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By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Life not only begins at 40, it begins to show."

We don't know about now, but in the ole days kids were often motivated by the statement that in America, anybody can grow up and become president.

Today, we're not sure why anybody would want the job.

Back when George W. Bush was the managing partner of the Texas Rangers, we had the opportunity at two separate press conventions to introduce him.

Even then, Bush was an intense sort of fellow, a guy who was interested in selling baseball tickets by beefing up his bullpen.

The job of filling up the baseball stadium pales in comparison to the job of selling his vision of securing freedom by disarming Saddam Hussein.

Not only do you have to deal with a distrustful world, even our allies – and some Americans – question the motives of the chief executive.

Nobody likes war. And those who would like to characterize the president as a warmonger are way off first base. It would be a lot easier as the nation's chief executive to merely make speeches and read to school children.

If you remember, that is precisely what President Bush was doing in Florida when the two terrorist planes struck the World Trade Towers.

At that very moment, some were quick to criticize the president for failing to react strongly. Some say he was speechless. We all were on Sept. 11, 2001.

But there was more criticism. Some said our intelligence was lacking. Others wanted to know why the American public wasn't warned about what the government did know. Others demanded to be told just what the administration knew about possible terrorists threats.

Just a few days ago, American citizens were again put on heighten alert. The critics played to the media once again and said the President was only using the talk of more possible attacks to bolster his war rhetoric.

Baloney!

The President is doing his job – and in many ways it's a no-win situation. If he deals with the enemy, he is too aggressive. If he fails to act, he's soft.

We liked the political cartoon of the guy sitting in a pub and telling the bartender, "I've changed my mind about the war with Iraq, maybe we should bomb France first."

We don't pretend to be on a first-name basis with the President, but we've had enough first-hand exposure to the First Family to know they are honest, hard-working folks who cherish the American way of life.

And we think that the President and his many advisers have a lot more information than even the TV news hounds and many in Congress want to admit.

That information may well be the reason for those new, deep lines we see in the president's face. We bet there are times when he had rather be hawking baseball tickets.

As enrollment increases...

WTC touts diversified enrollment

Western Texas College this semester is celebrating its highest enrollment in history and demographic figures show a diversified student population.

Dr. Greg Williams, WTC president, said this is the fourth straight semester that the community college has experienced a rise in enrollment.

"This is the best news we could have right now and it comes at a time when we can use some good news," Dr. Williams said.

"People are supporting us and buying into what we're trying to do here at WTC and that is what you're seeing."

More than half the student body — 57 percent — is male.

In-district students this semester number 438, while 876 out-of-district students made their way to campus.

The campus census reports 1,193 part-time students and 492 are taking a full load.

WTC also is experiencing sharp rises in FTEs (full time equivalencies) and contact hours, for which the college receives funding.

FTEs total 1,116 this semester, while contact hours number 293,744.

Both figures are higher than a year ago, when FTEs for the spring were 873 and contact hours were less than 240,000.

Concurrent enrollment this semester is 560, compared to 524 in the fall and inmate students also increased from 352 in the fall to 371 this spring.

Eighty and a half percent of WTC students are Caucasian and 17.5 percent are Hispanic. African American students make up 1.2 percent, while .8 percent are listed as other.

The students come from near and far, according to the data, with 30 percent attending less than five miles from home and 22.5 percent live anywhere from 101 miles to 500 miles from Snyder.

A diversity of incomes also are reported among students. Almost 40 percent report total family income of less than $29,000 per year. But WTC was able to help those students with 42.5 percent of them receiving some type of financial aid.

Dr. Williams said he is proud WTC can help students in need. "We are attracting all kinds of students and some are those who are in financial need. I think it says a great deal about WTC that those students can come here and we are able to help them get into school and continue their education.

"That's what community colleges are all about. That's why it is imperative that we remain affordable, despite the cuts that have been requested of us."

The majority of WTC students also seem to be satisfied with their college of choice. 72.5 percent said it was their first choice of colleges and 78.3 percent hope to complete a degree at WTC.

Sales soar nationwide, but...

Duct tape does not top shopping lists of Snyder residents

Folks in Snyder seem to be a lot less worried about the possibility of a terrorist attack than city folks. At least the sales, or lack of sales, of duct tape gives that indication.

A week ago, the federal government raised the nation's terror alert from yellow to orange - the second highest level - because of intelligence information indicating that al-Qaida was planning attacks on the United States.

At that time, federal officials recommended that Americans take basic disaster preparation steps, such as maintaining a three-day stockpile of food and water.

They also recommended obtaining duct tape and plastic sheeting to seal a house against a chemical or biological attack.

Lubbock home improvement stores immediately reported increased sales of the items and displayed them like they were hot Christmas shopping items.

A Tulsa, Okla., couple purchased two 1,000 square-feet of plastic sheeting and 11 rolls of duct tape to put up in their vacation home northeast of Tulsa in case of attack.

They also have plans for their family to rendezvous there, and have even purchased satellite telephones.

Army surplus stores across the nation have been selling gas mask at a wide range of prices.

But locally, duct tape and plastic sheeting sales are about normal.

Betsy Critz at Snyder Lumber said sales of those two items are about the same as they were before the government suggested Americans stockpile the items.

"None of the five who work here have sold any for that purpose," said Critz.

"We haven't even had any inquiries about whether it would work or not," said Critz.

Higginbotham-Bartlett manager David Cooper said people have been buying duct tape and sheeting, "But I don't think it's in the event of a terrorist attack."

Cooper echoed what Critz said about inquiries.

"I don't think anyone has even asked about it for that purpose," said Cooper.

"I think people feel pretty safe here," said Cooper.

Southern Electric's Johnny Reed said they had a large supply of duct tape come in the day the government issued its suggestion.

"We had ordered it about a month earlier and it just happened to come in on that day," said Reed.

"I don't recall anyone coming in here in a panic wanting duct tape, though," laughed Reed.

R. J. Youngclaus, Wal-Mart manager, said they had not sold any unusually large amount of duct tape or plastic sheeting.

"People are going about their usual shopping business," he said.

DWI trial set to start Tuesday

A panel of 140 prospective jurors have been called for 8:30 a.m. Tuesday in 132nd District Court

A felony driving while intoxicated case is first on the docket.

Diana Rodriquez Castro, 35, of 2807 Ave. U, is charged with a Sept. 7 offense of DWI.

District Attorney Dana Cooley will prosecute the case and Pete Greene of Snyder is the defense attorney. District Judge Ernie Armstrong will preside.



WTC PLAY TO OPEN — Western Texas College's *Dancing at Lughnasa* will debut at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Fine Arts Theatre. Rehearsing a scene are Chris Hensley (Michael); and from left in back, Meagan Bailey (Maggie); Mandi Mitchell, (Kate); Lacey Rowe (Chrissy); Holly Gwyn (Rose); and Monica Rose (Agnes). (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

'Dancing at Lughnasa' debuts

Western Texas College Theatre will present Brian Friel's Tony Award winning comedy, *Dancing at Lughnasa* opening Thursday.

Reservations can be made beginning Monday by calling the WTC Fine Arts Theatre at 573-8511, ext. 234.

Members of the cast include Michael, Chris Hensley; Kate, Mandy Mitchell; Agnes, Monica Rose; Maggie, Meagan Bailey; Rose, Holly Gwyn; Chrissy, Lacey Rowe; and Jack, Tedrick George.

Widely regarded as Friel's masterpiece, this extraordinary play is the story of five unmarried sisters, one with a young son, eking out their lives in a small village in Ireland in 1936.

It is the time of the festival of Lughnasa, and the sparce existence of the characters is interrupted by brief, colorful bursts of music from the radio, their only link to the romance and hope of the world at large.

The action of the play is told through the memory of Michael, the illegitimate son, as he remembers the five women who raised him, his mother and four maiden aunts.

He is only seven in 1936, the year his elderly uncle, a priest, returns after serving for 25 years as a missionary in an Ugandan leper colony. For the young boy, two other disturbances occur that summer. The sisters acquire their first radio, whose music transforms them from correct Catholic women to shrieking, stomping banshees in their own kitchen.

Drama instructor Ray Newton said, "This mischievously humorous play demonstrates that history is alive and well and killing people today in Ireland."

Performances are set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is $5 for adults, $3 for senior citizens and high school students while WTC staff and students are admitted free.

Holiday prompts closings to honor past presidents

Snyder schools, financial institutions and county public offices will observe Presidents' Day Monday.

All local banks also will close for the holiday and will resume regular hours Tuesday.

While Snyder ISD is enjoying a four-day weekend, all other county schools will observe regular schedules. Ira, Hermleigh and Western Texas College will remain open Monday.

Snyder City Hall is open Monday, but the Scurry County Courthouse will close as will the county library.

Mail will be placed in post office boxes Monday, but there will be no home delivery.

The county museum and the city landfill also will remain open.

Festival will highlight '50s

The Scurry County Historical Commission and the 2003 White Buffalo Festival committee will be observing this year's festival with the theme, "50 Years Ago and Beyond".

While Snyder marks 125 years, several events occurred around 50 years ago, said Aline Parks, local historian.

"We will mark these events with timely stories in The Snyder Daily News," said Parks.

Some of the events to be covered throughout this year are the founding of SACROC, the Scurry Jubilee, and the opening of Towle Park.

Parks said several other notable events occurred around 50 years ago including the building present facilities of the First Christian Church and the 37th St. Church of Christ.

"The clinic area west of the hospital was built around the same time, as was the original building of the Calvary Baptist Church," said Parks.

ASK US

Q—I'm going to be in the area of Texas where the most space shuttle debris has been located. If I find some, who do I notify?

A—Contact local authorities or call 1-866-446-6603 toll-free.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Darla Huddleston...

...is a lifelong resident of Ira and a 1958 graduate of Ira High School. She and husband, Leon, are retired and enjoy traveling together. The Huddlestons have two daughters, a son and six grandchildren. Her favorite activities include following the Ira Bulldogs anywhere they go.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The only discipline that lasts is self-discipline
—Bum Phillips

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

2003 Ira annuals available

The 2003 Ira Bulldog annuals may be purchased until Monday. Cost is $26 with name on cover or $22 without. Contact the school to purchase one.

Support groups

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

Hermleigh Masonic meeting

The Hermleigh Masonic Lodge will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday for its monthly stated meeting with a meal to follow. All Master Masons are welcome.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Knowing What We Must Do," followed by "Proper Parent-Child Relationship."

Hospice memorial service

A memorial service for families who lost someone during 2002 will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the First Presbyterian Church.

Mesquite Country Emmaus

Mesquite Country Emmaus community meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at The Word Is Life Deliverance Church, 312 Coliseum Drive. Babe chicks meet at 6 p.m.

Alzheimer's meeting

An Alzheimer's meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Colonial Hill library. The topic will be financial management for caregivers. For more information, call Kinney Robinson at 573-9377.

Parenting seminar

All parents are invited to a parenting seminar at Central Elementary at 3 p.m. Thursday. Beth Dannheim, Scurry County extension agent, will discuss ways that nutrition can affect the learning of children.

FBC services televised

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

Annual enchilada dinner

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

Snyder Oaks family council

The family council of Snyder Oaks Care Center will meet from 6:30-7:30 Thursday, Feb. 27. The meeting is for resident's family members for a program presented by Brenda Elkins of the Area Agency of Aging.

Senior water aerobics

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

Withered flowers needed

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

Trees still available

The Soil and Water Conservation office still has several varieties of trees available at $1 each. These include Lace Bark Elms, Shumard Oak, Sand Plums, Russian Olive, Honeylocust, Green Ash, American Honeysuckle, Desert Willow and Aromatic Sumac. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Relay for Life cookbooks

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

Relay for Life teams needed

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

WTC adult basic education classes

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

Cancer treatment transportation

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

FBC support groups

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

Six dead after Houston standoff

HOUSTON (AP) — Authorities believe a Harris County man killed his wife, girlfriend and three daughters days ago, then turned the gun on himself during an 8-hour standoff with police.

Harris County Sheriff's Lt. Danny Billingsley said six bodies were found Saturday morning at a home in northwest Harris County.

Authorities arrived at the house Friday evening as a follow-up investigation to a missing person case. Detectives determined that the missing woman's boyfriend lived at the residence.

A Houston police homicide officer was shot as he and two other detectives entered the house and exchanged gunfire with the man. Sgt. Mike Bozeman is in serious condition at Memorial Hermann Hospital with a wound to the abdomen.

After the shooting, police SWAT members and Sheriff's Department deputies surrounded the house until entering it about 2 a.m. Saturday.

They believe that man killed himself Friday evening. His body was found in a bedroom, with a gunshot wound to the head.

Harris gets 20 years in husband's death

HOUSTON (AP) — Convicted killer Clara Harris was sentenced to 20 years in prison for mowing down her unfaithful husband in the parking lot of a hotel where the couple were married.

The jury of nine women and three men delivered the verdict Friday, Valentine's Day, on what would have been David and Clara Harris' 11th wedding anniversary.

The 45-year-old dentist, who could have received a life sentence, drew a lesser penalty after jurors decided she was driven by sudden passion to repeatedly run over 44-year-old David Harris, an orthodontist, in a suburban hotel parking lot July 24.

Because the sentence is longer than 10 years, Harris is ineligible for probation, which her attorneys had sought.

A sobbing Harris buried her face in her hands and slumped into the lap of Emily Munoz, one of her attorneys, after the verdict was read. Her lawyers gathered around her to comfort her as she wept.

The Harrises had wed at the same hotel where Clara Harris found her husband with his mistress and former receptionist.

State District Judge Carol Davies, before formally sentencing Harris to the 20-year term, asked if she had anything to say. Harris, in handcuffs as she stood between her lawyers before the bench, had no response. Jurors left the courthouse without comment.

Clara Harris will be eligible for parole after serving 10 years of the sentence, when her twins sons turn 14.

Mildred Harris, David Harris' mother who testified that Clara and David Harris had a "marriage made in heaven," cried after the verdict and asked to see her daughter-in-law.

Lindsey Harris, David Harris' 17-year-old daughter from a previous marriage who was in the Mercedes as her stepmother ran him down, also broke down in tears when Maria Gonzalez, the twins' nanny, hugged her. She had been sitting with her mother and stepfather, Jim Shank, on the other side of the courtroom from Clara Harris' supporters.

Shank said he was pleased with the verdict and that his family wanted to return home to Ohio and start healing.

"There are no winners in a situation such as this," he said. "The ones that have lost the most are the children."

Clara Harris' lawyer George Parnham had requested probation, saying her sons need their mother, whom he described as "a good mother and a good wife."

"I think our feelings should be obvious," Parnham said afterward. "The verdict is overwhelming. However there are so many issues, so many grounds in the appellate process, so many options available to us.

"This fight is not over and we will continue to pursue the issues in this case as hard as we pursued them prior to this verdict."

Asked to describe his reaction to the punishment, he replied: "Shocked. I can't put it in any other words. Surprised is an understatement."



ENCHILADA SUPPER — Knights of Columbus Council #8875 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church will sponsor its fourth annual enchilada supper from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Feb. 23 at West Elementary cafeteria. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for children under 12. All proceeds will benefit charities. Knights pictured at a previous enchilada supper are from left, Greg Aguilar, Joe Sanchez, Pedro Gonzales, Adolofo Flores, Martin Pena, Grand Knight Leon Gutierrez, Alvino Aguirre, Joe Guerrero and Isaac DePaz. (Contributed Photo)

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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
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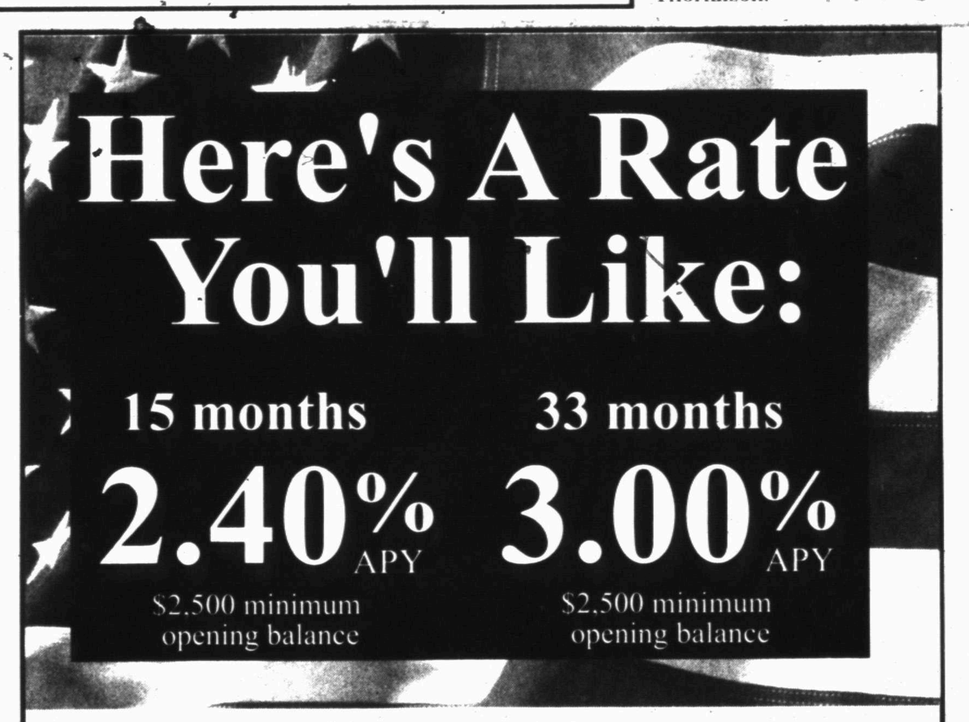
Security zones set

ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP) — Security zones have been set up around parts of the Golden Gate and San Francisco-Oakland Bay bridges after the government raised the terrorist alert level to "high-risk" orange.

Unauthorized people and vessels are barred from the zones, which extend 25 yards around the piers, abutments, fenders, and pilings of the two bridges, the Coast Guard said Friday.

It is the first time security zones have been established in waters around the bridges, said Coast Guard Lieutenant j.g. Kelly Thorkilson.

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By Phillip Alder

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How do they work that out?

By Phillip Alder

Last year, I telephoned a company. When my call was answered, I was asked to listen to the whole message because the options had recently changed. Eventually, I gleaned which number to push. Immediately, I was told, "Your expected wait time is 1 minute and 42 seconds." How did they compute that?

Take your time on this deal. You reach seven hearts. West leads the diamond three. Without looking at the East-West hands, how would you continue?

The auction wasn't given. Here, after North opens two clubs, strong, artificial and forcing, he learns that his partner has at least 5-4 in the majors with some values. North gambles!

The deal occurred in a match between Poland and Russia. The Poles reached six hearts by North. East led a diamond, making declarer's life easy.

Against the grand slam, West found the pressure lead of a low diamond. To go up with the ace and throw two diamonds on the ace-king of clubs requires a lot to go right — and fails here.

You should accept that partner overbid and take the diamond finesse at trick one. After winning with your 10, though, you are still not out of the woods. Play off dummy's top clubs, throwing a loser from hand. If East ruffs the third club, overruff, repeat the diamond finesse, cash the diamond ace, and crossruff home. If East discards a diamond, do likewise, cash the diamond ace, and crossruff in. You take eight trump tricks and five winners in the majors.

Now work out how to make the grand slam after a trump lead.

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High fuel prices idle Texas shrimp boats

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Already reeling from a market flood of foreign farm-raised shrimp, high fuel prices now have about 80 percent of Texas' shrimp boats tied up.

Fleet owners say they can maintain neither boats nor work force.

"I've got 15 laid off right now," said Mike Bodreaux, who runs 10 boats out of the Brownsville Shrimp Basin. "In the next two weeks, it'll be another 15."

At a round table Friday, representatives ranging from biologists to boat owners to marketers spoke of an industry in collapse.

Shrimping employs at least 30,000 Texans, and their boats normally light the Gulf Coast horizon. Crews of three or four men go out for a month at a time, their income dependent on how many hundred-pound boxes they can pack at sea.

In 2002, shrimpers from Brownsville and Port Isabel brought in 12 million pounds of shrimp earning $42 million, a take with an economic impact of $126 million.

But with diesel prices up and shrimp prices down, the boats aren't leaving the docks.

"I had a boat come in, he had a relatively good catch ... around $33,000 worth of shrimp," said Charles Burnell, who owns several boats. "To fill that boat back up it would take $17,000 worth of diesel. The crew gets a third. You can do the mathematics to let you know how much of that is left for me."

Last year, he said, the same trip would have taken $8,000 worth of fuel.

A boat burns about 350 gallons of diesel a night at $1.27 per gallon.

Inactive boats sink other businesses, most immediately those on the docks. At the shrimp basin, a railway has shut down, as has a company that services radars, depth sounders, and other onboard electronics.

"I was around during the fuel prices that existed around 1974, and at that time there was a lot of concern, but that was only one element," said Gary Graham of Sea Grant Marine Advisory Service.

"Now, there's a synergy that's involved here. Not only do have an extremely high price of fuel, we have a deflated value of our shrimp. ... there's really no short term relief in price."

What shrimpers say they want is government protection from farm-raised shrimp imported from Asia, which they say have been dumped on U.S. markets and are depressing prices.

Both the European Union and Canada rejected shrimp raised in Asian countries that were treated with antibiotics such as chloramphenicol, which is linked to health problems such as the often-fatal blood disorder aplastic anemia. U.S. shrimpers say the rejected shrimp landed here.

The U.S Food and Drug Administration prohibits the use of chloramphenicol in the United States and has removed millions of pounds of shrimp with the chemical from the market.

Caskets for MIAs arriving

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii (AP) — The return of the remains of American servicemen killed in Vietnam reminded retired Air Force Maj. Steve Long of his own arrival in Hawaii after years as a prisoner of war.

"The only difference was when we got on the bus, we were alive," said Long, who was among 30 POWs attending ceremonies at Hickam Air Force Base on Friday.

He watched as two flag-draped caskets were unloaded from an Air Force C-130 cargo plane and put aboard a bus that took them to the nearby Central Identification Laboratory Hawaii.

Thirty years ago this week, more than 600 freed Americans were ferried aboard U.S. planes from North Vietnam to the Philippines, and then Honolulu, on their way home after years of captivity. Several are in Honolulu to commemorate the anniversary.

A joint-service color guard and hundreds of active military personnel joined the former POWs in honoring the remains of Americans found in Laos and remembering other fallen soldiers from the war.

As with the men who may be among those recovered, Long's aircraft was shot down over Laos, but he survived the crash and endured more than four years at a prison camp in Hanoi.

"Much has been made of sacrifices that POWs made, but at least we came home alive," he said. "These men made the ultimate sacrifice."

Scurry County Library News & Views

By Janie Romine, librarian

As spring approaches, the Scurry County Library has some special dates.

Check out our website at snydertex.com/sclibrary to keep abreast of special happenings and club meetings at the library.

This weekend, the library is closed for Presidents' Day. We will be closed on Monday, but the library will reopen on Tuesday.

Upcoming dates include the Annual Scurry County Library Book Sale that will be held March 26-30. If you have some cleaning to do, and you want to get rid of some books, donate them to the Scurry County Library Book Sale. This is our only fundraiser of the year, and the proceeds go to support the children's summer reading program.

During the week of April 6-12, we celebrate National Library Week. To get us ready for that, I will in the next few weeks be discussing the dedicated work that the library employees perform for the Scurry County Library.

This week, meet our three library pages that all work part time. Many people seem to think that working at the library involves sitting at a desk all day. For all that have volunteered or worked at a library, they know there is nothing further from the truth!

As one previous page stated, "I thought working here would be easy. Instead, I go home everyday exhausted because I never get to sit down except during my break: My back is tired, my arms are tired, and my feet are worn out from standing!" That person found out very quickly that the page job is a busy one and a physical one. So, what do library pages do?

The library page must work the circulation desk with others and perform checkouts and returns, sending and receiving faxes, registering new library card owners, repairing books, and answering the phone.

Along with other staff, they must also perform shelf reading, which is checking the different sections, to make sure all books are in the right order so that you can find them! Jobs specific to the pages include typing spine labels, stamping the new books and preparing the new books for checkout, and filing all library paperwork.

In addition, the page is responsible for going to the shelves to look for books that are overdue. This is always done before you are sent an overdue notice, so that we can make sure we did not inadvertently fail to check in the book: The page's main responsibility, however, is shelving, shelving, and shelving! They shelf on the top shelf and they get on their knees to shelf on the bottom shelf. At the end of their day, their knees are stained and the toes of their shoes are scuffed. As the day ends, the page walks through the library straightening the shelves and picking up books left sitting on tables and shelves.

Because of our dedicated pages, you are able to find your books where they belong. The pages put in a physical day's work, and go home and put their feet up to rest. Next time you see one of our pages let them know how much you appreciate their work. As always, the entire library staff work to serve you at the Scurry County Library.

Sheriff: Blake can do TV interview

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The sheriff's department approved a request by TV journalist Barbara Walters to interview actor Robert Blake, who has watched two defense attorneys quit his murder case after disagreeing over whether he should grant TV interviews.

Sheriff Lee Baca agreed to let Walters speak with the former "Baretta" star, who has pleaded innocent to charges he murdered his wife, 44-year-old Bonny Lee Bakley. The interview is scheduled for Monday at the Men's Central Jail.

Baca told the Los Angeles Times on Friday he was swayed by Walters' argument that she had conducted jail interviews in the past. Baca, in reversing his decision, said he didn't realize that camera crews had access to the jail and its celebrity inmates before he took office.

