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Kinder Morgan...

CO2 project impacts Snyder's economy

By Brian Brisendine
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The impact of activity at the SACROC unit by Kinder Morgan CO2 Co. is trickling through the community, with positive economic benefits being felt by almost every business.

The company is in the midst of a $210 million construction project designed to increase production and extend the life of the Canyon Reef formation by 20 years.

During that period, the unit hopes to up production to 50,000 barrels daily and ultimately produce another 200 million barrels of oil.

The increased activity has resulted in contractors from across the state converging on Snyder to handle the workload.

Area motels are housing dozens of contract laborers, while Snyder's restaurants and laundry services take care of other necessities.

Oil-related businesses in town are as busy as they have been in 20 years, according to some.

Jack McDonald, owner of McDonald Welding Supply Co., said his firm is busier than it has been "since the last boom that started in 1978 and finished in 1983."

"Thanks in large part to Kinder Morgan and the SACROC unit and also to the work being done north of Snyder by Oxy Permian, we're staying very busy," he said. "But not just us or the oil companies. This activity is stirring up everyone in town. It's great."

McDonald said more than 60 welders are working at the SACROC unit.

Because of the increased work at SACROC and around the county, Snyder is weathering the economic downturn being suffered by other communities of comparative size, according to City Manager John Gayle.

"We are extremely fortunate as a community to have companies like Kinder Morgan who are willing to invest in the area," Gayle said. "Other towns in this area are losing sales tax revenue every month, but Snyder is not seeing that decrease because of the activity going on right now. We are blessed because of that."

McDonald said the benefit of Kinder Morgan in Snyder is evident "everywhere you look."

"Everybody is working, it's incredible how much activity there is," he said. "There's not an oil-related company in Snyder that isn't benefiting. Every pulling unit and work-over unit in this town is busy, there aren't any of them sitting in the yard. And when the oil field is busy, it's good for every business in town.

"It's really a boom for Snyder because all this money turns over again and again in town," McDonald continued. "The restaurants, the motels, the cleaners, they're all busy because of this. Employees at all of Snyder's business are working more hours and making more money and they're spending that money here."

Many of the contract laborers who work at the SACROC unit daily spend their nights in local motel rooms.

Mellennie Rodriguez, a desk clerk at Best Western on Coliseum Dr., said workers in town for the Kinder Morgan project occupy almost half of the motel's rooms.

"The workers have been in town for several weeks now, almost every night of the week," she said. "It's very good for business. We'll welcome them as long as they want to stay."

Rodriguez said contract laborers occupy 20 of the 39 available rooms on average every night.

Pravin Patel, owner of the Days Inn on Coliseum Dr., also said business has been steady since Kinder Morgan began its project at SACROC.

"Quite a lot of people stay with us from the project," he said. "Some stay a few days and then go home for weekends and then come back. Others stay for months at a time."

MD Laundry is experiencing increased traffic as well, according to owner Margaret Beaver.

"We do a lot of the welders' cleaning," she said. "It's been great and we hope they keep coming in."

Mickey Nunley, owner of The Plaza Truck Stop and National Fuel and Lubricants, said both of his businesses have picked up because of the activity around Scurry County.

"This is a very big deal for everyone in this community," Nunley said. "Kinder Morgan is really a life saver for Snyder right now. I think a lot of folks don't realize what a blessing it is for

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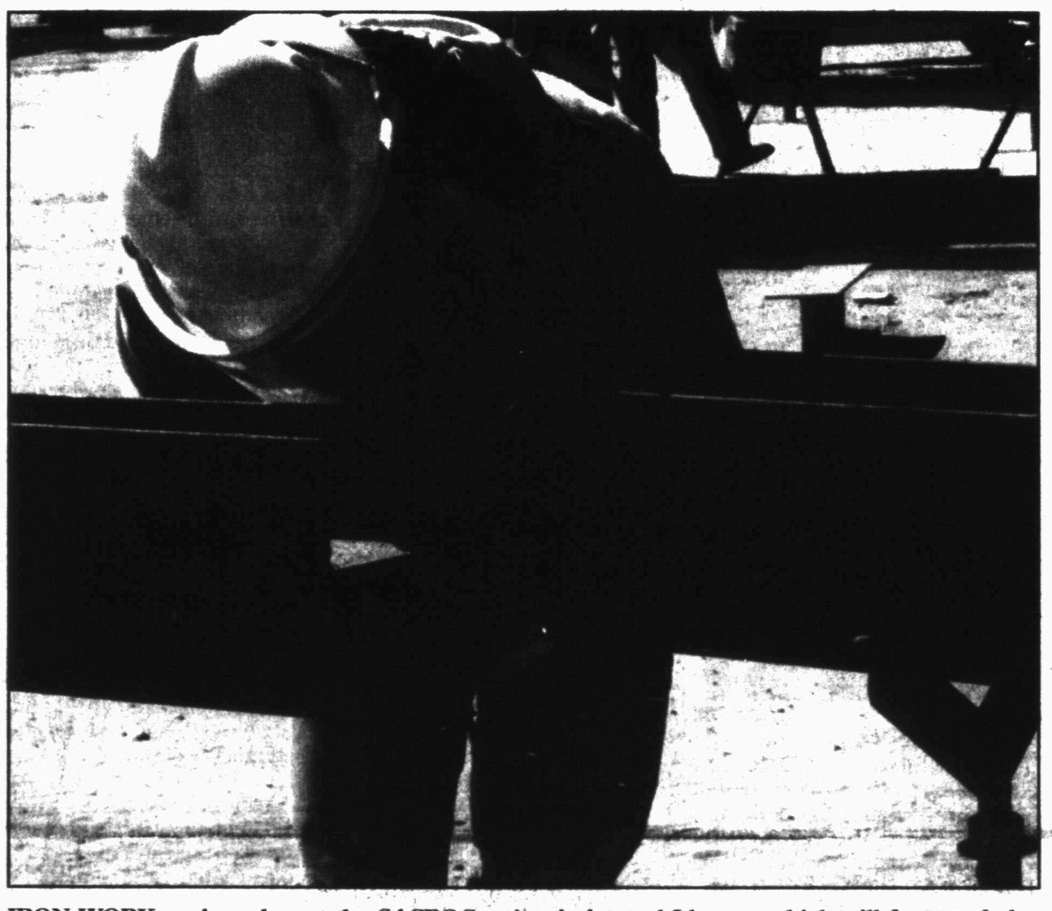


IRON WORK — A worker at the SACROC unit grinds steel I-beams which will form a shelter for the new compressors to be installed at the site. Kinder Morgan CO2 Co. is investing $210 million in the local unit with hopes of generating 200 million barrels of oil over 20 years. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "One of the advantages of being messy and disorderly is you get to make constant and exciting discoveries."

She's right!

Mrs. Don (Melva) Jones called last week to nicely scold us about an omission.

We had urged parents of graduates in Ira, Hermleigh and Snyder to feed us information and pictures concerning what their "kids" are doing now.

We mentioned that these three schools had graduated some talented people who have been successful in their endeavors in life.

Mrs. Jones reminded us that Fluvanna, too, had graduated some outstanding folks. Although Fluvanna schools have been closed since 1976, we'd like to hear from those folks as well, and we solicited her help to nudge some of those residents still living in the northwest part of Scurry County.

At one time, Scurry County had many rural schools. Among those were Favor, Guinn, Browing, Fisher County Line, Pyron, Camp Springs, Cotton Wood Flat, Canyon, Pleasant Hill, Bison, Conroe, Scurry County Line, Red Bluff, Triangle, Bethel Independence, Plainview, Light and Dunn.

Others were Bookout, Dermott, Crowder, Bell, Wheat, Gannaway, Strayhorn, Martin, Ennis, Turner, China Gove, Lone Wolf, Mitchell County Line, Sulpher, Deep Creek, Whatley, Woodard, Joe Bailey, Arah, Gergan, Sharon, Moore, West Point, Santa Fe, Egypt, Lloyd Mountain, Centerview and Bluff Creek.

If anybody has been left out, give us a ring.

Joe and Wanda Falls were in the office last week while we were trying to look up the date of the Fluvanna school consolidation with Snyder.

We were using "Footprints" as a reference book and it was mentioned that the history book was printed 18 years ago – in 1984.

We agree, it's time for an update.

Doylene Gilliland, veteran Girl Friday at Higginbotham-Bartlett, says most folks come into the store and talk about the weather.

Doylene wrote this little bit about the weather:

Whether the weather is cold
Whether the weather is hot
Whether the weather is good
Whether the weather is not
We'll weather the weather
Whatever the weather
Whether we like it or not!

Showing livestock family affair

For many Snyder youths, raising animals and showing them across the state is more than an extracurricular activity — it's a way of life.

Every year, from January through March, life speeds up for stock exhibitors as they prepare for local and major shows.

County agent Greg Gruben leads the local 4-H participants and said raising an animal can do wonders for children.

"I really think this is the very best program they can be involved in because they have to sustain another life," he said. "It teaches them a lot of important lessons that they can use for the rest of their lives. Everybody involved with stock shows is a better person because of it."

Gruben estimates that more than 1,000 people in Scurry County are involved with stock shows. "When you count the kids and their siblings and their parents, it adds up fast. That's a large percentage of the local population."

The community is an integral part of the show process as well, Gruben added, with local businesses contributing thousands of dollars each year to the county sale.

"That money helps these kids travel to the bigger shows," he said. "It's very helpful."

Snyder fifth grader Kylie Moreland is a Junior FFA member and exhibits lambs at various shows each year.

She said watching the animals grow throughout the year and traveling with her family are her favorite things about showing.

"I like competing at the shows and hopefully winning," she said. "And you get to meet a lot of neat people. I've made lots of friends."

Kylie's dad, Shawn Moreland, said the lessons learned through showing animals are invaluable for his kids.

"Doing this teaches them so much responsibility." It doesn't take them long to realize that these animals don't get fed unless they come out and feed them."

Moreland said his kids, Kylie and first grader Braydin, are learning strong work habits through showing and also are strengthening the family bond.

"This is something the whole family gets involved in," he said. "When we go to a show, all four of us have certain jobs that we do and we get them done together as a family."

The San Antonio livestock show, one of the major shows in Texas, begins Monday morning and the San Angelo show is scheduled next weekend.

Gruben said the biggest stock show of all, the Houston Livestock Show, begins March 6.

"It falls on spring break this year so we're glad about that," the county agent said. "We travel a lot during the spring. It's a lot of work, but it's also a lot of fun."

SUPPER TIME — Junior FFA member Kylie Moreland feeds one of her show lambs. (SDN Staff Photo)

Filing starts Feb. 18...

Schools, city set May 3 elections

Although Feb. 17 is the first day candidates for the Texas and local May 3 general election can officially file, they will have to wait a day, as that Monday is a holiday — President's Day.

"As it falls this year, the first day of filing for the spring election will be Feb. 18," said Betty Morgan who oversees the election process for the Snyder ISD.

Morgan said if the filing date had fallen on a state holiday, she would be required to be available for those wishing to file.

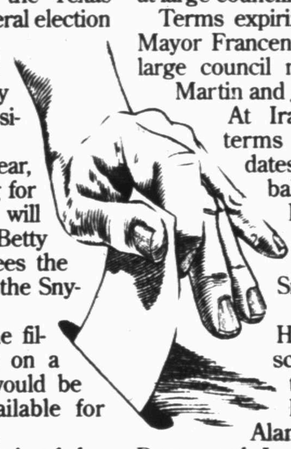
"Since that Monday is a federal holiday and the school district already had also scheduled a holiday, those wishing to file will have to wait until Tuesday."

The terms of Mike Levens and Richard Chambers are expiring.

Levens represents Place 2, while Chambers represents Place 3 on the board.

At Monday night's city council meeting, the council ordered the election for three spots, those of the mayor and the two at-large councilmen.

