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SURFING SECURITY —Internet scams have hit some e-mails in Snyder recently. Local law enforcement officials warn Internet users to be cautious. Robert Medrano is one of hundreds of Internet users at the Scurry County Library. (SDN Staff Photo by Annie Rowe)

Police warning of e-mail scam

By Annie Rowe
SDN Staff Writer

The World Wide Web has proved to be an invaluable source of information for users.

Unfortunately, it also has become a tool by which criminals can gain access to sensitive and personal information.

A recent Internet scam has been traveling among computers throughout the world and has landed in some e-mails in Snyder.

A few residents have notified Snyder Police Sgt. Keith Ward of the recent scam known as "Phishing."

"If people check their e-mail, the subject can fool you. It really looks official."

According to the Federal Trade Commission, the e-mails will display an assortment of topics to get the receivers attention. At least one of the e-mails received in Snyder said that the FDIC or the Office of Homeland Security was the sender.

"The e-mail tells the recipient that they need to supply updated information like an account number or a social security number or their account is going to be shut down," said Ward.

The e-mail will instruct the reader to go to an "official" website that will ask for more detailed information. In reality the website is false and is actually a means for gathering personal identification and account numbers.

"The fact is that if the FDIC or the Office of Homeland Security needs information from you, they will usually send it through the mail or even come knocking at your door," he said.

Ward added that it's always a good idea not to supply personal information through the Internet or to someone calling on the phone.

"It's best to stay on the safe side and not give out information by phone or through an e-mail. Doing this can save you a lot of loss," said Ward.

The Scurry County Library offers Internet usage to library cardholders or to those who register for temporary use. Elizabeth Gray, library clerk, says that the library always warns users not to give out personal information through a website or an e-mail.

"We've had users who have received suspicious e-mails on the terminals here. Some have asked us what to do and we always warn them not to give any information such as social security numbers or credit card numbers. It could be very devastating," she said.

Students at Western Texas College utilize the Internet for research in the library. Donna Billingsley, library technician, says that while it is important not to invade the user's privacy, the staff does try to keep abreast of information and make it available.

"We will tell students to be very cautious when using the Internet. It's a privacy issue so we can't tell anyone not to give out information, but it's not a good idea to do that," she said.

The Federal Trade Commission advises people report suspicious activity by sending the actual email to uce @ ftc.gov or call 1-877-FTC-HELP.

Kerry rolls over rivals in New Hampshire vote

By The Associated Press

The opening acts behind them, Democrats transformed their presidential campaign into a national battle today with John Kerry, fresh from his New Hampshire win, ready to open an advertising blitz in all seven states that vote next and his rivals scrambling to stay competitive.

North Carolina Sen. John Edwards, campaigning in his native South Carolina in a crucial test of his candidacy, voiced confidence he can improve on his fourth-place New Hampshire primary showing. "Now we're going to places where I feel I will be very strong," he said today.

The final New Hampshire precincts reported today, affirming Kerry as the winner with 84,229 votes — 38 percent. Howard Dean placed second with 57,788 votes or 26 percent and the lingering race for distant third ended in Wesley Clark's favor in a squeaker. He finished with 27,254 votes or 12 percent, only 839 votes more than Edwards, also at 12 percent.

Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman trailed with 18,829 votes, or 9 percent. Rep. Dennis Kucinich got 3,104 votes, 1 percent.

Edwards did not repeat his surge to a strong second place in the Iowa caucuses, but pinned his hopes on the state of his birth. "I'm going to win in South Carolina. I'm in this for the long haul," he said.

When asked on NBC's "Today" show whether he'd run as a vice presidential candidate, he ruled it out. "No. No. Final. I don't want to be vice president. I'm running for president."

Kerry's big win Tuesday stopped Dean short in his attempt to rebound from a third-place finish in the Iowa caucuses a week earlier and gave the Massachusetts senator all the promise — and peril — of wearing the mantle of front-runner.

"Now this campaign goes on to places all over this country, and I ask Democrats everywhere to join us so that we can defeat George W. Bush and the economy of privilege," Kerry, relaxed and beaming, told supporters before leaving New Hampshire to open the next stage of his campaign in Missouri, after a stop in Boston.

SHS gets bomb threat

For the second time in less than a week, a Snyder ISD facility was evacuated due to a bomb threat.

Shortly after 11:30 this morning, the high school received a telephone call stating there was a bomb in the building.

Law enforcement personnel were immediately notified and began blocking off the area and searching the school.

Last Thursday, the alternative education program building across from Snyder Junior High was evacuated following a bomb threat.

Law enforcement and school personnel found no bomb in the ensuing search of the facility Thursday. The SHS was underway at press time.

Mid-Atlantic digs out after snowfall

By The Associated Press

Snowfall tapered off before the morning commute today as crews cleared piles of flakes and a crunchy glaze of ice following a storm that closed schools for more than a million youngsters and tied up air travel.

Motorists expecting to confront deep snow in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts mostly found roads slippery but passable.

Up to 10 inches of snow fell in northeastern New Jersey, but only about another inch or so was expected during the day, the National Weather Service said.

"We're in relatively good position," New Jersey Gov. James E. McGreevey said today.

The snow was the latest headache from a series of storms that had spread snow and ice over parts of the eastern half of the nation since the weekend. Ice in Georgia and the Carolinas knocked out electrical service to hundreds of thousands of customers Tuesday, and slippery roads had closed schools, businesses and some government offices from the Plains to the coast.

At least 50 deaths were blamed on snow, ice and cold from Kansas to the East Coast this week.

Today classes were canceled in many school districts in New England and the Middle Atlantic region.

Board to review CEO candidates

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers will meet to discuss hospital administrator applications at 7:30 Thursday morning in the hospital boardroom.

An executive session is planned for the discussion of chief executive officer resumes and the agenda also calls for the board to consider inviting selected candidates to Snyder for interviews.

Several reports will be given to include the medical staff report by Dr. Bid Cooper who will present a proposed amendment to the medical staff bylaws for approval.

Ron Hunt, interim financial officer, will present the monthly financial report as well as the accounts payable for certification.

Hunt also will present a proposal for additional compensation for Cheryl Chance, acting hospital administrator.

Other reports include the nursing and administrative report by Chance as well as information on a grant, and the third quarter quality improvement report from Jo Beth Hardegree.

Outgoing board members Bill Voss and Carl Williams will be recognized.

This morning, the financial committee of the board met and reviewed information to be given to the entire board Thursday.

Meeting this morning were Dr. Charles Church, Terry Williams, interim financial officer Ron Hunt, acting administrator Cheryl Chance and administrative assistant Christy Brown.

Probation for auto theft revoked

A 23-year-old Colorado City man will serve two years in a Texas Department of Criminal Justice state jail following a probation revocation hearing Friday in 132nd District Court.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong revoked the probation of Christopher Lee Mosher, convicted of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle in 2002. He will now serve two years in prison.

The motion to revoke Mosher's probation noted the defendant's evading arrest in Mitchell County, failure to report to probation officers and submit to drug and alcohol tests, failure to maintain residence, failure to pay monthly restitution, and failure to complete 10 hours of community service.

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MY TURN

by Shirley A. Gorman



"Mankind is drawn to the heavens. We choose to explore space because doing so improves our lives and lifts our national spirit.
President George W. Bush

When Bush first talked about returning to the moon and sending astronauts to Mars, I was startled, but overjoyed.

Okay, I know this might just be election year rhetoric, but I choose to view Bush's words in a more positive light.

The President wants a lunar landing possibly as early as 2015 and no later than 2020; then on to Mars around 2030 or so.

These lofty goals are the much-needed shot in the arm that will enable NASA to reclaim its "can do" reputation and they will give Americans something wonderful to look forward to as well.

I know I was spellbound when Neal Armstrong walked on the moon in 1969. It was awesome watching that spectacular event unfold on television. I will never forget how emotional Walter Cronkite was during the broadcasts.

Mars has beckoned mankind for centuries. NASA has recently landed two rovers, Spirit and Opportunity, on the Red Planet, designed to send back pictures and to test soil samples. The European Mars Express orbiter has also been sending high-resolution pictures of Mars' surface to the European Space Agency.

Both agencies are looking for any possible sign of life, past or present. And European scientists said last week that their craft has detected water in a form of ice on the Red Planet.

But before mankind can explore what seems impossible today, a myriad of things will have to be accomplished, including securing financing.

Critics are already complaining about the projected high price tag. It will cost billions. That's why I don't believe the U.S. should bear the entire burden. Rather a coalition composed of countries, scientists and citizens of the free world should support space exploration, with NASA in the forefront.

Traveling to Mars and returning safely will be no easy task. Solutions to many obstacles must be found before the historic journeys can even begin.

Here are just five problems NASA must confront: Space radiation, high-energy particles that can travel through the spacecraft and the human body.

"Cabin fever:" Astronauts will be confined in a relatively small area for the three-year trip.

A longer space voyage will worsen the bone loss problem astronauts already experience today. A spacecraft must be built capable of traveling to the Red Planet and returning safely. The craft will also need a reliable source of power and the list goes on and on.

I have no doubt that Bush's vision will one day become reality. I am equally certain that there will be no shortage of candidates jockeying to be the first astronauts chosen for the moon and Mars missions.

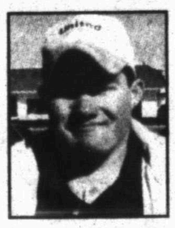
I am just as confident that if the free citizens of the world come together and we are determined enough there is nothing we cannot accomplish.

As much as I wish I could, I doubt I will see astronauts walk on Mars during my lifetime, but I believe my niece and nephews will.

ASK US

Q—Again, what time is the kickoff for the Super Bowl?
A—5:25 p.m. Sunday on CBS.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Brandon Kemp...

... has been a resident of Snyder for 15 years. A 1995 graduate of Snyder High School, he is the son of Shelia Kemp and the grandson of Dillard Herrley. He has one brother, Kiron Kemp of Hobbs and a sister, Keri Edwards of San Angelo. A favorite hobby is watching NASCAR.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

A mediocre idea that generates enthusiasm will go further than a great idea that inspires no one.
—Mary Kay Ash

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Girl Scout cookie sales

Snyder Girl Scout cookie sales continue through Feb. 11. Cookies will be delivered from March 6-21. To place an order call chairman Alicia Graves at 573-7722 or service unit manager Judi Martin at 573-7556.

Book fair

Scurry Community Services book fair continues through Friday.

Business After Hours

Chamber of commerce members are invited to meet for Business After Hours from 5-7 p.m. Thursday at the chamber office. Light refreshments will be served. The session will give chamber members the chance to network and get acquainted.

Hermleigh booster club

The Hermleigh Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the school cafeteria.

Church of God revival

The Church of God, 1411 College Ave., will host a revival Thursday through Sunday. All services will be at 7 p.m. with the exception of 5 p.m. services on Sunday. Evangelist is Stephen Smith from Colorado.

Graduation planning meeting

Parents of SHS seniors are invited to attend a planning meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Student Center to discuss end-of-school activities.

WTC adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at WTC are 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.

Turkey shoot

A turkey shoot sponsored by the Scurry County Rodeo Assn. starts at 10 a.m. Saturday and continues until dark at the rodeo grounds on Gary Brewer Rd. For more information, contact Jeff Minor at 207-3832.

AA meeting

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

Krispy Kreme doughnuts

Snyder High School band students will take orders for Krispy Kreme doughnuts until Thursday, Feb. 4. Cost will be $6 a dozen or two or more dozen for $5 each. Delivery is Feb. 10. Profits will be applied to the band's spring trip to Winter Park Colorado.

United Way fundraiser

United Way is selling tickets for a Super Bowl Prizes project, one for $2 or six for $10. Items include black leather chair-and-a-half, 19-inch TV, two large topping Pizza Hut pizzas. To purchase tickets or for more information call 207-1929, 573-5311, 207-1385 or 574-1931.

Senior swimnastics

Senior swimnastics are at 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the WTC pool.

Windbreak trees

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conversation District is taking orders through Saturday for windbreak trees. Large trees available are Oaks, Pines, Desert Willows, Golden Raintree, Texas Redbud and Chinese Pistache and more. To place orders, call 573-6317.

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.

What's up guidelines

Effective Feb. 1, items for What's Up will be published twice at no charge, the day before and the day of the event. Events or activities requiring additional publicity will be referred to the advertising department where a special non-profit rate is available.

Broadcasters, cable companies fighting over rules of new digital television world

WASHINGTON (AP) — To most couch potatoes, digital television means a sharper picture. Broadcasters see another advantage, though: They could offer up to six times as many channels.

Broadcast networks say they'll offer more channels if the government requires cable companies to carry them. More channels would mean more choices, stiffer competition and better programming, they say.

But cable companies, which have room for only a limited number of channels, say a federal mandate could force them to drop cable services to make room for extra broadcast channels. Those channels might carry nothing but infomercials or home shopping shows, they say.

The cable industry, which serves more than two-thirds of the 108.4 million U.S. households with television, insists that it, not the government, should decide which channels find homes on their systems.

The issue is before the Federal Communications Commission, which is expected to decide by spring whether cable companies must carry the extra broadcast channels.

The fight is due to the transition to digital broadcasting, which will be standard in most areas by 2006. A digital signal can carry more information than the current analog transmissions without using any more space on the broadcast spectrum.

While some stations may use their digital signals for larger and sharper high-definition broadcasts, others may use the spectrum to air to up to six channels.

Broadcasters said the newer networks — Fox, the WB, UPN and Pax — became viable only because cable companies were forced to carry the UHF channels with that programming. Requiring cable to carry the digital broadcast channels will offer even more alternatives, they said.

"Cable is definitely afraid of competition from free local broadcast channels," said Dennis Wharton, a spokesman for the National Association of Broadcasters. "Consumers ought to be afforded the choice."