"It had been done before and did not cause a great headache to the system," Baca said. "I thought I should allow it."

Blake, 69, has tried to set up interviews with Walters and Diane Sawyer for months, despite the objections of his criminal defense attorneys. Harland Braun and Jennifer L. Keller both resigned from the case after Blake continued pursing the interviews.

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Police recover tapes

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Police on Friday recovered reel-to-reel tapes apparently recorded by The Beatles and believed stolen from the band's studios in London more than three decades ago.

Detectives raided a home in western Sydney early Friday and seized tape recordings of the "Abbey Road" album and "The Beatles," better known as "The White Album." They also confiscated album artwork, police said in a statement.

A preliminary examination of the tapes suggested they are either original studio recordings or professionally made copies, police said. They did not say how much the tapes are worth.

Detectives believe the recordings were stolen from the Abbey Road studios in 1969. A 27-year-old man was arrested at the home but was later released without charges being filed.

Police have given the seized tapes to a musicologist to determine their authenticity.

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SHS SPEECH CONTESTANTS — Snyder High School speech students who have recently competed in speech tournaments are back row from left, Austin McCormack, Clark Reed, Blake Robertson and Bonnie Cleveland; front row from left, Erin Cooley, Paula Fritz, Paige Anderson and Laura Arellano. Not pictured are Will Davis, Amanda Blythe and Bobby Sands. Clark Reed qualified for state in humorous interpretation. Austin McCormack and Laura Arellano earned third place, first alternate to state in cross-examination debate. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Speech students earn recognition

Snyder High School speech students have recently competed in four tournaments.

At the Colleyville Heritage High School tournament Jan. 10-11, Will Davis placed fifth in foreign extemporaneous speaking. Two students advanced to the semi-finals, Blake Robertson in prose interpretation and Paula Fritz, in domestic extemporaneous speaking.

Will Davis reached the semifinals in humorous interpretation at Abilene High School's speech tournament held Jan. 17-18.

Austin McCormack and Laura Arellano reached the quarterfinals in cross examination debate.

Blake Robertson and Clark Reed both advanced to semifinals in prose interpretation.

Clark Reed and Bobby Sands placed fifth in duet acting.

At the cross-examination debate meet held in Seminole Feb. 4, Austin McCormack and Laura Arellano earned third place and first alternate to state. They had been in a three-way tie for first place. Six teams competed in all.

SHS students did well at the Midland Lee High School tournament held Feb. 7-8.

Clark Reed placed first in humorous interpretation and qualified for the Texas Forensic Association state meet to be held at Highland Park High School later this month.

Will Davis earned third place in foreign extemporaneous speaking and advanced to the quarterfinals in Lincoln-Douglas debate.

Will Davis has already qualified for state in three events, Lincoln-Douglas debate, U.S. extemporaneous and foreign extemporaneous.

Austin McCormack placed seventh in impromptu speaking.

Paula Fritz and Amanda Blythe advanced to the semifinals in impromptu speaking.

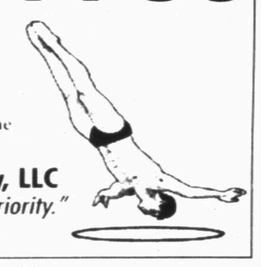
Amanda Blythe, Austin McCormack and Laura Arellano advanced to the semifinals in United States Extemporaneous speaking.

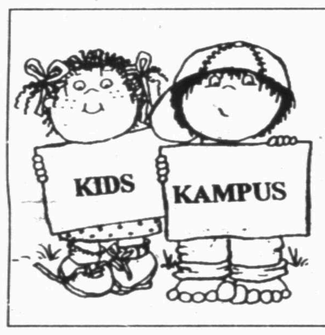
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Roth vs. Traditional IRA: Which is Right for You?

If you already contribute to an IRA, then you're taking an important step toward building the financial resources you need for retirement. If you don't have an IRA, then you might want to consider opening one. But which one?

Your two main choices are a "traditional" IRA and a Roth IRA. These IRAs share some common characteristics. First, you can fund either one with virtually any type of investment you choose — stocks, bonds, CDs, etc. And second, you can contribute up to $3,000 per year to either IRA, or $3,500 if you're 50 or over. (However, you cannot contribute to a Roth IRA if your modified adjusted gross income exceeds $160,000, if you're married and file jointly, or $110,000, if you're single.)

Beyond these similarities, though, there are some important differences in the two IRAs. Here's a quick look at each:

•**Traditional IRA** — Your traditional IRA contributions may be tax deductible, depending on your annual income and whether or not you're covered under an employer-sponsored retirement plan. And your earnings grow tax-deferred until you start taking withdrawals.

•**Roth IRA** — You fund a Roth IRA with after-tax dollars, so you always have tax- and penalty-free access to your contributions. And your earnings grow totally tax-free, provided you don't start taking withdrawals until you're 59½ and you've had your account for at least five years. Also, you can typically make tax-free withdrawals for first-time homebuyer expenses.

(If you withdraw money from a traditional or Roth IRA before you're 59½, you may have to pay a 10 percent penalty.)

So, which IRA is right for you? As is often the case in the investment world, there are no quick and easy answers. If you're not eligible to deduct your contributions to a traditional IRA, and you are eligible to contribute to a Roth IRA, then you may want to choose the Roth IRA.

But what if you're eligible to contribute to a Roth IRA and you could still deduct your contributions to a traditional IRA? On one hand, the traditional IRA offers a powerful combination: tax deductibility and tax-deferred growth. On the other hand, a Roth IRA is one of the few investments that offers tax-free earnings.

Obviously, it's a tough choice. And that's why you may want to consider some other criteria. For example, if you have a traditional IRA, you must start taking minimum distributions by the time you're 70½. With a Roth, you never have to take them — you can leave the entire value of your IRA to your beneficiaries, and they won't have to pay taxes on withdrawals. Consequently, your projected need for retirement income and your desire to leave money to your family are two factors you'll want to consider when choosing between a Roth and a traditional IRA.

Unfortunately, you can't have it both ways — that is, you can't contribute the maximum amount to both types of IRAs. Whatever amount you contribute to one will reduce what you can contribute to another.

A qualified financial professional or your tax adviser may be able to help you determine which type of IRA is right for you. But, even with this assistance, make sure you understand all the issues involved. Remember, this money is for your retirement - so you'll want to make the right moves.

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Four '70s radicals get prison

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — After making apologies to the family of a woman killed during a bungled bank robbery almost 28 years ago, four former radicals were ordered to spend much of the next decade in prison.

The sentencing of Emily Montague, now 55; her ex-husband, Michael Harris, 58; Michael Bortin, 54; and Sarah Jane Olson, 55, closed another chapter in the history of the Symbionese Liberation Army, the violent band of would-be revolutionaries most famous for the 1974 kidnapping of newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst.

The four were given sentences of six to eight years in prison Friday for the April 21, 1975, killing of Myrna Opsahl. The 42-year-old housewife was at the bank in suburban Carmichael to deposit her church's collection money when robbers burst in. Montague, who shot her, said the gun discharged accidentally.

"I will be sorry for the rest of my life," she said Friday.

Opsahl's son, Dr. Jon Opsahl, described the anguish the killing put his family through, saying he came to believe in "monsters" after losing his mother.

"A group of pathetic, deranged revolutionaries decided to make my mother instantly expendable," said Opsahl, sitting next to a poster-sized photograph of her.

Rather than risk potential life sentences if they were convicted at trial, the four agreed to plead guilty to second-degree murder. All have gone on to lead respectable lives in the years since the killing.

Opsahl, 42, said he had mixed feelings about the plea bargain but agreed to it because he believes the punishment handed down Friday was more devastating than if the four had been convicted in the 1970s.

"Back then, they were angry and foolish with nothing to lose," he said. "Back then, some might have thought they were martyrs. ... Now they are more tolerant, a bit wiser and with so much more to lose. Maybe now the defendants will come to terms with what they did."

The four seemed to acknowledge as much.

"Previously, I valued the idea of being a rebel and a radical," Montague said in a statement she made to a probation officer. "But now I feel I am a productive citizen. I supported violence to bring about change but I can't believe in that now."

Harris, whose wife and two sons were in court, told Opsahl he had often thought about the victim.

"Your mother was never an abstraction to me," he said. "It's absolutely unacceptable that this happened.... I don't deserve your forgiveness."

"Whatever we suffer is of no consequence," Bortin said. "I can offer nothing but my apologies and I'm sorry."

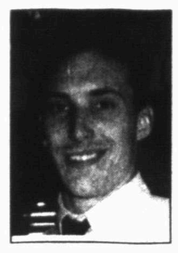
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Chris Gayle, 1993 graduate of Snyder High School, lives in Seattle, Wash., where he is general manager of Pallino Pastario.

Chris played on the Snyder High School tennis team and attended Western Texas College. He also attended Texas A&M University and graduated with a BA degree with distinction from New England Culinary Institute.

He is the son of Cyndee Gayle of Snyder and John Gayle, also of Snyder. Chris aspires to open his own business some day.

(Readers are invited to submit information and pictures for this feature. Bring by Snyder Daily News or mail to Box 949 in Snyder, 79550)

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Florida man acquitted in 1981 double murder

NEW YORK (AP) — A Florida man was acquitted Friday of a 1981 double murder inside a bar, 18 months after the son of one of the victims helped police track him down.

The jury deliberated three days before returning its verdict for Frank Riccardi, 45, who said on the witness stand that he was hiding from the mob in Florida when the double homicide occurred.

Riccardi was accused of gunning down the owners of the Shamrock Bar in Queens on the night of his 24th birthday following an argument over a spilled drink. Richard Godkin, 35, and John D'Agnese, 22, were shot and killed.

"There was reasonable doubt you could drive a truck through. It was a tragic case of mistaken identity," said defense lawyer Larry Hermann.

Riccardi, the son of a reputed Gambino family bookie, was living in Florida under an assumed name when a New York City cold-case detective arrested him in August 2001.

Brian Godkin — who was 8 years old at the time his father was killed — helped locate Riccardi after becoming a federal marshal.

At trial, the prosecution produced a pair of eyewitnesses, one of whom said Riccardi looked completely different but nevertheless identified him as the gunman.

If convicted Riccardi would have faced 25 years to life in prison.

A second suspect in the case was acquitted of the slayings in November. A third suspect was never tried after a witness — Linda Gotti, the niece of the late mob boss John Gotti — recanted her testimony.

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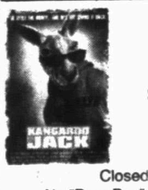
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WIN GOLD MEDALS — Twenty-six band students at Snyder Junior High School won 41 gold medals last Saturday at Texas Tech. Students in the percussion and brass section (top photo) are from left back row, Andrew Dupree, Brett Bowlin, Colton Harper, Daniel Burk and Jordan Ortegon; middle row, Craig Robertson, Casey Arnold and Aaron DeLoera; front row, Samantha Daves, Jessica DeLeon, Ashlei Lopez and Alyssa Davis. Austin Owens is not pictured. Students in the woodwinds section (bottom photo) are back row from left Beth Witte, Felicia Guzman, Kelly Holdren, Megan DeLoera, Angela Almanza, Laura Culwell, Claire Morris, Ashly Luecke and Kimberly Harlan; front row from left are Tatum Norwood, Stephen Davidson and Destinee Naegele. Alayna Alexander is not pictured. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

SJHS band receives 41 gold medals

Twenty-six Snyder Junior High School band students earned 41 first place gold medals at the Tau Beta Sigma solo and ensemble contest held at Texas Tech last Saturday.

Thirty-one band students competed in all with five receiving certificates for Division II.

Students earning Division I recognition are Alayna Alexander, Angela Almanza, Casey Arnold, Brett Bowlin, Daniel Burk, Laura Culwell, Samantha Daves, Stephen Davidson, Alyssa Davis, Jessica DeLeon, Aaron DeLoera, Megan DeLoera, Andrew Dupree, Felicia Guzman, Kimberly Harlan, Colton Harper, Kelly Holdren, Ashlei Lopez, Ashley Luecke, Claire Morris, Destinee Naegele, Tatum Norwood, Jordan Ortegon, Austin Owens, Craig Robertson and Beth Witte.

Certificates were presented to Ryan Arredondo, Andy Garvin, Nicole Means, Jordan Payne, Zane Tandy.

Jury convicts man in 'thrill kill' slaying

NEW CASTLE, Pa. (AP) — A man was convicted Friday of murder in what a prosecutor called the "thrill-kill" slaying of a 12-year-old girl.

Perry Ricciardi II, 22, also was found guilty of kidnapping, unlawful restraint and criminal conspiracy. He could be sentenced to death.

Another man, William Monday, is serving a life sentence after pleading guilty to slashing the girl's throat



REGION BAND — Two Snyder Junior High School band students were selected to the all-region band on Nov. 23 and they performed in concert Jan. 25 at the Civic Center in Lubbock. Brett Bowlin, percussion, is an eighth grader and Kimberly Harlan, seventh grader, plays the clarinet. The region band rehearsed for two days prior to performing. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

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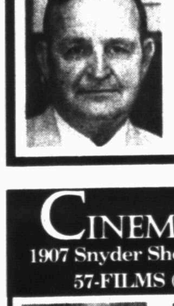
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SPORTS



CHIP SHOT — Snyder senior Hailey Putnam chips onto the green during the opening round of the Snyder Girls Invitational Friday. The team was in first place heading into the final round Saturday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lady Tigers top the field after first round of play

The Lady Tiger golfers were leading the Snyder Invitational at the conclusion of play Friday, besting former district foe Andrews by nine strokes with team total 320.

Snyder and Andrews were running away from the rest of the pack, with the next closest competitor, Wylie, 48 shots off the pace.

The teams played in blustery conditions, with winds gusting up to 25 miles-per hour, but junior Hailey Putnam, who carded an 81, said the weather was not a big factor.

"There were certain holes we were facing dead into the wind," she said. "But it didn't have that much of an affect."

Head coach Matt Glenn was extremely pleased with the team's performance.

"I thought we played exceptionally well, given the conditions," he said. "We have a quality team, both in terms of talent and experience. These girls have played in all kinds of conditions."

Katie Kerley shot a first-round best 77, and Lauren Day posted a 79 as the Lady Tigers pulled away from the field with crisp approaches and solid putting.

Kellie Dotson fired an 83 and Catherine Whitworth recorded a 90.

Andrews and Snyder are again running neck and neck, and each team uses the other to keep up the intensity, according to Glenn.

"It's a great rivalry," he said. "They push us and we push them."

He said the practice and commitment of his players would keep the team sharp from round to round.

"They work day in and day out, and it's a credit to the kids," he said. "I enjoy them. They are good players — gutsy and scrappy — and they work hard. No matter what the conditions, you can always fall back on the work ethic."

The second round of the tournament was scheduled to tee off Saturday morning.

SNYDER GIRLS INVITATIONAL
First Round

Team Standings: 1. Snyder 320, 2. Andrews 327, 3. Wylie 368, 4. Abilene Cooper 370, 5. Abilene High 375, 6. Central 377, 7. Big Spring 384, 8. Lubbock Monterey 387, 9. Sweetwater 431, 10. Lamesa 437, 11. Lubbock Coronado 440, 12. Permian 448.

Jury orders Tigers to pay

DETROIT (AP) — A former flight attendant who said she was sexually harassed by Detroit Tigers players on a team flight in 2000 was awarded $200,000 by a federal jury.

The jury delivered the verdict Thursday, a clerk for U.S. District Judge Lawrence Zatkoff said Friday.

Lisa Kesner, 38, of Lima, Ohio, filed a federal lawsuit in May 2001 against the Tigers, three holding companies and Olympia Aviation, which handled charter flights for the Tigers and the Detroit Red Wings.

Kesner claimed that several Tigers players subjected her to lewd comments and inappropriate touching, and displayed pornography on a laptop computer within plain view.

"I feel vindicated," Kesner told the Detroit Free Press. "It just goes to show that people have a right to be able to go to work and not have to be called names."

Tigers spokesman Cliff Russell said the jury's decision disappointed team officials.

"We will vigorously challenge this verdict through the appropriate post-trial motions and if necessary, an appeal," he said.

A judge previously dismissed the counts in Kesner's suit except the one against Olympia Aviation. None of the players were named as defendants.

Olympia Aviation was a company owned by Tigers owner Mike Ilitch. It now is dissolved. An attorney for Olympia Aviation, Michael Weaver, said he would appeal the decision.

Area Sports Calendar

MONDAY
Baseball: Snyder JV #1 vs. Greenwood, 5 p.m.
Snyder JV #2 at Levelland, 4 p.m.

TUESDAY
Baseball: Snyder varsity boys vs. Wylie, season opener, 7 p.m.
Softball: Snyder varsity at Midland High, 4 p.m.
Snyder JV at Midland High, 4 p.m.
WTC vs. Odessa College, DH, 3 p.m.

THURSDAY
Baseball: Snyder JV in Snyder tournament.

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

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

Voice of Tech sports to retire

LUBBOCK (AP) — The audience for Jack Dale's first play-by-play broadcasts were the crops on his family's Kansas farm.

Having learned the names of Army and Navy football players by listening to their games on radio, young Dale would climb atop a tractor and narrate imaginary games. He knew then that he wanted to make a living in broadcasting, not farming.

For the past 50 years, Dale has done so as the voice of Texas Tech men's basketball games. His run of more than 1,500 games will soon come to an end, as he's retiring after this season.

Dale, 70, stopped calling football games after the 1999 season, having done it for 47 years. He missed it for a while, but that feeling went away.

"And I think that's probably the way it's going to be with basketball," he said. "Since I've made the decision, I can't hardly wait until the end of the season to sort of put it behind me."

Dale's retirement doesn't mean his rich baritone voice is leaving radio.

Together with his son, Steve, Dale will continue doing a morning sports-talk radio show that began in August 1992. Dale also will help on pre-game coverage of Tech football.

School officials also are establishing endowed communications and athletic scholarships in his honor, ensuring that his name and ambition will be passed on to future would-be broadcasters and athletes.

"I want to see it happen," Dale said. "I don't have money to do it myself, but I'm going to do everything I can do to help."

Two roasts have been planned to help raise funds.

Westerners split doubleheader

HOBBS, N.M. — Western Texas College roared back in the second game of a twin bill against New Mexico Junior College Friday, defeating the Thunderbirds, 23-8.

In the first game, the Westerners fell 20-2.

The story in the second game was all Trey Roberson as he drove in nine runs while going six-for-six at the plate.

The Lubbock freshman tallied a grand-slam homer to add four quick RBIs to his total and narrowly missed hitting for the cycle as he was called out at third base attempting a triple.

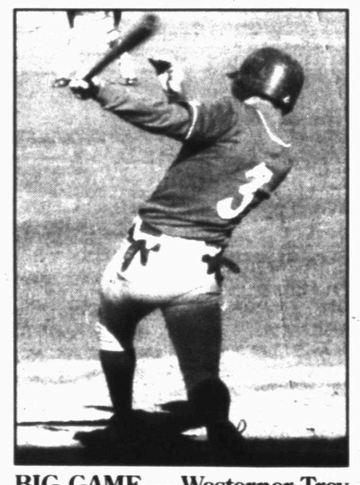
Roberson's hot bat was backed up by strong pitching from starter and winning pitcher Shawn Thomas and reliever John Bewley.

The lopsided loss was the first for the Thunderbirds.

The two teams had a doubleheader scheduled Saturday as Shawn Hanson was set to pitch the first game.

The Westerners were to wait on the outcome of the first game before assigning a player to the mound for the second tilt.

The WTC diamondmen will be at home Wednesday for a 2 p.m. bout at Moffett Field.



BIG GAME — Westerner Trey Roberson put on a show in the second game of a doubleheader Friday against New Mexico Junior College. Roberson went six for six from the plate and drove in nine runs to help WTC topple NMJC, 23-8. (Contributed Photo)

Snyder Bowling Leagues

Men's Commercial League

Team	W	L
Snyder Brick & Tile	60	25
Snyder Iron & Metal	50	35
Anadarko	49.5	35.5
The Shack	48.5	36.5
WTP Energy	47	38
Blue Sunoco	40	45
Timely Finance	39	46
Pin Busters	36	49
Robert Early's Weld	29	56
NAPA Auto	26	59

High series: Lynn Smith, scratch, 627; Russ Robinson, handicap, 725.
High game: Chris Porter, scratch, 234; Todd Sorrells, handicap, 259.
Splits and special mentions: Clint Gregory, 6-7-10.

Jack-N-Jill

Team	W	L
Timely Finance	14	6
Mama's Misfits	14	6
Quick Auto	12	8
Snyder Iron & Metal	11	9
Square Pants	11	9
JB's	10	10
BCEC	10	10
WTP Energy	9	11
Snyder Lanes	5	15
Rogers Backhoe	4	16

High series: Scratch: Lynn Smith, 580; Daphene Thompson, 514. **Handicap:** Jim Browning, 686; Daphene Thompson, 601.
High game: Scratch: Lynn Smith, 233, Daphene Thompson, 179. **Handicap:** Lynn Smith, 251; Amber Lyle, 214.

Rain suspends softball tourney

TEMPLE – Rain Friday caused postponement until Saturday and Sunday action in the Temple College Invitational softball tournament.

The undefeated Western Texas College Dusters are in Temple for the tournament.



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SPORTS

Welterweight Kid Gavilan dead at 77

MIAMI (AP) — Former welterweight champion Kid Gavilan, one of the first members of the International Boxing Hall of Fame, died at age 77.

Gavilan died Thursday of a heart attack at a Miami hospital, said Rebekah Navarro, owner of the assisted-living facility where the fighter lived the past four years.

Born Gerardo Gonzalez in Camaguey, Cuba, on Jan. 6, 1926, Gavilan became a star and television regular in multiple fights against Ike Williams and Sugar Ray Robinson. One of the most popular fighters in the 1940s and 1950s, he had a 15-year professional career beginning in 1943, compiling a record of 107 wins, 30 defeats and 6 draws with 28 knockouts.

Gavilan won the vacant welterweight title by outpointing Johnny Bratton in 1951 at New York, and he defended it seven times before losing it on points to Johnny Saxton three years later at Philadelphia. One of his successful defenses came against Bobby Dykes at Miami Stadium in 1952 — the first title bout between black and white fighters in then-segregated Miami.

Before his title loss to Saxton, Gavilan challenged Carl "Bobo" Olson for the middleweight title and lost a 15-round decision in 1954 at Chicago.

Gavilan took up boxing at age 10 and had 60 amateur bouts before turning pro at 17. Considered a hero in pre-Castro Cuba, he moved to the United States in 1968.

Known for his slick defense and timely combinations, Gavilan often displayed his signature bolo punch, with the sweeping punch beginning like a softball pitcher's windup and ending in an uppercut.

Gavilan was a showman, often doing a little dance during his fights — the Ali Shuffle before Muhammad Ali.

He was a member of the inaugural class of the Hall of Fame in 1990, inducted with Robinson and Jack Dempsey.

In one of his welterweight title defenses he won an unpopular decision over New Yorker Billy Graham that caused a melee at Madison Square Garden. Gavilan then scored a clear-cut decision over Graham at Havana.

In second round of playoffs...

Lady Coyotes oust Whitharral

What happens when two top-10 ranked teams in the state meet in the early rounds of the UIL playoffs – you get a thriller like the one Friday night between Borden County and Whitharral.

The Lady Coyotes came from behind to defeat the third-ranked Lady Panthers, 43-36, for their 27th win of the year against only six losses in the area playoff game at Lubbock Cooper.

The Lady Coyotes, competing in their first year in Region I, will play Happy Tuesday night at Lubbock Monterey. Happy was a 51-44 winner over Follett Friday night to run its record to 30-2.

Tipoff for the game will be at 8 p.m.

Borden County coach Kevin James credited tough defensive play on the part of his team for the victory Friday night.

"We felt like we had a pretty good game plan going in and our girls ended up working it to perfection," said James.

"We felt like we had to slow down their big post girl."

The Lady Coyotes did just that as Lady Panther Stephanie Gonzales totaled only 11 points in the first half and most importantly, none in the final two quarters.

"We kept Bobbie (Kempf) on her all night, but we had somebody else to help her out as soon as she (Gonzales) caught the ball," said James.

For the night, Bobbie Kempf pulled down five rebounds and blocked three shots.

"No doubt shutting her (Gonzales) down was a huge reason for the win," added James. "She's a great player but we contained her in the second half."

Gonzales' average for the season was 19 points.

The Lady Coyotes trailed at the end of the first quarter, 11-9, and at halftime, 23-20.

Borden County had the lead at the end of the third quarter, 30-27, as they limited the Lady Panthers to only four points while the Lady Coyotes' defensive effort intensified.

In the final stanza, Borden County had its best offensive effort as 13 points were put on the board, compared to Whitharral's nine to bring the final tally to 43-36.

The Lady Coyotes held Whitharral scoreless in the last minute of the tilt while adding to its total via the free-throw route as senior Micah Hensley canned three at the charity line during this time.

"Our girls played very well, especially down the wire," said James.

For the night, point guard Pati Rodriguez canned 10 points, while Kylia Culp added 8 and Jamie Gass tossed in 7.

Dalene Kempf tossed in six points while pulling in six rebounds, and teammates Bobbie Kempf, Menda James and Hensley added four points each.