Terms expiring are those of Mayor Francene Noah, and at-large council members Terry Martin and John Reed.



At Ira schools, the terms of two candidates will be on the ballot. Those are Place 4 Dennis Taylor and Place 5 Shane Smith.

In the Hermleigh school district, the terms of at-large trustees Alan Culp, Tim Dacus and Joe Roemisch will expire.

The deadline for filing for any of the above offices is March 19 and the last day to register to vote is April 3. Early voting starts April 16.

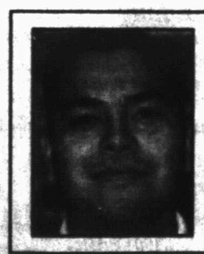
Western Texas College will not have a trustee election this year as those terms expire on even years.

Last year, the college did not have an election, as there were no contested races.

ASK US

Q—When does Daylight Saving Time begin?
A—Sunday, April 6.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Sam Lopez...

...is one of Snyder's newest neighbors, having just moved here from Levelland to become assistant store director at United. He has been married to Patricia for more than nine years. The couple have two kids, Samantha, 3, and Christian, five months. Sam's favorite pastimes include playing golf and traveling with his family.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

If we must disagree, let's disagree without being disagreeable.
—Lyndon Baines Johnson

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Country and Gospel music

Country and Gospel music will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Senior Citizens Center.

8th grade parents meeting

There will be a meeting of all Snyder 8th grade parents to plan an end-of-school party. The meeting will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday at 3300 Ave. U. Anyone interested is invited. For more information call Cindy Brewster at 573-6337, Carlene Lee at 573-2709 or Tina Stansell at 573-4157.

Central Baptist Church

Central Baptist Church in Hermleigh is hosting the country gospel group, "Desert Reign" at 6:30 p.m. Sunday. Everyone is welcome.

Retired teachers meeting

Snyder Retired Teachers Association will meet at noon Monday at The Shack. Program, "What About Music," will be presented by Emily Hataway.

Support groups

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

Shattered Dreams meeting

There will be a Shattered Dreams meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the junior high auditorium. For more information, call Kenny Burns at 573-6356.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Everybody Needs Jesus," followed by "Ingredients of a Godly Home."

Relay captains to meet

Team captains for the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the teachers' lounge at Stanfield Elementary.

AARP board meeting

The AARP board will meet at 9 a.m. Wednesday in the home of M. J. Merritt, 2301 40th St. An AARP training session will be from 10-11:30 a.m. All AARP members are invited. A pizza lunch will follow.

Apostolic Faith special services

The Apostolic Faith Church is holding special services at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday with Mark Palmer from Anchorage as guest speaker. The public is invited to attend the meetings at 2510 25th St. For additional information, call 573-8115.

FBC support groups

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

FBC services televised

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

2003 Ira annuals available

The 2003 Ira Bulldog annuals may be purchased until Monday, Feb. 17. Cost is $26 with name on cover or $22 without. Contact the school to purchase one.

Hospice memorial service

A memorial service for families who lost someone during 2002 will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, in the First Presbyterian Church.

Alzheimer's meeting

An Alzheimer's meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, in the Colonial Hill library. The topic will be financial management for caregivers. For more information, call Kinney Robinson at 573-9377.

Senior water aerobics

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

Trees still available

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

Relay for Life cookbooks

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

Relay for Life teams needed

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

Snyder Oaks family council

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

WTC adult basic education classes

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

Cancer treatment transportation

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

Successful blood drive conducted in Snyder

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and Blood Systems of Lubbock sponsored a blood drive Jan. 21-22. There were 54 units drawn at the Family Life Center and 24 drawn at Cogdell Hospital for a total of 78 units.

The auxiliary and Blood Council said the community helped make the drive a success.

Coupons are donated at each blood drive from the following businesses: Gill's Fried Chicken, Sonic Drive In, Lulu's Beauty Shop, Whataburger, Wal-Mart Snack Bar, Pizza Hut, Jaramillo's, Spanish Inn, Taco John's, Long John Silver's Seafood Shoppe, Dairy Queen, A Cut Above, The Shack, Tiger Gym, Rip Griffin, Burger King and Pizza Inn. Each donor receives a variety of coupons and a T-shirt.

Gary L. Poe won a certificate from the Tiger Gym, Joe Valdez and Lauren Agricola got the gift certificate from The Shack. Gift certificates from Jaramillo's were given to Homer Godair, Blandina Morales, Forrest Pendleton, Tommy Early, Ken Spoor, Maggie Collier, Sally Alvarado, Denise Fuentes and Jeff Mason.

Renee Darnell, Melanie Prather, Denise Fuentez, Chad Pinkerton, Barney Tate, David Griffith, Zelma Irons and Elizabeth Jenkins got gift certificates from the Spanish Inn.

Gift certificates from Subway were given to Louis Midwell, Syble Bley, Joe Valdez, Dana Evans, Delwin Bane and Tina Chandler.

Burger King gave certificates to Nick Blythe, Maggie Collier, Sam Byrom, Becky Casas, Jennifer Perez, Joey Arnold, Cassie Callaway and Rafael Chacou.

Kandace M. Kimmel, Oscar Haney, Mike Velasquez, Delwin Bane, Matt Cross, Sam Byrom and Tina Berniard got certificates from Pizza Hut.

Gift certificates from Pizza Inn were given to Sandy Smith, Chad Pinkerton, O.L. Lane, Vicky Vest, Beal Turney, Diane Arnold and Jana Young.

The next blood drive will be in March.

WTC meats judging team sixth overall

The Western Texas College meats judging team placed sixth overall at the Southwestern contest held last Saturday in Fort Worth.

The team also placed fifth in pork judging and fifth in lamb judging.

Sixteen colleges and universities and 127 contestants competed.

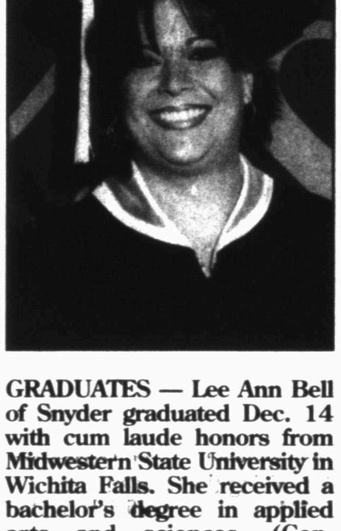
Individually, Sarah McLaughlin of Alamogordo, N.M. placed second in beef quality grading.

Casey Mund of Wall came in fifth in pork judging.

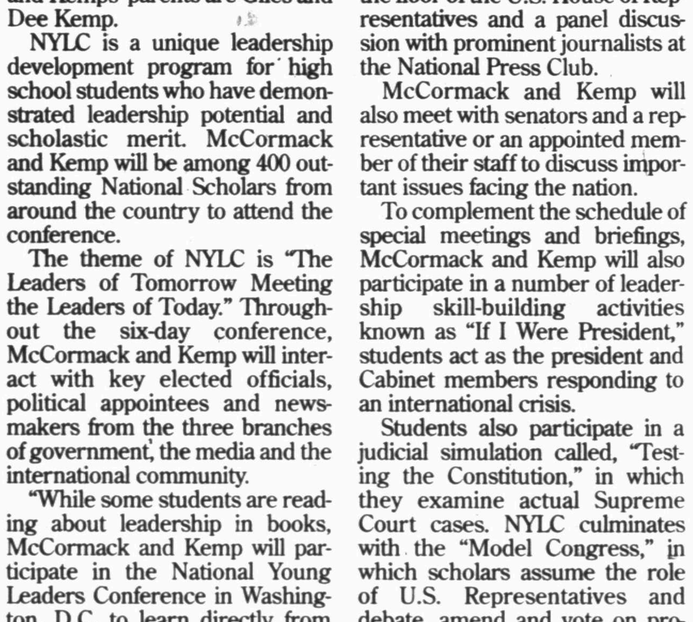
Sam Schiwart of Robert Lee earned sixth in pork judging and eighth in beef grading.

Beck Griffin of Tularosa, N.M. was 10th in the overall alternates.

Other team members were Zach Wylie, Nathan Shrode and Brody Redwine, all from Colorado City; and Jacob Harrison of Wink.



GRADUATES — Lee Ann Bell of Snyder graduated Dec. 14 with cum laude honors from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls. She received a bachelor's degree in applied arts and sciences. (Contributed Photo)



Josh Kemp and Austin McCormack

Two Snyder students will attend leadership event

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Austin McCormack and Josh Kemp, both of Snyder, have been selected to attend the National Young Leaders Conference (NYLC) Feb. 18-23 in Washington, D.C.

McCormack is the son of Danny and Lynda McCormack and Kemps' parents are Giles and Dee Kemp.

NYLC is a unique leadership development program for high school students who have demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic merit. McCormack and Kemp will be among 400 outstanding National Scholars from around the country to attend the conference.

The theme of NYLC is "The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today." Throughout the six-day conference, McCormack and Kemp will interact with key elected officials, political appointees and newsmakers from the three branches of government, the media and the international community.

"While some students are reading about leadership in books, McCormack and Kemp will participate in the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C. to learn directly from individuals in leadership," said Michael Lasday, executive director of the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, the organization that sponsors the Conference. "Students will interact with members of Congress, Washington's press corps and key appointees to continue formulating their ideals and leadership skills. We look at each of these students as colleagues, in whose hands the future of our country lies."

Highlights of the program include welcoming remarks from the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives and a panel discussion with prominent journalists at the National Press Club.

McCormack and Kemp will also meet with senators and a representative or an appointed member of their staff to discuss important issues facing the nation.

To complement the schedule of special meetings and briefings, McCormack and Kemp will also participate in a number of leadership skill-building activities known as "If I Were President," students act as the president and Cabinet members responding to an international crisis.

Students also participate in a judicial simulation called, "Testing the Constitution," in which they examine actual Supreme Court cases. NYLC culminates with the "Model Congress," in which scholars assume the role of U.S. Representatives and debate, amend and vote on proposed mock legislation.

CYLC is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, educational organization. Founded in 1985, it is committed to fostering and inspiring young people to achieve their full leadership potential. More than 400 members of the U.S. Congress join this commitment by serving on the CYLC Honorary Congressional Board of Advisors.

