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For SISD administrators...

Contract extensions placed on hold

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

In a move that was not too surprising, Snyder ISD trustees Thursday night tabled action on extending the contracts of district and campus administrators until a later date.

Following a 55-minute closed session, the board voted 5-0 to table the extensions to give new superintendent Dr. Ronny Collins time to evaluate the personnel.

Voting for the motion were board president Mark McCormick and trustees Richard Chambers, Doug Neff, Mike Levens and Glenn Clarady. Cathy Peoples left before the closed session and the vote and Luann Burleson was absent the entire meeting.

The motion calls for action on the extensions to take place no later than June 30.

Administrative positions up for renewal were two assistant superintendents, special programs director, athletic director, all principals and assistant principals, all who have contracts that expire in 2004.

Last night, the employment contract with Mike Carter, transportation and maintenance director, was extended through June 30, 2004 on the recommendation of interim Supt. Jim Kirkland.

The board also acted on the formal resignations of Kristi Drennan, former resource teacher at Central Elementary who has moved, and Jim Rosson, East Elementary principal.

Rosson is retiring from the district effective at the end of the school year, but will leave his position at the end of this month. Rosson has sick leave accumulated in order to leave early, said Kirkland.

Rosson's position at East Elementary will be filled the remainder of the school year by retired Northeast principal Lee Presswood. Presswood will be paid $275 per day.

In other business, no action was taken on a proposal by the Snyder unit of the Texas Classroom Teachers Association (TCTA) for a three-year proposal for buy-outs of eligible teacher contracts for an estimated $20,000 each.

Representatives at last month's board meeting said the plan not only would save the school district money, it would enhance the retiring teacher's monthly retirement pay.

TCTA representatives Charlotte Clifton and Darlene Robbins proposed that a committee be formed to look into the proposal.

McCormick said he liked the idea of forming a committee for that purpose. "But I have a hard time seeing it happen this year."

An informal survey indicates 39 individuals in the district interested in early retirement. This includes 18 elementary teachers, 17 secondary teachers, two secretaries and two aides.

Following a report by Karen Waller, assistant superintendent for business, that the breakfast in the classroom program is losing $1,000 per week, trustees indicated the program should be dropped as soon as possible.

Trustees sought input from a number of administrators and teachers in the audience and West Elementary principal Thomas Fogleman said the food service is not preparing the kind of breakfasts kids eat.

"It's the quality of the food...they're not feeding them what the kids want," said Fogleman. "We have more food going into the trash than what the kids eat."

Waller emphasized that the free and reduced breakfasts served in the cafeterias would continue for qualified students.

Trustees approved the low bid of $462,800, submitted by Bruce Thornton Air Conditioning of Lubbock, for the heating and cooling project at West Elementary.

Trustees also heard a report on the cooling system at the high school. It had been noted in previous meetings that the unit is not energy efficient, and has constant leaks.

Waller said estimates to replace the entire system at the high school are $1,667,160, or $1,137,180 for the main building and the gym.

"We have two options," said Waller. "Either issuing maintenance tax notes or a bond election."

Maintenance director Carter said the unit is in need of some $55,000 in repairs.

"I hate to pour $55,000 into that piece of junk," said McCormick. "Before taking action, let's find out more about the maintenance tax notes."

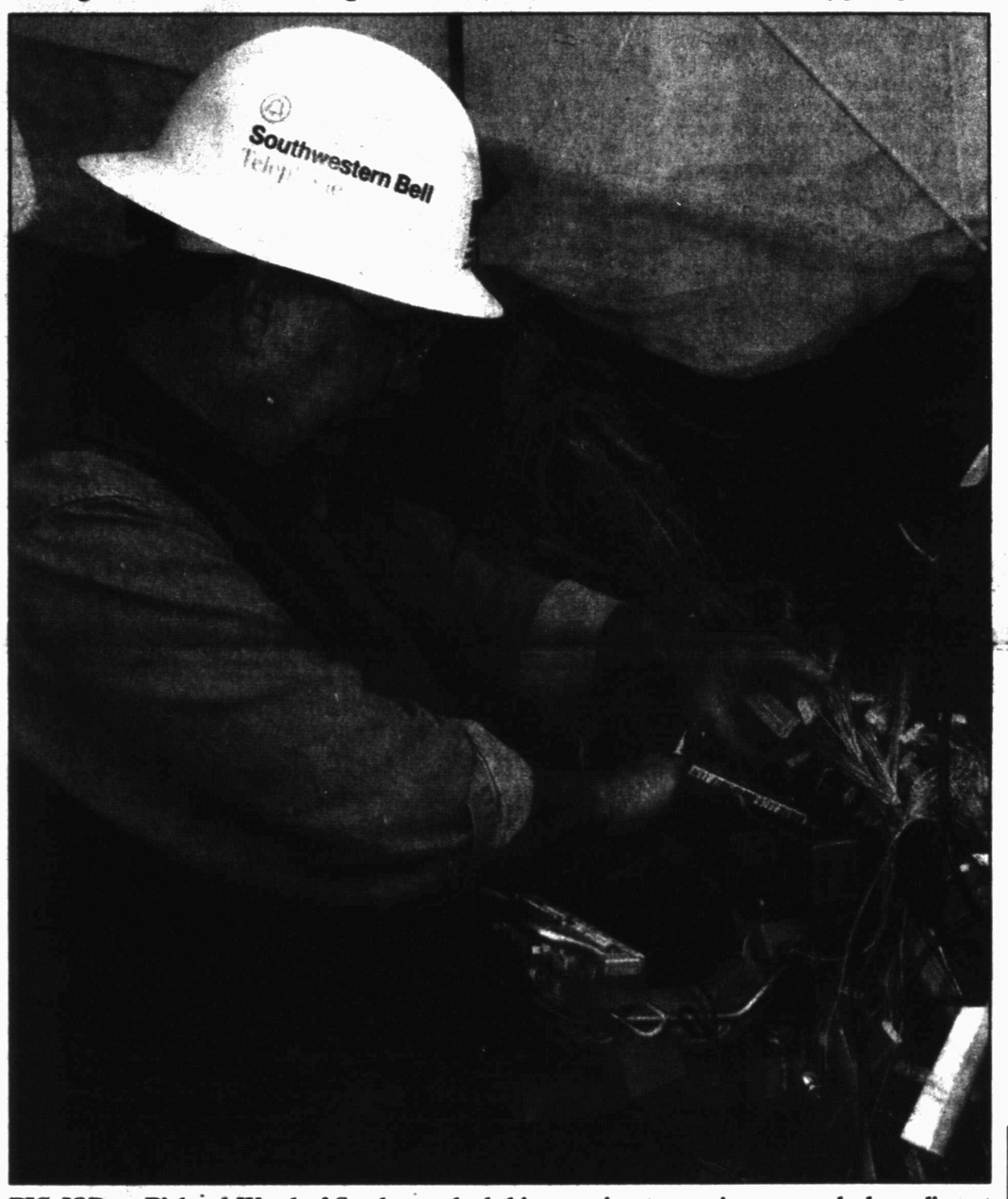
Trustees also approved the interlocal contract with Scurry County for the use of Moffett Field and Cates Field-west, and agreed to fund $3,000 for additional work at Cates Field for replacing a dugout and building a new storage building.

Trustees also agreed to name the SHS practice field after longtime coach Albert Lewis. The board also called the school board election for May 3 as the terms of Richard Chambers and Mike Levens will expire.

Trustees also approved budget amendments in the amount of $49,000 and heard the yearly report from school resource officer Kenny Burns, and a report from Dr. Melissa Jones on a recent cyclical visit from officials reviewing programs that receive state and federal funds.

Although listed as an informational item and not an action item, the board agreed to allocate $30,000 for new band uniforms to come out of next year's budget.

Cost of the uniforms will be $40,000, but a local citizen has agreed to donate $10,000 of the cost.



BIG JOB — Richard Wood of Snyder worked this morning to repair a severed phone line at 27th Street and Ave. Z that affected a large portion of Snyder Thursday evening and today. Repairs were to be completed this afternoon. (SDN Staff Photo)

Phone service halted by construction crew

Many Snyder residents got a break from telemarketer phone calls Thursday night, but nobody else could get through either — and they couldn't call out.

A construction crew at 27th Street and Ave. Z severed a large line belonging to Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. at 4 p.m., knocking out phone service to "a large population in Snyder," according to Randy Teakell, SBC area manager.

Repairs on the line were 75 percent complete at 11 a.m. today, but workers at the scene said it could be late this afternoon before all connections are restored.

Richard Wood, an SBC repairman working on the line this morning, estimated that 1,200 customers, both residential and business, in Snyder were affected.

"This line services most of the residences in the west part of town and also many businesses on Hwy. 180 and all the way south to Lake Thomas," Wood said. "We worked all night and will probably be here the rest of the afternoon."

The process of repairing the line is a long one, as tones from both sides of the cut have to be matched before each individual line is spliced.

"There are 1,800 lines that have to be matched so it's a big job," Wood said. "They're not color coded so matching the lines takes a lot longer. If they could be matched by color we'd be done by now."

