difficult process that requires the landowner to have a master plan. The owner also must meet certain criteria and fill out lots of paperwork."

The land in question also must previously have been in ag production, Crooks said.

In other business, the 2001 tax collection audit was unanimously approved by the board and Crooks said "everything was in good shape" on the audit.

The 2002 and 2003 appraisal and collection budgets were amended as well.

The 2002 budget was amended to fit actual expenses. Crooks said $596,495 was budgeted for the district, but actual expense was only $561,206.48 for the year. With additional income, total carryover was $41,732.11.

Of that amount, $9,000 was amended to the current budget for purchase of aerial maps and equipment and $14,732.11 was transferred to a contingency fund for emergencies.

The remaining $18,000 will be refunded back to the county's taxing entities, which are Hermleigh, Ira and Snyder ISDs, the county, the city and Western Texas College.

Crooks said the money would be divided depending on who paid the most and added that Snyder ISD would receive the largest refund.

The board also was presented with collection reports for taxes collected in Hermleigh and Ira school districts.

Collections reported through January in Hermleigh were at 72.3 percent and Ira's collections were at 70.7 percent.

Harold Lacik chaired the meeting and board members in attendance were Fred Cross, Joe Flowers, David Beaver and Donald Tate. Dianna Williamson was absent.

Heavy rain hits parts of state

AUSTIN (AP) — Roads were closed in parts of Central and Southeast Texas today and officials expected more closures as the National Weather Service predicted more rain.

"We're looking at about 35 roads closed. A lot of them are in the northwestern part of the county, north of Manor," said Chandy Villegas, communications supervisor with the Travis County Sheriff's Office.

Most of the closed roads were rural roads with low-water crossings, she said.

In Nacogdoches County, nine country roads were closed due to low level flooding, said Sheriff Thomas Kerss.

"There are no roads closed inside the city limits at this time, but there are some creeks that the water is out of the banks and overflowed into floodplain designated areas," he said.

Forecasters predicted more severe weather for this afternoon.

Rainfall Reports

Snyder	.62
West of city	.40
Lake Thomas	.50
Hermleigh	.40
Polar	.51
Loyd Mountain	.30
Camp Springs	.50
Dunn	.50
Ira	.65
Dermott	.50
Union	.70
Gail	.80
Gins	
Farmers Co-Op (E)	.50
Inadale	.30

Totals as reported by area residents for Thursday night and early today. It was still raining in the area at press time.

THE SDN COLUMN
MY TURN
by Wade Warren

Hunting in Texas is no doubt, big business. The Hill Country area has long attracted hunters from all over the United States to shoot white tail deer that are not much bigger than a healthy German Shepherd.

This area is attracting more and more hunters every year, especially bird hunters.

You may have noticed many out-of-state pickups in town pulling dog trailers during the present bird season.

One group of hunters in Snyder this week is from Mississippi and Tennessee.

Harry Walton came into our office to place a classified ad hoping to find a green tote bag that had blown out of the back of his pickup.

Harry is from Raymond, Miss. and is retired from the Army Corps of Engineers.

Others hunting with him were Jimmy Stanford, a veterinarian from Chattanooga, TN., W.W. Ford, also a vet, but from Signal Mountain, TN., and Ray Hall and Buddy Harper, both from Chattanooga.

Hall is retired from an insurance company, while Harper has a diesel repair business.

Harry might have been a stranger to this area at one time, but he said this is the sixth time he had hunted in Scurry County and the third time this year.

He really had doubts about placing an ad because he kinda' feels like the tote bag is history mainly because it had some high-priced electronic dog collars in it.

"It was all in there and all a guy has to do is put it on his dogs and he's in business," said Walton.

We disagreed with his assumption that whoever found the bag wouldn't return it, even though there also was some gun cleaning equipment in it.

We told him that we felt that whomever found it would try to find the rightful owner.

So if you have found this bag, take it to our sheriff's department or bring it to the newspaper office. Or you can call Harry at 601-857-2272.

We think he will give you a pretty good reward for the stuff.

He might even give you a quail or two in addition.

Harry said there is one last resort he might try if the bag is not returned.

"I still have one control that was in the pickup. Every now and then when I get back home, I'm going to turn it on and if the collars are on someone's dogs, they're going to be heading east on I-20," said Walton.

Walton said he would not even think about using his very last option.

"You know we had to go through Louisiana to get here and you've heard the song about Marie Laveau, the voodoo queen, by Bobby Bare," said Harry.

"If I push the red button, poof, another man (and dog) done gone."

Seriously, if you have found this bag, turn it in and collect a nice reward.

Harry and his friends bragged on the friendliness of our community, let's now show him there's honest people here too.

Harry and his hunting dogs

ASK US

Q—How are Hospice organizations funded?
A—Through Medicare or Medicaid or private insurance.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Lori Cleveland...

...a longtime Snyder resident, has worked in the office at Coventry Plumbing for two years. Lori has a variety of pets in her "zoo" and is nicknamed "Dr. Doolittle." Lori has two grown daughters, Vickie and Emily, who live in East Texas. Her main interests include working and taking care of her animals.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Success is failure with the dirt brushed off.
—Mamie McCullough

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Annual enchilada dinner

The Knights of Columbus, Council 8875, will hold its fourth annual enchilada dinner from 11 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. on Sunday at West Elementary. Adult tickets are $5.

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.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 Monday evening is "Why Right is Right," followed by "Advice to Those Who Marry."

Technology booster meeting

The SHS Technology Student Association booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the shop classroom to discuss the trip to Waco.

Ira ISD pictures proofs

The picture proofs for Ira ISD casual pictures and friendship pictures have been passed out to students. Envelopes are also available to purchase copies of each class group picture. Proofs must be returned by Tuesday with or without purchasing a package of pictures.

Weather spotter training

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

Community garden planning meeting

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

Genealogical Society

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library. The program will be "Stories of Early Transportation: Horse and Buggy Days."

SJHS's *Bye Bye Birdie*

Snyder Junior High School drama and choir departments will present *Bye Bye Birdie*, Thursday and next Friday and March 1,3-4 at the junior high auditorium. Tickets are $5 each and will go on sale Friday. All seats are reserved.

FBC services televised

First Baptist Church services are televised on channel 2 at 3 p.m. each Thursday.

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, Feb. 28. 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, Feb. 28, from 5:30 p.m. 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.

Senior water aerobics

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

Withered flowers needed

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

Trees still available

The Soil and Water Conservation office still has several varieties of trees available at $1 each. These include Lace Bark Elm, Sand 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.

Cancer treatment transportation

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

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

Texas lawmakers ponder more budget cuts

AUSTIN (AP) — More tales of budget-cutting woes at the Texas Capitol.

The Department of Human Services told House lawmakers that proposed budget cuts would eliminate a state program that helps some 21,000 frail, elderly Texans stay in their homes.

At another budget hearing, the chairman of the House Appropriations criminal justice subcommittee warned that slashing the state prisons budget would "dismantle the system."

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice is a delicate system of prisons, parole and substance abuse treatment programs that would crumble under a 12.5 percent cut over the next two years, said Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston.

"The correction system is one of those areas that simply cannot withstand significant budget reductions," Turner said. "That's just the way it is."

In another hearing, DHS Executive Director James Hines said more than 75,000 people could lose services ranging from home care to community-based programs for the disabled.

Lawmakers are grappling with an estimated $10 billion budget shortfall over the next two years.

BUSINESS TAX

Rep. Sid Miller, R-Stephenville, on Thursday filed a bill he hopes will lure more businesses to Texas.

Miller's bill would repeal the state franchise tax. The bill comes as legislators discuss restructuring the state tax code.

"The franchise tax is hurting our ability to bring jobs to Texas by taxing our production of goods rather than taxing the consumption of goods," Miller said.

RAIN, RAIN

Thursday was a very rainy day. The Texas Association of Business took advantage of the dreary weather to make a political point.

TAB issued umbrellas to legislators with a note card that simply said, "It's raining."

TAB President Bill Hammond signed the note. His group advocates using the state's so-called Rainy Day Fund — estimated to reach $1 billion by the end of the fiscal year — to help balance the budget.

Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn is staunchly opposed to dipping into the fund. She says that although the state has serious budget problems, it isn't in an emergency.

"We want people to know that in fact it is raining, in more ways than one," said Chuck McDonald, spokesman for the business group.

MORE MONEY

Budget writers want more cuts at the Texas Education Agency.

The agency that oversees the state's public education system on Thursday presented a 2004-05 budget request that slashed as much as 14 percent in some areas from its current spending level.

Lawmakers have vowed education is the state's top priority, but some House Appropriations Committee members believe the agency didn't recommend cutting enough jobs and other costs that do not directly affect the classroom.

Education Subcommittee Chairman Jim Pitts ordered education chief Felipe Alanis to find more cuts by Monday.

"We've got to find more money in this agency," said Pitts, R-Waxahachie. "I really don't think you've done all you can to scrub this agency."

ISN'T SHE LOVELY

The Texas House serenaded Miss America Erika Harold on Thursday, singing Happy Birthday. The beauty queen turned 23.

Reps. Dawnna Dukes, D-Austin; Rob Eissler, R-The Woodlands; Elizabeth Ames Jones, R-San Antonio; and Vicki Truitt, R-Southlake; led the rest of the House as Harold stood on the podium next to Speaker Tom Craddick.