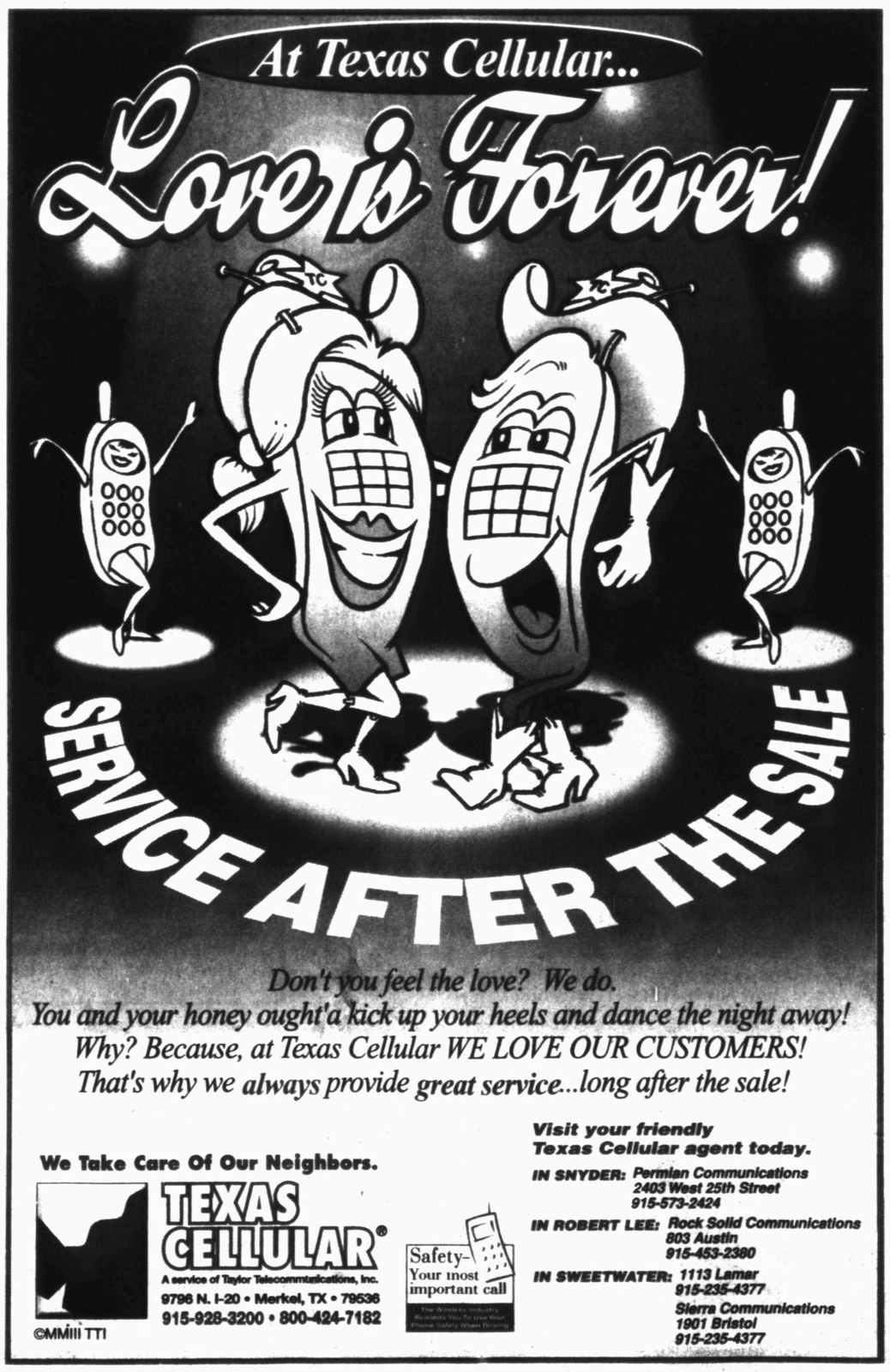
For additional information on HYLC, visit us on the Internet at www.cyulc.org.

Richard Reed named president of c-club

Richard Reed of Southern Electric Inc. has been elected president of Snyder Country Club.

At the club's annual membership meeting, Janette Huddleston was named vice president. Directors are Dr. Bid Cooper, Jerry Pechacek and Lee Maddox.

Pechacek and Maddox fill the expired terms of John DeLille and Rickey Daniell.



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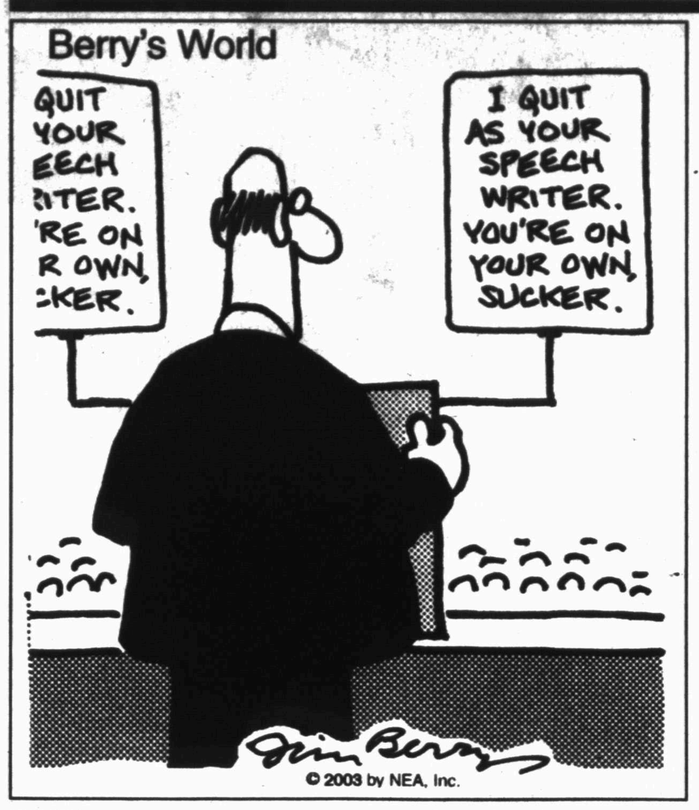

Three locals to attend Legislative Day

Three Scurry County citizens will be taking a message to the Texas Legislature on behalf of the American Cancer Society this week. Terrisu Mann, Doylene Gilliland and Sheila McCormack will attend Legislative Day at the state Capitol Wednesday.

The American Cancer Society is the volunteer-driven, community-based, organization that is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service.

This trip falls under the advocacy heading as the women will be voicing what they support and oppose in this legislative session as it relates to the mission statement of the American Cancer Society.

ACS is in support of a cigarette tax increase. The proposal is to have a $1 per pack increase, with a nickel per pack as dedicated funding for the Texas Department of Health Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program. The current excise tax, 41 cents per pack, has not been increased since 1990 despite huge escalations in health care costs, including taxpayer-paid programs like Medicaid.

According to Mann, local ACS president, this tax would be a huge revenue win for the state. "This increase would bring $1.5 to $2 billion new dollars in revenue to Texas over the next biennium, and we've all heard how much of a budget shortfall we are in right now," she said.

The Texas Department of Health predicts a win on behalf of public health, because the tax would decrease the smoking rates in Texas, especially within the youth sector.

"This tax increase would not hurt elected officials, because there is overwhelming public support for raising it if new revenues are needed," said McCormack. She cited a recent poll that showed 72% of Texans are for raising the cigarette tax.

"Many elected officials ran for office using the slogan 'no new taxes,' but this is a tax that will only affect those who purchase cigarettes, so it is more like a user fee," said Wendy Barnett, local ACS marketing director.

Over the last two years, 20 states have increased their cigarette tax, and 13 states' per pack tax is one dollar or more. In all cases, these states have seen a significant increase in revenue despite the decline in cigarette consumption.

The nickel per pack dedicated funding would provide $60 million per year to expand the Texas Department of Health's highly successful tobacco prevention and cessation program statewide. Current levels of funding only allow this program to be offered in four counties: Harris, Jefferson, Fort Bend and Montgomery.

"It is important to give something back to smokers who will pay the higher tax. Cessation and prevention programs will help smokers quit and help prevent their children and grandchildren from ever starting to smoke," said Mann.

The local volunteers will also show their support for continued and increased funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and continued Medicaid funding. They are also favoring the state-funded program to help patients navigate managed care. Gilliland said, "All these proposals are not directly related to cancer and the ACS will not directly receive any funding, but we support these things that will improve the health of our citizens in Texas."

The Texas Cancer Registry is seeking increased funding for the biennium. This funding will bring the state registry up to date with other registries, and also allow Texas to apply for many other grants and research dollars. Currently, the state does not qualify for many opportunities because it does not have current and accurate data on cancer patients. The Texas Cancer Council is also requesting continued funding, and the ACS is in support of this.

"I can't imagine what would happen if the tobacco settlement funds were securitized, which is essentially selling them for a lump sum now, rather than taking the payments as we currently do," said Barnett. She continued that the tobacco settlement funds are being used each session for CHIP and Medicaid. The trio will voice that the ACS is against this action, along with cuts in cancer-related program funding, and weakening of health insurance plan coverage of cancer screenings and treatments.

"Any legislation that would threaten the cancer patients' appropriate access to pain medication would be very cruel," said Gilliland. Also on the opposition list is any preemptive tobacco-related legislation that would take away local authority on issues like public smoking ordinances.

In September, the Celebration on the Hill was held in Washington, D.C., and volunteers from each state met with their lawmakers to voice opinions and ask for support of increased federal funding for the National Institutes of Health. This action was not voted on during the last session, and is currently on this year's agenda. Advocates who volunteer for the ACS are writing letters and emails to their elected officials in Texas and in Washington, D.C. and giving their opinions on these matters. "We all need to remember that these folks work for us, and they speak for us, so we need to tell them what we are for and what we are against," said Mann.

Locally, the American Cancer Society is preparing for the Relay For Life in Scurry County. This event will be held April 25-26 at Tiger Stadium. Cancer survivors are honored during the relay, and those who have been lost to cancer are remembered. The relay is a community effort where everyone gets together to raise money and awareness. This year, the relay theme is "Americana 2003," and teams are being asked to use their imagination in decorating campsites and fundraising. To participate in the Relay For Life, call Margaret Presswood at 573-4873.

Woman on trial says she ran over her husband accidentally

HOUSTON (AP) — A dentist who killed her cheating husband with a Mercedes-Benz testified that "everything seemed like a dream" when she ran him over in a hotel parking lot.

A weeping Clara Harris told jurors she was aiming at his lover's luxury sport-utility vehicle and did not mean to kill him. While trying to smash the SUV, she said, "I think I closed my eyes."

"After that, I didn't know who was driving," Harris testified Friday at her murder trial. "Everything seemed like a dream."

After the collision, she got out and looked at David Harris' battered body lying in a hotel parking lot.

"I couldn't understand what he was doing there," she said. "I had just seen him running and I didn't know how he got there. "I said, 'David, David, please talk to me.'"

Prosecutors say Harris, 45, intentionally ran down her husband last July after confronting him at the hotel with his lover. A medical examiner has testified the orthodontist was run over at least twice.

Clara Harris insisted the collision was an accident. She also said she had been working tirelessly to save the 10-year marriage since learning of his affair the week before, quitting her job so she could have sex with him three times a night, cook his favorite meals and schedule breast enhancement surgery.

Harris, who first took the stand in her own defense Wednesday, was emotional but composed as she recounted the evening she caught her husband and his receptionist Gail Bridges at the suburban hotel.

She brawled with Bridges in the lobby, then returned to her car. Her teenage stepdaughter was a passenger.

"I was in so much pain, it was a physical pain that I was feeling. I wasn't thinking anything," Harris testified. "Suddenly, I thought about smashing my car against her car and then I (picked) up speed."

Clara Harris said she saw three figures near Bridges' black Lincoln Navigator. Two dodged right, she said, but her husband moved left, toward her approaching Mercedes.

She veered around the Navigator toward a grassy median within the hotel parking lot when, she says, things got fuzzy.

She had glimpsed her husband as the silver sedan raced toward him, she said: "I saw some surprised eyes."

Clara Harris said she snapped out of her fog as her stepdaughter screamed for her to stop.

Tracker recorded one second of data from shuttle

By The Associated Press

A New Mexico tracking station that recorded the final seconds of the space shuttle Columbia has only 1 second of data that wasn't recorded elsewhere, but it could be a very important second, the station's director said.

NASA's Tracking and Data Relay Satellite System, at the edge of the White Sands Missile Range in southern New Mexico, was collecting information from Columbia as it re-entered Earth's atmosphere last week and disintegrated.

"We were tracking simultaneously from two satellites, one looking at the front (of the shuttle) and the other looking at the back," James Gavura, station director said Friday.

"Both signals were lost at the same time, and then there was 31 seconds (of silence) and then 1 more second of data," he said.

That second could contain information on the position of the shuttle just before it began to tumble and break up, he said.

Although that second hasn't been verified as shuttle data, Gavura said it appears to have the proper signature.

Gavura said the data would be relayed electronically to the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, where scientists would analyze it. It comes from a 5-minute period during shuttle reentry when harsh conditions, including intense heat, tend to garble the signals.

The tracking station uses satellites that can follow shuttles from their orbits all the way to the landing strip.

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Economy gets boost from Kinder Morgan

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Snyder that people of this caliber had the vision for SACROC and bought it and are making it work like nobody else has been able to do."