Blix says weapons not found in Iraq

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix told the Security Council in a crucial report today his teams have not found any weapons of mass destruction in Iraq but that Saddam Hussein has not accounted for many banned weapons.

Blix's counterpart, nuclear chief Mohamed ElBaradei told the council that inspectors found no evidence Iraq had resumed its nuclear weapons program and said inspectors do not need Iraq's full cooperation to complete their work.

After the presentations, French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin said U.N. inspections "are producing results" and should continue. His address was greeted with applause, rare for Security Council speeches.

With Secretary of State Colin Powell listening from his seat across a round table, Hans Blix cast doubt on evidence Powell provided to the council last week claiming that Iraq had cleaned-up suspect sites before inspectors arrived.

The inspectors spoke at a council meeting that could determine whether the United States gets U.N. backing for military action against Iraq for failing to disarm. Powell and other foreign ministers and ambassadors of the 15 council nations were to speak publicly at the meeting before heading into a private session.

ASK US

Q—When is the contract with Cox TV cable over?
A—The franchise runs until Nov. 6, 2015.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Nancy Smith...

...is owner of Nancy's Art Style and her husband, Cliff, is a partner in Hugh Boren & Son Insurance. Nancy is a lifelong resident and says she has seen all of the ups and downs Snyder has faced through the years. She has two sons, Alan and Steve Grimmett, six grandkids and one great-grandchild. Her hobbies include cooking and fishing.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

You've got to practice every day. One day of practice is like one day of clean living. It doesn't do you any good.

—Abe Lemons

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Wade Warren



The appropriate column material today has to be about Valentine's Day.

And we're sure all the men in Snyder purchased their gifts and cards a couple of weeks ago as we noticed only women standing in front of the card racks Thursday evening and early this morning.

During the early years of marriage, buying a Valentine's gift was pretty simple. Something for the apartment was always appropriate and appreciated, as anything you added to our humble abode at the Tech Village Apartments was a plus for those cinder block walls.

As the marriage years added up, however, it seemed the choice of gifts were narrowed as we tried to remember from one year to the next what brought a smile to her face on Valentine's.

We tried the traditional roses but we heard, "We really don't need to spend that much money on something that is just going to wilt and be thrown away."

Good reasoning.

So the next Feb. 14, we recall buying some sort of potted plant. Same result, however, as it wilted and was thrown away.

A couple of years later, we thought we had the problem solved — tomato plants!

They didn't wilt if you watered them, and they were around for several months. And they were even the right color.

We don't really remember how they were received but probably just as well as the toaster and the drill she got on later St. Valentine's Days.

And on the subject of valentines, grandson kindergartner Dylan Hargrove is having problems today as he fears he may have to dance with a *girl* at his school program at Laura Bush Elementary School in Austin.

We remember having the same qualms at Reagan County Junior High as we were teamed with a female sixth grader to dance and sing, "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" during a Valentine's Day program.

It was bad enough to try and dance on that stage, but to try and sing also — it was terrible. No telling what kind of emotional scars that caused.

Probably as bad as the band director at the same junior high not letting me put a reed in my saxophone when we went to contest my one, long year in band.

Back to Valentine's Day gifts.

Most of them have always been well thought out, although we do admit not all fit the theme of the special day.

A Mother's Day gift back in 1969 did however, and it apparently also was a look into the future.

We were told the plate was a collectible before collectible was even cool so we forked over about five bucks thinking we had made the gift-buy of a lifetime. It featured a mother cocker spaniel and her four puppies.

It is an off-shade of blue and has never really matched anything in our house so it's been stashed with the hundreds of other bits of stuff that we keep because "one day it will be worth something."

That plate took on a nice shade of green this week as it was discovered it is now worth well over $400.

Wonder where that drill is.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Apostolic Faith special services

The Apostolic Faith Church is holding special services at 6:30 p.m. today with Mark Palmer from Anchorage as guest speaker. The public is invited to attend the meetings at 2510 25th St,

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 interested 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 capabilities of children.

Annual enchilada dinner

The Knights of Columbus, Council 8875, will hold its fourth annual enchilada dinner from 11 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 23, at West Elementary, 3601 El Paso. 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.

Withered flowers needed

The First Assembly of God youth group is needing old 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.

High court eyes cutting two seats

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A plan that calls for cutting two judges from the nine-member Texas Supreme Court is being touted by Chief Justice Tom Phillips and his colleagues as a way to meet budget-cutting demands.

Phillips, who says the court is unanimous in its support, presented the idea to the Senate Finance Committee on Thursday. His said the plan would save money and speed judicial deliberations because it would be easier to get seven judges to resolve cases.

Texas is one of five states with nine-member high courts and the only one of the five that requires the court to sit for every hearing as a group.

The savings from the idea would total more than $300,000 a year in salaries, travel, furniture and supplies. Otherwise, the court would have to cut 10 staff positions to help the state cover a projected two-year revenue shortfall of $9.9 billion.

Phillips said later he would expect the court to shrink by attrition as incumbents leave voluntarily.

To make the change, lawmakers would have to vote by two-thirds' majorities to place a constitutional amendment on the ballot and then would need voter approval at the polls.

"The idea has some merit. I don't know if it has support," Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, chairman of the Senate Jurisprudence Committee, said.

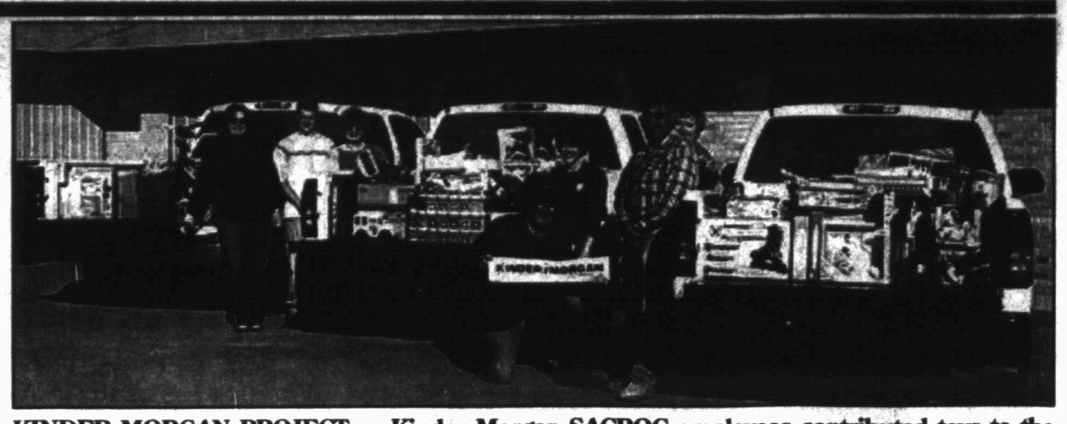
Ted Royer, a spokesman for the Republican Party of Texas, called the idea worth debating.

"We do have concerns," Royer said.

Kinder Morgan organizes toy drive in 2002

Kinder Morgan SACROC organized a toy drive to support the Christmas for Kids program in Scurry County. On Dec. 12th, Kinder Morgan employees participated in an 8-hour toy drive that generated over 400 new toys. These toys were distributed by the Christmas for Kids program to the children before Christmas.

Besides Kinder Morgan, other businesses that helped make the drive a success included Key, West Texas Coating, T-Bar, BK Design Services, CSI, Torch, Circle M Welding, Anita's Hairstyles, Diamond Roustabout, Southern Electric, Nail Automation, J&K Rentals, JD Services, Cain Electric and Katie's Trinkets.



KINDER MORGAN PROJECT — Kinder Morgan SACROC employees contributed toys to the Christmas For Kids Toy Drive. From left are Rebecca Larkin, Josh Brnak, Lea Ann Shields, Raymond Nichols, Marsha Lovelady, Jesse Rios and Kathy Voss. (Contributed Photo)

Man convicted in 3 slayings

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Bexar County jury took less than 30 minutes to find an unemployed 22-year-old guilty of capital murder in the execution-style slayings of three workers at a restaurant last year.

Jurors are to convene today to decide whether Kevin Watts should die by injection.

Two dozen of the victims' family members were present when District Judge Sid Harle announced the jury's verdict. Some wept openly; others muffled their cries, the San Antonio Express-News reported in its today editions.

In declining to comment, the restaurant's former owner Insik Kim, father of one of the slain victims, replied: "Not today. Too many tears in our eyes."

Jurors found Watts alone robbed the Sam Won Garden Restaurant on March 1, 2002, rounding up four workers into the kitchen and shooting three of them in the backs of their heads as they were on their knees.

The robbery resulted in a little more than $100 stolen from the cash register. It claimed the lives of Kim's son and restaurant manager, Hak Po Kim, 30, and cooks Yuan Tzu Banks, 52, and Chae Sun Shook, 59.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Man who can't say the words writes Valentine from his heart

DEAR ABBY: Like many men, I often find myself reticent in the "I love you" department. So I wrote my wife the following poem for Valentine's Day to make up for it. — **ROY HARRIS, NEW BOSTON, TEXAS**

DEAR ROY: Not all men have a way with words. I was touched by your sentiments, as I'm sure many of my readers will be.