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

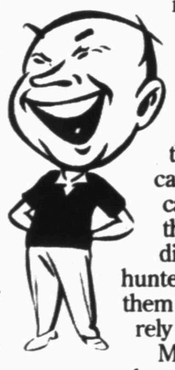
"I think Bob Bullock is talking to us." — Sen. Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville, referring to the late lieutenent governor, after loud thunder echoed in the Senate chamber.

Today's chuckle

Woman jailed for feeding deer

YREKA, Calif. (AP) — A woman is in jail for feeding black-tailed deer in her backyard.

Thana Minion, also known as "The Deer Lady of Copco Lake," was sentenced to 30 days for feeding a large herd of deer a mix of oats, barley and other grains.



Minion, 52, violated her probation from a 1997 conviction of driving with a suspended license and resisting arrest during an altercation with Fish and Game officers, who wanted her to stop feeding deer.

As part of her probation, she must obey all laws and stop feeding the deer, but she has apparently refused.

"Ill go to jail as many times as I have to," Minion said. "It's not going to stop me."

Siskiyou County District Attorney Pete Knoll said he doesn't want to see Minion behind bars and he's no fan of the deer-feeding ban. But he said her flouting of the law gives authorities no choice.

The state Legislature in 1996 enacted the law specifically for cases in which feeding causes perceived harm to the animals by attracting disease, predators or hunters or by over-taming them to a point where they rely on the illegal feed.

Minion, who served 45 days in jail for a similar violation in 2000, said as an American Indian she has the right to feed deer as part of her connection to nature.

Berry's World

"...and how are you feeling, Profit Center # 481629?"

Investigators sifting through ashes for cause of plant blast

CORBIN, Ky. (AP) — State and federal investigators searched for the cause of a fiery explosion at an insulation factory that injured more than two dozen workers.

The fire at CTA Acoustics, which sent a plume of black smoke over this southern Kentucky town Thursday, apparently began near a furnace where raw fiberglass is mixed with resin and molded into sheets, said Jim Tomaw, a company lawyer. He said 150 of the company's 561 employees were in the plant.

"It was just like a tornado came through," said Helen Rutherford, 48. "A big puff of wind blew all my paperwork into the floor. It just got black. I heard like a muffled boom."

Elizabeth Ash, a spokeswoman for Madison Heights, Mich.-based CTA Acoustics, said 26 employees were injured. Some of the injured were burned over 70 to 90 percent of their bodies.

"We prepare as physicians for disasters — I have never seen this," said Dr. George Liu, a general surgeon at Baptist Regional Medical Center in Corbin. "The best thing people can do is pray for these people."

The Corbin hospital said it treated some 30 victims. Several critical patients were transferred to burn centers at the University of Kentucky Hospital in Lexington and Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn.

Hundreds of nearby residents who had been forced to flee from their homes were allowed to return Thursday night after firefighters extinguished the blaze.

There have been few violations at the plant, which won a governor's safety award in 2001 after going three years and 4 million hours without an injury.

But earlier this month, the Kentucky Labor Cabinet proposed to cite CTA for an allegedly serious violation involving safety guards on machinery, said Eddie Jacobs, spokesman for the Kentucky Labor Cabinet. A routine conference on the proposed citation had been set for Thursday, but was postponed after the blast.

Date Book

Friday, Feb. 21, 2003

Today is the 52nd day of 2003 and the 62nd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1848, Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels pubished "The Communist Manifesto."

On this day in 1934, Cesar Augusto Sandino, the Nicaraguan guerilla leader after whom the Sandinistas are named, was rounded up along with his entourage and executed.

On this day in 1965, Malcolm X (born Malcolm Little) was assassinated at a rally at the Audubon Ballroom in New York, N.Y. He was 39.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Erma Bombeck (1927-1996), humorist; Nina Simone (1933-), singer, is 70; Rue McClanahan (1934-), actress, is 69; Tyne Daly (1946-), actress, is 57; Kelsey Grammer (1955-), actor, is 48; Mary Chapin Carpenter (1958-), musician, is 45; Jennifer Love Hewitt (1979-), actress, is 24.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1992, Kristi Yamaguchi won an Olympic gold medal in figure skating — the first women's U.S. figure-skating Olympic champion since Dorothy Hamill.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "My second favorite household chore is ironing. My first being hitting my head on the top bunk bed until I faint." — Erma Bombeck

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Feb. 16) and last quarter (Feb. 23).

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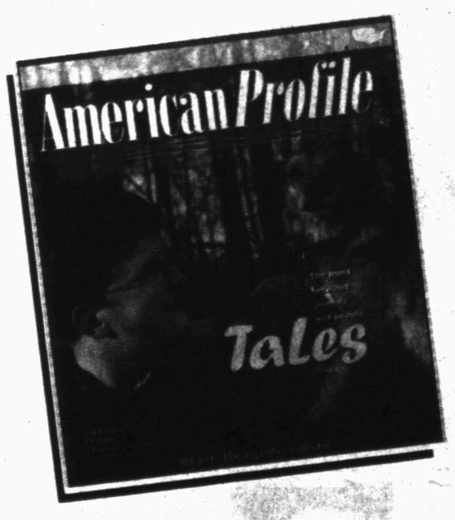
In Next Week's American Profile...

The bond between pets and people

Research shows that 60 percent of Americans consider their pet a member of their family. In some cases, this bond can be extraordinary.



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Ex-sergeant convicted of attempted espionage

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — Former Air Force Master Sgt. Brian Patrick Regan was convicted Thursday of offering to sell U.S. intelligence information to Iraq and China but acquitted of attempted spying for Libya. The jury now must decide whether he can be executed.

The U.S. District Court jury also convicted Regan of gathering national defense information. Regan stood and showed no emotion as the verdict, the product of 24 hours of jury deliberations over five days, was read.

The jury then resumed deliberations on whether Regan offered Iraq documents concerning nuclear weaponry, military satellites, war plans or other major U.S. weapons systems. After an hour, the panel recessed until Monday without reaching a decision.

If the jury finds that Regan offered those secrets to Iraq, he could be subject to the death penalty. Jurors would hear a second round of testimony to consider such a sentence.

Ethel and Julius Rosenberg were the last Americans put to death for spying. They were executed in 1953 for conspiring to steal U.S. atomic secrets for the Soviet Union.

Attorney General John Ashcroft said Regan's "attempts to sell our national security were a direct violation of his repeated oaths to protect and defend the United States of America, its Constitution and its national security secrets."

U.S. Attorney Paul J. McNulty said the guilty verdicts demonstrate "that traitors can and will be held accountable. Mr. Regan betrayed his country and the men and women in uniform with whom he served. He put his love of money before his love of country."

Regan, a 40-year-old married father of four from Bowie, Md., was arrested Aug. 23, 2001, at Dulles International Airport outside Washington while boarding a flight for Zurich, Switzerland.

He was carrying information with the coded coordinates of Iraqi and Chinese missile sites, the missiles that were stored there, and the date the information was obtained. He also had the addresses of the Chinese and Iraqi embassies in Switzerland and Austria in his wallet and tucked into his right shoe.

Regan had worked at the National Reconnaissance Office, which operates the government's spy satellites, first for the Air Force and then as a civilian employee for TRW, a defense contractor.

It was unusual for the case to even reach trial. The government, wary of disclosing classified material in public, normally agrees to plea bargains in espionage cases.

It also was surprising that the government sought the death penalty in a case where prosecutors acknowledged sensitive material never was passed. In cases much more damaging to the government, the CIA's Aldrich Ames and the FBI's Robert Hanssen were sentenced to life in prison.

Special security measures were used in the Regan case, with a machine resembling a high-tech overhead projector displaying secret documents on monitors that the jury could see but the public could not.

Prosecutors said Regan owed nearly $117,000 on his credit cards when he wrote a letter to Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein offering to sell satellite intelligence that could help Iraq hide anti-aircraft missiles. His asking price was $13 million.

The letter was found on a computer taken from Regan's home after his arrest. The computer contained a nearly identical letter to Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, prosecutors said.

During the two-week trial, government witnesses portrayed Regan as a man desperate to get out of debt and willing to sell American secrets.

Using his access to a classified Internet network, Regan looked up dozens of top-secret documents, including satellite photos of Iraqi missile sites and confidential documents about Libya's biological warfare program, the prosecution said.

Defense lawyers said Regan might have fantasized about spying, but never copied anything of value and had no real intention of selling secrets. Attorney Nina Ginsberg called his actions "childish," "unprofessional," "nonsense" and "harebrained."

"No serious foreign power would ever want to deal with this person," Ginsberg said in her closing argument.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Patricia Haynes, in her final presentation to the jury, argued Regan was not playing spy.

"Brian Regan is not a fantasizer," she said. "Brian Regan is a traitor."

Government witnesses said if Regan passed the information he was accused of possessing, American security would be compromised and U.S. and British pilots who patrol the no-fly zones in Iraq could be endangered.

The defense argued that Regan wasn't carrying anything of value when arrested.

"The information was not terribly significant," said Maynard Anderson, former acting deputy undersecretary of defense for security policy. "It did not provide anyone any information that was not publicly known."