Woods surges, still in hunt for invitational

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Tiger Woods began a long day at Torrey Pines by placing his ball under a cedar tree on the 10th hole to resume his first round in morning fog. He was 1 under and going nowhere quickly, even on a good left knee.

What a change — in the weather, and in his game.

Under glorious sunshine late Friday afternoon, he was in the first cut of rough with a wedge in his hand, 100 feet from his final hole in the Buick Invitational.

Sure, his game was rusty, but this was the kind of shot he practiced in his house while rehabbing from knee surgery. Instead of trying to carry a coffee table, Woods eyed a pitch mark on the par-5 ninth green.

The ball hopped, slowed to a crawl and disappeared into the cup for eagle. That gave Woods a 6-under 66, putting him two strokes behind leaders Brad Faxon and Marco Dawson.

Pressure on Astros' pitchers

HOUSTON (AP) — The spotlight will be on Craig Biggio and Jeff Kent. The pressure will be on the pitchers.

The Houston Astros in December moved former All-Star second baseman Biggio to center field to make room for free agent Kent, who signed a two-year $18.2 million contract to help bolster the offense.

The Astros appeased Biggio by giving him a one-year, $4 million contract extension guarantee.

With rightfielder Richard Hidalgo recovered from a gunshot wound and Lance Berkman moving to left field, general manager Gerry Hunsicker has typical spring training confidence.

Pitchers and catchers arrived Saturday at Osceola County Stadium in Kissimmee, Fla. The first workout is Sunday. Position players report Tuesday and work out Wednesday.

"This is going to be one of our better offensive clubs, and that's been a big problem we've had the past two years, because our offense has been on a decline," Hunsicker said. "With Kent in the middle of the lineup, we have three legitimate MVP candidates (including Bagwell and Berkman).

"I'm not sure anybody else can make that same statement."

The Astros ranked second in the NL with a .271 team average in 2001 but dropped to sixth last season at .262. The Astros drove in 805 runs in 2001 and 719 last season. Their homers also dropped from 208 two seasons ago to 167 last year, despite playing at hitter-friendly Minute Maid Park.

After a big push to improve their offense, the Astros were left with hoping for career years from some pitchers. Going for a big free-agent pitcher wasn't in the plans.

"That wasn't very practical given our budget situation," Hunsicker said. "Pitching is the riskiest to spend a lot of money on and there weren't that many (free agents) out there anyway."

Second-year manager Jimy Williams has a rotation that starts strong with Roy Oswalt and Wade Miller and finishes strong with setup man Octavio Dotel and closer Billy Wagner. The rest of the pitching pieces could determine how far the Astros go in the NL Central.

Veteran Shane Reynolds will give the Astros a steady No. 3 starter if he's fully recovered from back surgery. Free agent signee Brian Moehler will get a long look as the No. 4 starter. The No. 5 starter and several bullpen spots are up for grabs.

"We're very encouraged that Reynolds will be healthy," Hunsicker said. "Moehler gives us a solid fourth or fifth starter that has experience and will be a good role model for the younger pitchers to follow."

Zellner arrested for possession of crack

FORSYTH, Ga. (AP) — Dallas Cowboys defensive end Peppi Zellner was released from a Monroe County jail Friday on $5,000 bond after being charged with possession of crack cocaine with intent to distribute.

Zellner and his brother, Mannon Lee Zellner, were arrested Thursday by a multi-country narcotics task force.

Magistrate Court clerk Diane Williams said Mannon Zellner remained in jail with no bail set on the same charge.

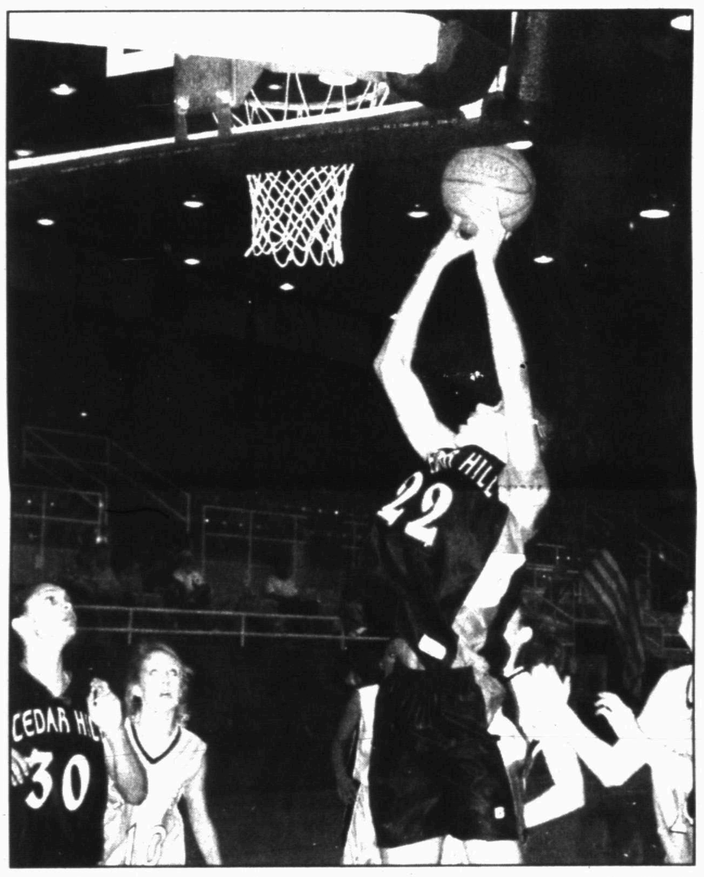
"We know what happened and it's not what you're hearing," said Harold Lewis, Zellner's agent. "We're very confident that within the next 24 hours, or no later than Monday morning, you will see that Peppi Zellner will be cleared of any charges against him."

Zellner, 27, is an unrestricted free agent and the Cowboys had little interest in re-signing him.

"My feeling is they're moving elsewhere or else they would've called by now," Lewis said.

Zellner's size (6-foot-5, 286 pounds), athleticism (he played basketball in college) and mean streak made him a prototype end.

Dallas drafted him in the fourth round in 1999 from Fort Valley State in central Georgia's Peach County. He played 13 games that season, mostly on special teams but also as a fill-in on the line.



PLAYOFF TIME — Cedar Hill post Kristi Dudley puts the Lady Longhorns on the board in the opening seconds of Friday night's 5A playoff game with Amarillo High at Scurry County Coliseum. Amarillo triumphed, 50-35. (SDN Staff Photo)

National Basketball Association

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	35	17	.673	—
Boston	29	22	.569	5½
Philadelphia	27	24	.529	7½
Washington	25	27	.481	10
Orlando	25	28	.472	10½
New York	22	28	.440	12
Miami	18	33	.353	16½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	37	15	.712	—
Detroit	34	16	.680	2
Milwaukee	27	23	.540	9
New Orleans	27	26	.509	10½
Atlanta	19	33	.365	18
Chicago	17	35	.327	20
Toronto	15	35	.300	21
Cleveland	10	42	.192	27

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	39	12	.765	—
San Antonio	35	16	.686	4
Minnesota	32	20	.615	7½
Utah	31	21	.596	8½
Houston	27	24	.529	12
Memphis	14	36	.280	24½
Denver	12	39	.235	27

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	36	17	.679	—
Portland	32	18	.640	2½
Phoenix	29	23	.558	6½
L.A. Lakers	26	24	.520	8½
Golden State	24	27	.471	11
Seattle	21	29	.420	13½
L.A. Clippers	18	33	.353	17

Friday's Games

Indiana 98, Atlanta 97, OT
Golden State 118, Toronto 114, OT
New Jersey 90, Chicago 72
Dallas 110, Memphis 103
Philadelphia 99, Orlando 98
Minnesota 114, New Orleans 93
Miami 94, Houston 82
Milwaukee 96, Detroit 86
Utah 109, Washington 77
New York 116, Phoenix 115
Sacramento 110, Seattle 81
San Antonio 103, L.A. Lakers 95

Saturday's Games

Denver at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Miami at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Seattle at Portland, 10 p.m.
Boston at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Philadelphia at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
Orlando at Toronto, 1:30 p.m.
Memphis at Milwaukee, 3 p.m.
San Antonio at Sacramento, 3:30 p.m.
Golden State at Minnesota, 3:30 p.m.
Indiana at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Denver at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Boston at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
New York at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

National Hockey League

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	35	14	3	4	77	147	107
Philadelphia	30	16	9	2	71	132	121
N.Y. Islanders	26	23	5	2	59	153	158
N.Y. Rangers	23	28	7	2	55	151	181
Pittsburgh	22	26	4	5	53	145	166

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	36	14	7	1	80	187	127
Toronto	31	21	4	1	67	163	139
Boston	28	21	5	2	63	168	152
Montreal	23	23	7	6	59	154	170
Buffalo	15	29	7	4	41	117	148

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	27	22	7	3	64	167	156
Tampa Bay	22	21	9	5	58	156	164
Florida	16	21	11	9	52	134	173
Carolina	18	28	6	6	48	124	166
Atlanta	19	29	4	4	46	151	198

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	30	15	8	5	73	186	149
Detroit	29	17	9	2	69	166	144
Chicago	23	22	10	3	59	136	139
Columbus	22	26	6	2	52	155	168
Nashville	19	24	9	4	51	128	147

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	33	16	8	0	74	174	145
Colorado	25	14	11	6	67	161	137
Minnesota	29	20	8	1	67	139	126
Edmonton	26	19	6	6	64	156	154
Calgary	18	28	8	4	48	127	167

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	33	12	12	1	79	177	116
Anaheim	27	19	7	4	65	143	140
Los Angeles	24	25	4	4	56	148	156
San Jose	21	25	6	5	53	155	170
Phoenix	20	25	7	4	51	137	153

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

Thursday's Games

Ottawa 2, Edmonton 0
Detroit 4, Buffalo 2
Columbus 2, Montreal 1, OT
Philadelphia 4, St. Louis 3, OT
Nashville 2, N.Y. Islanders 0
Vancouver 2, Colorado 1, OT
Los Angeles 4, Calgary 2

Friday's Games

Carolina 3, Washington 1
N.Y. Rangers 1, Pittsburgh 0
Tampa Bay 2, Atlanta 2, tie
Boston 6, Florida 5, OT
Phoenix 3, Minnesota 2
San Jose 4, Chicago 2
Anaheim 4, Dallas 2

Saturday's Games

Edmonton at Montreal, 4 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Los Angeles, 4 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Boston at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Anaheim at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Vancouver at Calgary, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Game

San Jose at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Groundhog Open

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

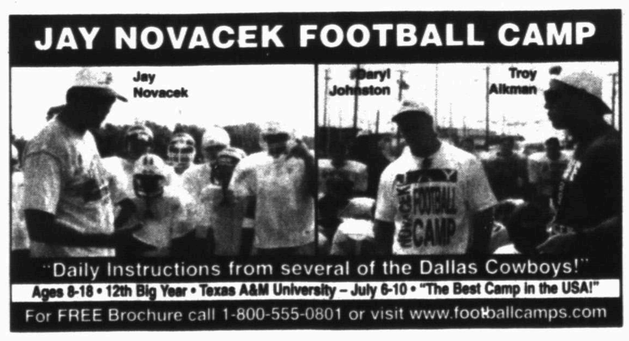
WTC basketball tournament cancelled

The WTC Outsiders basketball tournament scheduled for Feb. 28 and March 1 has been cancelled.

Royals win arbitration case

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Kansas City Royals won their arbitration case with Carlos Beltran on Friday, and the center fielder will make $6 million this season instead of the $6.95 million he sought.

Beltran made $3.45 million last year when he hit .273 with 44 doubles, 29 home runs and 105 RBIs, along with 35 stolen bases.





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Western Texas College will be accepting sealed bids for the sale of a 1995 Capri Camper until March 3, 2003, 10:00 a.m. Minimum bid has been set at $1,800. The walk in camper includes shower, sink, A/C, hot water heater, TV hook-up, 2 beds and outside running lights. Everything works and is in excellent condition. Camper may be viewed at Western Texas College, Southeast side of Gym, or phone (915) 573-8511, ext. 319 or ext. 306.

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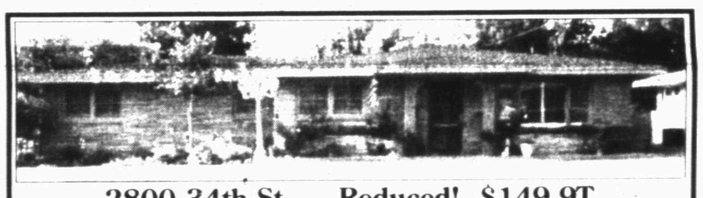
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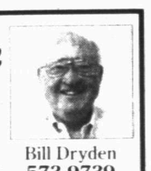


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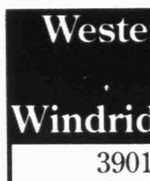

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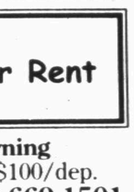
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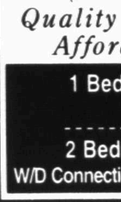
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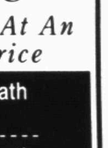

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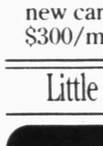
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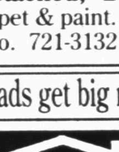

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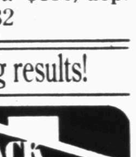

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Ag Talk

By Cong. Charlie Stenholm, U.S. House of Representatives

House Completes Action on Disaster Assistance

Last week, I talked about the agriculture disaster package that was winding its way through the Senate.

The House voted this week to pass the so-called FY 2003 Omnibus Appropriations bill.

This massive $390 billion spending bill includes eleven of the thirteen spending bills that Congress failed to complete last fall prior to adjournment.

Action didn't come any time too soon, with fiscal year 2003 now one-third over.

This omnibus spending bill includes additional assistance to farmers and ranchers who have been impacted by severe drought and bad weather conditions.

The assistance will be similar to the traditional disaster programs of the past, making producers who have losses of 35 percent and greater eligible for payments on those losses up to 100 percent.

Producers who had losses in either 2001 or 2002 would have to prove those losses on an individual basis.

If a producer had losses in both years, however, they would only be eligible to receive assistance for losses in one of those years.

The assistance would be available to producers of program crops, including peanuts, as well as any specialty crops.

Assistance for livestock producers would be provided through the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP), or a separate Livestock Assistance Program.

Producers in counties that were declared disaster areas after Sept. 19, 2002 and up to the date the bill is signed into law, will now be eligible for LCP payments.

Rental payments for producers who utilized CRP acreage for haying or grazing during the 2002 calendar year, and that were forfeited, will be repaid.

In addition, $50 million is provided to compensate producers and first-handlers of the 2002 crop of cottonseed.

The cost of this disaster package was paid for by a limitation in spending for the new Conservation Security Program that was created in the 2002 Farm Bill.

The good news is that disaster assistance is finally taken care of, but the bad news is that we will have to reopen the farm bill. This should lead to some interesting times on down the line.

USDA Increases Financial Protection

The USDA last week took a significant step toward increasing financial protection for farmers who store grain in or sell grain to federally licensed warehouses.

This change is significant in that, for the first time, USDA has agreed to cover losses to farmers who have not been paid for grain sold to federally licensed elevators when the elevator becomes insolvent.

To fund the new financial protection, USDA is proposing to raise money first by selling the grain of elevators that become insolvent.

If this yields insufficient funds, USDA will turn to a pool of assessments raised from the grain warehouse industry, as well as insurance policies paid for by federally licensed elevators.

USDA officials point out that no government money will be used to provide coverage.

There are 520 federally licensed elevator companies operating 830 facilities in the United States.

Together, they account for nearly four billion bushels of commercial storage space, or approximately half the U.S. total commercial grain storage space.

I should point out, however, that since there are some concerns about how this proposal might impact states with their own indemnity programs, the omnibus appropriations bill has a provision to put USDA's proposal on hold for 180 days.

U.S. Agriculture Exports Fall in 2002

I am sorry to report that U.S. agriculture exports during the first 11 months of 2002 declined by almost $1 billion from the same period in 2001.

According to the USDA, declines for most high-value exports were the major reason for the overall tumble.

Particularly notable was the $500 million drop in U.S. poultry exports.

On the other side of the ledger, imports of agriculture products were up by almost $2 billion during this period.

Small Operators Produce Most U.S. Cattle

A recent article in Agricultural Outlook confirmed what some folks have long known; many small operations produce the majority of U.S. beef cattle.

According to the USDA, half of all farms in the U.S. have beef cattle on their operations, and a full three-quarters of the nation's beef cattle spend at least some portion of their life on a small farm.

Interestingly enough, the most numerous group of cattle producers is not actually in the farming business at all. These small farmers derive most of their income from other sources.

According to the USDA, raising beef cattle is less labor-intensive than crop production, and small operators are better able to pursue other money-making activities.

In the near future, the Agriculture Committee will be holding hearings regarding packer ownership of cattle and country-of-origin labeling.

Autopsy points to suicide

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A 34-year-old multiple murder suspect who was fired on by police died by his own hand, an autopsy determined.

Donald Wilcox shot himself early Wednesday outside the Padre Motel.

Police said they had sent a SWAT team to secure the area where they believed him to be when he walked out of the room unexpectedly. The team opened fire at him when he pointed his pistol at them.

The Nueces County Medical Examiner determined that Wilcox fired the shot that caused his death, though police fired 31 shots at him and three of their bullets struck him, the Corpus Christi Caller-Times reported Friday.

Wilcox, 34, was released last month from a Pennsylvania prison and is believed to have formed a relationship with a 15-year-old accomplice who was traveling with his father on the same New York City-originated bus.

The teenager's father is not a suspect, police said.

The district attorney has said he will certify the teen as an adult and try him on charges of capital murder.

The father, Harry Mavoides, said he regretted the events of the past week.

He said his son disappeared Friday and Saturday and returned Sunday, obviously troubled.

"I know that he is not capable of hurting anyone," he said. "He's not even capable of squashing a cockroach."

CARDS OF THANKS

THANK YOU

The family of Bud Dennis wish to express our sincere gratitude for the cards, flowers, food and loving kindness, shown by our many friends during the illness and death of our husband and father.

A special thank you to the management and employees of United Supermarket, Rev. Larry McAden & Calvary Baptist Church, and Kenneth Tomlinson.

Nancy, Lisa & Theresa

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped in making our mother's illness and death easier to bear: Brother Larry McAden, Steve Highfield, Shirley Newman, the staff of Bell-Cypert-Seale, the ladies from Calvary Baptist Church who prepared and brought food and to those who served the food for our family. We say thank you to those who prayed, who sent flowers and memorials, who brought food to our home, who sent cards, who called, and those who visited us in our time of sorrow.

3 years our mother was in the loving, caring hands of others. Each person who touched and cared for her received thanks through a smile from her. It was her only way to communicate her gratitude to them. Thank you to all the aides, nurses, hospice workers, and administrators for your caring hands and hearts. By touching and caring for her, you touched and cared for us also.

May God richly bless you all.
The Family of Winonah Reddell

The family of **Polly Matthies** would like to thank all who shared God's love with us through the many expressions of kindness for our loss. We thank Snyder Oaks & Snyder Healthcare for the excellent care they gave our Mom. A special thanks to Odyssey Hospice and the 2nd floor nurses at Cogdell for their individual attention to Mother during the past few months. We also thank First Baptist for their hospitality, Pastors Clifton Griffith and Mike Henson for the inspiring and comforting service. A very special appreciation and thanks to Wright Colonial Funeral Home for their outstanding professional services. Kent, the compassionate love of Christ was evident in all you and your staff did to graciously assist and minister to our family. May God bless each of you as you have blessed us.



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Brenda & Tom Martin and family
Susan & Clifton Griffith and family
Norman & Pat Matthies and family

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Diagnosis of tremor

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am 60 and, for the past years, I have had a problem with my head and hands shaking. My family doctor reassures me that nothing is wrong, but my family is concerned and wants me to obtain a second opinion. What kind of doctor should I see?

DEAR READER: I suspect that you are suffering from a harmless medical affliction called benign essential tremor, for which nothing can be done. It's a nuisance but will not affect your health.

Nonetheless, I agree with your family that a second opinion is in order — just to make sure that something else, such as Parkinson's disease, is not the cause of your head and hands shaking. I suggest that you request your physician to refer you to a neurologist. Such a specialist should be able to diagnose your condition with accuracy and, if necessary, reassure your family that your age-related condition is not dangerous.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My father has recently been diagnosed with metabolic syndrome. What exactly is this?

DEAR READER: The metabolic syndrome, sometimes called "the deadly quartet," consists of obesity, hypertension, an over production of insulin (leading to insulin resistance), and elevated blood levels of triglycerides (a major fat in the body).

Patients with this profile — especially if they are women — have an increased risk of heart attack.

At present, there is no specific treatment for the metabolic syndrome. However, many people have had great success by losing weight, exercising regularly, stopping smoking and eating a healthful diet. Such a program may not be easy, because it requires significant lifestyle changes — but the favorable results make the effort worthwhile.

Of course, the obvious consequences of the syndrome — high blood pressure, diabetes and too much triglyceride — are routinely treated with appropriate medications. Nevertheless, the metabolic syndrome is at best preventable, at worst made less severe, if people would take more active steps to promote good health. This is not a situation where the almighty pill is going to solve the problem. Patients should become aggressively involved with their own health-care issues and take personal responsibility for changing to a prudent lifestyle. Once again, these necessary changes are:

— Don't smoke
— Lose weight
— Eat sensibly
— Exercise regularly

For those readers who are interested in learning more about the metabolic syndrome, I recommend The Cleveland Clinic Journal of Medicine, vol. 69, number 12, December 2002, which carries two excellent articles on the subject.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Insuring your Good Health." 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 have a "meet and greet" appointment with a new physician next month in order to determine if I want this practitioner to be my doctor. What questions should I ask that would help me with the decision?

DEAR READER: I cannot give you a list of questions that will test your potential health-care provider. In situations such as this, the "chemistry" is what is important. Obviously, you will want to learn about the doctor's credentials, his training, hospital affiliations and reputation in the community. But once you are sitting in his office during the interview, you will pretty much have to make a decision based on your "gut reaction." Does the office seem to be well run? Were you put off when you called for an appointment? Does the practitioner seem interested in you as a person? Is he rushed or does he take the time to make a positive initial impression? Does he ask the right questions about your health concerns? Is he more interested in talking at you or does he show a willingness to listen? These and other questions are largely unspoken, but can form the basis for a positive (or negative) first impression. In many respects, this interaction is similar to those during which you might be applying for a job or dealing with your daughter's new beau. What is not said may be more telling that what is. "Chemistry" is an important and unavoidable aspect of any interpersonal relation.

As a consequence of your "meet and greet" appointment, you will probably be favorably impressed; you and the doctor will be (or should be!) on your best behavior. And, I suspect, you will sign on with him or her. However, the commitment is not like a marriage: you can change physicians anytime. Therefore, I encourage you to relax, be yourself and try to engage the physician in a manner you feel comfortable. If the relation works, fine. If not, you can always make other arrangements.

Also remember the crucial questions: Can I put my trust in this practitioner? Will he answer my health questions honestly and clearly? Will he accept my need to have control over my personal life and health? Will he be there when I need him?

I won't say that you have your work cut out for you. But I will emphasize that if you and your new doctor are willing to work together, with an attitude of mutual respect and consideration, you will enjoy a wonderful, rewarding and satisfying commitment that will last for years. I know this for a fact because I am fortunate enough to be in that position after 35 years of medical practice.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What can you tell me about squamous cell carcinoma? My son was diagnosed with it in his bronchial tubes and lungs. Is there any treatment besides chemotherapy?

DEAR READER: The lung is a common site for malignancies of which there are four primary types. Squamous cell carcinoma is one. Ordinarily, this serious cancer is removed; then the patient receives radiation therapy and/or chemotherapy.

There is substantial individualization of treatment, depending on the site, extent, size, degree of malignancy and spread of the tumor — as well as the patient's age and state of health. Such patients' care should be supervised by a cancer specialist.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: If hormone replacement therapy is not appropriate for many women, what about Fosamax? I've been taking the drug for seven years, and my bone density is almost normal. I've been told to take the drug for the rest of my life but wonder if I really need it.

DEAR READER: In some women with osteoporosis, weekly Fosamax or Actonel therapy may do more than arrest bone-calcium loss; it may actually reverse the loss and lead to normal (or near-normal) bone structure. This appears to be true in your case. Therefore, I'd be inclined to follow your own doctor's recommendation about therapy. While the "rest of your life" may seem to be a daunting challenge, the benefits of treatment may well outweigh the disadvantages (expense and stomach upset). Female hormone replacement therapy is in a different league because HRT has been shown to increase the risk of various cancers. Therefore, in this situation, the risks certainly exceed the advantages.

Although there are no data to support the practice, maybe your doctor would be willing to experiment by reducing the Fosamax dosage schedule to one pill every two weeks — or even once a month — depending on your response, based on annual or semi-annual bone density determinations. Ask him about this. A compromise measure, instead of weekly versus none, may be in order.

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Hole in Columbia's skin focus of probe

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Two weeks after Columbia was destroyed, a hole in the spacecraft's aluminum skin that left it vulnerable to super-hot gases has become a suspect in the space shuttle's disintegration.

But as the Columbia investigation board continues visiting NASA centers to gather information, its members, as well as agency officials, stress the breach is one of many possible causes of the accident they are studying.