WHAT MATTERS MOST OF ALL

I go to work and pay the bills
And mow the grass and such.
But when it comes to loving,
I'll admit that I'm not much.
I usually buy you flowers
On your very special days.
I thought that it would make up
For the words I didn't say.
I told you that I'd love you
Until the end of time.
And that I would let you know
If I ever changed my mind.
But that's not what you want to hear
You need more than that.
You want burning passion,
And I'm a little flat.
Life goes on, the days go by,
The months turn into years.
Some are filled with laughter,
Some are filled with tears.
But one thing that will never change
And that's my love for you.
Although I don't express it,
It's honest and it's true.
Lots of things that matter
Some I can't recall,
But having you beside me
Is what matters most of all.
I love you. Happy Valentine's Day.

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DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I just became engaged. After we call our parents to announce our engagement, which family should call the other first — the bride's or the groom's? Which family should invite the future in-laws' family and the engaged couple out first?

I should mention that both families are Jewish. Is there a tradition, Abby? — **EAGER TO CELEBRATE IN NEW YORK**

DEAR EAGER: Religion has nothing to do with it. Traditionally, your fiance's parents should make the first gesture. They can either telephone your parents and plan to get together, or if finances permit, offer to host a tea, dinner or buffet supper. However, this is a flexible rule — since eventually you will all be family, no one should stand on ceremony. Mazel tov!

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Lawsuit challenges Bush's authority to wage war on Iraq

BOSTON (AP) — Six House members, members of the military and parents of servicemen are asking a judge for an injunction barring an Iraq invasion, saying President Bush is violating the U.S. Constitution by trying to wage war without an explicit war declaration from Congress.

Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., cited the passage from the U.S. Constitution that states, "Congress shall have power ... to declare war."

"Get it? Only Congress," Conyers said at a news conference in Washington.

Conyers, along with five other House members, military personnel and parents, filed the lawsuit Thursday seeking an immediate injunction. The suit claims that the October 2002 congressional resolution backing military action against Iraq did not specifically declare war and unlawfully ceded the decision to President Bush.

The congressional resolution states: "This joint resolution may be cited as the 'Authorization for the Use of Military Force Against Iraq.'"

U.S. District Judge Joseph Tauro agreed to hold a hearing Feb. 20 on the injunction request.

John Bonifaz, the Boston lawyer who filed the lawsuit, said Bush is rushing to war without seeking approval or even a thorough debate by Congress.

"The president is not a king," he said. "He does not have the power to wage war against another country absent a declaration of war from Congress."

The other members of Congress named as plaintiffs are: Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio; Jesse Jackson Jr., D-Ill.; Jim McDermott, D-Wash.; Jose Serrano, D-N.Y.; and Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Texas.

Other plaintiffs include a member of the Massachusetts National Guard who was recently activated, an Air Force reservist from Massachusetts, and a Marine stationed in the Persian Gulf, Bonifaz said. Their identities were not released.

"I would imagine that they're aware the lawsuit is a very long shot, an extremely long shot," said Taylor Reveley, dean of the William and Mary School of Law and author of the book "War Powers of the President and Congress: Who Holds the Arrows and Olive Branch?"

"But they're probably interested in doing anything they can to throw sand in the wheels of American military action in Iraq."

Reveley said majorities in both houses of Congress approving a resolution authorizing military action — as the House and Senate did in October — would pass constitutional muster and provide wide presidential discretion.

Berry's World



Crawling babies compete Saturday

LUBBOCK — The United Spirit Arena will be "crawling" with babies on Saturday as it hosts the 4th Annual United Supermarkets — Huggies Baby Derby.

Fifteen babies will compete for their chance to win a $1,000 U.S. Savings Bond and a six-month supply of Huggies Diapers during halftime of the Texas Tech vs. Oklahoma University men's basketball game.

The 15 babies were randomly selected for the final championship via an in-store sweepstakes at United Supermarkets.

The babies will race down a 15-foot mat in three preliminary heats. The fastest crawler from each heat will advance to the final championship in the baby derby.

The babies must crawl down the mat toward Mom or Dad without standing up or walking. The first baby to reach the finish line will be declared the grand prize winner. Secondary prizes will also be awarded.

Kimberly-Clark and General Mills sponsor the 4th Annual United Huggies baby derby.

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Georgia high school evacuated due to suspicious device

JONESBORO, Ga. (AP) — A suburban Atlanta high school was evacuated Thursday because of a device that aroused suspicions but was later identified as a kitchen timer attached to a container of blue hand cream.

Investigators will review video from school surveillance cameras to find out who left the device in the hallway of Mt. Zion High School, Clayton County police Capt. Jeff Turner said.

The police bomb squad and a hazardous materials team from Fort Gillem were called to remove the device after the students were off campus, said Clayton County schools spokesman Jerry Jackson.

Students were moved across the street to a performing arts center, where they waited for their parents. Classes were canceled for the day.

Authorities also shut down a parkway near the school, which has an enrollment of around 1,700.

Preppie killer gets out of prison after serving 15 years

AUBURN, N.Y. (AP) — Robert Chambers, who drew national attention in the late 1980s when he strangled a teen during a tryst in Central Park, will be released from prison today after serving his full 15-year sentence for manslaughter.

Chambers confessed in 1988 to strangling 18-year-old Jennifer Levin two years earlier while allegedly having rough sex in Central Park. The New York City media dubbed the case "the preppy murder" because of Chambers' well-groomed good looks and affluent upbringing.

On the eve of his release, Chambers said he regrets his actions on the day Levin was killed, according to a statement released by his lawyer.

"There has not been a day since Jennifer Levin's death that I have not regretted my actions on that day," the statement said. "I know that the Levin family continues to suffer her loss, and I am deeply sorry for the grief I have caused them."

Chambers said he will not grant interviews after his release, according to the statement.

Chambers also said in the statement he would like to pursue a college degree and begin paying the $25 million wrongful death settlement awarded the Levin family.

Chambers, now 36, could have reduced his sentence by as much as six years but ruined any chance of early release by amassing 27 disciplinary violations during his incarceration, including heroin possession, assaulting a guard, and weapon possession. He spent a third of his time in solitary confinement and was rejected for parole five times.

Levin's relatives have said they were "haunted by a feeling of dread" over the prospect of Chambers' release and return home.

Ellen Levin said Chambers has never shown any remorse in her daughter's death, nor admitted any culpability. She remains bitter that Chambers was able to plead guilty to manslaughter after jurors had deliberated for nine days and prosecutors feared a deadlock.

"I don't think you can teach a person in any prison situation or anywhere how to have a conscience, and Robert Chambers does not have a conscience. And that makes him dangerous," Ellen Levin said Thursday on NBC's Today Show.

The Levin slaying was splashed across New York City's tabloids in the summer of 1986 as a story of privileged youth gone bad. The suspect, a college dropout with a taste for cocaine, was Hollywood handsome. The victim was pretty, a private school student from a well-to-do family. And the defense — consensual sex gone amok — was startling.

The two met in a trendy Upper East Side bar. Levin's battered, partially nude body was found under a tree behind the Metropolitan Museum of Art, where the pair went after leaving the bar.

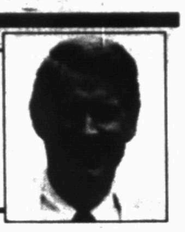
Chambers said he accidentally asphyxiated Levin after she hurt his genitals.

Prosecutors charged Chambers was drunk and high on drugs and flew into a violent rage and killed Levin when he was not able to perform sexually.

Because he served the required maximum sentence, Chambers will not come under any parole supervision after his release today.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Post-HRT symptoms of menopause

DEAR DR. GOTT: After taking hormone replacement therapy for many years, I discontinued it because of medical reports associating it with various cancers. Now I have itchy feelings, hot flashes and insomnia. I don't feel well. Should I go back on low-dose Prempro or simply put up with the symptoms?

DEAR READER: When a postmenopausal women is weaned off hormone replacement therapy (HRT), she may experience temporary symptoms of menopause, including hot flashes, emotional lability, sexual problems, depression, insomnia and others. In most instances, these symptoms regress or disappear with time.

Because HRT has, as you know, been associated with an increased risk of uterine and breast cancers, many women have opted to discontinue this treatment. More important, many gynecologists have revised their recommendations and have advised against HRT.

If your symptoms are not incapacitating, I would sit tight and allow Nature to take its course; eventually, these symptoms will disappear.

However, if your delayed menopausal problems are a major concern, you should check with your gynecologist. The specialist may well prescribe plant estrogen therapy. Such herbal remedies are safe and will often relieve these symptoms. Or perhaps, your gynecologist may recommend a modified HRT program. In either case, the specialist is your best resource.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Menopause." 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 am 87 and facing a hip replacement, which I would do anything to avoid. I'm in a lot of pain, especially if I walk, and require a cane. I take Celebrex, Tylenol and Glucosamine/chondroitin. Do you have any better suggestions?

DEAR READER: I'm afraid not.