Defense lawyers also argued that Regan was doing research to keep him current on topics he once specialized in.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Fiance comes clean about drug use one month before wedding

DEAR ABBY: My fiance, "Doug," just revealed to me that for the past six months he's been using drugs. We've been together almost four years and our wedding is scheduled for next month. We are both in our early 20s.

Doug confessed that he has been using money we set aside for bills to buy drugs. He said he has also stolen money from our best friend for the same purpose.

He came to me on his own to tell me all this. Doug has always been a sweet, caring guy. I love him with all my heart, but I've lost my trust in him. Now I don't know what to do. I can hardly believe this is happening. I still want to marry him, but don't want to marry someone I don't trust. What should I do? I need an answer in a hurry. — **HURT AND CONFUSED IN FLORIDA**

DEAR HURT AND CONFUSED: You have just had a peek at what life is like with an addict. Postpone the wedding indefinitely until your fiance has been through rehabilitation and is established in a 12-step program. You may love him — and vice versa — but there is a side to your fiance that you're just getting to know. I urge you to be sure he's clean before you make a lifetime commitment.

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DEAR ABBY: Friends of ours, "Cindy and Josh," are moving a few states away and throwing a goodbye party for themselves. Are my husband and I required to take a gift to the party? They were married a few months ago, and we were very generous with their shower and wedding gifts.

Josh has been unemployed for more than a year. According to Cindy, he doesn't like to job-hunt, so he's waiting for something to "fall in his lap." On the other hand, Cindy has a well-paying, full-time job. They live rent-free in a house his parents own, and spend their money on sports memorabilia, stereo equipment, electronic gadgets, etc.

Neither one has a job waiting in the city where they're relocating, but they were given money by Cindy's parents to cover moving expenses and rent for the first few months. Cindy is hinting broadly that she expects cash as gifts.

I thought gifts were required only at housewarmings — not farewell parties. However, my husband doesn't want us to appear cheap. Your thoughts, Abby? — **QUESTIONING COUPLE IN MISSOURI**

DEAR QUESTIONING COUPLE: Although you are not required to take a farewell gift to the party, a token gift would be thoughtful. A small "jam jar" might be appropriate, because I predict they'll encounter more than one along the way. (A book on money management would also be appropriate — and helpful.)

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 15-year-old freshman in high school. My problem is that my math grades stink. Each night I try hard to double-check my math homework, but when it gets graded the next day, I always end up missing six or seven out of 10 questions.

I've asked my parents for help. They say it's been too long since they tackled math, and it's beyond them. Help! — **GOTTA GET GOOD GRADES IN WYOMING**

DEAR GOTTA GET GOOD GRADES: You need a tutor. A junior or senior math-whiz who's patient could help you turn things around. Talk to your math teacher or school counselor before you fall further behind. They're there to help. Good luck.

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Bridge

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North 02-21-03
♠ J 4
♥ A Q 5 3
♦ 8 7 5 2
♣ A K Q

West
♠ 7 3
♥ J 10 9 8
♦ A Q 9 4
♣ J 8 5

East
♠ A 6
♥ K 6 2
♦ K 10 6
♣ 10 7 6 4 3

South
♠ K Q 10 9 8 5 2
♥ 7 4
♦ J 3
♣ 9 2

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ J

Friday, Feb. 21, 2003

One of the most offbeat observations

By Phillip Alder

Anyone who has taught a lot of bridge can tell you funny stories. We have all heard some incredible excuses. Agreed, they do not match those of Lucy in the Peanuts cartoons. (After missing yet another routine fly ball, she tells Charlie Brown that the light from the moons of Saturn got in her eyes.) However, some are bordering on the bizarre.

This deal prompted one of the strangest comments I have ever heard. But first, look at the North-South hands. How would you plan the play in four spades after West has led the heart jack?

With 7-2-2-2 distribution, South is a little light for a textbook vulnerable pre-empt, but everyone overbids these days. North's raise comes with no guarantees, but it is "normal."

South has three top losers: one spade and two diamonds. He could try the heart finesse at trick one. If it works, everything will be plain sailing. And declarer might as well try for an overtrick by cashing dummy's club winners and discarding a diamond on the last one.

However, if the heart finesse loses, the opponents can take the first four tricks.

One of my students did take the heart finesse. East defended accurately, winning with the king and immediately shifting to the diamond six. So, the contract finished one down.

I pointed out to South that a better line is to win with dummy's heart ace and take those three top clubs, discarding a red-suit loser on the final one.

South replied, "I knew that was best, but I didn't pitch on clubs, because I was sure someone would ruff in as it's Friday."

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Hotel, private investigation firm are added to lawsuit

HOUSTON (AP) — A private investigation firm and a hotel chain were added Thursday as defendants in a civil lawsuit filed against a woman convicted last week of murdering her husband by running him down with her Mercedes-Benz.

Debra Shank, David Harris' ex-wife, filed the original suit weeks after Clara Harris fatally ran over her husband July 24 after finding him at a suburban Houston Hilton with his receptionist-turned-lover.

That lawsuit, filed on behalf Shank's daughter, 17-year-old Lindsey Harris, blamed Clara Harris for David Harris' death and sought his estate, valued at more than $6 million. According to the suit, Clara Harris is the sole beneficiary.

The amended lawsuit Thursday adds as defendants Beverly Hills, Calif.-based Hilton Hotels Corp. and Blue Moon Investigations of Webster, a Houston suburb.

Attorney John Davis alleges the hotel had not properly trained its employees to handle the confrontation involving Harris, her husband and his mistress and Blue Moon Investigations violated industry policy and its own policies by informing Clara Harris where her husband could be found.

Clara Harris, 45, was sentenced to 20 years in prison and a $10,000 fine last Friday, which would have been her 11th wedding anniversary with David Harris, 44. She remained at the Harris County Jail Thursday awaiting transfer into the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

"You do not tell someone, your client, where someone is while they are with their paramour," Davis said Thursday of Blue Moon Investigations. "These folks knew this ... and they violated their own policies and procedures."

Blue Moon vice president Bobbi Bacha said her employees only upheld their contract with Clara Harris, who hired the agency to follow her husband. Bacha said Clara Harris violated the contract by going to the hotel that night.

"Legally, if you hire us, we have to fulfill our contract and tell you what we know," she said. "Clara clearly breached our contract. She showed up to the scene of our investigation. ... She drove the Mercedes. We didn't."

Kathy Shepard, a spokeswoman for Hilton Hotels, said she hadn't seen the suit and it was the company's policy not to comment on pending litigation.

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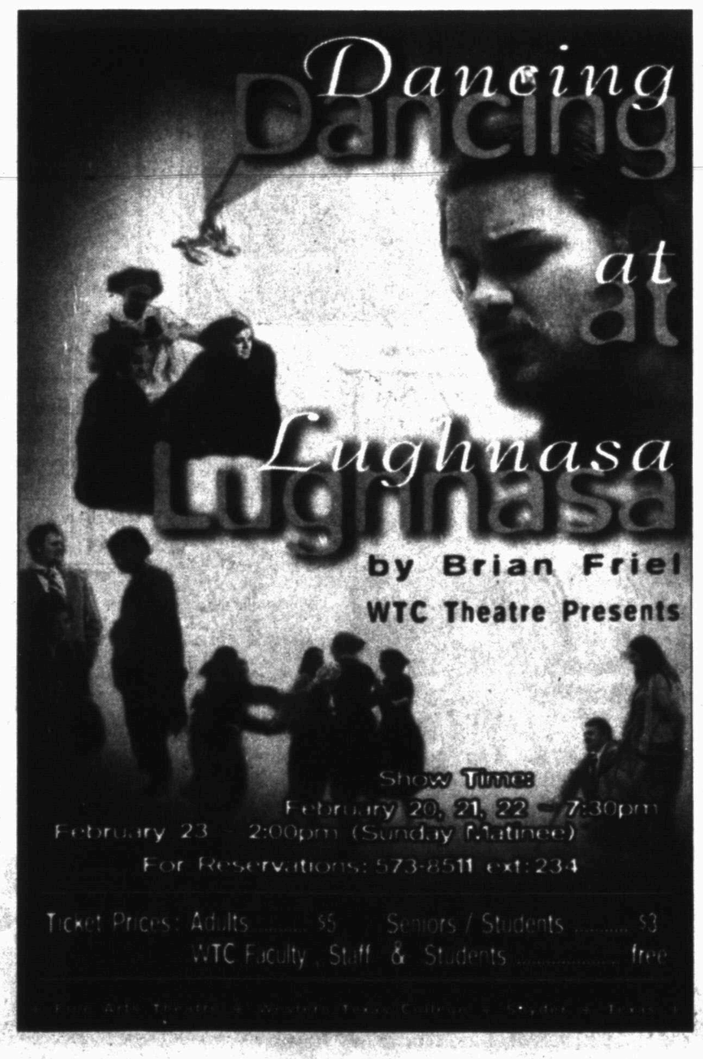