The cable TV industry said those extra broadcast channels may eventually wind up on cable systems, but the First Amendment gives operators, not the government, the power to make that decision.

"Generally speaking, cable wants to carry compelling programming," said Dan Brenner, senior vice president for law at the National Cable and Telecommunications Association. "If broadcasters have compelling programming, we'll carry it."

Consumer advocates worry the extra channels would give the largest broadcasting companies even more control over what people see and hear. Instead of four network-controlled channels in a market, viewers could see up to 24 if each of the four major networks — ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox — opts for the maximum six channels.

"Until steps are taken to reduce broadcasters' dominance over the most important sources of local news and information, they should not be given the benefit of more channels that cable operators are forced to carry," said Chris Murray, legislative counsel for Consumers Union, the publisher of Consumer Reports magazine.

The FCC ruled in 2001 that cable companies only have to carry a single network digital channel. Of the current five commissioners, Chairman Michael Powell was the only one on the panel then. Powell supported the original ruling but has said he will consider new arguments.

The head of the FCC's media bureau, W. Kenneth Ferree, said the complexity of this issue "makes it very difficult to predict how any of this may come out."

In urging the FCC to reverse course, broadcasters cited the benefits of the extra programming they planned to produce if they are guaranteed space on cable systems.

ABC, for example, touted its Fresno, Calif., station that offers separate local news and weather channels. NBC's affiliates said they might carry channels devoted to city council meetings, high school sports and local traffic and weather, or use the extra channels to bring the WB, UPN and Spanish-language networks to communities. DIC Entertainment, producer of such cartoons as "Madeline" and "Inspector Gadget," said it would create a children's network using the extra digital channels.

On the other side, networks that can be seen only on cable or satellite systems and not on over-the-air television worry that their programs will be sacrificed to make room for the extra broadcast channels. Discovery Communications, for example, says its Discovery Kids network could be dropped from cable systems if they are forced to carry DIC's children's channel.

In the months leading up to the expected decision, lobbyists for the broadcasting and cable industries have submitted thousands of pages of documents and met with commissioners and their staffs.

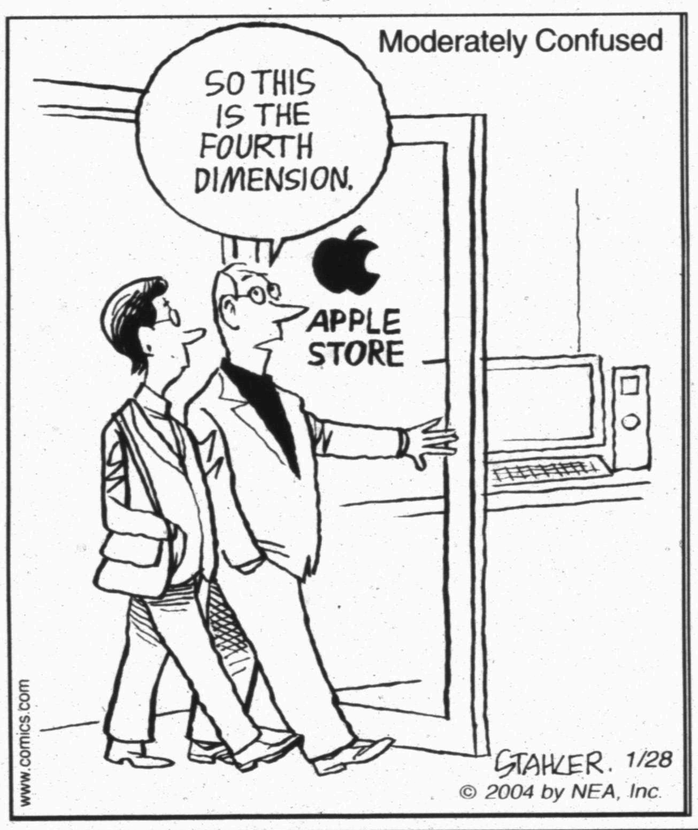
Those supporting the broadcasters include the lawyer-lobbying firm of Shaw Pittman, whose members include former Sen. Connie Mack, R-Fla. Cable industry advocates include Laurence Tribe, who represented Al Gore before the Supreme Court in the 2000 Florida recount case.

On the Net:

Federal Communications Commission: http://www.fcc.gov

National Association of Broadcasters: http://www.nab.org

National Cable and Telecommunications Association: http://www.ncta.com



World Almanac

Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2004

Today is the 28th day of 2004 and the 38th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1547, England's King Henry VIII died.

In 1915, the U.S. Coast Guard was founded.

In 1986, the space shuttle Challenger exploded shortly after liftoff, killing seven astronauts.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Colette (1873-1954), novelist; Jackson Pollock (1912-1956), artist; Alan Alda (1936-), actor, is 68; Sarah McLachlan (1968-), singer, is 34; Elijah Wood (1981-), actor, is 23.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 2001, the Baltimore Ravens, behind their powerful defense, dominated the New York Giants, 34-7, in Super Bowl XXXV.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "It is not a bad thing that children should occasionally, and politely, put parents in their place." — Colette

TODAY'S FACT: The largest reported snowflake was discovered on this day in 1887 by a ranch owner in Fort Keogh, Mont. It measured 15 inches wide and 8 inches thick.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 2.5 billion — The estimated number of Bibles sold since 1815.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Jan. 21) and first quarter (Jan. 29).

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Tuesday's Lottery Numbers

Mega Millions

ATLANTA (AP) — The jackpot in the multi-state Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to $73 million Wednesday.

None of the tickets sold for Tuesday's $60 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Friday.

There were five second-prize winners in Tuesday night's drawing. Each of the five matched all five lotto numbers but did not match the Mega Ball number. Those tickets are each worth $175,000.

Also, 32 players matched four of the five lotto numbers, plus the Mega Ball number. Those tickets are each worth $5,000.

The winning numbers from Tuesday's drawing were: 6, 10, 20, 38 and 50. The Mega Ball number was 27.

Texas Two Step

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

Winning numbers drawn: 06-10-15-31 (numerical order). Bonus Ball: 09.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Prize: $200,000 (estimate).

Number matching four of four: 3. Prize: $3,480.

Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 21. Prize: $61.

Number matching three of four: 894. Prize: $19.

Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 574. Prize: $20.

Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 3,666. Prize: $7.

Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 6,515. Prize: $5.

Estimated jackpot for Friday night drawing: $250,000.

Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 02-03-14-24-37.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Prize per winner: $0.

Matching four of five: 121. Prize: $474.

Matching three of five: 4,008. Prize: $10.

Matching two of five: 42,020. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

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Fired DNA analyst reinstated

HOUSTON (AP) — A DNA analyst fired from the Houston Police Department crime lab has gotten her job back after arguing that any errors she made were the product of systemic problems at the crime lab, not individual negligence..

Christy Kim, whose discredited analysis helped send a teenager to prison for a rape he may not have committed, got her job back Tuesday.

A city panel that reviews discipline for HPD employees reduced the punishment for Kim, a 21-year crime lab veteran, to a 28-day suspension. She was immediately reinstated.

Kim and her lawyer greeted the ruling as a sign that the lab's benchworkers would not be blamed for problems that should be attributed to HPD supervisors who allowed analysts to go without adequate training and supervision.

"The crime lab obviously had and still has huge problems," Fred Keys, who represented Kim in her appeal of her termination before the Civil Service Commission, told the Houston Chronicle. "But you can't blame that on individuals who are doing things as they are told to do."

It was unclear Tuesday when Kim would return to work, or what she would do.

HPD declined to comment on the reinstatement.

Kim was involved in the most notorious case arising from the scandal, which still has the lab shut down. She analyzed evidence from a 1998 rape that led to the conviction of Josiah Sutton, a 17-year-old sentenced to 25 years in prison.

Sutton served more than four years before the exposure of numerous problems prompted the suspension of DNA testing at HPD. The evidence used against Sutton, and nearly 400 other defendants, was slated for retesting.

New tests excluded Sutton as a suspect in the case. He was released from prison in March and is seeking a pardon.

Then-Mayor Lee Brown fired Kim in December, citing errors she made in the case.

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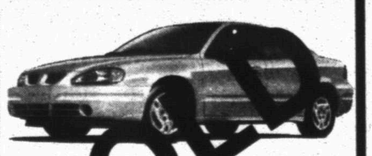
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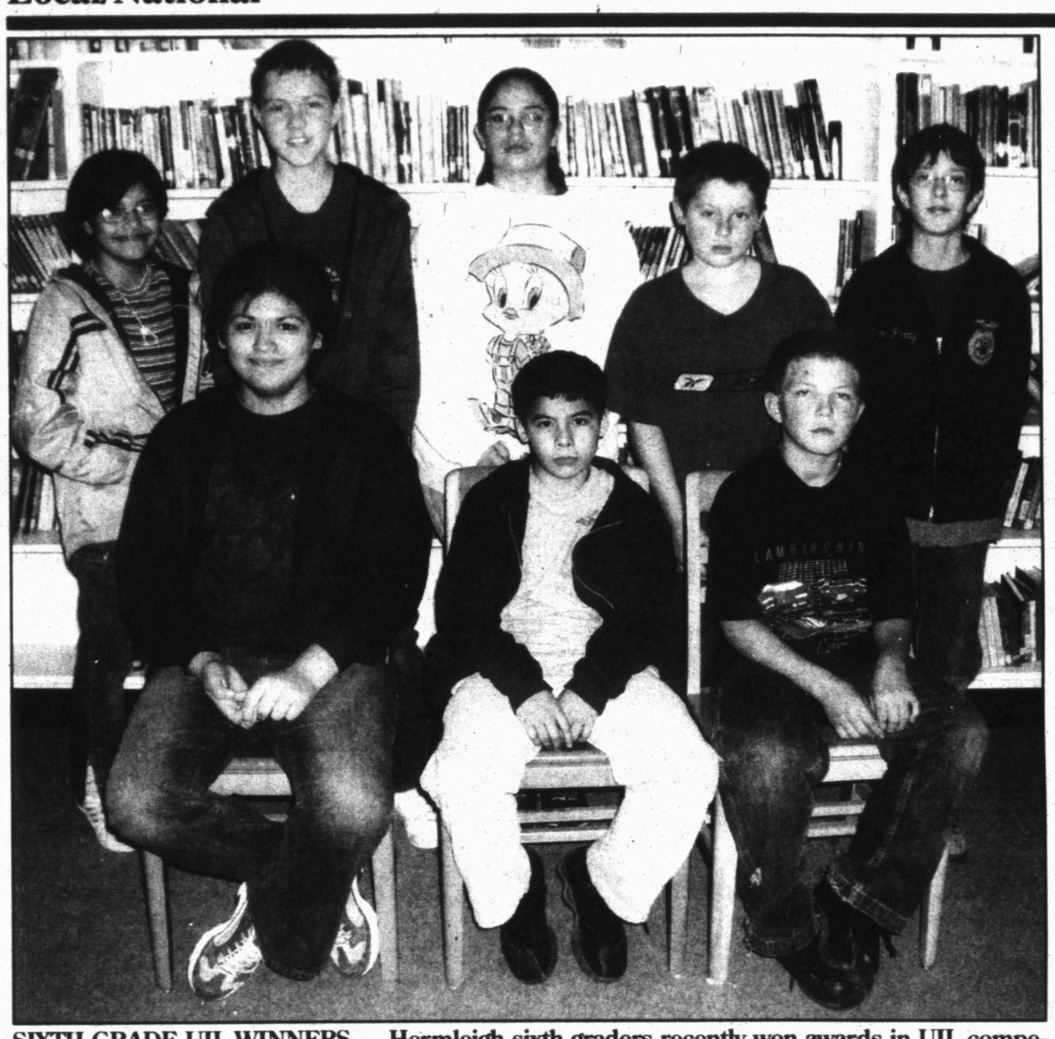
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SIXTH GRADE UIL WINNERS — Hermleigh sixth graders recently won awards in UIL competition. Back row from left are Naomi Arellano, sixth place oral reading; Dustin Dacus, fourth place individual dictionary skills, first place team dictionary skills, first place team and individual maps, graphs and charts, third place team mathematics, fourth place team music memory, third place individual number sense, second place team number sense and first place ready writing; Caroline Granados, third place team mathematics; Sean McClure, fifth place oral reading; Jaron Perry, first place team and individual dictionary skills; front row, Brailee Sanchez, third place individual maps, graphs and charts, first place team map, graphs and charts; Jacob Sanchez, first place team dictionary skills and fourth place team music memory; J.P. Smith, fourth place individual number sense and second place team number sense. Not pictured: Josh Beasley, fourth place team music memory; Taylor Beaty, fourth place individual maps, graphs and charts, first place team maps, graphs and charts, third place team mathematics and fourth place individual mathematics; Ricky Garcia, fourth place team music memory, fifth place individual number sense and second place team number sense. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Jack Paar dies at 85

NEW YORK (AP) — Jack Paar, the smart-alec comic who pioneered late-night talk on "The Tonight Show" in the 1950s and paved the way for Johnny Carson and others before walking away from television while still in his prime, died Tuesday. He was 85.

Paar died at his home in Greenwich, Conn., as a result of a long illness, said his son-in-law, Stephen Wells. Paar had suffered a stroke last year.

"The Tonight Show" became a talk show everybody talked about almost from Paar's first night as host in 1957. After a young comic named Johnny Carson became host in 1962, Paar had a hugely popular prime-time talk show for three more seasons, then abruptly retired in 1965.

"Jack invented the talk show format as we know it: the ability to sit down and make small talk big. I will miss him terribly," Merv Griffin said. "Not only was he a great friend, he was my beginning, just as he was everyone else's."

Carson said he was "very saddened" to hear of Paar's death. "He was a unique personality who brought a new dimension to late night television."

It was in July 1957 that Paar took over the flagging NBC late-night slot, some months after Steve Allen left with his variety show.