If you are facing hip surgery, you are obviously under the care of an orthopedic surgeon and have probably exhausted the resources of medication, physical therapy and steroid injections. Therefore, you really have only two options: hip replacement or continuing non-surgical treatment.

Can you continue to ambulate with a cane and medication? If so, put off the surgery. On the other hand, if you are severely immobilized, surgery may be your best choice. This is a quality-of-life decision. While no one welcomes unnecessary surgery, a hip operation could well turn your life around. Work with your orthopedic specialist to discover your best course of action.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband an I are following your "no flour, no sugar" diet. We have been spectacularly successful. He has lost 30 pounds in six months, I have lost 40 pounds. And we're not hungry. My question: is oatmeal allowed? Corn meal? Cream of Wheat? What about Melt-o-Meal and grits?

DEAR READER: I really want to keep this simple. You have to read labels. If the product contains flour or sugar, avoid it. If neither of these words appears on the label, you may consume the food in moderation.

I've just checked my pantry. My corn muffin mix (unlike corn meal) contains flour, so it's out. My Cream of Wheat does not list flour, so it's in.

With respect to the other products, be governed by the labels. When it comes to dieting, simple is best. Keep up the good work.

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SAFETY RECOGNITION — Ira ISD Superintendent Larry Devitt received a safety award recently on behalf of the school district. From left are Billy Hibbs Sr., CAS chairman of the board; Devitt; and Barry Jones, CAS CEO/President. (Contributed Photo)

Ira ISD recognized for safety efforts

Ira ISD, represented by Superintendent Larry Devitt was recognized by the West Texas Educational Insurance Association for success in implementing safety programs designed to prevent employee injuries in the workplace.

Awards were presented at the annual Appreciation Luncheon in Austin.

Designed and administered by Claims Administrative Services, Inc. (CAS), the program specializes in safety procedures designed to prevent and reduce workplace injuries.

The workers compensation program has assisted Texas Schools in avoiding over 11,523 employee injuries since 1991. Plus, districts have saved over $135 million through lower costs to schools.

Ira ISD, one of more than 423 participating-schools, received the Diamond Award for savings to the district of $12,973 with a loss ratio of eight percent of the funds reserved for possible claims expenses during the 2001/2002 year.

Date Book

Friday, Feb. 14, 2003

Today is the 45th day of 2003 and the 55th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1859, Oregon became the 33rd state of the Union.

On this day in 1920, the leaders of the National American Woman Suffrage Association approved the creation of the League of Women Voters.

On this day in 1989, Salman Rushdie was handed a death sentence, or fatwa, from the Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini, who had taken offense to his novel "The Satanic Verses." Soon after, a $2.5 million reward was offered for the execution of Rushdie. The death sentence was rescinded by the Iranian government in 1998.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Jack Benny (1894-1974), comedian; Hugh Downs (1921-), broadcaster, is 82; Michael Bloomberg (1942-), mayor of New York, is 61; Gregory Hines (1946-), dancer and actor, is 57.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1951, Sugar Ray Robinson won the world middleweight title in what became known as the "St. Valentine's Day Massacre."

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I don't deserve this award, but I have arthritis and I don't deserve that either." — Jack Benny

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

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Saturday, Feb. 15, 2003

A number of important changes could take place in your lifestyle in the year ahead. A few will be of your own volition, but others could be in response to circumstances. All will work out well, however.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Do not disregard the ideas or suggestions of others today until you've thoroughly mulled them over in your mind. There's a good chance that someone else's thoughts could be better than yours.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Steer clear of a person today who has reason to be jealous of your recent achievements concerning your work or career. This individual is looking for ways to upstage you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — If you truly intend to accomplish what you set out to do today, being timid cannot play a role in your actions. You must be bold and determined without being reckless.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Restrict confidential family issues to the confines of your home today. Any loose talk when played back could be considerably distorted and exaggerated in the transmission.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You'll end up hurting others more by reneging on a pledge than you would if you didn't make it in the first place. Back up your promises or commitments with sincerity today.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — The possibilities for attaining personal gains today are encouraging, but only if you don't get careless. When negotiating a business matter, keep your focus on the issues at all times.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — There's a thin line between being supportive of your loved ones and being possessive of them. If you overstep it, the very ones you attempt to help could rebuke you today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Disappointment is in the offing today if you expect things to simply fall into your lap without your expending the proper effort. Only work and tenacity will yield rewards.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — It's very kind of you to attempt to spare someone's feelings, but should you try to camouflage your statements today in order to cover up something, the person could be hurt worse.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Even though you are in a good achievement cycle, you could usurp your progress today by being overly influenced by self-doubts. Disregard them and have faith in your talents and abilities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Be careful today not to place more credence in the ideas of others than you do your own. Your present plans are feasible and can produce the types of results you desire.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Only if you stand up for your rights today instead of depending on the whims of someone else will your chances for receiving that to which you're entitled be good.

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New movie planned

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Robert Redford and Jennifer Lopez are hooking up.

Redford and Lopez plan to star in "An Unfinished Life," a family drama that begins shooting in April outside Vancouver, British Columbia. Lasse Hallstrom ("Chocolat," "The Cider House Rules") will direct.

Lopez plays a down-on-her-luck single mother forced to move in with her estranged father-in-law (Redford), with whom she gradually reconciles.

Redford recently shot "The Clearing," a kidnapping thriller due out this year, with Helen Mirren and Willem Dafoe co-starring.

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MOVIES

KANGAROO JACK

PG **Starring: Jerry O'Connell, Anthony Anderson, Christopher Walken, Estella Warren, Dyan Cannon** Two friends from Brooklyn are forced to deliver mob money to Australia. Their misadventures begin when one of them places his red jacket on a kangaroo while attempting to snap a picture. When the kangaroo bounces off, they realize the mob money is in the jacket and are forced to give chase through the Outback.

DAREDEVIL PG13

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

High school cancels Sharpton visit; he'll speak at church

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — The Rev. Al Sharpton's appearance at a Corpus Christi high school for Black History month has been canceled as a safety precaution after the school received threats.

Sharpton moved his appearance Friday to The Church of God Pentecostal church, at 2:30.

Aides to Sharpton said the civil rights activist would not be deterred by threats of bombs and other violence that reportedly were telephoned this week to the school and radio stations.

Akbar Muhammad, a local liaison to Sharpton, said someone representing himself as a member of the Ku Klux Klan sent threats to a radio station while he was on the air at a local radio station discussing black history.

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In Next Week's American Profile...

From the classroom to Congress

If you think one voice can't be heard in Washington, don't tell Shelby Roberson. This 10-year-old is a leading campaigner for diabetes funding.