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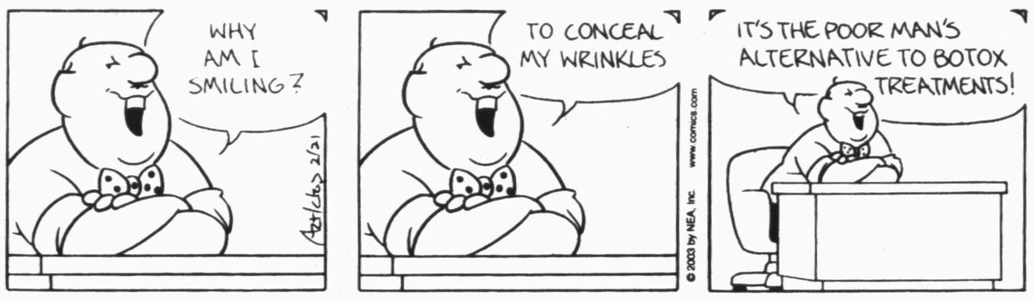

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ACROSS

1 Space
4 Half a score
7 Loud noise
10 Cockney's optimism?
11 Seine moorages
13 Dull person
14 Kind of neckline
15 Matty — of baseball
16 Poetic twilights
17 Obvious
19 Bronze coin
20 Chart
21 Humiliate
23 Thought
26 Play a guitar
28 Spanish gentleman
29 That girl
30 Comes closer
34 Baffled (2 wds.)
36 Feast
38 — -tzu
39 Pondered
41 Wonka's creator
42 Began a poker hand
44 Off — — tangent
46 Mongolian desert
47 Rubbed against
51 MP prey
52 Go kaput, with "out"
53 Seize
55 Swampy areas
56 MOMA artist
57 Common vine
58 Pop-up
59 Weird
60 Do Easter eggs

DOWN

1 State VIP
2 Take down, — —
3 Flake off, as paint
4 Princess topper
5 Oval
6 Gas for signs
7 Cote dwellers
8 Castle or Dunne
9 Thrush's home
12 Pantry staple
13 Changed into
18 Physician's org.
22 Batter's ploy
23 Lupino of films
24 Tiny speck
25 Space widths
27 Coat rack
29 Lug or carry
31 Huntsville's loc.
32 Team cheer
33 Sun, in Mazatlan
35 PC messages (hyph.)
37 Made lovelier
40 Pile
41 Family member
42 Wooden rod
43 Deep black
45 Unclothed
46 Iron fishhook
48 String tie
49 Sooner city
50 — Jones' locker
54 "So long!"

Answer to Previous Puzzle

S	T	R	I	P				G	I	A	N	T
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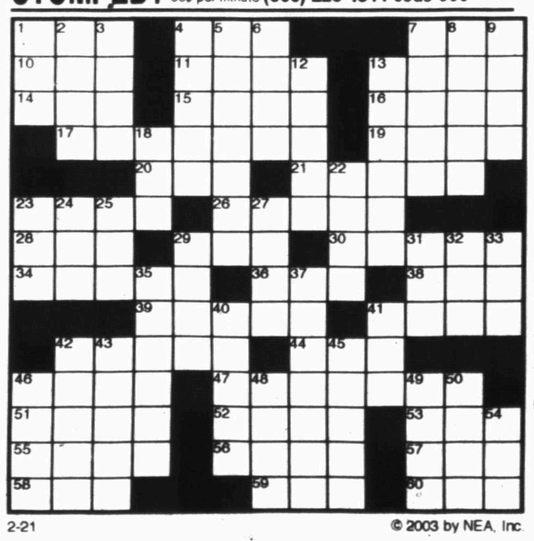

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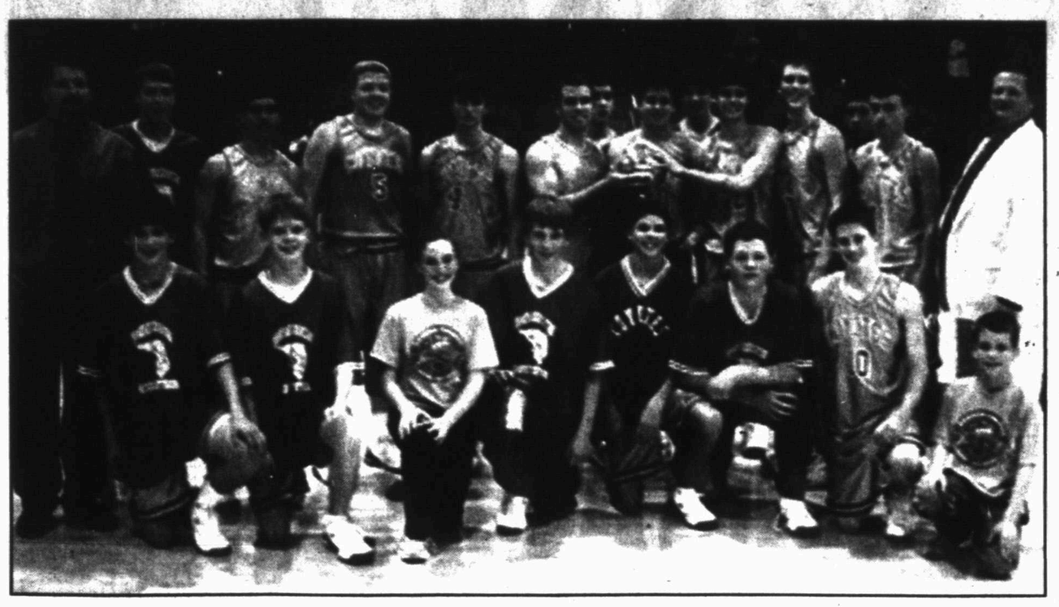

AREA CHAMPIONS — The Borden County Coyotes claimed the 1-A Area Championship Trophy Thursday, topping New Home, 37-31. The team is, front from left, Trey Soto, Aaron Pigford, manager Taylor Richey, Andrew Lamming, Austin Tarleton, Garrett Thomas, manager Tanner Richey, and, rear from left, head coach Trey Richey, Garrett Chapman, Adam Carter, Kyle Pinkerton, Ben Griffin, T.J. Sharp, John Wilson, Brionne Jackson, Clay John Anderson, Talin Pepper, Shane Tarleton, Andy Lozano, Cade Peterson and assistant coach Bobby Avery. The team will challenge the winner of Briscoe Ft. Elliott and Silverton, which play tonight in Amarillo at 7. The game is scheduled for Tuesday evening, with the site and time to be determined after tonight's game. (Contributed Photo)

Coyotes use late surge to capture area playoff title

The Borden County Coyotes came through when it counted Thursday night.

Using a stifling zone defense, the Coyotes claimed the area playoff game with a 13-3 fourth quarter spurt to take a 37-31 victory over New Home in Lubbock.

After making the opening basket, Borden County trailed the entire contest, until junior Kyle Pinkerton made it 29-28 late in the fourth quarter.

"The heart of these kids is phenomenal," head coach Trey Richey said. "We could have panicked, but our kids didn't allow us to."

New Home reeled off a 7-0 to close out the first period, then kept pace in the second quarter to take an 18-14 lead into the intermission.

The Leopards used their quickness to penetrate against the bigger Coyote squad, and Richey adjusted his defense to force New Home to rely on jump shots.

"We went to a 1-3-1 zone and Shane (Tarleton) did a good job of forcing them to run their offense ways out."

Tarleton led the Coyotes with 12 points and pulled down five offensive rebounds.

The teams played to a 10-10 tie in the third, before Borden County's defense foiled New Home's offensive strategy.

Sophomore Ben Griffin put the Coyotes ahead for good with just under two minutes to play with a drive through the lane, and helped put the game away with a key defensive board on New Home's next possession.

Senior Talin Pepper canned eight, and Pinkerton knocked in seven and came down with eight rebounds.

Senior T.J. Sharp recorded six, and Griffin added four for the Coyotes, who are scheduled to face the winner of tonight's contest between 2-A champ Ft. Elliot and 4-A winner Silverton next Tuesday.

Sue Jane Mays contributed to

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Four Lady Coyotes on 7-A All-District squad

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Defensive Player of the Year:
Micha Hensley, Sr., Borden County
Newcomer of the Year:
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Sports Briefs

Tennis booster club

The tennis booster club will meet Monday night at 7 in the tennis court dressing rooms.

Groundhog Open

The Scurry County golf course will host the Groundhog Open Saturday and Sunday. The format will be two-man scramble with a 1 p.m. shotgun start both days. Entry fee is $80 per team. Call Rick at the pro shop at 573-7101 for more information.

Funk atop leaderboard at Nissan Open

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Fred Funk had 11 one-putts and holed another from off the green for a 6-under 65 and a three-stroke lead in the Nissan Open.

However, Tiger Woods wound up at 1-over 72, the first time he has failed to shoot par or better in the opening round at the Open.

Cowboys release troubled cornerback

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys released backup cornerback Dwayne Goodrich, charged with two counts of manslaughter following a deadly hit-and-run accident, and Robert Thomas and offensive guard Jeremy McKinney.

Klitschko files suit against WBC

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Heavyweight contender Vitali Klitschko filed suit against the World Boxing Council in an effort to force Lennox Lewis to let him fight for the title.

Area athletes on the road this weekend

Area teams are on the road this weekend, with several tournaments scheduled around the state.

The baseball Tigers will play a twinbill Saturday at Pecos, with Chance Greenwood taking the hill for Snyder in the first game at 1 p.m. Head coach Charles Bollinger said the team would "play it by ear" concerning the starter for the second game, but said Tyler Trout might be called upon.

The Lady Tigers and their JV counterparts are in Abilene today and Saturday for the Abilene tournament.

