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Park plans moving ahead, but slowly

By Annie Rowe
SDN Staff Writer

The renovation of Towle Memorial Park may or may not be on schedule, depending upon who you ask.

If you ask the division of Texas Parks and Wildlife, the process is moving as planned. If you ask parks and recreation director Scott Crenwelge, it's like watching the Towle Park grass grow.

"I'm excited and I'm ready to get this all underway," said Crenwelge. "As a matter of fact, I was ready yesterday."

But as with most governmental agendas, the project is moving slower than anyone would like.

The park's schematic proposed design is currently being outlined by the firm of KDC Turner and Associates. Crenwelge hopes to have their initial illustrations in hand by Feb. 9. However, that will just be the start of the process.

"That's been a big holdup. We've been trying to complete the initial survey and it's a slow process," he said.

After the drawings are completed, they will be reviewed and then re-submitted to KDC Turner to complete the changes. Once the changes have been completed, the plans will then be submitted to Texas Parks and Wildlife for their approval and that's where the time factor could become a real speed bump for the project. The process of reviewing and approving the park plans could take Texas Parks and Wildlife at least two months.

New Snyder resident Anna Fonville and son Benjamin enjoy the swings at Towle Park.

"Taking care of all the paperwork is the slowest part. I wish there were a way for everything to move faster, but there just isn't at this point," he added.

Two additional surveys are scheduled. An archeological survey is scheduled to begin next week. The American Archeological Group will be in the park to study any historic archeological sites. After that a biological survey of wildlife, vegetation and grasses will be required.

"These surveys have to be done to satisfy the grant. We just have to get them done and then move right along."

Improvements to the park are not at a complete standstill, however. Crenwelge is working closely with Vicki Shroyer, executive director of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce, planning a number of enhancements.

"We're doing some remodeling that should be in place in time for the Fourth of July celebration. I'm happy to say that we have a wonderful relationship with the chamber and Vicki has been a great help."

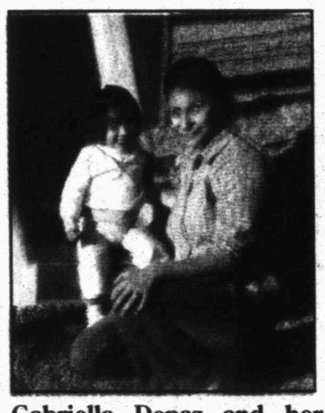
Crenwelge and his crew have turned their attention to remodeling the main restrooms at the park rather than build new ones.

"We decided that it would be more cost-effective to remodel the facility that we have and make it as nice as we possibly can," he said.

Parks and recreation crews also have been installing new lights for the Little League baseball field.

Crenwelge also said that this year's lighted Christmas parade is again planned to be held in the park. Additionally there are plans to go a step further by hosting a Christmas festival that would be a one or two day event.

Crenwelge isn't twiddling his thumbs waiting for the approval process to be completed. He is currently completing the necessary applications for another grant through the Tony Hawk Foundation for the future skatepark. The foundation furnishes grants between $5,000 and $25,000 to build skateparks nationwide for skateboarding enthusiasts.



Gabriella Depaz and her mother, Norma Depaz, take a break at Kiddie Park.

"This project is very important to a lot of people and I really hope that everyone will stay excited about it. Once we're past all of the red tape, people will really begin to see changes. Next year the park will have a whole different look."

"Next year, the park will have a whole different look" — Scott Crenwelge

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Sometimes all you have to do to make someone happy is to leave 'em alone."

Miller Robinson, retired Baptist minister, was in the office recently and related a story about "idle words" and how youngsters can pick up on them.

For years, for unexplained reasons, the preacher has used a pat saying when wife Sandra asked where he was headed. "I'm going to see a man about a dog," has long been his standard reply.

A few weeks ago, grandson John Miller went with his Stanfield class to the cafeteria. Miller said all the kids are supposed to stay in the lunchroom until the entire class is finished and ready to return to class.

John Miller had a different idea, however, bolting down the hallway only to be apprehended by the principal who asked his destination."I'm going to see a man about a dog," replied the youngster.

It's been impressive to see the clarity of the photos sent back to Earth from the Red Planet.

Maybe the Mars connection has resulted in the sharper cable reception from Lubbock.

Whatever the reason, we acknowledge and appreciate it.

What to look forward to in 2004:

The U.S. Census Bureau says the country's population reached 292,287,454, up 2.8 million from a year ago. That's an increase of one percent.

During this year the Census Bureau projects that the U.S. will record:

—One birth every eight seconds.

—One death every 13 seconds.

—One new immigrant every 25 seconds.

—A net increase of one person every 13 seconds.

Maybe Pat's Caller ID is on the blink…

TV evangelist Pat Robertson has predicted that George W. Bush will be re-elected president "in a blowout" regardless of what decisions Bush makes or what might happen between now and November.

We like Bush, too, but doubt that the incumbent has already racked up the endorsement from the Almighty.

"Perhaps the TV preacher got a message from Tom DeLay and just thought it was from God."

Snyder cleanup update:

Chamber manager Vicki Shroyer got a call from Chris Maxfield, owner of Snyder Iron and Metal, offering his company's assistance.

Maxfield says he has containers of varying sizes which he will place for scrap metals to be deposited. This can be steel, aluminum, brass, etc. His company will then pick up the containers and pay the clean-up task force for the metal it buys.

Vicki says such metal could include appliances such as refrigerators, cars, etc. — anything made of metal.

Also, one local resident confined to a nursing home has granted permission for someone to go on her property and remove a dead tree.

Anybody in the wood selling business who is interested, call the chamber.

Channel 11 finally viewable in Snyder

The much-maligned picture quality of some Cox Communication cable channels has improved lately through some new technology.

"This has been a very frustrating process for us," said Vickie Bennett of Cox's regional office in Lubbock.

Channel 11 on the cable lineup has caused Snyder viewers grief for many months but it is now sharp.

Bennett said Channel 11's installation of a new antenna just happened to coincide with the cable system upgrade here.

"What happened is that Channel 11's new signal was just not as strong as it was," said Bennett. "And we have no control over signals that come through the air."

With that in mind, the company tried several ways to improve the reception here.

"We were looking for miracles," said Bennett.

The company then installed new equipment with state-of-the-art technology just to see if it would work to bring in Channel 11 with a viewable picture.

"The signal now comes in through fiber optics," said Bennett.

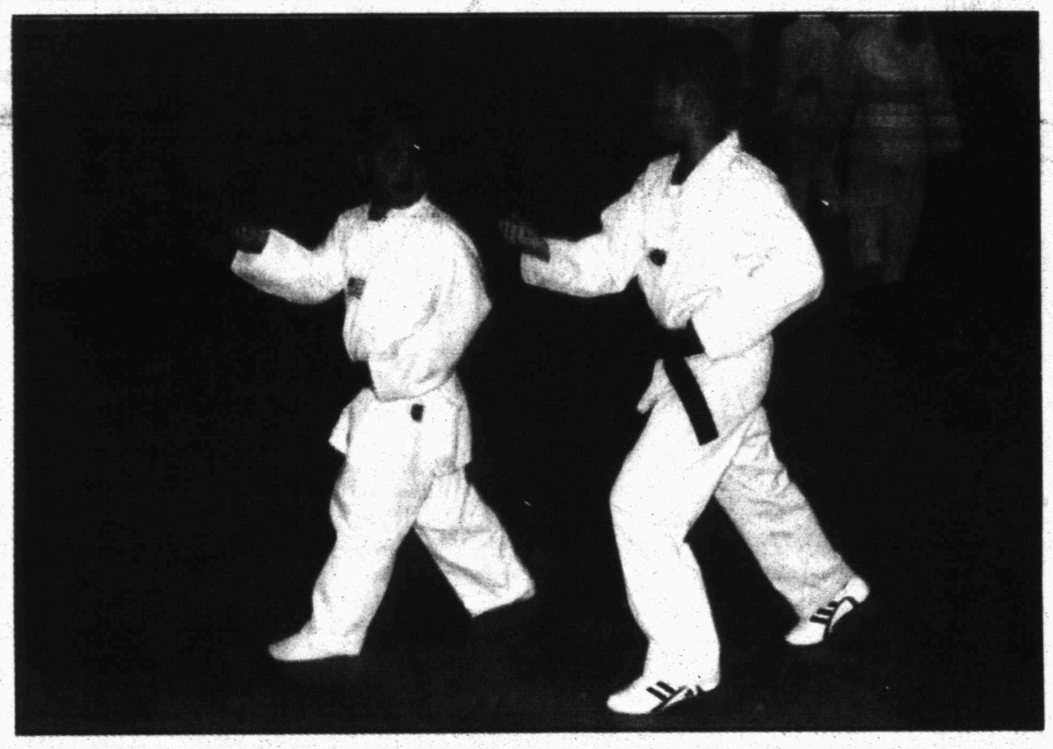
"We're using new, high cost equipment and new technology to bring that channel to Snyder," said Bennett.

Bennett said she realized some other channels are having problems, but added they could not be put on the same band as Channel 11 due to other services the bandwidth is used for.

"It's a major cost factor and capacity factor," said Bennett.

"At this time, we're not committed to putting other channels on the network like Channel 11," said Bennett.

"We're continuing to evaluate the situation down there, as well as our financial commitment," concluded Bennett.



TWO OF A TAEKWONDO — Robyn Peek of Lubbock receives some pointers from brother Patrick before competition began at the West Texas TaeKwonDo Tournament at Scurry County Coliseum on Saturday. The annual event attracts many visitors to the community from Texas and adjoining states. (SDN Staff Photo by Annie Rowe)

Welcome to 'Cliffhanger Weekend'

The College Channel, WTC 22, began a new programming venture this weekend with the addition of a program entitled "Cliffhanger Weekend."

The weekly feature will highlight the popular serial cliffhangers of the 1930s, 40s and 50s. A new "chapter" will be shown each weekend during the regular spring and fall semester.

The first serial to be broadcast is "Flash Gordon Conquers the Universe,"starring Buster Crabbe, originally released in 1940.

"Cliffhanger Weekend" will be added as a segment to the college's weekly broadcast, "Week in Review," which is shown at the top of the hour beginning each Friday afternoon and continuing through Monday morning.

This program may be seen on the College Channel, WTC 22, available to all local cable subscribers on Channel 22.

"Week in Review" is produced by the WTC Mass Communications Department and features the production and on-air work of students enrolled in the department's classes.

On-air personalities include Stormy Clark and 'Moose' Amato. Tabitha Rodriguez is featured with sports and Kristen York will introduce the new "Cliffhanger Weekend" segment.

Other members of the crew are Shannon Jones, Tiffany Martin, Trey Roberson and Nathan Shrode. Faculty adviser for the program is Donny Brown.

This spring, "Cliffhanger Weekend" will feature all 12 chapters of the Flash Gordon adventure. The serial is based on the comic strip of the same name, which premiered on Jan. 4, 1934 as a Sunday color comic. It was created by artist Alex Raymond.

There were three Flash Gordon serials in all, the first debuting in 1936 and released by Universal Pictures. Crabbe starred as Flash in all three serials.

The first chapter broadcast this weekend is entitled "The Purple Death." Its running time is approximately 15 minutes.

The weekend segment of 'Week in Review' features also footage from Tuesday's WTC Westerner victory over the University of Texas Permian Basin baseball team. Events occurring on campus this coming week are profiled as well.

TxDOT sets Tuesday meet

The Texas Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting Tuesday at the Scurry County Courthouse to discuss the Trans — Texas Corridor. The purpose is to give the public an opportunity to submit comments on potential routes.

The corridor is a new type of transportation network that includes roads, rail and a utility zone designed to move people and goods faster and safer.

Registration will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the meeting starting at 6 p.m.

ASK US

Q—Is there a reward offered for information on the vandalism incident back in August at the Snyder Country Club?

A—At this time, there is no reward being offered.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Monica Rose...

Monica Rose is from Lubbock and is a second year Theatre Arts major at Western Texas College. Monica's parents are Dawn Rose and William H. Rose of Lubbock. She has two sisters: Heather, 22 and Hannah, 2. Her favorite hobbies are theatre, singing, reading and movies.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Time is a circus, always packing up and moving away.
—Ben Hecht

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

New Saturday landfill hours

Starting Saturday hours of operation for the Snyder landfill will be from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Eagle Scout project

Share a books with Stanfield Elementary by dropping off any new or used book at First United Methodist Church, Texas Savings Bank, Colonial Hill Baptist Church or Pizza Inn. Students will earn books through projects at Stanfield and to take the books home.

Noah's Ark Church evangelist

Noah's Ark Church, 18th St. and Ave. R, will have Lee Gomez of Brownfield as guest evangelist at 5 p.m. Sunday.

Crystal River

Crystal River will be at Trinity United Methodist Church at 6 p.m. Sunday. At 10:45 a.m. Sunday, they will perform at The First Baptist Church in Loraine.

Retired teachers

Scurry County retired teachers will meet at noon Monday at The Shack. Janie Romine, county librarian, will speak.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "The Ark of the Covenant," followed by "Living in the Dimension of Faith."

AA meeting

An AA meeting is held at noon every Tuesday at the Witherspoon house next door to the First Presbyterian Church. The meeting is non-smoking and closed. For more information, call 574-2656.

Relay For Life Team Rally

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life Team Rally will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Stanfield's cafeteria. Important information will be distributed.

Ira School picture proofs

The Ira School casual/friendship picture proofs, with or without orders, need to be turned in no later than Tuesday. Envelopes to order a class group picture area also due by Tuesday.

What's up guidelines

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

Republicans wary of Bush's slump

WASHINGTON (AP) — His support slumping in the polls, President Bush is campaigning more vigorously for re-election at the same time Republicans unleash their surrogates to take the shine off Democratic front-runner John Kerry.

"The polls are where we expected them to be," Republican Party chairman Ed Gillespie said Friday in an interview, one of several GOP officials to attribute Bush's slippage to months of attacks by Democrats.

"Our political season hasn't really begun yet."

While other GOP officials privately acknowledged concern about Bush's political standing, several sources said Republicans intend to begin airing television commercials soon after Democrats settle on a nominee — whether that occurs as early as the Feb. 17 Wisconsin primary or later.

Eventually, Republicans hope to depict Kerry as a liberal whose rhetoric is often at odds with his record, according to several party strategists.

Terry Holt, a spokesman for the president's re-election committee, declined to discuss plans for advertising. At the same time, he said, "There won't be such a free ride" for the president's Democratic challenger in the fall campaign.

For his part, Bush has taken to shadowing Democrats, and officials say he'll soon embark on a heavier round of travel.

He flew to New Hampshire two days after the state's presidential primary, hoping to erase any damage inflicted by weeks of Democratic campaigning. A few days after the South Carolina primary, he flew to Charleston in an appearance designed to regain the political spotlight in that state as well.

On Sunday, Bush is booked for an hour-long interview on NBC's "Meet the Press," the first for a chief executive who has set a modern record for fewest full-scale news conferences. Next week, he also goes to Florida for the Daytona 500 — a high-profile event in a sport that has expanded its appeal in recent years beyond Southern white conservatives to a more diverse audience.

First Lady Laura Bush is also raising her profile, and told CNN in an interview this week that the couple's 22-year-old daughters, Jenna and Barbara, are contemplating a role in what may be their father's last campaign.

The increased activity comes at a time when a spate of polls show the president's support is slipping, and some surveys put Kerry in the lead.

The decline is particularly noticeable in The Associated Press poll conducted by Ipsos-Public Affairs earlier this week. Bush's approval rating stood at 47 percent in the survey, with 50 percent of those polled saying they disapprove of his performance in office.

A month earlier, Bush's approval stood at 56 percent, with disapproval at 42 percent.

In the poll completed this week, 37 percent of those surveyed said they would definitely vote to re-elect Bush, while 43 percent said they would definitely vote for someone else. Another 18 percent said they would consider voting for someone else.

Bush's campaign aides attribute the decline to months of ceaseless Democratic criticism of the president, largely left without a counter.

"For several weeks, John Kerry and the other candidates have had center stage and have issued a lot of angry attacks against the president," Holt said. "As the race narrows to a two-man contest we expect that it will be very tight, very competitive all the way down to the end."

"We've been prepared for that from the very beginning," he said, noting, for example, that the re-election committee began the year with $99 million in the bank.

Several officials also concede that Bush has been buffeted by other factors, as well.

While economic growth has picked up dramatically in recent months, job creation has been slow. That is particularly true in the Midwest, where the AP-Ipsos poll shows Bush's approval is 39 percent, weaker than in any other regions.

While Bush's campaign conducts statewide polls rather than regional surveys, several Republicans familiar with the findings said the president faces difficulties in states such as Michigan and Ohio.

While Bush got a modest gain in certain polls following Saddam Hussein's capture, that has worn off, and recent reports suggesting that no weapons of mass destruction may ever be found in Iraq have not been helpful, in the view of some Republicans.

As well, some conservatives in Congress have been openly critical of Bush's new budget, calling for additional steps to rein in large, recurring deficits. Others criticized Bush's new immigration proposal, calling it amnesty.

Collins recognized

BROWNWOOD — Snyder native Todd Collins, a student at Howard Payne University, was named to the president's list for the 2003 fall semester.

Students must earn a 4.0 grade point average to be eligible for this recognition.

Today's chuckle

Casino to unveil largest wedding cake

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — You can have your cake and eat it too.

That's what pastry chefs at the Mohegan Sun casino are out to prove.

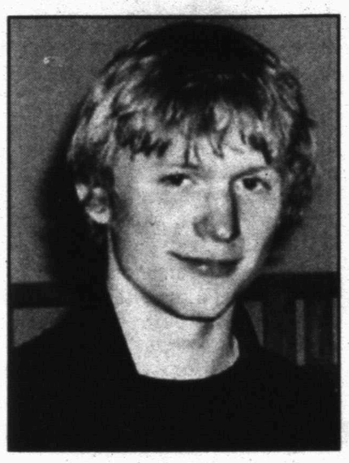
They are building what they hope will be the world's largest wedding cake. The seven-tier cake weighs more than 14,000 pounds and measures about 17-feet tall, and is making its debut at the American Indian casino in Uncasville on Sunday.

"It just keeps going up," executive pastry chef Lynn Mansel said. "I still can't believe we did it."

Mansel is hoping to top the Guinness Book world record set by a 5,334 pound cake baked in June 2003 at Universal Studios in Orlando, Fla.

Mansel and his crew began assembling the massive white cake last Sunday. The top ingredients include 10,000 pounds of cake batter and 4,810 pounds of frosting, he said. The cake rests on a gigantic scale for measuring purposes, and each tier is separated by steel discs.

"I had to think a lot," Mansel said of the design. "I had to think of all the wedding cakes I've already done and then multiply that by 100."



Sterling Millhollon

Millhollon attends NYLC conference

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Sterling Millhollon, a Snyder High School senior, participated in the National Young Leaders Conference (NYLC), which began Tuesday and was to conclude Sunday.

He is the son of Jerry and Martha Millhollon.

The theme of NYLC is The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today. Throughout six days, Millhollon interacted with a variety of personnel who operate within the three branches of government, the news media and the international community.

To complement the schedule of special meetings and briefings, Millhollon participated in a number of leadership skill-building activities and simulations.

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Friday's Lottery Numbers
Mega Millions

ATLANTA (AP) — The jackpot in the multi-state Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to $121 million Saturday.

None of the tickets sold for Friday's $102 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Tuesday.

There were 18 second-prize winners from Friday night's drawing, matching all five lotto numbers but not the Mega Ball number to win $175,000 each. Seventy-one players matched four of the five lotto numbers, plus the Mega Ball number. Those tickets are each worth $5,000.

The winning numbers from Friday's drawing were: 1, 6, 16, 30, and 49. The Mega Ball number was 13.

Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 3-4-7-30. Bonus Ball: 2.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1. Prize: $400,000.

Number matching four of four: 8. Prize: $1,639.

Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 32. Prize: $50.

Number matching three of four: 1,192. Prize: $18.

Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 693. Prize: $21.

Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 4,336. Prize: $7.

Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 7,351. Prize: $5.

Estimated jackpot for Tuesday night drawing: $200,000.

Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 2-8-11-16-21.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Matching four of five: 224. Prize: $294.

Matching three of five: 5,586. Prize: $8.

Matching two of five: 51,506. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

Pick 3
(Day) 8-8-5
(Night) 5-1-6

Mother indicted in drowning

NEW BRAUNFELS (AP) — A Canyon Lake woman has been indicted on a charge of criminally negligent homicide in the drowning death of her 6-month-old son in December 2002.

Alisa Carr, 38, refused to testify to the Comal County grand jury, Assistant District Attorney Joe Soane said the San Antonio Express-News.

Carr's husband, Timothy Blevins, 34, told the grand jury he had fallen asleep in the bathtub of the couple's home after taking Tylenol PM, Soane said.

According to investigators, while Blevins was sleeping, Carr placed their son Colson Jack Blevins into the tub with him. While his father slept, the baby drowned.

Timothy Blevins woke up shortly before 1 a.m. on Dec. 31, 2002, to find the body of his dead son in the tub with him, according to grand jury testimony. It was unclear what time the child had been placed in the tub.

Soane said the grand jury struggled with whether the mother had suffered enough or deserved charges that could carry up to two years in jail.

"I guess this is what they felt was the right thing to do," he said. "If they wanted Timothy Blevins indicted, that would have been fine with me. If they had indicted neither, that would have been fine with me.

"It just comes down to how 12 citizens will gauge the behavior."

No indictments against inmates

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — A grand jury returned no indictments against 49 prison inmates accused of raping and selling a former prisoner as an unwilling sex slave.

A 70-page investigative report presented this week persuaded jurors that Roderick Johnson's allegations of prison gang rapes and beatings were unfounded, said Tanya Perry, the Office of the Inspector General investigator who handled the case.

"We looked at everything," Perry said in the Wichita Falls Times Record News. "We left no stone unturned and there was nothing to support that this allegation occurred."

Johnson, a gay Navy veteran, went to prison for burglary and was paroled. He returned after bouncing a $200 check.

The American Civil Liberties Union, which filed a lawsuit on Johnson's behalf, disputed the investigation's findings, alleging that the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and guards at the Allred Unit, just northwest of Wichita Falls, did nothing to stop rapes of Johnson. The civil case is pending in federal court.

"From what I already know, there's something very, very fishy going on here with this so-called investigation and with taking this thing to a grand jury, essentially to have this no-billed," said Margaret Winter, associate director of the ACLU's Washington-based National Prison Project.

Winter said she talked to Johnson on Friday and he was depressed by the grand jury decision.

"He didn't even know that this was happening," she said. "He was very stunned that they would do this."

The ACLU lawsuit alleges that Johnson was abused over an 18-month period before he was moved in April 2002 to the Michael Unit of the prison system in East Texas.

The suit described Johnson, who is in his mid-30s, as a "homosexual with no history of violence and very little prison experience." It also said officials at the Allred Unit "failed to take reasonable measures to prevent him from being victimized" by numerous prison gangs.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Mike Viesca said the grand jury's decision reinforces the agency's belief that Johnson's claims have no merit.

"We do appreciate the hard work of our Office of Inspector General and the Special Prosecution Unit in bringing this case and others to grand juries across the state."

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NASA says Mars spirit rover healed following repairs

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — NASA on Friday pronounced its Spirit rover cured of the computer ills that crippled the vehicle for two weeks and had threatened its mission to search for geologic evidence that Mars was once a wetter planet.

"I think I can say this morning with as much certainty as we can say anything here that our patient is healed," mission manager Jennifer Trosper said.

The rover, which abruptly stopped sending scientific data to Earth last month, underwent delicate repairs as programmers deleted files and cleaned out its flash memory. It was able to resume scientific work Thursday.

The six-wheeled vehicle "did exactly what we wanted it to do, and it performed perfectly, and it's in great health right now," Trosper said.

The problem caused computer files to accumulate, consuming the spacecraft's memory, "and eventually we ran out," said Glenn Reeves, who designed the probe's software.

Spirit and its twin, Opportunity, on the other side of Mars, are now being monitored to prevent accumulation of files in their flash memories, similar to the memory used by digital cameras to store pictures.

NASA quickly put Spirit back to work, commanding it to lightly dust off the surface of a volcanic rock and photograph the freshly exposed surface with its microscopic imager.

The five-minute task swept off a surprising amount of dust to reveal a circular patch of dark, unblemished basalt, said scientist Stephen Gorevan, of Honeybee Robotics, which built the roughly $4 million pair of drills used for the task.

NASA planned for Spirit to drill into the rock before embarking on an 800-foot drive toward a crater. The trip should begin Saturday at the earliest, and could take a month to complete.

Meanwhile, Opportunity on Friday drove about five feet closer to a rocky outcrop that scientists want to study in detail. The rover ended up about 18 inches short of its target, a gap engineers blamed on wheel slippage in the dry martian sand.

NASA planned for Opportunity to scoot up to the outcrop Saturday and then begin studying fine-scaled layering in the bedrock. Scientists believe the layers could have been laid down in water.

Opportunity probably will spend several more weeks inside the 72-foot diameter crater in which it landed, studying the outcrop and then turning to the rusty soil beneath its six wheels. Portions of the soil appear rich in hematite, an iron-bearing mineral that typically forms in liquid water.

On Friday, NASA showed several black-and-white pictures taken by Opportunity as it scuttled across the crater. The photographs recorded the rover's progress as it moved away from its lander and toward the outcrop.

State studies health insurance reform

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Department of Insurance said Friday that health care insurance reform appears to be lowering rates for plans intended to make health coverage affordable for more Texans.

Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor said "consumer choice plans" filed with the department have shown premium decreases of up to 38 percent. He said he was encouraged by reports that uninsured customers were buying the plans.

"They do provide an impressive amount of discount," he said. "I think it's already working."

Montemayor took public comment Friday from insurance officials and consumer advocates on the department's development of rules to implement a new law passed last year. The department hopes to have the new rules finalized within a month.

Texas leads the country with 25 percent of its population lacking health insurance, according to Census Bureau statistics released last fall.

The new law is designed to allow insurance companies and HMOs to offer lower-priced plans that exclude benefits previously required by the state. Such "consumer choice plans" are primarily intended for individuals and small employers.

Representatives of some HMO insurance companies said the new rules do not go far enough to roll back services required by the state.

"Essentially, the more we require of the benefits package and of the services that health insurers provide, the more money they will cost, the higher the premiums will be, and the less people and employers will be able to afford them," said Chris Buley, of Community First Health Plans in San Antonio.

Consumer advocates said the state needs to make sure HMOs continue to be required to cover services related to certain major illnesses.

Dr. Robert Morrow, a member of Texas Medical Association, said basic HMO health care services should include services and treatments for diabetes, HIV and AIDS, and some adult immunizations.

Customers of the scaled-back plans are assured some basic benefits, including some cancer screenings and childhood immunizations.

Representatives of Chicago-based Unicare Life & Health Insurance Co. said this week they have begun offering a consumer choice plan for individuals in Texas.