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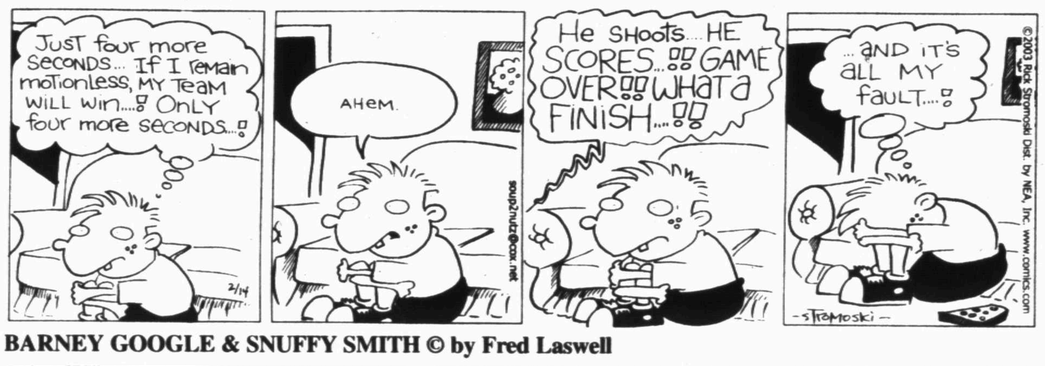
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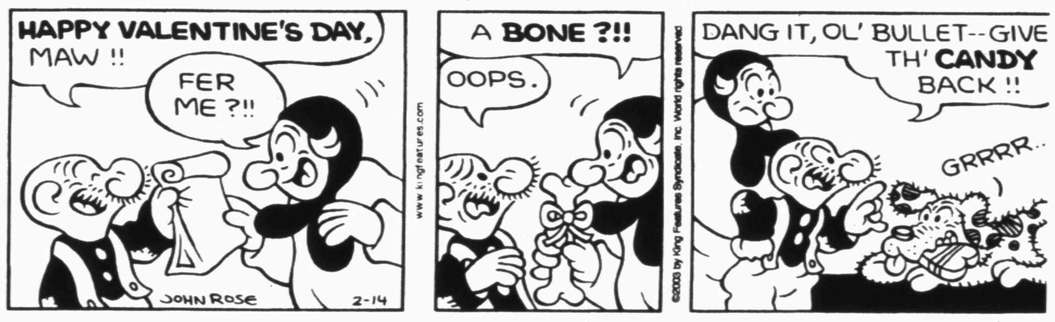
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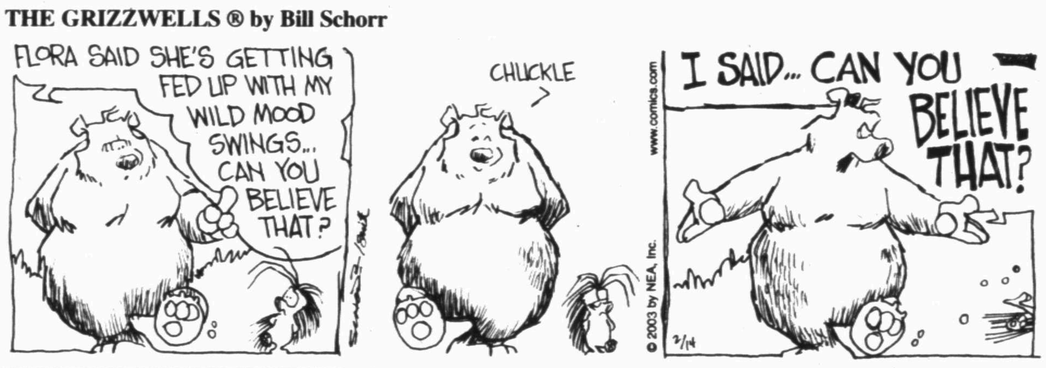
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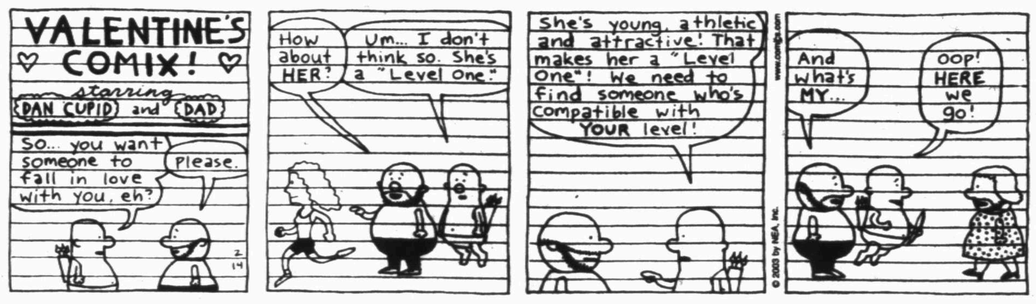
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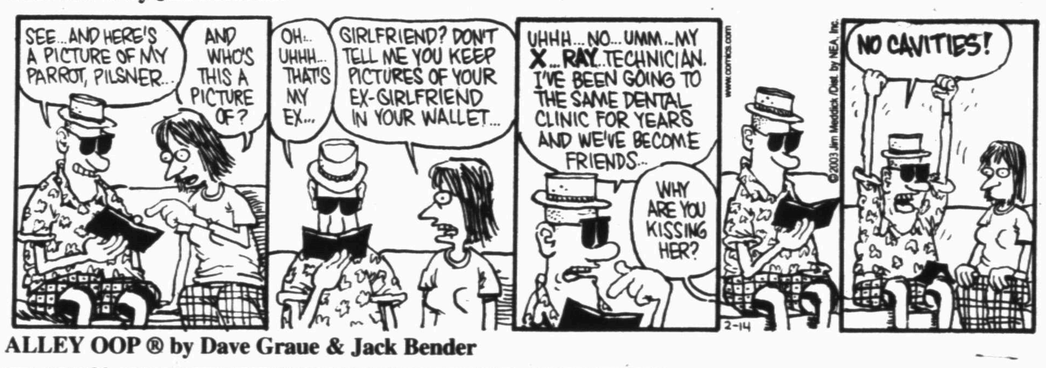
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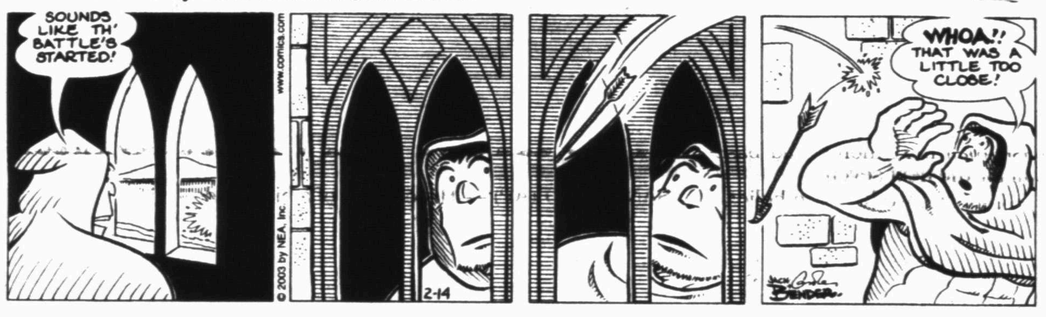
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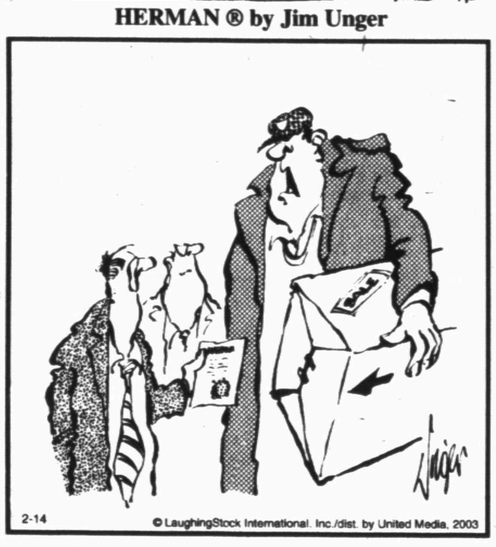
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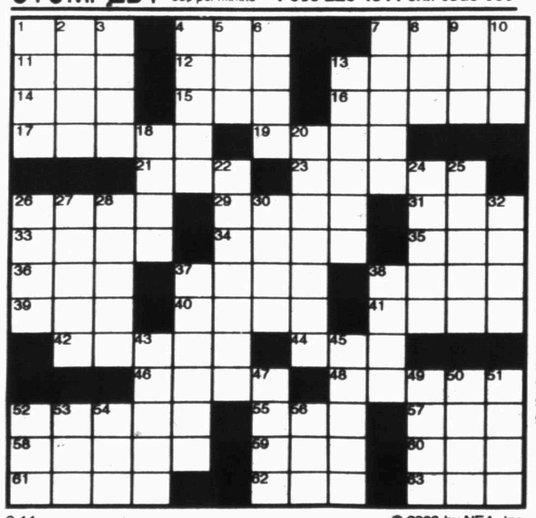
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KIT 'N' CARLYLE ® by Larry Wright



SPORTS

Experience, depth drive Lady Coyotes

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

When first-year Lady Coyote head coach Kevin James came back to coaching after a three-year break, he knew with the experience of the Borden County girls that success could be immediate.

"I've been following Borden County's athletic programs for awhile now," James said. "It's been a quick adjustment. I knew about the girls, and it was a pretty good transition."

And after a season in which the experienced Lady Coyotes rolled through District 7, that success has translated into a playoff run that reaches its second stage tonight.

James, who spent the last three years as an administrator, coached the varsity boys at O'Donnell the previous six years, and got the itch to come back to coaching.

He inherited a seasoned squad that suits up 16 players, and that ability to rotate players has been one of the most obvious reasons for the success of the squad.

"The key to the season has been the overall depth," James said. "We have six seniors and three juniors and all nine have contributed in some fashion in every game this season."

Standout senior post player Bobbie Kempf is joined in the front court by twin sister Dalene, and forwards Carolina Arellanos and Micah Hensley. Guard Kyla Culp is the senior anchor of the backcourt.

Junior guards Shayla Gass and Menda James and junior forward Jami Gass form a potent, returning nucleus for next season.

Following a 49-31 victory over Aspermont in the bi-district round, the Lady Coyotes are poised to make a run at the state tournament if they can conquer mighty Whitharral tonight at at 6:30 at Cooper High School in Woodrow.

"They are a very good team," James said. "They have a good inside game and a great shooting game. We expect a tough challenge."

He said he was surprised at the 54-point margin of victory Whitharral earned over New Home Tuesday, but is not surprised that Whitharral has turned it on at this juncture of the season.

James also expects a tight, hard-fought game between the two battle-tested teams.

"They are a team that is always at the top of its district," he said. "Those kids know what's expected of them."

Although Borden County dropped just one game in district — an overtime loss at home to third-place Ira — he said the competitive balance in District 7 is helping his team during the postseason.

"If you dominate your district, you can sometimes have a letdown in the postseason," he said. "Our district got us ready for the postseason. It's a very competitive district. On any given night, all teams matched up well, and every night was a good challenge."

He said the girls turned the loss to Ira into a positive experience.

"I thought it was the best thing that could have happened," he said. "It made the girls work that much harder and made them hungrier and that's what it takes to get to that next level.

The playoffs are do or die. The loser won't be playing in the next round."

Sideline Views
by Bobby Allen



Valentine's Day is perfectly timed to take advantage of the sports fan's guilt.

It follows football season and precedes spring training and the NCAA basketball tournament.