While the board has acknowledged superheated air probably seeped through a breach in Columbia's left wing and possibly its wheel compartment during the craft's fiery re-entry, investigation board chairman Adm. Harold Gehman Jr. said all possible causes, including sabotage, are still being reviewed.

"Everything is on the table. We release information as we get it. But that doesn't mean there's any special significance to it," he said.

On Saturday, the board was set to travel to Lockheed Martin Corp.'s facility in Louisiana, where shuttle external tanks are built. The board has already traveled to Kennedy Space Center in Florida and Marshall Space Flight Center in Alabama.

Flight director Leroy Cain, who was on duty Feb. 1 when the shuttle broke apart, also didn't want to place too much emphasis on the breach at this stage in the investigation.

"It's a possibility, along with the whole range of things that are possibilities. But there are many, many other possibilities," Cain said Friday.

Analysis of what could have caused a hole in the shuttle continues.

Marches throughout world protest war

LONDON (AP) — Anti-war protests Saturday drew hundreds of thousands of people in cities around the world — from London to Canberra — united in their opposition to a threatened U.S.-led strike against Iraq.

The British capital saw one of the largest marches for peace on a day of global protest — at least a million people, organizers claimed, although initial police estimates were about half that. They hoped to bring pressure on Prime Minister Tony Blair, who has been Europe's biggest supporter of the tough U.S. policy.

"I feel they should take more time and find an alternative, and not see the only solution to the problem in bombarding the country," said Maria Harvey, 58, a child psychologist, who said she hadn't marched since the protests against the Gulf War in 1991.

Hundreds of thousands marched through Berlin, backing a strong anti-war stance spearheaded by Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder. Police estimated the crowd at between 300,000 and 500,000.

"We're not taking to the streets to demonstrate against the United States, or for Iraq. We're taking to the streets because we want a peaceful resolution of the Iraq conflict," said Michael Sommer, head of the German Federation of Unions.

In Syria, a nation on the front line if war comes, some 200,000 protesters marched through Damascus. In Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, Brussels, South Korea, Australia, Malaysia and Thailand, demonstrations attracted thousands, while the crowds were in the hundreds or less in Bosnia, Hong Kong, Indian-controlled Kashmir and Moscow.

Crowds were estimated at 10,000 in Amsterdam and Copenhagen, 5,000 in Capetown and 4,000 in Johannesburg in South Africa, 5,000 in Tokyo, and 2,000 in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Anti-war activists hoped to draw 100,000 people to the streets in New York City later for a protest near the United Nations. Police were planning extensive security that included sharpshooters and radiation detectors.

In Baghdad, tens of thousands of Iraqis, many carrying Kalashnikovs, demonstrated across their country to support Saddam Hussein and denounce the United States.

"Our swords are out of their sheaths, ready for battle," read one of hundreds of banners carried by marchers along Palestine Street, a broad Baghdad avenue.

Many Iraqis hoisted giant pictures of Saddam and some burned American and Israeli flags, while in neighboring Damascus, protesters chanted anti-U.S. and anti-Israeli slogans as they marched to the People's Assembly.

Najjah Attar, a former Syrian cabinet minister, accused Washington of attempting to change the region's map.

Bush says don't panic, let the professionals do the worrying

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush told Americans not to panic about the high terror-threat warning and to let the professionals worry about keeping their communities safe from attack.

Seeking to reassure a nervous nation in his weekly radio address Saturday, he asked people only to be more alert to their surroundings and suggested a trip to the Department of Homeland Security's Web site at http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/ for tips on being more vigilant.

"Americans should go about their lives," Bush said.

Beyond that, he said, the raising of the terrorism alert level on Feb. 7 from yellow to high-risk orange "is primarily a signal to federal, state and local law enforcement to take additional precautions and increase security measures against potential terrorist attacks."

On Friday, Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said officials don't have any conclusive evidence about where, when or how the terrorists could strike. He, like Bush, sought to spread calm at the end of a week in which many people stocked up on food, water, duct tape and other supplies and watched anti-aircraft missile launchers deployed around the national capital. There is no need "to start sealing the doors or windows" against terrorist threats, Ridge said.

Federal officials recommended this week that Americans put together emergency supply kits as a precaution for terrorist attack or disaster. Two items suggested for the kit were duct tape and plastic sheeting, enough to seal a house or rooms from any hazardous materials terrorists could put in the air.

Man pleads guilty to credit card abuse and forgery

A 20-year-old Snyder man pleaded guilty in 132nd District Court Friday to separate counts of debit card abuse and check forgery.

Joshua Zane Arnold of 5863 West Highway 180 pleaded guilty to a Dec. 23 charge of debit card abuse and a Dec. 2 charge of forgery.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong sentenced Arnold on each count to two years in a Texas Department of Criminal Justice state jail, probated for five years. On each count Arnold also was fined $500. The two sentences will be served concurrently.

On the debit card abuse conviction, Arnold also was ordered to pay $5,711.90 in restitution to West Texas State Bank.

On the forgery conviction, Arnold must pay $700 in restitution to United, $350 to Rip Griffin's and $1.55 to Cash-N-Pay.

Five persons arrested in Snyder

•Arrests

Snyder officers arrested a 44-year-old woman in the 3100 block of 39th Street at 4:25 p.m. Friday on 11 outstanding warrants.

An 18-year-old man was taken into custody in the 3600 block of Ave. M at 4:50 p.m. Friday for theft, more than $50 and less than $500.

At 6:08 p.m. Friday, officers arrested a 21-year-old man for Class B criminal trespass and on two outstanding warrants.

A 22-year-old woman was taken into custody in the 2000 block of Ave. L Friday night on six warrants.

DPS troopers arrested a 20-year-old woman on 37th Street near Winston Park at 2:47 a.m. Saturday for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

•Theft

The manager at Wal-Mart reported an internal theft of a car stereo and officers submitted an offense report for Class B theft.

•Close patrols

A woman requested a close patrol of her residence in the 2100 block of Peyton after receiving numerous unknown phone calls.

A close patrol was initiated for the animal shelter after a subject demanded his dog be released and threatened to break in and take the dog.

A woman reported cars driving through yards at the Golden Terrace Village in order to get to the alley and requested a close patrol of the area.

Obituaries

Anna Bell Drum

1908-2003

Anna Bell Drum, a resident of Scurry County since 1916, died Friday, Feb. 14, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

Service for Mrs. Drum, 94, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Fluvanna Cemetery. Dale Huff, minister of the 37th Street Church of Christ, and Wallace Combest will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.



Anna B. Drum

Born Sept. 4, 1908 in Bell County, she moved with her family to Scurry County in 1916. She attended Favorite School and married L.C. Drum on Jan. 6, 1929 in Snyder. He died May 3, 1986.

Mrs. Drum, a homemaker and a member of the Fluvanna Church of Christ, began farming with her husband in the Fluvanna area in 1939. She moved to Snyder in 1998 and was a member of the Palette Club where she enjoyed china and oil painting.

She also was preceded in death by a son, Buddy Drum, on Jan. 4, 1996; and by one brother and one sister.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Don and Shirley Drum of Snyder; a daughter-in-law, Margaret Drum Dillaha of Fluvanna; three grandsons and their wives, Max and Valerie Drum of Fluvanna, Delton and Lainey Drum of Richland Hills and Ben and Traci Drum of Garland; 11 great-grandchildren, Cole Drum, David Drum, Josh Peri, Tia Drum, Karomy Purkey, Kelby Drum, Kyle Kuss, Katie Drum, Gracie Drum, Christina Drum and Adrianna Drum; and three great-great-grandchildren, Christian and Noah Drum and Draven Peri.

Family visitation will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Faye Rogers

1918-2003

KINGSLAND — Faye Rogers, the sister of Gerald Johnson of Snyder, died Thursday, Feb. 13, in San Antonio.

Funeral service for Mrs. Rogers, 84, was set for 2:30 p.m. Saturday in the Buchanan Dam Church of Christ with Willis Jernigan officiating. Burial was to follow in the Lakeland Hills Memorial Park in Burnet County under the direction of Waldrope-Hatfield-Hawthorne Funeral Home.

Born May 6, 1918 in Coke, Tex., she was reared in Winnsboro and was married to Grady Rogers who preceded her in death. Also preceding her in death were two brothers, one sister and granddaughter Kimberly Williams.

A homemaker and a member of the Church or Christ, Mrs. Rogers had lived in Junction for 36 years before moving to Marble Falls in 1986.

Survivors also include four daughters, Janice Williams of San Antonio, Gail McNinch of Alice, Debby Gilliam of Midland and Sally Red of Fairfield; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Jenelle Nanny

1913-2003

HASKELL — Jenelle Nanny, the sister of Maybelle Ainsworth of Snyder, died Thursday, Feb. 13, in Haskell.

Funeral service for Mrs. Nanny, 89, was set for 4 p.m. Saturday in the East Side Baptist Church with Dr. Troy Culpepper officiating. Burial was to follow in the Willow Cemetery.

Born June 21, 1913 in Wood County, she married Otho W. Nanny on Feb. 15, 1941 in Mineral Wells. He died in 1989.

She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Beth Freshour; and two brothers, J.C. and Bill Tucker.

Survivors include three sons, Joel Nanny and W.O. Nanny, both of Haskell, and Ben Nanny of Abilene; another sister, Margarette Jacobs of Odessa; 12 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

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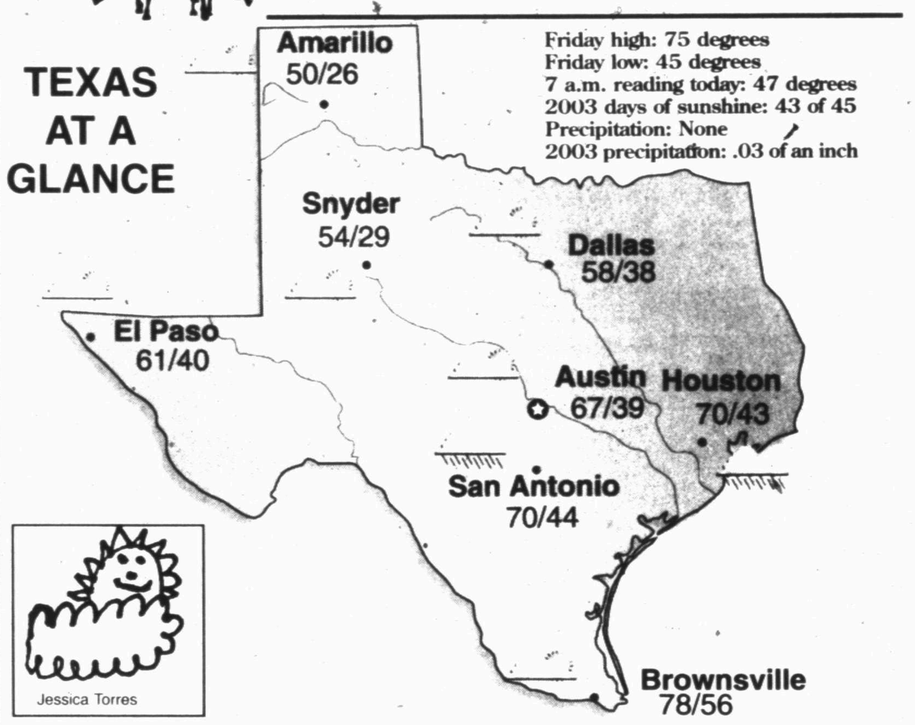
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Friday low: 45 degrees
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2003 precipitation: .03 of an inch

Jessica Torres

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	55	33	pt sunny	El Paso	61	40	pt sunny	Midland	58	36	pt sunny
Amarillo	50	26	pt sunny	Fort Stockton	63	39	pt sunny	Raymondville	77	50	pt sunny
Austin	67	39	pt sunny	Gainesville	53	30	pt sunny	Rosenberg	70	43	rain
Beaumont	69	43	t-storm	Greenville	54	32	pt sunny	San Antonio	70	44	rain
Brownsville	78	56	pt sunny	Houston	70	43	rain	San Marcos	68	41	rain
Brownwood	61	34	pt sunny	Kingsville	76	47	rain	Sulphur Springs	56	33	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	73	48	rain	Livingston	69	38	rain	Sweetwater	56	31	pt sunny
Corsicana	58	37	pt sunny	Longview	64	37	rain	Tyler	63	39	pt sunny
Dallas	58	38	pt sunny	Lubbock	55	31	pt sunny	Weatherford	55	31	pt sunny
Del Rio	73	48	pt sunny	Lufkin	69	42	rain	Wichita Falls	52	31	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	62	46	rain	Houston	70	43	rain	Phoenix	71	52	pt sunny
Boston	16	3	pt sunny	Los Angeles	66	50	pt sunny	San Francisco	57	50	rain
Chicago	24	15	flurries	Miami	82	70	pt sunny	Seattle	51	44	rain
Dallas	58	38	pt sunny	Minneapolis	16	8	cloudy	St. Louis	37	21	mixed
Denver	46	24	pt sunny	New York	22	7	sn shower	Washington, DC	35	23	mixed

Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
Feb 9	Feb 16	Feb 23	Mar 3

UV Index

Sat 2/15	Sun 2/16	Mon 2/17
4	5	5
Low	Moderate	Moderate

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CROWNED — Nell and Glenn Baker were crowned the 2003 Valentine's Day king and queen Friday at the Senior Citizens Center. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Six reputed gang members charged in 4 slayings

EDINBURG (AP) — Charges were filed Friday in the deaths of four women and wounding of another in a September attack that police said resulted from a case of mistaken identity.

The killings were planned as revenge against two women who gave police information that led to the arrest and conviction of gang member Jesus Carlos Rodriguez, police said.

However, the two witnesses weren't present when the suspects allegedly opened fire on a car carrying six women, police said.

The men, Rodriguez, 25, Guadalupe Guerra, 20, Roberto Gene Garza, 19, Ricardo Cabello Martinez, 21, Mark Anthony Reyna, 24, and Rodolfo Alvarez Medrano, 23, all are members of the Tri City Bombers gang, police said.

Guerra, Garza, Reyna and Medrano, were charged Friday with one count of capital murder, two counts of attempted capital murder, and one count of engaging in organized criminal activity. The four were being held in the Hidalgo County Jail on a bond of $2 million each.

Rodriguez, who is accused of ordering the murders from prison, is serving time in Abilene for other crimes and will be charged later. Martinez is wanted and believed to be hiding in Mexico.

Police said two women who worked at Garcia's Place in Donna witnessed a shooting on March 31, 2001.

"The two women gave accounts to the police which led to (Rodriguez's) arrest and subsequent conviction," said Capt. Roy Quintanilha, spokesman for the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department.

On Sept. 5, 2002, the suspects, armed with assault rifles and semiautomatic pistols followed six women — all of them Garcia's Lounge employees who were leaving the bar after work — as they drove away in a red Pontiac Grand Am. The suspects believed the two witnesses were in the car, police said.

When the women arrived at a trailer park where they lived, the gunmen pulled up behind them and began shooting, police said.

One woman escaped injury by hiding in nearby bushes and another was shot but survived her injuries.

At least nine rounds ripped through the Grand Am and about 10 others hit two nearby trailer homes. Investigators recovered more than 50 shell casings at the scene.

The four dead were Celina Linares Sanchez, 21, Lourdes Yesenia Araujo Torres, 20, Danitzene Lizeth Vasquez Beltran, 21, and Maria De La Luz Bazaldua Cobarrubias, 31. All four were illegal immigrants from Mexico, police said.

Seven die in collision of church bus and sport utility vehicle

TEMPLE (AP) — Seventy-three-year-old Don Bledsoe considers himself lucky to be alive.

Bledsoe was in the restroom of a chartered church bus headed to Dallas on Friday when the vehicle veered into oncoming traffic on a rain-soaked interstate and smashed into a sport utility vehicle, killing seven people and sending 33 to area hospitals.

"I probably was in the safest place on the bus," Bledsoe said. "I was protected. The people on the seats, they had glass next to them."

Memorial Baptist Church in Temple had chartered the bus to take members to an afternoon concert by gospel singer Bill Gaither at Dallas' Reunion Arena.

After being trapped in the small restroom for about 30 minutes, rescue workers managed to pry the door open with a crow bar, enabling Bledsoe to walk out of the bus through a broken window.

"From my point of view, I felt the bus swerve and then I guess he lost control. Then the next thing we were laying down," Bledsoe said. "I just fell over pretty gently I guess. It didn't hurt me. I landed on my shoulder."

Five in the bus and two people in the SUV were killed.

The bus contained 33 listed passengers and the driver, but others may have boarded at the last minute, Texas Department of Public Safety Cpl. Charlie Morgan said.

Department of Public Safety spokesman Tom Vinger said the bus swerved to avoid a backup caused by an earlier accident. But Morgan later said he did not know why the bus driver lost control, crossed the median and collided head-on with the SUV.

The bus driver passed a blood test, Morgan said.

Heavy showers and thunderstorms had buffeted the area of the wreck throughout the morning. Hewitt is about 90 miles north of Austin and 25 miles north of Temple.

Congregation and family members gathered at the church shortly after receiving word of the accident, holding prayer vigil and waiting for a complete list of names. Members of a nearby church brought lunch items for grieving parishioners and DPS officials.

"All five were extremely committed Christians, very active in the church and very active in the community," said Roy Parker, pastor at Memorial Baptist Church. "We're devastated. I feel numb."

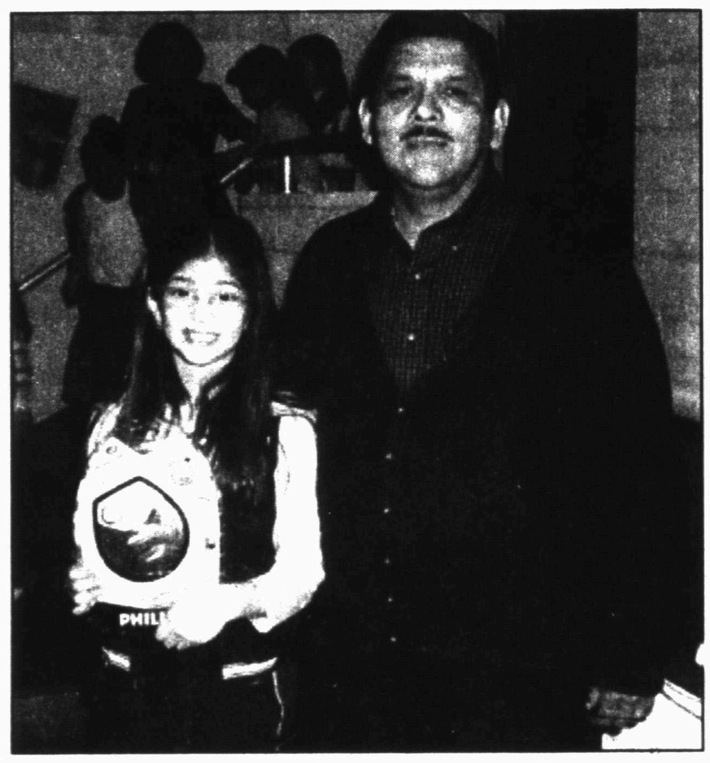
"They've been looking forward to this (concert) since last fall," Parker said. "They were really looking forward to it, really excited about it."

Later Friday evening, the church conducted a memorial service for the victims.

"I want to assure you, we have not lost them (the victims). They are in heaven," Parker told the grieving congregation.

A spokeswoman at Providence Health Center in Waco said 18 victims were brought to the hospital and all were in stable condition. None had life-threatening injuries, she said.

Of the 15 victims taken to Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center, three were in critical condition, four were in serious condition and four were treated and released. Three others were admitted, but their conditions were not available and one was transferred to Scott & White Hospital in Temple because of an unrelated health condition.



MATH WINNER — Central students who make 100 on weekly math tests get their name in a jar. Every six weeks one of the students' names is drawn and he or she receives a prize. Angela DeLoera won a portable CD player Friday. Her teacher is Michael Velasquez. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

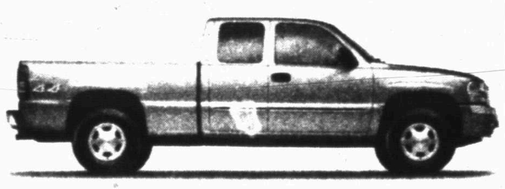
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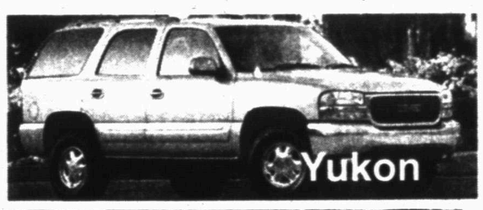
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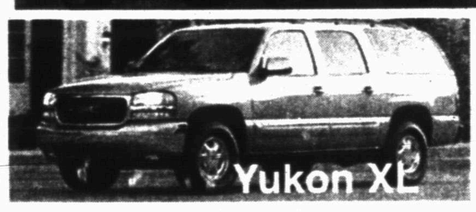
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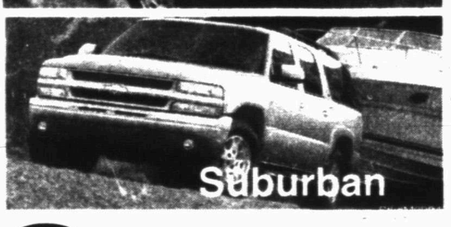
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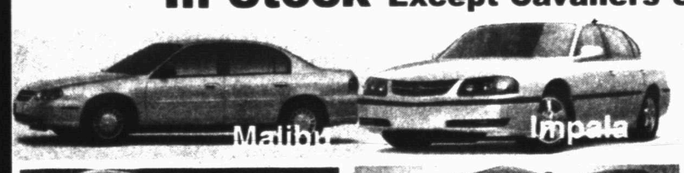

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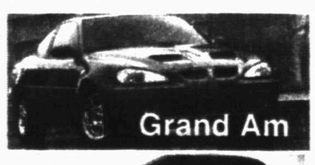

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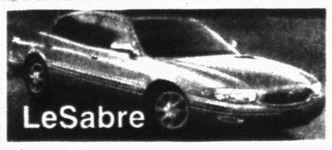

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WSI challenges other teams to get involved with Relay For Life event

With the American Cancer Society Relay For Life in Scurry County still 21/2 months away, the team from WSI Cased Hole Specialist has already begun fundraising and challenging other teams to get involved.

Mary Ann Leal is the team captain for WSI, and she has kept busy recruiting employees and their families in the April 25-26 ACS signature fundraiser.

Besides raising money, the event brings the community together to honor those who have battled cancer and won, and to remember those who have lost the battle.

Leal, with co-captain Vicki Sargent, is making breakfast burritos for donations each Friday at WSI. They are also making brownies and dessert-type items for breaks. The team will also be having a garage sale to benefit the Relay For Life March 8. Leal will also be making tamales for donations. To order, call 573-2808.

"Getting started early and doing a variety of things is the key to being a successful fundraising team," said Anne Everett, team captain coordinator. With this in mind, Leal says that her team is also planning to have drinks available for donations at their campsite during the relay. The WSI team sets up in the middle of the field, and they do have a sign for their campsite.

Each team is also taking luminaria orders. For a minimum donation of $5 each, a votive candle is placed inside a white bag that has the honorees name on it, along with the name of the donor.

At 10 p.m. Friday, the candles are lit, the lights of the stadium are turned off, and the names of those being honored are read from the press box.

Leal is offering the luminaria at Calvary Baptist, starting Sunday. Team members may collect luminaria forms and donations and return them to Helen Mock at 2711 Avenue V.

Each member of a team pays a $10 registration fee to be involved in the Relay For Life. Each member is asked to collect donations of at least $100. This can be done by asking neighbors and friends, and by writing family members who do not live in the area.

"I always suggest asking the families of those children who sell things to us for all their activities and school fundraisers throughout the year. It's great to know that my kindness to them is returned when I am asking for money to fight cancer," said Wendy Barnett, marketing director for the local ACS.

It is a positive idea to dedicate your personal effort to someone who has been touched by cancer. Teams may also raise money in groups by doing the usual garage sales, car washes, raffles and contests. Each team member who raises at least $100 will receive a Relay For Life participant t-shirt.



TEAM CAPTAINS' MEETING — Anne Everett, team captain coordinator, speaks to volunteers Tuesday evening at Stanfield. (Contributed Photo)

"For a place our size, Scurry County has an overwhelming amount of cancer patients and survivors," said Terrisu Mann, president of the local ACS. The relay committee has a goal to inform citizens about cancer prevention and early detection, and to let Snyderites know what the American Cancer Society has to offer them.

The American Cancer Society provides rides to treatment for cancer patients in area cities through the Road to Recovery program. Reach to Recovery is a program where surgeons refer breast cancer patients to ACS volunteers who go over exercises and help with the physical and emotional recovery from a mastectomy. Reach to Recovery volunteers are breast cancer survivors who have been trained by the American Cancer Society.

The ACS also has programs in nearby Lubbock that Scurry County residents can benefit from, including the Look Good Feel Better program where women are provided with wigs and makeup tips. There are also many support groups for cancer patients, survivors, and their families.

Carole Haynes, cancer patient and co-chairperson for the Relay For Life, said that we all know people who have benefited from the research supported by the American Cancer Society.

"If you know a woman who had a lumpectomy or was treated with tamoxifen for breast cancer, or a man whose prostate cancer was diagnosed with the PSA test, then you know someone who is better off because of relays like ours where money is raised for research," said Haynes. She added that children cured of leukemia and people who have quit smoking are also in some way tied to research of the ACS.