"Like being chosen as a kamikaze pilot," Paar wrote in "I Kid You Not," a memoir. "But I felt sure that people would enjoy good, frank and amusing talk."

They did. Viewers loved this cherubic wiseguy, someone once referred to as "like Peter Pan, if Peter Pan had been written by Mickey Spillane."

Soon, everyone was staying up to watch Paar, then talking about his show the next day. Even youngsters sent to bed before Paar's show parroted his jaunty catch phrase, "I kid you not," with which he regularly certified his flow of self-revealing stories.

Just why Paar walked away from TV at age 47 would become an enduring source of conjecture, possibly even for Paar. He offered the explanation that he was tired and ready to do other things.

Today's chuckle

Sport utility vehicle stolen three times

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A Tulane University student's sport utility vehicle was stolen twice in three days, once while she waited for police to arrive so she could fill out a report.



"I was crying because my car was gone, but eventually I had to laugh because it was all so unbelievable," said Maggie Ardolino, a senior.

Ardolino and five friends left a restaurant on Jan. 17 and found that her 1998 Jeep Cherokee was gone. She called police to report the theft.

Three days later, a Tulane security officer called Ardolino and said her car had been found in the parking lot of a furniture store far from campus. The store's manager had notified Tulane after noticing the Jeep's parking sticker, Ardolino said.

"I thought I was pretty lucky," she said. "It was like a miracle."

Ardolino found her Jeep next to a loading dock at the store. The front end was wrecked, the interior had been ransacked and the CD player was gone.

Ardolino and her friends waited three hours for police to show up. They were frightened when they spotted two men walking in their direction, so they drove around the block.

When they returned a few minutes later, the Jeep was gone.

"It's unfortunate, and it's certainly not a scenario that happens very often," police spokesman Capt. Marlon Defillo said. "We understand the inconvenience. In this case, a double inconvenience."

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Husband becomes royal pain after medicating his bad back

DEAR ABBY: My husband hurt his back in 2000. Ever since, it has gotten worse. He takes enough pain pills and muscle relaxers to kill a horse.

Most of the time he is so out of it I can't talk to him. When I try, he gets mad and says I don't understand. I do understand, because I have been here since he got hurt.

I don't know what to do. I don't want to leave him because I love him, but I can no longer live like this. I also don't want my kids to see him like this anymore. Please help. — **CONFUSED IN TEXAS**

DEAR CONFUSED: Talk to the doctor who has been prescribing these medications about the debilitating effect they are having on your husband. There comes a time when most people have to wean themselves off habit-forming drugs and it appears your husband is overdue. In fact, it may be time for the doctor to refer your husband to a pain specialist who can help him learn alternative methods for dealing with back pain. It's worth a try.

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DEAR ABBY: This year my in-laws sent me a peek-a-boo nightie with thong panties for my birthday. I've met them only once.

I am shocked that they sent a gift like this to me. They have never sent me a birthday gift before (and I am not complaining). But I do not wear thong underwear.

Obviously, I will thank them for thinking of me. But how? And how can I tactfully suggest that they not send me something like this in the future? — **SHOCKED IN NORTH CAROLINA**

DEAR SHOCKED: Try this: "Dear Folks, thank you for remembering me on my birthday. I admit I didn't expect to be thought of in quite that way by my husband's parents! With love, your blushing daughter-in-law."

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DEAR ABBY: My mom was running an errand at a local farmers' market and left my dad in the car. When she returned, four people were standing outside the car waiting for her. They had tried to tell my dad that the car had a flat tire. When he didn't respond, they waited for Mom, and then changed the tire for her.

What they didn't know was that my parents were on one of their first outings since Dad's colon cancer surgery a few weeks before. The prognosis wasn't good. My dad's Alzheimer's disease had also spiraled downward. Mom is now sole caregiver because most of their kids live far away.

That those strangers went out of their way to help her and perform an act of kindness meant more to her (and me) than they'll ever know.

I hope they read this and know how much their help meant. I also hope that others will see that a single act of kindness can be a precious gift that's never forgotten.— **GRATEFUL DAUGHTER IN ILLINOIS**

DEAR GRATEFUL: You've said it very well. A good deed is like a pebble thrown into a pool of water. The ripples spread far beyond the point of impact. Thank you for the timely reminder.

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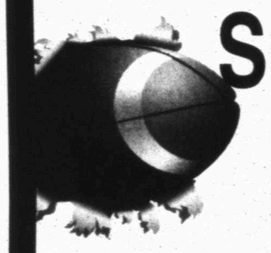
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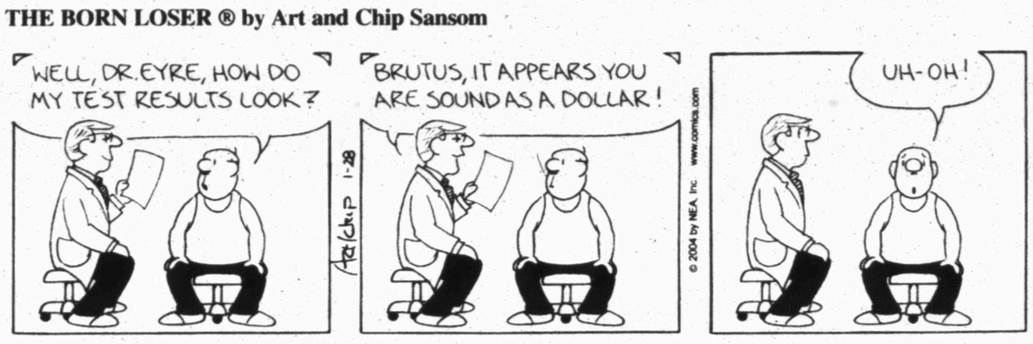
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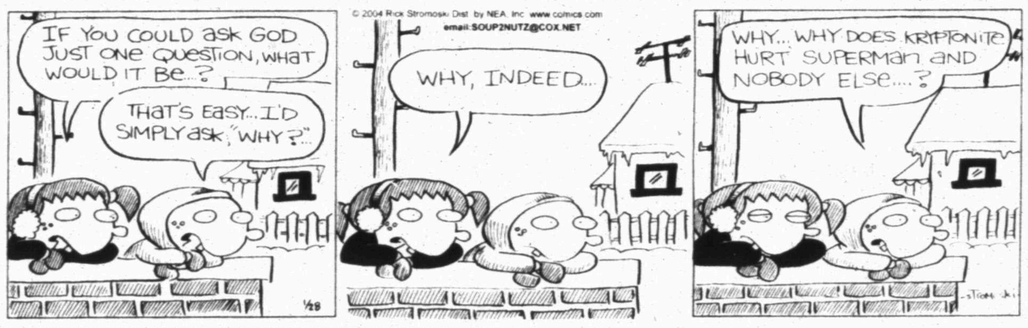
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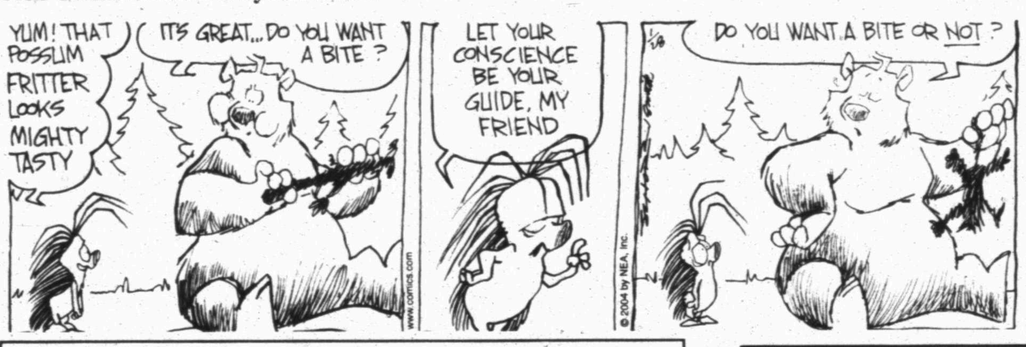
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5 Harem head
10 Pharaoh's charm
12 Less cautious
13 Geisha's attire
14 Sense
15 "Et tu" time
16 Comstock Lode st.
18 Tire filler
19 Type of poem
21 Not shiny
25 Tell
29 Stared balefully
31 Far away
33 Call it a night
34 Stadiums
35 Wisely
37 Makes mittens
38 Sweetie-pies
40 Feminine pronoun
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48 Come into view
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52 Hung a left
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55 Dick Tracy's love

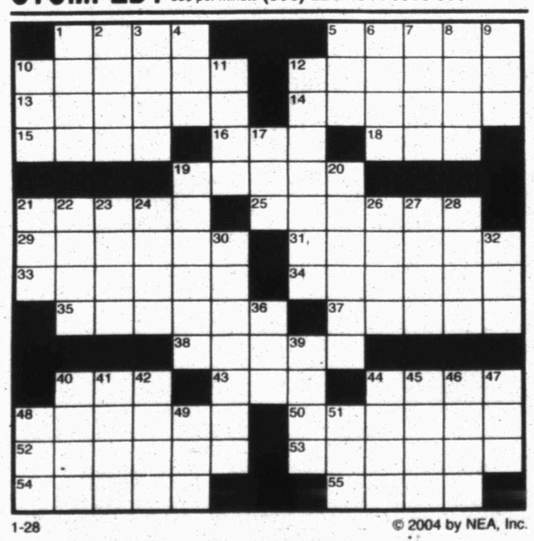
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11 Too thin
12 Jet-set spot
17 Be off base
19 Ogled
20 Office workers
21 Exec
22 Pub orders
23 "Toodle-oo!" (hyph.)
24 Math course
26 Revival shout
27 Braxton or Morrison
28 Coup d'—
30 Wiped out a file
32 Mountain curve
36 Shaggy beast
39 Guidry and Howard
40 Overconfident
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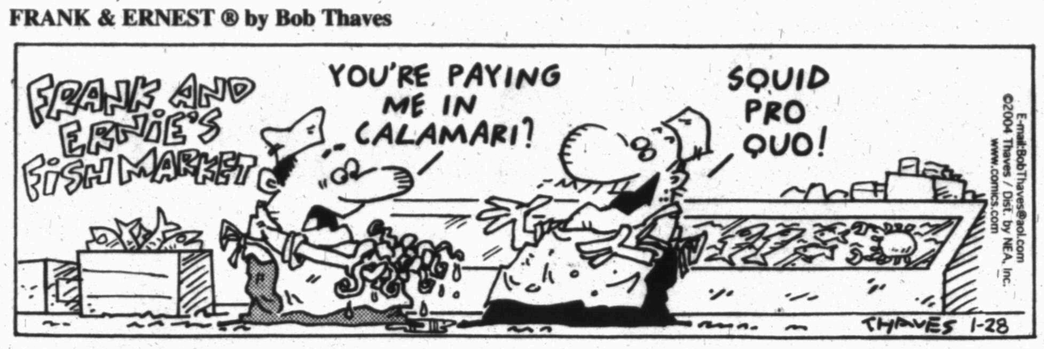
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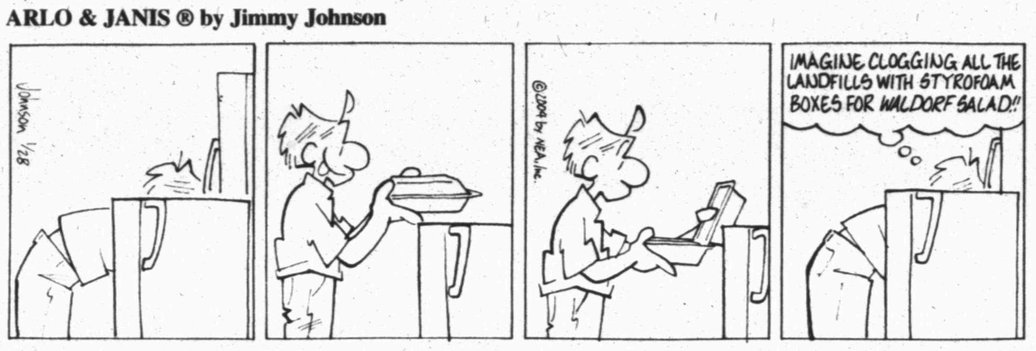


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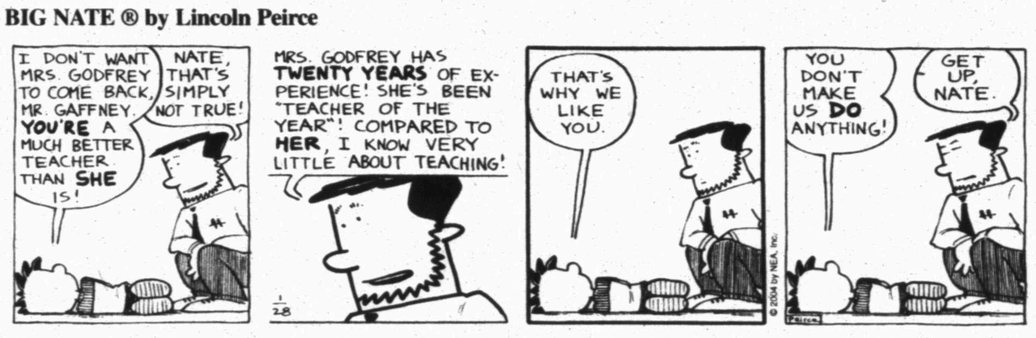
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SPORTS

Second-half surge lifts Lady Tigers to 21st straight victory

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

DENVER CITY — The Snyder Lady Tigers won their 21st consecutive game Tuesday, using a 20-point third quarter to run away from Denver City, 54-37, sweep the season series and move a step closer to earning a playoff spot from District 3-3A.

The Lady Tigers (23-2, 6-0) got a strong inside game from Jordan Stansell, who scored 14 and pulled in several critical rebounds, and Sirena Medrano cashed in with 15 points to lead all scorers.