Those chocolates and flowers are a way for us to say: "I'm sorry for all the time I spent glued in front of the television watching football this winter, and I'm sorry for all the time I'll spend watching basketball next month and baseball for the next seven."

Of course, we hate the holiday. It was contrived by a greeting card marketing executive, in a vast conspiracy involving candy manufacturers and greenhouse owners as a way to extricate our cash from our wallets.

We say "I love you" in so many ways throughout the week, that it is absurd to set aside one day where we have to get all mushy.

For example, just this week we put our dirty clothes in the hamper. Nothing says *amore* like pitching in with the housework.

We've volunteered to run the bath water for the kiddos, and put our plate in the sink so our wife wouldn't have to clear the table *and* do the dishes. We even put our shoes on and took out the trash when it was windy outside.

We also had the oil changed in the wife's car, and built two incredible, roaring fires during the chilly week before.

With all this effort, it seems redundant to have to buy a card, perfume and flowers to express how we feel, when our actions make it so apparent.

Of course, we did it anyway, if only because it wouldn't be wise to scoff at tradition.

And we don't like sleeping with the dogs.

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Woods showing rust at Buick Invitational

SAN DIEGO (AP) — His opening tee shot was still climbing into the foggy sky when Tiger Woods sighed and held out his right arm to warn the gallery where it was headed.

He cursed under his breath.

He waved his hand like a fish when a putt slithered away from the cup.

He angrily tossed his wedge at the bag when he muffed a chip.

Out of competition for two months because of knee surgery, Woods showed a little rust and a lot of frustration Thursday in the Buick Invitational.

"Just a nasty day," he said.

The golf wasn't all bad. Woods managed two birdies — on the only two holes where he hit the fairway — and was 1 under through nine holes when the first round at Torrey Pines was suspended by rain.

There was no leader in the clubhouse because none of the 156 players finished the opening round. Arron Oberholser, who last competed against Woods in college, was leading at 6 under with two holes to play.

The round was scheduled to resume at 7:30 a.m. Friday.

The return of Woods was highly anticipated, but some of the excitement was missing because of a bizarre delay.

Fog was so thick on a couple of holes along the Pacific Ocean that players couldn't see where they were aiming, so the entire round was suspended for four hours.

Woods finally made his grand entrance, and even that was unusual.

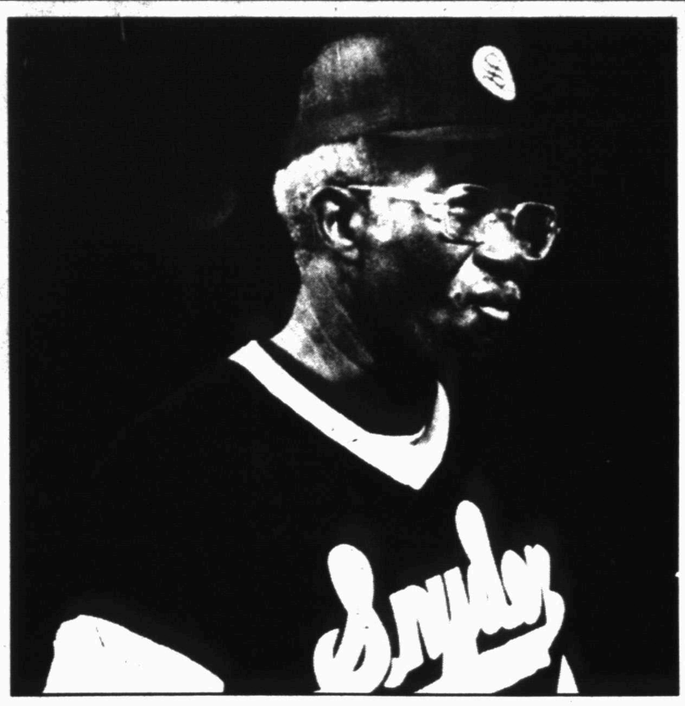
His entourage of security and cameras marched along a path toward the first tee on the North Course, although Woods was not among them. He slipped into the gallery, virtually unnoticed until someone bumped into him.

"I needed some space," he joked.

Even in the misty conditions, fans saw what they wanted — the world's No. 1 player back at work. The gallery crammed around the first tee and stood elbow-to-elbow on a clubhouse balcony to get a glimpse of Woods, who had surgery Dec. 12 on his left knee.

It took awhile to see the kind of play they were expecting.

Doctors told him the best thing he could do for his knee was to avoid the trees and sidehill lies, but Woods got a little of both on the first hole. He wound up missing the green to the right with a 3-wood, flubbing a chip from deep rough and settling for par.



Practice field will honor Albert Lewis

The SHS baseball practice facility will be getting a new name to complement its new look.

The practice field to the south of the school will be renamed "Lewis Field" in honor of Hall of Fame coach Albert Lewis.

Lewis won 324 games as the pilot of the Tigers, and led them to their only state championship in 1983. He was inducted into the Texas Hall of Honor in January.

The new additions to the field will include coverings over the bleachers and new batting cages. Plans are also being discussed for a possible parking lot at the location of the old tennis courts.

Earnhardt Jr. wants sweep

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Two races down, and two to go for Junior.

Dale Earnhardt Jr., who came into Speed Weeks as the favorite for Sunday's Daytona 500, raced to an overpowering victory Thursday in a 125-mile qualifier.

That followed an impressive win Saturday night in the non-points Bud Shootout.

Now, all that's left are Saturday's Koolerz 300 Busch Series race and, of course, the Daytona 500, NASCAR's biggest event.

"I want to win the Busch race and the Cup race," Earnhardt said. "I want to compete in anything I'm competing in. I'm a terrible loser. I was disappointed not to win the pole, especially losing to Jeff Green, who wasn't somebody you expected to win."

Green nipped Earnhardt for the top qualifying position in the 500 with a lap that was 0.058-second faster. That relegated Earnhardt to the outside of Sunday's front row.

Robby Gordon won the opener of the twin 125-mile qualifiers Thursday, holding off Green, his Richard Childress Racing teammate who is Sunday's pole-winner.

After watching Junior hold off his Dale Earnhardt Inc. teammate Michael Waltrip in the nightcap, Gordon was not intimidated.

"I heard Junior say that he hopes he can sweep this deal," the former CART Champ Car star said. "My goal is that he doesn't sweep the deal.

"He and Michael have been real strong in restrictor plate races. RCR has a great history at restrictor plate races, as well, and I'm going to do everything I can to give Richard his second Daytona 500 victory."

The only win for Childress so far in the 500 came in 1998, when Dale Earnhardt, who won six of his seven championships with RCR, took the checkered flag in his 17th try.

The elder Earnhardt, killed in a crash during the 2001 Daytona 500, was considered the best driver at Daytona International Speedway and Talladega Superspeedway, NASCAR's biggest and fastest tracks and the only tracks at which the sanctioning body requires carburetor restrictor plates to slow the cars by sapping horsepower.

Lions questioned on coaching hire

DETROIT (AP) — The NFL has asked Detroit Lions president Matt Millen to explain the hiring of new head coach Steve Mariucci and whether the team adequately considered minority candidates.

The Lions hired the former San Francisco 49ers coach on Feb. 4 to replace Marty Mornhinweg, who was fired Jan. 27.

The league is investigating whether Detroit complied with its guidelines on interviewing minority group members for the opening, The Detroit News reported Friday.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue and other NFL officials will meet with Millen next month in New York.

Millen confirmed the meeting but declined further comment.

Gene Upshaw, executive director of the NFL Players Association, the Rev. Jesse Jackson and attorneys Cyrus Mehri and Johnnie Cochran criticized the club for failing to follow NFL policy of seriously interviewing at least one minority candidate.

The NFL's committee on workplace diversity drafted the policy on Dec. 20.

Sports Briefs

Groundhog Open

The Scurry County golf course will host the Groundhog Open Feb. 22-23. 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

The Western Texas College Student Government Association will host an Outsiders Basketball Tournament Feb. 28 and March 1 at the WTC Gym. The entry fee is $100 per team, and there is a limit of 10 players per team. The deadline to sign up is Feb. 26. For more information or to sign up, call Kendra at 573-8511 ext. 674 or Casey at 573-8511 ext. 509.

Els pulling away at Johnnie Walker

PERTH, Australia (AP) — Ernie Els increased his lead to four strokes in the Johnnie Walker Classic, following his opening 8-under-par 64 with a 65 for a 15-under 129 total on the Lake Karrinyup course.

Phillips makes history

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Teresa Phillips made history by coaching Tennessee State in a game at Austin Peay. Phillips, the school's athletic director, temporarily assumed the job after interim coach Hosea Lewis was suspended.

Phillips became the first woman to coach a men's Division I basketball team.

Cone signs minor league deal with Mets

NEW YORK (AP) — David Cone will attempt a comeback with the New York Mets, signing a minor league contract.

The right-hander last pitched in 2001 for Boston.