Nunley said the restaurant at The Plaza is "packed with Kinder Morgan workers" every day.

"A lot of people do a lot of business with Kinder Morgan and should be happy they are here," he said. "They deserve a lot of appreciation."

Dennis Jones, area manager for Pool Well Services Co., said all 10 of his work-over units are being used.

"It's better than having them sit idle," Jones said. "This is the busiest we've been in a good while.

"We don't have any units in the yard right now," he continued. "Not all of them are working directly for Kinder Morgan, but some are. That's definitely a good thing for this area."

Also benefiting from the temporary influx are Snyder's mobile home and RV parks, according to Hayden Snow, owner of Trailertopia.

"We've got probably half a dozen guys with trailers out here that are in town for the Kinder Morgan work," Snow said. "I think it's great. Every little bit helps."

Snow said most of the workers drive home on weekends, but leave their trailers at the park.

Howard Bigham, owner of Key Mobile Home Park, also said his park is benefiting from the workers.

"We have about 12 or 15 staying with us and we've had guys out here for more than a year now," Bigham said. "Carpenters and welders and concrete workers, a lot of different workers are staying. They brought their own rigs and they can stay as long as they like."

Kinder Morgan's impact on Snyder's economy is immeasurable, but it stands to grow when the company takes the reins at the Snyder Gas Plant, currently operated by Torch Energy.

The changing of the guard at the plant is scheduled for July 1, according to Rached Hindi, senior operations engineer for SACROC.

Hindi said the transition would be good for Snyder and for Kinder Morgan.

"It's going to be a great fit and it's going to be good for Snyder," he said. "Kinder Morgan stands to benefit by gaining those employees who have invaluable experience and knowledge of the field."

Prior to Kinder Morgan undertaking the construction, Hindi said the future of the formation and of the gas plant were unknown.

"What we are doing will expand the life of the field significantly and will mean good things for everybody," he said.

Torch employs 28 people at the gas plant and Hindi said some or all of those workers could become Kinder Morgan employees.

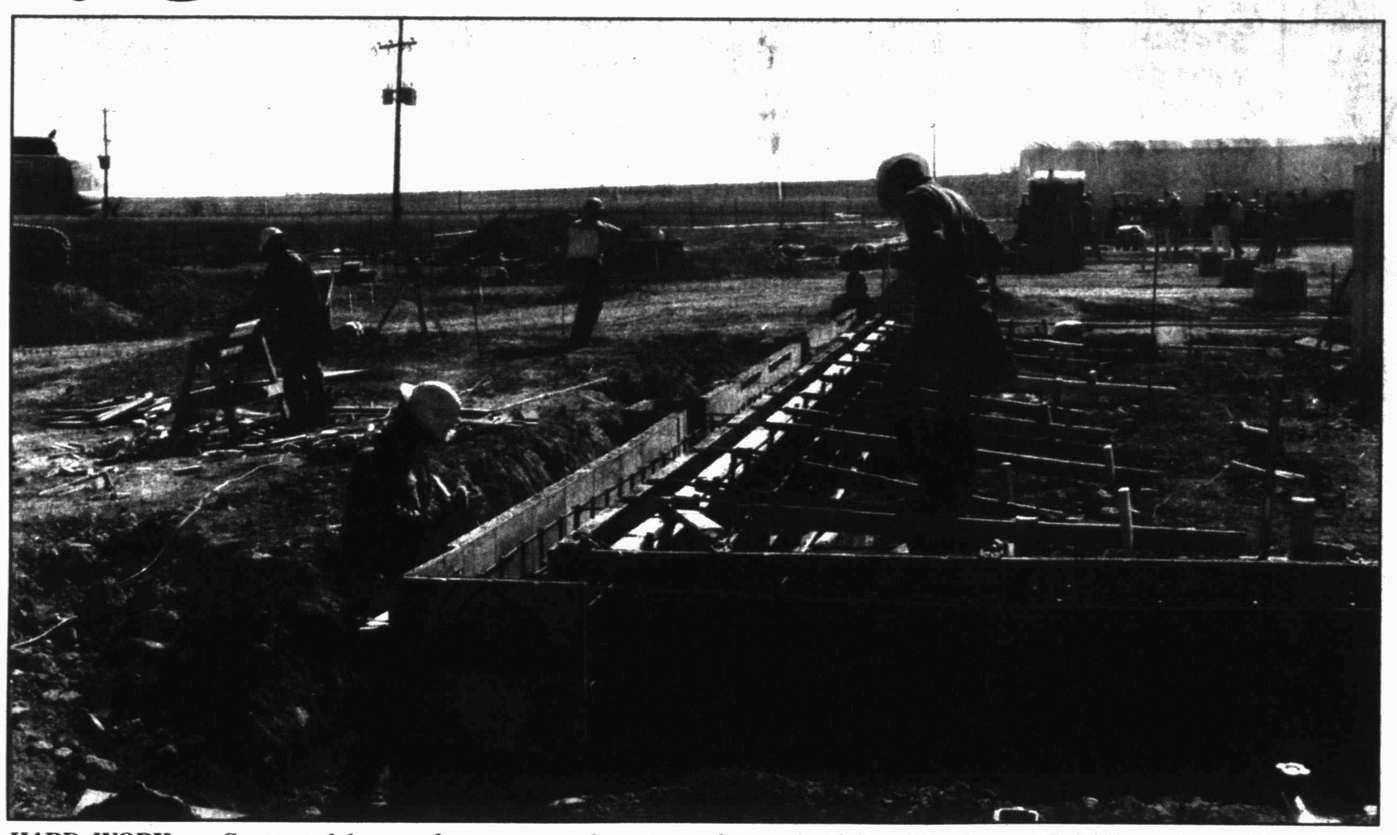
The SACROC unit is a "major part of Kinder Morgan," according to Hindi and is the company's only oil producing entity.

Gary Norwood of Kinder Morgan, also thinks the transition will be positive. "We already work closely with the plant. We're already a team."

Norwood said 99 percent of the gas processed at the plant is Kinder Morgan's. The plant processes hydrocarbon gas and operates continuously, year round.

"I think the only thing that will change is the name on the sign," Norwood said.

The gas plant also is undergoing construction, gearing up for increased volume on completion of the SACROC unit upgrade.



HARD WORK — Contract laborers from across the state have converged on Snyder to take advantage of the major construction project at the SACROC unit. Kinder Morgan CO2 Co. is in the midst of a $210 million project to increase the productivity of the Canyon Reef formation to 50,000 barrels of oil per day and ultimately 200 million barrels in 20 years. (SDN Staff Photo)

Report: Billions needed from education to balance budget

HOUSTON (AP) — At least $2.7 billion must reportedly be cut from Texas public education over the next two years to balance the state budget without a major increase in taxes or fees.

A list of reduced spending levels established by the Legislative Budget Board for select Texas agencies was obtained Friday by the Houston Chronicle under the state's Public Information Act. The extent of cuts was determined by comparing those proposed spending levels with the current budget.

While the main state health and human services programs would suffer more than $1.4 billion in cuts, state prison system officials have been told to eliminate $607 million from its budget.

"It's brutal," Senate Finance Chairman Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, said. "It is not a pretty picture, and that is beginning to dawn on many people."

The budget board, the Legislature's budget drafting arm, is drawing up a 2004-2005 biennial budget within the state's projected available revenues of $54.1 billion. Agencies were told they can request expenditures above the available revenue amount, but they have to be identified in priority order

But what to cut has been left to the individual agencies. The budget shortfall follows a decline in state revenues due to the economic slump. The sales tax is Texas' largest source of government funding.

"I understand the difficulty you face in responding to this request," John Keel, budget board director, told agency heads in a Jan. 28 letter.

The board, comprising the legislative leadership, has mandated that state agencies cut $7.4 billion from their current two-year spending levels.

The governor and legislative leaders have promised to pass a balanced budget without a tax increase. Gov. Rick Perry told lawmakers to start with a budget balanced within the amount of money Texas expects to raise through existing taxes and fees over the next two years.

State leaders believe they can write a two-year spending bill without raising revenues, Bivins said.

"I'm committed to living within our means," he said.

But Bivins acknowledged there is no way to cut $2.7 billion from state education spending without harming public schools.

House Appropriations Chairman Talmadge Heflin, R-Houston, said state program managers like the Texas Education Agency will have to make the case for higher spending levels.

"Can they really cut that much without hurting the education product?" Heflin said. "If the answer is no, we won't pull that much out."

Financial Focus

"Recovery Plan" Can Keep You Moving Toward Financial Goals

Over the past couple of years, we've had a long bear market and a period of low interest rates. Consequently, it's been tough for stock-owners and income-oriented investors. If you fall into either of those groups — and most people do - you may be wondering what to do. You can't control market volatility or the movement of interest rates. But you can create a "recovery plan" that will allow you to make the best of your situation — and, in the process, make progress toward your financial goals.

What, specifically, can you do? Here are some suggestions:

- **Put your losses to work** — Your investment losses are tax-deductible, to a point. You can use your capital losses to offset any capital gains you have, plus up to $3,000 of other income, including earned income. So, for example, if you realized a $1,000 capital gain this year from selling stocks or other appreciated investments, you could write off up to $4,000 in losses. And you can carry forward any "excess" losses to future years.
- **Rebalance your portfolio** — Your investment portfolio may have become "unbalanced" — and you might not even be aware that it happened. For example, if your stocks have declined sharply, then bonds or other fixed-income instruments may now make up a larger percentage of your portfolio's total value than you had originally intended. Consequently, you could be losing out on growth opportunities — which is why you'll need to rebalance your holdings to match your individual risk tolerance, goals and time horizon. (Keep in mind that there may be tax consequences associated with one's rebalancing strategy.)
- **Stabilize your investment income** — What should you do with your bonds or certificates of deposit that mature when market interest rates are low? You could "park" the funds in a money market account until interest rates rise again, but that might take a while — and, in the meantime, you will have almost certainly missed out on some better opportunities. You may be better off by building a "bond ladder." To create a bond ladder, you invest in an array of short-, intermediate- and long-term high-quality bonds. When rates are rising, you use the proceeds from your maturing bonds to buy new bonds at the higher levels. When market rates are falling, you'll continue to benefit from the higher rates offered by your longer-term bonds. Over time, a well-structured bond ladder can help you stabilize the income you receive from your fixed income portfolio.
- **Swap for quality** — Over the long term, high-quality investments - such as stocks of well-run companies with solid business plans — will reward investors more than investments that run "hot" and "cold." Look through your portfolio for opportunities to replace lower-quality investments for higher-quality ones that may now be attractively priced.
- **Be a "tax-smart" investor** — Taxes can significantly erode your overall investment returns. That's why you need to look for tax-advantaged vehicles. Take full advantage of tax-deferred instruments, such as your 401(k) and traditional IRA. You can get tax-free earnings growth from a Roth IRA, provided you meet certain conditions. Depending on your tax bracket, you may also be able to benefit from municipal bonds, whose interest is exempt from federal income taxes, and may be exempt from state and local taxes as well. (However, municipal bonds may incur the alternative minimum tax.)

Clearly, you've got many opportunities to create a recovery plan that can help keep you on track toward your long-term financial goals. Start exploring these possibilities soon.

Portion of shuttle's wing found near Fort Worth

FORT WORTH (AP) — A 2-foot-long section of one of Columbia's wings found near Fort Worth is the most significant discovery yet in the search for clues to the shuttle's destruction.

The wing section was recovered at the far western edge of the known debris field, which stretches more than 200 miles from Fort Worth across East Texas and Louisiana. It wasn't immediately known if it was part of the important left wing, where several heat sensors failed in the shuttle's final moments.

"Examining where debris fell and where it was gathered is going to be very important as far as piecing the puzzle together as far as what happened at what altitude," shuttle program manager Ron Dittemore said Friday.