The Western Texas College baseball club is in El Paso today and Saturday, for noon doubleheaders on the both days.

The Westerners were scheduled to play last Wednesday at home, but VBA-Canada, a traveling baseball academy, failed to show up for the contest.

The Lady Dusters are in Ft. Worth today and Saturday to participate in the Cowtown Classic at Ft. Worth. Forecasts call for rain today, and Duster head coach Rodney McNeill said if the tournament is rained out, the team will play in a four-team tourney at Collin County Community College.

The Snyder boys golf teams are both on the road this weekend.

After lapping the field at the Snyder Invitational last weekend, the varsity girls have the weekend off, as do the junior varsity girls.

The varsity boys, coming off a disappointing showing in Horeshoe Bay, will look to rebound in Midland. The JV boys will play in Sweetwater today and Saturday.

The tennis teams are in Odessa for a weekend tournament, and the powerlifters return to action this week for a meet at Lubbock High at 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

Mavericks snap Spurs nine-game streak

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks weren't looking ahead. They put everything they had into their showdown with San Antonio.

That focus paid off for the Mavericks in 95-87 victory Thursday night that snapped the Spurs' nine-game winning streak — a stretch that had gotten San Antonio within four games of Dallas for the Midwest Division lead and NBA's best record.

But now Dallas has three road games in five days, starting Friday night at Houston before returning home in a week for another big game against Sacramento.

Steve Nash had 29 points and 10 assists in 42 minutes to lead the Mavericks, who held San Antonio's Tim Duncan in check with just 11 points on 3-of-10 shooting.

Even though the Mavericks have the NBA's best record (42-12), they have struggled against some of the top teams. They've already lost twice to Sacramento — which eliminated them in the second round of the playoffs last season — and once to the Lakers and Spurs (37-17) before Thursday.

San Antonio set an NBA record with eight straight road wins on the same trip, including victories at Sacramento and the Los Angeles Lakers, before returning home for a 101-76 victory Tuesday night against Denver.

Area Sports Calendar

TODAY

Baseball:	WTC at El Paso CC, DH, noon.
Softball:	Snyder varsity at Abilene tourney.
	WTC at Cowtown Classic, Ft. Worth.
	Snyder JV at Abilene tourney.
Golf:	Snyder varsity boys at Midland.
	Snyder JV girls at Sweetwater.
Tennis:	Snyder varsity and JV at Odessa tourney.

SATURDAY

Baseball:	Snyder varsity at Pecos, DH, 1 p.m.
	WTC at El Paso CC, DH, noon.
	Snyder JV in Snyder tournament.
Softball:	Snyder varsity and JV at Abilene tourney.
	WTC at Cowtown Classic, Ft. Worth.
Tennis:	Snyder and JV at Odessa tourney.
Golf:	Snyder varsity boys at Midland
	Snyder JV girls at Sweetwater.
Powerlifting:	Snyder at Odessa High tourney, 9 a.m.

Snyder Bowling Leagues

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Team	W	L
Timely Finance	17	7
Mama's Misfits	10	6
Quick Auto	15	9
JB's	14	10
Snyder Iron & Metal	12	12
Square Pants	11	13
BCEC	7	9
WTP Energy	10	14
Rogers Backhoe	7	17
Snyder Lanes	6	18

High series: Scratch: Lynn Smith, 530, Daphene Thompson 538; **Handicap:** Christopher Northcutt, 658; Daphene Thompson, 625. **High game: Scratch:** Kevin Jones, 230, Daphene Thompson, 210; **Handicap:** Kevin Jones, 252, Daphene Thompson, 239.

Men's Commercial League

Team	W	L
Snyder Brick & Tile	72	36
Snyder Iron & Metal	62	40
The Shack	57.5	44.5
WTP Energy	55	47
Anadarko	54.5	47.5
Blue Sunoco	48	54
Pin Busters	47	55
Timely Finance	44	58
NAPA Auto	35	67
Robert Early's Weld	35	67

High series: Mark Glasscock, scratch, 562; Gary Kinder, handicap, 667.
High game: Mike Logan, scratch, 202; Harold Kornegay, handicap, 239.
Splits and special mentions: Andrew Poe 3-7; Dewey Farley, 3-10; Strick Posey 3-10.

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Kent reports to Astros camp

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — After a flu-like illness knocked him out of the first day of team workouts, Jeff Kent eased into spring training with the Houston Astros.

Kent, the power hitter who signed with the Astros in December after helping lead the San Francisco Giants to the World Series, made it through batting practice but said he still wasn't 100 percent.

"Just turning into an old man, I guess," the 34-year-old said with a laugh as he headed into the clubhouse after leaving the practice field.

Kent was the Astros' major acquisition in the offseason when Houston signed him to an $18.2 million, two-year contract. Kent had 37 homers, 108 RBIs and a .313 batting average last year.

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PG13 **Starring: Jackie Chan, Owen Wilson, Aidan Gillen, Fan Man-Fong, Tom Fisher** Chon Wang and Roy O'Bannon are back in the saddle, but off the range – this time, they're out to settle a score in civilized London in the sequel, "Shanghai Knights." When a Chinese rebel murders Chon's estranged father and escapes to England, Chon and Roy make their way to London with revenge on their minds.

DAREDEVIL PG13

Starring: Ben Affleck, Michael Clarke Duncan, Jennifer Garner, Colin Farrell, Jon Favreau Based on the popular Marvel Comics character, this is the story of Matt Murdock, son of a boxer who gets killed by petty criminals for refusing to take a dive. This drives young Matt to fight crime, despite a childhood accident that robbed him of his sight.

JV baseball tournament postponed until Saturday

Play at the Snyder junior varsity baseball tournament has been postponed until Saturday due to inclement weather.

The team was beaten, 13-5, Thursday by Merkel in the opening game of the tournament.

"We were close for four innings, then things went south," said coach Brock Rumfield. "The kids are young and learning."

The team will get a shot at redemption at 11:30 Saturday morning, when they take on 2-A Anson.

On Monday, Dustin Williams fired a no-hitter in an 11-1 thumping of the JV Rangers from Greenwood.

Williams pitched six innings, giving up just one unearned run in the win.

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Saturday 7a.m. – 2p.m.
4664 Pleasant Hill Rd.
(2 mi. down the hill on left)
Refrigerators, Piano, Welding tools, Kitchen wares, Inside & outside furniture, Electronics, House lamps, Gardening tools, Truck bumper & radios, Gloves, Clothes, Heaters & fans, etc.

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Goats, Baby items, Desk, Tables, Chairs, Farmall tractor, Flatbed trailer, 1989 Ford PU, 1985 Lincoln, Housewears & much more!

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FOR SALE OR RENT
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211 37th 3-2-2 ...$88T
4000 Jacksboro 3-2-2 ...$87.5T
4105 Jacksboro 3-2-2 ...$85T
2950 Gary Brewer Rd. 3-2½-1 + shop $79.5T
3004 Beaumont 3-2 liv. areas-2-2 $79.5T
3309 Ave. U 3-2-2 ..SOLD ...$79.5T
3600 41st 3-2-2 ...$78.5T
2204 45th 3-2-2 LA's .....Reduced $65T
7233 W. Hwy 180 3-2-3, 2.5 A's Red..$55T
2209 30th 3-2-1 + 1cp....Reduced $49.5T
3109 - 3111 Ave. T Duplexes ...$49.5T
2203 43rd 3-2-1 ...$45T
2108 41st 4-2 living areas-1 ...$45T
2315 42nd 4-2 ...$43.5T
2609 Ave. U Duplex ...$35T
207 36th 3-2-1cp ...$32.5T
West 180 3-1-2 ...$31.5T
2307 28th 2-1 + shop ...$25T
New! 2105 42nd 3-1 ...$23T
New! 3010 40th 3-1 ...$20T
McBeth Pecan Farm - House, 15+ acres, some equipment included .....Reduced
E. 180 Lots avail. w/mobile hook-ups Call
College Ave. Large office bldg. ...$48T
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Roscoe - 609 Main - 3-1¾, fenced .$30's
Purchase Equity - 321 35th $28T
2215 40th 3-1 ...Low $30's
2501 36th - Hard to Find - 4 bedroom, 3 ½ bath, 2 LA's, 3-car garage ...Call
3102 El Paso - Convenient to schools - 3-2½-2 LA's-2 Contract Pending ...$80's
2311 26th - Unique! 1-1, corner ...$30's
S. 208 - Country - Custom Design - aspen wood interior, loft windows, 2-2-shop 10 acres $100's
3606 Kerrville 3-2- Contract Pending $60's
Gary Brewer Rd. 3-2-cp, 1 acre ....$70's
3403 Irving - Large 4/5 bedroom, 2 LA's, FP $50's
2901 Ave. M - Lots of possibilities! 3-2, 2 story Contract Pending ...$30's
2105 42nd 3-1, fenced ....Low 20's
2212 Towle Park - Great Area - 3-2, 2 living areas, 2 car garage, office ...100's
Colonial Hills 3-2 Contract Pending .Call
2212 43rd - Nice 3-1 ...$30's
Country 4-3 3 acres ...$60's
2901 38th New Contract Pending ..$35T
3112 Ave X 3-2-2, basement, Updated from top to bottom ...$100's
1508 Preston Trail Beautiful 3-2-2 private patio 2 living areas ....$100's
2508 27th - Good Buy! 3-1 ...$20's
4009 Irving 3-2-2, shop/boat parking ...$80's
3000 38th - 2-1-1 Contract Pending .$20's
2212 42nd Cute 3-1, fenced ...$30's
2304 43rd Pl. Cul-de-sac, 3-2-2 Lots of potential $50's
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Carters viewed traveling exhibit

ATLANTA (AP) — Former President Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, viewed the exhibit that features portraits of Carter and 40 other U.S. presidents from the National Portrait Gallery in Washington.