The plan is 16 percent cheaper than previous options.

Ex-AIM member convicted of 1975 killing

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A federal jury Friday convicted a former American Indian Movement member of murdering a woman who had been suspected of being a government informant.

Arlo Looking Cloud, 50, faces a mandatory life sentence for the 1975 shooting death of Anna Mae Pictou Aquash, a 30-year-old fellow member of the Indian militant group. Her frozen body was found in 1976 on South Dakota's Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Jurors deliberated for about seven hours before convicting Looking Cloud of first-degree murder committed in the perpetration of a kidnapping. He had been indicted in March with another former AIM member, John Graham.

Looking Cloud's attorney, Tim Rensch, said he will appeal.

Authorities said they only recently found enough evidence to prosecute the case. A break came when the former common-law wife of former AIM leader Dennis Banks came forward.

Graham is free on bail in Canada and plans to fight extradition.

The slaying came amid a series of bloody clashes in the mid-1970s between federal agents and AIM, which agitated for treaty rights and self-determination for Indians. Aquash, a member of Mi'kmaq Tribe of Canada, was among the Indian militants who occupied the village of Wounded Knee for 71 days in 1973.

Prosecutors said Aquash's hands were tied and she begged for her life as she was led to the edge of a cliff in South Dakota, where she was shot in the back of the head.

Looking Cloud admitted he helped drive Aquash from Denver to Rapid City and eventually to the place where he says Graham shot her, but he insisted he did not know she was going to be killed.

Rensch said in closing arguments Friday that prosecutors had not proven Looking Cloud knowingly took part in the killing.

"They have to prove beyond any reasonable doubt that in his mind he wanted Miss Pictou Aquash to die," Rensch said. "Tagging along isn't enough."

U.S. Attorney Jim McMahon told jurors Looking Cloud had been a willing participant in Aquash's killing.

"She gets to the edge of the cliff and asks to pray and she's shot in the back of the head," McMahon said. "You don't have to go any further in this case than that there. Because to haul somebody that distance to the edge of the cliff is premeditated, cold-blooded murder.

"There weren't any surprises. She begged all the way up," McMahon said.

Rensch criticized prosecutors for testimony about the violence of the American Indian Movement that he said had nothing to do with the case.

Relay For Life Team rally is set on Tuesday

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life 2004 is just around the corner. Gabby Pace encourages everyone to register your team now.

The Relay For Life Team Rally will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, at the Stanfield cafeteria.

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FDA finalizes ephedra ban; sales stop in April

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sales of ephedra must stop by early April, the Food and Drug Administration said Friday in finalizing its ban of the herbal stimulant.

In the meantime, "do not take these products. They are simply too risky," warned FDA Commissioner Mark McClellan.

Ephedra has been linked to 155 deaths and dozens of heart attacks and strokes.

The FDA first announced in December that the ban was coming, but on Friday issued a regulation formally setting it in motion. The law requires a phase-in period, and the FDA says sale of ephedra will become illegal on April 12.

It is the government's first-ever ban of a dietary supplement.

Ephedra once was hugely popular for weight loss and body building. But it can cause life-threatening side effects even in seemingly healthy people who take the recommended doses, because it speeds heart rate and constricts blood vessels. It is particularly risky for anyone with heart disease or high blood pressure or people engaging in strenuous exercise.

Critics say the ban was too long in coming. Sales already have plummeted because of publicity about the risks, which peaked after the ephedra-related death of Baltimore Orioles pitcher Steve Bechler a year ago. Three states — New York, Illinois and California — have passed their own bans.

The FDA says it couldn't have acted faster because, unlike with pharmaceuticals, federal law allows dietary supplements to sell without first providing proof of safety. That law requires the FDA to prove a clear danger to public health to curb sales. Manufacturers blocked a 1997 FDA attempt to restrict sales of certain dosages and put warning on the herb by arguing the agency lacked enough proof that it harmed.

The delay marks a "shameful track record" that "points to the need for fundamental reform," said Bruce Silverglade of the Center for Science in the Public Interest, a consumer advocacy group. He called on Congress to change the law so the FDA could more easily protect consumers.

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Brutality charges dropped

LOS ANGELES (AP) — After two trials that ended in hung juries, prosecutors dropped brutality charges Friday against a former police officer who was videotaped slamming a handcuffed teenager onto a patrol car.

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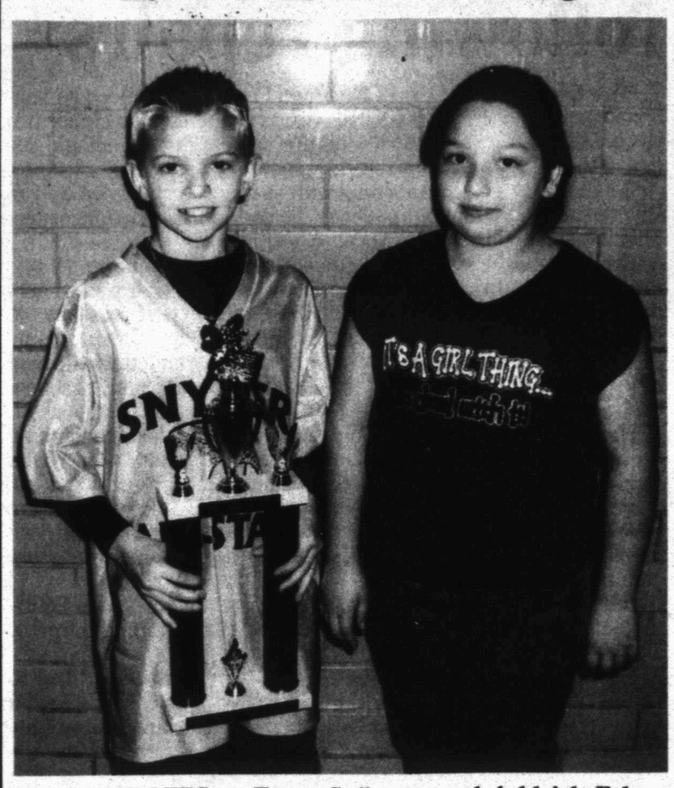
Best spellers at East Elementary



BEST SPELLERS — Tyson Sullenger and Ashleigh Falcon were the top spellers in East Elementary's spelling bee held Friday morning. Tyson, the son of Greg and Brenda Sullenger, won first place. Ashleigh is the runner-up. She is the daughter of Teresa and Terry Falcon. Both students advance to the Snyder ISD spelling bee Tuesday at Western Texas College. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Dedication of pavilion under construction to mark birthday

SIMI VALLEY, Calif. (AP) — Ronald Reagan turned 93 in seclusion Friday in his Los Angeles home while schoolchildren serenaded his wife, Nancy, at his presidential library and she dedicated the cornerstone for a new pavilion to house the former Air Force One.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger proclaimed it Ronald Reagan Day in California and there were celebrations in Illinois, where he was born and went to college.

"Ronald Reagan's vision of 'peace through strength' impelled the decisive end to the Cold War, and his commitment to our armed forces contributed to the restoration of patriotism and pride in America," Schwarzenegger's proclamation read.

Bathed in sun at the hilltop Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, 126 youngsters sang "Happy Birthday" to Mrs. Reagan. The construction crew building the pavilion presented her a birthday gift for the Gipper — a metal lunch pail.

She laughed when she found out it was filled with jelly beans, but did not speak at the brief gathering.

The former Air Force One, already on site with its wings clipped and stored alongside the gleaming fuselage, will be displayed when the pavilion opens in spring 2005. The jet was used as Air Force One by Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Reagan, Bill Clinton and both Bushes before it was retired from service in 2001, according to Boeing Co.

While the ceremony was taking place, Reagan, who has lived longer than any other U.S. president, was at home 50 miles away. He's remained in seclusion since disclosing nearly a decade ago that he has the memory-sapping Alzheimer's disease.

Since then, little information has been released about him. Asked Friday how her husband was doing, Mrs. Reagan simply nodded and said "fine." She has said she's not sure her husband even recognizes her.

"It's been difficult for Mrs. Reagan," said close friend Merv Griffin. "She's amazing. That's probably the loneliest life of all."

Michael Reagan told CBS' "The Early Show" that he saw his father the other day.

"I have to be honest with you, he had great color. ... You can't communicate with him, but he has a strong heart and strong lungs. All you can do is just hug him, and give him a kiss and say a prayer and hope for the best," he said.

Reagan was born Feb. 6, 1911, in Tampico, Ill.

At Reagan's birthplace, a second-floor apartment, about a dozen sheet and layer cakes were prepared for visitors. In Dixon, Ill., where the family moved when Reagan was in fifth grade, tours of Reagan's boyhood home were scheduled for about 100 fifth-graders.

In Eureka, Ill., Eureka College paid tribute to its most famous graduate Friday by reopening a campus museum that has been closed because of an arson fire. The museum houses about 3,000 items donated by Reagan, a 1932 graduate.

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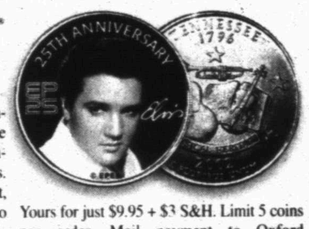

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National Guard soldiers training to become MPs

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. (AP) — Spc. Jason Vazquez is a National Guard artillery soldier, but he hopes someday to become a Chicago police officer.

Now, with deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan depleting the Army's force of military policemen, Vazquez is getting the kind of on-the-job training that will speed his way toward that goal.

Vazquez, 19, is among some 2,230 Guard soldiers being retrained at Fort Leonard Wood in central Missouri as temporary military police to replenish an Army force stretched to its limits by the war on terrorism.

"I'm very excited about the experience we're going to get," Vazquez said. "I have an uncle who is a Chicago police officer. I'd like to do the same one day."

The National Guard Bureau announced plans last fall to convert 18 Army Guard companies that were least likely to be deployed into much-needed MPs. Each company has about 124 soldiers.

They are to provide security at installations in the United States and Germany, while the Army's active and reserve police corps are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"This shows that the Guard is relevant, viable and adaptable to a changing environment," said Col. Frank Grass, chief operations officer for the Army National Guard. "It fits right in with what we've always done as a National Guard."

The new MPs are being created from 14 field artillery units, three combat support units and one transportation unit. The citizen-soldiers are from Arizona, Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico, Tennessee, Texas and West Virginia.

All will undergo a four-week course at Fort Leonard Wood, home of the U.S. Army Military Police School.

Army Reservists from Nashville, Tenn., are teaching them how to investigate a rape, bust a drug ring, recover evidence and work with local law enforcement.

Staff Sgt. Will Ross, who serves with the 2nd Battalion, 115th Field Artillery in Bolivar, Tenn., acknowledged being surprised when told of his new mission. Now he is adding law enforcement to his list of civilian career possibilities.

"A lot of the stuff we're learning is new to us, but we're all really motivated," he said.

The Army has gone to great lengths to make training realistic and fun. Among other things, soldiers get to perform drills in a mock village at the post.

It includes a house with drug peddlers. It has a bar with brawling patrons, as well as a duplex with quarreling couples. There is also a jewelry store, bait shop and shoe store, all ripe with robbers.

"We do a lot of role playing, and they have to interact with individuals in a variety of situations," said Maj. Rob Stine, who supervises training. "The idea is to make it realistic so they gain general law enforcement skills."

The 128th Field Artillery unit from Missouri was among the first group to receive a new job classification. The artillerymen-turned-military police graduated Dec. 19 and are now serving at Fort Polk, La.

While being an MP requires a different set of skills from those of artillerymen, the training runs smoothly because the students are seasoned soldiers, said Lt. Col. Henry R. Evans, commander of the Army Reserve unit conducting the training. He estimates more than 90 percent, about the same as Army recruits, pass training on their first try.

Financial Focus

When Investing, Buy What You Know

As an investor, you may, at times, feel overwhelmed when considering the vast universe of stocks. With so many companies out therhow can you know which ones to buy?

Of course, you can't expect to be familiar with every single stock on the market. But you can learn something about products that are popular - and the companies that produce them - just by looking around you.

A typical day

Let's see just what goods and services you might encounter on a typical day. In the morning, you get up and head to the bathroom. You wash your hair using using shampoo made by Johnson& Johnson. Afterwards, you eat breakfast and take your daily vitamins. Also, if you have medical issues, such as cholesterol, you may take you Lipitor, which is produced by Pfizer.

Before arriving at work, you stop for a cup of coffee at Starbuck's. Once you arrive at your office, you turn on your Dell computer and get going on your daily tasks. But, after a while, you take a break, visit the vending machines and select a box of Good & Plenty,produced by Hershey Foods.

At lunchtime, you quickly eat a sandwich and wash it down with a soft drink made by PepsiCo. Then, you're off to run an errand. First, you stop at a cash machine operated by Bank of America. Next, you call your spouse on your Nokia cell phone to find out what type of school supplies you are supposed to pick up for your child, after which you zip off to the nearest Walgreen's.

Back at work, you return some calls, relying on technology provided by SBC Communications. Before you know it, the day is over, and you're headed home. On the way, you stop for gas at your neighborhood Mobil, part of Exxon Mobil. Then, you remember that you need to pick up your window blinds, so you drive to Home Depot.

At home that evening, you decide to wash some clothes, so you reach for the Clorox. Later, you and your spouse visit a local home furnishings store to look at furniture, manufactured by Leggett & Platt.

Look beyond your experience

The number of everyday items we just ran through on your "typical" day only represent a small fraction of the businesses producing the goods and services you actually use in any 24-hour period. So, when you're thinking of what stocks to invest in, look at all the products and services you use. And don't stop there. Observe what's popular at local stores. Ask your friends and family what they buy. In short, take in as much first-hand knowledge as you can.

In evaluating stocks, your observations and experience can be important - but don't rely solely on them. Many of the stocks you encounter on a daily basis may not even be appropriate for you. That's why you should consult with a financial professional - someone with access to expert opinions on the stocks that you might be considering. These outside analyses can confirm your own views, or, perhaps, point out some factors that may cause you to reconsider your original assessment.

Furthermore, an investment professional can help you look beyond the internal characteristics of a stock to determine if it fits in with your overall portfolio. Will it add to your diversification? How will it affect your risk level? Can it actually help you meet your long-term objectives? In short, does it meet your needs?

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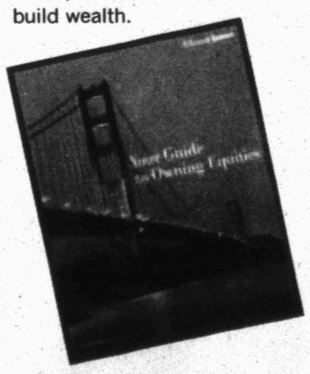

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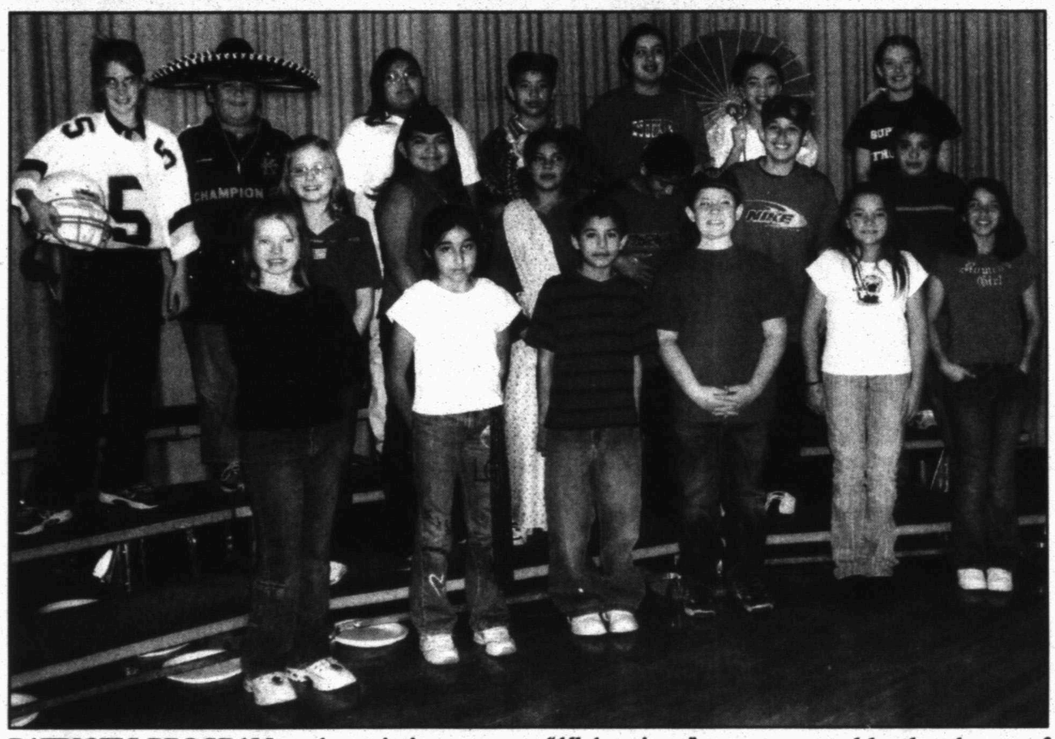


PATRIOTIC PROGRAM — A patriotic program, *"All American,"* was presented by the classes of Mrs. Vanessa Taylor, Mrs. Ann Uptergrove, and Mrs. Triesta Lilly at Northeast Elementary Friday morning. Mrs. Taylor's class (top photo): Back row from left are: Melinda Early, Alex Torres, Brianne Perry, Marcus Berniard, Chris Aguilar, Jessica Ibarra and Edward Yruegas; middle row: Eric Overton, Samantha Shankles, Jdee Early, April Arispe, Dylan Rodriquez, Sarah Cearley and Priscilla Molinar; front row: Chelsea Russell, Francisco Fonseca, Riley Spill, Crystal Hernandez, Taran Clemmons and Charles Ortega. Mrs. Uptergrove's class (bottom photo) back row from left: Laura Reigh, Juan Medina, Liliana Hernandez, Alex Jaramillo, Mayra Benitez, Melissa Chhuor and Kassidy Henderson; mddle row: Lindsey Reston, Marie Bravo, Monica Perez, Sammy Rubion, Richard DeLuna and Thomas Nieto; front row: Lieren Tindol, Geovanny Facio, Eddy Herrera, Michael Brasher, Justine Mills and Amanda Villa. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

WPA art display at museum

An appreciation reception to honor Billy and the late Carole Haynes will be held from 3-5 p.m. Sunday at the Scurry County Museum.

In the fall of 2002, the Haynes took a brochure about a traveling photographic exhibit to the Scurry County Museum, and they offered to support the exhibit.

The exhibit has arrived and is being shown at the museum through Feb. 25.

The exhibit features framed photographs of art, murals, buildings, and furniture produced by artists during the Great Depression. Most of the original artwork was done within the Works Projects Administration.

The museum is located on the Western Texas College campus.

In the 1930s, the federal government included artists in its job programs. These artists were responsible for a huge output of art for the public.

The art is collectively known today as "WPA Art." WPA stands for the Works Progress Administration, a major federal agency in the 1930s responsible for putting unemployed persons to work.

Over 150 New Mexico artists and craftsman were employed by federal projects in the 1930s. These artists often were not New Mexico natives. They came to the state from all parts of the country, as well as from elsewhere in the world.

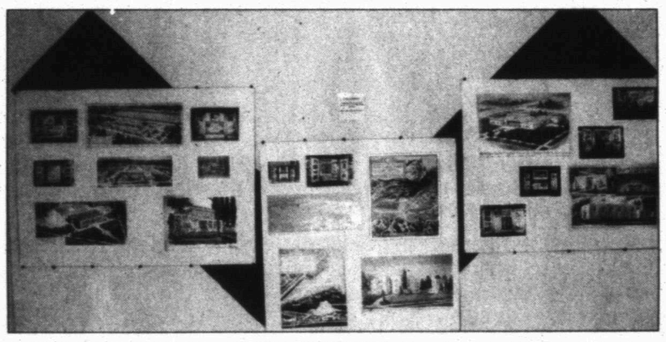
Most of them settled in the northern part of the state, although their subject matter covered all of New Mexico. They were drawn to the state by its moderate climate, dramatic geography and rich, multi-cultural; heritage. Many continued to live in New Mexico the rest of their lives.

More than 40 New Mexico cities and towns benefited from their work for federal projects. Murals were painted on public buildings. Paintings, pottery, sculptures, furniture and crafts were made for numerous public institutions. About 1,000 of these works are still in existence in New Mexico and can be seen today.

In Sierra County, WPA art and architecture may be seen at the New Mexico Veterans/ Center (formally Carrie County Court Hospital), the U.S. Post Office on Main Street and the Sierra County Court House, all of which can be found in Truth or Consequences.

The dam site at Elephant Butte that now houses a restaurant and recreational cabins was built by the CCC Civilian Conservation Corps) program in the 1940s. The site of the CCC camp is now the Elephant Butte State Park maintenance yard.

NEW EXHIBIT — Billy Haynes stands beside a collage of pictures of his late wife, Carole, on display at the museum along with the WPA art. Martha Gist, the museum's curator-in-training is also pictured. (SDN Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



ARCHITECTURAL RENDERINGS include New Mexico schools, courthouses and public buildings. Pictures by Wilfred Stedman.

'Happy ending' for injured snowboarder

NEW YORK (AP) — A champion snowboarder injured doing a stunt for David Letterman's late-night television show will be a guest on Monday's program.

"Tara Dakides will be here and we'll talk with her Monday about the ordeal," Letterman said in a taped segment for Friday night's show.

U.S., allies disagree over best way to achieve global growth

BOCA RATON, Fla. (AP) — The United States and its major economic allies agree that boosting global growth should be their top priority, but they have serious disagreements over just how to achieve that goal.

The Group of Seven wealthy industrial countries — the United States, Japan, Germany, France, Germany, Italy and Canada — wrap up their discussions Saturday with a final communique expected to paper over those wide differences.

The main topics for discussion at the two days of meetings were how to handle a steep slide in the value of the dollar and America's soaring budget and trade deficits, which the U.S. allies believe represent a serious threat to future global growth.

The group also was expected to address efforts to choke off sources of terrorist financing and to bolster the reconstruction efforts in war-torn Iraq and Afghanistan.

Treasury Secretary John Snow and Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan were the hosts for the talks, which began with a series of one-on-one meetings by various countries Friday and a group dinner Friday night at a luxury resort on Florida's Gold Coast.

Hoping to deflect criticism about a budget deficit that the White House announced Monday will hit an all-time high of $521 billion, Snow stressed in each of his meetings Friday the importance the Bush administration attaches to achieving its goal of cutting the deficit in half over the next five years.

Beginning a meeting with German Finance Minister Hans Eichel, Snow called the deficit "large and unwelcome and something that deserves the attention of Congress."

The other message the administration was pushing was a belief that faster growth in other countries will do a lot to alleviate a U.S. trade deficit that is also at record levels.

U.S. manufacturers are also pressuring the administration to continue its hands-off policy as the dollar slides in value against other currencies. That development drives up costs of foreign goods for U.S. consumers but also boosts sales of American-made goods in foreign markets and at home.

The dollar has hit record lows in recent weeks against the euro, the common currency of 12 European nations, and is down by a smaller amount against the Japanese yen. Japan has limited the dollar's decline there through record interventions in currency markets to buy dollars to support the greenback.

While the United States thought it had a commitment from Japan to lessen the currency intervention, Japanese Finance Minister Sadakazu Tanigaki told reporters that his country intended to continue taking "appropriate steps" such as intervention when it felt such action was needed.

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By Bobby Allen
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For some of the younger Lady Tigers, this was just the latest in a string of victories that grow less surprising each week.

For senior Erin Burleson, however, Friday night saw the payoff for three years of toil.

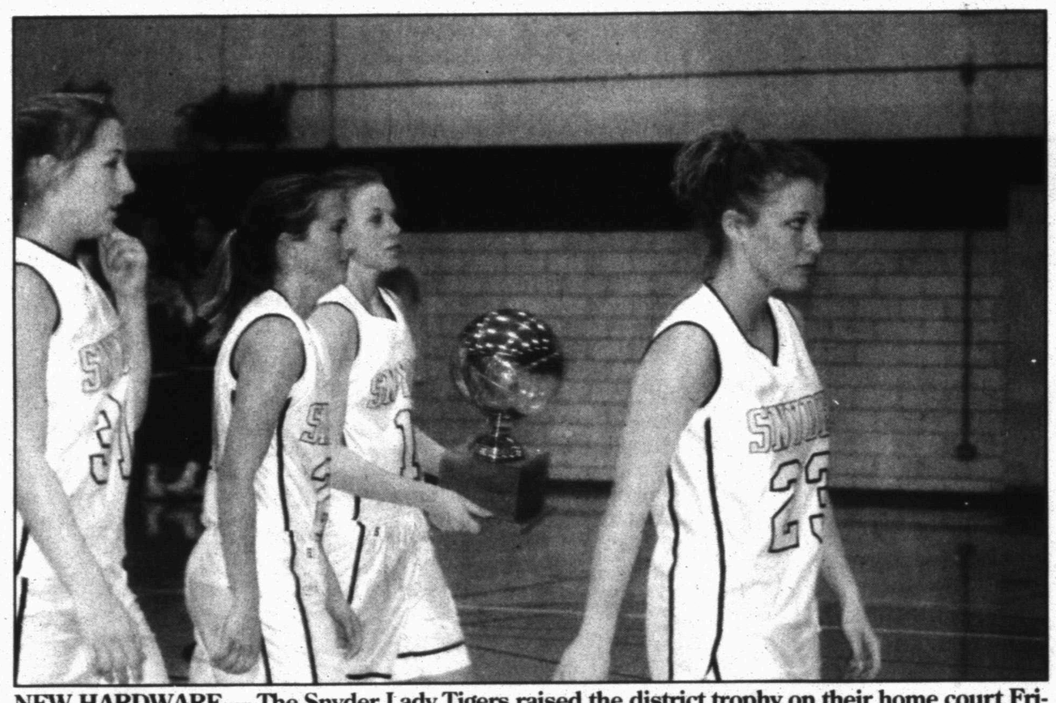
The Lady Tigers claimed their 24th consecutive game and hoisted the district trophy on their home floor after completing the season sweep of 2003 district champion Lamesa, 50-34.

"This is huge," an emotional Burleson, who scored 12 points, grabbed four steals and pulled down three boards, said. "I've waited a long time for this. It was good to hold up that trophy, and it feels so good to do it in front of Lamesa."

Snyder (26-2, 9-0) used a 16-0 run over an eight-minute stretch in the first half, breaking an early 7-7 tie to open up a double-digit lead that held up.

Head coach Mike Martin said the scoring run was the difference, and it bodes well for the team with postseason play looming on the horizon.

"It was a good sign for us. We hit our free throws down the stretch and played good defense throughout the game," he said. "Our offense was still sporadic, but it was better than it had been."