Relay For Life in Scurry County, and throughout the United States represents the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day, cancer will be eliminated. To join the WSI team, which also includes friends from McWilliams Pharmacy, call Leal at 573-2808.

To form a team and compete with WSI for the best team traveling trophy, call Margaret Presswood at 573-4873.

Teacher: The best thing to do for kids in the nation is to fly the shuttle again

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Seventh-grade science teacher Katty Furitsch still hears the beckoning call from the final frontier.

Furitsch is one of almost 4,000 teachers who have applied or been nominated for NASA's educator-astronaut program, which is moving forward in the wake of the space shuttle Columbia accident.

While some recent conversations she's had have echoed concern about her goal, the Houston teacher still yearns to be a space pioneer.

"As horrible as the accident was, it has galvanized my resolve to want to be a part of this program," she said. "Knowledge and exploration is worth a calculated risk."

NASA officials say they remain committed to the educator-astronaut program and that the Feb. 1 Columbia accident has not dampened interest in it. Applications continued to roll in.

Teachers "are even more committed than ever to pursuing this goal. The enthusiasm is still there," said Debbie Brown, co-manager of the educator-astronaut program. "I just knew the education community would rally behind it and continue on."

Just 11 days before the shuttle disaster, NASA had launched a major teacher recruitment effort with plans to hire three to six teachers for the next astronaut class in 2004.

In the first week 1,250 names were submitted. In the week following the shuttle accident, from Feb. 3 through Feb. 9, NASA received 1,007 applications and nominations.

While the Columbia accident as well as the 1986 explosion of the shuttle Challenger have reinforced the dangers of spaceflight, Furitsch, 28, said she believes NASA will find out what happened in the most recent incident and ensure space travel is safe.

"Every day we get up, we're taking risks. We're choosing to live instead of hiding away," she said. "If we were to delay the program now, the astronauts of Challenger and Columbia would have died in vain. It would be the wrong message to send."

Barbara Morgan, a former McCall, Idaho, schoolteacher who became a full-time astronaut in 1998, was to be the trailblazer with a trip to the international space station in November. But the shuttle fleet has been grounded since the Columbia accident.

She was the backup for New Hampshire teacher Christa McAuliffe, who was killed in the Challenger accident. NASA's first attempt at a teacher-in-space initiative was put on hold after that.

Morgan has declined interviews since the Columbia disaster, but friends say she remains committed to going into space. Many of her colleagues are more worried she won't get to fly at all.

Kathy Phelan, a teacher who's known Morgan for 28 years, said she continues to support her friend's goal.

"The best thing to do for the kids of this nation is to fly again. Having Barbara Morgan complete her mission would be the right thing to do," said Phelan, 60, who worked with Morgan at McCall-Donnelly Elementary School.

Cris Larson, an eighth-grade social studies and writing teacher from Everett, Wash., isn't second-guessing his application to the program.

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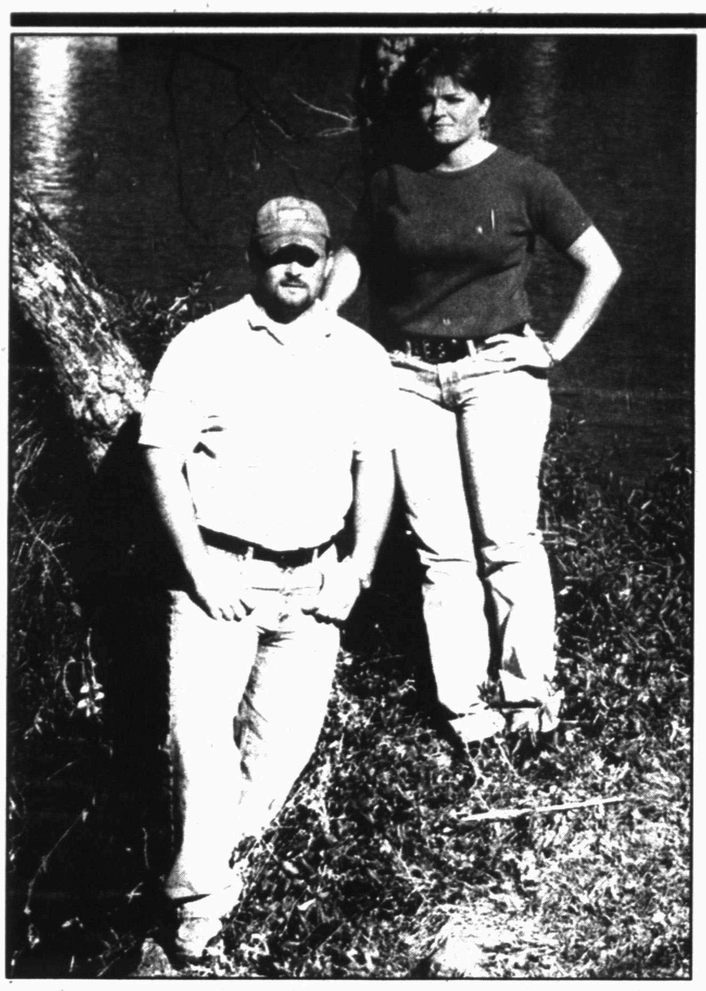
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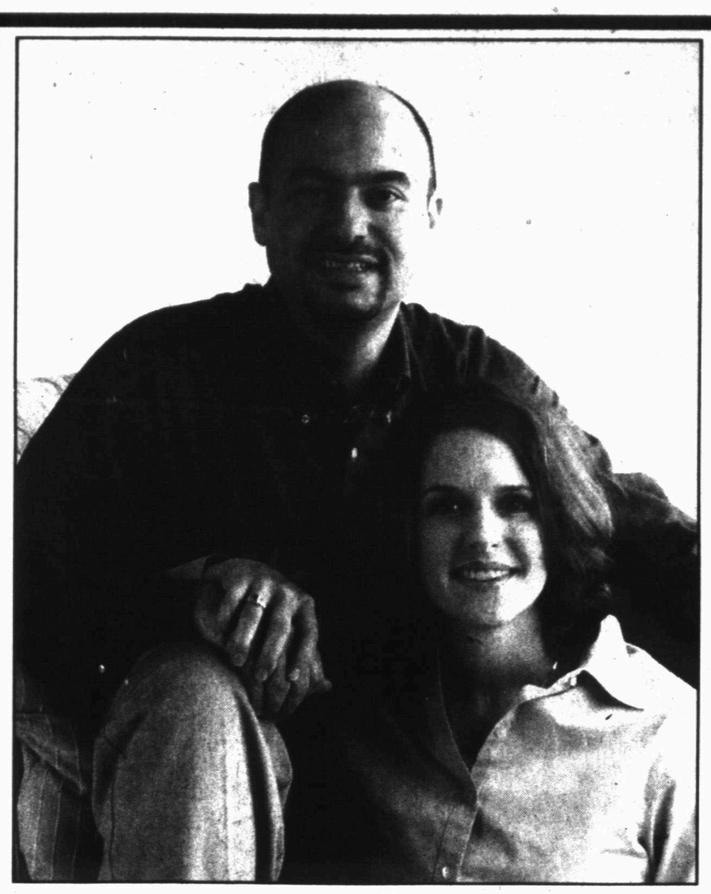
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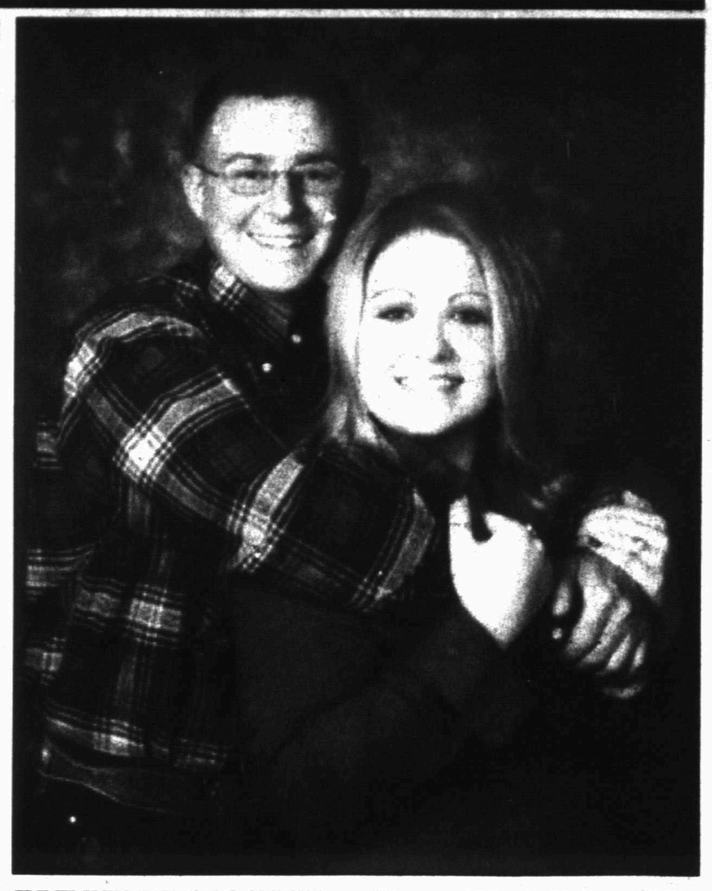
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SWAN-CASEY ENGAGED — Steve and Kathy Swan of Monahans and Elizabeth Casey of Pyote announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their children, Amber Nicole and Dallas Wayne. Amber is a 2002 graduate of Monahans High School, she is employed with Dr. Jack L. Lewright Jr., DDS, in San Angelo and will continue her education in the dental field. She is the granddaughter of Keith and Rosy Hunter of Snyder, Weldon and Connie Swan of Anton, and the great-granddaughter of Nina Hunter of Snyder. Dallas is a 1998 graduate of MHS and a 2000 graduate of Southwest School of Electronics in Austin. He is employed with Verizon in San Angelo. He is the son of the late Buddy Casey. He is the grandson of Ruth Smith of Monahans and Crystel Casey of Brownfield. (Contributed Photo)



STRAYHORN-MUSALLAM ENGAGEMENT — Thomas and Vina Strayhorn announce the engagement of their daughter, Ellen Marie, to Hisham Musallam of Fort Worth. Hisham is the son of Imad and Kamila Musallam of Beirut, Lebanon. Ellen received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Texas Tech University. Hisham received his bachelor's degree from the American University of Beirut, and his master's degree from the University of Texas at Austin. Both are environmental engineers at Freese and Nichols, Inc., in Fort Worth. A May 3 wedding is planned in Arlington. (Contributed Photo)



JUNE WEDDING PLANNED — Allen and Vickie Kelley of Midland announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacey Jill Kelley of Plano to Justin Locklar, also of Plano. He is the son of Scott and Connie Locklar of Plano. Stacey is the granddaughter of Jon and Pat Kelley of Snyder and Bill and Lula McMeans of Rotan. Justin's grandparents are Frank and Diane Locklar of Midland and Gloria Smith of Plano, and the late Robert Smith. Wedding vows will be exchanged in a ceremony at 5 p.m. on June 14 in the Golf Course Road Church of Christ in Midland. (Contributed Photo)

School Menus

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk and breakfast is served with juice.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Scrambled Eggs
Toast
Tuesday
Donuts
Wednesday
Pancakes
Thursday
Pancake Pups
Friday
Blueberry Muffins.

LUNCH
Monday
Chili/Cheese Sticks
Cherry Peppers
Tater Tots
Crackers
Pears
Tuesday
Spaghetti/Meat Sauce
Green Beans
Fried Squash
Hot Rolls
Jell-O
Wednesday
Pinto Beans/Ham
Macaroni & Tomatoes
Fried Okra
Corn Bread
Apricot Crisp
Thursday
Chicken Noodle Soup
Cheese Sandwich
Sliced Pickles
Mixed Fruit/Topping
Friday
Tuna Sandwich
French Fries
Tomato Wedge
Pineapple Bars

Snyder

All meals are served with milk and breakfast is served with juice.

CLASSROOM BREAKFAST
(East, Northeast, Stanfield, West)
Monday
No School
Tuesday
Donut Holes
Wednesday
Sausage in a Biscuit
Thursday
Chocolate Chip Muffin
Friday
Ham & Cheese Wrap

Other Schools
Tuesday
French Toast Sticks w/Syrup
or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Wednesday
Ham & Egg in a Biscuit or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Friday
Scrambled Eggs w/Bacon or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

LUNCH
Tuesday
Pepperoni Pizza or
Crunchy Corn Dog
Macaroni & Cheese
Celery Sticks w/Peanut Butter
Chocolate Chip Cookie
Wednesday
Nacho Grande or
Chicken Cheese Quesadilla
Campfire Beans
Tomato & Cucumber Salad
Pineapple Tidbits
Thursday
Chef Salad w/Crackers or
Baked Caesar Chicken
Tossed Salad w/Ranch
Garden Green Peas
Garlic French Bread
Friday
"Fighting Tiger" Burger or
Chicken Pot Pie
Tater Tots
Lettuce & Tomato Cup
Chocolate Fluff

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All meals served with choice of milk.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Breakfast Pizza
Juice
Tuesday
French Toast Sticks
Sausage
Juice
Wednesday
Scrambled Eggs
Biscuits
Hash Browns
Juice
Thursday
Pancakes
Bacon
Juice
Friday
Oatmeal or
Cream of Wheat
Toast
Juice

LUNCH
Monday
Chili Cheese Burritos
Salad
Corn
Brownies
Tuesday
Popcorn Chicken, Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Peas
Bread
Fruit
Wednesday
Soft Tacos
Spanish Rice
Beans
Apple Crisp
Thursday
Hamburgers
Lettuce, Tomato
Potato Wedges
Shape-Ups
Friday
Barbecue Sausage
Corn on Cob
Broccoli & Cheese
Bread
Peanut Butter Cookie

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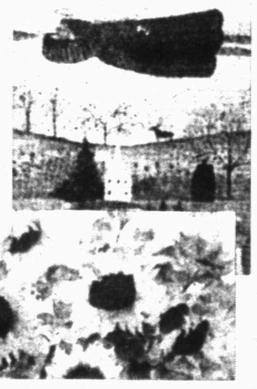
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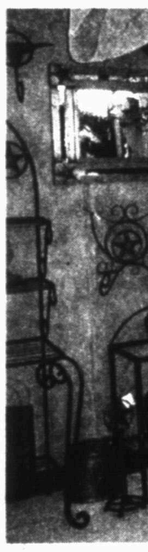
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Joe and Wanda Falls mark golden wedding anniversay

Joe and Wanda Falls recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with their family. They were married on Feb. 14, 1953.

Their children are Marsha Jo Falls of Snyder; Andrea Mason and her husband Jimmy Don of Andrews; and Paula Perry and her husband Sidney of Buhler, Kan.

They have three grandchildren, Corey Don Mason of Streetman, Tex., Allison Perry and Brooks Perry of Buhler.

Joe was born on Oct. 5, 1926 at Ira and Wanda Jean Glass was born at Pyron on Aug. 6, 1934. They met at a basketball game at Hermleigh and after their courtship, they married in the First Baptist Church in Portales, N.M. They have since lived in Ira.

Joe retired from Mesa Pipeline and stock farming. Wanda retired after 19 years at Western Texas College as assistant director of adult education. Prior to WTC, she was secretary at Northeast Elementary for eight years.

They are longtime members of Ira First Baptist Church where Joe serves as a deacon and also served as treasurer for many years. He is also a retired director of Midwest Electric Co-op. Wanda is a director of Martha Ann Woman's Club, serving as secretary, and a member of Atheneum Study Club.

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Man is the only animal that blushes. Or needs to.

—Mark Twain

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 863-2426 for more information; 8 a.m. to noon.

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

NA-Just for Today; Park Club at Winston Park; 573-1438.

Stargazers Family Community Education Club; 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Cosmorama Study Club; Martha Ann Woman's Club; Hospice Care, by Betsy Armstrong; hostesses, Charlotte Smith and Jo Flynn; 4 p.m.

Couple celebrated 27th anniversary

Harvey and Louise Stevens celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary on Valentine's Day.

They married in Snyder on Feb. 14, 1976. Living in Snyder since their marriage, they are retired but still operate Stevens Bike Shop on College Ave.

They have one daughter, Lela Stevens.

Harvey and Louise are members of Northside Baptist Church and are active in the Senior Citizens Center.



BSP VALENTINE QUEEN — Beta Sigma Phi members met Tuesday at the Snyder Country Club and honored their Valentine Queen, Vickie Bell. Following the buffet, Brenda Billingsley, last year's queen, crowned the 2003 Valentine Queen elected by secret ballot in January. (SDN Staff Photo)

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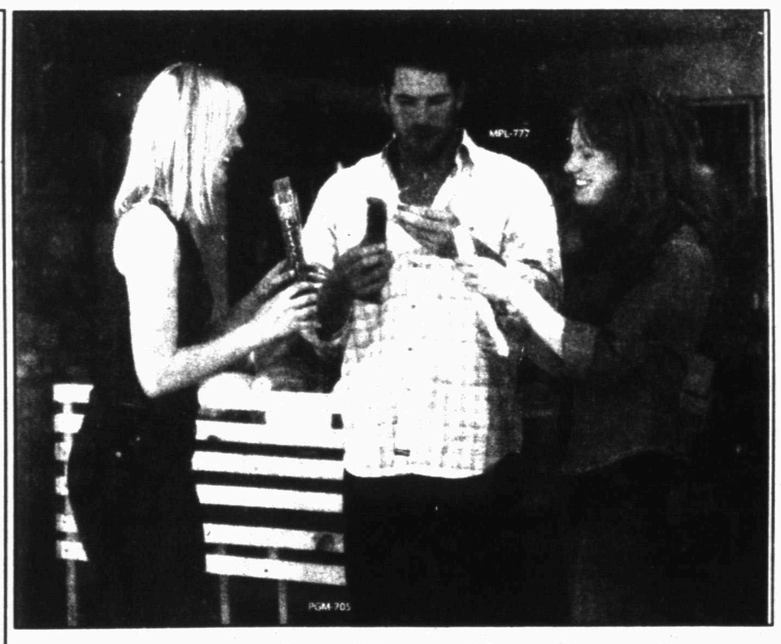
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Remains of Columbia astronauts identified

DOVER, Del. (AP) — Remains of all seven Columbia crew members have been positively identified, and the search for additional remains has ended, NASA officials said.

The identifications were made at the military mortuary at Dover Air Force Base, where the remains were taken after the space shuttle broke apart during re-entry Feb. 1.

"We are comforted by the knowledge we have brought our seven friends home," said Bob Cabana, director of Flight Crew Operations at the Johnson Space Center, in a prepared statement Thursday.

NASA officials provided few details but said the death certificates were signed in Angelina County, Texas.

"We are working toward releasing the crew remains to the families for their own private memorial services," said Eileen Hawley, a spokeswoman for the Johnson Space Center in Houston.

Other than the remains of Israeli astronaut Ilan Ramon, which were returned to his homeland earlier this week, none of the remains have left Dover, said base spokeswoman Lt. Olivia Nelson.

Officials said private memorial services for the crewmembers will take place within the next few weeks. NASA spokesman Bob Jacobs said he did not know the locations or dates of the services, and Hawley said the Johnson Space Center would not release information on them.

"This is a private matter for the families and we're trying to respect that," Hawley said.

The remains of shuttle commander Rick Husband, pilot Willie McCool, mission specialists Michael Anderson, David Brown, Kalpana Chawla and Laurel Clark, and payload specialist Ramon were brought last week to Dover.

The Dover mortuary, the largest in the Department of Defense, also handled the bodies of the seven astronauts killed in the 1986 Challenger explosion and victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the Pentagon.

Anti-Drug Connection will host chicken spaghetti event

The Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection will host a chicken spaghetti fundraiser dinner Friday, Feb. 28, at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center.

Tickets are on sale now through Feb. 26 and are $6 for adults and $4 for kids 6-12 and 50 and older. Children under 5 eat free with the purchase of an adult ticket. The center is located at 26th Street and Ave. Q, and serving will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Both spicy and mild chicken spaghetti will be offered. For those choosing to dine-in the dinner will also include sides of green beans, salad, garlic bread, a drink and dessert.

In addition, carry-out orders are also being taken for single plates and family meals The prices are $12 for a 7x7 casserole and $20 for a 9x12 casserole, served with a bag of salad and garlic bread.

The to-go orders can be picked up any time after 5 p.m. on Feb. 28 at the Family Life Center. The Anti-Drug Connection will also deliver your casserole to your home for an additional charge of $4.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call the CADA office at 573-1141 or 574-1931 or come by the office at 2513 College Ave.

AOL Time Warner says merger talks between CNN, ABC dead

NEW YORK (AP) — AOL Time Warner on Thursday declared merger talks between CNN and ABC News dead, saying that despite the idea's merits there were too many problems to pursue at this time.

The move was not entirely unexpected, given that AOL Time Warner Chairman Richard Parsons had put the talks on hold in December.

"After careful review, it was determined that although there are great merits and possibilities to a merger of ABC and CNN news, for us, the potential problems associated with the completion of such a transaction and the integration of these two distinct and great cultures was more than we want to pursue at this time," AOL Time Warner said in a statement.

It was the second time merger talks had fallen through for CNN. The cable news network had seriously discussed combining operations with CBS News a few years ago.

Such a merger was likely to raise questions about the practical applications. Parsons had noted that both news organizations wanted to maintain control over what went over their air.

There were also questions about whether cost savings estimates of roughly $200 million would ever be achieved. Despite corporate champions, the plan had its critics, including CNN founder Ted Turner, who recently resigned as vice chairman of AOL Time Warner.

"ABC News is a world-renowned news organization that was attractive to CNN," said Zenia Mucha, spokeswoman for ABC's parent Walt Disney Co. "This would have benefited both news organizations but unfortunately couldn't move forward."

Despite the practical problems, there were reports in December that ABC News President David Westin and outgoing CNN Chairman Walter Isaacson had worked out most of the details of a merger.

Such a move would face regulatory questions in Washington, and critics would complain about the reduction of independent broadcast news operations.

AOL Time Warner also faces more pressing problems, including a sharp drop in its stock price and an investigation by the Justice Department and Securities and Exchange Commission into the company's accounting practices.

Nunn's poem wins

Yvonne Nunn of Dunn has won first place and $25 for an Italian Sonnet she wrote entitled *Dancing Sonnets*. She had entered the poem in the February monthly contest sponsored by the Poetry Society of Texas.

Dancing Sonnets will be published in the society's *A Book of the Year 2002*.

HSU honor lists

ABILENE — Hardin-Simmons University announces that Stephanie Gentry, Bilby Baldridge, Landon Day, and Colin Jones of Snyder were named to the honor lists for the fall 2002 semester.

Gentry made the HSU Dean's List, which honors students who completed at least 12 semester hours with a 3.75-3.99 grade point average. Jones was named to the HSU President's List, which honors students who completed at least 12 semester hours with a 4.0 grade point average.

Day made the HSU honor roll, which honors students who completed at least 12 semester hours with a 3.6-3.74 grade point average. Baldridge made the honorable mention roll, which honors students who completed from 6-11 semester hours with a 3.6 grade point average.

Public Records

Marriage License

Aaron Michael Stansell of Snyder and Johnnie Marie Riggs of Lubbock.

Harold Wayne Gasaway and Charlotte A. Dulaney, both of Snyder.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Victoria Mary Guynes and Johnny Ray Guynes, divorce granted.

Sears Roebuck and Co. vs. Andres Perez, default judgment.

Deed Records

Kathy Shuler and Brent Beall to Jimmy and Maria G. Fuentez, the west 50 feet of the east 100 feet of Lot 1 in Block 8 of the Manry Addition.

Roy Neil Lee and Tammy Jo Lee Harrison to Lloyd and Mary Isbell, the east 37.5 feet of the west 75 feet of Lot 4 in Block 4 of the W.T. Manry's Addition.

MidFirst Bank to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, the north 140 feet of the east 50 feet of Lot 2 in Block 7 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Clinton A. and Kathy A. Doty to Vickie Sargent, 2.63 acres in the northwest one-quarter of Section 193, Block 97, H&TC survey.

James O. and Alice N. Jones to Craig Pippen and Nancy Lindsey, Lot 17 in Block 1 of the Forrest Addition.

David L. Thompson to Sherry L. Thompson, an 0.627-acre tract in Tract 56 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands in Section 38, Kirkland and Fields survey.

Sherry L. Thompson to David L. Thompson, tract one being 76 acres in the northwest one-quarter of Section 125, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being a tract out of Sections 125 and 126, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract three being 10.7 acres in the southwest corner of the southeast one-quarter of Section 126, H&GN survey; tract four being 28.6 acres in the west side of the northeast one-quarter Section 125, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Mildred Diane Pate to Sandra Molinar, the east 50 feet of Lot 1 in Block 54 of the Cody Heights Addition.

Michael and Jan Curry to Mario Colunga, tract one being Lot 1 and the south one-half of Lot 8 in Block 3 of the Bootheland Addition; tract two being the north one-half of Lot 8 and all of Lot 9 in Block 3 of the Bootheland Addition.