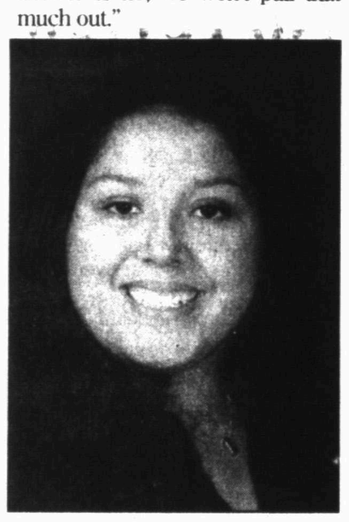
The shuttle was 16 minutes from a landing in Florida when it broke apart over the Southwest, killing all seven astronauts. Dittemore said Friday that no shuttle debris had yet been confirmed west of Texas.

The wing section recovered has 18 inches of wing structure and 26 to 27 inches of carbon-composite panel, which reinforces the leading edges of space shuttle wings for thermal protection during the searing heat of atmospheric re-entry, which reaches as high as 3,000 degrees.

Since the Columbia broke apart high over Texas on Feb. 1, NASA has focused on the left wing, where sensors had showed rising temperatures before failing entirely. Authorities planned to take the recovered wing section to a military installation in Fort Worth to inspect it.

In East Texas, searchers prepared to return to Toledo Bend Reservoir along the Louisiana state line to examine several large objects that sonar scans had located. Area residents had reported seeing falling debris the size of a compact car.

Buoy markers were placed where searchers believe debris may be resting on the lake bottom, but gusty winds kept divers from entering the water, officials said.



Crystal Garcia

Garcia on Dean's List

LUBBOCK — Crystal Michelle Garcia has been named to the Dean's Honor List for Rawls College of Business at Texas Tech University.

To qualify for the Dean's Honor List, students must earn 3.5 to 3.99 for at least 12 semester hours.

Garcia, a 2002 Snyder High School graduate, is majoring in business. She is the daughter of Manuel and Veronica Garcia of Snyder. Grandparents are Mary Carrillo of Snyder, Frances Garcia and Luis and Sue Carrillo, all of Rotan.

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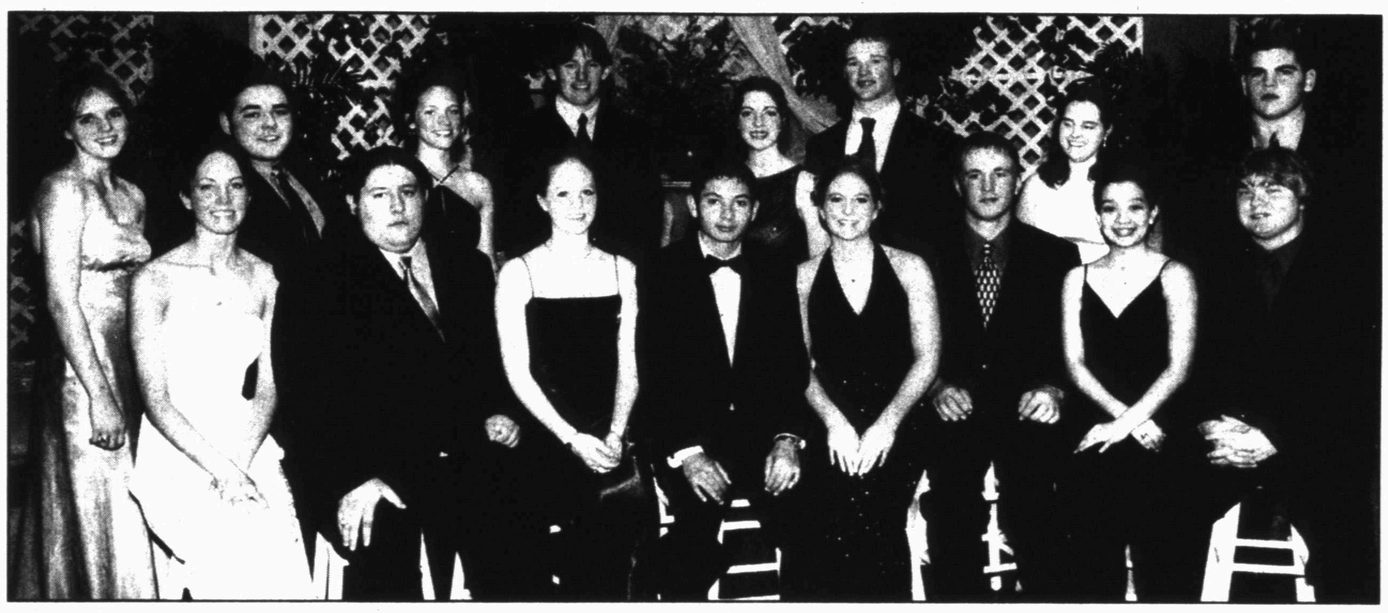
SHS SWEETHEARTS — Club sweethearts were recognized at the 2003 SHS Coronation Thursday at Snyder High School. On the bottom row, from left, are Erin Cooley, band; Amanda Hartzog, baseball; Nickki McKinney, boys' basketball; Tyler Kerr, girls' basketball; Isaac Ramon, cheerleader; DeAngelo Davis, FCCLA; Kim Rivera, football; back row, Clark Reed, Cooley's escort; Josh McGaha, McKinney's escort; Ziporah Peoples, Kerr's escort; Dara Chambers, Kerr's escort; Ashley Ammox, Ramon's escort; Tammy Walker, Davis' escort; and Johathan Garza, Rivera's escort. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



SWEETHEARTS AT SHS — Other sweethearts of clubs and organizations honored at the Snyder High School coronation Thursday are from left, bottom row, Afton Schwertner, choir; Patrick Alderede, choir; Tamara Taylor, cross country; Arthur Hernandez, cross country; Kamie Drain, DECA; Trey Roland, DECA; Sara Cantu, Drama; Caleb Durham, Drama; back row, Blake Robertson, forensics; Bobby Sands, forensics; Katie Kerley, boys' golf; Vaughn Wiggins, girls' golf; Jacinda Judah, NHS; Zach Starnes, NHS; Katherine Johnson, powerlifting; and Josh Knox, powerlifting. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

No review of task force's industry contacts

WASHINGTON (AP) — The investigative arm of Congress is giving up its court battle against Vice President Dick Cheney, who has refused to disclose the industry contacts he and his aides had in formulating the Bush administration's energy plan.

The General Accounting Office on Friday declined to appeal a recent court ruling in favor of Cheney, leaving the fight to private groups that say the Bush White House must reveal which business executives and lobbyists had a role in influencing the plan.

The administration is calling for expanded oil and gas drilling on public land and easing regulatory barriers.

Comptroller General David Walker said he decided not to appeal the case after consulting with congressional leaders and others. Both the House and the Senate are under Republican control.

The White House said it was pleased with the GAO's decision. Spokeswoman Claire Buchan said the White House was fighting to uphold the principle that the president and vice president receive "unvarnished advice."

Aside from a few details that the administration revealed amid the collapse of Enron Corp., the White House has refused to identify the people the Cheney task force met with. Enron representatives — among President Bush's most generous financial donors in his years as governor and presidential candidate — met six times with the vice president or his aides.

Walker said, "We hope the GAO is never again put in the position of having to resort to the courts to obtain information that Congress needs to perform its constitutional duties." But he said the agency would go to court again if necessary.

Rep. Henry Waxman, the ranking Democrat on the House Government Reform Committee, called the GAO decision "a tremendous setback for open government."

Walker said, "In the world's greatest democracy, we should lead by example and base public disclosure on what is the right thing to do rather than on what one believes one is compelled to do."

U.S. District Judge John Bates, a Bush appointee, ruled in December that the GAO's lawsuit was an unprecedented act that raised serious separation-of-powers issues.

The GAO said, however, that Bates had misapplied a 1997 Supreme Court decision that turned away six members of Congress who challenged a law enabling the president to veto specific items in spending bills.

The judge said that in the GAO's case, only seven members of Congress had expressed concern and that no congressional committee issued a subpoena for the disputed information or authorized the suit.

Unlike the congressmen in the 1997 case, the GAO was simply seeking to carry out the information-gathering responsibilities which Congress assigned to it, the GAO said in a statement.

Private groups pursuing information about the Cheney task force pledged to press on with their lawsuits.

"GAO has backed down from an important fight with the administration about the public's right to information about what its government is up to," said Sharon Buccino, a lawyer for the Natural Resources Defense Council. The Sierra Club as well as Judicial Watch, a conservative group, also are pursuing cases against the Cheney task force.

Democrats who have been pressing for information about administration-industry links in the energy field said the issue is accountability.

"Everyone in our government, even the vice president, should be accountable to the American people," said Waxman of California.

Rep. John Dingell, the ranking Democrat on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, said "reasonable people cannot differ on the need for more sunshine on this administration's actions."

Longest-living artificial heart patient died Friday afternoon

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Tom Christerson, the longest-living recipient of a fully self-contained artificial heart, spent his final hours among family and friends before dying in his sleep.

Christerson died Friday afternoon at Jewish Hospital, where he received the plastic-and-titanium device 512 days ago. He was 71.

"He was alert, oriented and visiting with family and friends until he fell asleep and died within the hour," a statement from the hospital said.

Abiomed Inc. of Danvers, Mass., the company that manufactures the AbioCor heart, said the cause of death was the "wearout of an internal membrane" of the device.

Christerson, a retired tire dealer, became the world's second recipient of the AbioCor device in a surgery Sept. 13, 2001. At the time, Christerson was given little chance of surviving more than a month with his own failing heart.

"I didn't have any idea it would last this long," Christerson said in September during a routine checkup, as his one-year anniversary approached.

The AbioCor device has no wires or tubes that protrude from the chest. An internal battery and controller regulate the pumping speed, and an external battery powers the device by passing electricity through the skin. Earlier mechanical hearts were attached to machinery outside the body.

Scholarships will be offered to survivors of childhood cancer

The Texas Division will offer academic scholarships of up to $2,000 per year available to childhood cancer survivors beginning with the fall 2003 college term.

An additional $250 per year is available for books and education materials. These scholarships are funded by American Cancer Society Relay For Life events and other fundraising efforts. Scholarships are limited to 130 semester hours over four consecutive years.

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National School Counselors Week observed at Snyder ISD

National School Counseling Week, sponsored by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA), is celebrated this month to focus attention on the contribution of professional school counselors within U.S. school systems.

National School Counseling Week highlights the impact that counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career.

More than 14,000 school counselors nationwide will be participating in the week's festivities to include Snyder ISD's Sylvia Sapsky, Debbie Phillips, Janell Jones, Debbie Shaw, Janet Wesson, Shelly Brewster and Dixie Haggard.

The special week honoring school counselors provide recognition for school counselors who "implement comprehensive school counseling programs, a vital part of the educational process for all students as they meet the challenges of the 231st century," according to Jim Kirkland, interim superintendent.

Beaver on Tech list

LUBBOCK — Cody Beaver, a 2002 graduate of Snyder High School, has been named to the President's List for the fall semester at Texas Tech University.

He is the son of Steve and Becky Beaver of Fluvanna.

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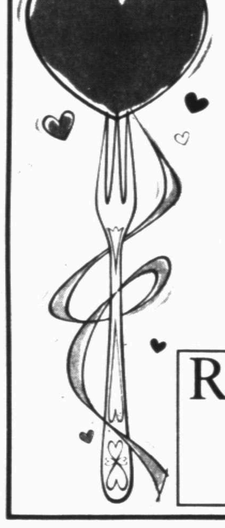

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SPORTS

Tigers' playoff hopes dealt a blow with loss

tDENVER CITY — The Snyder Tigers shot the ball well Friday.

But the Mustangs were just a little better.

Snyder's playoff hopes took a devastating hit Friday, as it fell to Denver City, 64-59, in a hotly contested game.