The collection, which has been traveling since 2000, is making its final stop at the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum.

Marc Pachter, director of the National Portrait Gallery, helped lead the Carters through the exhibit Tuesday evening.

"That's the way we want a president to look," Pachter said of Carter's portrait, which shows him standing in the Oval Office.

However, Carter seemed to prefer the portraits of Franklin D. Roosevelt and Lyndon B. Johnson.

"As I walked down the line and saw the different presidents, I remembered the place that they've had in my life," he said.

Of the presidents who had served during his lifetime, Carter said Harry S. Truman, who desegregated the U.S. military while Carter was captain on a Navy submarine, was his favorite.

"Harry Truman was the one who changed my life first," he said.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	2.88	2.81	2.82	—.05
AOL TimeWrn	10.69	10.40	10.55	—.01
AT&T Corp rs	18.46	18.13	18.40	+.15
Albertsons	19.29	19.02	19.22	+.18
Alltel	42.77	42.41	42.72	+.34
AmEl Pw	21.71	21.27	21.33	+.60
AndarkPtr	44.90	44.40	44.80	+.48
ATMOS Egy	22.05	21.82	21.91	+.10
Avaall	7.05	6.93	7.00	
BP PLC	39.50	38.83	39.37	+.89
BakerHughes	30.88	30.32	30.88	+.48
Bank of Amer	69.78	69.37	69.65	+.19
BellSouth	21.20	20.35	21.17	+.57
BurlNoSFe	25.30	24.86	25.05	+.04
Caterpillar	46.45	45.75	46.12	—.18
CenterPoint	4.60	4.35	4.52	—.13
ChevronTex	64.49	63.49	63.95	+.45
Citigroup	33.21	32.35	32.85	—.01
CocaCola	40.40	40.00	40.15	+.10
ColgatePal	50.81	50.28	50.65	+.58
CmclMetals s	14.10	14.00	14.03	+.03
ConocoPhill	49.20	48.60	49.16	+.58
Cooper Inds	38.69	37.87	38.38	+.34
DaimlrChry	30.30	29.75	30.01	+.38
DeltaAirl	8.57	8.26	8.32	—.27
Dillards Inc	14.33	13.90	13.97	—.09
DowChem	27.94	27.42	27.58	+.07
DuPont	37.46	36.86	37.09	+.22
EastmanChem	32.25	31.83	31.96	—.08
EstKodak	30.28	29.82	30.00	—.38
EDS Corp	15.95	15.47	15.54	—.46
Entergy	46.22	45.50	45.89	+.31
ExxonMobil	34.10	33.54	33.74	+.11
FootLocker	10.40	10.30	10.32	+.02
GenDynam	64.27	63.71	64.08	+.07
GenElec	23.50	23.13	23.42	+.07
GenMills	43.94	43.54	43.83	+.08
GenMotors	33.62	33.33	33.53	—.09
GaPacific	15.10	14.50	14.62	—.10
Goodrich	16.31	16.03	16.23	+.18
Goodyear	4.26	4.13	4.18	—.07
GtAtlPac	5.03	5.00	5.03	+.03
Halliburtn	19.73	19.35	19.73	+.31
Hanson ADS	23.43	23.16	23.33	—.66
HarteHanks s	18.18	18.05	18.12	+.07
HomeDepot	22.11	21.68	21.77	+.12
Honeywellintl	24.05	23.30	23.47	—.38
IBM	79.49	78.16	78.80	—.25
IntlPaper	35.08	34.36	34.75	+.08
JohnsonJn	52.80	52.06	52.63	+.71
KinderMorg	46.07	45.38	45.54	—.19
Kroger Co	13.82	13.58	13.70	+.01
LockheedM	45.95	45.14	45.30	—.56
Lowes Cos	35.44	34.83	35.22	+.27
Lubys	1.54	1.45	1.47	+.01
LucentTech	1.67	1.53	1.55	—.10
MarathonOil	22.32	22.05	22.21	+.15
MayDeptStr	19.63	19.17	19.27	—.01
Medtronic	45.20	44.63	44.84	
Motorola	8.39	8.15	8.20	—.02
NCR Corp	19.75	18.85	18.88	—.84
Navistar	24.63	24.30	24.56	+.06
PNM Rescs	19.83	19.41	19.66	+.01
Penney JC	20.60	19.75	20.18	+.41
PepBoys	9.75	9.52	9.62	+.02
PepsiCo	39.92	39.19	39.46	+.10
Pharmacia	39.72	38.80	39.13	—.22
PhelpDodge	35.05	34.51	35.00	+.26
PilgrmPrd B	7.79	7.65	7.74	—.05
Praxair	53.20	52.40	52.75	—.35
ProctGamb	84.35	83.20	83.77	+.32
RadioShack	20.90	20.31	20.70	+.17
RoyalDut	40.03	39.55	39.85	+.54
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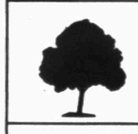

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KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM — East kindergarten students presented the program recently for the fourth six weeks awards assembly. Mrs. Patsy Massey's students (top photo) are from left, front row, Omar Salazar, Hayden Taylor, Blake DeLaCruz, Anthony Sandoval, Cassie Batchelor, Wyatt Gray, Brieanne Gutierrez, Savannah Guzman, Mercedes Rivera and Makenzie Cook; front row, Mark Baldwin, Pedro Martinez, Santanya Molina, Armando Arellano, Mario Dominguez, Lawren Braziel, Patrick Hernandez, Brennon Brunson, Taylor Kiker and Maria Campos. Mrs. Nell Henry's students (bottom photo) are from left front row, Zachary Buchanan, Dezaree Renshaw, Jasmine Elledge, Jaden Zamora, Brooke Clinkinbeard, Nicole Fry, Sabastan Gomez, Cody Kincheloe, Christopher Valles and Rudy Luera; front row, Dustin Essery, Emily Parmer, Michael Campos, Mireya Hidalgo, Ruben Vera, Cerise Simmons, Brittany Rios, Tyler Mitchell and Trey Pool. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Laura Bush tours Fort Worth museum

FORT WORTH (AP) — Laura Bush says the threat of war with Iraq and increased security regarding possible terrorist attacks have not kept her from traveling to promote literacy and doing other tasks as first lady.

"It's unreasonable for us to be afraid all the time," Bush said Thursday after touring the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth. "I really am not feeling that stressful. ... I think America is really safe."

She said parents should be careful in how they discuss these issues with their children. Families can develop evacuation plans similar to fire drills, although "the chances of something bad happening are very, very small for any individual house in the United States," she said.

During recent travels, folks most often tell her they are praying for her and President Bush, she said.

"Do I think people are fearful and anxious? Sure," she said. "Nobody wants to go to war. The president doesn't want to go to war."

After lunching with museum benefactors, Bush toured the nearby National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame, which opened last summer.

She planned to meet her husband at their Crawford ranch, where Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar of Spain — a staunch backer of Bush's Iraq policies — was set to visit this weekend.

Laura Bush brought Dana Gioia, chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, along for the tour of the Modern Art Museum.

It reopened in December in its new $65 million building that features 2,700 paintings, sculptures and other post World War II-pieces. Founded in 1892, it is the oldest art museum in Texas.

Bush said Anselm Kiefer's "Book with Wings" sculpture was among her favorite works at the Modern, which she called "the most beautiful new museum in the world." She said she also enjoyed works by Texas artists, including David Bates and Vernon Fisher.

She said some White House visitors from California said they planned to stop in Texas to visit the museum on their way home.

"I'm so excited to be here, just like everybody else in the country," she said.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Post-operative exercise is appropriate

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 35-year-old woman who had a hysterectomy six months ago because of endometriosis. I love to run and am eager to begin again, yet my mother, who is a nurse, is concerned that my bladder will not hold up — literally. My gynecologist and urologist agree there should be no problem.

DEAR READER: Assuming your gynecological surgery was properly performed, you should have no difficulty from a strenuous exercise program.

Middle-aged women may begin to experience symptoms of a "dropped bladder" (incontinence and urinary frequency) when the uterus sags against the bladder, pushing it out of place. After hysterectomy, women seldom experience this age-related phenomenon. In fact, the treatment for a severe cystocele (dropped bladder) includes hysterectomy. Your doctors are correct.

DEAR DR. GOTT: How do you explain the practice of recommending Metamucil for chronic constipation in one person and for diarrhea in another? I've always thought of it as a laxative.

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To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Constipation and Diarrhea." 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 recently suffered a severe and painful attack of pancreatitis. My doctor has not prescribed any medicine for me. He indicated that I should be on a low-cholesterol diet. Am I receiving the proper care?