NEW HARDWARE — The Snyder Lady Tigers raised the district trophy on their home court Friday after topping Lamesa. From left, Emily Jones, Terann Ragland and Stacey Williamson flank senior Erin Burleson as she clutches the first district trophy for Snyder girls basketball since 1980. (SDN Staff Photo)

Terann Ragland scored 14 points, including a jump shot at the end of the first half to give the Lady Tigers a 14-point lead going into the locker room.

Sirena Medrano added 10 points, going 6-for-6 from the free-throw line and collecting six offensive rebounds.

Sequoya Powell and Sarah Henson each grabbed four rebounds, and scored five and four points, respectively. Powell also swiped three steals.

Senior Dominique Braziel hit the final shot of the game for her two points, while Emily Jones got on the scoreboard with a fourth-quarter field goal. Teddi Crenwelge hit a free throw in the win, and Jordan Stansell collected seven boards and one steal.

Ragland, who also hauled in three boards and recorded four steals, said the team is not looking ahead to the playoffs, as it has one more piece of unfinished business — finishing the district undefeated.

She also had praise for Lamesa, which continued to fight long after the game was decided, particularly Ashley Hunter, who paced Lamesa with 13 points.

"Hunter played well, but we did a decent job on offense and played tough on defense," she said. Ragland also there is nothing else in her field of view except Merkel. "We just want to do the best we can with our next opponent."

Martin said he has no concern with this club getting ahead of itself with the regular season capper with Merkel Tuesday, the last regular season hurdle.

"With this bunch, it's so new to us and they truly take it one game at a time," he said. "They are not looking ahead. They want to finish the district undefeated."

Burleson said the season — which started out shaky at Littlefield and has taken on an epic feel with each successive win — has been as unexpected as it is thrilling as the Lady Tigers have gelled together.

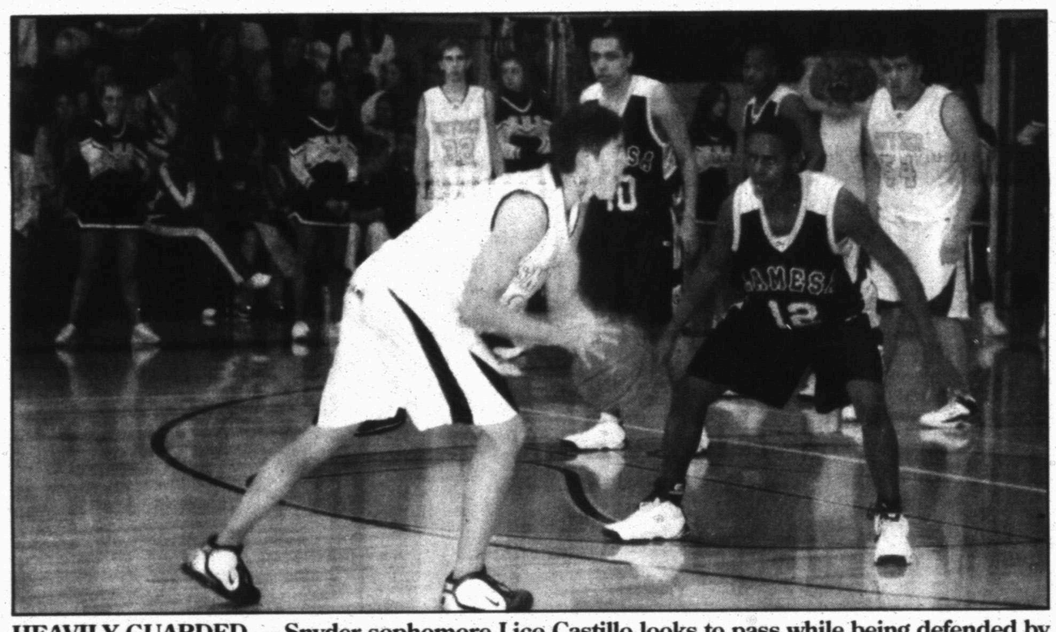
"It's blown away my expectations. This is a great team to play with. We play well together, and every win is a team effort. We have no heroes on this team"

She also sang the praises of Martin, who helped guide the Lady Tigers to their first district crown in 24 years.

"I have so much respect for him — he's the best coach I could play for," she said. "I love everything about the way he coaches. It was tough, but it paid off. If I could go back and do it over, I would do it the exact same way."

The junior varsity girls also topped Lamesa, 42-38.

The Lady Tigers close out the season at 6:30 Tuesday at Merkel.



HEAVILY GUARDED — Snyder sophomore Lico Castillo looks to pass while being defended by Lamesa's Austin Hunter Friday. The Tigers battled back from a double-digit deficit, but fell short, 48-42. (SDN Staff Photo)

Tigers fall shy in comeback bid against Lamesa, 48-42

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

The Snyder Tigers battled back from an early hole Friday, but could not mount enough to make it up late in a 48-42 loss to Lamesa.

The loss was the eighth straight for the Tigers (8-20, 0-8), which gave all they could muster against a Lamesa club still in the playoff hunt.

The Tigers fell behind by as many as 13 in the first half, before outscoring Lamesa (11-16, 3-4) over the final three quarters.

With the win, the Golden Tors pulled into a three-way tie for the final playoff spot in district with Sweetwater and Seminole.

"We put ourselves in a come-from-behind position early and tried to come back," said head coach Bud Birks. "We had to put the quickest team out there. We came back and battled."

Lee Scott canned 23 points, including a steal and a lay-up in the final two minutes to get the Tigers within four at 39-35.

After Lamesa pushed it to six with one minute left, the Tigers missed three free throws down the stretch and were forced to foul in the waning seconds.

Neither team had much success from the charity stripe, with Snyder hitting just 7-of-17 and Lamesa making just 7-of-16.

Lico Castillo knocked in eight points, Austin Hatfield added five, Isaac Ramon drained four and Garrett Pinson contributed two points and aggressive defense for the Tigers, who will take on district-leading Merkel at 8 Tuesday night on the Badger's home court.

The junior varsity Tigers came back in the final moments against Lamesa Friday to grab a 42-38 victory and improve to 5-2 in district play.

A-Rod happy to be in Texas

ARLINGTON (AP) — Alex Rodriguez was back in Texas on Friday, and not as an opposing player. Or an unhappy one.

Rodriguez insists he's happy to still be with the Rangers, even after a proposed trade to Boston that he tried to help facilitate fell through after two months of talks.

The AL MVP is still frustrated by three straight last-place finishes since coming to Texas. But Rodriguez said he feels better about the team's direction after a recent five-hour meeting with owner Tom Hicks, general manager John Hart and manager Buck Showalter.

"Content to me means winning and heading in the right direction," Rodriguez said Friday. "After that meeting, I feel like we have a great plan in hand. I feel very comfortable about where the Texas Rangers are going."

But Rodriguez, who came out of that meeting two weeks ago as the team's captain, also realizes he has to be patient. The turnaround isn't likely to be immediate.

The Rangers remain committed to young players and pitchers, a direction they moved toward midway through last season. The payroll has been reduced from more than $100 million to just over $70 million.

"I'd just like to see our team improve," said Rodriguez. "As long as we move the train in the right direction, that's what we all want to see."

Rodriguez was in town for a team banquet, his first public appearance in the Dallas-Fort Worth area since the end of last season. Hall of Fame pitcher Juan Marichal presented the AL MVP trophy, and Rodriguez also received the team's MVP award.

Teammates were happy to see Rodriguez and said he owed no explanation for his apparent willingness to be traded.

"He doesn't need to tell me anything. I understand how baseball works, and I'm just happy he's still on the team," third baseman Hank Blalock said.

"It worked out well for everybody," second baseman Michael Young said. "Once we start going out there playing, throwing and having fun, all of this is going to be a dead issue."

Rodriguez is going into the fourth year of his $252 million, 10-year contract. Asked if he'd remain a Ranger for the length of the record contract, he said there were no guarantee but that he hoped so.

The proposed deal to Boston came out of Rodriguez's frustration at losing and the Rangers' having a chance to get out from the burden of the contract they signed him to.

Knowing the biggest deals are the hardest to complete, Rodriguez always felt there was better than a 50-50 chance he'd remain in Texas. Still, it made for an interesting offseason.

"It was like a soap opera, like a novel," he said. "Some days were more exciting than others, but it was pretty entertaining, I thought."

Rodriguez said he hasn't spoken with Nomar Garciaparra, the longtime Red Sox shortstop he would have displaced had the deal gone through.

In the end, the uniform didn't change for either player. And Rodriguez said his approach in Texas won't either.

"I just want to be judged by the way I go out and prepare, my passion," he said. "I've been here for three years, I've missed one game, and I've poured my heart out and I promise to continue to do that and give it 100 percent."

Rodriguez is a seven-time All-Star, including all three seasons in Texas, when he also led the league in homers.

SHS golfers have solid first round

The Snyder boys had an outstanding showing in the first round of the Snyder Invitational golf tournament, holding firm in third place, just three shots off first-day leader Lubbock Monterey.

The Tigers finished the round with a 316, just one stroke back of second-place Andrews.

Alan Gray paced the Tigers, firing a 73, the best individual score in the field Friday.

Jay Weaver carded a 79, while teammate Jake Cottrell shot an 80.

Wyl Wiggins added an 84 and Tanner Bloom had an 88.

The tournament was scheduled to continue Saturday morning and conclude that afternoon.

Snyder Invitational Golf Tournament
Scurry County Golf Course
Feb. 6, 2004
Round 1

Team Scores:
1) Monterey — 313; 2) Andrews — 315; **3) Snyder — 316**; 4) Frenship — 323; 5) Wylie — 323; 6) Seminole — 331; 7) Slaton —340; 8) Sweetwater — 353; 9) Lubbock High — 372; 10) Denver City — 392.

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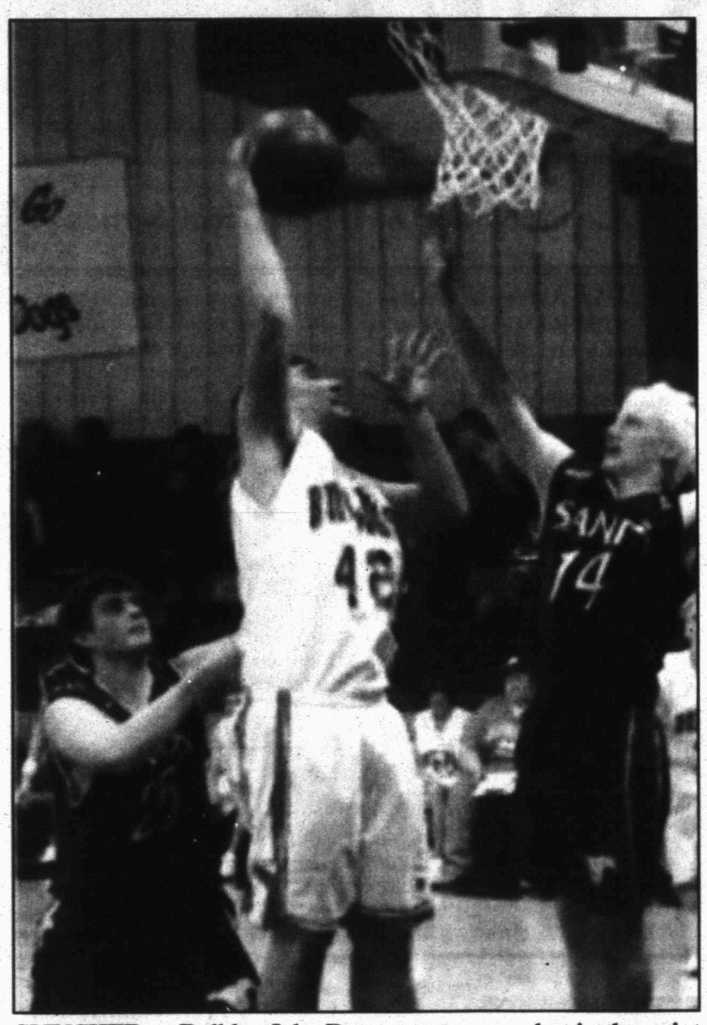


CLINCHER — Bulldog Jake Barnes puts up a shot in the paint against Sands Friday. The Bulldogs clinched a playoff spot in District 7 with a victory over Sands. Details will be in Monday's edition. (Contributed Photo By Becky Hudgins)

Heavyweight champ Lewis retires

By The Associated Press

Lennox Lewis knew how to fight, and when to quit. Now he can only hope that history will be kinder than the critics who never appreciated his reign as heavyweight champion of the world.

Lewis announced his retirement Friday, ending a 14-year career that was brilliant at times, and puzzling at others. He walked away at the top, his heavyweight belt still securely around his waist and his new fiancee, Violet, at his side.

Lewis beat Mike Tyson and Evander Holyfield, defeated the only two men who beat him in rematches and was a three-time heavyweight champion. He ushered in a new era of big heavyweights that changed the sport and made him rich.

His greatest accomplishment, though, may be in knowing when to walk away — something few of his predecessors could do.

"I didn't want to be known as a boxer all my life," Lewis said. "There's other things I can do that are positive. This is the end of one era, let a new era begin."

The first British fighter to win the heavyweight title in more than a century, Lewis left millions of dollars on the table rather than fight a rematch with Vitali Klitschko. He was still undecided until about two weeks ago, when he decided it was time to retire at the age of 38.

Not since Rocky Marciano quit with the title nearly a half century ago has a heavyweight champion gone out on top — and stayed out.

Unlike Muhammad Ali's retirement in 1978, though, Lewis vowed that his decision is final.

"I was thinking about it for a long time. Should I go back in and have one more fight?" he said. "But I realized this is the drug of the sport. There is always one more fight and somebody to fight. I didn't want to get caught up in it, and I thought that this is the time when I should gracefully bow out."

By doing so, Lewis leaves a huge opening in the heavyweight division, which has been paralyzed in recent years as Lewis fought only infrequently to defend his WBC title.

"I think it might reinvigorate the sport a bit," said Ross Greenburg, president of HBO Sports. "In many ways the heavyweight champion rules the sport, and now there are some intriguing options out there."

Klitschko, the giant Ukrainian who was getting the best of Lewis before being stopped on cuts last June in Los Angeles, may be the most intriguing of all. The WBC had ordered Lewis to fight Klitschko again if he was going to keep fighting, and now it is likely that Klitschko and No. 2 challenger Corrie Sanders will meet for the vacant title.

Roy Jones Jr. appears ready to move back to light heavyweight, leaving rugged John Ruiz with that title while IBF champion Chris Byrd is also in the mix. Byrd beat Klitschko in 2000 when Klitschko retired after the ninth round with a shoulder injury.

"It makes matches. Now we won't have to wait on the decision of Lennox Lewis or Roy Jones for that matter," Byrd said. "Now we can start actually fighting."

Lewis fought only twice in the last 26 months, and it seemed against Klitschko that his heart hadn't been into training. Lewis first said he would give Klitschko a December rematch, but then said he wasn't sure if he would continue fighting at all.

"Some fighters box until they lose and that's their mark for retirement," Lewis said. "You've got boxers today who should definitely retire. I didn't want the big shine to go dull for me."

Lewis held a news conference in London to formally announce the decision.

Sports Briefs

Nixon signs three-year deal

BOSTON (AP) — Trot Nixon agreed to stay with the Boston Red Sox for three more years, receiving a $19.5 million deal through 2006. Nixon's contract supersedes the one-year, $6.6 million deal he agreed to on Jan. 20, which avoided salary arbitration.

Judge throws out most of suit against Baylor

WACO (AP) — A judge threw out most of the wrongful-death lawsuit filed against Baylor by the father of slain basketball player Patrick Dennehy Jr.

Patrick Dennehy Sr. sought unspecified damages in his lawsuit, which claims that his son became the target of "violent threats" because he intended to expose wrongdoing in the basketball program.

Judge Ralph Strother said the university could not have foreseen the slaying of the 21-year-old Dennehy, whose body was found in a field near the Waco campus last year. He had been shot. Former teammate Carlton Dotson, 21, was charged with murder and has pleaded innocent.

Six of the lawsuit's seven claims were thrown out, including allegations of wrongful death and gross negligence. Strother said he would give the plaintiff's attorneys two weeks to provide more evidence on the remaining claim, which accuses Baylor and the other defendants of "intentionally, knowingly or recklessly" causing Dennehy's death.

Wie picked for Curtis Cup team

Michelle Wie was among eight players selected to the U.S. Curtis Cup team, making the 14-year-old from Hawaii the youngest player in the 72-year history of the amateur matches for women.

Wie should fit right in on the youngest U.S. team ever. The oldest player is Sarah Huarte, a 21-year-old senior at California who won the prestigious South Atlantic Ladies Amateur earlier this year. It was the first time no mid-amateurs (25 or older) were included on the U.S. team.

Westbrook downs Hermleigh

The Hermleigh Cardinals once again had a strong second half Friday, but could not overcome a 23-point halftime deficit in falling to Westbrook, 72-43.

The Wildcats outscored Hermleigh 23-10 in the first quarter and held a 40-17 lead at intermission.

Joakim Ludvik had 10 points to lead the Cards, and Justin Williamson banged in nine.

Jonathan McClure and Keenon Garcia added seven each.

Westbrook 70, Lady Cards 47

The Lady Cards were outscored 35-19 in the first and final quarters Friday in a 70-47 loss to Westbrook, despite 24 points from Alana Culp.

Hermleigh trailed by 13 at halftime.

Georgeanne Smith cashed in for eight points, Brittney Kelly canned six, Alicia Culp added five and Brittany Jones recorded four points.

Lamesa tops frosh

The Snyder freshmen cagers were swept by Lamesa Friday, with the boys dropping a hotly-contested overtime tilt and the girls losing by double digits.

The boys fell, 57-56, after mounting a 17-point assault in the fourth quarter to tie the game at 45-45.

Ryan Mitchell had a game-high 20 points for the frosh, while Tyler Driggers and Tagaba Kyei contributed 12 and 10, respectively.

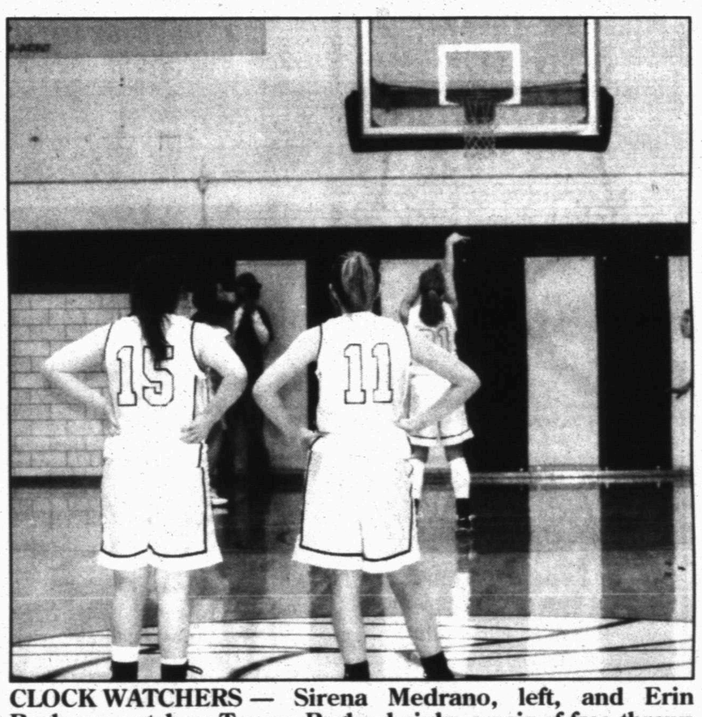
"I'm very proud of them. It was one of our best games — we hustled on defense and showed more composure," said coach Joe Anaya. "It was a good game."

The frosh girls gave a great effort in a 46-32 loss that was closer than the final score, according to coach Todd Pollard.

"It was pretty close throughout," he said. "I thought we played hard, but we gave them too many second chances early."

Candace Chandler led the squad with 15 points, while Brianna Bernal knocked in 11.

Amber Acosta drained four and Desiree Cortez added two.



CLOCK WATCHERS — Sirena Medrano, left, and Erin Burleson watch as Terann Ragland sinks a pair of free throws late in the fourth quarter Friday. The Lady Tigers finished the season sweep of Lamesa with a 50-34 win. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lady Bulldogs fall to Sands

The Ira Lady Bulldogs dropped a close game to Sands Friday, losing their top scorer in a 45-41 loss.

Senior post Lindsey Wilson hurt her wrist late in the game, sitting out the fourth quarter and getting a check-up at the emergency room after the game.

Head coach Brent Parr said the Lady Bulldogs (10-13, 4-5) lacked energy in the contest.

"We didn't come out with enthusiasm and we missed some shots," he said. "We tried to play hard, we just couldn't find any energy."

Kelbi Pitner led the team with 15, while Wilson canned eight before her injury.

Amanda Calley and Whitney Payne contributed six points apiece, Kate Wall knocked in four and Brittany Dickerhoff added two.

The Lady Bulldogs close out the regular season at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at district champion Borden County.

Snyder Tiger Basketball
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3-3A Basketball Standings

	Girls District W	Girls District L	Girls Season W	Girls Season L		Boys District W	Boys District L	Boys Season W	Boys Season L
Team					Team				
*Snyder	26	2	9	0	Merkel	24	4	7	0
Lamesa	16	11	5	4	Denver City	21	8	5	2
Sweetwater	23	6	5	4	Sweetwater	13	10	3	4
Denver City	14	13	4	5	Seminole	12	13	3	4
Seminole	8	18	3	6	Lamesa	11	16	3	4
Merkel	4	24	1	8	Snyder	8	20	0	7

*District Champion

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	28	20	.583	—
New York	23	27	.460	6
Boston	22	29	.431	7½
Miami	21	29	.420	8
Philadelphia	21	29	.420	8
Washington	15	33	.313	13
Orlando	13	39	.250	17

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	37	14	.725	—
Detroit	33	18	.647	4
New Orleans	27	23	.540	9½
Milwaukee	26	23	.531	10
Toronto	23	25	.479	12½
Cleveland	19	31	.380	17½
Atlanta	17	34	.333	20
Chicago	14	37	.275	23

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	35	14	.714	—
San Antonio	34	18	.654	2½
Dallas	31	18	.633	4
Houston	28	21	.571	7
Memphis	28	21	.571	7
Denver	29	22	.569	7
Utah	24	26	.480	11½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	34	13	.723	—
L.A. Lakers	29	18	.617	5
Seattle	24	25	.490	11
Portland	23	25	.479	11½
L.A. Clippers	22	26	.458	12½
Golden State	21	27	.438	13½
Phoenix	18	34	.346	18½

Friday's Games

Washington 112, L.A. Clippers 100
Atlanta 100, Boston 96
Indiana 83, Toronto 77
Memphis 105, Milwaukee 85
New Orleans 92, Detroit 81
Minnesota 103, Cleveland 92
New Jersey 120, Orlando 99
Houston 82, Chicago 80
Portland 87, Utah 73
Seattle 107, Phoenix 105
San Antonio 102, Sacramento 94
Golden State 96, Denver 87

Saturday's Games

New York at Miami, noon
Houston at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
Boston at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Washington at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

Sunday's Games

L.A. Lakers at Orlando, 11 a.m.
Miami at Indiana, 1:30 p.m.
Memphis at Minnesota, 2:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at New York, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Seattle at Portland, 7 p.m.
Denver at Sacramento, 8 p.m.
Toronto at Golden State, 8 p.m.

National Hockey League

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	28	12	11	5	72	158	123
New Jersey	28	14	10	1	67	123	100
N.Y. Islanders	26	21	5	2	59	153	135
N.Y. Rangers	20	24	7	4	51	143	157
Pittsburgh	11	36	5	3	30	109	207

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	30	14	8	3	71	152	131
Boston	27	14	11	4	69	142	128
Ottawa	28	15	7	4	67	180	120
Montreal	28	20	6	2	64	139	123
Buffalo	23	26	5	1	52	132	141

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	28	17	6	3	65	147	119
Atlanta	21	27	6	2	50	150	170
Florida	18	23	11	3	50	122	150
Carolina	17	26	10	2	46	105	138
Washington	17	31	5	2	41	129	173

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	31	15	8	2	72	181	131
Nashville	26	20	6	2	60	130	142
St. Louis	26	20	7	1	60	129	134
Columbus	15	28	8	3	41	112	153
Chicago	14	29	7	5	40	125	163

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	30	11	9	4	73	167	123
Vancouver	31	15	7	3	72	168	127
Calgary	26	20	5	3	60	132	123
Minnesota	19	20	15	2	55	123	125
Edmonton	22	24	8	1	53	141	144

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	26	13	11	5	68	138	111
Dallas	27	20	9	0	63	118	122
Los Angeles	21	15	13	5	60	145	139
Phoenix	18	19	14	3	53	136	148
Anaheim	17	23	8	7	49	119	148

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Saturday's Games

No games scheduled

Sunday's Games

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The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executrix of the Estate of HAROLD E. ROBBINS, deceased, late of Scurry County, Texas, by ROD WALLER, Judge of the County Court of said County, on the 5th day of February, 2004, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said Estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said Estate to present them to RITA K. ROBBINS, 5511 Cedar Creek Drive, Snyder, Texas 79549, within the time prescribed by law.

EXECUTED this 5th day of February, 2004.

(s)RITA K. ROBBINS
Independent Executrix
of the Estate of
HAROLD E. ROBBINS,
deceased

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To those indebted to, or holding claims against the Estate of OLIVER TILDON BUTLER, deceased, Probate Case Number 5,875:

The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executor of the Estate of OLIVER TILDON BUTLER, deceased, late of Scurry County, Texas, by ROD WALLER, Judge of the County Court of said County, on the 5th day of February, 2004, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said Estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said Estate to present them to TERRY DEAN BUTLER, 224 Honeybee Road, Abilene, Texas 79601, within the time prescribed by law.

EXECUTED this 5th day of February, 2004.

(s)TERRY DEAN BUTLER
Independent Executor
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OLIVER TILDON BUTLER,
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To those indebted to, or holding claims against the Estate of CHERRY S. HILL, deceased, Probate Case Number 5,873:

The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executor of the Estate of CHERRY S. HILL, deceased, late of Scurry County, Texas, by ROD WALLER, Judge of the County Court of said County, on the 4th day of February, 2004, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said Estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said Estate to present them to CHARLES D. HILL, 10511 Pebble Beach Drive, Oakland, California 94605, within the time prescribed by law.

EXECUTED this 4th day of February, 2004.

(s)CHARLES D. HILL
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of the Estate of
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To those indebted to, or holding claims against the estate of DENNIS W. EUBANK, deceased, Probate Case Number 5,874:

The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executrix of the estate of DENNIS W. EUBANK, deceased, late of Scurry County, Texas, by ROD WALLER, Judge of the County Court of said county, on the 4th day of February, 2004, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to Mamie Lou Eubank, 1601 Avenue G, Snyder, Texas 79549, within the time prescribed by law.