The Lady Tigers led by six at halftime, and head coach Mike Martin said the team stepped up in the final 16 minutes.

"We started off sluggish offensively and defensively. In the second half, we came out and did a better job.

While scoring 20 in the third, the Lady Tigers defense held Denver City (12-12, 2-4) to six points to take control of the game heading into the final stanza.

Erin Burleson, Terann Ragland and Teddi Crenwelge each connected for six points, and Sarah Henson added four.

Emily Jones added two and Sequoya Powell sank a free throw.

In other 3-3A girls' games, Sweetwater stayed two games back of Snyder with a 52-35 win over Seminole.

Lamesa also kept pace, slipping past Merkel, 52-51.

Denver City 57, Snyder 48

Although the Snyder Tigers admittedly did not match-up with Denver City in terms of size, they more than made up for it in effort and persistence.

The Tigers (8-17, 0-4) matched Denver City (19-7, 3-1) in intensity, but could not overcome 32 combined points from Mustangs Sam Griffin and Ryan Ocheskey in a 57-48 loss.

Lee Scott scored 23 — 12 in a 22-point fourth quarter — to lead all players, and Austin Hatfield had one of his best games of the season, scoring 11 points and aggressively penetrating the lane against the big Denver City interior defense.

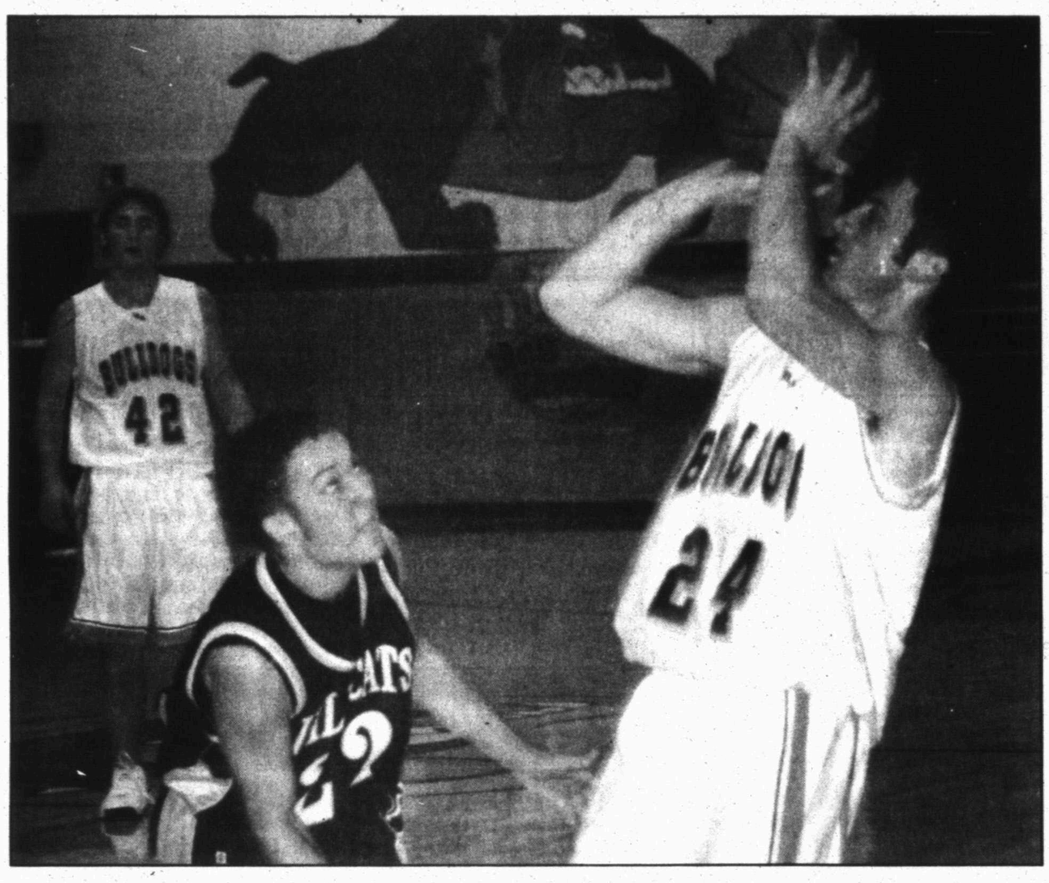
"We battled real hard in the second half," head coach Bud Birks said. "I thought we played hard the whole game, but I was really pleased with how the kids played in the second half."

The Tigers ran an attacking man defense over the final two periods, outscoring Denver City, 31-22, over the final 16 minutes.

Brock Tyrrell contributed four points, Isaac Ramon had three and Garret Pinson, Israel Sosa and Tucker Early had two each.

In other 3-3A action, Sweetwater topped Seminole, 47-36 and Merkel remained undefeated in district with a 64-45 victory over Lamesa.

Both the Tigers and the Lady Tigers will host Sweetwater Friday, with the girls getting underway at 6:30 p.m. and the boys tipping off at 8.



AT THE BUZZER — Ira sophomore Wes Kellner knocks down a three-pointer at the end of the first half Tuesday against Grady. The Bulldogs struggled in the second half of a 62-44 loss. (SDN Staff Photo)

Short-handed Bulldogs fall to Grady, stay in second place

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

IRA — While the Ira Bulldogs can match District 7 leader Grady man for man, they must be at full strength to do it.

Bulldog Brian Proctor twisted his ankle on the opening tip and Grady took advantage to roll to a 62-44 win, keeping Ira in second place in district.

Ira (9-8, 4-2) kept up in the first half, trailing 32-23 at intermission, but wore down from the weight of Grady post players Jason Pribyla and Brent Madison, who finished with 24 and 18, respectively. Proctor attempted to play, but the tender ankle hindered his movement and he spent the bulk of the game resting it on the bench.

"We match-up well with them when we are healthy, but when Proctor went out it took us right out of our game plan," head coach Randy Jones said. "I was proud of them at halftime, being down by just nine. The kids played very hard, but just couldn't hold on."

Wes Kellner had three from behind the arc in the first half, finishing the game with 11, while Jake Barnes paced the Bulldogs with 16.

Jess Wall added six, Joel Lollar had four, Brandon Graves contributed three and Proctor and Justin Taylor added two each.

The Bulldogs remained alone in second place, as Sands stunned Borden County, 50-39, Tuesday.

"We control our own destiny," Jones said.

The JV Bulldogs improved to 9-2 with a 40-35 victory.

Grady 52, Ira 35

The Lady Bulldogs were eliminated from playoff contention Tuesday, falling behind by as many as 20 to Grady in a 52-35 loss.

The Lady Bulldogs (8-12, 2-4) were forced to switch to man defense in the second half, and were hurt on the fast break by the swift Lady Wildcats.

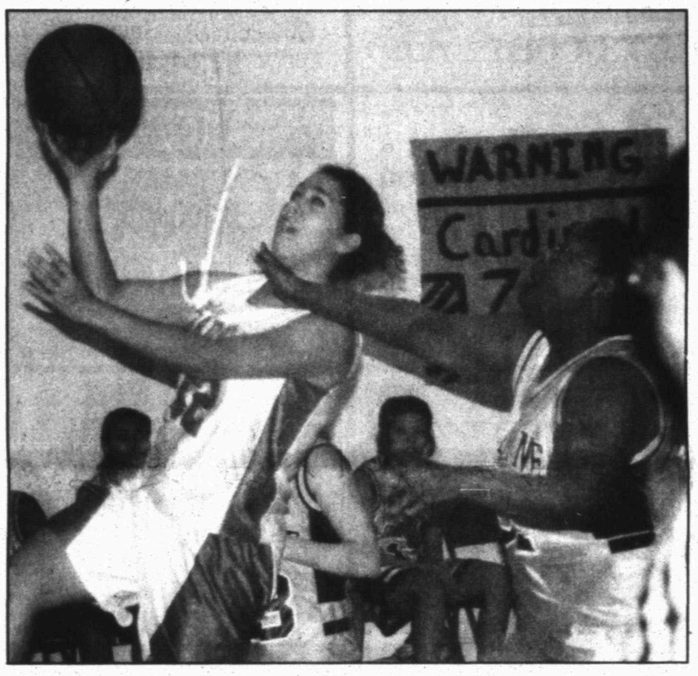
"We struggle playing man, and they were able to get behind us and get transition baskets," head coach Brent Parr said. "We couldn't get where we wanted and got a little frustrated. But these girls always play hard, all the time."

Ira was close early before Grady connected for 27 over the next two periods to put the game away.

Lindsey Wilson led the Lady Bulldogs with 13 points and Amanda Calley knocked in nine.

Kelbi Pitner added eight, Kate Wall and Shae Allen contributed two each and Whitney Payne added one.

Ira will travel to Dawson Friday, with the girls scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m. and the boys set for 8.



EASY POINTS — Hermleigh's Brittany Jones drives through the lane for a lay-up against Loraine during the first quarter against Loraine. The Lady Cards fell, 72-44. (SDN Staff Photo)

Bulldogs top Cards

HERMLEIGH — Another rough first half hurt the Lady Cardinals Tuesday, as the team fell behind by 22 points at halftime in a 72-44 loss to Loraine.

Lady Bulldog Tracy Garcia, who scored a game-high 18, bombarded the Lady Cards (5-11, 0-6) in the second quarter. The team was outscored 27-10 in the period.

Alana Culp put in 20 for Hermleigh, while Alicia Culp knocked in 10.

Brittney Kelly and Georgeanne Smith added four each. Brittany Jones hit for three, Amy Botts added two and Christie Garcia had one.

Loraine 70, Hermleigh 40

The Cardinals never got going on either end of the court Tuesday, getting overrun by Loraine in the first half in falling 70-40.

Loraine outpaced the Cards (1-16, 0-5) 24-6 in the first period and led 41-13 at halftime.

Jonathan McClure put in 12 for Hermleigh, six of those in the fourth quarter, while Shane Berry added 10.

Edward Arellano added six, while Justin Kelly and Dustin and Justin Williamson added two each.

Sports Briefs

Baseball/softball booster club

The SHS baseball and softball booster clubs will meet tonight in the film room. The baseball club will meet alone at 6:30. The clubs will hold a joint meeting at 7.

Basketball booster club

The SHS boys and girls basketball booster club will meet in the gym Friday immediately following the conclusion of the boys game.

Football booster club

The SHS football booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at China Dragon.

O'Brien resigns as Celtics coach

WALTHAM, Mass. (AP) — Jim O'Brien quit as coach of the Boston Celtics. He was replaced on an interim basis by assistant coach John Carroll. Executive director of basketball operations Danny Ainge said Carroll would coach for the rest of the season.

Ainge said O'Brien offered his resignation in the morning at one of their regular meetings to discuss their philosophical differences.

Area Sports Calendar

THURSDAY

Basketball: Snyder girls at Frenship Tournament, 6:30 p.m.
IJHS at Highland Tournament

FRIDAY

Basketball: Snyder varsity girls vs. Sweetwater, 6:30 p.m.
Snyder varsity boys vs. Sweetwater, 8 p.m.
Ira varsity girls and boys at Dawson, 6:30 p.m.
Hermleigh varsity boys and girls at Trent, 6:30 p.m.
Snyder JV boys vs. Sweetwater, 6 p.m.
Snyder JV girls vs. Sweetwater, 5 p.m.
Snyder frosh boys vs. Sweetwater, 5 p.m.
Snyder frosh girls at Frenship Tournament, 8 p.m.
Baseball: WTC vs. Vernon JC, season opener, 2 p.m.

SATURDAY

Basketball: Snyder girls at Frenship Tournament
IJHS at Highland Tournament
Snyder frosh boys at Lamesa Tournament
Baseball: WTC vs. Vernon JC, DH, noon
Softball: WTC at El Paso College Tournament
Tennis: SHS at Midland College, dual matches, 9 a.m.