"I though we played really well," head coach Bud Birks said. "Both teams shot the ball well and played really hard. It was a great high school basketball game."

After falling behind, 20-12, in the first period, the Snyder Tigers clawed their way back into the contest behind a trio of three-pointers from Lee Scott in the first half.

Denver City closed out the first stanza on a 15-7 run, but six points in two minutes from Logan Hill in the second period to keep Snyder close, and Scott's three with 2:24 left pulled the Tigers to within four at 31-27.

Hill hit two from the charity stripe to close the gap to 34-31.

T.J. Jones hit a runner in the lane and was fouled as time ran down in the half, and the teams went into intermission with the Mustangs leading 37-34.

After the teams exchanged two buckets to open the second half, Driggers hit threes on consecutive possessions to give Snyder its first lead of the game, 42-41.

Birks said the long-range shots were the result of Denver City playing a zone defense, allowing the Tigers to get open shots.

"If you move the ball (against the zone) you'll get good looks," he said, adding that film study showed the team was holding the ball too long against the Mustangs' defense in their first meeting. "This time we moved the ball well."

Hill hit a layup with 46 seconds remaining in the third quarter to pull Snyder to 47-44, and Driggers drained his third three of the quarter as the buzzer sounded to tie it up at 47.

Denver City extended the lead to 55-51 midway through the period, when Jones put in a 12-foot jumper to get Snyder back to within one.

After Mustang Kelsey Hinson hit two free throws, Scott nailed his fifth shot from behind the arc to even the tilt at 57-57 with 1:37 left.

Denver City post player Sam Griffin hit the final 11 points for the Mustangs — including seven from the free throw line after Scott tied the game.

Snyder managed but one Jones field goal over the final minute, as Denver City put themselves in better position to make a run at the postseason.

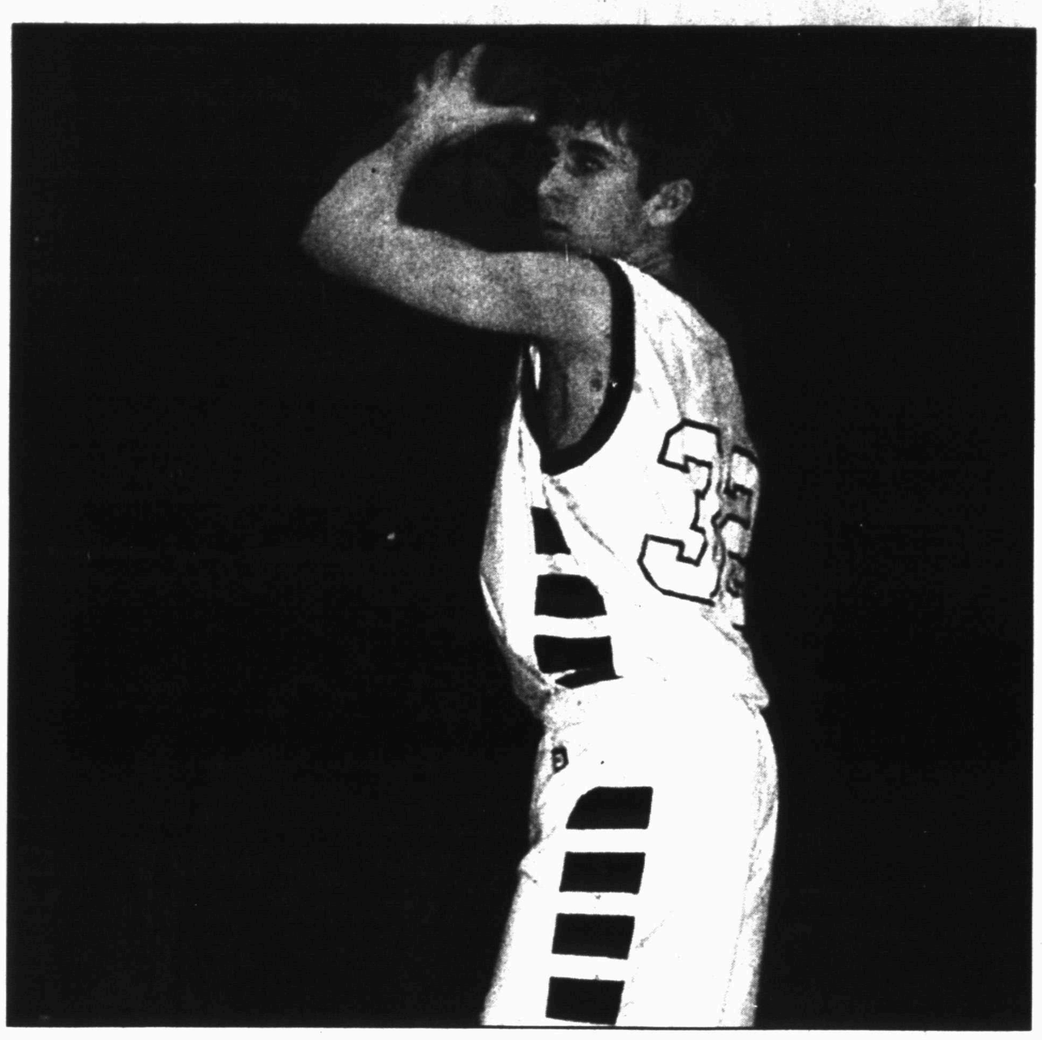
Snyder will need a win over Seminole Tuesday and must hope that winless Lamesa can pull out the upset over Denver City.

The Tors were pummeled, 66-33, by Merkel, which remains undefeated in district and has only 2 losses on the season.

Sweetwater downed Seminole, 63-57, to give the Tigers hope heading in to the final game of the season Tuesday night at 8 in Seminole.

District 3-3A Basketball

Team	Season W	Season L	District W	District L
Merkel	27	2	8	0
Sweetwater	15	11	7	2
Denver City	20	10	4	5
Seminole	10	19	4	5
Snyder	12	18	3	6
Lamesa	10	18	0	8



THREE-POINT TERROR — Lee Scott holds the ball looking for an open shot. Scott nailed five from behind the arc in a 64-59 defeat at Denver City Friday night. The loss puts a cramp in Snyder's postseason plans. (SDN Staff Photo)

Dusters postpone twinbill

The Lady Dusters were scheduled to play an early afternoon doubleheader Saturday at Cates Field at 2 and 4 against Western Oklahoma State College, but the game was cancelled due to cold weather.

Head coach Rodney McNeil said game-time temperatures were not expected to get above the high 30s, so the team decided to push the twinbill back a day rather than risk injuries to players on both teams.

The team is off to a 2-0 start after crushing Cisco JC in a Monday twinbill, 8-0 and 11-3. Patricia Gonzales and Amber House were both dominating on the mound, as both games were stopped after the five-inning mercy rule.

The teams were scheduled to replay the doubleheader Sunday afternoon at 2 and 4 at Cates Field.

This will be the last homestand for the Lady Dusters until Feb. 18, when Odessa College comes to town.

Following this weekend's contests, the squad will travel to Temple to compete in the Temple College tourney Friday and Saturday.

Area Sports Calendar

MONDAY

Basketball: Snyder jr. high at Denver City, 5 p.m.
Baseball: Snyder varsity at Odessa High, scrimmage.
Snyder JV vs. Odessa JV, scrimmage, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY

Basketball: Snyder varsity boys at Seminole, 8 p.m.
Baseball: WTC vs. McMurry, DH, 2 p.m.
Softball: Snyder JV at Lubbock Monterey, 4:30 p.m.
Snyder varsity at Lubbock Monterey, 6:30 p.m.
WTC vs. Ranger JC, DH, 2 p.m.

THURSDAY

Softball: Snyder varsity at Mineral Wells tourney.

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

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Weather delays WTC action in Weatherford

Western Texas College's scheduled game Friday at Weatherford was postponed until Sunday due to inclement weather.

With a forecasted high temperature in the 30s on Friday, coupled with freezing rain, Weatherford College's administration decided to push that school's inaugural game back to Saturday.

The teams were set for a twinbill Saturday at 1 p.m.

Sunday's afternoon tilt was scheduled to begin at 2.

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Junior high tournaments...

Seventh Black stomps Sweetwater

The Snyder jr. high seventh-grade Black team crushed the Sweetwater White squad Thursday at the Snyder tourney, 58-15.

The jr. Tigers rolled to the easy win by outscoring the jr. Mustangs, 36-5 over the second and third periods, including allowing just one point in the third.

All the cagers got in the scorebook, with Travis Hatfield leading the way with 11 points.

Kaden Billingsley, Preston Munson and James Simmons posted nine points each.

Layton Westmoreland canned six, and Josh Ornales, Wes Richardson and Craig Robertson notched four points apiece.

Luke Robetson added a two-point field goal for the jr. high squad, which will finish up the tournament Saturday at Travis Gym.

The eighth-grade Black team fell to Sweetwater White in a close contest, 41-35.

Stetson Kincheole was the game's high scorer with 14 points.

Cody Reed contributed seven points, while Kyle Sanchez drained five.

Michael Martinez helped the cause with four and Michael Mann knocked in a free throw to round out the scoring.

Chase Medina scored 11 and Luca Munoz drilled a two-point field goal as the eight-grade White squad was upended by Andrews Black, 44-13.

The seventh-grade White team ran into an Andrews Black buzzsaw in falling, 64-8.

Eldon Morris hit for four points, while Drake Finch and Michael Light knocked in a field goal each.

The eighth-grade Gold boys suffered a big defeat at the hands of the jr. Tors at the Lamesa tourney, 42-17.

Ryan Mitchell and Jamie Arnold netted five, while James Hernandez and Jeremy Rodriguez pumped in two each.

Syd Wiggins and Donald Jeffery both hit one from the charity stripe to round out the scoring.

Both the Snyder and Lamesa tournaments were due to wrap up Saturday.

Snyder tourney games were to begin at 10:15 a.m.

Sports Briefs

Football booster club

The football booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the film room. Players of all parents are encouraged to attend

Little League accepting applications

Snyder Little League will be accepting applications for manager and coach positions for the eight-and nine-year-old major and minor leagues.

Applications may be picked up at Farmers Insurance at 2517 College Avenue, and must be turned in no later than Monday.

No late applications will be accepted.

Groundhog Open

The Scurry County golf course will host the Groundhog Open Feb. 22-23. The format will be two-man scramble with a 1 p.m. shotgun start both days. Entry fee is $80 per team. Call Rick at the pro shop at 573-7101 for more information.

WTC basketball tournament

The Western Texas College Student Government Association will host an Outsiders Basketball Tournament Feb. 28 and March 1 at the WTC Gym. The entry fee is $100 per team, and there is a limit of 10 players per team. The deadline to sign up is Feb. 26. For more information or to sign up, call Kendra at 573-8511 ext. 674 or Casey at573-8511 ext. 509.

Astros sign former Ranger

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros on Friday signed veteran pitcher Anthony Telford to a minor league contract.

Telford, 36, pitched in 20 games for the Texas Rangers last year, going 2-1 with a 6.46 ERA. He was 8-2 with a 3.40 ERA in 35 relief appearance for Triple A Oklahoma.

Spectators delay Serena's match

PARIS (AP) — Serena Williams coasted into the Gaz de France Open semifinals by beating Janette Husarova 6-3, 6-3 in a match delayed by two spectators who walked on court.

After Williams and Husarova finished warming up, two men carrying rackets made their way on the court. Security guards hustled them away and kicked them out of the arena.

Spencer will play, coach for Broncos

DENVER (AP) — Cornerback Jimmy Spencer will be a player-coach next season for the Denver Broncos.

Spencer, 33, will assist defensive backs coach David Gibbs. He has played 11 seasons in the NFL, including the past three with the Broncos.

Player-coaches are rare in the NFL. Dan Reeves performed a similar job for the Dallas Cowboys in 1970 and '71.