Executed this 4th day of February, 2004.

(s)MAMIE LOU EUBANK
Independent Executrix
of the Estate of
Dennis W. Eubank

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Scurry County Commissioners' Court will open bids for **Seal-coating Asphalt (AC5 & MC3000)** on Tuesday, February 17, 2004, at 10:00 a.m.; during Regular Session of the Commissioners' Court. Specifications may be obtained at the County Judge's Office, Scurry County Courthouse, Snyder, Texas 79549.

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Scurry County Commissioners' Court will open bids for **Seal-coating Gravel (#3, #4 & #5)** on Tuesday, February 17, 2004, at 10:00 a.m., during Regular Session of the Commissioners' Court. Specifications may be obtained at the County Judge's Office, Scurry County Courthouse, Snyder, Texas 79549.

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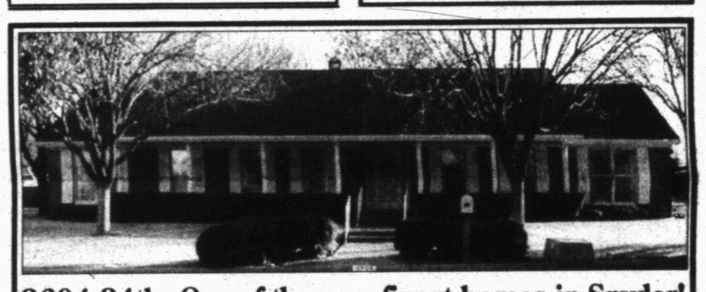

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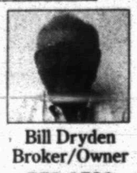
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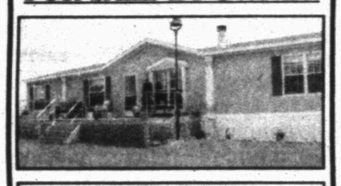

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Report criticizes hiring of airport screeners without background checks

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a rush to hire workers, the Transportation Security Administration put thousands of screeners at the nation's airports without required background checks, the Homeland Security Department's inspector general said Friday.

Eighty-five of those workers were convicted felons, later fired.

In an interview, inspector general Clark Kent Ervin said more than 18,000 baggage and passenger screeners who had been working for five months or more still had not had fingerprint or other checks as of May 2003. Those checks are required by law.

Ervin said TSA was under a great deal of pressure to hire screeners in order to meet "extremely tight deadlines by Congress." At one point, he said, TSA was hiring about 5,000 screeners a week.

In an internal review, the inspector general's office found that TSA also allowed some screeners to stay on the job for weeks or months after checks turned up criminal convictions.

"Screeners were hired, trained, and, in some cases, put to work contrary to sound personnel security practices," said the report, which was released Thursday.

It blamed lax management and oversight by TSA of the contractors the agency hired to perform the checks. In one case, the report said, TSA found over 500 boxes of unprocessed background check forms for more than 20,000 screeners at the office of a former contractor.

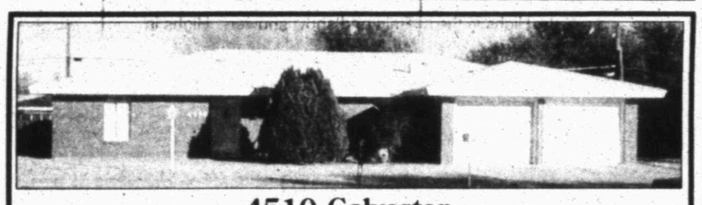
In response, TSA acting administrator David Stone said the agency has acknowledged missteps and taken action to correct them.

"In hearings before Congress that began last June, TSA identified a weakness in the pre-employment background checks that involved less than 2 percent of our employees," Stone said in a statement. "TSA has strengthened the hiring procedures that ensure our airport screeners are second to none."

The agency was created after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, and charged with taking over the airport screening duties from private companies at 424 commercial airports.

After receiving more than 1.7 million applications, the agency hired more than 55,000 screeners, meeting congressionally mandated deadlines to have the new work force in place by late 2002.

The agency later fired 1,200 screeners after background checks revealed they had either lied on their applications or had criminal records. The inspector general's report, however, said TSA wrongly fired 169 screeners with clean records.



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Senior Center News

Citizens will be able to receive assistance filing their income tax forms every Wednesday from 9 a.m. until noon and from 1-3 p.m. at the Scurry County Senior Center at 2603 Avenue M.

Clients will receive assistance on a first come first serve basis. The volunteers suggest that clients bring their 2002 income tax forms in addition to all information applicable to 2003.

Volunteers are needed for the home-delivered meals program. This project requires 15 volunteers per day Monday-Friday. Perhaps you know a friend or family member who receives these meals and could possibly volunteer once a week or once a month to help us serve others. For mire information call Glenda at 573-4035.

Nominations for the Valentine king & queen must be made by noon Tuesday. Nominees, those making nominations, and voters must be 60 or over and residents of Scurry County.

The election will be Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. until noon each day.

We hope that there is a senior citizen in our community who would be interested in being a candidate for The Texas Silver Haired Legislature. The deadline for filing is Feb. 27th and the election will be in May.

The forms and further information are available at the Scurry County Senior Center at 2603 Avenue M. or call 573-4035 and ask for Carla Thompson.

MONDAY
Join us for party bridge from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. in the bridge room. Skip-Bo will begin at 10 a.m. in the eighty-eight room. Skip-Bo is a great game and easy to learn.

Dominoes, pool, and quilting are always available Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

TUESDAY
Eighty/Eighty-eight begins at 9:30 a.m. in the eighty-eight room. Seniors may join the swimnastics class that meets from 10-11 a.m. in the Physical Education Building at Western Texas College.

A volunteer leads the group exercise with a lifeguard on duty. The class and parking are free, but you do need to ask for a parking permit in the office of the Physical Education Building.

The Social Security agents from Big Spring will be at the Scurry County Senior Center from 9:45 a.m. until noon.

WEDNESDAY
Volunteers will be available to help with income tax filing from 9 a.m. until noon and from 1-3 p.m. They will be located in the quilting area.

Don't forget to vote for your choice of Valentine king & queen from 10 a.m. until noon. Ladies pool begins at 9 a.m. We have a volunteer available for anyone that would like to learn how to play. We also have plenty of cue sticks, so you do not need to purchase any supplies. Just come join the fun.

Bingo will be played in the dining room from 10 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. All senior citizens are welcome. Pinochle begins at 1 p.m. in the bridge room.

THURSDAY
Enjoy swimnastics at Western Texas College from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. Voting for the Valentine king & queen will continue from 10 a.m. until noon.

FRIDAY
Blood pressure readings, bridge, and eighty/eighty-eight all begin at 9:30 a.m. The Sunshine Choir will present a Valentine program at 11 a.m. and the king and queen for 2004 will be crowned just before noon.

SATURDAY
The Community Sing organized by Aubrey Wilson will begin at 6 p.m. Volunteers provide all entertainment.

Senior Menu

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Swiss steak
Broccoli rice almondine
Golden hominy
Tossed salad
Red applesauce
Tuesday
Liver and onions
Mashed potatoes
Green beans
Sliced peaches
Spice cake
Wednesday
Chicken spaghetti
English peas
Harvard beets
Tossed salad
Bread pudding
Thursday
Beef stew
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Jello w/topping
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Clark brushes off Kosovo war distraction

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Wesley Clark, trying to brush off a distraction Saturday as he engaged Democratic presidential rivals in a Southern showdown, backed off remarks that some in the Clinton administration wanted to end the 1999 Kosovo bombing campaign for political reasons.

Front-runner John Kerry, North Carolina Sen. John Edwards and Clark were campaigning in Tennessee and Virginia through the weekend, ahead of primaries in those states Tuesday. Kerry was in a strong position to sweep weekend contests in Michigan, Washington and Maine, states where his opponents put up little fight.

In Tennessee, country music singer George Jones lent his voice to a Clark radio ad debuting Sunday. The native Tennessean tells listeners, "Like Wes Clark, I'm no career politician, but I know a leader when I see one."

Edwards told an overflow crowd at the University of Memphis that President Bush is out of touch. "He lives a sheltered existence," he said. "He needs to be out here in the real world doing what I'm doing." An Elvis Presley impersonator was in the audience.

Clark tried to shrug off remarks that surfaced Saturday, from a 2000 interview, when he alleged that certain unidentified members of the Clinton administration were in a rush to end the Kosovo war so the conflict would not hurt Al Gore's presidential campaign. Clark was the military officer in charge of prosecuting the war, as NATO supreme commander. Gore was vice president.

In the interview with NATO's official historian, Clark said: "There were those in the White House who said, 'Hey, look, you gotta finish the bombing before the Fourth of July weekend. That's the start of the next presidential campaign season, so stop it. It doesn't matter what you do, just turn it off. You don't have to win this thing, let it lie."

Campaigning in western Virginia on Saturday, Clark said President Clinton and his national security adviser, Sandy Berger, "were totally committed to this operation. I never had any political pressure to do anything but succeed."

Clark said his comments in 2000 were "a stream-of-conscious dictation" with a historian. "I had to assemble all of my memory and think about what had actually happened. It was such a complex period of time."

Clark was pushing for a larger NATO role in the war at the time. But as it turned out, Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic agreed in June 1999 to the West's demands for the pullout of all Serbian forces and deployment of Western peacekeepers in Kosovo.

The retired general told a rally at a Roanoke, Va., biscuit shop that he lived four times in the state during his military career, and that he is new to politics. "Nobody owns me," he said.

Kerry, a Massachusetts senator, kept his focus on attacking Bush and tried to stay above the fray as Clark and Edwards intermittently bickered.

Kerry recently spoke dismissively of the South's political value to Democrats, saying they don't need it to win the presidency.

Unemployment rate falls to 5.6 percent for January figures

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's unemployment rate fell to 5.6 percent in January, the lowest level in more than two years, as employers stepped up hiring — but not at a brisk enough pace to ease concerns about the prolonged job drought.

Job growth is expected to be a key issue as November's presidential election nears. The economy has lost more than 2 million jobs since President Bush took office, the worst job creation record of any president since Herbert Hoover.

January's unemployment rate declined 0.1 percentage point to the lowest level since October 2001, when it was 5.4 percent. Last month's rate matched the 5.6 percent posted in January 2002, the Labor Department reported Friday.

Companies added 112,000 new U.S. jobs overall, marking the fifth straight month of payroll gains and the largest in three years. But economists had expected a larger increase of 150,000 new jobs or more.

"It is not disastrous news, but it is definitely disappointing," said Bill Cheney, chief economist at John Hancock Financial Services.

The report sent stocks sharply higher on Wall Street.

Analysts are looking for monthly payroll gains of 300,000 or more for sustained job growth, and the economy remains far from that mark.

About 8.3 million people were unemployed in January, with the average duration of 19.8 weeks without work.

Bush touted the lower unemployment rate while touring the National Targeting Center in Reston, Va., which provides support for counterterrorism efforts.

"That's good," Bush said. "Things are getting better. There is more to do. The economy is growing in strength."

Over the past five months, 366,000 jobs have been added. That includes an upward revision of job growth in December, from 1,000 to 16,000.

The economy is strong and jobs eventually will follow. But it has been "painfully slow, and not fast enough for George Bush," Cheney said.

Americans are anxious about the economy. A survey of consumers by The Associated Press and Ipsos-Public Affairs in early February found Americans were less enthusiastic about the economy's prospects and their own financial situations in the months ahead. However, consumers' feelings about job security showed little movement from January.

Democrats are seizing on the troubled job market to boost their election prospects, and some Republicans recognize they might be vulnerable.

Two arrested on warrants

Arrest

DPS troopers arrested a 29-year-old male and a 19-year-old female on Hwy. 208 near the Brick Plant Rd. exit at 1:05 a.m. Saturday. The man, Gerardo Jerry Rodriguez of 600 Ave. N in Ralls, was taken into custody on a number of Mitchell and Lubbock County warrants. The warrants include possession of a controlled substance, bond forfeiture and harboring a runaway. Other warrants include driving while license suspended, speeding and several for failure to appear. The 19-year-old woman also was taken into custody on several warrants from Lubbock County to include minor in possession, failure to leave information, failure to yield right of way, failure to stop at a stop sign and several for failure to appear.

At 11:35 p.m. Friday a 31-year-old man was arrested at Ave. A and Coliseum Dr. charged with misdemeanor DWI.

Officer requested

A caller reported at 1:05 a.m. Saturday that a white pickup had run through a fence in the alley in the 300 block of Elm St. She reported seeing two male subjects leaving the scene. An offense report for unlawful use of a motor vehicle and hit and run with a fixed object was submitted. The incident is still under investigation.

Fight

Two juvenile females were reported to be in a fight at the bus stop at Travis Gym at 3:45 p.m. Friday. Officers responded and broke up the fight.

Theft

A theft report was taken at 1:08 p.m. Friday pertaining to some items stolen from a yard at 2217 41st St. on Jan. 26.

Open car doors

An officer patrolling the area of Eastridge St. and the La Posada Apartments at 3:40 a.m. Saturday found two vehicles with the doors open and the dome lights on. He made contact with the owners who said nothing appeared to be missing from their vehicles.

Gas drive-offs

At 2:59 p.m. Friday a clerk at Allsup's reported a gas drive-off in the amount of $25.

A caller reported a gas drive off from United Fuels for $30 at 7:17 p.m. Friday.

A clerk from Town and Country east reported a drive off in the amount of $47.55 at 7:34 p.m. Friday.

Obituaries

Marie Stanfield

1926-2004

Reva Marie Stanfield of Snyder died Friday, Feb. 6, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a short illness.

Services for Mrs. Stanfield, 77, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

She was born on Aug. 10, 1926 in Saline County, Mo., to William and Mary LaRose. She married Robert Lee "Bob" Stanfield on Aug. 20, 1948. They resided in Marshall, Mo., prior to making their home in Snyder where they were partners with John and Evelyn Thomas in a Chrysler, Plymouth, Dodge and Honda Motorcycle agency.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father; one sister, Wilma Bryan; and two brothers, Warren and Paul LaRose.

Survivors include her husband, Bob Stanfield of Snyder; two sons, Bruce Stanfield of Snyder and Terry Stanfield of Houston; one stepdaughter, Sherry Twyman of Prairie Village, Kan.; one sister, Evelyn Thomas of Marshall, Mo.; two brothers, Ralph LaRose of Independence, Mo., and Bill LaRose of Prairie Village, Kan.; two grandsons, Christopher and Jeffrey Stanfield, both of Snyder; one granddaughter, Terra Stanfield Seidel of Crawfordsville, Ind.; one stepgrandson, Matt Twyman, one step great-grandson, Luke Twyman, both of Des Peres, Mo.; and one step granddaughter, Emily Twyman of Prairie Village, Kan.

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Thelma Ford

1912-2004

Thelma Ford, 91, of Snyder died Saturday, Feb. 7, in Snyder Oaks Care Center after a lengthy illness.

Service for Mrs. Ford, longtime Snyder resident, has been set for 2 p.m. Monday in Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born Nov. 28, 1912 in Summerville County, she married Kermit George Ford on Nov. 29, 1930 in Scurry County. He died in November 1995. Mrs. Ford worked for Snyder Laundry for 25 years. She was a member of Avenue D Baptist Church.

She also was preceded in death by one son, Jerry Don Ford in 1987; two brothers, Buck and Henry Layne; and two sisters, Virginia Huddleston and Mattie Hobbs.

Survivors include two daughters, JoAnn Holladay and Kay Hickman, both of Snyder; two sons, Weldon Ford of Tuscola and Leon Ford of Midland; two sisters, Luella Looney of Canton and Anna Belle Stewart of Groverton; nine grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Jo Nokes

1928-2004

MIDLAND — Jo Nokes, a longtime resident of Midland, Texas went home to be with the Lord Saturday, January 31, 2004 in Midland.

She was born December 9, 1928 in Vernon, Texas to Everett and Callie Wyatt. Jo graduated high school in Conroe, Texas where she enjoyed many activities, especially being captain of the drill team. She was also very active in her church while growing up. Jo had a great love for the outdoors and she loved to hunt and fish with her family. She had a second home on Lake Amistad in Del Rio where she loved spending time. She was an avid rock collector, so much so that she would pack her finds and move them with her.

Jo Nokes

Jo was an excellent homemaker and she enjoyed cooking and baking for her family. She was also an excellent seamstress and as her sons were growing up, she sewed many of their clothes. Jo enjoyed needlepoint and crocheting, and in recent years, she crocheted baby blankets and donated them to battered women's shelters.

Jo was preceded in death by her parents, one sister and her husband Johnny Preston Nokes Sr. in 1997.

She is survived by her sons, Johnny Preston Nokes Jr. and his wife Gale, and Ray F. Nokes and his wife Linda, six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; her sister Marie Lee; her uncle, T.C. Wyatt; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 3, 2004 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Douglas Lamb officiating with interment at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland. Arrangements were under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Hwy. In Midland.

The family requests that memorials be directed to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, TX 79702.

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Partly cloudy skies with gusty winds. High 57F. Winds S at 25 to 35 mph.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the upper 20s.	Rain and snow showers. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the upper 20s.
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TEXAS AT A GLANCE

Friday high: 51 degrees
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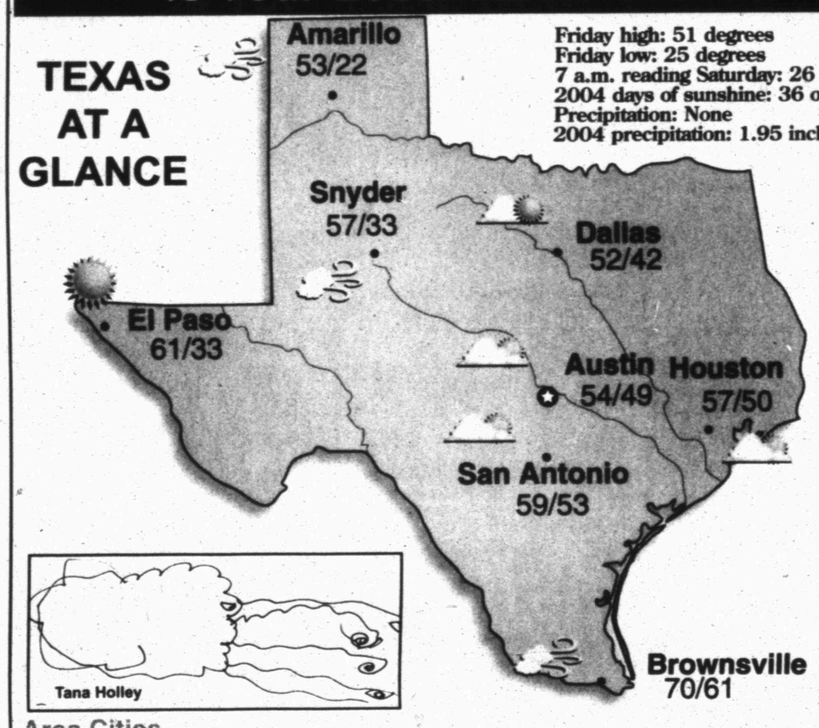
2004 days of sunshine: 36 of 37
Precipitation: None
2004 precipitation: 1.95 inches



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Abilene	57	39	windy	El Paso	61	33	sunny	Midland	60	33	windy
Amarillo	53	22	windy	Fort Stockton	63	35	windy	Raymondville	70	58	windy
Austin	54	49	cloudy	Gainesville	50	37	windy	Rosenberg	57	50	cloudy
Beaumont	56	47	pt sunny	Greenville	50	38	pt sunny	San Antonio	59	53	cloudy
Brownsville	70	61	windy	Houston	57	50	cloudy	San Marcos	55	49	windy
Brownwood	57	42	windy	Kingsville	69	59	windy	Sulphur Springs	51	40	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	66	59	windy	Livingston	55	43	pt sunny	Sweetwater	58	37	windy
Corsicana	53	43	pt sunny	Longview	52	39	pt sunny	Tyler	51	40	pt sunny
Dallas	52	42	pt sunny	Lubbock	58	27	windy	Weatherford	52	38	windy
Del Rio	61	50	windy	Lufkin	55	42	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	54	33	windy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	48	28	sunny	Houston	57	50	cloudy	Phoenix	66	40	sunny
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Chicago	31	27	mst sunny	Miami	66	60	mst sunny	Seattle	47	38	pt sunny
Dallas	52	42	pt sunny	Minneapolis	28	10	sn shower	St. Louis	35	27	mst sunny
Denver	36	14	windy	New York	34	26	sunny	Washington, DC	39	24	sunny

Moon Phases

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

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5	5	5
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

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FOOD SAFETY — A recent Stanfield second grade unit of study was on various topics at home, school and play. Cindy Nix, Scurry County Health Unit Director, presented a program on food safety to the classes of Elvira Gonzales, Laura Hamby and Margie Martinez. Nix talked about safe instructions involving handling, cooking, serving and storing of food. She demonstrated how bacteria can remain on surfaces if not properly disinfected. The black light and special germ powder showed food borne bacteria that was not picked up in the cleaning using a regular sponge and water. (Contributed Photos)

Chicago mayor mired in truck scandal

CHICAGO (AP) — A furor over millions of city dollars paid without bids to politically connected trucking companies, some with mob ties, has confronted Mayor Richard M. Daley with one of the biggest scandals of his 14 years in office.

The scandal broke two weeks ago when a Chicago Sun-Times investigation found that some of the trucking companies, many with roots in Daley's 11th Ward base, did little or no work but got paid while city-owned trucks stood idle.

Federal prosecutors have served subpoenas on City Hall, demanding to know where the money went and who approved the payments. The former head of the trucking program, Angelo Torres, has been charged with extortion, and the city's budget director was forced to resign.

To make matters worse, the mayor's brother John, a Cook County commissioner, has acknowledged he has been selling insurance to trucking companies in the program. Neither the Daleys nor any of the mayor's top aides have been accused of wrongdoing, and prosecutors would not say who is a target of the investigation, but the scandal led the mayor to make a rare public apology.

"I'm embarrassed, I'm angry and I'm disappointed," the mayor said when asked about $40 million a year in city money funneled to the politically connected trucking companies. He also fired all 165 companies in the program but said they could reapply.

For Daley — who has been mayor seven years short of the record that his father, Richard J. Daley, set as both mayor and master of the once-mighty Chicago Democratic Machine — this is the second scandal to hit his administration in the past six months. The first involved two members of a family of Daley campaign donors who were accused of defrauding the city.

The city's hired-truck program was supposed to save money by outsourcing such work as hauling materials to construction sites. Advocates said the program, working properly, could cut the city's expenses in half by saving on insurance, maintenance and other costs.

Going into damage-control mode over the scandal, Daley on Wednesday forced out the well-respected director of budget and management, William F. Abolt.

"He is not a fall guy," Daley said. As budget director, "he had the responsibility. Period. He understands that."

How badly the scandal will hurt the well-entrenched Daley is unclear.

The mayor said one reason he is embarrassed is that he knew nothing about the scandal.

But a 1998 study by the accounting firm Ernst & Young that cost the city $1 million warned that the payment records were in shambles and that the program was a scandal waiting to explode.

And critics say Daley's claims to have known nothing raise other questions.

Daley was county prosecutor before he was mayor, "and yet he comes up blank that any of these guys are mob-connected, even though they're in his own 11th Ward back yard?" chortled Chicago political strategist Don Rose, a persistent critic of City Hall.

The Sun-Times investigation revealed that some of the trucking companies are owned by individuals whose mob ties are plain to see.

One owner is convicted mob loan shark James Inendino, serving a six-year federal prison sentence for swindling suburban Cicero out of $75,000 and cheating on his taxes.

Another company is owned by relatives of the late Chicago Alderman Fred Roti, described in an FBI report on labor racketeering as a made member of the Chicago organized crime family.

Others are operated by people with close ties to Daley. Two companies operated by Michael Tadin, a Daley political supporter, received $1.5 million from the program in the first 10 months of 2003 — more than any other company. His 78-year-old aunt also operates a company that participates.

Shooting at van becomes 21st linked to sniper case in Ohio

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A bullet that pierced a van's windshield earlier this week was linked Friday to a series of highway sniper attacks, bringing the total number of shootings to 21.

The shooting Tuesday expands the sniper's target area: It happened about 15 miles south of where most of the other attacks occurred, authorities said.

Cars, school buses and homes have been shot since May on or near a stretch of Interstate 270 south of Columbus. A car passenger was killed in November.

Ballistics tests on the latest bullet determined that it is one of at least eight to come from the same gun used in the deadly attack, authorities said.

The driver of the van at first thought a rock hit his windshield while he was driving on I-71 on his way to Pennsylvania, authorities said. The driver, identified in a sheriff's report as John Caito of Bridgeville, Pa., later examined the windshield at home and realized a bullet could have caused a hole in the glass.

The damage was reported to Pennsylvania state police, who sent a bullet fragment taken from the dashboard to Columbus investigators.

Investigators believe the shot came from a freeway overpass. The driver did not see anyone along the interstate, sheriff's Chief Deputy Steve Martin said.

Avian flu discovered

DOVER, Del. (AP) — Delaware officials ordered the destruction of some 12,000 farm chickens on Friday after confirming that the flock was infected by avian influenza.

State agriculture secretary Michael Scuse said the flu strain is different from the one that has spread to the human population in Asia, and that there is no threat to human health.

Scuse would not disclose the location of the infected chicken houses or identify the grower, saying only that it was an independent operation in Kent County.

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Tartuffe is coming...

16th century comedy to debut at 7 p.m. Thursday at Worsham Auditorium

Ever wonder what life was like for the residents of the 17th century? Well keep on wondering.

Snyder High School's next production may be set during the 17th century, but the play, written in 1664, is designed more to tickle your funny bone than present a completely accurate picture of life during that era.

High school varsity drama students will bring Moliere's play, *Tartuffe*, to life beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday. Other performances will follow at that time Friday and next Saturday with 2 p.m. next Sunday being the final show.

Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for students. To reserve tickets, contact the SHS office.

Director Michael McQuerry said, "The play is lighthearted and it approaches the sensitive subject of hypocrisy in such a way that it enables the audience to laugh and think. The kids are so energetic and their commitment to each other is more clear now than in earlier productions. This is great as we head to one-act competition."

Tartuffe, a 17th century comedy, was created to make the audience laugh. Therefore, the characters aren't necessarily realistic.

They include a hypocrite, a clever maid who doesn't mind stating her opinions, a blustering young man, and a foolish and tyrannical father and a naïve and very timid young girl.

Tartuffe's plot centers around Orgon, the father, who wants to hold on to his control of his family. He gets duped by Tartuffe who pretends to a religious zealot.

In the slapstick comedy, Tartuffe, a religious hypocrite, will be played by Logan Martin.

Jason Hook will portray Orgon, the husband of Elmire. Hook is no stranger to comedy as he has performed in seven plays so far.