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Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
SHS vs Denver City

District 3-3A Standings

Team	Boys District W	L	Season W	L	Team	Girls District W	L	Season W	L
Merkel	21	4	4	0	Snyder	23	2	6	0
Denver City	19	7	3	1	Lamesa	15	9	4	2
Sweetwater	12	8	2	2	Sweetwater	22	4	4	2
Lamesa	10	14	2	2	Denver City	12	12	2	4
Seminole	10	12	1	3	Seminole	7	16	2	4
Snyder	8	17	0	4	Merkel	3	22	0	6

National Hockey League

EASTERN CONFERENCE							
Atlantic Division	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	25	11	10	5	65	139	113
New Jersey	26	12	10	1	63	115	89
N.Y. Islanders	24	20	5	1	54	142	125
N.Y. Rangers	19	20	7	4	49	133	142
Pittsburgh	11	32	5	3	30	101	189
Northeast Division	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	27	13	8	3	65	137	121
Ottawa	27	12	7	3	64	167	102
Boston	22	14	11	4	59	124	120
Montreal	24	19	6	2	56	124	112
Buffalo	21	25	5	1	48	124	133
Southeast Division	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	24	16	6	3	57	129	111
Atlanta	21	23	5	2	49	141	150
Florida	17	21	10	3	47	112	136
Carolina	17	23	9	2	45	95	123
Washington	14	29	5	2	35	118	157
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	28	15	7	2	65	165	122
St. Louis	25	16	6	1	57	120	115
Nashville	24	18	6	2	56	118	127
Columbus	14	26	7	3	38	103	142
Chicago	12	27	7	5	36	110	148
Northwest Division	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	29	11	8	2	68	156	112
Vancouver	28	14	7	2	65	147	115
Calgary	25	17	4	3	57	117	104
Minnesota	17	20	15	0	49	112	117
Edmonton	19	23	8	1	47	126	134
Pacific Division	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	23	12	11	4	61	123	104
Dallas	23	20	9	0	55	104	114
Los Angeles	19	15	11	5	54	130	126
Phoenix	18	16	13	2	51	124	126
Anaheim	15	22	8	5	43	104	131

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

Tuesday's Games

Buffalo 4, Montreal 1
Boston 2, N.Y. Islanders 2, tie
New Jersey 4, Columbus 3
Tampa Bay 6, Pittsburgh 2
Carolina 2, Toronto 0
Calgary 2, Phoenix 1
Colorado 3, Edmonton 1
Vancouver 3, Chicago 2

Today's Games

Philadelphia at Florida, 6 p.m.
Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
St. Louis at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	23	20	.535	—
Boston	22	24	.478	2½
New York	20	27	.426	5
Miami	19	26	.422	5
Philadelphia	19	26	.422	5
Washington	13	30	.302	10
Orlando	12	34	.261	12½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	33	13	.717	—
Detroit	29	16	.644	3½
Milwaukee	25	19	.568	7
New Orleans	25	19	.568	7
Toronto	20	22	.476	11
Cleveland	16	28	.364	16
Atlanta	14	32	.304	19
Chicago	13	32	.289	19½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	31	12	.721	—
Dallas	29	16	.644	3
San Antonio	30	17	.638	3
Houston	26	18	.591	5½
Memphis	25	18	.581	6
Denver	26	21	.553	7
Utah	22	22	.500	9½
Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	30	12	.714	—
L.A. Lakers	26	15	.634	3½
Seattle	22	21	.512	8½
L.A. Clippers	19	24	.442	11½
Portland	18	24	.429	12
Golden State	18	25	.419	12½
Phoenix	17	29	.370	15

Tuesday's Games

New Jersey 94, Philadelphia 76
Phoenix 89, Atlanta 85
San Antonio 77, New York 67
Dallas 118, Seattle 116
L.A. Clippers 102, Chicago 92

Today's Games

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Philadelphia at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Portland at Memphis, 7 p.m.
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Mom's diet may influence babies' life span

By The Associated Press

Experiments with mice suggest that life span may be related to what your mother ate during pregnancy.

The new study at Cambridge University in England shows that pregnant mice fed a well-balanced diet had babies that lived longer, healthier lives. Mice that were undernourished in the womb and ate a poor diet as adults died prematurely.

Researchers caution the mouse results cannot be directly applied to human health. But they said the results published in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature bolster the notion that low-birth weight babies are more likely to develop life-threatening cardiovascular disease and other illnesses as they mature.

"Growth during prenatal life has a very powerful impact on longevity," said Kent Thornburg, a fetal physiologist at Oregon Health Sciences University who did not contribute to the new study.

However, other researchers said they remain unconvinced.

Rachel Huxley of the Institute for International Health in Sydney, Australia, said a mother's diet is likely to have very little effect on how long her offspring lives when compared to known health risks in adulthood, such as cigarette smoking.

"Even if a causal association could be demonstrated between diet in early life and longevity, its actual influence is likely to be small when compared with known environmental determinants of longevity," Huxley said.

Pregnant mice in the study were fed either a protein-rich diet or a low-protein regimen. After the babies were born, researchers swapped the mothers so that undernourished babies were nursed by mothers on a standard diet to catch up on their growth, and vice versa.

The control animals had mothers that were fed a standard diet and they nursed normally after they were born. They lived for about two years.

Mice that were well-nourished in the womb lived on average two months longer than the control group, the researchers reported. The mice that were undernourished in the womb died six months earlier than the control group.

In a second round of experiments, half of the babies from each litter were weaned at 21 days on a high-calorie, high-sugar diet, similar to a diet that contributes to obesity in humans. The rest were fed a standard diet.

Mice that had poor maternal nutrition in the womb and weaned on the unhealthy diet survived only a year, or about half as long as other mice in the study.

The high-calorie diet did not have a noticeable effect on the life span of well-fed mice weaned on a restricted diet after birth, the researchers reported.

In the late 1980s, David Barker of the University of Southampton in England published research demonstrating that low-birth weight babies are more likely to develop heart disease and high blood pressure in later stages of life, leading some scientists to believe that poor nutrition in the womb restricts the normal fetal development.

In the latest study, the Cambridge researchers suspected that the mice may have permanently increased appetite when forced to catch up on nutrients after birth. Critical organs such as the kidneys may also be damaged in cases where mice are not given the necessary nutrition in the womb, they said.

Over a lifetime — seven or eight decades in the case of humans — those differences become magnified, they suggested.

"There is, after all, a significant difference between living to be 50 years old and reaching the age of 75," the researchers wrote in Nature.

Government begins work on CO2 storage project at field

CASPER, Wyo. (AP) — The government is trying to bury something at its Teapot Dome oil field again. Not secret oil leases, as it did during an infamous scandal of the 1920s, but carbon dioxide — lots of it.

In hopes of developing a process that could slow global warming, the Energy Department wants to inject the greenhouse gas underground into depleted oil reservoirs after converting it into a liquid form.

The Teapot Dome project, now in the planning stages, could be one of the world's largest test sites for the method. It would store CO2 from a natural gas processing plant more than 300 miles away beneath the 10,000-acre oil field in central Wyoming.

So-called carbon dioxide sequestration has been tested at smaller sites nationwide but never on such a large scale, said Vicki Stamp, a project manager for the Rocky Mountain Oilfield Testing Center, which manages Teapot Dome.

Used in enhanced oil recovery for decades, pumping carbon dioxide into underground reservoirs is being touted by the Bush administration as one of the most promising ways to counter the greenhouse effect.

"(Carbon dioxide) is the primary global greenhouse gas and it's growing rapidly," said Dag Nummedal, director of the University of Wyoming Institute for Energy Research. "During the last four or five years the international consensus is that the most rational, economic and environmentally benign way of getting CO2 out of the atmosphere is to store it underground.

"Right now, the best place to do this is in depleted oil and gas fields."

Teapot Dome — named for a nearby rock formation — is currently in its preliminary engineering and testing stages. Storage could begin by 2006 and last seven to 10 years, although Nummedal says managers "don't really know the upper limit yet."

When a reservoir is full, the pipeline is taken out and the hole sealed up. "The objective is to keep it sealed underground forever, hundreds or thousands of years," Nummedal said.

The site is projected to store at least 1.6 million tons of carbon dioxide a year when fully operational. It could eventually lead to large-scale testing in other Rocky Mountain states, the Ohio River Valley, Texas Gulf Coast, California and other areas, Nummedal said.

"The long-term plan is to encourage the growth of a new private sector sequestration industry," he said.

Talk of a national CO2 testing center started early last year. But it wasn't until managers found a source of carbon dioxide later that summer that the idea became a reality.

Anadarko Petroleum Corp., which owns an adjacent oil field, is extending its existing CO2 pipeline from a natural gas processing plant in western Wyoming and has agreed to direct some of its 125 million cubic feet of CO2 to the test site, Nummedal said.

The gas will then be pressurized and injected as a liquid into the reservoirs through a pipeline. It could stay underground for a very long time, since the reservoirs that would store the CO2 held oil and methane gas for millions of years, said Susan Hovorka, a University of Texas researcher.

"That's not true of other mechanisms," she said. "If you grow more (trees, which consume carbon dioxide) how do you assure it doesn't all go up in a forest fire or that another generation decides to go ahead and farm that area?"

Burial can also rid the Earth of a large volume of carbon dioxide in a relatively short amount of time, Hovorka said.

"We've got almost all the carbon dioxide emitted in the atmosphere coming from fossil fuels," she said. "There's space equivalent in acreage to put all that carbon dioxide back underground."

If the project pans out, officials hope to capture CO2 from the nation's power plants, oil and gas refineries and other manufacturing facilities "because that is the CO2 today that is leaking into the atmosphere without any controls on it," Nummedal said.

One possibility is capturing the gas with scrubbers similar to those attached to smokestacks that remove nitrous oxide and other gases, he said.

The storage process — particularly compressing the CO2 — is expensive. Some estimates put it as high as $100 per ton, though Nummedal and others said they don't yet have cost estimates for Teapot Dome.

Even if it is a success, the Teapot Dome project could have little impact by itself.

"Globally we are releasing 7 billion tons of carbon per year," Nummedal said. "The amount we will be putting away here will be in the hundreds of thousands of tons."

But he added: "If we look at all the suitable, depleted oil and gas reservoirs in the world, and we were able to fill all of them up, we would be able to store the total global emissions over the next 100 years."

Some environmentalists worry about gas bubbling through cracks in the Earth or leaking into aquifers that supply drinking water.

On Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

The ideal body weight dilemma

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I have lost about 50 pounds over the past 20 months by adopting a lifestyle based around ideas contained in Dean Ornish's wonderful book, "Eat More, Weigh Less" (Quill, 2000). In particular, my wife and I have driven fat and simple carbohydrates out of our diet. I have added intensive cardiovascular and resistance-training sessions to burn extra calories, strengthen my cardiovascular system and add lean muscle mass.

My question: How does one know what a healthy target weight is? While I have dropped from 225 pounds to 175 pounds, I have also read that the leaner the better so far as health and longevity are concerned. On the other hand, the best info I could find was that muscle weighs about three times as much as fat on a per volume unit basis. Is 160 pounds (or even 150 pounds) a realistic target for me? I am just under 5-feet 10-inches tall with a medium build, and am moderately to highly active. Are there any professionals who could be consulted that could provide a definitive answer based on my specific circumstances? — **A.B., Munster, Ontario, Canada**

DEAR A.B.: A general theme of "go with what works" holds true, but it should be an approach that revolves around a selection of healthful foods. The Ornish plan, which has worked for many, encourages physical activity and curtails the intake of simple carbohydrates, both of which make perfect sense. It is also quite restrictive with fat intake, paring it down to about 10 percent of calories. This might be difficult to sustain over the long term. Whenever caloric intake goes down and activity is maintained or increased you will lose excess body fat, and that is the name of the game.

There are tables that list average ideal body weights, but the best way to determine this is to calculate your body mass index (BMI), a measurement that takes into account height and weight and is better correlated to health outcomes. There is a BMI calculator, along with a height-weight chart, on my Web site at http://www.blonz.com/bmi.htm. For those without Web access, BMI is calculated by multiplying your weight in pounds by 704.5. You then divide the result by your height in inches, and divide that result by your height in inches again. (For those with metric inclinations, the same number can be found by dividing your weight in kilograms by your height in meters, and then dividing the result by your height in meters again.)

Individuals with BMIs over 25 are considered overweight, and those with BMIs over 30 are considered obese. By dropping from 225 to 175, your BMI dropped from 32 to 25. But, again, it is not always what you weigh; BMI and weight tables only present averages. As a generalization, people who carry a bit more weight but who eat well and remain active are likely to live longer than those who fit within the "ideal" guidelines but fail to give their body what it needs to remain in good health.

Now, on to the muscle vs. fat weight issue. First, let's consider a given volume. One cup of muscle or some other lean tissues weighs 10 percent more than a cup of water and 20 percent more than a cup of oil or fat. Likewise, that cup of fat will weigh 10 percent less than water and 20 percent less than muscle. (This explains why fat and oils float, while protein sinks.) Using this same logic, we find that a given weight of muscle takes up less space than fat (or water).

The average adult body fat is 15 to 18 percent for men and 22 to 25 percent for women. This means that an average 150-pound man will be slightly smaller than a 150-pound woman. There is a difference, but it is nowhere near the degree you had thought.

One final thought: our brains are approximately 60 percent fat by weight. This gives a whole new meaning to being called a fathead.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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Entergy	57.59	57.23	57.29	+.19
ExxonMobil	41.51	41.30	41.50	+.31
FootLocker	25.57	24.67	24.76	—.35
GenDynam	93.80	93.05	93.70	+.50
GenElec	34.35	34.15	34.34	+.15
GenMills	46.15	45.61	46.13	+.18
GenMotors	53.72	53.25	53.46	+.04
GaPacific	30.30	29.86	30.21	+.38
Goodrich	32.06	31.65	31.70	—.23
Goodyear	11.01	10.47	11.01	+.63
GtAtlPac	9.05	8.87	8.94	+.04
Halliburtn	29.52	28.82	29.45	+.33
Hanson PLC	37.61	37.50	37.61	+.91
HarteHanks	23.07	22.37	22.52	+.07
HomeDepot	36.15	35.94	36.06	+.12
HoneywellIntl	35.98	35.60	35.95	+.25
IBM	99.42	99.00	99.26	+.46
IntlPaper	42.98	42.65	42.90	+.20
JohnsonJn	53.50	53.31	53.42	+.14
KinderMorg	61.50	60.20	60.54	—.36
Kroger Co	18.70	18.55	18.58	—.06
LockheedM	50.25	49.84	49.95	—.25
Lowes Cos	55.79	54.99	55.07	—.45
Lubys	3.69	3.66	3.69	—.03
LucentTech	4.66	4.52	4.59	+.07
MarathonOil	34.50	34.17	34.38	—.07
MayDeptStr	33.45	32.82	32.92	—.09
Medtronic	49.12	48.67	48.74	—.20
Motorola	17.43	17.22	17.42	+.23
NCR Corp	40.44	39.76	40.15	+.40
Navistar	51.25	50.91	51.19	+.12
PNM Rescs	30.51	30.18	30.30	+.27
Penney JC	26.44	26.06	26.26	+.26
PepBoys	22.95	22.59	22.66	—.04
PepsiCo	47.40	46.61	46.72	+.27
PhelpDodge	77.50	75.28	76.20	—.43
PilgrimsPride	19.09	18.80	19.09	+.32
Praxair s	36.85	36.32	36.49	—.11
ProctGamb	99.95	99.10	99.94	+.76
RadioShack	33.20	32.77	32.81	—.10
RoyalDut	48.28	48.00	48.24	
SBC Comm	25.95	25.43	25.78	—.17
SaraLee	20.80	20.30	20.77	+.34
Scripps EW	95.00	94.66	94.84	—.26
SearsRoeb	47.56	47.07	47.27	—.03
SherwinW	33.80	33.59	33.69	—.13
SouthernCo	30.37	30.17	30.27	+.07
SwstAirl	15.75	15.37	15.50	—.15
SprintFON	18.15	17.81	17.87	—.31
SprintPCS	8.45	8.28	8.40	+.17
Sunoco Inc	57.20	56.74	56.97	—.13
TXU Corp	24.20	23.95	24.12	+.04
TempleInland	60.53	60.32	60.53	+.12
TexInd	37.30	37.04	37.23	+.13
TexasInst	31.38	30.50	31.22	+.75
Textron	56.25	56.00	56.11	+.61
TimeWarner	18.60	18.01	18.12	—.69
TrinityInds	34.60	34.04	34.04	—.25
TylerTech	10.76	10.50	10.63	—.07
UnionPacif	65.86	65.12	65.31	—.98
USSteel	35.16	34.50	34.62	—.47
UnitedTech	96.25	95.70	95.72	—.16
Unocal	38.25	37.97	38.20	—.07
VerizonComm	37.35	36.86	37.35	+.27
WalMart	54.59	54.08	54.14	—.29
WellsFargo	57.97	57.37	57.95	+.54
WstnGasRs	47.74	47.50	47.53	—.16
WinnDixie	9.32	9.26	9.32	—.01
Xerox Cp	15.15	14.80	14.94	—.21
YumBrands	34.08	33.90	33.98	+.02

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By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

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Horticultural Oils

• Now is a good time to control scale insects on evergreen shrubs and trees such as camellias, hollies, bay laurel, myrtle, enonymus, citrus, photinias and boxwood through use of a horticultural oil spray. Fruit trees may be sprayed at this time of year in order to control insect eggs that may have been laid in bark and twig crevices.