Pegge Jean Alcorn to Special Properties VI LLC, 1.0 acre out of the southwest one-quarter of Section 180, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Rodney Gale Hallman and Billy Roy Hallman, co-independent executors of the estate of Andrew Roy Hallman, tract one being the east 157 acres of the east one-half of Section 33, Block Y, T&P survey; tract two being the west 157 acres out of the east one-half of Section 33, Block Y, T&P survey; tract three being the east one-half of Section 37, Block Y, T&P survey; tract four being 56 acres out of the east part of Section 40, Block Y, T&P survey; tract five being 8.504 acres out of Section 40, Block Y, T&P survey; tract six being 6.50 acres out of the south part of the east end of Section 40, Block Y, T&P survey; tract seven being the north 50 acres out of the east 106 acres of the south 226 acres of Section 231, Block 3, H&TC survey; tract eight being the south 50 acres out of the east 100 acres of the south 416 acres of Section 231, Block 3, H&TC survey; tract nine being part of Section 231, Block 3, H&TC survey; tract 10 being the northwest one-quarter of the west 60 acres of the northeast one-quarter of Section 12, Block 25, T&P survey. tract 11 being 6.29 acres out of Survey 133, Block Y, T&P survey.

Albert Deloera to Dinonisio Espinoza and Mary Larralde, Lot 13 in Block 8 of The Highlands Addition.

Patricia L. Burgess to Jerry Don and Beverly Mitchell, 75.42 acres in the northwest one-quarter of Section 15, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Dalvin Alexander to Felix Martinez Jr., a 0.403-acre tract in the southeast one-quarter of Section 123, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Janice Cox to George H. and Cheryl A. Hinshaw, the south 30 feet of Lot 5 and the north 48 feet of Lot 6 in Block 5 of the Von Roeder Addition.

William Robert Smith to Mildred Jean Smith Hopkins and Sharon Sue Smith West, tract one being all of Lot 2 and the north 100 feet of Lot 3 in Block 29 of the Original Town of Snyder; tract two being the north 48 acres of the northeast one-quarter of Section 515, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract three being the southeast part of the south one-half of Section 538, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Vicki Mahoney, Van David Sumruld and Roy Darrell Sumruld to Jerry Don and Kathy Greene, two tracts out of 38 acres in Section 153, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Harold and Loyd Nichols to Gary L. and Kathryn Armstrong, the east 125 feet of Lot 4 in Block 63 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Wesley and Lizz Shankles to First Baptist Church of Hermleigh, the south 100 feet of Lot 3 in Block 14 of the Original Town of Hermleigh.

Drug ring broken up

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — State and federal authorities arrested 61 people in four cities and seized more than $300,000 Thursday in a sting operation they said dismantled a large international drug trafficking ring.

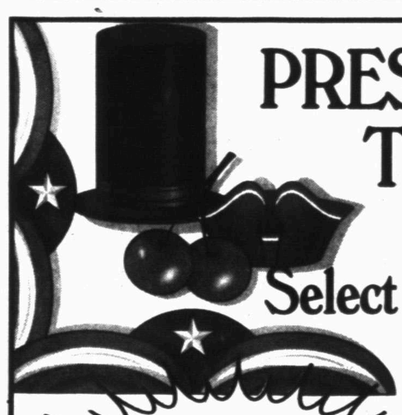
The investigation, dubbed Operation Deja Vu, began in July and targeted heroin and cocaine trafficking groups that came out of Puerto Rico and Colombia, said John B. Brown, acting administrator for the Drug Enforcement Administration.

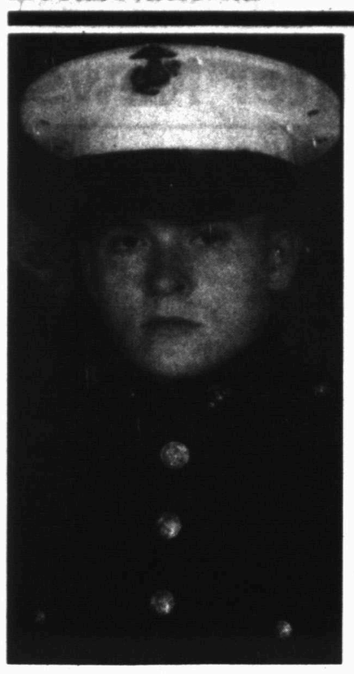
"This operation was so successful because it takes out the entire organization," New York State Police Maj. Michael McManus said.

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Terry Steelman

Terry Steelman deployed to Kuwait City

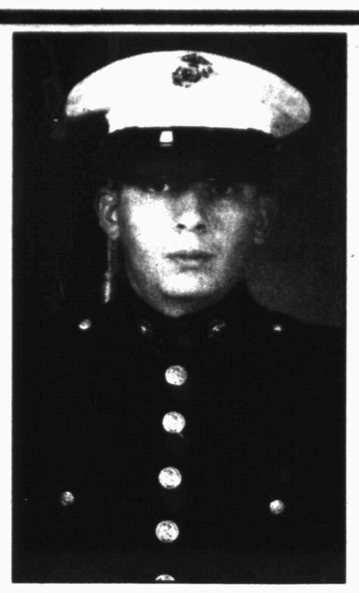
Marine SSGT. Terry Steelman of 29 Palms, Calif., was deployed to Kuwait City on Jan. 27 to aid in "Operation Enduring Freedom." He is a 1985 graduate of Snyder High School.

The son of Grady and Laura Steelman of Daingerfield, SSGT, Steelman left several family members in the U.S. including his wife, Melissa and daughter, Ashley who both live at 29 Palms; a son, Casey of Gardendale; four brothers, Michael, Jayson and Tony Steelman of Snyder and Greg Steelman of Daingerfield; and a sister, Regina Harlan of Snyder.

Artists to perform

NEW YORK (AP) — Playwright Arthur Miller, rapper Mos Def and at least four former U.S. poets laureate will be among the artists and performers appearing at "Poems Not Fit for the White House," an anti-war gathering to be held Monday at Lincoln Center.

The event was inspired by the White House's postponement of a poetry symposium to be hosted by first lady Laura Bush.



Noah Alaniz

Son of local woman becomes Marine

Noah Alaniz, son of Cyndi McAnaugh of Snyder, graduated Jan. 31 from recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif.

During 12 weeks of training, the new U.S. marine studied leadership, physical fitness and basic military knowledge.

Alaniz also served as lay leader of the 1st RTBN Charlie Co, 1137. He will continue training at Camp Pendleton and then Fort Leonardwood, Mo.

Alaniz, a graduate of Andrews High School, will serve four years.

He has three brothers, Scott Alaniz of San Angelo; Joshua Alaniz of Norfolk, Va.; and Corey McAnaugh of Snyder.

Man faces charges

GERING, Neb. (AP) — A man who lived a block away from a girl who disappeared while delivering newspapers was charged Thursday with murder and kidnapping, authorities said.

Jeffrey Hessler, 24, did not speak when he was arraigned on the charges, which also include sexual assault and use of a firearm to commit a felony.

Heather Guerrero's body was found Wednesday in an abandoned farmhouse.

Date Books

Saturday, Feb. 15, 2003

Today is the 46th day of 2003 and the 56th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1898, the American battleship Maine was blown up while at anchor, leading to a formal declaration of war against Spain on April 25 of the same year.

On this day in 1933, an assassination attempt on president-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt was deflected. The bullet ended up killing Chicago mayor Anton J. Cermak instead.

On this day in 1989, the USSR's troop withdrawl from Afghanistan was mostly complete, ending a 10-year intervention in Afghanistan's civil war.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Galileo Galilei (1564-1642), physicist and astronomer; Charles Lewis Tiffany (1812-1902), jeweler; John Barrymore (1882-1942), actor; Harold Arlen (1905-1986), composer; Matt Groening (1954-), cartoonist, is 49.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1961, the entire 18-member U.S. figure skating team was killed in a plane crash near Brussels, Belgium.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The sun, with all those planets revolving around it and dependent on it, can still ripen a bunch of grapes as if it had nothing else in the universe to do." — Galileo Galilei

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Feb. 9) and full moon (Feb. 16).

Sunday, Feb. 16, 2003

Today is the 47th day of 2003 and the 57th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1937, nylon was first developed by Dr. Wallace Carothers and his U.S. research team for DuPont. One of the first consumer uses was in toothbrushes, replacing hog bristles.

On this day in 1950, "What's My Line?" made its television debut.

On this day in 1959, Fidel Castro was sworn in as the prime minister of Cuba.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Robert Joseph Flaherty (1884-1951), filmmaker; Edgar Bergen (1903-1978), ventriloquist and radio entertainer; Sonny Bono (1935-1998), singer, politician; LeVar Burton (1957-), actor and television host, is 46; Ice T (1958-), rapper and actor, is 45.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1970, Joe Frazier knocked out Jimmy Ellis to gain the heavyweight boxing title.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "A film is the longest distance between two points." — Robert Flaherty

TODAY'S MOON: Full moon (Feb. 16).

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Fidel Castro subject of new documentary

BERLIN (AP) — Cuban leader Fidel Castro, the subject of Oliver Stone's new documentary, "Comandante," has sent his regrets to the Berlin Film Festival.

Castro had been invited to attend Friday's screening of the film, culled from three days of intimate conversations the Cuban president did with Stone. But festival director Dieter Kosslick received a letter from Castro Wednesday saying he was unable to attend, spokeswoman Frauke Greiner said Thursday.

"Comandante," an HBO documentary, premiered at this year's Sundance Film Festival.

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Berlin Film Festival Web site: http://www3.berlinale.de/en/f—main—einst.html

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Demos take positions on homeland security

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats remained silent for months as the United States waged war in Afghanistan, wary of challenging a popular commander in chief. But if terrorists strike again on U.S. soil, many of President Bush's rivals have the standing to question whether his administration has done enough to protect the nation.

Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman pushed for creation of a Homeland Security agency months before Bush embraced the idea and proposed establishment of a department with a Cabinet-level secretary. Florida's Bob Graham, the former chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, has repeatedly argued that the administration is focused too much on Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and not enough on al-Qaida and other terrorist organizations. Former Colorado Sen. Gary Hart has served on independent commissions that have warned about weaknesses in U.S. security.

Few Democrats would be so presumptuous as to say, "I told you so," especially if chemical clouds are floating over American cities, but as the election draws near, Bush's rivals will be less reticent about criticizing him.

"It's the right issue for Democrats," said Will Marshall, president of the Progressive Policy Institute, a centrist think tank. "This administration is not giving the kind of priority to homeland security that we need. This is No. 1 on the American people's list of concerns."

The Bush administration would argue that the previous Congress, in particular the Democrat-controlled Senate, allowed a fight over a labor provision to delay creation of the Department of Homeland Security. The White House also would make the case that lawmakers, including many of those Democratic candidates, have been slow to provide the money for state and local governments to combat terrorism.

"It's just unfortunate that the president proposed a budget that had a 1,000 percent increase for first responders and the Congress has still failed to appropriate those funds," said Brian Roehrkasse, a spokesman for the Department of Homeland Security.

Democrats have sought to highlight the issue.

Sen. John Kerry, a three-term senator and longtime member of the Foreign Relations Committee, has worked on legislation to beef up security at airports and ocean ports. Missouri Rep. Dick Gephardt was an early proponent of creating a domestic security agency.

North Carolina's freshman Sen. John Edwards has introduced several bills on homeland security, including one calling for creation of a homeland intelligence agency.

Lieberman, in a speech he was delivering Friday, called for establishment of a homeland security academy like a domestic West Point and suggested creation of a 24-hour operations center in each state to provide communications links between local and state officials and the federal government.

Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean has said: "I don't think the president is doing what he should be doing on homeland security. I see his attention wandering, so obsessed with Iraq, losing our focus on al-Qaida, and homeland security is an important piece of that."

Campaign watchers suggest that the Democratic candidates will not be hesitant to speak out. "We've had all these terrifying alerts, getting on to two years now," Marshall said. "People will want to know why, if we have not built up our defenses as we should have."

East Awards

East Elementary fourth grade students received the following awards for the fourth six weeks.

Academic achievement awards were presented to Stevie Dauphin, Brandon Elam, Michaela Jones, Audriana Rascon, Ariel Villazana, Nick Flores, Lupe Garza III, Carrie Harlan, Jordan Rodriguez and Heather Crawford.

Students who received citizenship awards are Kimberlin Wilson, Troy Henry, Megan Quintana, Scott Smith, Lauren Sullivan, Nicole Molter, Eddy Herrera, Will Toombs, Demetri Gunderson and Baylee Lewis.

Primary students receiving academic awards are Brooke Clinkinbeard and Patrick Hernandez, both kindergarten; and Joe Mireles and Jordan Davis, first graders.

Citizenship awards were presented to Mireya Hildalgo and Mark Baldwin, both kindergarten; and Lauren Floyd and Nicholas Perez, first graders.

Most-improved awards were given to Trey Pool and Brenon Brunson, both kindergarten; and Julie Segura and Shayanne McBeth, first graders.

Students who earned 25 or more points in the Accelerated Reader program were also recognized.

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These East Elementary fourth graders had perfect attendance during the fall semester.

They include Baily Jones, Kelton Garcia, Angela Hernandez, Ashley Kenner, Kaylee Lord, Brianne Perry, Mary Quintano, Zac Smith, Tiffany Stack, Ana Cabrera, Sarah Cearley, Colten Clark, Lucero Espinoza, Wesley Anderson, Kanesha Anderson, Erica Chaidez, Karissa Medina, Donnie Medrano, Emma Nunley, Leslie Rosas.

Others include April Arispe, Shawndon McVey, Priscilla Molinar, Samantha Shankles, Bryson Elliott, Skylar Jones, Chris Ward, Krysha Burleson, Nick Cortez, William Davis, Brittany Miller, Logan Tabor, Michelle Vasquez and Dillon West.

Also, Rosa Torres, Elsa Gallegos, Alexandria Hook, Antonia Medina, and Dylan Early.

West Awards

West Elementary students have received the following third six weeks awards.

Outstanding students are Bianca Alvarado, Jayson Bohannon, Nicole Cabrera, Zachory Carter, Jared Cave (2), Elizabeth Davis, Jaclyn DeLeon (3), Mikel Espinoza, Miranda Espinoza, Jaci Hawthorne, Taylor Head, Dwight Henkell, Rubi Jaimes, Jeramy Lindsey, Kari Lord (2) and Alexandrea Martinez (2).

Others include Braydin Moreland, Ricardo Morin, Tyler Noblett, Alex Rieser, Brittney Rivera, Gabriella Sanchez, Josh Sorrells, Will Stewart, Tommy Vasquez, Ryle Vaughn, Ashley Wallace and Ceci Willson.

Most improved students are Consuelo Acosta, Junior Alfaro, Taide Baeza, Brooke Burleson, Breeanna Cortez, Lindsey Cox, Riley Davis, Joselyn Espinoza, Raven Gist (2), Hunter Hammitt, Chris Haynes, Jon Ryan Hernandez, Haylea Hodnett and Joe Marroquin.

Others are Arthur Martinez, Matthew Medrano, Rowdy Mhoon, Jessica Mojica, Dakotah Neff, Maria Ortiz, Genaro Overa, Alex Payne, Jarred Rascon, Adrian Rocha, Alondra Rodarte, Erica Romero, Fidel Solis and Jessi Timora.

Citizenship awards were presented to Trey Abila, Leticia Aguilar (2), Arturo Amezquita, Yoci Arellano, Douglas Brunson, Jared Cave, James Davis, Hillorie Earnest, Amy Fogleman, Lucas Fuentes, Brandon Garvin, Shay Graham and David Guzman.

Also, Laura Hernandez, Andee Leal, Kari Lord, Matthew Medrano, Meranda Mills, Maria Murillo (2), Lee Noblett, Bailey Richardson, Mariah Robbins, Josh Sorrells (2), Anthony Sosa, Cody Stewart, Will Stewart, Jessica Timora, Jordan Tovar, Hunter Ward, Savanna Williams and Chris Witte (2).

Jordan reminisces

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Michael Jordan says he reminisces every time he walks into an NBA arena.

Especially at places such as Chicago's United Center and Salt Lake City's Delta Center, where he clinched NBA championships while playing for the Chicago Bulls.

Jordan, who turns 40 Monday, will retire for the third and final time at the end of this season with the Washington Wizards.

"I've come to the realization that this is my last time around and I look to enjoy it, smile a lot, have a fun time out there and try to get as many wins as possible," he said recently.

But Jordan is quick to remind that after his farewell tour ends, he's not going anywhere.

Senior Center News

The Senior Center will be closed Monday in recognition of President's Day and will reopen Tuesday,

Volunteers are asked to record all volunteer hours with the Senior Center by Feb. 28 in order to receive full credit at the Volunteer Recognition Banquet slated March 21. Hours should include time donated from March 2002 – Feb. 2003.

A free tax aide program is available at the Senior Center at 2603 Avenue M each Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1-3 p.m. This program is available for citizens of all ages with low or moderate income. Service is available on a first come first serve basis.

We are not equipped to E-file. When you come bring the following: a copy of last year's return; social security cards, including all dependents; all W-2 wage-earner's forms; all 1099 miscellaneous income forms; social security year total reports; dependents birth dates; any other records that may pertain to your specific situation.

MONDAY

Senior Center closed.

TUESDAY

Newcomers are always welcome at any activity for senior citizens. Swimnastics at Western Texas College is a low impact exercise program offered Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10-11 a.m. The class and parking are free.

At the Senior Center seniors may participate in eighty-eight at 9:30 a.m., daily exercise at 11 a.m., or enjoy the Aubrey Wilson Country Western Band at 11 a.m. Visitors are always welcome at the Golden Kiwanis' meeting at noon in the conference room.

WEDNESDAY

Tax aide volunteers are available in the quilting area from 9 a.m. until noon and from 1-3 p.m. Join us for ladies pool at 9 a.m. and stay for bingo from 10-11:45 a.m. We take a break at 11 a.m. for exercise. Pinochle and line dancing both begin at 1 p.m.. Clogging immediately follows line dancing.

THURSDAY

The fabric painting class begins at 9 a.m. and continues throughout the morning. A volunteer is available to teach newcomers. Enjoy swimnastics at WTC from 10-11 a.m. in the physical education building. The Sunshine Choir will be practicing in the dining room at 10 a.m.. Join in daily exercise at 11 a.m.

FRIDAY

The blood pressure clinic, bridge, and eighty-eight all begin at 9:30 a.m.

Senior Menu

MONDAY
Closed for President's Day
TUESDAY
Chili con Carne w/Beans
Cheese stick
Sliced Onion
Chilled Pears
Peanut Butter Chewy
WEDNESDAY
Braised Pork Chop
Baked Potato
Green Beans
Cucumber/Onion Salad
Pineapple Pudding
THURSDAY
Creole Steak
Wild Rice
Chopped Broccoli
Three Bean Salad
Cherry Cobbler
FRIDAY
Crispy Baked Fish
Baked Beans
Crinkle Cut Fries
Orange Whip
Chocolate Cake w/White Frosting

Firemen walk off the job

WINDHAM, Pa. (AP) — Firefighters have removed their trucks from the Windham Township community hall, along with the rest of the firefighting equipment. And a refrigerator. And the tables and chairs. And even the bingo boards.

Years of bad feelings between the Windham Township Volunteer Fire Company and township supervisors came to a head last week, prompting the fire company to withdraw its equipment and services.

Now the supervisors say they'll start their own fire company with donated equipment.

"I think the feeling among the people here is we do not want them back," said Supervisor Chairman Charles Davis, who says a survey has shown township residents support the supervisors.

Windham Township, home to 967 people, is an agricultural community of rolling hills in northern Pennsylvania's Bradford County. Its volunteer fire company, which dates to 1969, has housed its trucks and held its meetings in the township building from the beginning, when friendships formed around chicken roasts and bingo nights.

But a series of disputes in the 1990s dampened the goodwill, and now neither side trusts the other to negotiate in good faith.

"It's like the Hatfields and the McCoys," said Bev Vasey, a former volunteer with the company who now sides with Davis.

Amid complaints that the fire company was limiting access to the community hall, township supervisors in 1996 demanded a new five-year lease. That deal paid the fire company $7,000 per year to either buy or build a new fire hall.

Feeling they were under attack, the firefighters worked to elect two of their own, Gale Bowen and Ed Kaminski, to the township's three-member board. With the firefighters in the majority, the board in 1999 approved a 99-year lease that kept the fire company in the township hall.

The next year, Bowen was defeated in his re-election bid, and Davis and board member Larry Brown last June voted to rescind the 1999 lease. Since then, the township has stopped making payments to the fire company.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Wife objects when copied key unlocks door once too often

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for six months. A few weeks ago, we gave his parents our house key so they could let a plumber in to fix a water leak. Without asking, they copied our house key for themselves. Although we didn't like it, my husband did not make a big thing out of it.

Yesterday, when we returned home from work, it was apparent that someone had been in our bedroom. The computer was left on. We have learned my husband's parents gave our key to my husband's brother, "Joe," who used our computer to go online to access pornographic sites. My husband has expressed his "disappointment" to all of them — but I am livid. I feel violated, Abby. What should I do? — **OUTRAGED IN OHIO**

DEAR OUTRAGED: Change the locks on your doors and change the password on your computer. And next time your faucet leaks, ask someone else to let the plumber in.

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DEAR ABBY: While driving home from school with my 13-year-old daughter and her best friend, "Cammy," in the car, Cammy suddenly burst into tears and said, "I feel like killing myself."

The minute we got home I held separate, private conversations with my daughter and her friend. It seems Cammy fells neglected by her parents (they are divorced with shared custody), and she's upset because they both abuse alcohol. Cammy said she has tried to talk to her mom and dad about her feelings, but they "just yell at her."

Abby, I know this family very well. I find it hard to believe that things are as bad as Cammy says. However, a child crying out — either for help or attention — deserves both. How should I handle this? — **CONCERNED IN SOUTHERN ILLINOIS**

DEAR CONCERNED: Let Cammy know she is always welcome to come to you at any time. Then, in a nonaccusatory way, let her parents know that Cammy is seriously depressed, and needs them now more than ever.

The face that a family presents publicly can be very different from the dynamics going on in private. Whether or not they drink too much, Cammy is feeling emotionally isolated, and that can be considered a form of child abuse.

Alateen might be helpful for her. It's a 12-step fellowship of young people whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking. It can be contacted by writing: Al-Anon Family Groups, 1600 Corporate Landing Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA 23454-5617. The toll-free number is (888) 425-2666. The Web site is www.al-anon.alateen.org.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are separated. During the holidays, he had our 17-year-old son with him, and they went out of town for the weekend with a 15-year-old girl.

Abby, the girl's mother had never met either of us until my husband picked up her daughter and chatted with the woman for a few minutes.

I am appalled! What kind of mother would allow her teenage daughter to go away for the weekend with a boy and his father for three nights? — **READER IN PORTLAND, ORE.**

DEAR READER: A mother who needs her head examined. You have described a recipe for disaster.

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DEAR ABBY: Fifteen years ago when I was single, I got the wife of a friend pregnant. (I'll call her Lily.) Lily was afraid that coming clean with her husband would destroy their marriage, so we both kept quiet and allowed him to think the child was his. A beautiful baby girl was born; they named her "Candice."

Shortly after the birth, Lily, her husband and Candice moved out of state. I couldn't trace them, which meant my child disappeared from my life. I married a local girl, and we have led a quiet, happy life all these years with our two young daughters. I told my wife everything. She was supportive of my desire to find Candice, but we both felt torn about how aggressive the search should be.

A year ago out of the blue, Lily contacted me. She had divorced her husband and married another man who knows that I am her daughter's birth father. Candice is now 14, and the three live only two towns away. Lily and I agreed to meet at a public soccer event where Candice was competing. I was able to finally see my daughter. She looks and acts very much like me — even to the point of excelling in the same sports I did at her age.

With Lily's permission, I have continued to "show up" at Candice's sporting events, but her mother wants no contact beyond that. Lily has done an excellent job of raising her, and Candice is an "A" student who is socially conscious and well-adjusted.

I am deeply ashamed of the way both Lily and I handled things from the beginning of this girl's life, and feel strongly that I want my daughter to know who I am. I am more than willing to accept financial responsibility. Candice may want to meet her two half-sisters, and she deserves to know the medical history of my side of the family, as there is an unusually high rate of breast cancer.

Lily is dead-set against telling Candice anything, and until now I have respected her wishes. Please give me your opinion on whether my daughter should be told the truth now — or ever. — **ANXIOUS BIRTH FATHER IN TEXAS**

DEAR ANXIOUS BIRTH FATHER: I agree that, if only for medical reasons, Candice should eventually be told the truth. However, because her mother feels so strongly, that may have to wait until she's an adult. It is my belief that children should be told the truth about their parentage as early as possible. Since I may not know all the facts in this case, the girl's mother may have valid reasons for feeling as she does.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 19-year-old female college student who just started a part-time job at a pizza parlor. The one problem I'm facing is my boss keeps staring at my breasts every time we talk. It's very unsettling. How do you suggest I handle this, Abby? I really need to keep my job. — **CO-ED WITH A GAWKING BOSS IN MINNESOTA**

DEAR CO-ED: Tell your boss what he's doing makes you uncomfortable. If it continues, start keeping a diary and documenting his behavior. It could qualify as sexual harassment. It's possible that he's also doing it to other young women in his employ.

Remember, there's strength in numbers. If other employees are experiencing the same problem, confront your boss as a group — or, as a group, report him to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). That should get his attention.

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Deploying 101st Airborne compared to moving city

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. (AP) — Imagine packing up a small city, flying the townspeople overseas and shipping their vehicles and other goods by boat in a matter of days.