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SPORTS

McGrady wants Jordan to start

ATLANTA (AP) — Tracy McGrady's consistency is reflected in his NBA-best 30.4 scoring average. He can be persistent, too, especially when it comes to honoring Michael Jordan.

McGrady will try for a second time to give his starting spot in Sunday's NBA All-Star game to Jordan, who'll be making his 14th and final appearance.

"He opened a lot of doors for guys like myself and other guys. It's all about respect and 'Thank you,'" McGrady said Friday.

Jordan has already said no thanks to McGrady and Allen Iverson when they offered to give their spots in the Eastern Conference starting lineup. McGrady planned to take another shot at persuading Jordan before Sunday night's tipoff.

"I hope he does, I think it will be great, not only for myself but for the fans as well and for the game," McGrady said. "We are going to do something and try to convince him as a team. That's all we can do and if he doesn't take it, we tried."

It will be the first All-Star appearance for Houston Rockets center Yao Ming.

Vince Carter, McGrady's distant cousin and former Toronto Raptors teammate, was voted as a starter by the fans, even though knee problems have limited him to 15 games this season.

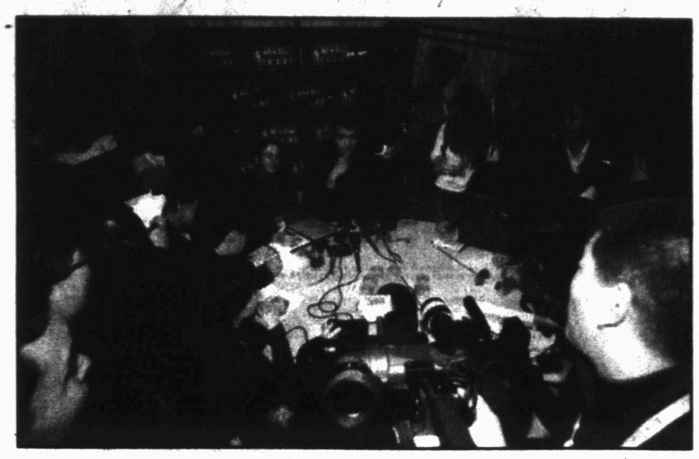
Carter, like Jordan a former star at North Carolina, has taken a different approach than McGrady or Iverson, disagreeing with those who say he's the one who should forfeit his starting role.

"There are a lot of guys who could step aside," Carter said. "I feel I owe these fans. They had enough belief in me and felt I should be out there as a starter. So why should I slap these fans in the face, even though you had the courage and guts to vote for me?"

"I understand the other side. But it's one person — who is the greatest, don't get me wrong — or a million-plus that is going to be disappointed," Carter added. "I think the fans are what make it."

McGrady sympathized with Carter's position.

"He's in a tough situation whatever he does," McGrady said. "If he gives the spot up, everybody is going to say, 'Oh look at Vince, he's trying to make himself look good now.' If he doesn't give it up, which he said he wasn't, they'll say, 'He's a bad guy and doesn't have any respect.'"



MING ATTRACTION — Houston center Yao Ming is mobbed by reporters and photographers during Friday's media session at All-Star weekend in Atlanta. (AP Photo)

USOC leadership disappoints athletes

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Gold medal wrestler Rulon Gardner figures he's worked too hard for too long to be denied the support he deserves from the troubled U.S. Olympic Committee.

He and some other athletes think the USOC's leadership seems more interested in bickering about control than making sure the country's Olympians are prepared to bring home medals in 2004.

"It's tough on us to defend a group that keeps making the same mistakes over and over again and not be held accountable," Gardner said. "They should be representing us like we represent them and holding us in the same high regard they expect us to hold them in."

At a time when the focus should be on winning gold at the Athens Summer Games, there is a real distraction brewing in Colorado, where the USOC is based.

The group's leaders are busy attending Senate hearings and fighting for power behind the scenes. The executive committee meets in Chicago this weekend to begin the search for a new president.

Political intrigue and power struggles between volunteers and paid staffers have always been a part of the USOC. But the most recent scandal, which started with ethics accusations against chief executive Lloyd Ward in December, is sticky even for the USOC.

Since Ward was accused of trying to steer Olympic business to his brother's company, five USOC members quit, president Marty Mankamyer resigned and the organization's leaders have been called before Congress.

The scandals at the top certainly haven't kept American athletes from reaching the medals stand. The U.S. led the medal count with 97 at the 2000 Summer Olympics and set a team record with 34 medals at the 2002 Winter Olympics.

But the latest flap has some worried that the turmoil will eventually trickle down to the playing fields.

"It's unfortunate that the focus has shifted from the athletes," said figure skater Paul Wylie, a silver medalist in 1992. "It would be a travesty if any of this ever affected the athletes."

The first place athletes will likely feel the impact is through the sponsors.

Ming star attraction in All-Star weekend

Rookie garnering plenty of attention

ATLANTA (AP) —Yao Ming's commercials are popular, his story is well-chronicled in national magazines, and on Friday the NBA's most popular rookie got his first taste of All-Star attention.

Cameras lined up two deep in a ballroom to await his arrival at an interview session, creating such a logjam as flashbulbs popped that a path had to be cleared just to get him to a table where he could begin answering questions.

"This is just one element of the pressure I'm in. This is really special," Yao said, sporting a dark basketball shirt with Chinese lettering on the front.

"Everything is happening too rapidly, too fast."

That's the understatement of the first half of the NBA season for the 7-foot-6 Houston Rockets center, who beat out Shaquille O'Neal to be the starting center for the West.

"I still believe I am a blue collar among the All-Stars," Yao said through an interpreter while resting his chin on his hands.

"I still think the greatest excitement is to be selected to the All-Star team. Nothing can be more exciting than that."

Well, maybe starting. Yao, who's shown his humor throughout his first three months of his NBA adventure, also displayed humility. His numbers — 13 points and eight rebounds per game, don't match up to Shaq's 26 and 11.

"As far as performance, people can see the difference between me and Shaq," said Yao.

Earlier, O'Neal apologized for some insensitive comments he made toward Yao. O'Neal said Friday that Yao's surging popularity is a big boost for the league.

NBA All-Star Game MVPs

2002 — Kobe Bryant, LA Lakers
2001 — Allen Iverson, Philadelphia
2000 — Tim Duncan, San Antonio; and Shaquille O'Neal, LA Lakers
1999 — No game.
1998 — Michael Jordan, Chicago
1997 — Glen Rice, Charlotte
1996 — Michael Jordan, Chicago
1995 — Mitch Richmond, Sacramento
1994 — Scottie Pippen, Chicago
1993 — Karl Malone, John Stockton, Utah
1992 — Magic Johnson, LA Lakers
1991 — Charles Barkley, Philadelphia
1990 — Magic Johnson, LA Lakers
1989 — Karl Malone, Utah
1988 — Michael Jordan, Chicago
1987 — Tom Chambers, Seattle
1986 — Isiah Thomas, Detroit
1985 — Ralph Sampson, Houston
1984 — Isiah Thomas, Detroit
1983 — Julius Erving, Philadelphia
1982 — Larry Bird, Boston
1981 — Tiny Archibald, Boston
1980 — George Gervin, San Antonio
1979 — David Thompson, Denver
1978 — Randy Smith, Buffalo
1977 — Julius Erving, Philadelphia
1976 — Dave Bing, Detroit
1975 — Walt Frazier, New York
1974 — Bob Lanier, Detroit
1973 — Dave Cowens, Boston
1972 — Jerry West, Los Angeles
1971 — Lenny Wilkens, Seattle
1970 — Willis Reed, New York

Freshmen end season at DC

DENVER CITY — The Snyder freshmen cagers concluded their season Friday night in Denver City with their most consistent outing of the season.

The team got 14 points from Blake Scott, and Garrett Pinson knocked in six of his 13 in the fourth period to down the frosh Mustangs, 60-48.

"We had a great year," said Coach Charles Bollinger. "They are a good bunch of kids, and I am proud of them. They worked hard and made progress all year."

The team scored 30 points in each half of the consistent tilt.

Dustin Williams posted 12 points — six in the first quarter — and Chris Smith recorded 11.

Cade Simpson and Jason Cave each canned four, while Bryan Clifton contributed two.

Rangers reach one-year deals with infielders

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers on Friday reached one-year deals with infielders Mike Lamb and Jason Hart. Terms weren't released.

Lamb hit .283 with nine home runs and 33 RBIs in 115 games with the Rangers last season. He started 38 games at first base, 18 as designated hitter, 13 at third base, five at left field and one at catcher.

Hart, acquired from Oakland in January 2002, hit .267 in 10 games with the Rangers last season. He spent most of the season at Triple A Oklahoma, hitting .263 with 25 home runs and 83 RBIs in 134 games.

The Rangers have 28 of the 40 players on their major league roster under contract for 2003. Pitchers and catchers report to spring training in Surprise, Ariz., on Thursday.

Pros' patience tested at Pebble Beach Pro-Am

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP) — For those who thrive in the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, skill is almost secondary to the patience necessary to survive the six-hour rounds, the shenanigans of the amateurs, and the unpredictable weather.

So while Ty Tryon pounded his driver into the tee box and Mark O'Meara bemoaned a botched 18-inch putt, Jim Furyk was the picture of equanimity while taking the lead into the weekend.

Furyk birdied his final three holes for a 6-under 66 Friday, moving one stroke atop a leaderboard that's as crowded as the links.

"You have to be patient," Furyk said. "I know we haven't cracked 5½ hours yet out there. You just have to be patient, get used to it and set your mind frame. I'm not going to let it bother me."

First-round leader Kevin Sutherland was among five players sitting one stroke back, with Davis Love III and five-time Pebble Beach champion O'Meara two strokes off the pace. All told, 20 players are within four strokes of Furyk.

Though the weather remained nearly perfect, Furyk's 7-under 137 total is the tournament's highest 36-hole leading score since 1990. Actually, the weather is the culprit: it has confounded most pros' usual approach to the Monterey Peninsula's three normally soggy courses.

An intermittent wind kicked up Friday, particularly for the those playing Spyglass Hill, but the firm, dry fairways and greens forced big adjustments for every competitor.

"It's just been different," said Furyk, who matched Tim Clark for the best round of the day. "I've never seen the golf courses this way in a lot of years playing here.

"I never realized how much slope there is on some of these greens. I've played here a lot when the greens were very wet, and they're usually slow. Not this year."

But an impressive round at Poppy Hills wasn't nearly as much fun as a trip behind the Steel Curtain this weekend for Furyk, who played with former Pittsburgh Steelers receiver Lynn Swann.

Furyk grew up in Pennsylvania as a huge Steelers fan, and he still holds season tickets in Pittsburgh. He arranged his pairing with Swann several months ago — and he fought off the urge to talk about Super Bowl triumphs instead of pars and divots.

"I wanted to be his partner if he was going to play," Furyk said. "I figure on my days off, I don't want to talk about golf, so I haven't quizzed him too much. I could probably bore him to death for hours."

Houston to host three majors in 2003

HOUSTON — Shortly after Sam Jepsen moved to Houston in August, he spotted a flier in his mailbox. There was a map of the city on the pamphlet with little flags representing the golf courses across Houston.

The vast number of tiny flags shocked Jepsen. Blades of grass in his yard would be easier to count than this city's golf courses.

That one flier was all it took for Jepsen to realize how far he had moved from Memphis.

"I was flabbergasted," said Jepsen, head golf professional at The Players Course at The Woodlands. "There is an unbelievable amount of golf courses in the Houston area."

Add that to the fact Jepsen now lives in the city that will host three major sanctioned golf events in the same year, and Jepsen is thrilled. There is nothing like this in Memphis.

Houston will host the PGA Tour's Shell Houston Open (April 21-27) along with the LPGA Tour's Samsung World Championship (Oct. 6-12) and the PGA Tour Championship (Nov. 3-9). All three events are exciting longtime residents and newcomers to the Houston area.