• Usually, the oil treatment will need to be applied only once a year, and is an excellent way to smother a pest that is difficult to eradicate. At times even live oaks fall prey to scale, but due to difficulties of size these plants are much harder to work with. Horticultural oils also have the benefit of being less environmentally harsh than pesticides.

• Trees and shrubs are often unable to withstand the continual drain of sap from these sucking insects, and may ultimately be killed. Treatment consists of thoroughly spraying with horticultural oil according to directions, from every direction over the leaves and twigs.

• There are several thousand species of "Scale insects." Armored scale insects are capable of navigating to fresh feeding grounds when very small, but then live and feed under a protective hard, waxy shield as adults. Tea scales, oyster scales, eunonymous scales and wax scales are examples of these.

Control sprays work best at a time when the young, unprotected 'crawlers' are present on twigs and bark and can also aid in protection against aphids, white flies and spider mites.

• Scales often secrete "honeydew", a sweet solution that is soon invaded by fungus, creating a darkened, sticky appearance on leaves and even on other nearby plants known as "sooty mold". After scale insects have been killed, the bodies will still stick in place and the blackened, sooty mold effect has to wear off the leaves over time.

• Other species of scale present a more cottony appearance. Some, such as Mealy bugs *(Pseudococcidae)*, are able to move about on plants throughout their lives, and may be found down inside bulbs as well as in clusters over plants, or concealed in debris such as fallen leaves nearby.

• For successful spraying, look for a period in the early spring that will be relatively be warm, but without a forecast of rain for at least two days (45 - 70 degrees F).

Carefully follow the label directions in order to apply the correct dilution formula, especially if you plan to spray fruit trees beginning to break dormancy. If there are any doubts, spray a small area and wait a few days to check the results.

• After a few weeks, check to see if spraying has killed most of the scale present. Pry off a domed scale with a thumbnail and press. If the shell is dried, the treatment has worked. If there is still yellow, orange or white viscid material, the scales are still living.

Scurrying Around Snyder

Beth Dannheim, CEA—Family and Consumer Sciences, 2605 Avenue M, Snyder, Texas 79549

The Food Guide Pyramid

The Food Guide Pyramid was developed by the United States Department of Agriculture and the Department of Health and Human Services to help people understand how to have a healthy diet.

The three key concepts to a healthy diet are variety, balance, and moderation. In order to get all the nutrients necessary to maintain health, foods from all of the food groups must be included in the diet. Maintaining a healthy weight and avoiding weight gain also helps to prevent chronic diseases such as heart disease, cancer and diabetes which can decrease both the quantity and quality of life.

Moderation and portion control also helps. The Food Guide Pyramid shows what kinds, and how much, is needed to promote health.

There is no perfect food. While many foods are rich sources of certain vitamins and minerals, they may lack others. Therefore, a healthy diet includes foods from all of the food groups as well as a variety of choices within those food groups.

Maintaining a healthy weight requires balancing the amount of food that is eaten with physical activity. Everyone can benefit from physical activity. Healthy adults should get at least 30 minutes of physical activity every day.

Physical activity can be spread throughout the day and can include enjoyable activities such as walking and gardening. Those people with health conditions, who take medications, or are over the age of 40 years should consult with their doctor to determine which types of physical activity are right for them.

The Food Guide Pyramid illustrates food groups, lists serving sizes and provides a range in the number of servings needed based on an individual's needs. The number of servings for each food group needed is based on age, gender and physical activity level. By understanding the recommended servings for each of the food groups, people can avoid eating too much food which often leads to weight gain.

To learn more about the Food Guide Pyramid and more healthy eating tips contact Beth Dannheim, Scurry county Extension agent and ask about the Better Living for Texans/Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program.

Cattle futures trading prior to mad cow report investigated

WASHINGTON (AP) — Market regulators are investigating whether commodities traders profited last month from advance knowledge of the first U.S. case of mad cow disease.

The Commodity Futures Trading Commission said Tuesday that it is looking into cattle futures trading data on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange as far back as Dec. 9 — the day the diseased Canadian Holstein was slaughtered in Washington State and two weeks before the Agriculture Department confirmed it as the country's first case of mad cow.

Investigators are targeting investors who made bets that cattle prices would decline prior to the Dec. 23 announcement by Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman.

The CFTC's enforcement division is looking into "an unusual situation that resulted in volatility in the market," Alan Sobba, a spokesman for the Washington-based agency said.

"We will do a thorough and complete job," Sobba said. He added that the CFTC routinely looks into irregular trading patterns and would put no timetable on the investigation, the existence of which was first reported Tuesday by The Wall Street Journal.

Officials at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange are "cooperating fully" with the investigation, spokesman John Holden said.

Investigators are interviewing potential witnesses, and gathering paper and phone records.

Markets

Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 421 head of cattle for the Wednesday, Jan. 21, sale. Market was active and demand good. Feeder and stocker steers and heifers were $2 to $5 higher. Bred cows were steady to $20 higher. Pairs were steady to $20 higher. Packer cows and bulls steady to $1 to $2 higher.

Feeder Steers:
200-300: 105-132.50
300-400: 125-135
400-500: 109-119.50
500-600: 93-110
600 to 700: 84-89.50
Feeder Heifers:
300-400: 117-125
400-500: 93-100
500-600: 86-98
600-700: 72-88
Replacement cows:
Bred cows: 575-950
Pairs: 625-950
Packer cows: 42-54.25
Old and Shelley: 34-40
Packer bulls: 60-67.75

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc had a run of 315 head of livestock for the Thursday, Jan. 22, sale. Cows and bulls were steady. Calves and yearlings were $2 to $3 better. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows:
(High dressing, cutters, utility) 42-49
Canners and low cutters: 32-42
Slaughter bulls: 52-62
Feeder steers:
300-400: 105-123
400-500: 95-110
500-600: 87-108
600-700: 85-95
700-800: 85-92.50
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 100-115
400-500: 92-107
500-600: 85-95
600-700: 82-88
700-800: 77-85
Feeder bulls – Good and choice
500-600: 85-100
700-800: 75-85
Cow and Calf Pairs
Good: 650-860
Grade: 575-650
Springers: 425-750
Baby Calves: 125-175
Doodlers: 175-225

Kraft Foods to cut jobs, close 20 plants

CHICAGO (AP) — Kraft Foods said Tuesday it will eliminate 6,000 jobs, or 6 percent of its work force, and close 20 plants worldwide after more than a year of disappointing sales and earnings for the biggest U.S. food company.

About 1,300 salaried positions in North America will be eliminated in the first quarter, with the remaining cuts occurring over the next three years, Kraft said.

Kraft's brands include Oreo cookies, Jell-O desserts and Oscar Mayer hot dogs. Sales have been particularly sluggish for cookies and pizza.

The company has about 50,000 employees in the United States and slightly more than 100,000 worldwide.

?Weather Whys?

Topic: Sunspots and the weather

Q: Do sunspots affect the Earth's weather?

A: This is a question that has been nagging scientists for decades, says Andrew Odins of Texas A&M University, and no one seems to really know.

"There has been research done on subject of sunspots and our weather for at least 100 years," Odins reports, "and the bottom line is that we still aren't sure. We know that the primary energy source that controls our weather is sunlight. And we know that sunspots — which release giant solar flares of energy — can often disrupt satellites and radio transmissions here on Earth.

"But a link between sunspots and the weather is still not certain. Galileo observed them 400 years ago and we know that sunspots seem to occur in a roughly 11-year cycle during which there can be just a few dozen or several thousand."

Q: Are there any direct results from sunspots affecting weather?

A: "We know for sure sunspots and solar flares make the aurora borealis, or the Northern Lights, much brighter and more widespread," Odins adds. "These are streams of energy particles from sunspots, but do they affect the weather? Many scientists tend to think they do not because the particles are so small compared to the energy from sunlight itself, which some have estimated to be only 100 million times less.

"From the 1600s to the 1700s, there was a very low period of sunspot activity and this coincided with a number of long winters in Europe, called the Little Ice Age. Some scientists think the two were linked, others do not. Many scientists believe that if sunspots have any affect on our weather at all, it's as a triggering device to something much bigger. We just don't know — sunspots and their affect on weather is something that needs a lot more study."

ABOUT WEATHER WHYS

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COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

WEEKLY LAKE AND WATER DELIVERY REPORT

LAKE J. B. THOMAS (200,604 ACRE FEET AT ELEVATION 2258.00 FT.)

	ONE YEAR AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
	1-26-03	1-19-04	1-26-04
ELEVATION (FEET)	17.13	17.30	17.27
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	17,975	18,306	18,247
PERCENT FULL	8.96	9.13	9.10
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		1.10	0.00
IVIE TO LAKE THOMAS (Gal.)		0	0
SPENCE TO THOMAS (Gal.)		0	0

*RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT BIG SPRING/ODESSA INTAKE.

E.V. SPENCE RESERVOIR (517,262 ACRE-FEET AT ELEVATION 1898.00 FT.)

	ONE YEAR AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
	1-26-03	1-19-04	1-26-04
ELEVATION (FEET)	37.01	38.47	38.28
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	33,522	37,363	36,847
PERCENT FULL	6.48	7.22	7.12
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.25	0.00

* RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT SPENCE PUMP STATION

O.H. IVIE RESERVOIR (554,340 ACRE-FEET AT ELEVATION 1551.50 FT.)

	ONE YEAR AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
	1-26-03	1-19-04	1-26-04
ELEVATION (FEET)	27.44	25.82	25.65
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	210,585	195,122	193,568
PERCENT FULL	37.99	35.20	35.92
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	0.00

* RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT DAM.

INFORMATION BASED ON NEW AREA CAPACITY CURVE DATA

MUNICIPAL WATER DELIVERIES IN GALLONS

	LAST WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 1-19-04	THIS WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 1-26-04	THIS WEEKS PEAK DAY 1-26-04
	1-13-04	1-2004	1-20-04
BIG SPRING	2,880,000	2,861,429	3,020,000
ODESSA	12,137,514	11,641,071	12,090,600
SNYDER	1,539,986	1,494,986	1,685,400
MIDLAND	13,024,200	9,866,614	13,326,000
SAN ANGELO	10,309,286	10,291,571	11,242,000
STANTON	254,286	248,000	287,000

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A troubled country, gives Colin Powell hearty welcome

WASHINGTON (AP) — It was just under a year ago when Secretary State Colin Powell told the world that failure to deal forcefully with Iraq's doomsday weapons could be a fatal mistake.

To some in Washington, Powell's political stature has been diminished because the weapons he warned about in his U.N. Security Council speech have failed to materialize more than nine months after the Iraq war.

It has not been an easy time for him. His weekend visit to the former Soviet republic of Georgia offered him a welcome respite, albeit brief, from the Iraq issue.

Georgians seemed delighted that this important man from the West was visiting their deeply troubled country. They felt that perhaps his visit could make a difference.

The Black Sea nation faces wrenching poverty and violent separatist movements that have uprooted hundreds of thousands of people. Corruption is prevalent. Some teachers are forced to live on $10 a month. Despite its travails, the country has a reputation for showing friendship and generosity toward foreigners.

Powell awoke Sunday morning in Tblisi, the Georgian capital, to one of the most important days in the country's history. Mikhail Saakashvili, a 36-year old political wunderkind who led a successful uprising last November against an unpopular president, was taking office after a landslide election victory on Jan. 4.

Presidents-elect normally have the limelight to themselves on inauguration day; Saakashvili was willing to share his with Powell.

At the Georgian leader's insistence, Powell was at his side at three separate events on Sunday. One exception was the inauguration itself.

In addition to a private meeting, they held a joint news conference and appeared at a town hall meeting. For the two latter events, it was Powell and not the newly installed president who received most of the questions.

After the town hall meeting, a large crowd cheered Powell enthusiastically on his departure.

At a meeting with Georgians who represent civil society groups, one woman rose to tell Powell she had no question but simply wanted to meet him. Powell beckoned her to the podium and gave her a hug and pecks on both cheeks.