That's what is going on at Fort Campbell as thousands of soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division pack up and ship out with 3,800 military vehicles and 275 helicopters in tow.

"It's like (moving) a city of 18,000 people and all their industrial equipment and all their privately owned vehicles," said Maj. Michael Redding, the 101st Airborne Division's transportation officer. "It really is quite an undertaking."

At the same time, reservists from the 3397 Garrison Support Unit, based in Chattanooga, Tenn., are moving in to run Fort Campbell while the 101st is gone. About 3,200 reservists from other units continue to arrive at the post for training before deploying.

"Everybody's jumping out of their pants just to get it all done," said Staff Sgt. Jeremy Garcia, 26, of San Antonio, Texas, outside the warehouse where soldiers pick up desert fatigues.

The Army will not say where the 101st is going, only that it is in area of the U.S. Central Command, which includes the Persian Gulf. Officials also will not say exactly how many of the division's 20,000 soldiers are deploying.

The entire 101st — the Army's only air assault division — deployed for the 1991 Persian Gulf War, and the first shots of that war were fired from 101st Airborne Apache helicopters.

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What would J.C. and T.J. say?

By Joe Klock, Sr.

Among the innumerable fields wherein I have not earned a scholastic degree are those of theology and political science.

I was, however, endowed by my Creator with the trump card of all powers - the ability and freedom to think however, and about whatever, I choose.

Because my readers are similarly endowed, they are free to substitute Mother Nature, the Big Bang or some distant simian ancestor for the Creator. Those who are put off, turned off or ticked off by what follows herein, as well as those who react with a hearty "Huzzah!"and/or "Write on!" are exercising the very same freedom, whether we like it or not.

That said, and with malice toward none (well, maybe a little toward a very few), I make bold to cough up a couple of bones in my throat regarding religion and governance as I gag on them today, and as I hypothetically see them through the eyes of Jesus Christ and Thomas Jefferson.

That exercise, as noted, is within my power, as is your right to either read on and critique or flip to the sports section, today's horoscope, or the comics that used to be funny but are now less often so.

Readers whose minds are no more open than the portals to high society may raise their comfort level and lower their blood pressure by taking the flip option, as the material ahead may be pocked with emotional potholes as huge as the Big Dig in Beantown.

Since you are obviously still with the program, be it through loyalty, curiosity or a touch of masochism, let me sound off with two thoughts:

First, we can all agree that theology means recognition of a Deity, but in reality that "D" word explodes into more interpretive fragments than a Fourth Of July rocket, ranging from near-denial to countless concepts of who or what God is and what He, She or It expects of us.

In my book, any concept of God is defensible, so long as it doesn't hurt other people or interfere with their freedom to have other conceptions. The Book that my fellow Christians go by holds that in God's house there are many rooms, suggesting a Ritz Carlton-like atmosphere within which other kinds of believers (including believers in non-belief) are welcome, provided that they respect the rights of other guests.

There is room therein for inter-sect rivalry, but none for inter-sect hatred and violence. The so-called "Holy Jihad," for example, is a world-class oxymoron, as were most aspects of the Holy Crusades. I can't imagine that Jesus would, given a chance to opine, support any such campaigns, and I would seriously question the credentials of any deity that would endorse them.

What, in God's name, do/did the people involved in such inhuman enterprises have in mind?

Secondly, as to "political science," I'd also put that term in the oxymoronic category, since science suggests a reverence of truth and a foundation in facts, both of which are as foreign to practical politics as foreplay in the rabbit world.

Truth to tell, governance is, first and foremost, a pursuit of power and a defense of it, once acquired. While our Bill of Rights undeniably provides more blessings for the individual than any other document in the present world, it is routinely convoluted for the benefit of special interests, often to the detriment of the commonweal.

Witness, for example, the palpable advantage held in courts of law by wealthy wrongdoers over those not as well heeled and/or as cleverly represented at the bar.

Jefferson, who battled valiantly for passage of the original Bill of Rights would, I firmly believe, be appalled at its bastardization over the years.

What, I ask myself (and you) would he and Jesus have to say about the state of governance and religion in today's world?

Jesus, I think, would deplore the pomposity, bureaucracy, centrality, secrecy, hostility and complexity that has clouded his simple admonition to "love thy neighbor as thyself."

And my guess is that Jefferson would distance himself from the improper practices and warped interpretations that have wormed their ways into the brilliance and simplicity of the Bill of Rights.

As noted at the outset of this opusette, I claim no great expertise in the areas discussed, but I can't ignore the drumbeats in my head and heart which tell me that things could be much, much better in both religion and politics. They will not, however, get better unless all thinking and caring people rear up and speak up for what they feel is right and fear is wrong.

Otherwise, the barbarians of evil will not be at our gates, but in every room of humanity's hous.

Your turn!

Who says we've got shorter attention spans?

by Rix Quinn

There's disturbing news from the scientific community. Recent research says attention spans are shorter than a snake's hind legs.

Yep, it appears that because multiple messages bombard us daily, we mentally "delete" those we don't currently need. (This explains why we forget what we had for breakfast, or our boss's name once we leave work.)

Latest reports — compiled by scientists who pay attention — set the average adult attention span at only eight minutes. It's reportedly even shorter if you're a dog, and shorter still if you're a wild animal, like a bachelor.

Did you know your attention span gets longer as you get older? My friend David claims when he was in school, he couldn't focus on anything but women and football.

Now that he's more mature, he can concentrate on football for much longer periods. He says he could still focus on women, too...but his wife frowns on it.

The key to getting attention, research says, is to appeal to as many senses as possible. At a lecture, for instance, audience members use only two senses, sight and sound.

But if you can see something, hear it, and have a chance to "talk back" to it (such as responding to a message by typing a response), you're more likely to retain what you've learned.

Following this logic, the best way make a person remember you is to meet her, ask questions, listen to her answers, shake her hand, then buy her dinner.

A few years ago, we called this a "date."

What have we learned today? (1) To get somebody's attention, ask him or her out for dinner. (2) To keep that person's attention, limit the date to eight minutes.

Open Government Barometer

Number of Executive Sessions held by public entities in 2003.

Snyder ISD	2
Hermleigh ISD	2
DCOS	1
Ira ISD	1
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Letter to the Editor

Wrong number

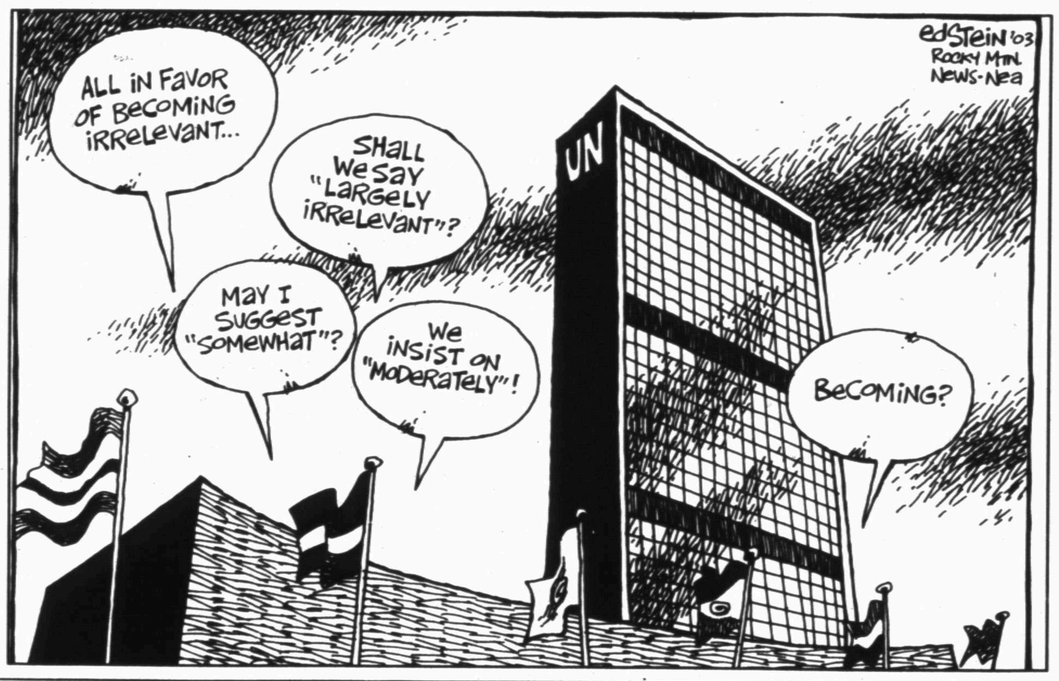
Dear Editor:

This is to all of you rude, disrespectful and inconsiderate people here in Snyder who constantly call my house looking for the time and temperature.

If I could count all the calls I would. We're talking about 6 a.m., 3 p.m., midnight, 2 a.m. and more, several times a week. A lot of the times it's the same people who repeatedly I've told they have the wrong number.

My reason for writing is this — if you're not sure you're calling the right number take 5 extra seconds of your time, quit disturbing mine and look it up in the phone book. And if for some reason you don't have a phone book the number to time and temperature is 573-0270, 2 numbers different from mine.

Thank you,
Mindy Carroll





North of Forty by Red Green

Two down, three to go

I don't count birthdays anymore. I count pairs of glasses. If you have more than seven, you're getting up there. That's one of the great things about being over the hill — you can't see the bottom.

It's so bad I need glasses to find my glasses. I have special glasses for the computer because the screen is too far for reading, too close for distance. I have glasses for reading in bed that are different from the glasses I use for reading at my desk. I have non-bifocals for golfing. I have prescription sunglasses.

But what I need are bifocal prescription sunglasses. So I can read a map in a car. So I can make out the little function buttons on the car radio. Who can see the little seeking or scanning buttons? How do you turn down the bass? I can never tell if I just turned on the defroster or the air conditioner. My feet feel like they're being air-conditioned but my hands feel like they're being heated. Where is the instruction manual? What does it matter? I can't read it anyway. I left my reading glasses in the living room. Right beside the list of what I'm driving to the store to get. I'd go back and get them but the one thing I can see is a big 'No U Turn' sign.

I bought ski goggles that say they're especially made to go over glasses. They don't. What they're especially made to do is mash my glasses into my face in the most painful way. They want $200 for a pair of prescription ski goggles. I've had it.

So when I saw an ad for that laser eye surgery — four hundred ninety-nine dollars an eye — I was ready for it. Why do they always say per eye? Is someone planning to have just one eye done? I guess it sounds cheaper. I tell my buddy Carlton I'm thinking of having laser eye surgery. He looks at me like I've just told him I'm going to start wearing big, gold hoop earrings and a blond wig. He says, "Are you really that vain?"

At least that's what I think he said. It seems on most of us, the eyes and the ears go south at the same time. What's weird is how selective it is. I can hear the music they play in a restaurant. I can hear every single thing every single person says at the incredibly noisy table next to us. I can hear the silverware drop in the back of the room. I can hear the busboy throwing china into his big tub trying to see how much noise he can make before the dishes actually break. The only thing I can't hear is the waiter.

"Giant Fried Sea Slugs? What kind of a special is that? Why would anyone order that?" I ask.

Sue is moving her mouth.

"What?"

"He said 'Fried Onion Rings.' What's the matter? Ya deaf?"

"No, I am not deaf. I can hear everything. Do you see that guy in the corner table?" I was nodding at a place forty feet from where we sat across the crowded restaurant. "He just ordered the BBQ rib platter with extra coleslaw and french fries."

"This is a rib place. Ninety percent of the people in here order that."

Soon I saw the waiter bringing a big tray loaded with food to the guy at the corner table. "Now we'll see who can hear and who can't," I said. I put on my seeing-things-that-are-forty-feet-away glasses just in time to see our mush-mouthed waiter put down a plate of roast chicken with a side of onion rings.

Sue said, "Well?"

I said, "He probably won't get our order right, either."

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Austin American-Statesman

World Court/Texas complaint

At a time when the United States is calling on other nations to enforce U.N. resolutions against Iraq, it ill-behooves the state of Texas to ignore an order from the World Court to postpone the execution of two Texas prison inmates.

The World Court — formally known as the International Court of Justice — ruled Wednesday that the United States must delay execution of three Mexican citizens: Cesar Fierro, 46, and Roberto Ramos, 48, in Texas, and Osvaldo Torres Aguilera in Oklahoma. The court wants to give the United Nations more time to investigate whether the three men were deprived of their right to get legal help from the Mexican government.

At the World Court, Mexico has filed a complaint that says 51 Mexican citizens on U.S. death rows should get new trials because — in violation of an international treaty signed by both countries in 1963 — they had not been told when they were arrested that they had a right to meet with Mexican consular officials. The court limited its ruling to the three inmates it thought closest to being executed.

The World Court has no power to compel the federal government or Texas to delay the executions. If we refuse the order, Mexico can take the issue to the U.N. Security Council, but it, too, appears to have no real power to stop the executions.

Gov. Rick Perry sees no reason to postpone the executions because he believes federal and state courts provide "adequate safeguards" for foreign prisoners wanting to meet with their consular officials, a gubernatorial spokesman, Gene Acuna, said Thursday.

Texas and other states in the past have rejected foreign pleas to put off an execution or to commute a death sentence to life in prison. Just last August, Mexican President Vicente Fox canceled a visit to Texas after the state refused to delay the execution of another Mexican national, 33-year-old Javier Suarez Medina.

But just because we can ignore Mexico's complaint doesn't mean we should. What the U.S. Declaration of Independence calls "a decent respect to the opinions of mankind" should prompt us to honor the World Court's order while Mexico's complaint is heard.

We should also consider the effect of ignoring the World Court's order. If we can dismiss complaints that Mexican citizens were not allowed to meet with their consular officials, what ground will we have to stand on when the same happens to American citizens in other countries arrested and imprisoned — even on trumped-up charges?

We've executed Mexican nationals convicted of murder despite Mexico's requests. Now that we've proved how tough we are, can we not afford to show respect for a neighbor's complaints — and for the rule of law — by delaying two executions?

El Paso Times

Border vigilantes

Several citizen groups in Arizona, thoroughly frustrated by the federal government's inability to keep undocumented immigrants from pouring into the United States, have taken enforcement matters into their own hands.

They're forming vigilante groups to patrol the border, which is a really bad idea.

If any good is to come of armed citizens patrolling the border, it's that it should provide a wake-up call for the federal government to provide more-effective interception and enforcement along the border. If the Immigration and Naturalization Service were able to mount an effective interdiction effort along the southern border, such groups would have no reason to exist.

It's to be hoped that along with the sweeping revamping of the INS that was announced last week will come improved efforts in patrolling the border.

The vigilante groups present at least two dangers. One is that because they are untrained, an incident might easily spiral out of control and someone might get hurt.

Another problem is that these vigilante groups generally support militarization of the border. That, of course, is unacceptable. The military is as untrained in patrolling the border as are the citizens. And two tragic incidents — the 1997 shooting of a shepherd boy near Redford, Texas, and the crash of two Marine helicopters recently at Falcon State Park in South Texas — illustrate some of the dangers inherent in allowing the military to patrol the border.

Forming and deploying vigilante groups isn't the answer for Arizona border residents, but it does serve to illustrate the immensity of the problem and the depth of citizen frustration at the government's inability to control the problem.

San Antonio Express-News

Impact of Toyota plant

Even the most farsighted cannot yet envision how completely the decision by Toyota Motor Corp. to locate a plant on the city's economically imperiled South Side will redefine San Antonio's view of itself as well as its place among American cities.

In 1920, San Antonio stood first in population of Texas cities, but during the next decade it fell behind Houston and Dallas. One factor in its decline was the lack of a strong manufacturing base to keep pace with America's changing economy.

Ever since, the city has suffered from a debilitating loss of confidence and a tendency to position itself economically in two separate directions.

Downtown is a tourist mecca that draws from the city's distinctive past, and to the north, many service-oriented businesses, as well a thriving bioscience sector, retreat into the sprawl of suburbia.

It took an outsider's eye specifically, that of Dennis Cuneo, who led Toyota's site search for San Antonians to see how this city can find its new niche in the world's economy.

First, Cuneo saw San Antonio as one of the most important markets in the United States. Where better to sell trucks than in Texas?

In addition, he looked at the city's proximity to Mexico, as well as its young, largely Mexican American population, and realized that if Toyota wants to sell trucks in the future, it needs to position itself where Mexican Americans, the fastest-growing population in the United States, will buy them.

Other companies that analyze markets from a global perspective also read studies showing that unless they find ways to sell to Mexican Americans, their numbers will go flat by the end of this decade.

What goes for trucks also goes for food, houses, computers, diapers, golf clubs you name it. If companies want a foothold in the coming consumer market, they need to follow Toyota's lead and look at manufacturing those products in San Antonio.

This, in turn, will give San Antonio a basis on which to build a strong, stable manufacturing sector.

Second, many factors others identify as problems, Cuneo saw as opportunities.

For instance, he looked at a poorly trained work force and saw people who are easily trainable and hungry for a piece of the American dream.

Study after study shows that Mexican Americans are among the hardest-working, most reliable employees in America. Yet in San Antonio, too many Mexican Americans remain at the bottom of the economic ladder.

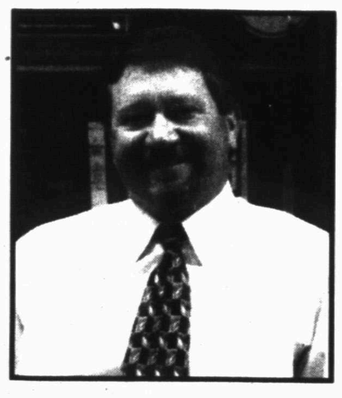
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WTC No Longer West Texas 'Best Kept Secret'

By Jim Clifton
Dean of Student Services



When I first came to Western Texas College I kept hearing something about the school being the "best kept secret" in West Texas. It puzzled me why it ought to be a secret at all, with the wonderful opportunities that the college offered. Turns out that this was a reflection on the enrollment numbers that had flattened out over the years, and a general statement of status quo.

How things have changed! With the mandate of the state's Closing the Gaps initiative, combined with a weak economy, institutions of higher education in Texas have seen increased enrollments, and Western Texas College in particular has come to stand above the rest. Three years ago our Fall enrollment was at 1233 students. This past Fall we broke not only our own attendance records at 1652 students, but placed third in the state in growth. Out of fifty community colleges, including Dallas, Houston, and even San Antonio, little old WTC grew faster. This Spring we exceeded our Fall record to enroll 1685 students.

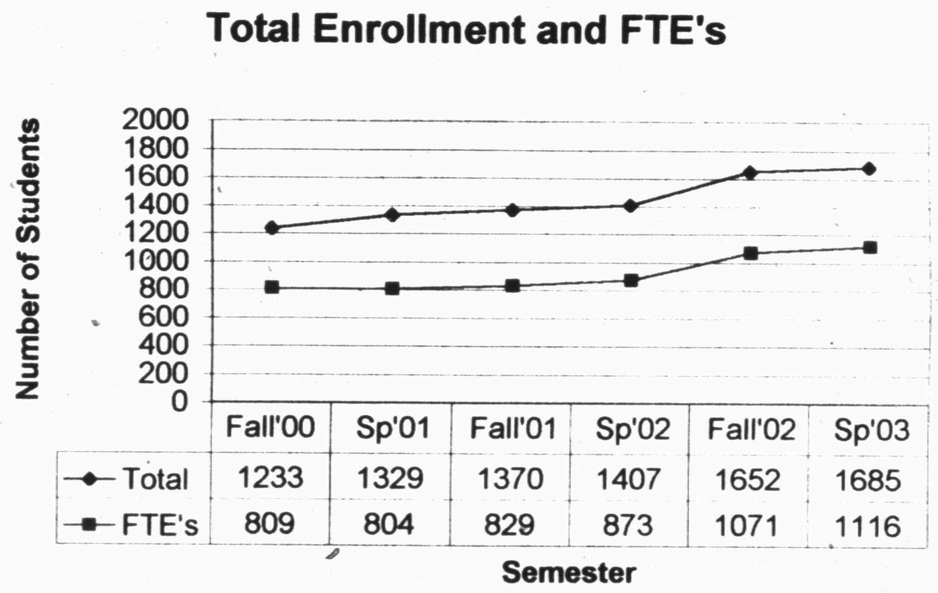
We have gained students, and through the efforts of a service oriented staff, have kept more of the students that enrolled. Our statistics show us that we used to lose 16% of the students that enrolled during the course of the academic year. These days we have reduced that to just over 5%. Recruiting has paid off, and retention is getting better. The state of Texas holds us accountable for our attrition rate, and I'm proud to say that many are finding a quality in our instruction that isn't present in larger colleges, and are deciding to stay with us. For example, we are gaining out-of-district students, those from out of Scurry County, two to one over in-district students. In other words, those who have more convenient options are still choosing WTC over other schools.

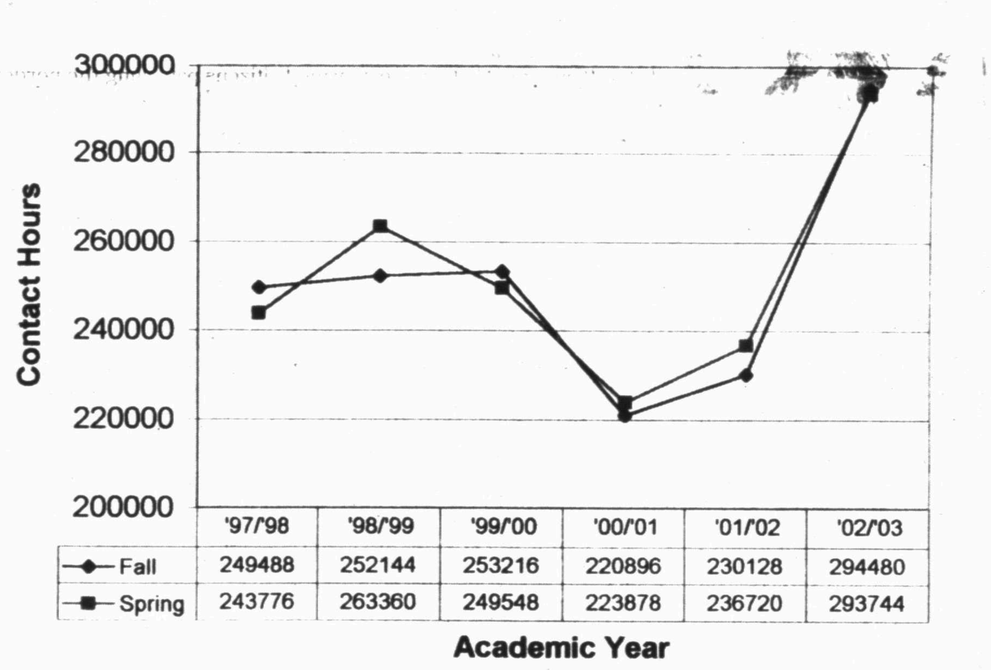
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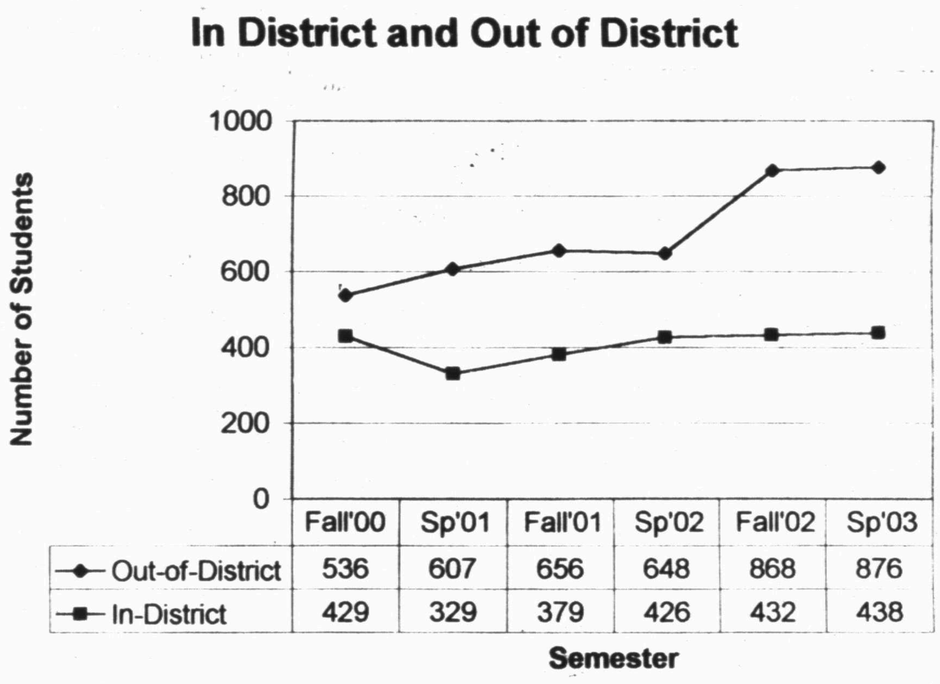
Western Texas College reaches out to forty-four high schools, teaches to 32 other colleges, and receives courses from 12 other colleges in an effort to provide the best to its students. This kind of service has paid off, and the sort of growth we are experiencing is definitive proof that the college is doing something right. The number of credit hours we generate is manipulated in a funding formula by the state, and provides WTC with about 30% of the cost of attendance for a student. Tuition pays for about another third, and local taxes the remainder.