"I love doing it (comedy)," Hook said. "I love to make people laugh. It's exciting to be on the stage."

Lacee Early and Blake Robertson will portray Orgon's daughter, Mariane, and Coleman Welch will play Valere, the man Mariane loves.

The problem is that during this era, the father of the family had complete control over who his daughters married.

Aurelie Semillon portrays Madam Pernelle, Orgon's mother. Corie Hernandez and Stephanie Parmer will both play Orgon's wife.

Michael Nelson and Paul Jackson will portray Cleante, Orgon's brother-in-law. Kerissa Shipp will play Dorine, Mariane's lady maid. Adrian Brooks will portray Monsieru Loyal, a bailiff.

Other characters will include Lance Turner as a gentleman of the King's Guard, and Nathan Graves as Flipote, one of Madame Pernelle's maids.

Justin Cox, production manager praised the ensemble cast for the "energetic and physically demanding," play. He noted that it is different from their previous production, *Three Sisters*, which had more serious and depressing themes. He added that *Tartuffe* is good practice for the one-act play competition, which begins in April.

Jeff Stanfield is the stage manager. Nathan Graves serves as the house manager; technical director Jerry Ashley and Paul Fritz is in charge of costumes.

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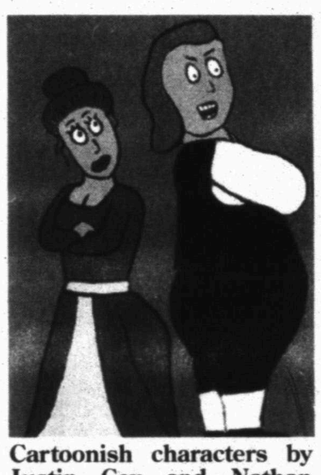
King Louis XIV of France was the first person to see *Tartuffe* in a private production in 1664. Though he liked the play, public performances were banned because officials of the Catholic Church expressed strong objections.

After Moliere revised the play he put on another performance for the king in 1667, but *Tartuffe* was again banned.

After Moliere brought three petitions before the king, the ban was lifted in 1669, and the public saw the play for the first time.

GETTING READY — Varsity drama students are getting ready for *Tartuffe*, a farcical comedy to be unveiled at 7 p.m. Thursday at Worsham Auditorium. Aurelie Semillon, who plays Madame Pernelle, Orgon's mother, lets Cleante, played by Paul Jackson, know how much she dislikes him by twisting his nose.



Cartoonish characters by Justin Cox and Nathan Graves.

Scurry County Folks

By Shirley A. Gorman

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Metabolic syndrome can trigger strokes

SAN DIEGO (AP) — An ominous and increasingly common mix of obesity and other health ills, known as metabolic syndrome, has been found to roughly double the risk of a stroke.

Doctors have recently come to appreciate the importance of this combination of bad health signs, largely because it often foreshadows heart attacks and the development of diabetes.

Diabetes itself significantly increases the risk of strokes. Now, new research shows that metabolic syndrome also appears to be a powerful trigger of strokes, even in people who do not yet have diabetes.

"Metabolic syndrome is a major health hazard, as we learn more and more about it, particularly in women and minorities, but we have known very little about its relationship to strokes," said Dr. Edgar Kenton of Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia.

The latest findings suggest it may be possible to forestall strokes by aggressively treating metabolic syndrome.

About one-quarter of U.S. adults have metabolic syndrome, which is also sometimes called syndrome X. They have three of five common conditions: abdominal obesity, high blood sugar, high triglycerides, high blood pressure or low HDL, the good form of cholesterol.

At a meeting in San Diego of the American Stroke Association, researchers from the landmark Framingham Heart Study presented data Friday on the stroke risk among those with the syndrome.

During 10 years of follow-up, men with metabolic syndrome had a 78 percent greater risk of strokes than those without the combination, and for women the risk was more than double.

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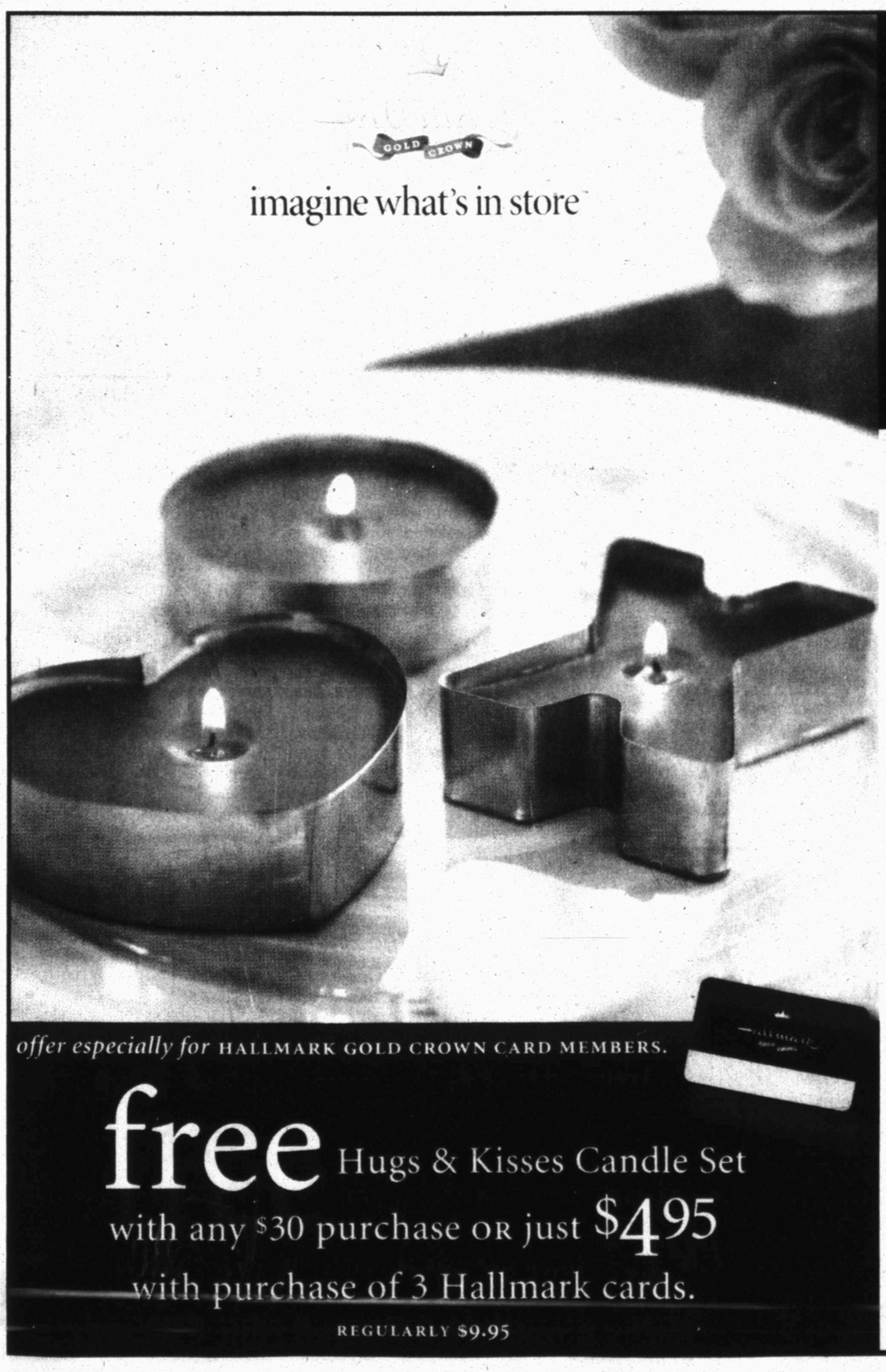
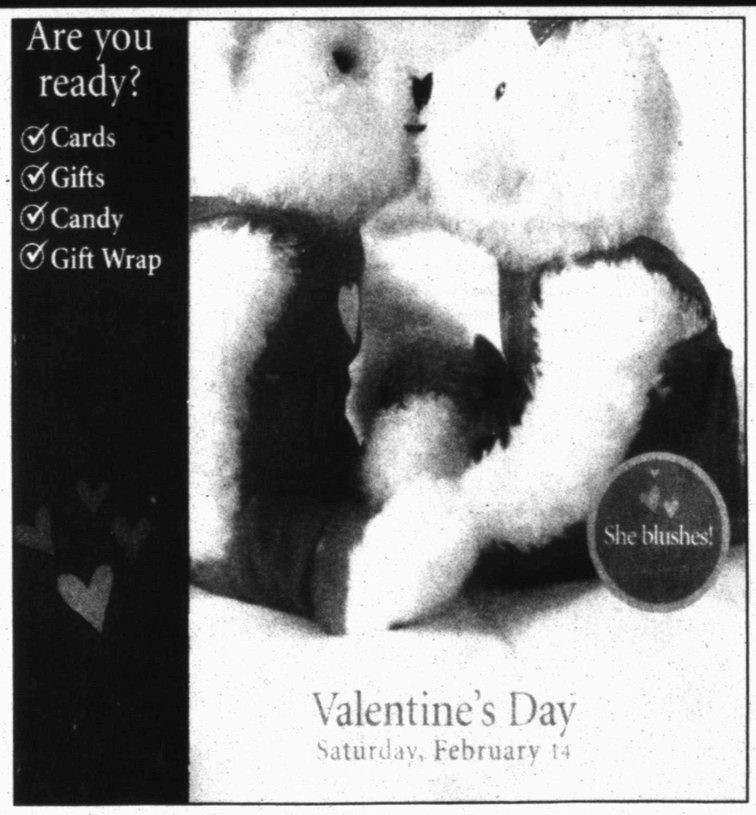


Valentine's Day
Saturday, February 14



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Price, Hood marry in Sunset, Utah

Terry, Jacob and Patrick Price announce the marriage of their mother, Marrianne Price to Tech Sgt. J. Matthew Hood on Dec. 19 in Sunset, Utah.

Mrs. Marrianne Hood is the daughter of Bruce and Denise Jarvis of Utah and Matt is the son of Tommy and Pat Hood of Snyder.

A special guest at the wedding was Marrianne's grandmother, Bonnie Higley. Also attending were her sons and her parents.

Tech Sgt. Hood is currently on duty assignment in Korea and upon his return the couple will reside in Sunset, Utah.

Bridal Registry

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	North 02-07-04		
	♠ 8 7 4 2		
	♥ Q J 10		
	♦ 8 5 3		
	♣ A K Q		
West		East	
♠ 9 3		♠ 6 5	
♥ 7 6 4 3		♥ 9 8 5 2	
♦ 9 6		♦ Q J 10	
♣ J 10 9 7 6		♣ 8 4 3 2	
	South		
	♠ A K Q J 10		
	♥ A K		
	♦ A K 7 4 2		
	♣ 5		

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
2♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♠	Pass	7♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ J

Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004

Thoughtlessness costs contracts

By Phillip Alder

W. Somerset Maugham wrote, "Common sense appears to be only another name for the thoughtlessness of the unthinking."

That sounds strange, but he was objecting to those who say, "I don't need to give you a reason. It is just common sense."

At the bridge table, thoughtlessness costs more points than anything. This deal always causes trouble in my classes, because the students have to find such an unusual play.

You zoom into seven spades. West leads the club jack. What would you do? Would it make any difference if the contract were seven no-trump?

After South opens with a strong and artificial two clubs, North responds two no-trump to show a balanced hand with at least eight points. (If you know about the two-diamond "waiting" response, I think it is overrated. If responder has the values for a positive response, he should try to make one. Here, though, because North is so strong, he could start with two diamonds. Then, when South rebids two spades, he can take over with Blackwood, as in the given sequence.)

Probably you saw that you have 13 top tricks: five spades, three hearts, two diamonds and three clubs. However, did you notice that you are in the dummy for the last time?

You must take all of dummy's club winners, unblocking the ace and king of hearts! Then, cash the Q-J-10 of hearts, discarding your low diamonds. Finally, draw trumps and claim.

The play in seven no-trump is identical, but you do not have the nervous moments wondering if someone will ruff a club or heart winner.

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Gary Allen Hale and Jennifer Louise Petty

Petty, Hale plan Feb. 27 wedding

Jennifer Louise Petty and Gary Allen Hale II of Snyder are planning a 6 p.m., Feb. 27 wedding at Willow Park Inn.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Alan and Mary Smith of Colorado City and Jim and Melissa Petty of Snyder. She is the granddaughter of Edward Nalepka of San Angelo and the late Josephine Nalepka, and Roy Petty of Westbrook and Margie Myers of Big Spring. She is the great-granddaughter of Mary Aiello of Monterey, Calif.

The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of Colorado High School and a 2003 graduate of Midland College nursing program and is employed at Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital in Sweetwater.

The prospective groom is the son of Gary and Delaine Hale of Colorado City. He is the grandson of Doug and Lorna Lusk of Midland and Cecil and Joyce Hale of Colorado City.

The future groom is a 2000 graduate of Coahoma High School and achieved his EMT intermediate certification in 2001 from Western Texas College. He also graduated from Texas State Technical College fire academy in Abilene and is now employed at Scurry County Sheriff's office in Snyder.

Following a cruise to the Western Caribbean, the couple plan to reside in Snyder.

Bridge Scores

Monte West directed bridge at the Snyder Country Club on Jan. 27 and Jane Hinton directed Jan 30.

Tuesday, Jan. 27

A Group

1. Barbara Yorgesen, Dora Blakey.
2. Tommy Vick, John Gibson.
3. Linda West, Monte West.
4. Jane Hinton, Charley Blakey.

B Group

1. Tommy Vick, John Gibson.
2. Maribeth Vestal, Dorothy Rosson.
3. Margaret Presswood, Margaret Dillaha.
4. Pat Floyd, Robbie Floyd.

Friday, Jan. 30

1. Anita Talbott, Suzy Reed.
2. Barbara Yorgesen, Elizabeth Hall.
3. Johnye Van Dever, Mary Bast.
4. Margaret Birdwell, Maribeth Vestal.

Dark chocolate chips make best cookies

If you thought there was no way to improve the chocolate chip cookie, you may be in for a mouthwatering surprise.

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6 tablespoons butter, softened
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1½ teaspoons vanilla extract
1¼ cups all-purpose flour
½ teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon salt
2 cups (12-oz. pkg.) Hershey's Special Dark Chocolate Chips
¾ cup chopped nuts, optional

1. Heat oven to 350F.

2. Beat butter and shortening in large bowl until well blended. Add brown sugar and granulated sugar; beat thoroughly. Add egg and vanilla, beating until well blended. Combine flour, baking soda and salt; gradually beat into butter mixture. Stir in chocolate chips and nuts, if desired. Drop by rounded teaspoons onto ungreased cookie sheet.

3. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool slightly; remove from cookie sheet to wire rack.

Cool completely. About 3½ dozen cookies.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Storytime at the Scurry County Library for 4- and 5-year-olds; 10 a.m.

Rock and Roll Quilting Club; Hermleigh Community Center; everyone is invited for free quilting lessons, and special projects are to help someone in need; call 863-2383 for more information; 8 a.m. to noon.

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Retired Teachers Assn.; The Shack; Janie Romine, Scurry County Library director will give the program; noon.

Martha Ann Woman's Club; clubhouse; directors meeting; 4 p.m.

Defensive Driving Two-Day Course; Monday and Tuesday at 6-9 p.m. in the Texas Savings Bank; no reservations necessary; for more information, call 573-2850.

NA-Just for Today; Park Club at Winston Park; 573-6179; 6-7 p.m..

Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

American Legion and Auxiliary Post 181; 7:30 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

Gateway Family Services parenting discussion group, focuses on a variety of parenting issues and special challenges; no charge; call 573-1822 for more information; 10:30 a.m.

DAR; Snyder Country Club; "Calico and Chintz" quilts in the DAR Museum, by Jo Flynn; Tizzy Hall, Lou Everett, hostesses; members are to bring Valentines for those in the Veteran's Hospital; 11:30 a.m.

Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; china painting program by Virginia Lowrance; Barbara McGee, LaDean Rhodes, hostesses; 4:15 p.m.

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.

Snyder Shrine Club; call 573-7668 for meeting place; 6 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.

Canyon Gun Club; 1910 25th; 7:30 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

Altrurian Daughters Club; "Power From the Wind," by Randy Sowell; Jean Sealy and Nona Morrison, hostesses; 11:30 a.m.

NA Just For Today, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-1438; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; terminal bldg. Winston Field; Tony Brown, acrylic instruction; Joy McGlaun, hostess; 9:30-4 p.m. with break for lunch.

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

NA-Just for Today; Park Club at Winston Park; 573-6179; 6-7 p.m..

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

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

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving Course; Texas Savings Bank; no reservations necessary, for more information call 573-2850; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

SUNDAY

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

NA-Just for Today; Park Club at Winston Park; 573-6179; 6-7 p.m..

Bubble machine making bubbles again

BEAUFORT, S.C. (AP) — The city of Beaufort had burst Janet Mark's bubble, but now the downtown shopkeeper is bubbly again.

Mark, owner of Carolina Stamper, was told to shut down the bubble-making machine on her storefront sign.

Mark had been making tiny bubbles for five years — with only one complaint from someone whose car got pelted with the floating suds.

"I got the bubble machine because I thought it added some quaintness to Beaufort and it made people happy," Mark said.

The 1998 ordinance that city officials said Mark was violating prohibits "permanent moving signs, windblown signs or devices to attract attention, all or part of which move by any means, including fluttering, rotating or otherwise moving devices, set in motion by movement of the atmosphere or by mechanical, electrical or other means."

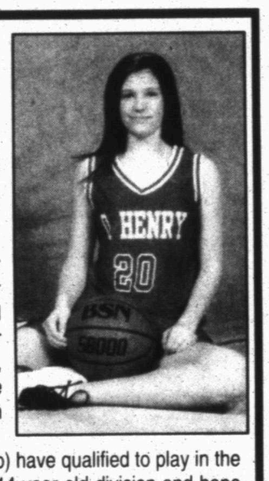
The city just recently began cracking down on violations.

Mark was told to unplug her bubble machine or face a $1,000-a-day fine.

But after three bubble-free days, City Manager John McDonough had a change of heart and said the ordinance was unclear on bubble machines.

"The section (of city code) that enumerates prohibited signs really does not specify bubble machines as prohibited," McDonough said.

Sarabeth Bratton



13 year old daughter of Rhonda (Nunley) and Louis Bratton of Austin, and granddaughter of Mickey and JoAnn Nunley of Snyder.

Accomplishments:

Sarabeth is a member of the Austin Junior Volleyball Association. Her 2003 team (12 year old Navy) went undefeated during the season and qualified to compete in the National Junior Olympic Tournament which was held in Atlanta, Georgia in July 2003. They finished 3rd in the Nation and were defeated by the Puerto Rican team that won the National Championship.

This year, Sarabeth and her (13 year old Mizuno) have qualified to play in the Texas Championship Series tournaments in the 14 year old division and hope to again qualify for the National tournament which will be held in Houston this year.

She also enjoys playing basketball for her school and the Austin Glory club team.

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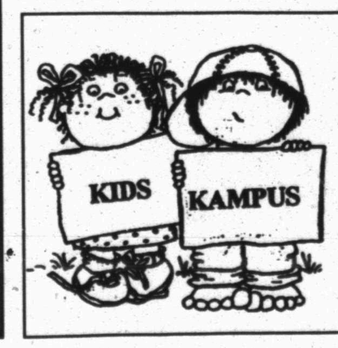

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Meredith Allen to serve as Mardi Gras queen

SHREVEPORT, La. — Meredith Frances Allen, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Larry Allen, will serve as queen of the Feb. 14, Washington, D.C. Mardi Gras, along with the king, William Oliver, president of Louisiana Operations for BellSouth. They were appointed by Congressman Jim McCrery of Louisiana.

Meredith is the granddaughter of Snyder's mayor, Francene Noah.

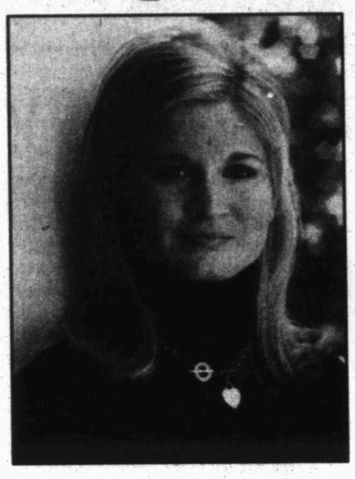
Meredith is in the Magnet Program at Captain Shreve High School where she is a Distinguished Scholar and a member of Mu Alpha Theta and the National Mathematics Honor Society.

She is active in student council and is the general manager and past business editor for the yearbook.

She is also a member of the Z-Club, Youth in Government, French Club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Meredith is an archer and a member of the National Archery Association.

She is a two-time recipient of "The President's Student Service Award" in recognition of outstanding community service In addition, she is a member of the National Society of High School Scholars and *Who's Who Among American High School Students.* She has spent the last 10 summers attending Camp Waldemar for Girls. Meredith also enjoys photography, traveling, snow skiing, working out and being with friends.

She well reign over the Mardi Gras festivities including a jazz and food fest reception, midnight black tie dinner dance, the grand ball and ending with a pageant, parade and dance.



Meredith Frances Allen

Library News & Views

By Janie Romine, director

The month of February is known for Presidents' Day and Valentine's Day. Enrich your mind and improve your life by reading a book on these subjects. Do you want to put the romance back in your life?

Pick up a book about dating, couples, marriage or personal relationships. If you are having trouble understanding your spouse, consider the older book, *Men are From Mars, Women are From Venus.*

Of course, you may have everything under control in that department.

Since this is a month honoring our presidents, check out a book about a president. Some new ones include *Inventing a Nation*, by Gore Vidal. In this slim book, Vidal delves into the world of Washington, Adams, and Jefferson, showing not only their political lives, but also their personal lives.

For a more current president, consider *Dear Americans, Letters From the Desk of Ronald Reagan.* If you want to read about an earlier president, read David McCullough's award winning book, *John Adams.* No matter your interest, the Scurry County Library has a book about your chosen president.

While you are thinking patriotic thoughts, do not forget to register to vote. The Scurry County Library has voter registration cards at the front desk.

Also, the library continues to receive additional IRS forms for your use. If we do not have the form you need, we may have it at a later time.

No matter your need, no matter your interest, you may just find a solution at the Scurry County Library. If you have not visited us lately, make us a regular stop in your schedule.

Come see the changes at your Scurry County Library.

The library will be closed Feb. 14-16 for President's Day. It will reopen for regular hours on Feb. 17.

Tips for starting exercise program

By The Associated Press

Some tips for starting an exercise program:

—Get a thorough physical exam, including a treadmill test.

—Quit smoking.

—Start out slowly. Alternate walking and jogging as you improve.

—Find someone to work with in a training program.

AARP recommendations for those between ages 50-69 who want to start a moderate-intensity exercise program. Answering "yes" to any of the following questions requires a talk with your doctor before you begin training:

—Has your doctor ever said that you have a heart condition and that you should do only physical activity recommended by a doctor?

—Do you feel pain in your chest when you do physical activity?

—In the past month, have you had chest pain when you were not doing physical activity?

—Do you lose your balance because of dizziness, or do you ever lose consciousness?

—Do you have a bone or joint problem that could be made worse by a change in your physical activity?

—Is your doctor currently prescribing drugs (for example, water pills) for your blood pressure or a heart condition?

—Do you know of any other reason you should not do physical activity?

For those over 69 who are not used to being very active, first talk to your doctor.

Advice on designing your fitness program: http://www.aarp.org

Don't blame restaurants

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — You might not be able to blame that fast-food restaurant for your own super size, at least not in Utah.

A proposed Senate bill would shield Utah restaurants from lawsuits filed by people who claim the restaurant's food made them fat.

"It's becoming a national trend and there's a potential it could occur here in Utah," said sponsor Sen. Howard Stephenson.

Utah Restaurant Association president Melva Sine said her organization helped to draft the bill, which has yet to surface in this year's legislative session.

"We would hate for restaurants to spend time, money and effort on something that's going to be tossed out anyway," Sine said.

Nationally, no plaintiff has ever succeeded in obesity-related claims against restaurants.

School Menus

Snyder

All meals are served with a milk pouch and breakfast offers a choice of juice; cereal and toast.