Georgians are looking for help wherever they can get it. A European Union flag was on display outside the parliament building, not because Georgia is a member; it just wants to join. Georgians also are showing interest in joining NATO but the country has a long way to go to qualify.

A number of questioners asked Powell about possible U.S. help to rid Georgia of unwanted Russian bases harboring an estimated 3,000 troops. Powell said he expects Russia to keep a promise to pull out.

Saakashvili, who has studied in the United States, said the Russian bases suggest a yearning by some nostalgic Muscovites to retrieve a territory Russia had dominated for almost two centuries.

On Sunday afternoon, Powell left Tblisi for Moscow, where he and Russian President Vladimir Putin each had kind words about the state of bilateral relations. On such issues as Iraq, Afghanistan and the Middle East, the two countries get on reasonably well but frictions are evident in other areas.

In a front page opinion commentary in Izvestia on Monday, Powell suggested that Russia has been straying from democratic principles and showing disrespect for neighbors such as Georgia.

Some Russians see American engagement in Georgia, including the dispatch of anti-terrorism trainers, as a threat. Also, the United States has opened two anti-terrorism bases to Russia's east, and to the west, it plans to develop crisis response military facilities in some former Soviet countries that are allies.

Powell brushed aside questions of hostile intent toward Russia.

"The Cold War is over, the Iron Curtain is down," he said. "Russia and the United States are now friends, not competitors."

DA aims to try teen-ager as adult in fatal school stabbing

DALLAS (AP) — Prosecutors say they will seek to try a 15-year-old boy as an adult in the fatal stabbing of a 13-year-old outside a Dallas Middle School.

Because of the severe nature of the attack on Jose Lopez, 13, as he stood outside E.H. Cary Middle School Jan. 13, the state believes that "the prospect of adequate protection of the public and the likelihood of reasonable rehabilitation of the child ... is in serious doubt," says a written request dated Thursday.

Prosecutors would not comment further Tuesday.

Defense attorney Reed Prospere said he plans to vigorously oppose the state's efforts.

"We think the juvenile system, assuming that he's adjudged delinquent, has adequate resources to handle any rehabilitative needs deemed necessary," he told The Dallas Morning News. "I don't think there is anybody who would conclude the rehabilitative needs of a 15-year-old will be met in an adult penitentiary."

Prospere, counts among his clients former Dallas Cowboys defensive back Dwayne Goodrich, free while his 7 1/2-year sentence for two hit-and-run traffic deaths is on appeal. Prospere said not all of his clients are wealthy, saying he's "doing this for substantially less than the normal rate."

Gary Arey, chief prosecutor in the district attorney's juvenile division, said state statute allows for adult certifications of juveniles based on the seriousness of the offense, as well as issues about the welfare of the community where the crime occurred.

Once a motion for adult certification has been filed, prosecutors and defense attorneys make arguments before a juvenile court judge, who ultimately makes the decision.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, Jan. 29, 2004

Moderate gestures of goodwill from friends and associates in the year ahead may contain elements that will turn out to be quite grand in scope. It behooves you to keep all relationships in good stead.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Negative financial trends may do an about face for you today. If you have suffered any losses recently, you'll now have a chance to recoup them, so take advantage of this propitious day.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Your warm sense of humor and your broad generous outlook are your tickets to success today. Any kindness you show to others will be reflected back to you twofold at this time.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Today's aspects favor all kinds of business and commercial activity, but they will not happen through sheer luck. Your sharper-than-usual mind will know how to turn trade into a profit.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Both enterprises and social activities which you personally control have excellent chances for success today. Step into the fray and apply your organizational touch in ways that are needed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Friends tend to share things with you today that they normally wouldn't with others. The worth of their gestures may be so enormous and valuable that they could startle you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — There are things in the wind today — or, at the least, just over the horizon — that are about to bring you good luck and joy. Have a hopeful attitude and focus on the new instead of the old.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Conditions are favorable for you today in areas where your work or career is concerned, and this could mean a lot to you financially. The tide is running with you, and so is Lady Luck.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — All those bits and pieces that wouldn't mesh together yesterday will effortlessly fall into place today. In fact, good things of all kinds could be coming to you now from many directions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Assert your shrewdness in joint affairs today. You will be the one who can harmoniously arrive at solutions that will hold advantages for all involved and make everybody happy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — It will pay for you to turn to your valued alliances and team up with them today to accomplish something of value. Partners can be especially helpful now in playing a role in your affairs.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — More opportunities than usual exist today in your chosen field of endeavor. Try to grasp what is happening around you, because these circumstances can be of enormous luck to you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Open up your channels today to some of your friends who live at a distance and you rarely see anymore. Good news is trying to break through for you from an unexpected, distant source.

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Flight attendant on Sept. 11 plane talked calmly on tape

WASHINGTON (AP) — The calm voice calling from American Airlines Flight 11 belied the mayhem unfolding on the jetliner: a hijacking was under way, three people were stabbed, the cockpit was silent.

"The cockpit is not answering their phone," flight attendant Betty Ong told the American Airlines operations center shortly before the plane slammed into the World Trade Center. "There's somebody stabbed in business class, and we can't breathe in business. Um, I think there is some Mace or something. We can't breathe.

"I don't know, but I think we're getting hijacked."

Ong, 45, known as "Bee," of Andover, Mass., was working coach class on the American Airlines Boeing 767 flying from Boston to Los Angeles on Sept. 11, 2001, before suspected 9-11 ringleader Mohammed Atta and four others took over the plane and crashed it into the North Tower of the Trade Center.

Nydia Gonzalez, on duty at the operations center that morning, told the panel how she received Ong's call at about 8:20 a.m.

"Several media accounts of what occurred on Flight 11 claimed that Betty was 'hysterical with fear,' 'shrieking' and 'gasping for air,'" Gonzalez said. "Those accounts were wrong."

"In a very calm, professional and poised demeanor, Betty Ong relayed to us detailed information of the events unfolding on Flight 11," Gonzalez added.

The Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States heard portions of Ong's 23-minute conversation with the operations center on the second of a two-day hearing Tuesday.

In it, Ong tells the operations center her flight and seat number and describes the scene on board.

"I'm sitting in the back. Somebody's coming back from business. If you can hold on for one second here, they're coming back.

"Our No. 1 (flight attendant) got stabbed. Our purser is stabbed."

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2004

There is still more to the final

By Phillip Alder

The 2003 world championships were held in Monte Carlo. As we saw over the last eight columns, the final of the Bermuda Bowl was one of the most dramatic ever, the U.S. team winning by one point. However, the United States began the final with a 13-point lead, based on the score from its match against Italy in the preliminary stage. This decided the destiny of the trophy. Some feel the final should start at 0-0 (because in the earlier match a team that has already qualified for the knockout stage might not play so hard). Others believe that it is only fair all of the boards be taken into consideration. What do you think?

Third place went to the second U.S. team of Doug Doub — Adam Wildavsky, Steve Landen — Pratap Rajadhyaksha, and Dan Morse — Bobby Wolff. In a playoff, they beat Norway by 104-83.

On this deal from the match, look only at the West hand. What would you lead against six hearts? You know South has a heart-club two-suiter with (probably) the spade ace. North's four bids showed, in order: heart support; diamond values; the diamond ace; either another ace or the heart king, but not the heart queen.

At the table, the Norwegian West selected a trump. Now the declarer, Landen, could draw trumps and, eventually, discard dummy's two diamond losers on club winners in his hand: plus 980.

If West had picked a diamond lead, the slam would have failed. Then, Norway would have gained 11 points (its pair stopped in game) instead of losing 11 — and the final margin was 21.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



More on nail fungus

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a first-time reader of your column. I was drawn in by your suggestion to use Vicks VapoRub for toenail fungus.

I, too, had this toenail problem. I found that vinegar can quickly cure this affliction. I immersed my feet in a basin of vinegar for 10 minutes three times a day. It worked.

DEAR READER: If the vinegar therapy worked for you, congratulations. However, many people have better things to do than to sit with their feet in a vinegar solution for 10 minutes, three times a day. Therefore, while I don't presume to criticize your technique, I do believe that applying VapoRub twice a day is a lot easier than the soaks. Again, I want to emphasize that I have no financial relation with the Vicks people — in fact, I'm almost surprised they haven't contacted me for an advertising blitz, because the product does work wonders in curing nail fungus, without any risk, inconvenience or side effects.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Last month I had a light stroke and haven't had a desire for food since. I live on protein drinks, milk, bananas and cereal. Do you have any suggestions that would return my appetite?

DEAR READER: In addition to causing weakness and difficulty with speech, strokes may produce a variety of ailments that, while not typical of stroke, can be troublesome nevertheless. Depression, anxiety, confusion, poor memory and anorexia (loss of appetite) are such consequences.

Fortunately, most of these symptoms will regress or disappear in time. Since you had your stroke only a few weeks ago, I believe that you can anticipate a full recovery, providing you are patient.

Meanwhile, to increase your appetite, I suggest the following:

Try to eat out more. In a social context, eating at a friend's house or a restaurant may take your mind off your troubles. Also, someone else's cooking may taste better to you than your own.

Don't eat alone, even if you dine at home. Company is always more stimulating than being by yourself. In addition, have someone else plan and buy your meals; this can lead to interesting surprises. Having family members present can be a happy experience.

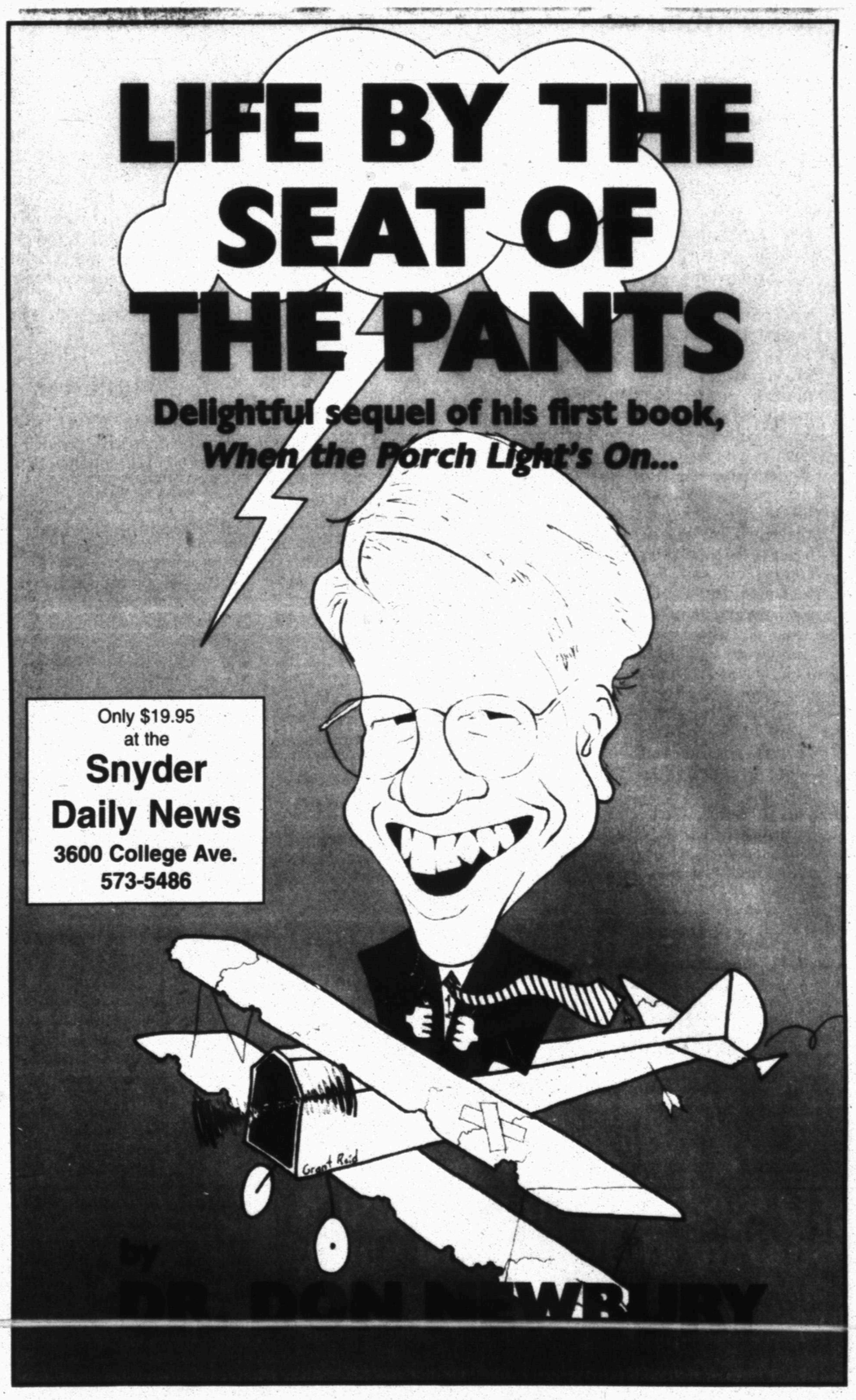
Ask your doctor about ways to increase your appetite. Sometimes, old-fashioned appetite-enhancers, such as Gevrabon (a non-prescription tonic), will make food seem more tasty.

Remember that your appetite will probably return as your body heals from the damage caused by the stroke. Be patient and follow your doctor's advice.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Strokes." 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.

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

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Perry's office quietly pushing $4B plan

AUSTIN (AP) — While Gov. Rick Perry publicly touts cash incentives for teachers and schools, a top aide is quietly floating a plan to raise more than $4 billion for education initiatives and lower property taxes for Texas homeowners.

According to consultants and business leaders who have heard the presentation, the plan would raise cigarette taxes, legalize video lottery terminals at horse and dog tracks and address what some call a loophole in the corporate franchise tax, the San Antonio Express-News reported today.