DEAR READER: Inflammation of the pancreas is a potentially serious affliction because the gland produces insulin and digestive juices, both of which are vital for normal metabolism. Therefore, the cause of pancreatitis must be determined (by blood tests, ultrasound exams and so forth) to prevent life-threatening complications or chronic ill health.

In the United States, 80 percent of pancreatitis is the result of alcoholism or liver disease, such as gallstones. The remaining 20 percent is caused by a variety of disorders, including drug reactions, elevated blood fats, traumatic injury, blockages from previous surgery, certain tumors and a peculiar form known as "hereditary" pancreatitis (of unknown cause).

I think you have a right to know the reason for your pancreatitis. If not, how can you be expected to avoid a similar experience in the future? Return to your physician for clarification. If he is unable to provide the answers you seek, request a referral to a gastroenterologist.

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Children are left home alone

GREELEY, Colo. (AP) — Police opened a child abuse investigation against a woman suspected of leaving her six children home alone while she vacationed in Italy.

Police removed the children, ages 6 to 14, from the home and began their investigation Feb. 4, the day after Jennifer Farrell left. Police said an anonymous caller told them the children had been left alone. Police spokesman Sgt. John Gates did not return phone calls Thursday.

No one answered the phone at Farrell's house Thursday.

"Things have been blown out of proportion," Farrell told KUSA-TV in Denver after she returned from her two-and-a-half-week vacation.

Farrell's boyfriend, Hank DePetro, said the children were alone because of a breakdown in the support system Farrell put in place before she left.

DePetro said Farrell, 33, communicated with a daughter after learning by e-mail that authorities were investigating.

"I did not know what was happening until we got that e-mail and I said, 'My God, what happened?'" he said.

DePetro, 60, a retired school psychologist, is not suspected of wrongdoing, authorities said.

Weld County Social Services took custody of Farrell's son and five daughters. The younger four children are with an aunt and the two older girls are in a foster home.

Police said once they question Farrell they will turn the case over to the district attorney, who will decide whether to file charges.

Court records show Farrell has twice pleaded guilty to child abuse. The records say Farrell's former husband, Steve Farrell, had accused her of inadequately supervising the children.

Cornyn gets chance to rewrite some laws

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican Sen. John Cornyn will get the chance to help rewrite immigration laws.

Cornyn, Texas' newest senator, won a seat on the immigration subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, his office said Thursday.

During his campaign, Cornyn said he wanted to change a law prohibiting public hospitals from providing non-emergency care to undocumented immigrants.

As Texas' attorney general, Cornyn wrote an opinion that said public hospitals could not provide free or discounted preventative care to undocumented immigrants. Federal law required the Legislature to write a law allowing such expenditures, which Texas had not done.

But during his campaign, Cornyn called the 1996 federal law bad policy. He said he had to uphold the law as attorney general, but as a lawmaker he could change it.

"It's only humane and more cost effective to provide preventative care" rather than clogging emergency rooms, Cornyn said last summer.

Cornyn is a co-sponsor of legislation that would reimburse states for emergency health care provided to undocumented immigrants. The legislation would provide $1.45 billion to states.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Saturday, Feb. 22, 2003

New avenues may open up for you in the year ahead that will help you realize a secret hope you've been harboring for a long time. What it pertains to will be more of a pleasurable nature than a material one.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Kindness and compassion are powerful forces that always generate favorable responses. Exercise gentle and considerate behavior with all those you find yourself involved with today.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Be alert today for an opportunity to further your ambitious goals. One could be a chance for a promotion that holds better conditions and financial gains through someone who like you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Make your decisions today with the needs of others in mind. Unselfishness on your part will work out favorably for all concerned.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Today will be a nothing day for you unless you involve yourself in something meaningful and productive. If you make what you do a labor of love, so much the better.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — If lately you've been looking for some romance to enter your life, today might be the day when conditions could change. You may meet someone special.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — A good way to express your creative and artistic urges today is to make some of those pleasant little changes in your abode that you've been contemplating, be it your office or your home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — A friend of yours could be formulating some plans of a social nature that you'll figure prominently in. Chances are you will get the invitation today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — A family member could play an instrumental role today in helping you acquire something you've been eager to possess but couldn't afford. It will be done out of sheer love.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Charm, humor and tact can be some of the most effective tools anyone can use to win people over. Today, you will skillfully use all of them when dealing with friends and associates.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Even though it might not be obvious to you, an angel may be looking out for your interests today. A number of good things could come your way through an indirect route.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Try to spend as much time as possible today with persons you like the most. Having pleasant associations would serve to buoy your spirits and make life happier for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Happenings not of your making will have a way of working out to your ultimate benefit today. This could be especially true where your career or reputation is concerned.

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UT professors debate

AUSTIN (AP) — Two law professors at the University of Texas with outspoken views on affirmative action debated the issue Thursday as part of a celebration of Black History Month.

Lino Graglia argued against affirmative action, saying many school officials agreed with his stance but were too concerned with their reputations to speak out.

"I could name a dozen faculty who also oppose affirmative action, but they won't say so because it makes them losers," he said.

"It will ruin their reputations, but my reputation is so bad already that it doesn't matter. In academia, everyone is trying to prove who is the least racist."

Doug Laycock, an associate dean of the law school, argued in favor of the policy.

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New resolution to be presented to U.N.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bracing for a showdown, the United States and Britain plan to present a new resolution to the U.N. Security Council on Monday in a bid to gain support for using force to disarm Iraq.

The move runs against strong sentiment within the council that force as an option should be set aside for further inspections at least until U.N. inspectors file a new report of their findings.

The two allies evidently are willing to risk diplomatic defeat. President Bush has vowed to disarm Iraqi President Saddam Hussein one way or another.

Finishing touches were being put on the resolution. France, which heads an anti-war bloc, has the power to kill it by veto.

Secretary of State Colin Powell told French and German television Thursday that he did not expect the resolution to set a deadline for Iraq to disarm.

"I wouldn't expect the resolution itself to have a timeline," Powell told German TV N24, "but time is running out."

The text of the proposal "will clearly point out Iraq's failure to comply" with the resolution adopted unanimously by the council last November threatening "serious consequences" if it continued to defy U.N. disarmament resolutions, Powell said.

Iraq has provided no more information on its weapons programs and "it's rather shocking that some members of the Security Council would find this acceptable behavior," Powell told France"s Channel One TF-1.

Britain has favored setting a deadline in the resolution, a U.S. official told The Associated Press today.

The two allies' strategy is to seek the support of nine of the 15 council members, the minimum required for passage of a resolution. However, a veto by France, Russia or China, that would kill it, has not been ruled out, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The chief U.N. weapons inspectors are expected to file a report to the five permanent council members, the United States, Britain, France, Russia and China, at the end of next week and then appear before the council for questioning the following week, the official said.

In the meantime, American and British diplomats continued to work today on a text of the new resolution, and made their first tentative efforts to gain support from other delegations, a senior U.S. official said.

Governor presses no-new-taxes message

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry again hammered in his no-new-taxes message today, telling an economic development group that more state tax burdens won't help create jobs.

Later, answering questions from reporters, Perry emphatically batted down the notion that by saying it's "premature" to discuss raising taxes of any sort that he is softening his position.

"What part of no new taxes do you not understand? That's the message. I mean no new taxes," he said.

Some key Republican legislators have suggested expanding the sales tax as one way to cope with the state's $10 billion budget shortfall. Perry said lawmakers should be concentrating on cutting spending at this point in the legislative session.

There have been "louder voices" lately advocating a state income tax, but keeping the price of government low is the key to building the state's economy, Perry told the Texas Economic Development Council.

"Passing a personal income tax is the smartest thing we have never done in Texas. As long as I have a say, it will never be done in this state," Perry said, to applause from the audience.

This week Democratic Sen. Eliot Shapleigh of El Paso went to a property-rich school district in the Austin area to talk up his idea of a state income tax. A Democratic state representative from Austin also is suggesting an income tax.

The fact that Texas does not have an income tax makes it more attractive than other states for businesses deciding to relocate or open new plants, Perry said.

Complications set in as girl recovers from second transplant

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Jesica Santillan's recovery from a second heart-lung transplant within two weeks ran into a serious complication today when doctors discovered swelling and bleeding in her brain.

Duke University Hospital officials said the situation could be life threatening.

The 17-year-old was wheeled out of her intensive care room about 10:30 a.m. for scans to determine the extent of the swelling and bleeding. As Jesica was moved, her mother stood nearby, sobbing.

A tube was inserted in her skull to help relieve pressure.

Doctors attributed the complication to the amount of time Jesica was connected to machines to keep her condition stable while she awaited the second transplant, said Mack Mahoney, a leader of fund-raising efforts to pay for Jesica's care, at a news conference this morning.

"It is grave. They said you need to be concerned," Mahoney said.

"We've hit a bump in the road," he said. "Hopefully, it won't be a big bump."

Jesica was near death after her body began rejecting the mismatched organs she received in the botched first transplant Feb. 7. She received a second transplant early Thursday at Duke University Hospital.

Jesica was breathing with the help of a ventilator, but her new heart and lungs were performing as expected, officials said Thursday evening.

"That's a tough little girl," Mahoney said. "Don't underestimate her. I mean, she went through a lot and she's still there."

Her mother, Magdalena Santillan, said she spoke to her unconscious daughter, praising her courage and letting her know she has supporters around the world.