BREAKFAST
All Schools
Monday
French Toast Sticks
Chilled Peaches
Tuesday
Cinnamon Toast
Wednesday
Scrambled Eggs w/Bacon
Applesauce
Thursday
Egg & Cheese Taco
Friday
No School

LUNCH
Elementaries
Monday
Chicken Nuggets
Salisbury Steak
Cheddar Mashed Potatoes
Seasoned Green Beans
Texas Toast
Tuesday
Beef Enchiladas
Barbecued Chicken
Refried Beans
Santa Fe Rice
Chilled Peaches
Wednesday
All-American Chili Dog
Chef Salad
French Fries
Golden Kernel Corn
Applesauce
Thursday
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce
Chicken Pot Pie
Broccoli
Mashed Potatoes
Ice Cream

Junior High
Monday
Chicken Nuggets
Salisbury Steak
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheeseburger
Cheddar Mashed Potatoes
Lettuce & Pickles
Seasoned Green Beans
Texas Toast
Tuesday
Beef Enchiladas
Barbecued Chicken
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Peaches
Refried Beans
Santa Fe Rice
Chilled Peaches
Wednesday
Chili Dog
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Pickles
French Fries
Golden Kernel Corn
Fresh Fruit
Thursday
Chicken Pot Pie
Chef Salad
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Pickles
Broccoli
Mashed Potatoes
Chocolate Fluff

High School
Monday
Chicken Nuggets
Salisbury Steak
Beef Burrito
Pepperoni Pizza
Salad Bar
Cheddar Mashed Potatoes
Seasoned Green Beans
Lettuce & Pickles
Texas Toast
Tuesday
Beef Enchiladas
Barbecued Chicken
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Pepperoni Pizza
Salad Bar
Refried Beans
Santa Fe Rice
Chilled Peaches
Wednesday
Chili Dog
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Pepperoni Pizza
Salad Bar
Broccoli
Mashed Potatoes
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Thursday
Chicken Pot Pie
Chef Salad
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Pepperoni Pizza
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All meals are served with choice of milk and breakfast is served with juice.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Biscuits & Gravy
Sausage
Tuesday
Cinnamon Rolls
Wednesday
Breakfast Pizza
Thursday
Homemade Burritos
Friday
Sausage on Stick

LUNCH
Monday
Chicken Fried Steak/Chicken Sticks
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Applesauce
Tuesday
Turkey & Gravy/Peanut Butter Sandwich
Broccoli & Cheese
Carrots
Bread
Brownies
Wednesday
Chili Cheese Burritos/Corn Dogs
Potato Wedges
Salad
Peach Cobbler
Thursday
Hamburger Macaroni/Grill Cheese
Slice Potatoes
Ranch Style Beans
Corn Bread
Oranges
Friday
Chicken Nuggets/Steak Fingers
Peas
Corn
Bread
Heart Cookies

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Breakfast is served with juice and all meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Ham & Toast
Tuesday
Biscuit/Egg/Sausage
Wednesday
Blueberry Muffins
Thursday
French Toast Sticks
Friday
Sausage & Biscuit

LUNCH
Monday
Burrito/Chili/Cheese
Salad
Pinto Beans
Frozen Fruit Cup
Tuesday
Beef & Cheese Nachos
French Fries
Refried Beans
Tortilla Chips
Mixed Fruit
Whipped Topping
Wednesday
Stromboli
Whole Kernel Corn
Fried Okra
Pineapple Tidbits
Thursday
Chili Cheese Dogs
Tater Tots
Relish
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Friday
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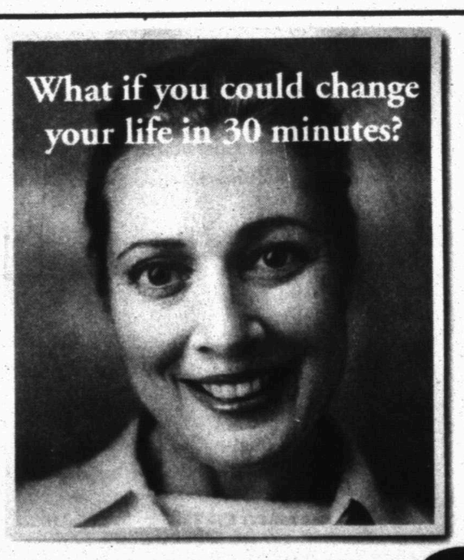

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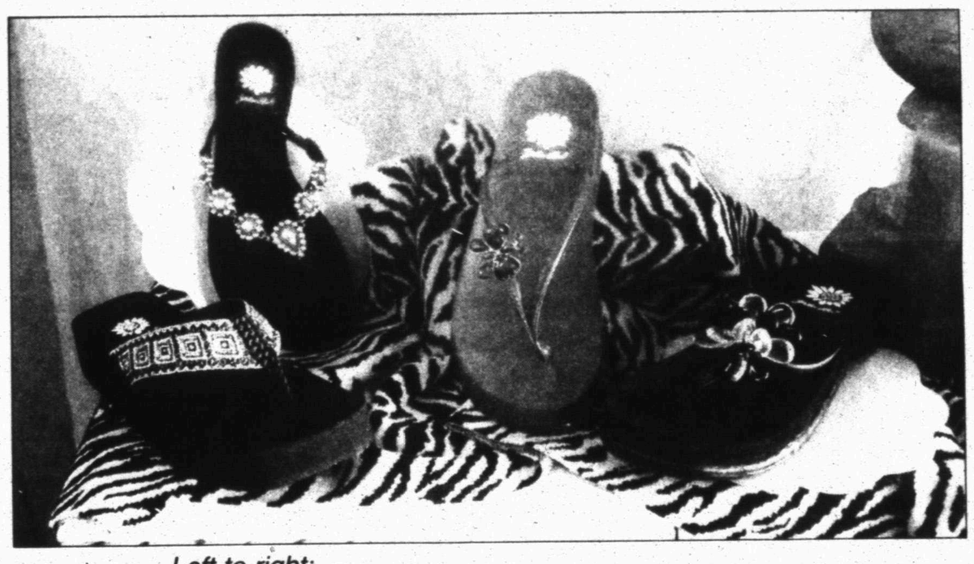

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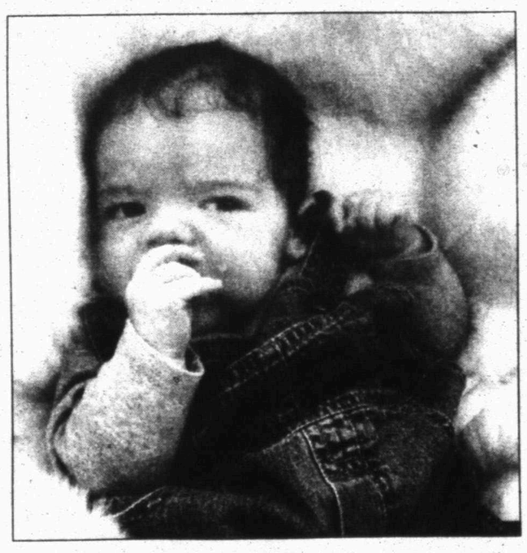

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Doctors sued for not giving enough data to patients

SEATTLE (AP) — A lawyer accused doctors at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center of not telling five patients about all the risks of an experimental bone-marrow transplant.

In opening statements in a lawsuit, the lawyer for the center responded Thursday that the doctors were doing the best they could with the state of knowledge at the time to try to save the leukemia patients.

The families of the five, who died in the early 1980s, are seeking unspecified damages from the center and the doctors. One of the physicians is E. Donnall Thomas, who won a Nobel Prize for his work on bone-marrow transplants.

Plaintiff attorney David Breskin, who alleges negligence and fraud, told the King County Superior Court jury the patients should have received more information about the experimental treatment known as T-cell depletion.

"Had they provided all the information, no reasonably prudent person would ever have consented to participate," Breskin said.

Scientists altered the donated marrow by removing T-cells in an attempt to prevent a sometimes-fatal complication of transplants known as graft vs. host disease. The disease occurs when the donated marrow attacks a patient's organs.

The procedure was performed on the patients from 1981 to 1993. Of 85 patients participating, 81 died. Breskin said more would have lived under standard treatments at the time.

Joe Fisher, widower of cancer patient Ruth Fisher, said outside court that his family believes they were not given enough information about the experimental process.

"This all happened a long time ago, but the collective recollection of our family and the notes we took indicate we didn't have the full story," he said.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Salt poisoning has many causes

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is salt poisoning?

DEAR READER: An overabundance of salt in the body can lead to serious consequences: tissue swelling, confusion, irritability, seizures and coma.

The condition can result from dehydration (which concentrates the salt already in the body) or from a host of other medical conditions that stem from abnormalities in the body's normal salt-regulating system. Also, certain drugs — notably diuretics — can cause salt poisoning.

The diagnosis is made by a combination of blood and urine tests.

Treatment consists of water replacement, either orally or intravenously, to dilute the level of salt. Prescription medicine, such as Vasopressin, may be necessary.

Salt poisoning can be a life-threatening emergency requiring prompt therapy.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have successfully used Vicks VapoRub for my nail fungus, but I have been plagued for years by a fungal irritation in my groin that was unresponsive to the usual remedies. I learned to live with the problem — or so I thought.

One day, while showering, I noticed a bottle of hydrogen peroxide on the windowsill. On impulse, I rubbed some of the liquid on the inflamed skin. It was miraculous. This single application got rid of 90 percent of the skin infection.

I used the peroxide once a day for 2 weeks in 1992 and have had no problem since. What do you think?

DEAR READER: "Jock itch" (fungal infection of the skin in the groin) is a common malady that may spread and become a therapeutic challenge.

Quite honestly, I have neither heard (nor cannot conceive) of a single application of peroxide curing this affliction. In addition, I do not believe that it is related to fungal toenail infections.

However, I view myself as a pragmatist — at least in my dreams — so I hesitate to play down your experience. In theory, it makes sense: fungi and yeasts generally welcome an environment that is low in oxygen; hydrogen peroxide is turbo-charged oxygen, so could exert a significant negative effect. Yet, I am still concerned about the speed and extent of your improvement. Could your dermatitis have been caused by some other agent? I don't know. But the obvious answer to this is for you to have a fungal culture of the groin taken if and when the inflammation occurs again. This test will not only tell the doctor if you have a yeast problem, it will also identify the type of fungus that is present.

If you don't choose this route, you can certainly use the peroxide when needed; the treatment is safe, painless and cheap.

At this point, I hesitate endorsing your solution for the general public. However, if there are readers out there who take issue with my neutrality, I welcome their comments and will publish a future column on this topic.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: Here is another home remedy that may be useful to some of your readers.

I have psoriasis. On frequent occasions, it itches so badly that I cannot fall asleep at night.

One evening, the itching was really driving me crazy. My wife happened to be cleaning the bathroom with Lestoil. In desperation, I took a tissue, dampened it with the cleaning fluid, and wiped the psoriasis. The itching stopped immediately. On a hunch, I applied Lestoil for about 10 days and — wonder of wonders — the psoriasis disappeared. Now, with Lestoil on an as-needed basis, I have been free of psoriasis for several months.

I shared my experience with a neighbor who had psoriasis. His skin condition is totally gone after Lestoil applications.

I have called several big hospitals to tell them of my discovery, but no one will listen.

DEAR READER: Well, I will. And, I'll bet, patients with psoriasis will, too. I have had no experience with this cure, so cannot support or condemn it. I'm simply passing on your tip, which should be safe and inexpensive. I'd be very interested in hearing from other readers about your novel approach. Therefore, I request that psoriatic readers who choose to try Lestoil, write me about their successes or failures with this treatment. I'll do a follow-up column in the future.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Eczema and Psoriasis." 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've discovered an absurdly simple technique to repel mosquitoes and would like to share it with your readers, especially given the public concern about mosquito-borne West Nile virus.

When I was younger, I was plagued by mosquito bites. The insects seemed drawn to me, and the usual commercial repellants were ineffective.

When my daughter was interning in a large and prestigious city hospital, she lived in an apartment house with several other interns and residents, many of whom had pets. Unfortunately, there was a flea infestation in the building. One of the young doctors recommended that all the pets be given brewer's yeast, the theory being that such yeast gives off a distasteful odor for fleas, but not for humans.

Within a week, the flea infestation had completely disappeared.

My daughter subsequently telephoned me to suggest that I try brewer's yeast to repel mosquitoes. I did, and it worked for me. I have not had a mosquito bite in 20 years, regardless of the time of year or my outdoor activities. Each morning, during mosquito season, I take a 7.5 mg tablet of brewer's yeast with my orange juice. I cannot believe that I am the only human being for whom this works.

Consequently, I shared my success story by calling the Centers for Disease Control in Washington, D.C., as well as speaking to a health-topics reporter at our local paper. No one was interested, no one suggested a study and the issue died.

Wouldn't you think that someone in authority would be interested in investigating this?

DEAR READER: Indeed I would. At the very least, however, I would expect some authority to acknowledge your telephone calls.

Your pattern, over a 20-year period, is highly significant, in my opinion. But, as with my knowledge of Lestoil, I have zero experience with brewer's yeast as a repellant, so I cannot endorse or condemn it. It does seem to me, however, that if the technique is truly successful, the implications for our armed forces — not to mention the residents in tropical climates — are astronomical.

So, let's work behind the scenes and start an initial evaluation of this harmless and inexpensive remedy. Those of you who want to try brewer's yeast should certainly do so. But please report your opinions back to me. Were they successes (as I hope) or failures?

DEAR DR. GOTT: With respect to your Vicks VapoRub for nail fungus, I am uncertain how to use it properly. Please advise.

DEAR READER: Trim down the affected nail as much as possible. Use an emery board if clipping is uncomfortable.

Remove as much of the fungal debris — the whitish yellow deposit under the nail — as you can.

Apply Vicks to the nail, cuticle and surrounding tissue twice a day, rubbed in well. Bed linen and socks will not be affected.

Be patient. The fungus-free nail should gradually grow out, but months may pass before you notice a significant improvement.

Although some readers have advised covering the treated foot with plastic wrap, this is not always necessary. While plastic wrap may improve the effect of Vicks, it can be a nuisance. I prefer to keep things simple.

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

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Tests on DNA free North Carolina man after 18 years

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) — A man who served 18 years for a slaying that DNA tests proved he didn't commit left court Friday finally free after a judge threw out the case.

Darryl Hunt was convicted twice and imprisoned for the 1984 murder of Deborah Sykes, a copy editor at the now-defunct Winston-Salem Sentinel.

Hunt, 38, had been serving a life sentence, but was released on bond Dec. 24, two days after DNA implicated another man in the crime.

"This is hard for me because ... for 20 years, I've tried to prove my innocence," he said after Superior Court Judge Anderson Cromer cleared him of all charges.

Doug Sykes, the victim's husband, and Evelyn Jefferson, her mother, asked Cromer not to vacate the charge. They said they still believe Hunt had a role in her killing.

"I believe what you're about to do today is set free a guilty man who is responsible for my daughter's death," Jefferson said, crying.

District Attorney Tom Keith said there was no basis to continue to hold Hunt.

DNA testing requested by Hunt's attorneys last year led in a match with Willard E. Brown. Brown, 43, was charged in December with murder and other counts, and he confessed to Sykes' killing.

"It's our opinion that Willard Brown committed the murder, committed the rape and he acted alone," Keith said.

The case has long been a racial issue in Winston-Salem; Sykes was white and Hunt is black. Through two trials and several hearings over nearly two decades, Hunt's supporters had accused police and prosecutors of railroading him with questionable witnesses and no physical evidence.

"All of us here in this room, in this community are victims," Cromer said. "Today we acknowledge that a mistake was made. We acknowledge that our system is not perfect."

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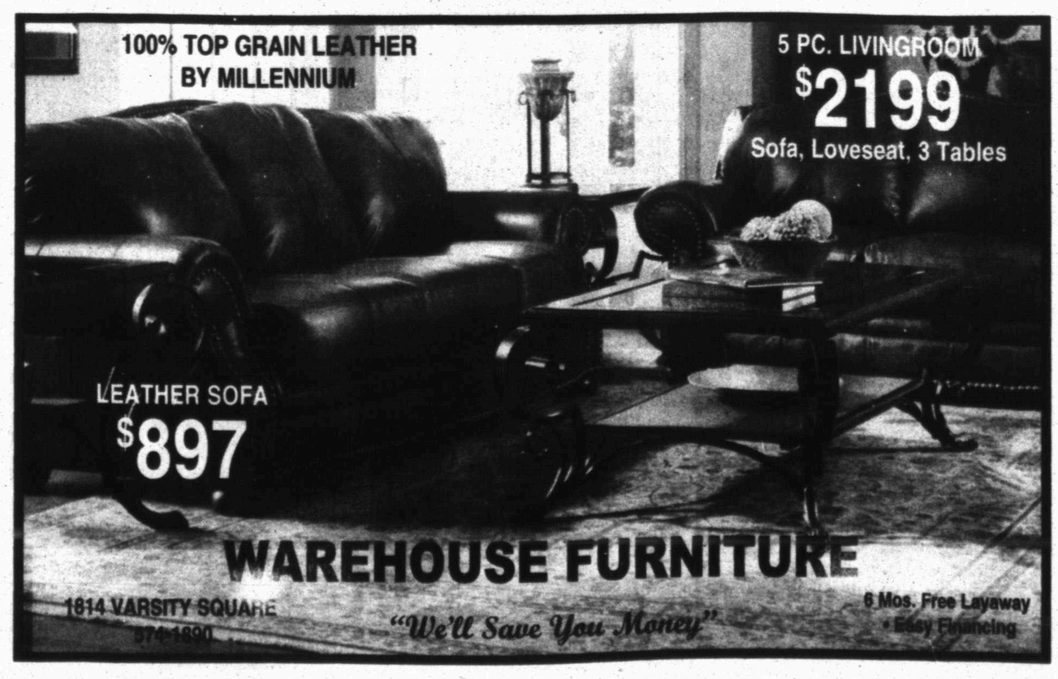

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U.S. hopes pardon results in information

WASHINGTON (AP) — He is a black-market profiteer who worked to help Iran and North Korea acquire the nuclear weapons secrets that President Bush said makes them part of an "axis of evil."

Yet when scientist Abdul Qadeer Khan received a public pardon Thursday from Pakistan's leader, there was nary a murmur of protest — in fact there was praise — from American officials.

To weapons inspector David Kay and others, it was an outrage.

"I can think of no one who deserves less to be pardoned," said Kay, former head of a U.S. team that searched for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. He said Khan was "running essentially a Sam's Club" of weapons technology.

Yet others say the public response may mask U.S. officials' real motivation.

What they are hoping, according to American officials speaking on condition of anonymity, is that Khan's pardon becomes a plea bargain of sorts, with Pakistan trading leniency in exchange for Khan's information about the still-at-large members of the worldwide nuclear black market.

"We could beat our chests and be outraged," said Robert Oakley, a former ambassador to Pakistan who defended the Bush administration's low key response.

"The most important thing is to get as much information possible as to where the links (to accomplices) were," Oakley said. "We have to make sure it doesn't happen again."

More than anything, the U.S. response shows just how solicitous American officials remain toward Pakistan President Gen. Pervez Musharraf, that they're leery of any public criticism lest it destabilize this key ally in the war on terrorism.

Any push by Musharraf for a trial of Khan could have led to a political showdown with Islamist and opposition groups who regard the scientist as a hero for founding Pakistan's nuclear weapons program.

Pakistan, which shares a border with Afghanistan, says it has arrested more than 500 al-Qaida followers since 2002. Many have been handed over to the United States.

U.S. officials also praise Musharraf for his role in arranging peace talks with India starting on Feb. 16, the first such discussions in over two years.

Above all else, U.S. officials often say that if Musharraf were to be toppled, the alternatives — in a country with strong nationalistic sentiment, powerful currents of Islamic extremism and nuclear weapons — could only prove worse.

So for now, U.S. officials seem willing to publicly accept Musharraf's assurances that he will prevent further proliferation of nuclear secrets, even though some critics believe Pakistani military or intelligence officials might have helped Khan.

"President Musharraf provided us assurances that the government of Pakistan was not involved in any kind of proliferation activity," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said. "The actions of Pakistan have broken up this network, and that's important."

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher credited Pakistani authorities with pursuing the investigation seriously ever since Iranian officials told U.N. nuclear experts more than two months ago about the leakage of secrets.

"We think that Pakistan is taking serious efforts to end the activities of a dangerous network," Boucher said.

Scurry County Anti-drug Connection

The best things in life are drug free

The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with the Scurry County Anti Drug Connection and Al-Anon support groups devote this column to current information on substance abuse, and how we, as a community, can work together to create a safe and drug free environment for our children.

CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS (COA): IMPORTANT FACTS

(Part 2 of 3)

4. Alcoholism usually has strong negative effects on marital relationships.

Almost two-thirds of separated and divorced women, and almost half of separated or divorced men, under age 46, have been exposed to alcoholism in the family at some time.

5. Alcohol is associated with a substantial proportion of human violence, and perpetrators are often under the influence of alcohol.

Alcohol is a key factor in 68% of manslaughters, 62% of assaults, 54% of murders and attempted murders, 48% of robberies, and 44% of burglaries.

Studies of family violence frequently document high rates of alcohol and other drug involvement.

CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS (COA) may be more likely to be the targets of physical abuse and to witness family violence.

Compared with non-alcoholic families, alcoholic families demonstrate poorer problem-solving abilities, both among the parents and within the family as a whole. These poor communication and problem-solving skills may be mechanisms through which lack of cohesion and increased conflict develop and escalate in alcoholic families.

COAs are more at risk for disruptive behavioral problems and are more likely than non-COAs to be sensation seeking, aggressive, and impulsive.

6. Based on clinical observations and preliminary research, a relationship between parental alcoholism and child abuse is indicated in a large proportion of child abuse cases.

A significant number of children in this country are being raised by addicted parents. With more than one million children confirmed each year as victims of child abuse and neglect by state child protective service agencies, state welfare records have indicated that substance abuse is one of the top two problems exhibited by families in 81% of the reported cases.

Existing research suggests alcoholism is more strongly related to child abuse than are other disorders, such as parental depression.

Although several studies report very high rates of alcoholism among the parents of incest victims, much additional research is needed in this area.

7. Children of alcoholics exhibit symptoms of depression and anxiety more than children of non-alcoholics.

In general, COAs appear to have lower self-esteem than non-COAs in childhood, adolescence and young adulthood.

Children of alcoholics exhibit elevated rates of psychopathology. Anxiety, depression, and externalizing behavior disorders are more common among COAs than among children of non-alcoholics.

Young COAs often show symptoms of depression and anxiety such as crying, bed wetting, not having friends, being afraid to go to school, or having nightmares. Older youth may stay in their rooms for long periods of time and not relate to other children claiming they "have no one to talk to." Teens may show depressive symptoms by being perfectionistic in their endeavors, hoarding, staying by themselves, and being excessively self-conscious. Teenage COAs may begin to develop phobias.

8. Children of alcoholics experience greater physical and mental health problems and higher health care costs than children from non-alcoholic families.

Inpatient admission rates for substance abuse are triple that of other children.

Inpatient admission rates for mental disorders are almost double that of other children.

The rate of total health care costs for children of alcoholics is 32% greater than children from non-alcoholic families.

9. Children of alcoholics score lower on tests measuring verbal ability.

COAs tend to score lower on tests that measure cognitive and verbal skills. Their ability to express themselves may be impaired, which can impede their school performance, peer relationships, ability to develop and sustain intimate relationships, and hamper performance on job interviews.

The above information was provided by *The National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information.*

For more information on how you and/or your business or organization can be involved in promoting a drug-free community, contact the Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection at the Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 574-1931 or 573-1411.

Public Records

Marriage License

Edrick Mendoza Olvera of Garland and Mary Lupe Rodriguez of Snyder.

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Beneficial Texas Inc. vs. Richard D. and Nifa Campos, suit on note.

Action in District Court

Hrubetz Operating Company vs. C.K. Oil Properties Inc., agreed judgment to take nothing.

Mary E. Rinehart vs. Dexter O'Neil Rinehart, order granting defendant's motion for a new trial.

Mary E. Rinehart vs. Dexter O'Neil Rinehart, order of nonsuit.

Deed Records

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Joel Zane Murphy to Kelly Mechelle Murphy, Lots 5 and 6 in Block 25 of the Original Town of Hermleigh.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, Feb. 8, 2004

Chances are in the year ahead you will be showered with an abundance of opportunities not afforded others. However, if you are indifferent or complacent about what occurs, they will count for little.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Just because one financial risk you took worked out quite well for you doesn't mean all will follow suit. Before making any investments today, be certain you know what you're getting into.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Chances are you'll get all the aid you need to help further a career interest today, but in order for a collective effort to click properly, a harmony of purpose must exist between you and others.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Keep pace with your duties and responsibilities today and you'll find that all will work out better for you than you could have imagined. Fall behind and it'll be a totally different story.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You're particularly lucky today when it involves your friendships and close relationships. However, when it comes to business associates, if you have any doubts about things, back out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Blessings will be plentiful in all your family relationships today, but don't expect kin to understand matters that should be strictly between you and your mate. Keep things to yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — If you take the time to organize your hours and figure out how you intend to perform your tasks and duties, your work will run like clockwork. Untethered, more than one job will have to be redone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — People in general could tend to be quite generous to you today. It will be important that you properly acknowledge their efforts or they could regret doing anything for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Both family and friends might look to you for leadership today, so it'll be important that you handle the reins well. If you display selfishness or ignore the rules, don't expect them to follow you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — It's very kind of you not to want to hurt another's feelings when a pal comes to you today for advice. However, you'll do little to help unless you very diplomatically level with this person.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — If you want to go ahead and be extravagant with your own money, that's well and good, but don't think you can be careless and free-spending with the holdings of others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You may get a few more breaks today than your competitors do, but if you bank solely on Lady Luck to win the day for you, you could get caught off guard and lose everything you had gained.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Be optimistic and hopeful today, but don't let it override the normally good, common sense you apply to all your endeavors. Facts must be taken at face value, not glossed over.

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

Monday, Feb. 9, 2004

In the year ahead, you are likely to be more ambitious than you may have been for some time in the past. Success won't be denied you if you don't put too many irons in the fire and finish what you set out to do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Sensibly schedule all the tasks you wish to accomplish today. Once you begin one chore, don't jump to another until what you've started is completed to your satisfaction.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — The grass on the other side of the fence may look a great deal greener to you today, but should you stray from your own backyard, you'll learn to your dismay that it was a reflection of your lawn.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — It is one thing to make a promise, but the true test of sincerity is following through on it. Should you renege today on a pledge, you'll create ill will that you'll regret.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Today you may think you're quite capable of handling both your responsibilities and engaging in fun pursuits as well. However, as time ticks on, the clock could prove you wrong.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — If shopping for a large-ticket product today, avoid jumping at the first item or price offered you. Chances are that you'll run across something far better and end up with buyer's remorse later on.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Only a solid presentation today will convince others of the merits of your cause. Be sure to do all your homework and lay out a submission plan you know will be worthy of your enterprise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You may have to deal with someone today who you've not forgiven for something done in the past. Unfortunately, an old grudge could cloud your judgment and prove costly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Expensive involvements in nonessential activities or interests could do your budget a great disservice today. Try not to be wasteful with funds that are earmarked for important items.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Personal achievements will be denied you today if you lazily proceed toward your objectives in a haphazard fashion. Give yourself a chance at succeeding by planning every move ahead.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — If you're unduly suspicious or mistrustful of the motives of others today, it will be inevitable that you'll find something to distress you, even if you have to make up erroneous facts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Try to avoid acquaintances today who you know from past experience have a tendency to be users. Should one rub you the wrong way, you could jump to conclusions and overreact.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — In any association today that calls for a collective effort, be sure that you keep your ideas in harmony with the other people involved. Unity is a must if the group is to prevail.

Major changes are ahead for Aquarius in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

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Candidate pulls campaign song from commercial

ALBANY, Ga. (AP) — A candidate for Albany's mayor pulled a TV advertisement he was using because it featured Ray Charles singing "Georgia on My Mind" without permission.

Dr. Willie Adams Jr. withdrew the commercial voluntarily Tuesday because the Tallahassee, Fla., public relations company responsible for producing the commercial failed to obtain the rights to the song.

"It was our decision," said Gary Yordon, a consultant with the Adams campaign. "We want this to be aboveboard and handled correctly. ... We're confident we took all the steps that were necessary."

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Man tied to former inlaws is not ready for relationship

DEAR ABBY: My sister set me up with a friend of hers named "Darryl" who turned out to be the nicest man I'd ever met. We have dated for four months, and there is only one problem. He has been divorced for three years, but spends most of his spare time with his former in-laws.

Darryl couldn't take time to meet my son and daughter-in-law because he had to go to his ex's nephew's football game. He spends every holiday with them, provides for them financially and lets them use his cars. When his ex-wife is going to be there, they tell him not to come over.

Is Darryl obsessed with her parents? Does he hope his ex will come back, even though she left him and remarried?

My sister mentioned he was close to his former family, but isn't this carrying it too far? I'm confused. Please help me understand. — **CONFUSED IN MICHIGAN**

DEAR CONFUSED: Consider this. He was dumped by his wife but still gets emotional support by clinging to his former in-laws. If he were as interested in you as you are in him, he would spend less time with them and more with you. I recommend you lower your expectations, because Darryl does not appear ready for a serious relationship with you or anyone right now.

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DEAR ABBY: I left my husband after 20 years of marriage, asked for a divorce and got it. My ex was very upset, but did not fight it. Our two older children are in college. The youngest is 16 and a high school senior. She was very upset at the time we separated.