I mention this to tell you that our credit hour growth is the highest now that has ever been seen by this school, and if the state budget situation just leaves the education funding formula even for the next two years, WTC stands to realize about $970,000 a year to help us grow even more.

Best kept secret? Probably not anymore. Western Texas College is growing, reaffirming its unique mission as a community college, and carrying out the charter that its founding fathers decided on to provide "excellence in education".







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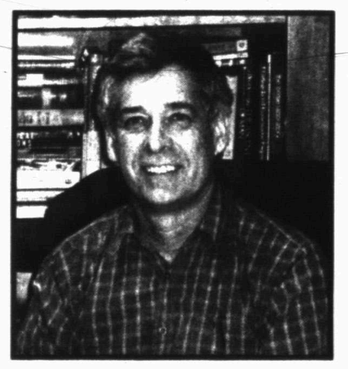
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Concurrent Enrollment Increases

By Britt Canada
Dean of Information Technology Services



One of the neat things about WTC is our willingness and ability to adapt to meet the needs of students in our area. This attitude is expressed in many areas and one of those areas is concurrent enrollment. WTC teaches concurrently through ITV, tapes and on-site.

Last October, I predicted that WTC would have 655 concurrent students in the Spring 2003 semester. We didn't reach that prediction, but we do have 560 concurrent students. Here are some statistics:

Two years ago, in Spring 2001, we had 298 concurrent students out of a total of 1329 students (22%). Currently, we have 560 students out of a total of 1685 (33%). This is an increase from about 1/5 of the students to 1/3 of the students. The number of concurrent students has almost doubled (from 298 to 560 unduplicated students).

WTC's concurrent influence extends from Cotton Center to Cisco and from Jayton to Wall. We partner with 44 schools in ESC regions 14, 15 and 17. The highest enrollment is in Snyder with 158 concurrent students (duplicated) to several campuses with only one student (Bronte, Christoval, Coahoma, Cisco and Hermleigh). Some of these are counted as our students and others are counted as students from other colleges (we are funded by that college through the VCT model).

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Being able to teach concurrent classes to the small schools in our area greatly helps those schools because they could not afford to hire an instructor to teach these classes for one to two students.

Overall, the 560 concurrent students occupy 856 class seats. Some students are enrolled in more than one class. A total of 348 (duplicated) students are taking ITV classes at one of the 30 high schools receiving ITV instruction from the WTC campus. Another 12 (duplicated) students are taking ITV classes that originate at either Borden County or Stamford.

Another 86 (duplicated) students are taking videotape classes. WTC offers face-to-face concurrent classes both on campus (96 duplicated students) and off-campus (314 duplicated students).

It is too early to predict where we will be in the Fall, but concurrent numbers have increased by about 100 students over the past several years. So, I am staying with my prediction of 655 concurrent students in the Fall 2003 semester.

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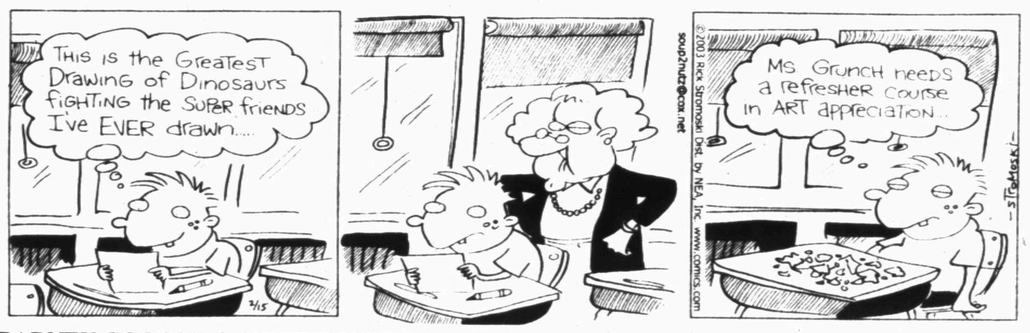
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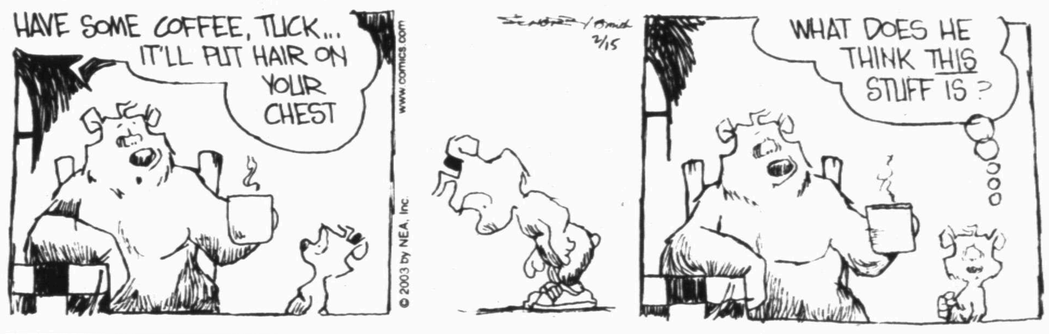
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25 "Return of the —"
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40 Dog in "Beetle Bailey"
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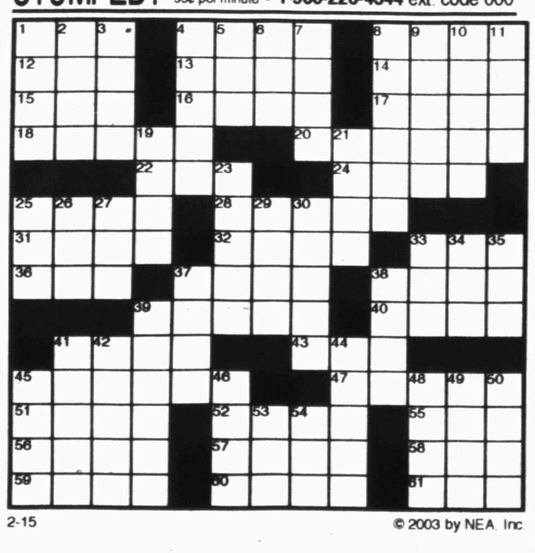
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11 Tot's cry
19 Wading bird
21 Finishes a dress
23 Singing chipmunk
25 Rip
26 Madonna role
27 Society newcomer
29 Eight (pref.)
30 Sports venue
33 Funny one
34 Morticia's cousin
35 Prizm maker
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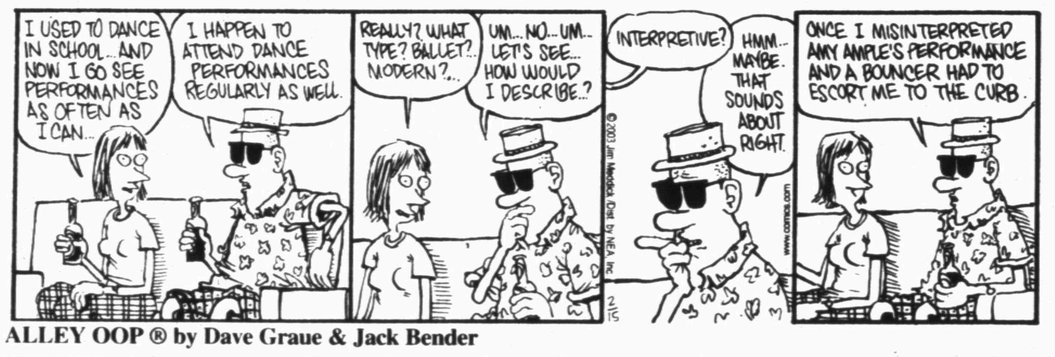
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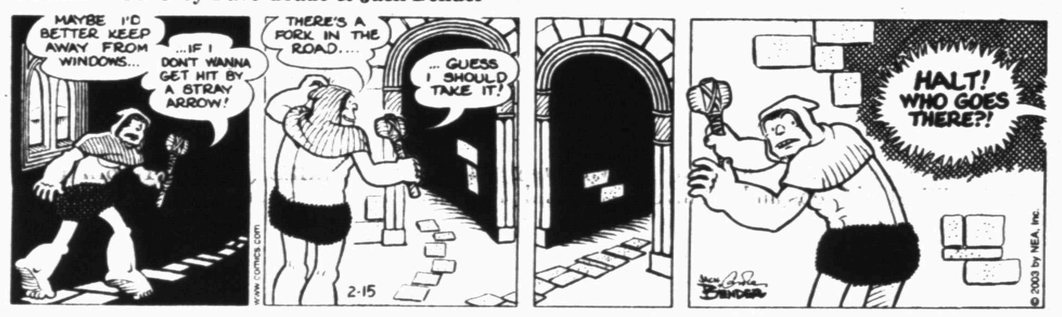
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Your Birthday

Sunday, Feb. 16, 2003

You are likely to pursue several new and different objectives in the year ahead, making for some exciting times. Circumstance or chance might be the precipitator, but you'll be the one who makes things happen.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — You might have a slight edge going into a competitive development today, but it's not likely to last too long. Watch your step if you see things heating up a bit or you could lose out.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — There is a strong possibility that you could be your own worst enemy today by creating conditions that will make what you hope to accomplish more difficult than it needs to be.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Should you involve yourself too closely today with a friend who tends to want to run the show, chances are she or he could complicate your social involvements with others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Be certain to check with your spouse or partner today to make sure she or he is in complete accord with your plans for changes that affect the entire household. Without doing so, an argument could ensue.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Don't allow an associate who lacks your imagination to impose his or her ideas on you today, thus severely distorting something bright and clever you've conceived. Stick to your plans.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You might think you're dealing from strength today when it comes to your business dealings, but there's a possibility that the other guy has a few tricks up his or her sleeve. Be cautious.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Both you and your mate must be prepared to make some concessions on any vital issue that arises today. If a compromise cannot be achieved, it could prolong the irritation and the problem.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Continued neglect of an important matter that needs tending to is an unwise policy to pursue today. The longer you delay taking care of it, the more complicated it will become.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Be a joiner today, not a disruptor. Unless you feel that the activity the group has planned to do is unwise, don't buck the will of the majority. Be your usual cooperative self.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Take extra pains today not to do anything that could call unfavorable attention to yourself. You're especially vulnerable at this time where your image and reputation are concerned.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Think twice before you open your mouth, so that you don't unwittingly arouse the ire of someone you need in your corner at this time. You might have a hard time unraveling the situation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Make certain that you mind your own business today. If you allow yourself to get drawn into someone's complicated affairs, it could end up costing you money out of your own pocket.

Monday, Feb. 17, 2003

Unexpected circumstances may unfold in the months to come, holding a great deal of promise for you in the year ahead. You may actually make a total U-turn from where you were previously heading.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — You might want to toss out your schedule today and fly by the seat of your pants. Spontaneous activities will stimulate your senses and may end up holding the greatest promises for you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — It won't be anything special that you do today that enables you to satisfactorily tie down a project that has heretofore eluded you; it'll be an outside development that comes out of nowhere.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — A surprise drop-in either at your home or at work could be bringing good news to you today. Even if the person is disruptive, you'll be glad she or he stopped by with the tidings.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — An opportunity of a unique nature could come out of nowhere today and give you a chance to relay important information to a person who is in the position to do something about it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — People stop and listen to you today, because your happy frame of mind has you saying uplifting things that elevates their spirits and spurs them on to successful fulfillments.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Something in which you're involved with others could undergo an unexpected change for the better today. The results will bring benefits and success to a project that was sputtering.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Anything you can do today to mix and mingle with others would be to your benefit. A chance encounter with someone new could develop into a valuable association.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Instead of turning out to be a blue Monday for you, everything should go exceedingly well at work today. Something might occur that could have a beneficial influence on your career.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Activities that may be a trifle daring but innovative will inspire you today. If the opportunity for such an adventure doesn't present itself to you, be imaginative and stir something up yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — A ho-hum day could suddenly turn into an exciting one for you with a phone call from someone you've been hoping to hear from but never thought you would.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Being a fast thinker with outstanding judgment today makes you a person who will know how to implement what you conceive and take it to a successful conclusion. Don't sit on your duff.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Take positive measures to act on something that you have been mulling over in your mind lately. Once it's implemented, you will be glad you took action on it.

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Bush has work to do on economic policies

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush has convinced a majority of Americans about the need for military action against Iraq, but he has more work to do in convincing them that his economic policies are effective, says a new poll.

The CBS-New York Times poll indicated that six in 10 Americans believe the economy is in bad condition. Only 38 percent approve of the president's handling of the economy, while 53 percent disapprove. That's the lowest rating on the economy the president has gotten in this poll during his presidency.

Worries over the economy are matched by rising fears of terrorist attacks. Four in five said they think another terrorist attack is likely in the near future.

With that combination of fears about the economy and terrorism, the public mood about the direction of the country was gloomy. Just over a third, 35 percent, said the country is headed in the right direction, while 56 percent said it's off on the wrong track.

Bush's job approval was at 54 percent, the lowest it has been in this poll since before the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. His job approval in several other recent polls was near 60 percent, where it has been for several months.

Four in 10, 41 percent, said Congress should concentrate on the economy, while three in 10, said Iraq and just over two in 10, 23 percent, said terrorism.

General support for military action against Iraq was strong, 66 percent. But various Iraq questions get sharply different results — a sign of the mixed feelings that people have about going to war.

While most support military action, they aren't that convinced that something needs to be done immediately. Six in 10, 63 percent, said they preferred waiting for allies, while 32 percent said it's important to take action even without allies. Another recent poll, by ABC-Washington Post, indicated that a majority support acting with some allies.

People were evenly divided on whether Bush is trying hard enough to find a diplomatic solution.

By an almost 6-1 margin, 59 percent to 12 percent, people thought a war with Iraq would increase the threat of terrorism rather than decrease it.

Senate confirms Bush nominee Donaldson as new SEC chairman

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate on Thursday night approved President Bush's nominee to head the Securities and Exchange Commission, Wall Street investment banker William H. Donaldson.

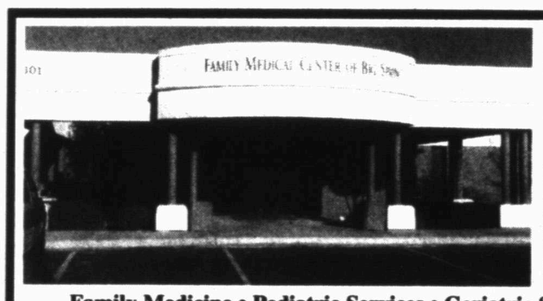
The 71-year-old former New York Stock Exchange chairman was confirmed by a voice vote. Donaldson has promised to work to rebuild investor confidence shattered by last year's wave of corporate scandals.

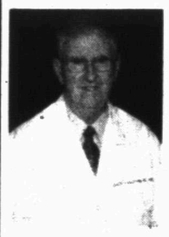
Donaldson, who has ties to the Bush family, will replace lame-duck SEC Chairman Harvey Pitt and lead the agency at one of the most demanding times in its history. Pitt, the Bush administration's first SEC chief, resigned under fire in early November after a series of political missteps and senators of both parties have been impatient to see him replaced.

At his confirmation hearing last week, Donaldson told the Senate Banking Committee that if confirmed he would aggressively enforce corporate anti-fraud rules. He also said his highest priority is selecting a new chairman of the board overseeing the accounting industry.

The SEC now has expanded powers and new rules under legislation enacted by Congress last summer to combat company fraud, enhance corporate accountability and tighten oversight of the scandal-tainted accounting industry. In addition, Bush asked Congress this month for an $841 million budget for the SEC, marking the biggest jump in the agency's history as it investigates and prosecutes a heavy load of corporate fraud and accounting deception.

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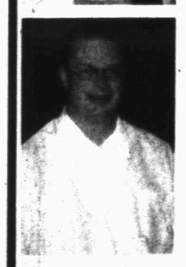

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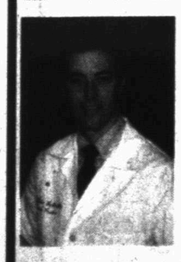

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ALL-NEW POWER STROKE® V8 TURBO DIESEL



OIL FILTER SYSTEM
The cartridge-type oil filter is top-mounted for easy service.

AIR COOLING AND HANDLING
The air-to-air charge-air cooler increases air density by cooling the air. This allows for increased horsepower and torque without adversely affecting engine life. Cooling the charge air also aids in increasing fuel economy.

EXHAUST GAS RECIRCULATION
The EGR system recirculates cooled exhaust gases back into the combustion chamber, lowering burn temperatures and reducing nitrogen oxide (NOx) while optimizing performance and fuel economy.

CAST-IRON BLOCK AND HEAD
The engine architecture incorporates a robust cast-iron head and block design with a stiffened bedplate structure. The added rigidity benefits durability and NVH.

GLOW PLUG SYSTEM
The glow plugs are mounted on the exterior of the valve cover, providing easier access and service. They provide cold-start capability down to -10°F without the use of a block heater.

ELECTRONIC VARIABLE RESPONSE TURBOCHARGER (EVRT™)
The significantly increased airflow delivers turbo boost during steep grade climbing and high-altitude performance and towing, while responding quickly to low-speed launch demands.

ELECTRONICALLY CONTROLLED ENGINE
Every engine system is constantly monitored and precisely controlled by the engine computer in order to help ensure peak performance under most conditions.

REAR GEAR TRAIN
Provides the durability of gear-drive technology to help reduce noise, vibration and harshness (NVH).

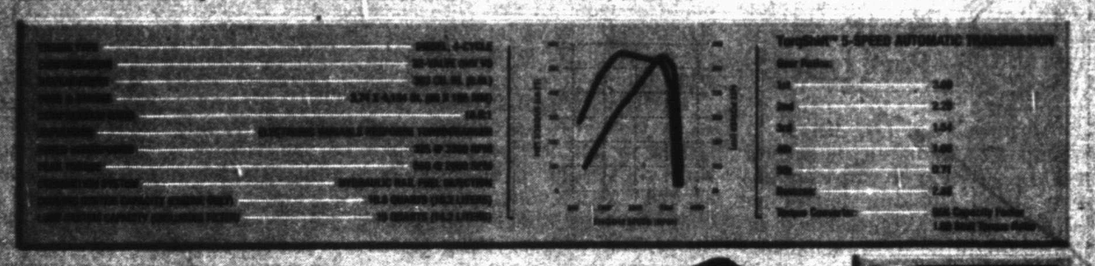
ELECTRO-HYDRAULIC GENERATION 2 INJECTORS
The G-2 injector's new digital valve precisely controls oil flow via two 46-volt, 20-amp rails for consistent delivery of fuel. The new G-2 injector and fuel systems help reduce engine noise via fuel rails and timing control improvements. The injector's plunger is coated with tungsten carbide to provide fuel system robustness and increased tolerance to lower-viscosity fuels, while satisfying performance requirements.

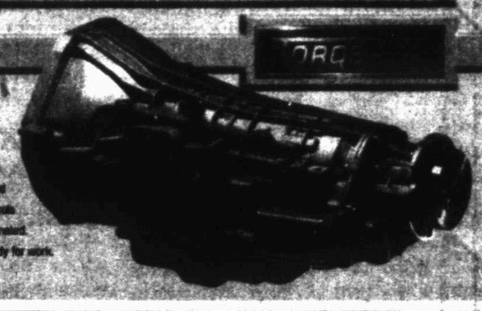
INTEGRAL OIL COOLER
The engine oil cooler is inside the engine to help reduce the risk of damage and leakage.

HYDRAULIC RAIL FUEL INJECTION
Injectors are activated by a system that generates pressures up to 25,000 psi. The high-pressure fuel is delivered to enter the combustion chamber to help achieve clean, efficient combustion.

FEEL THE ULTIMATE IN TORQUE AND DIESEL POWER

Be prepared to experience performance only advanced technology can offer. Through newly developed technologies, the 6.0L Turbo Diesel leverages the competition with 325 horsepower, and 560 lb.-ft of best-in-class torque. Based on our proven cast-iron block and head, the new 6.0L Power Stroke V8 Turbo Diesel is infused with unique fuel delivery, air handling, cooling and filter technologies that allow it to deliver more power with better fuel economy. The new PowerCore™ air cleaner has a larger filter area and reduced restriction allowing longer change intervals and enhanced durability. All in all, the new 6.0L Power Stroke Turbo Diesel is the new diesel benchmark.





POWERSHIFT POWER AND AN ALL-NEW TRANSMISSION

Starting in Fall 2002, the new 6.0L Power Stroke Turbo Diesel comes with a 6-speed manual transmission or the all-new electronic TorqShift-5 speed automatic. The new 6.0L generation of truck power that an entirely new automatic transmission has been engineered to handle the increased loads. Introducing the new TorqShift-5 speed automatic, heavy-duty transmission. At its heart is an improved torque converter that maximizes low-speed torque capability, while a larger stator provides increased acceleration and better cooling. Bearing and pressure control enhance its durability and the externally mounted gear oil thermostat at filter service easy serviceability. All clutch operating units are optimized with new electronic shift schedule for even smoother operation. When the pronounced "overload mode" is selected, unwanted gear-search on steep grades is eliminated. Additionally, the TorqShift-5 Power Shift mode is utilized to help control vehicle speed when descending hills. They're ready for work.

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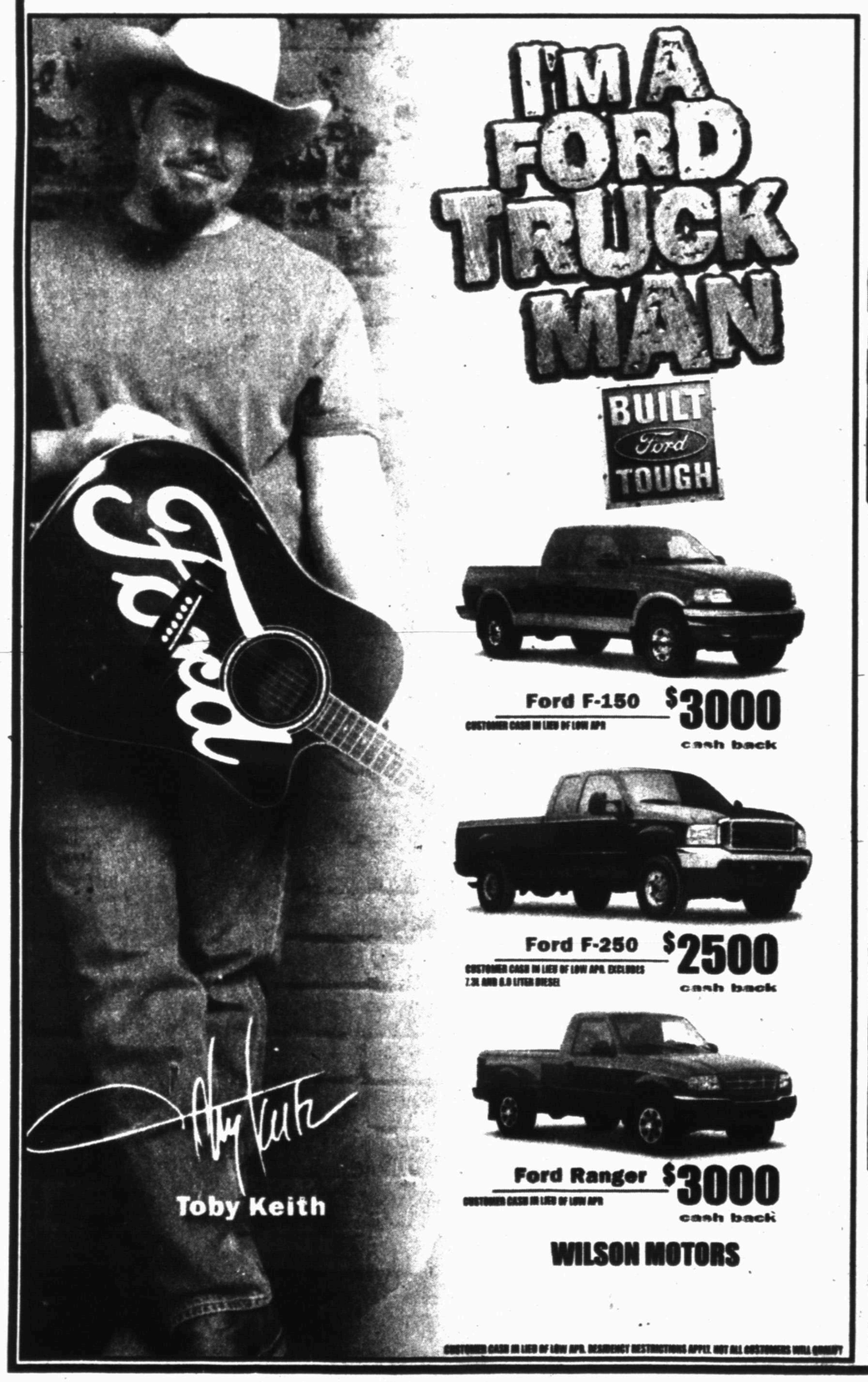
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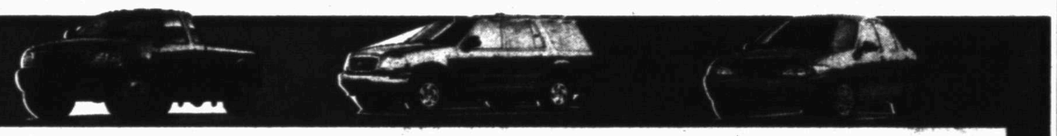
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