"She asks everybody out there to pray for her daughter," said cousin America Santillan, who acted as interpreter for the girl's parents.

Jesica had a heart deformity that kept her lungs from getting oxygen into her blood. Her family moved from a small town near Guadalajara, Mexico, to a relative's home in Louisburg so she could get medical care. She spent three years on a transplant waiting list before her first surgery.

In that operation, Dr. James Jaggers implanted organs from a donor with type A blood, rather than Jesica's O-positive, a mistake Duke officials say wasn't discovered until the surgery was almost over.

Dr. William Fulkerson, the hospital's chief operating officer, said Jaggers wrongly assumed compatibility had been confirmed when he was offered the organs, and later failed to double-check that assumption, a violation of the hospital's procedures.

Columbia probe centers on safe installation of foam insulation

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — The Columbia accident investigation board is focusing swiftly and intently on how foam insulation was applied to NASA's space shuttles — territory with a troubled track record.

One leading theory is the insulation or the heavier material beneath may have damaged Columbia during liftoff, enough to trigger a deadly breach as the spaceship hurtled toward a Florida landing Feb. 1.

The foam insulation is applied at a Lockheed Martin plant in New Orleans. More of the foam is applied about a month before liftoff in several small areas of the tank needing touchup at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

The investigation board has visited both sites and is going back for a second, harder look at the techniques — and safeguards — used.

"That is getting a good bit of attention by more than one of the groups," said NASA's Steve Nesbitt, referring to the board's three working groups. "A couple of the groups are looking at the thermal protection on the tank in this area, and some of them will be going back to see the manufacturing facilities, to talk to the people involved. So it is getting some special attention."

Nesbitt said Thursday the theories that focus on the left side of Columbia — where all the overheating and other problems developed — "will be getting the earliest attention." The board suspects a breach in the left wing led to the shuttle's breakup. 1. All seven astronauts were killed.

Late Thursday, NASA said investigators were descending on Caliente, Nev., near the Utah border, to search for what is believed to be a piece of Columbia debris that was tracked falling to Earth by air traffic control radar.

Officers investigate report of burglary of a residence

• ***Break-in***

Officers submitted an offense report for burglary of a residence at 3 p.m. Thursday after Annette Waller reported a house at 3909 Eastridge had been burglarized and window shades had been taken.

• ***Sexual assault***

A report for sexual assault of a female was filed at 9 p.m. Thursday. The case remains under investigation.

• ***MHMR request deputy***

Representatives of MHMR requested a deputy at 1:42 this morning at Cogdell Memorial Hospital in reference to transporting a 21-year-old male patient to San Angelo for emergency detention.

• ***Gas drive off***

A gas drive off in the amount of $13.50 was reported at Town and Country east on Thursday. The store later received a call from Rotan that a man would be in to pay for the gas.

• ***Lost horse***

Leon Crenshaw reported he had found a paint horse with a white face and one blue eye. He gave deputies directions to where the horse was being penned.

Obituaries

Vernon Moore

1949-2003

SAN ANGELO — Vernon Moore, a former resident of Snyder, died Tuesday, Feb. 18, after a long battle with cancer.

A memorial service for Mr. Moore, 54, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Ferris Akins officiating.

Vernon Moore

Born Jan. 17, 1949 in Roscoe, he was reared in Snyder and married Kay Robertson on Feb. 27, 1988 in San Angelo. Mr. Moore was employed in aviation maintenance.

He was preceded in death by his father, George Moore.

Survivors include his wife, Kay Moore of San Angelo; two daughters, Erica Sage and Shelly Aylor of San Angelo; two sons, Denver Moore of San Angelo and David Aylor of Dallas; a brother, George Moore of San Angelo; a sister, Peg Moore of San Angelo; and his mother Jewell Moore of San Angelo.

Nick Garrison

1935-2003

ABILENE — Nicklas "Nick" Randolph Garrison, father of Vanessa Stewart of Snyder, died Sunday, Feb. 16, in an Abilene hospital.

Service for Mr. Garrison, 67, was held Wednesday in the Baum-Carlock-Bumgardner Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Clayton Pennington officiating. Burial followed in the Oran Cemetery.

Born Nov. 16, 1935 in Oran, he was preceded in death by his parents, William Fred and Myrtle Mae Nance Garrison.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Kimberly Frie.

Mr. Garrison was an offshore pipeline welder based in Mineral Wells until 1988 when he moved to Abilene. He had lived in New Orleans from 1962 to 1974. Mr. Garrison had also broken and trained horses. He was a member of the Hamby Baptist Church in Abilene.

Survivors include two other daughters, Diana Mitchell of Hamby and Beverly Farmer of Abilene; one son, David Randolph Garrison of Abilene; a sister, Elsie Jean Markmann of Tucson, Ariz.; and seven grandchildren.

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Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Sat 2/22	Sun 2/23	Mon 2/24
64/38	**58/27**	**38/24**
A few clouds from time to time. High 64F. Winds WSW at 10 to 15 mph.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the upper 20s.	Freezing drizzle likely. Highs in the upper 30s and lows in the mid 20s.
Sunrise 7:20 AM / Sunset 6:35 PM	Sunrise 7:19 AM / Sunset 6:36 PM	Sunrise 7:17 AM / Sunset 6:37 PM

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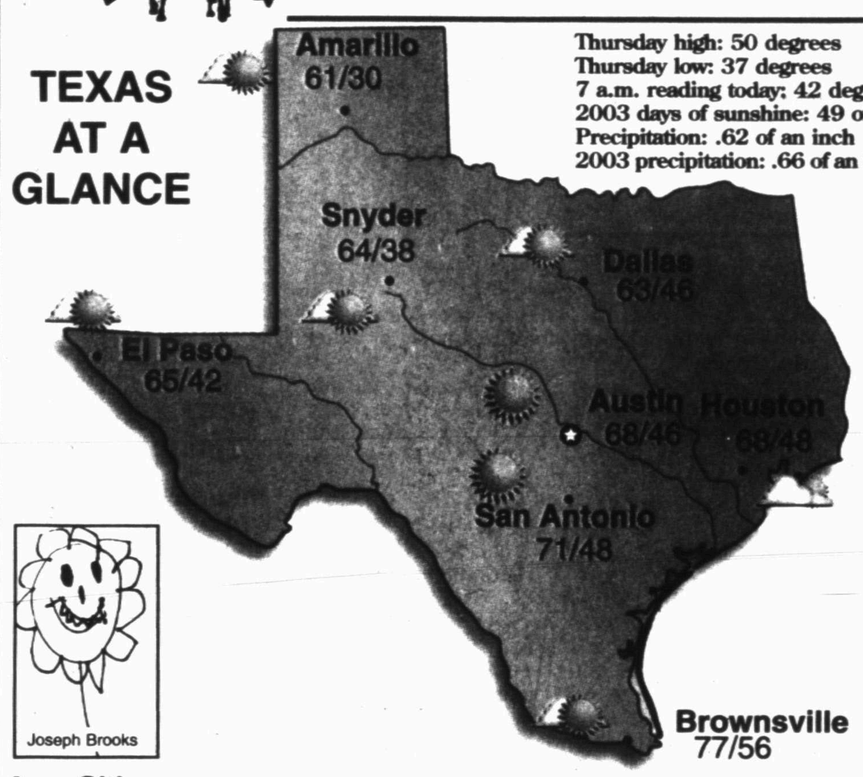

Thursday high: 50 degrees
Thursday low: 37 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 42 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 49 of 51
Precipitation: .62 of an inch
2003 precipitation: .66 of an inch

Joseph Brooks

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	64	45	sunny	El Paso	65	42	mst sunny	Midland	66	42	mst sunny
Amarillo	61	30	mst sunny	Fort Stockton	68	43	mst sunny	Raymondville	75	51	sunny
Austin	68	46	sunny	Gainesville	59	41	mst sunny	Rosenberg	69	48	pt sunny
Beaumont	67	46	pt sunny	Greenville	59	42	mst sunny	San Antonio	71	48	sunny
Brownsville	77	56	mst sunny	Houston	68	48	pt sunny	San Marcos	69	47	sunny
Brownwood	67	45	sunny	Kingsville	75	50	sunny	Sulphur Springs	60	43	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	72	52	sunny	Livingston	65	43	mst sunny	Sweetwater	65	42	mst sunny
Corsicana	62	47	mst sunny	Longview	62	43	pt sunny	Tyler	62	48	pt sunny
Dallas	63	46	mst sunny	Lubbock	66	35	sunny	Weatherford	61	41	sunny
Del Rio	73	51	sunny	Lufkin	65	46	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	61	44	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	63	35	t-storm	Houston	68	48	pt sunny	Phoenix	73	49	mst sunny
Boston	36	34	frz rain	Los Angeles	72	51	pt sunny	San Francisco	62	45	pt sunny
Chicago	35	21	snow	Miami	83	69	pt sunny	Seattle	50	32	pt sunny
Dallas	63	46	mst sunny	Minneapolis	17	2	sn shower	St. Louis	41	28	rain
Denver	46	11	mixed	New York	39	38	rain	Washington, DC	47	41	rain

Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
Feb 16	Feb 23	Mar 3	Mar 11

UV Index

Sat 2/22	Sun 2/23	Mon 2/24
Moderate	Moderate	Low

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

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