Although I was the one who wanted the divorce, I realized later that it had not been a wise decision, and I asked my ex to come back. He agreed.

The problem is our 16-year-old. She does not think it's a good idea. She doesn't say why, just that she "feels that way." She had a good relationship with both of us, but she does not want us to get back together. She doesn't come to church with us, and she doesn't like to see us together. I don't know how to deal with this. Any advice? — **CONFUSED IN MARYLAND**

DEAR CONFUSED: Please don't make your daughter's problem your own. You say she is a senior in high school. That means she should be leaving for college in the fall. Why are you allowing her to dictate your future?

Family counseling for you, your daughter and your ex-husband might be helpful to improve the level of communication among you and would be a wise investment. Please don't wait.

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DEAR ABBY: Technology is wonderful. We have so many useful gadgets at our fingertips. I am wondering about using them properly, especially e-mail.

My father-in-law died recently and many chose to e-mail their condolences. Is this tacky, or am I just being too picky? — **SNAIL MAIL VS. E-MAIL**

DEAR SNAIL MAIL: We live in an age where e-mail is an accepted form of communication. It's easy, it's fast and it's cheap. It is also better than nothing. I know you are hurting, but please don't look down your nose at anyone's expression of sympathy. It may not be formal or fancy, but I'm sure it was sincere.

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DEAR ABBY: My best friend, "Bette," is one of the nicest, smartest teens you'll ever meet. I enjoy her company, we get along great, and we have a lot in common. She's also my role model, since I'm two years younger than she is. (I skipped a couple of grades.)

Recently, Bette has been smoking weed and encouraging me to try it. I am very against smoking. I'm afraid Bette might be doing the wrong thing. She says it's OK because she does it only a little bit.

How can I persuade her to stop? Should I even try? Will I be ruining a great friendship? — **NEEDS HELP IN GEORGIA**

DEAR NEEDS HELP: You appear to be more mature than your older friend. Not only is pot smoking generally unhealthy, it impairs your judgment. Marijuana can affect memory and the choices smokers make while under the influence. It is also illegal, with all that implies.

It is important that you understand that people change as they mature — or fail to mature. If Bette continues on this path, she may eventually begin spending more time with other kids who smoke pot. It could affect her grades and her participation in sports and other interests. You may have less and less in common. So start developing friendships with other students whose interests and goals are similar to yours and continue moving forward on your own wholesome path.

By all means, try to persuade Bette to stop; as her friend, it is the right thing to do. But she is ultimately responsible for her own behavior — or misbehavior — and you have to protect your own future.

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DEAR ABBY: You printed a letter from a 13-year-old girl whose father is deployed in the Middle East. She was worried about her mother's depression. You wisely suggested that the daughter seek assistance from a trusted adult who knows her mother and can encourage her to talk to a doctor. I would like to offer some additional suggestions:

The mother's primary-care manager through her health-care provider is a good starting point for assistance. She can also find out if there is a family advocacy program available at their military base. These programs offer support groups for spouses and children.

This child and her mother are probably eligible for TRICARE, the Defense Department's health-care program for military personnel, their families and retirees. TRICARE offers a health services and support contractor to manage the family's health benefits. It offers in-person or telephone counseling and online assistance. The mother can visit www.tricare.osd.mil and request customer service using one of the toll-free numbers.

Americans must do their part to support those who are sacrificing so much in defense of our freedoms. — **JUDY BLACK, VICE PRESIDENT, TRIWEST HEALTH CARE ALLIANCE, PHOENIX** **DEAR JUDY:** Amen to that! And thank you for offering this valuable information to the spouses of our military personnel.

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DEAR ABBY: I am 21 years old and have been thin all my life. But for the past year, I have been getting up during the night and eating. Sometimes the next morning I don't even know what I ate the night before!

I have also noticed that I am gaining weight. Please help. — **NOCTURNAL EATER**

DEAR NOCTURNAL: Discuss this with your doctor. If you're doing this while not fully awake, it may be a symptom of a sleep disorder.

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Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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The first public meeting on formula funding for rural and small urban, and comments on public transportation service and needs in local areas, begin on February 10, 2004 via interactive video conferencing at the Lubbock TxDOT District Office at 135 Slaton Road in Lubbock, Texas from 5:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

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Speaker for all seasons

by Don Newbury

Madison Avenue spews out advertising messages in the gazillions of dollars, but one of them — seen time after time — urges us to ask our doctors if certain medicines are *right* for us.

Nonsense! When I see doctors, I want them to decide what is *right* for me and then we'll talk. It may or may not be the medicine trumpeted on TV.

What are doctors to do? Their mailboxes are crammed with announcements of new medicines and they get periodic updates at medical meetings.

Meanwhile, traveling millions of miles annually to visit physicians' offices throughout the land, are some 80,000 pharmaceutical representatives. BUT, to reach targets —the doctors themselves — they must get past receptionists — "the gate keepers," as they are called.

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One rep **is** Dale Hannah of Cleburne. A quick study in human nature, the longtime city councilman has found that the best way to doctors' offices is through receptionists' stomachs. Now three years into the field, before he can discuss with doctors which medicines might be *right* for us, he checks with the "gate keepers" to see if brownies might be *right* for them.

Usually, they can't resist his prescription.

Oh, these aren't ordinary brownies. In fact, they may be destined for extensive notoriety. Remember that since 189's, Corsicana has been "on the map" with cakes (fruitcakes, specifically) and Dublin has been awash in Dr. Pepper (the "genuwine" original). Brownwood and barbecue have been synonymous since Underwood's started in 1946.

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I digress. Let us now return to the story about how a pharmaceutical rep — and the Internet — have been responsible for "Burleson brownies" joining Texas' famous food's alliteration parade.

When Donna Aiken and Becky Stankiewicz opened "Sweet Imaginations" in Burleson 18 years ago, brownies were but one of dozens of bakery offerings. In the new century, they've become "Texas filthy-rich brownies, with a gusher in every bite." The recipe has not changed, but production has taken off.

Hannah has exploited the treat; so far he's purchased more than a ton of brownies. With his spreading the word — and the bakery utilizing its website — brownies are now shipped throughout the land.

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Hannah explains that the medical field is highly competitive, sometimes with "four or five reps to be in the same office at the same time." Rules prohibit outright gifts, but brownies fit into the "snack" category. "Here comes the brownie man" is the excited response of many receptionists.

Different reps have various ways to get "the edge," and for Hannah, the "brownie snack" is working!

A typical late afternoon finds Hannah in the bakery, usually to pick up brownies for office calls the next day in Tarrant, Hood, Johnson, Parker or Palo Pinto Counties. "People always want to know where I find such great treats, so I just tell them to let their fingers do the walking to texasbrownies.com on the Internet," Hannah laughed.

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Deliveries are assured anywhere in the nation within 48 hours, and orders have been shipped as far away as Maine and Washington. A junior high kid offered to "peddle" the brownies on his bike if he, like Blue Belle ice cream truckers, could "eat all he wants and sell the rest."

One UPS driver laughed, "What 'brownies' can do for us is more important than 'what brown can do for them.' I wish they'd just call the competition; let the other guys deal with getting to just smell the brownies and delivering the boxes unopened."

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"I know Texas is getting bad press on being the fattest state, but I say if we're going to be identified this way, we may as well keep our weight up with good stuff," Hannah said. Receptionists/gatekeepers across his territory no doubt agree.

So, the next time you go to the doctor, if you see a receptionist wiping chocolate from her mouth, maybe trying to pick a pecan chip from between her teeth or whose countenance suggests that more than usual is right with her world, you'll know the doctor is in, with up-to-the-minute information on medicine that might be *right* for you!

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Open Government Barometer

Number of Executive Sessions held by public entities in 2004.

Snyder ISD	2
Hermleigh ISD	1
Ira ISD	1
DCOS	1
Cogdell Hospital	1
WTC	0
Scurry County	0
City of Snyder	0

NEWSPAPERS: LIGHTING FREEDOM'S WAY

Letters to the editor

Outstanding care

Dear Editor:

I don't write letters to the editor, but this is one I feel needs to be written.

I recently had surgery at Cogdell Memorial Hospital, yes, Cogdell. This was not a minor procedure and I want to tell the people of Scurry County about the care I received. I have had surgery in Dallas and Lubbock as well, and the care I received was "adequate."

At these places you are the patient in room whatever. At Cogdell you are a name. I want you to know the care I received at Cogdell was "outstanding." This was from the time I came out of surgery to ICU and then to the floor. My every need was taken care of almost before I knew I needed it.

I wish I could remember all the names of the people that took care of me, but if I attempted to list them, I would surely forget one and that would not be fair.

I was told perhaps I received "special care," but I do not believe that a nurse can be that caring and go across the hall and not be just as caring to the next patient.

So people, remember, Cogdell is your hospital. Your taxes help keep it open. We do have good people working there. So if possible remember to try to use Cogdell first.

Jean Hataway

Hospital management

Dear Editor:

Before Covenant's contract with Cogdell Hospital was in the process of being terminated, Covenant had to borrow money from the county to meet the payroll for the employees.

That put up a red flag that the hospital was in a financial crunch.

When the hospital district failed, the county took back our hospital. We hoped for intelligent, business-minded hospital board members to help get the hospital turned around in the right direction.

If each employee approached the hospital board asking for compensation and quoted the amount for doing extra duties that was in their job description, would their request be supported and passed unanimously by the board?

What is fair is fair, or is there a double standard policy for employees? If this were to happen, there would not be a financial crunch, but a hospital collapse.

Instead of using the Sue Mize Suite for offices why not use the space at the north end of the hall that is used for storage. Respect the memory of Sue Mize, remember her and her family donated large amounts of money to D.M. Cogdell Hospital.

We need a hospital here in Snyder. We need a well-run hospital.

A hospital properly managed by qualified professional people is a tremendous asset for any town. But not properly managed, it becomes just another non-productive, non-profitable burden for the taxpayer to bear.

Melba McNiel

Teacher's insurance

Dear Editor:

As a teacher of 14 years, I am tired of the lip service our state officials have been giving my profession the past two years.

Two years ago, the state finally came up with a medical insurance program for teachers. Even though it was long overdue, it was most appreciated. However, even though education is more important, the state reduced the amount they contribute to the medical insurance by $500 the next year. Note, I do not know any other Texans who got stuck tying to balance the budget, except for the Windham School District, which lost jobs. Oh, I'm sorry education again — but remember education is important to all.

Now our governor has proposed in his education funding bill, incentives to schools that do well on the new TAKS test. At first reading, incentives sound interesting, but to me, and I would hope other teachers are insulting. To imply that incentives would make us work harder is another example of what Perry and the rest of the state officials really believe about teachers.

The implication is teachers are not really trying. I teach at Roby CISD and am very proud of our continued high rating. But what I am proudest of is that in the last 12 years every one of our students graduated (which means they passed the old TAAS), and a large percentage attended colleges, etc. The new TAKS is much harder and our students have less time to pass it. So my incentive is my students, which is the incentive for all teachers. So Mr. Perry and Mr. Campbell, save your money and build a new football field or something.

I do have some suggestions. First, come work in a school for one month. Not a visit, do not hold press conferences. No publicity. Come work. I'm sure there are enough schools around the state for each state senator, representative, and governor to find one. Come to the real world and see what needs to be done. If our public education system is so broken, I wold think you would want to see it first hand.

One of the facts about our "broken" schools you will find is the number of students we have that do not live with both parents. A large percentage are from single parent homes with little or no supervision at home. Another frightening fact you will find is approximately 10 percent live with neither parent. These students are living with grandparents, aunts, friends, etc. If you really want to fix the "broken" schools, pass a law that makes parents, not teachers, raise their children. Note this proposal would not cost anything.

Next, calculate the hours of instruction time lost to students due to extracurricular activities. Make this a true calculation. Include the time missed even when students start a class but then leave.

My final suggestion is for you to ask teachers, not "professionals," what they think would fix our "broken" schools. You might find some interesting suggestions.

It makes me angry that our leaders seem to have no respect for teachers. It makes me even angrier because I voted for most of them. However, that is a mistake I will correct next election.

Sincerely yours,
John S. Fenton

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Houston Chronicle

Misery in Mexico

To be sure, Mexico has its share of crime and corruption, but lately the crime reports emanating from our neighbor to the south have sunk to a new depth of horror. As we debate whether the United States should relax labor laws to make them more accommodating to immigrant laborers, the more threatening story is the explosion just across the border in drug trafficking, child sexual slavery and serial murder of women.

Last week, Mexican authorities detained 13 Chihuahua state police officers in connection with the discovery of 11 bodies buried behind a house in Ciudad Juarez, possibly the victims of an organized crime ring headed by Vicente Carrillo Fuentes, Juarez's premier narcotics boss. The officers were being held in Mexico City for questioning, and warrants were issued for four other state agents, including a police commander.

According to an El Paso-based organization tracking the growing crime statistics in Juarez, as many as 200 people have disappeared from the border town in recent years.

Ciudad Juarez already is infamous as the town where 300 to 400 young women are missing or have been found dead over the past decade. Human rights groups on both sides of the border have complained that Mexican police have shown only a passing interest in investigating the murders, almost all of which remain unsolved.

Drug-related gangland violence, part of Mexico's reported $250 billion-a-year drug trade, has gripped other Mexican cities, too, including Nuevo Laredo, Tijuana and areas around Mexico City.

But the drug trade is not the only source of Mexico's exploding crime story. Human trafficking for the sex trade and illegal adoption is another growing scourge in cities and towns along the U.S.-Mexico border. A reporter writing for the Jan. 25 New York Times told a heart-rending tale of young women and children abducted or sold into a nightmare of sexual slavery by sex traffickers and brothel operators, some running their sordid business under the protection of Mexican police.

Victoria Advocate

Texas will lobby to keep bases

Gov. Rick Perry is lobbying to protect military bases in Texas from the upcoming around of base closing and realignment, scheduled for next year.

In a letter to Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, "Perry said Texas has a leg up on other locations for the military because of a variety of factors — open land for training, extensive transportation, desirable climate and a skilled civilian work force," The Associated Press reported.

Those factors, however, did not protect San Antonio's Kelly AFB and Lubbock's Reese AFB in the 1995 round of base closures.

And with the Pentagon's determination that it has 25 percent excess capacity, Texas installations such as Goodfellow AFB in San Angelo, Ingleside Naval Station near Corpus Christi and Red River Army Depot in Texarkana will be at risk.

"Texas has 17 major military installations whose economic benefit is pegged by state officials at about $43 billion a year. The sector employs about 232,000 uniformed personnel and civilians," according to the AP.

Cutting the Lone Star State's military installations and employment by 25 percent would have "a big impact on Texas," said retired Air Force Gen. Michael Smith, who heads the Texas Military Preparedness Commission.

The 78th Texas Legislature created that commission last year to try to alleviate such a hit on the state's economy. Last September, voters authorized a $250 million state loan fund to assist host communities in upgrading infrastructure to retain military installations.

So Texas is well positioned to launch what Perry calls a "very proactive and offensive" effort to keep the state's bases and posts open.

The only problem with that is that the military installations Texas hosts do not belong to the Lone Star State. Nor is their impact on the Texas economy sufficient justification to keep any of them open.

Perry and the Military Preparedness Commission will have to demonstrate to the Base Realignment and Closure Commission that these facilities serve the national interest and that they do so better than competing installations anywhere else.

The "economic impact on existing communities in the vicinity of military installations" will be only one of eight criteria the panel will evaluate in determining which bases and posts should be retained and which should be closed. Chances are, it will not be anywhere near the top of the list.

The other criteria, Cox News Service reported, are "the impact on operational readiness, availability and condition of facilities and the 'cost of operations and the manpower implications,'" as well as potential financial savings for the Pentagon and environmental concerns.

A major component of many of these criteria will be the capacity for "jointness," whether the facilities can be used effectively and cost-efficiently by more than one of the services and how well they facilitate interservice cooperation.

When the base commission makes its recommendations to the Pentagon and Congress, they cannot be amended. The legislation for the process — written by former U.S. Rep. Dick Armey, R-Texas, in the waning days of the Cold War — allows Congress only to accept or reject the entire package without amendment.

Texas leaders will have to prove that military installations in the state meet the Pentagon's criteria better than any others do.

The Dallas Morning News

Federal budget grows

The White House may want guns and tax cuts, but it can't have both. Not if the administration wants to control the $521 billion deficit our children and grandchildren will inherit.

The 2005 budget the president rolled out yesterday contains a 7 percent hike for the military, a 9.7 percent rise for homeland security and a 19 percent increase in counter-terrorism work. And it asks Congress to make the Bush tax cuts permanent, which would hike the deficit $131.6 billion over five years.

No thinking American can argue against improving homeland security. We particularly like the president giving states and communities more cash to protect borders and cities. Nor can any thinking American argue that our military doesn't need financial help in the post-Sept. 11 world.

But thinking Americans can start worrying about whether Washington is throwing good money after bad. For example, it's hard to see why taxpayers should spend $10.3 billion this year for a missile defense shield. Today's threats come from terrorists turning planes into missiles, not from rogue leaders' lobbing missiles at us.

Likewise, the proposal to make the tax cuts permanent seems reasonable at first glance. After all, once a cut, always a cut. But in a budget where people must make choices, it makes no sense to decide as early as this year that the Bush tax reductions of 2001 and 2003 should extend beyond their 2009 expiration. For one thing, those cuts are "an exploding cigar," as the Concord Coalition's Bob Bixby describes them. The laws of math are such that they will snowball into a $2 trillion cost after 2009.

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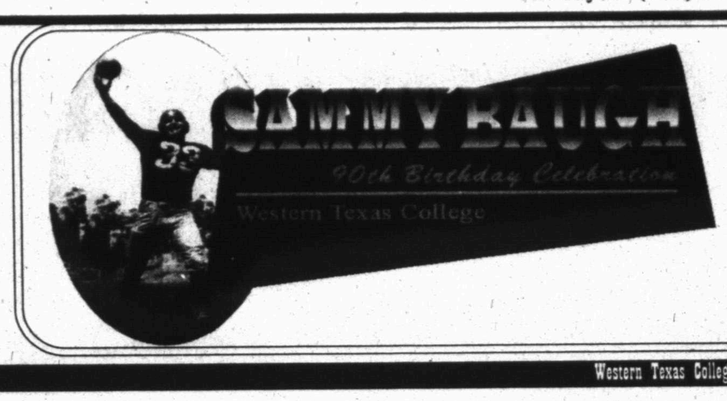

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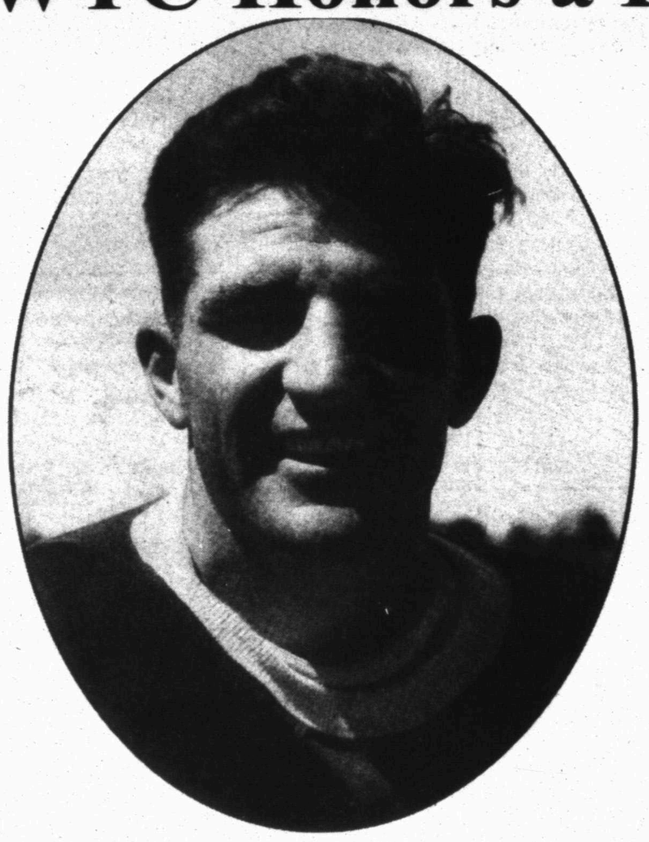
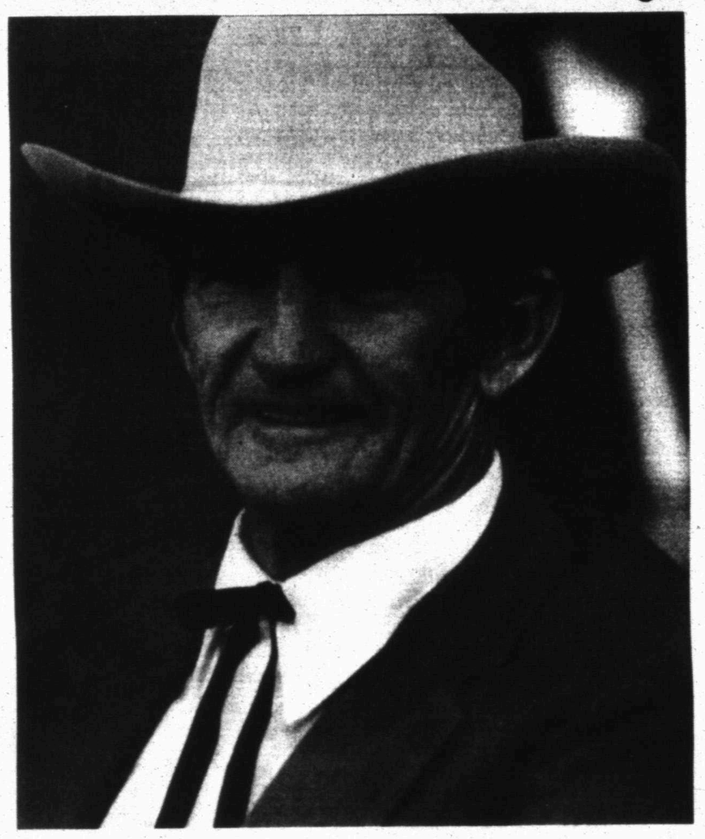
WTC Honors a Living Legend on His 90th Birthday





Western Texas College is hosting "SAMMY BAUGH, A CELEBRATION OF A LIVING LEGEND" on March 20 to celebrate his 90th birthday.

Slingin' Sammy Baugh (as he is known) was a legendary collegiate and professional football player from the 1930s to the 1950s, first at TCU and later with the NFL's Washington Redskins.

He is the only living member of the original 17 Pro Football Hall of Fame inductees of 1963 and was elected to the College Football Hall of Fame in 1951.

Baugh was the first quarterback in history who ever led his college team to a national championship and his pro team to an NFL championship. The only other two quarterbacks to accomplish this were Joe Namath and Joe Montana.

Baugh's 51.4 punting average with the Redskins in 1940 is still an NFL record today. In 1943, Baugh led the league in passing, punting and also in interceptions. He was always a two-way player throughout his college and pro career. When he wasn't slinging touchdown passes or punting he was playing safety, intercepting passes, and making tackles.

The banquet honoring Baugh is scheduled for March 20th at the Scurry County Coliseum from 6 pm to 8 pm. Speaking during the banquet to honor Baugh will be Walt Garrison, E.J. Holub, Don Maynard and Spike Dikes. Former Texas head coach Darrell Royal will also be present for the celebration but will not speak. Dave Hanes, WTC Athletic Director said the list of celebrities is expected to grow as the event gets closer.

Dinner will be a West Texas barbeque and dress is casual.

Dr. Gregory Williams, WTC President, said he expects this to be a national event, given the personality of the guest of honor.

The public is invited to attend a silent auction of signed memorabilia held at the coliseum from 2 pm to 5 pm. There will also be a memorabilia store set up in the WTC Student Center from February 10 to March 12 where memorabilia will be available for purchase.

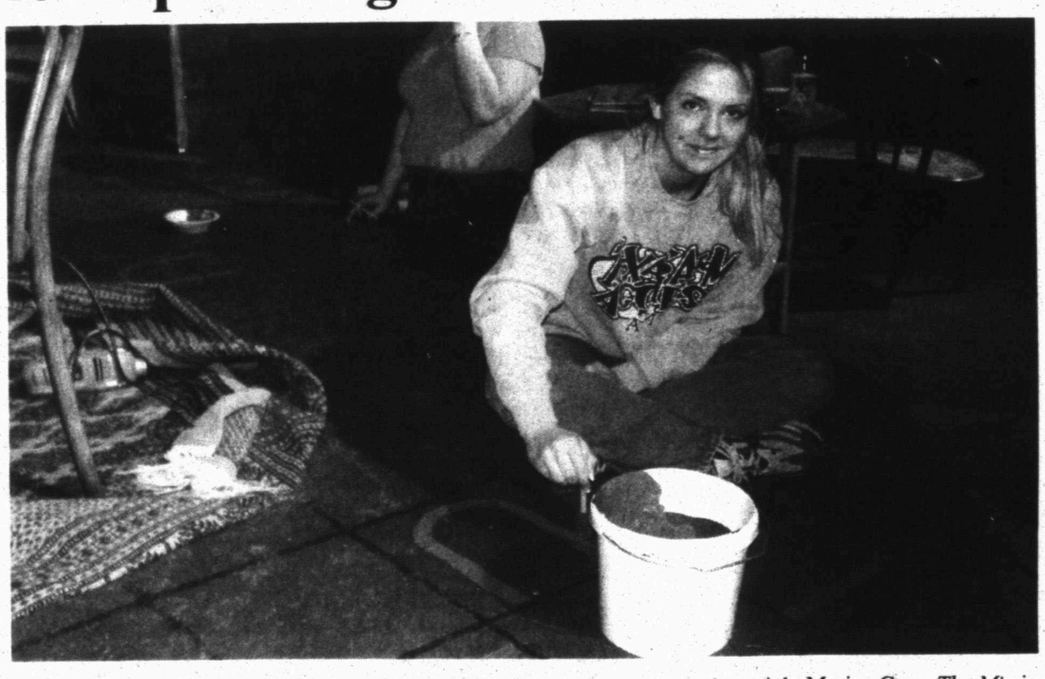
Tickets for the banquet go on sale Monday, February 9. To reserve a seat call the Visitor and Conference Center located on the WTC campus at 325.573.8511. ext. 220 or 240 or email them at thecenter@wtc.edu. The tickets for "SAMMY BAUGH, A CELEBRATION OF A LIVING LEGEND" are $100, $75, or $50 per seat depending on seating location. Space is limited and deadline for making reservations is March 12. Corporate Sponsorships are available for $5,000 each. This includes a table seating 10-12 (sponsors option) at the banquet, a VIP reception, and advertising during the banquet.

The proceeds from this event will go to the renovation of the WTC, HPE building with matching funds coming from the Dodge Jones Foundation and a portion of the proceeds will benefit The Boys and Girls Club of Snyder.