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New Jersey	34	17	.667	—
Boston	29	22	.569	5
Philadelphia	26	24	.520	7½
Washington	25	26	.490	9
Orlando	25	27	.481	9½
New York	21	28	.429	12
Miami	17	33	.340	16½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	36	15	.706	—
Detroit	34	15	.694	1
Milwaukee	26	23	.531	9
New Orleans	27	25	.519	9½
Atlanta	19	32	.373	17
Chicago	17	34	.333	19
Toronto	15	34	.306	20
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Memphis	14	35	.286	23½
Denver	12	39	.235	26½

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	W	L	Pct	GB
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Portland	32	18	.640	2
Phoenix	29	22	.569	5½
L.A. Lakers	26	23	.531	7½
Golden State	23	27	.460	11
Seattle	21	28	.429	12½
L.A. Clippers	18	33	.353	16½

Thursday's Games

Detroit 98, Orlando 88
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Friday's Games

Golden State at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Chicago at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Miami at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
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In the second tilt, District 8-2A runner-up Anson (20-8) will square off against 5-2A winner Lockney (21-10).

Tickets are $4 for adults and $3 for students. Doors open at 5 p.m.

Area Sports Calendar

TODAY

Baseball:	WTC at New Mexico JC, Hobbs, DH, noon.
Softball:	Snyder varsity at Mineral Wells tourney.
	WTC at Temple College tourney.
Golf:	Snyder varsity and JV girls in Snyder tournament.
	Snyder JV boys at Abilene.
Tennis:	Snyder varsity at Big Spring tourney.

SATURDAY

Baseball:	Snyder varsity at Midland Lee, scrimmage, 1 p.m.
	WTC at New Mexico JC, Hobbs, DH, noon.
Softball:	Snyder varsity at Mineral Wells tourney.
	WTC at Temple College tourney.
Tennis:	Snyder at Levelland quad meet, 9 a.m.
Golf:	Snyder varsity and JV girls in Snyder tourney.
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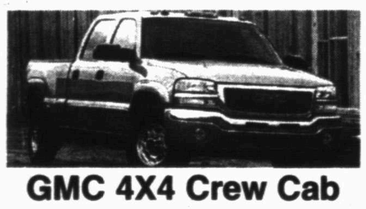
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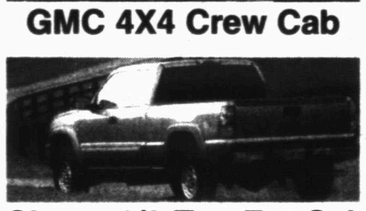
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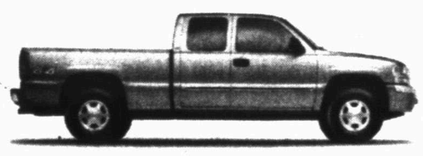
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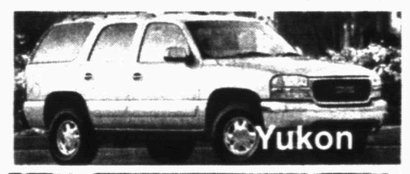
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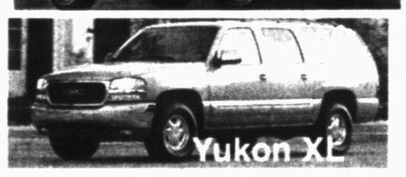
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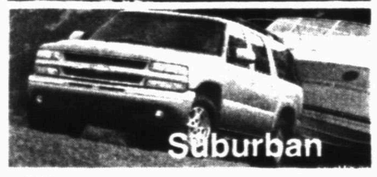
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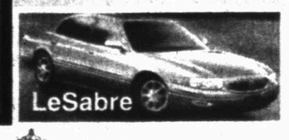

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Arafat agrees to appoint prime minister

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat said today he would appoint a prime minister to help run day-to-day affairs, meeting a key reform the United States and the European Union have demanded for months.

Arafat, speaking to reporters at his battered compound in Ramallah, did not say who the prime minister would be, when the appointment would begin or how much power the position would have.

The move could help improve the climate for reviving Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations that collapsed more than two years ago. The two sides have had increased contacts in recent days but have not achieved any breakthroughs.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has said full-fledged negotiations won't resume until the violence stops, and he doesn't believe a peace deal is possible until Arafat is replaced.

Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert said that in Israeli eyes, the rationale for creating such a position "is that Arafat will be removed and the prime minister will take over, so I think that it is too early to determine the significance of Arafat's statement."

Arafat, the main Palestinian leader for more than three decades, has given no indication that he will relinquish power and accept a more symbolic role. Palestinian Cabinet minister Saeb Erekat said the new prime minister would report to Arafat.

The Palestinian leader made his announcement after meeting EU, U.N. and Russian diplomats at his headquarters.

"I have decided to appoint a prime minister," Arafat said. "I will call for an immediate meeting of the Palestinian Legislative Council and the (PLO's) Central Council to discuss this decision and to take the needed measures."

Columbia's skin breached during its fiery descent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Superheated air almost certainly seeped through a breach in space shuttle Columbia's left wing and possibly its wheel compartment during the craft's fiery descent from orbit, an investigative board has found.

Investigators also disclosed Thursday that Columbia had begun to have trouble, including spikes in temperature readings in its left wing, while it was well off the California coast, much farther west than initially thought.

Sensors had noticed an unusual heat buildup of about 30 degrees inside Columbia's left wheel well minutes before the spacecraft disintegrated over Texas on Feb. 1. But the accident investigating board said Thursday that heat damage from a missing tile would not be sufficient to cause the unusual temperature increases.

Instead, the board, making its first significant conclusion in the case, determined that the temperature spikes were caused by the presence inside Columbia of plasma, or superheated air caused by the craft's re-entry into the Earth's atmosphere, with temperatures of roughly 2,000 degrees.

It said investigators were studying where a breach might have occurred to allow plasma to seep inside the wheel compartment or elsewhere in Columbia's left wing.

"We won't speculate about what it means or how important it is," said retired Adm. Harold Gehman, who heads the investigating board. "We will keep the process open. We won't get into a guessing game at this time."

The board did not specify whether such a breach could be the result of a structural tear in Columbia's aluminum frame or a hole from debris striking the spacecraft. The board also did not indicate when the breach occurred during the shuttle's 16-day mission.

The board visited the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala., today to spend two days learning about work performed on the shuttle there.

Investigators previously have focused on an unusually large chunk of foam insulation that broke off Columbia's external fuel tank on liftoff on Jan. 16. Video footage showed it struck the shuttle's left wing, including its toughened leading edge and the thermal tiles covering the landing gear door.

Gehman also said in Huntsville that rigid foam insulation that fell off the external tank on liftoff was still a possible factor.

The announcement focused renewed attention on possible catastrophic failures inside the wheel compartment that may have contributed to the Feb. 1 breakup that killed seven astronauts.

Rural schools also concerned about Robin Hood proposal

AUSTIN (AP) — Urban Democrats concerned about a GOP-backed plan to eliminate the state's school finance system without a replacement have found some unlikely allies: Republicans who represent rural Texas.

The existing share-the-wealth system is based heavily on local property taxes. It attempts to give all students an equal education by giving schools in property-poor areas money from wealthier districts.

Many wealthier districts, however, have reached the legal tax limit, making it hard for them to raise more money for their schools even as they give $1.5 billion to the state.

Many lawmakers, mostly Republicans, made campaign promises to eliminate the system, and the state's top three leaders — Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick — have made the issue a priority.

But lawmakers from big cities and the border area fear a new system could mean less equity for poor districts that now depend on the system known as Robin Hood.

Eliminating the finance system without an alternative "throws school boards into chaos," said Rep. Scott Hochberg, D-Houston.

Texas' 700 rural schools are not all property-poor, but they also get equalizing funding under the current system because they are so small, and in some cases, remote.

They fear that advantage may be eliminated, which would force the districts to consolidate, an unpopular idea in rural areas.

"We would lose all that we've gained and have to start all over and we're worried about what could happen in an urban Legislature," said Don Rogers of the Texas Association of Rural Schools.

Woman reports daughter assaulted at high school

Assault

A woman reported at 6:45 p.m. Thursday that a juvenile girl assaulted her daughter earlier in the day while at the high school. Officers contacted the girl and advised an offense report for Class C assault was filed.

Disturbances

A woman in the 4400 block of Ave. U reported at 5:03 p.m. Thursday that a man was refusing to leave her friend's apartment and was threatening to start a fire. Officers advised only a verbal disagreement had occurred and also that the man had left the residence.

At 5:08 p.m. Thursday, officers were dispatched to the 4500 block of Galveston after a woman reported problems with her daughter-in-law. Three officers responded and advised a verbal dispute had taken place, but all was in order and a close patrol was requested.

A woman requested an officer in the 400 block of 30th Street at 8:15 p.m. Thursday because her estranged husband was causing problems and refused to leave her house.

The man was gone when officers arrived, but the woman requested he be served with a criminal trespass warning. A close patrol also was initiated.

Close patrol

A close patrol was requested at Southern Electric after someone had shot at the firm's windows with a BB gun.

Gas drive off

A clerk at Allsup's in Hermleigh reported a gas drive off worth $5 at 8:50 p.m. Thursday, but had no other information.