It also would provide for a statewide business property tax while requiring school districts to set a lower rate for homeowners. Future legislatures would have to spread any additional state revenue evenly between more property tax cuts, school funding and other programs.

Perry's chief of staff, Mike Toomey, is talking up the plan, which would also prevent city and county governments from trying to raise taxes after local school tax rates drop.

Gubernatorial spokesman Robert Black told The Associated Press today the governor's staff is trying to develop new ideas for school finance. He said all options except a state personal income tax are "on the table."

"There is no firm plan in concrete yet, but we continue to discuss ways to bring educational excellence into schools," Black said.

Toomey has privately been testing the concept of "splitting" the taxation of business and residential property in a series of presentations since late last year, including a Monday pitch before the state's largest business organization.

Bill Hammond, president of the Texas Association of Business, said the group will take a position on the proposal soon.

"In the past, we've been opposed" to splitting business and residential property taxes, Hammond said. "It's a new day in regard to that. We're taking a hard look at the governor's proposal."

Republican Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn, however, told reporters Tuesday that she was "absolutely opposed to the split roll tax".

"You don't want to be harmful to business," she said. "You want a level, fair playing field for business."

Speaking to the Austin-area Rotary Club, she said has long supported a $1-per-pack tax on cigarettes as well as video lottery at racetracks.

Another alternative is that Perry might not call a spring special session on education, postponing a GOP vow to scrap the existing school funding method to at least the 2005 regular legislative session.

Suicide bomber kills four in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A suicide bomber driving a van disguised as an ambulance blew up his vehicle today in front of a hotel frequented by Westerners, witnesses and police said. Iraqi police reported four people were killed, and South Africa said one of its nationals was among them.

The U.S. military initially reported three dead, then said only the driver was killed. A spokesman refused to explain why the figure was lowered.

The blast at the Shaheen Hotel also injured 17 people, according to hospital officials. The spokesman for the South African Foreign Ministry, Ronnie Mamoepa, said one South African was killed and four injured in the blast.

The bombing occurred about 6:40 a.m. after security guards opened fire on the vehicle — a white van with Red Crescent markings — as it maneuvered around concrete barriers in the street, witnesses said.

The explosion gouged a huge crater in the street, shattered the ground floor of the three-story hotel and damaged at least three other buildings nearby.

At least 10 cars parked along the street were severely damaged, some reduced to mounds of twisted metal. The blast hurled remains of one car across the street, and other cars were set on fire.

Residents of the hotel include the labor minister, Sami Izara al-Majoun, who was unhurt.

"My guards came to the room and rushed me downstairs. The hotel was burning and there was fire and smoke everywhere," al-Majoun said.

He said some foreigners were staying in the hotel but he didn't know their nationalities or profession.

The hotel is located in the Karadah neighborhood, which includes several foreign embassies — including the Swiss, Polish and Armenian — and the main station of the security force protecting diplomatic missions.

"If you see my house, you wouldn't be able to recognize it," said Sonya Tatyosian, who lives across the street from the hotel. Still dressed in her pajamas, she stood weeping on the street as she used a friend's satellite phone to call her brother in California.

"I am OK," she sobbed. "Just didn't want you to worry."

It was the first vehicle bombing in Baghdad since Jan. 18, when 31 people were killed in a blast at a main gate to the headquarters of the U.S.-led coalition. Most of the dead were Iraqis.

At least five hotels used by foreigners in Baghdad have been attacked by insurgents in the past with car bombs, rockets and other explosive devices.

The attacks underscore the precarious security situation in Baghdad nine months after the collapse of Saddam Hussein's regime.

Law officers arrest six in Snyder

• Arrests

Law enforcement officers made six arrests in Snyder Tuesday and early this morning.

A report of suspicious subjects on the playground of Central Elementary led to the arrest of an 18-year-old man for public intoxication at midnight.

A 19-year-old man was taken into custody in the 900 block of Ave. Q at 12:11 p.m. Tuesday on a warrant to revoke his probation.

Officers arrested a 39-year-old man in the 4100 block of Brick Plant Rd. at 5:32 p.m. Tuesday on a city warrant for speeding and failure to appear.

A 30-year-old woman was taken into custody at 6:09 p.m. Tuesday in the 1100 block of 32nd St. on an outstanding city warrant for failure to appear in court.

Law enforcement officers arrested a 19-year-old man in the 100 block of 36th St. at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday on a city warrant for Class C assault and failure to appear.

At 8:47 p.m. Tuesday, a 43-year-old woman was arrested in the 300 block of 34th St. on a warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• Family violence

A woman notified police at 11:53 a.m. Tuesday that she had been assaulted at her residence. An offense report for family violence was submitted.

• Criminal mischief

A caller reported at 8:36 a.m. Tuesday that someone had driven through yards in the 5500 block of Cedar Creek during the night.

• Burglary of a vehicle

An officer was requested at 5:06 p.m. Tuesday to report a purse stolen from a vehicle while parked at Park Village Apts. at 4400 Ave. U.

• Gas drive-off

A clerk at Allsup's in Snyder reported a gas drive-off Tuesday afternoon in the amount of $16.91.

GS Troop 210 studies Sweden

The cadets in Girl Scout Troop 210 are studying the country Sweden this year.

Brenda Davis, troop leader, said they would like to have as guest speakers anyone who is from Sweden or has visited the country. She may be reached at 574-1802.

Obituaries

Jewel McIntosh

1921-2004

Otha Jewel McIntosh, longtime Snyder resident, died Tuesday, Jan. 27, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.



Mrs. McIntosh

Funeral service for Mrs. McIntosh, 82, will be held at 10 a.m. Friday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Miller Robinson, retired Baptist minister, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born Sept. 6, 1921 in Bell County, she married David McIntosh on May 24, 1966 in Colorado City. She worked for 26 years as a checker at Piggly Wiggly and was a member of the Union Baptist Church, the VFW Auxiliary and the Ira Craft Club.

Survivors include her husband, David McIntosh of Snyder; two daughters, Sandra Lewis of Dimmitt and Julia Hardin of Washington, D.C.; a son, Robert Boyd of Snyder; seven grandchildren, Casey Sandman of Houston, Debra Spain of Austin, Jackie Cornett of Dimmitt, Chris Hardin of Alpine, Trent and Laura Boyd of Snyder and Darrell Lewis of Dallas; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Raymond Rabb

1928-2004

COLORADO CITY — Raymond Leon Rabb, the brother of Walter Rabb of Snyder, died Monday, Jan. 26, in an Abilene hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Rabb, 75, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church in Westbrook with the Revs. Paul Smith, Bob Manning and Jim Mosley officiating. Burial will follow in the Westbrook Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Born March 1, 1928 in Fort Worth, he was a U.S. Marine Corp veteran of the Korean conflict. A resident of Colorado City since 1984, Mr. Rabb was a retired maintenance technician for the Colorado City Housing Authority and for the past 13 years had been the maintenance technician for the First Baptist Church in Westbrook where he was a member.

Survivors also include a sister, Frances Ranne of Westbrook; a sister-in-law, Mary Rabb of Snyder; two nephews, Eddie Ranne of Flower Mound and Jim Sexton of New Walla, Okla.; two nieces, Judy Feaster of Lufkin and Linda Golden of Northport, Ala.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles R. and Edna Sexton Rabb; and a sister, Dorris Britton.

Kenneth Stewart

1941-2004

IRVING — Kenneth Stewart, the brother of Betty Zajicek and Linda Treadway of Snyder, died Sunday, Jan. 25, at his home in Grand Prairie.

Service for Mr. Stewart, 62, is set for 11 a.m. Friday in the Ben F. Brown Memorial Funeral Home. The burial service is pending.

Born June 9, 1941, Mr. Stewart was a graduate of Snyder High School and served eight years in the U.S. Army.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Ethel Stewart; and a sister, Pat Jones.

Survivors include two sons, Jimmy Stewart and Kenny Stewart, both of Irving; a daughter, Betty Tate of Rhome; a brother, Jerry Stewart of Gresham; another sister, Brenda Worthington of Gatesville; and three grandchildren.

Nellie Martinez

1943-2004

Private graveside service was held Tuesday in the Snyder Cemetery for Nellie Martinez, 60.

Arrangements were under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Mrs. Martinez, a native of Snyder, died Sunday, Jan. 25, in Lubbock.

Born Dec. 5, 1943 in Snyder, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Martinez was preceded in death by her parents, Abel and Celia Barrientez; and a son, Patricio Martinez Jr.

Survivors include her husband, Patricio Martinez Sr. of Snyder; three daughters, Margarita Martinez of Houston, Linda Jackson of Peoria, Ariz., and Sally Sanchez of Snyder; three sons, Roy Martinez and David Martinez of Snyder and Danny Martinez of Houston; four brothers and sisters; and eight grandchildren, Derrick Crayton, Jacobee Martinez, Abel Martinez and Jaiden Martinez, all of Houston; Nikki, Cambron and Casey Martinez and Sonja Benitez, all of Snyder; and Victoria Martinez of Arizona.

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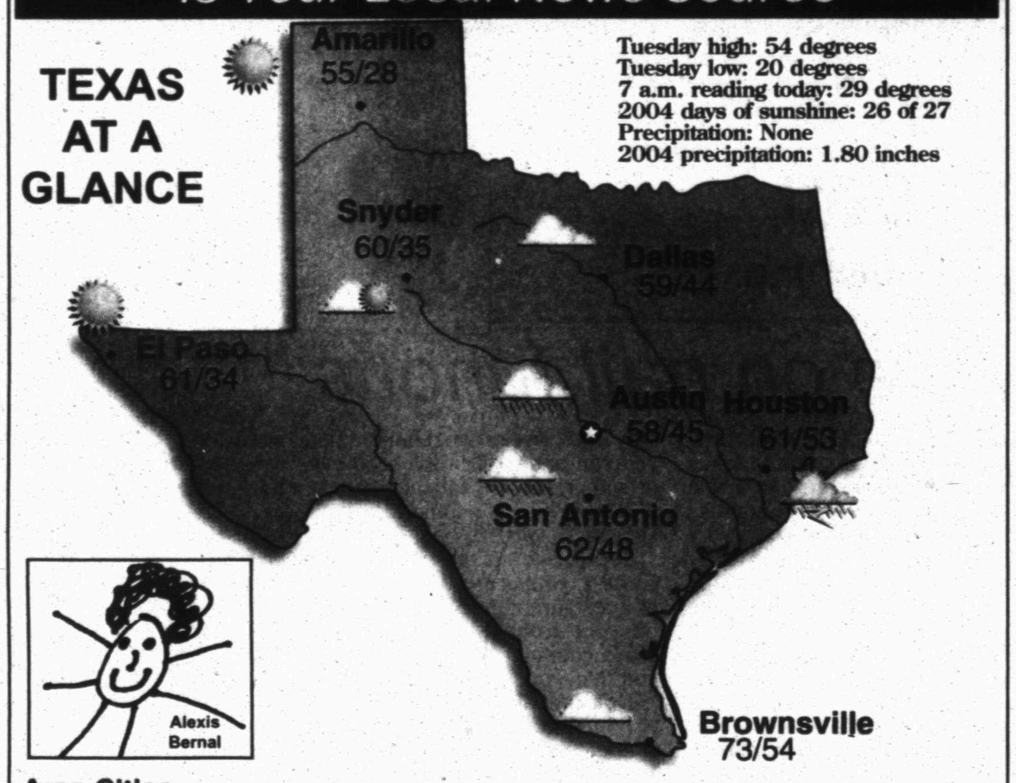
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Thu 1/29	Fri 1/30	Sat 1/31
60/35	63/38	66/37
Partly cloudy skies. High around 60F. Winds WSW at 10 to 20 mph.	Sunny. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 30s.
Sunrise 7:41 AM / Sunset 6:13 PM	Sunrise 7:40 AM / Sunset 6:14 PM	Sunrise 7:39 AM / Sunset 6:15 PM

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TEXAS AT A GLANCE



Tuesday high: 54 degrees
Tuesday low: 20 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 29 degrees
2004 days of sunshine: 26 of 27
Precipitation: None
2004 precipitation: 1.80 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Abilene	62	39	pt sunny
Amarillo	55	28	sunny
Austin	58	45	rain
Beaumont	60	52	rain
Brownsville	73	54	cloudy
Brownwood	63	41	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	68	52	rain
Corsicana	57	44	cloudy
Dallas	59	44	cloudy
Del Rio	64	45	pt sunny
El Paso	61	34	sunny
Fort Stockton	63	39	mst sunny
Gainesville	57	38	cloudy
Greenville	55	41	cloudy
Houston	61	53	t-storm
Kingsville	71	51	rain
Livingston	58	47	rain
Longview	57	45	rain
Lubbock	60	32	mst sunny
Lufkin	60	47	rain
Midland	62	35	mst sunny
Raymondville	73	51	rain
Rosenberg	61	52	t-storm
San Antonio	62	48	rain
San Marcos	59	46	rain
Sulphur Springs	56	42	cloudy
Sweetwater	62	38	pt sunny
Tyler	56	44	rain
Weatherford	59	39	cloudy
Wichita Falls	60	35	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Atlanta	52	35	mst sunny
Boston	30	15	windy
Chicago	17	3	sn shower
Dallas	59	44	cloudy
Denver	49	29	pt sunny
Houston	61	53	t-storm
Los Angeles	69	51	sunny
Miami	70	62	pt sunny
Minneapolis	3	-11	sn shower
New York	30	19	mst sunny
Phoenix	67	45	sunny
San Francisco	57	48	pt sunny
Seattle	51	43	rain
St. Louis	32	12	flurries
Washington, DC	37	23	flurries

Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
Jan 21	Jan 29	Feb 6	Feb 13

UV Index

Thu 1/29	Fri 1/30	Sat 1/31
Low	Low	Low

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

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