The WTC golf course will be named after Baugh in conjunction with the event.

Bob O'Day, former WTC athletic director and longtime WTC supporter had the initial idea of celebrating Baugh's 90th Birthday. "Bob set the whole thing in motion," said Dr. Williams. When O'Day approached Baugh with the idea he said if he can do anything to help kids get an education he will. He was a poor kid once himself. O'Day said, "Bottom line is to help the kids and helping WTC will help the town."

WTC Drama Department Prepares for Upcoming Performance



The first play of the 2004 theatre season is *The Mai*, a drama by Irish playwright Marina Carr. *The Mia* is an epic tale of love and loss, of elusive dreams shattered by vulgar but inescapable reality. It will be performed Feb. 19-22 at the Fine Arts Theatre on campus, Thursday through Saturday at 7:30 pm and 2 pm on Sunday. The following weekend, Feb. 27-28, the department will present the two-woman comedy *Parallel Lives* by Kathy Najimy and Mo Gaffney. The theatre department has scheduled the final production of the semester for April 22-25, but the play has not been named as of yet. The department has a Festival planned for the week of March 23 in which they will have High School drama departments attend and perform a play and their presentation will be judged and critiqued. WTC drama instructor Ray Newton said, "It will give WTC a chance to show off the program to younger students who may be interested in attending in the future."

Happenings on Campus

Feb. 9	Board Meeting	9 pm
Feb. 10	SGA Meeting	7 pm
Feb. 10	PTK Meeting	8 pm
Feb. 10	Valentine Dance	9-12 pm
Feb. 11	Blood Drive	9-11 am
Feb. 13	Baseball Game	3 pm
Feb. 14	Baseball Game	12 pm
Feb. 16	Blind Volleyball	7 pm
Feb. 17	PTK Silent Auction Ends	
Feb. 17	PTK Orientation	8 pm

Renovation of "The Center" Continues

The new Visitor and Conference Center on the campus of WTC is getting new tile among other renovations that have been going on since the college acquired the building at the end of January from 37th Street Church of Christ. Carpet and new lighting are scheduled next with the remodeling of the kitchen and paint to follow. "The Center" will be rented out for public and corporate use as well as being the Visitor Center for the WTC campus. The building is anticipated to be ready for use in May. Above is Gary Antognini of Antognini Installations a Snyder business contracted by WTC.

It's not too early to apply for Finacial Aid for Fall

If you would like to be considered for a tuition or housing scholarship, now is the time to complete your application. The WTC scholarship foundation has more than 80 fully endowed scholarships, many with multiple recipients. All scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Students interested in applying for Federal Pell Grants or the Federal Workstudy Program need to fill out the free application for federal student aid (FAFSA). This may be completed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov or forms may be picked up in the financial aid office and mailed. Visit the financial aid office located in the WTC student center soon to complete your file. Careful planning now will ensure a successful enrollment in the fall. For more information, call the financial aid office at 53-8511 ext. 309.

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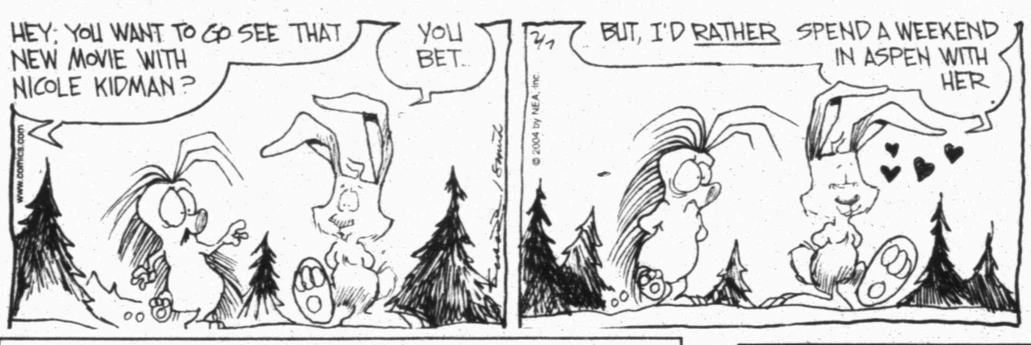

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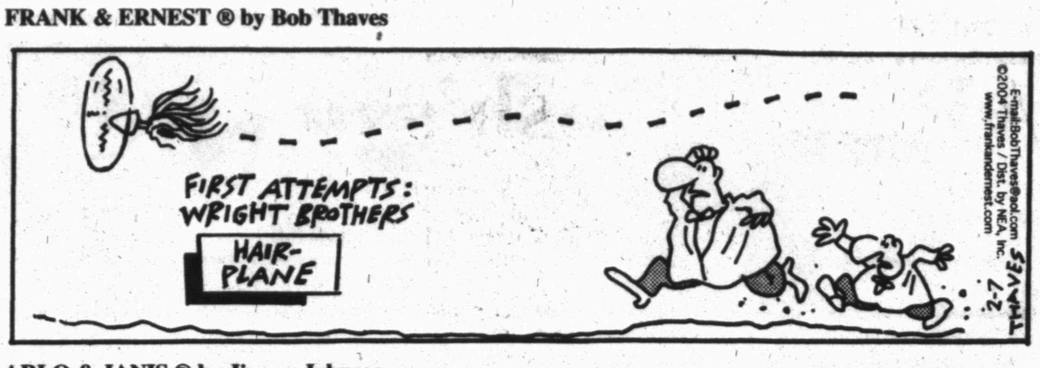

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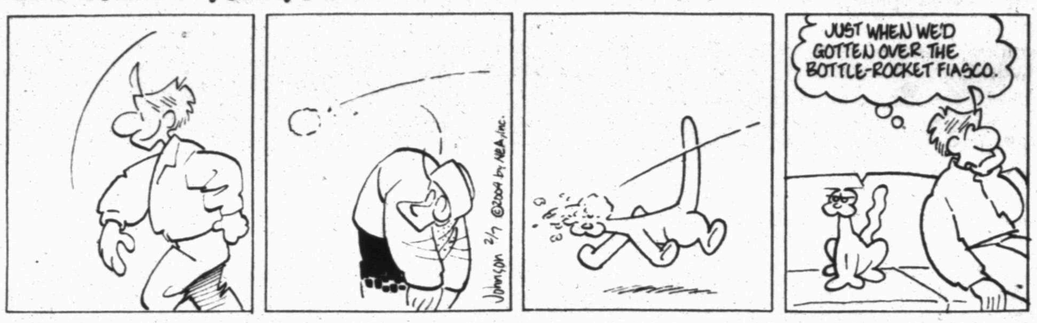

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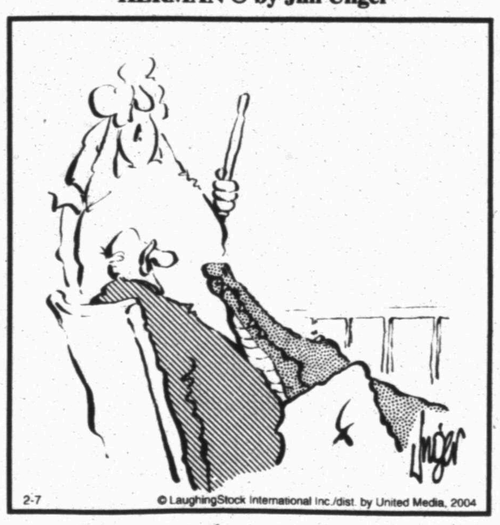

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1 Cry of disgust
4 Furry friend
7 Sock repair
11 Marsupial, slangily
12 Play in the kiddie pool
13 Director — Kazan
14 Even as we speak
15 Keep a low profile
16 Performed in an opera
17 Knack
19 Floppy —
20 Major leaguer
21 "Titanic"'s call
22 Dry off
25 Usually
28 Rollover subj.
29 Yul's film realm
31 A Gabor
33 They're below pecs
34 Work gang
36 Rover's doc
37 Huts
40 Biscotto flavoring
42 Make a bet
43 Woody's ex
44 Potato
46 "Quaking" tree
49 Skipper's place
50 Egg on
52 Talk
54 Famous last word
55 Dallas hoopsters
56 Banking convenience
57 Popular hemline
58 Teen or fab leader
59 Financial average

DOWN

1 Coffee server
2 Blunder
3 Wolf's call
4 Illinois town
5 Total
6 Jeans go-with
7 Quit
8 Mournful cry
9 Skater's milieu
10 Faultfinder
12 Spins
18 Gorilla
19 — and don'ts
21 Not all
22 Senorita's aunt
23 Spherical objects
24 Get clean
25 Fourth planet from the sun
26 — Strauss & Co.
27 Cousteau's middle name
30 Yucky
32 Put away
35 Belt locales
38 Reunion attendees
39 Bounder
41 Rug texture
43 Writer — Binchy
44 Trucker's rig
45 Implored
47 Exclamation of yore
48 Defense grp.
49 Bad actor
50 Elec. unit
51 Tavern
53 Luxury car

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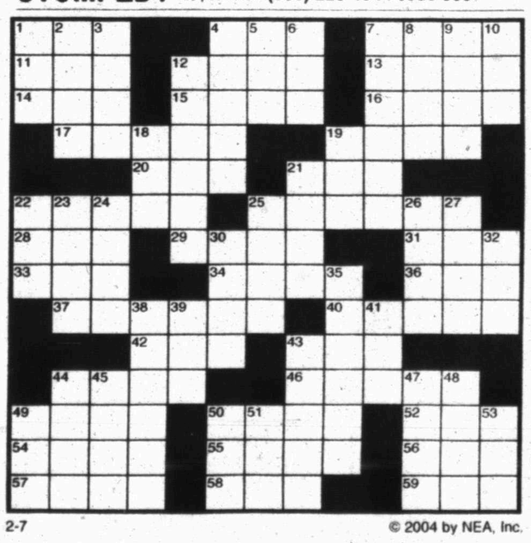

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AP poll: Bush's public support dips since January

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's public support dropped sharply over the past month, especially among older voters, political independents and people in the Midwest, an Associated Press poll found.

And for the first time, more voters in this poll's two years of tracking the question said they would definitely vote against Bush than said they would definitely vote for him.

Bush's approval rating stood at 47 percent in the AP-Ipsos poll taken in early February, down from 56 percent approval just a month ago. Half, or 50 percent, said they disapproved in the latest poll.

The poll findings marked a difficult month for Bush, as public attention focused on the Democratic presidential primary and the Democrats' daily bashing of the incumbent. The survey came at a time when the public is nervous about the economy and the chief adviser to the administration on Iraqi weapons, David Kay, said last month "we were almost all wrong" about Iraq's weapons of mass destruction.

Bush's 47 percent approval rating is the same as his father's at this stage in his presidency 12 years ago before he lost to Bill Clinton.

Just under four in 10, 37 percent, said they would definitely vote to re-elect Bush as president, while 43 percent said they would definitely vote for someone else, according to the poll conducted for the AP by Ipsos-Public Affairs. Another 18 percent said they would consider voting for someone else.

Other recent polls have shown Democratic front-runner John Kerry with an advantage over Bush in a head-to-head matchup.

A month ago, voters were more inclined to say they would re-elect Bush rather than definitely vote against him by a 41-33 margin.

"Right now, it's a one-sided campaign," said presidential scholar Charles Jones. "The out party is running their nominating process. It's hard for the incumbent to inject himself into the Democrats' campaign."

Bush will make an appearance on NBC-TV's "Meet the Press" program Sunday to talk about his agenda on the campaign against terror and the economy. Bush is likely to step up his campaign against the Democrats once they settle on a nominee.

"We have, from the beginning, recognized that this will be a marathon," said Bush campaign manager Ken Mehlman. "We always anticipated a tough hard-fought contest."

Mehlman said an incumbent president is often at his most difficult point right before it is clear who the opponent will be. "When people focus more on the choice, numbers historically have changed," Mehlman said. Bush's approach of lower taxes, less lawsuits and less regulation will resonate with voters, he said.

The public perception of Bush and of the nation's economy slumped in the early February poll. Just over four in 10 said the country is headed in the right direction, while just over half said the country was on the wrong track. People were about evenly split on this question in early January.

The AP poll says people were more pessimistic about the economy, with consumer confidence dragged down by increased nervousness about the economy's current and future conditions.

Public approval of Bush's handling of the economy dipped to 44 percent, down from 53 percent in early January.

The public's mood took a positive turn after the capture of Saddam Hussein in mid December, and the outlook about the economy is now settling back to levels in November. The drop in Bush's political standing was more dramatic.

Democrats are now as intensely opposed to Bush as Republicans are intensely supporting him. By a 2-1 margin, political independents were more likely to say they would definitely vote against him than definitely support him.

"I think he's run the country into the ground economically, and he comes out with these crazy ideas like going to Mars and going to the moon," said Richard Bidlack, a 78-year-old retiree from Boonton, N.J., who says he voted for Bush in 2000. "I'm so upset at Bush, I'll vote for a chimpanzee before I vote for him."

Exit polls in the Democratic primaries have suggested considerable voter anger at Bush, among both Democrats and independents.

Bush still has the support of many Republicans, including 30-year-old Alicia Bleacher of Lancaster, Pa., a stay-at-home mother.

"We live in difficult times," she said. "He's doing the best he can. After 9-11, he took action immediately, we needed a president who would be decisive."

Bush saw a drop in support among most demographic and regional groups, but those were most pronounced among voters with a high school education or less, voters over age 65, political independents and voters in the Midwest.

Democratic strategist Jim Duffy said Democrats have gained ground because "now there is one focal point. It looks like John Kerry's going to be the opponent."

The AP-Ipsos poll of 1,000 adults was taken Feb. 2-4 and has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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First lady says twins may hit campaign trail

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's twin daughters may take part in their father's re-election bid after they graduate from college this spring, first lady Laura Bush said Thursday.

Mrs. Bush told CNN that her 22-year-old daughters, Jenna and Barbara, are contemplating a role in what may be their father's last campaign.

"They are terrific girls they are getting ready to graduate from college and we'll see when they graduate," Mrs. Bush said. "You know, this will be really their first campaign that their dad has run that they are really old enough to be involved."

Jenna, a senior at the University of Texas, and Barbara, a senior at Yale University, have not taken a prominent role in their father's past campaigns. A recently published biography on the first lady, Ann Gerhart's "The Perfect Wife: The Life and Choices of Laura Bush," portrayed the twins as uninterested in political life.

The first lady declined to say which Democratic candidate she'd like to see the president run against in the fall, but she took issue with some of the negative campaigning so far.

"It seems to me that they are spending most of their time saying really terrible things about my husband," she said. "No, I really don't like that."

Mrs. Bush also said she was disappointed in CBS' telecast of Janet Jackson's breast exposure during the Super Bowl halftime show last weekend.

She said she was not watching the program, but that "what it represented was a kind of television viewing that you don't want little children to see. ... Parents didn't know to turn the television off before that happened."

World Almanac

Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004

Today is the 38th day of 2004 and the 48th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1904, the Great Fire of Baltimore broke out and eventually destroyed more than 1,500 buildings.

In 1964, the Beatles arrived in New York.

In 1992, the ministers of the European Community sign the Maastricht Treaty, establishing the European Union.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Sir Thomas More (1478-1535), lawyer, writer, politician; Charles Dickens (1812-1870), novelist; Laura Ingalls Wilder (1867-1957), writer; Eubie Blake (1883-1983), composer, pianist; Sinclair Lewis (1885-1951), novelist; Garth Brooks (1962-), singer, is 42; Chris Rock (1966-), actor/comedian, is 38.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1970, Pete Maravich set the all-time record for points scored in a college basketball game (69).

TODAY'S FACT: The word "Babbitt" is still sometimes used to label a person who blindly conforms to materialistic middle-class values; it comes from the title character in Sinclair Lewis's satirical 1922 novel "Babbitt."

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Take nothing on its looks: take everything on evidence." — Charles Dickens

TODAY'S NUMBER: 500 — Number of sheets of paper in a ream.

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

Sunday, Feb. 8, 2004

Today is the 39th day of 2004 and the 49th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1587, Mary Queen of Scots was beheaded.

In 1862, Union forces defeated the Confederates at the battle of Roanoke Island.

In 1942, the Japanese invaded Singapore.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William Tecumseh Sherman (1820-1891), U.S. general; Jules Verne (1828-1905), writer; Lana Turner (1921-1995), actress; Jack Lemmon (1925-2001), actor; Nick Nolte (1941-), actor, is 63; John Grisham (1955-), writer, is 49.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1936, in the first NFL draft ever held, the Philadelphia Eagles took Jay Berwanger as the top pick.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "It's hard enough to write a good drama, it's much harder to write a good comedy, and it's hardest of all to write a drama with comedy. Which is what life is." — Jack Lemmon

TODAY'S FACT: The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed above 100 for the first time on Jan. 12, 1906, 1,000 the first time on Nov. 14, 1972, and 10,000 the first time on March 29, 1999.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 1.19 — Weight in kilograms of the heaviest head of garlic ever grown (2 pounds, 10 ounces).

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

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Heart attack claims Adam Sandler's dog

NEW YORK (AP) — Adam Sandler's beloved English bulldog, Meatball, who served as a ring bearer at the comedian's wedding, has gone on to that big doghouse in the sky.

Meatball died of a heart attack Jan. 27 at age 4, Us Weekly reported in its Feb 6 issue.

The bulldog wore a yarmulke and a tuxedo to walk down the aisle at Sandler's June 2003 wedding to Jackie Titone. He's also featured in a short film on the "Eight Crazy Nights" DVD, and has his own photo and video section on Sandler's Web site.

Meatball's father was Mr. Beefy, the talking pooch who co-starred in Sandler's 2000 comedy "Little Nicky." The 37-year-old comedian also has a bulldog puppy, Matzoball, who was a wedding gift from Titone.

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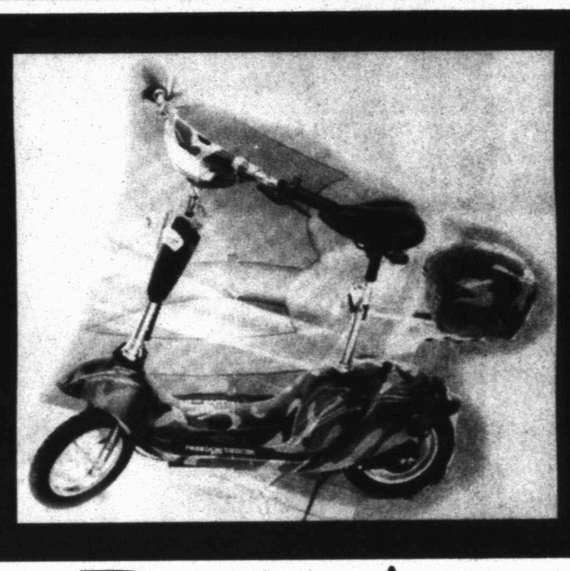

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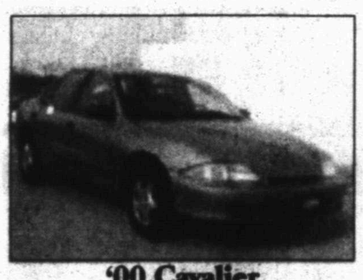
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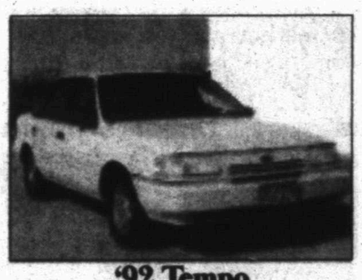
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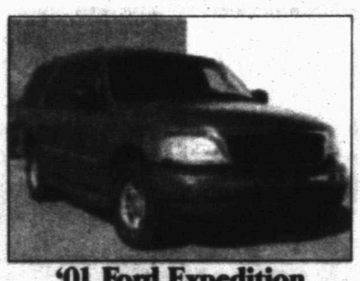
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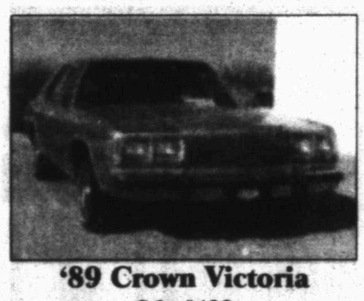
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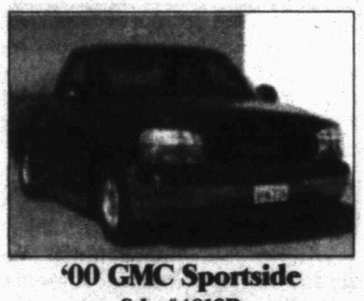
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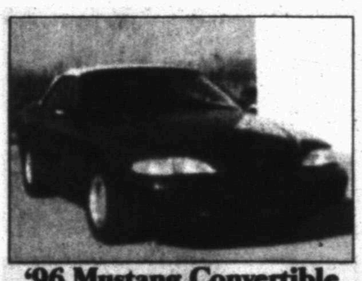
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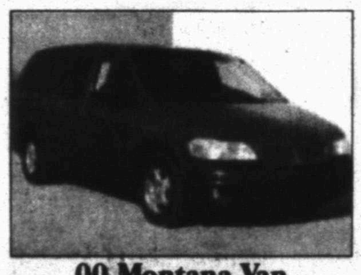
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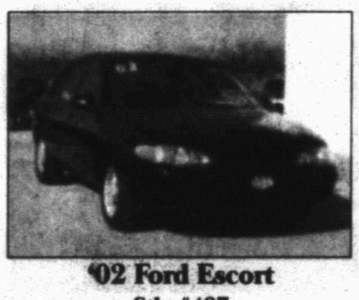
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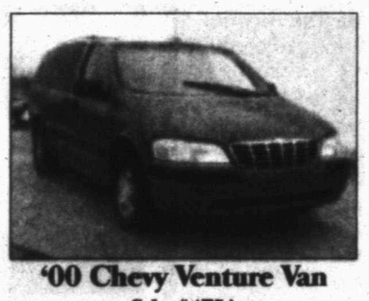
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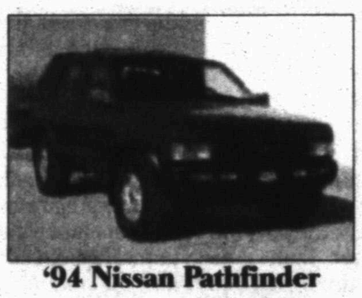
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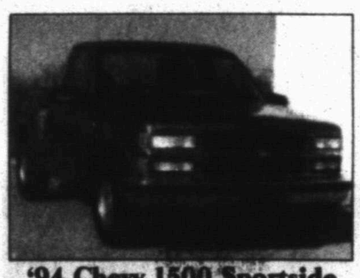
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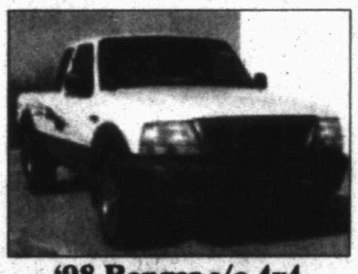
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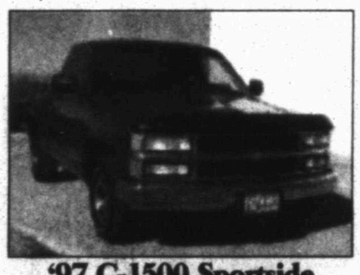
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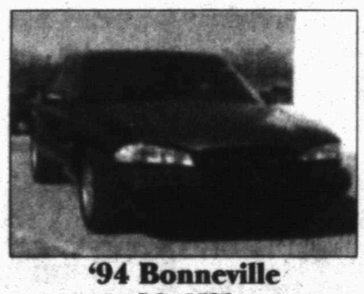
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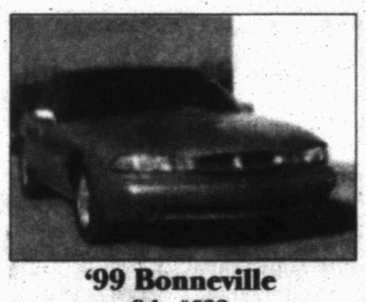
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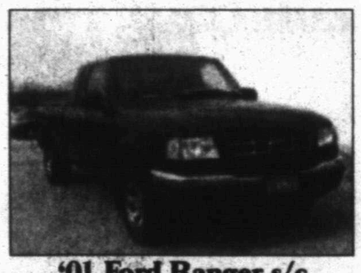
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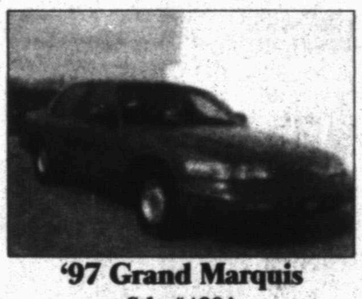
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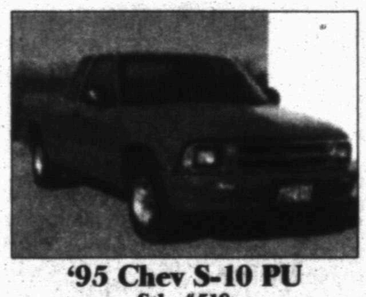
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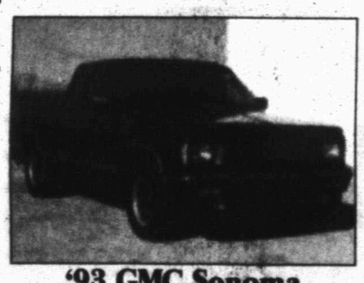
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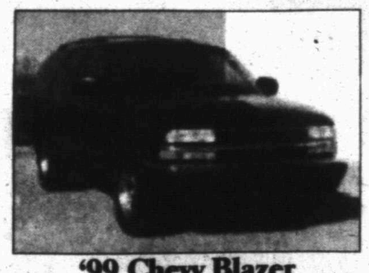
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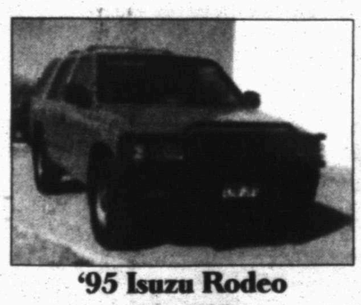
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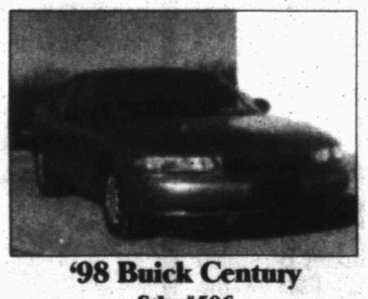
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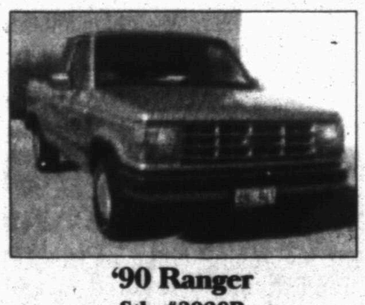
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