Obituaries

Anna Bell Drum

1908-2003

Anna Bell Drum, a resident of Scurry County since 1916, died this morning in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following 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 1988 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; seven great-grandchildren, Cole Drum, David Drum, Josh Peri, Tia Drum, Karomy Purkey, Kelby Drum and Kyle Kuss; four great-great-grandchildren, Katie, Gracie, Christina and Adrianna Drum; and three great-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.

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JoAnne Ritchie

1944-2003

JoAnne Eades Ritchie, 58, of Snyder died Wednesday, Feb. 12, in the Dialysis Center in Lubbock after a sudden illness.



JoAnne Ritchie

Funeral service for Mrs. Ritchie is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church Chapel with the Rev. Mike Henson, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 5, 1944 in Snyder, she married J. Harland Ritchie on May 12, 1972 in Snyder. He died July 7, 1996.

Mrs. Ritchie was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her mother, Ruth Eades of Snyder; a daughter, Jane Kirby of Dallas; a son, Michael Robert Kirby Jr. and his wife Becky of Commerce; five grandchildren, Mike and Kyle Kirby and Zina, Alfinsa and Eliana Brewer, all of Commerce.

Family visitation will be from 6:30 to 7:30 this evening at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Ferrell Coston

1917-2003

HASKELL – R. Ferrell Coston, a native of Scurry County, died Wednesday, Feb. 12.

Graveside service for Mr. Coston, 85, was set for 1:30 p.m. today in the Willow Cemetery. A memorial service was to follow in the First United Methodist Church under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Born June 17, 1917 in Hermleigh, he was a graduate of Sul Ross University. He married Jane Meadows in 1941 and had been a resident of Haskell for 50 years.

Mr. Coston retired from Shell Pipeline in 1972 and he then sold life insurance for American Amicable. He was a charter member of the Haskell Rotary Club and active in the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Jane Coston of Haskell; two sons, Tom Coston of Fort Worth and Wendell Coston of Amarillo; two sisters, Louise Cormally of Abilene and Verda Johnson of Maryland; three granddaughters; one step granddaughter; and six great-grandchildren.

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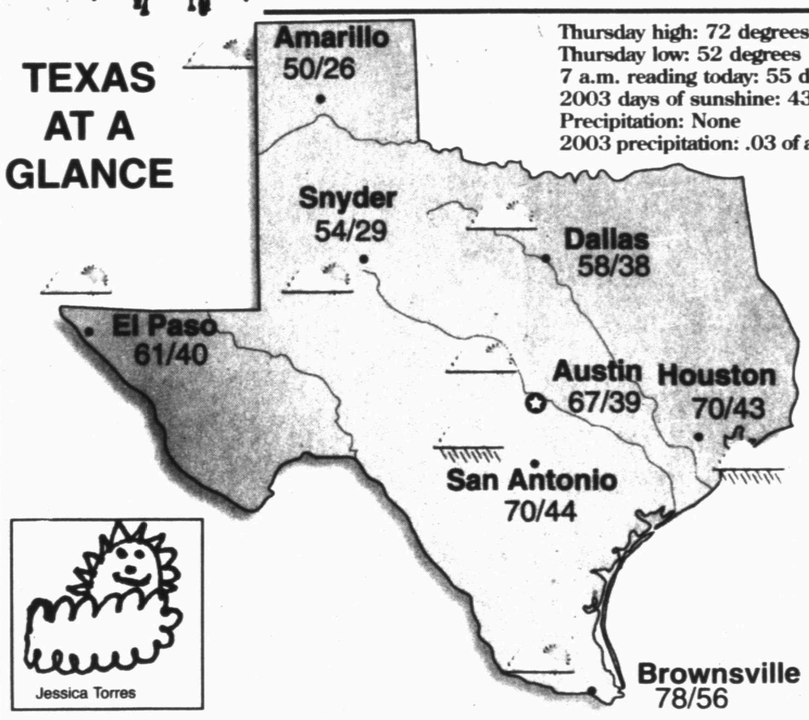
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Brownwood	61	34	pt sunny	Kingsville	76	47	rain	Sulphur Springs	56	33	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	73	48	rain	Livingston	69	38	rain	Sweetwater	56	31	pt sunny
Corsicana	58	37	pt sunny	Longview	64	37	rain	Tyler	63	39	pt sunny
Dallas	58	38	pt sunny	Lubbock	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

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

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Happy Valentine's Day!

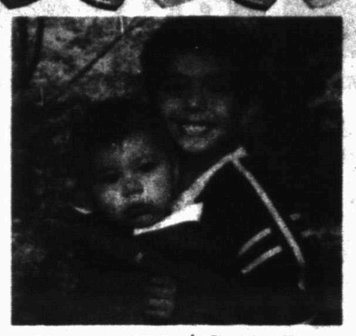
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Joe & Wanda Faits
&
Happy Valentine's Day
From Your Daughters and Their Families



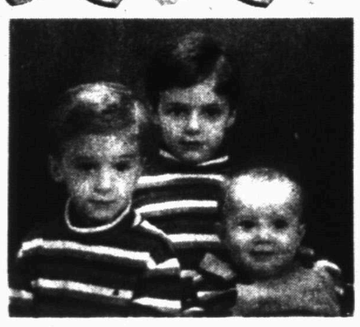
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from Pa & Oma



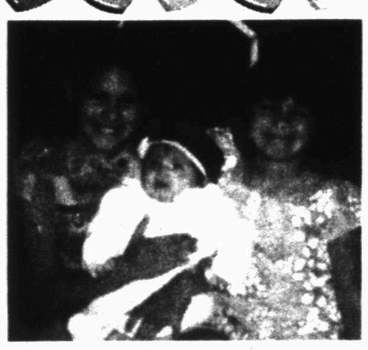
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Love, Jo & Marlin Terrell



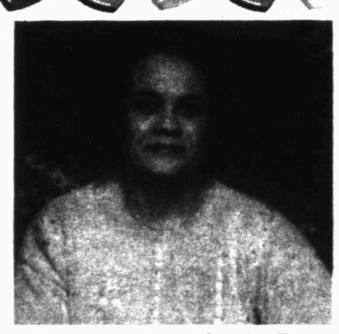
Happy Valentine's Day
from
Julian & Aaron Rodriguez
Jennifer Morin & Jason Rodriguez



Happy Valentine's Day
from
Jaden, Jordan & Jentry Hood



Happy Valentine's to Grandma Mary, Grampy & Granny
Love, The Villarreal Girls



Happy Valentine's Day to My Wife & Soul Mate Tina Cearley
from
Her Husband Russell Cearley



Happy Valentine's Day
Emily Nikole Bredemeyer
Love,
Mommie & Daddy
Grandma & Grandpa & Bridget



Happy Valentine's Day
to
Meme & Pawpaw and Granny & Grandad
Love Callie Ann



To My Little Angels Of My Heart & Pride & Joy
Love you always,
Your Daddy Isreal Tavarez, Jr.



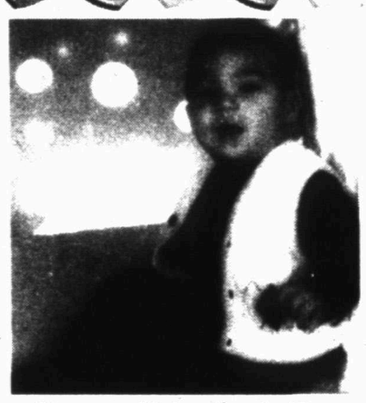
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Aubrey Abigail Gonzales Alvarado
From Dad, Grandma & Grandpa



Happy Valentine's Day
Emma Leigh Hilburn Herrera
From Dad, Grandma & Grandpa



Happy 1st Valentine's
Blake
Love
Grandma, Grandpa &
Auntie Sabrina



Happy Valentine's Day
Anthony Coy
Love Mom & Dad



Happy Valentine's
Mom & Dad, Grandma, Grandad & Aunt Sharday
Love Brion



Happy Valentine's Day
Granny, Pawpaw & Grandmother
Love Courtney, Whitney,
Lindsey & Haley



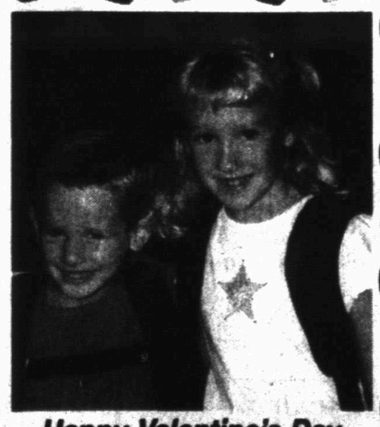
Lacey Menix
Roses are Red
Violets are Blue, and
God Blessed us with you.
Love, Mom & Dad



Huggs and Kisses
Nanny and Papa!
From your Abilene Sweethearts
Megan and Bethany McClure



Happy Valentine's Day
Blake
Love,
Momma & Daddy



Happy Valentine's Day
Kaitlyn and Dylan
Love, Mama and Papa

Happy Valentine's Day Chase, Jacob, Brad, Clint & Heather
Love, Granny & PaPa