"This just tells the United States and the world that Houston is the site for major sports events," Jepsen said. "There's only like one major event in Memphis. But Houston is kind of the Mecca for many things. You've got the oil companies and the hospitals. It's just a natural that sports falls right in and follows the path of all other endeavors."

It has been years since Houston hosted three major golf tournaments, and to add even more intrigue this year, every event has a unique twist.

Houston golf enthusiasts will bid farewell to the Tour Championship at Champions Golf Club. Because of a sponsorship deal with the Atlanta-based Coca-Cola Co., the tour will move its season-ending tournament to a permanent home at Atlanta's East Lake Golf Club starting in 2004.

The Tour Championship says goodbye, but the Shell Houston Open will be welcomed to its new home at the newly renovated Redstone Golf Club. The tournament spent 17 years at The Players Course at The Woodlands.

National Hockey League

EASTERN CONFERENCE							
Atlantic Division	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	33	13	3	4	73	140	102
Philadelphia	28	14	9	2	67	126	114
N.Y. Islanders	24	22	5	2	55	144	153
Pittsburgh	21	24	4	5	51	140	160
N.Y. Rangers	21	27	7	2	51	146	178
Northeast Division							
Ottawa	33	14	7	1	74	179	126
Toronto	29	20	4	1	63	153	132
Boston	27	19	5	2	61	159	139
Montreal	21	22	7	5	54	147	164
Buffalo	15	26	7	4	41	112	138
Southeast Division							
Washington	26	20	7	3	62	161	150
Tampa Bay	22	20	7	5	56	148	152
Florida	16	20	10	8	50	124	160
Atlanta	19	27	3	4	45	147	188
Carolina	17	27	6	5	45	119	161
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division							
St. Louis	28	15	8	4	68	176	142
Detroit	27	16	9	2	65	154	133
Chicago	22	19	10	3	57	129	130
Columbus	20	25	6	2	48	150	164
Nashville	17	23	9	4	47	121	142
Northwest Division							
Vancouver	31	16	8	0	70	170	143
Minnesota	27	18	8	1	63	132	120
Edmonton	25	17	6	6	62	151	145
Colorado	22	14	11	5	60	148	129
Calgary	18	26	8	3	47	120	155
Pacific Division							
Dallas	30	11	12	1	73	167	109
Anaheim	24	19	7	4	59	133	134
Los Angeles	22	24	4	4	52	140	149
San Jose	20	22	6	5	51	146	158
Phoenix	19	23	7	4	49	133	145

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

Friday's Games

Vancouver 4, Buffalo 2
Washington 3, N.Y. Islanders 0
Atlanta 4, New Jersey 2
Minnesota 4, San Jose 3
Calgary 4, Edmonton 3
Los Angeles 8, Carolina 2
Anaheim 3, Phoenix 2

Saturday's Games

Pittsburgh at Boston, 3 p.m.
Detroit at Colorado, 3 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.
Atlanta at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Columbus at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Chicago at Edmonton, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Minnesota at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
Montreal at Washington, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Anaheim, 8 p.m.
Calgary at Colorado, 9 p.m.

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	34	15	.694	—
Boston	27	22	.551	7
Philadelphia	25	24	.510	9
Washington	24	25	.490	10
Orlando	24	26	.480	10½
New York	21	27	.438	12½
Miami	17	32	.347	17
Central Division				
Indiana	34	15	.694	—
Detroit	32	15	.681	1
Milwaukee	25	23	.521	8½
New Orleans	26	24	.520	8½
Atlanta	19	30	.388	15
Chicago	17	32	.347	17
Toronto	14	34	.292	19½
Cleveland	10	40	.200	24½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Dallas	38	10	.792	—
San Antonio	33	16	.673	5½
Minnesota	29	20	.592	9½
Utah	29	20	.592	9½
Houston	26	22	.542	12
Memphis	13	35	.271	25
Denver	12	37	.245	26½
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	34	17	.667	—
Portland	32	16	.667	½
Phoenix	29	21	.580	4½
L.A. Lakers	24	23	.511	8
Golden State	21	27	.438	11½
Seattle	21	27	.438	11½
L.A. Clippers	17	32	.347	16

Thursday's Games

L.A. Lakers 114, New York 109
Milwaukee 97, Seattle 91
San Antonio 83, Denver 74

Friday's Games

No games scheduled

Saturday's Games

No games scheduled

Sunday's Game

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ATTENTION: **Nancy Castro**; I have surveyed the property located at **2300 Ave. J,** (N/2' Lot 1 & 2, Block 5, Wilmeth Addition of the City of Snyder). I declare the structure(s) to be unsafe as defined by Ordinance No. 324 and intend to order demolition of the structure(s) on or about February 28, 2003. If no objections are received by this date the demolition order will be issued.

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Code Enforcement Officer
City of Snyder
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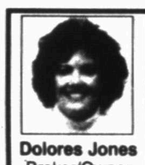
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Senior Center News

Social Security agents will be at the Senior Center Feb. 11 from 10-noon and 1-2 p.m.

The agents visit the Snyder area only once a month on the second Tuesday of each month. They will be located in the quilting area.

A free tax aide program is available at the Senior Center at 2603 Avenue M each Wednesday 9-noon and 1-3 p.m. Volunteers have received training in the new regulations regarding tax returns. This program is available for citizens of all ages with a low or moderate income.

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

The schedule for computer courses at the center is now available; but we must have 6-8 students for the classes to be held. Classes that have not made will be rescheduled. Call 573-4035 and ask for Valerie for more information. There are six courses scheduled:

Introductions to Computers Feb. 4, 6, 11, 13, 9-12 a.m.;

Introduction to Windows Feb. 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 2-4 p.m.;

Basic Internet Feb. 10, 12, 17, 19, 9-12 a.m.;

Microsoft Office Feb. 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 2-4 p.m.;

Advanced Windows Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26, 9-12 a.m; Advanced Internet Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28, 9-12 a.m.

Nominations for the Senior Center Valentine King & Queen may be made through Feb. 10. Submit nominations to Valerie. Those making nominations, nominees, and voters must be sixty years of age or older and a resident of Scurry County.

Past King & Queens are not eligible. Voting is scheduled for Feb. 12 & 13 10 a.m.- noon. The Valentine program and recognition of the 2003 King & Queen is scheduled for Feb. 14.

An AARP workshop is scheduled for Feb. 12 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of M. J. Merritt; however, there will be no regular meeting on the third Monday of the month since the center is closed Feb. 17th.

MONDAY

Party Bridge begins at 9:30 a.m. and daily exercise at 11 a.m. Seniors are welcome to remain after the noon meal and play eighty-eight at 1 p.m.

TUESDAY

Swimnastics at Western Texas College is 10-11 a.m. The class and parking are free. At 10 a.m. eighty-eight play begins and Social Security agents will be here. Don't miss daily exercise at 11 a.m. The Golden Kiwanis meet at noon in the conference room. The advanced bridge class will meet at 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Ladies pool begins at 9 a.m. We have a small group; but, newcomers are welcome anytime, and a volunteer will be available to assist you.

Seniors may vote for Valentine King & Queen 10-noon. Join us for daily exercise at 11 a.m. Afternoon activities include pinochle and line dancing beginning at 1 p.m. Clogging immediately follows line dancing.

THURSDAY

Swimnastics at WTC is 10-11 a.m. in the physical education building. Vote for Valentine King & Queen 10-noon. Daily exercise begins at 11 a.m. The center will open at 6 p.m. for game night.

FRIDAY

The blood pressure clinic, bridge, and eighty-eight all begin at 9:30 a.m. The Valentine program will be presented by the Sunshine Choir at 11 a.m. followed by the recognition of the 2003 Valentine King & Queen.

The Senior Center will be closed Monday, Feb. 17 for President's Day. See you Tuesday.

LEGAL NOTICE

CASE NUMBER: 179920

Publication on Adoption
(Known Legal & Natural Father)

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF:

ALLEN MICHAEL SMITH, a minor

NOTICE TO: James Michael Smith, Parent of Allen Michael Smith, a minor child, whose last known address is: 4102 Avenue R, Snyder, TX 79549.

You will take notice that a Petition for the Adoption of Allen Michael Smith (born to Christina Joanne Smith, natural mother) was filed October 17, 2002, alleging that the father of the said child is James Michael Smith of 4102 Avenue R, Snyder, TX 79549. The minor child's birth date is June 11, 1996. Notice by certified mail was sent to the said father, which was returned unclaimed on December 12, 2002.

Please be advised that should you intend to contest this adoption you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein (with John S. Somerset, whose name and address is shown below), and with the Clerk of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, Courthouse, Birmingham, Alabama 35203-0068.

Done this 10th day of January, 2003.

Alan L. King, Judge of Probate

John S. Somerset
Sudderth & Somerset
5385 1st Avenue North
Birmingham, AL 35212

CASE NUMBER: 179921

Publication on Adoption
(Known Legal & Natural Father)

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF:

JONATHAN KEITH SMITH, a minor

NOTICE TO: James Michael Smith, Parent of Jonathan Keith Smith, a minor child, whose last known address is: 4102 Avenue R, Snyder, TX 79549.

You will take notice that a Petition for the Adoption of Jonathan Keith Smith (born to Christina Joanne Smith, natural mother) was filed October 17, 2002, alleging that the father of the said child is James Michael Smith of 4102 Avenue R, Snyder, TX 79549. The minor child's birth date is November 21, 1997. Notice by certified mail was sent to the said father, which was returned unclaimed on December 12, 2002.

Please be advised that should you intend to contest this adoption you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein (with John S. Somerset, whose name and address is shown below), and with the Clerk of the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, Courthouse, Birmingham, Alabama 35203-0068.

Done this 10th day of January, 2003.

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CASE NUMBER: 179922

Publication on Adoption
(Known Legal & Natural Father)

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF:

ASHLEY JO SMITH, a minor

NOTICE TO: James Michael Smith, Parent of Ashley Jo Smith, a minor child, whose last known address is: 4102 Avenue R, Snyder, TX 79549.

You will take notice that a Petition for the Adoption of Ashley Jo Smith (born to Christina Joanne Smith, natural mother) was filed October 17, 2002, alleging that the father of the said child is James Michael Smith of 4102 Avenue R, Snyder, TX 79549. The minor child's birth date is May 30, 1999. Notice by certified mail was sent to the said father, which was returned unclaimed on December 12, 2002.

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Nonessential U.S. diplomats urged to leave four countries

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department advised nonessential U.S. diplomats and family members on Friday to leave Israel, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon. Private American citizens also were advised to leave.

At the same time, the department issued a travel warning, urging Americans to stay away from Iraq and said it was closing the Polish office in Baghdad that provided consular service to Americans in the absence of U.S. relations with Iraq.

U.S. citizens in Iraq were urged to leave.

"The Iraq regime's continuing refusal to cooperate fully with U.N. weapons inspectors has lead to mounting tension between Iraq and the international community," the department said.

The statement said foreigners in Iraq had been used in the past as "human shields," and there are credible reports they may be kidnapped.

The moves coincided with growing indications that President Bush may authorize the use of force against Iraq to get rid of its weapons of mass destruction.

Diplomats and family members would return home at U.S. expense, leaving only essential American personnel at the U.S. embassies in Tel Aviv, Amman, Damascus and Beirut and the U.S. consulate in Jerusalem.

"Private American citizens in Israel, the West Bank or Gaza should evaluate rigorously their own security situations and should consider departing," the department said.

Senior Menu

MONDAY
Swiss Steak
Broccoli Rice Almondine
Golden Hominy
Tossed Salad
Red Applesauce
TUESDAY
Meatloaf
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Sliced Peaches
Spice Cake
WEDNESDAY
Chicken Spaghetti
Asparagus
Harvard Beets
Tossed Salad
Bread Pudding
THURSDAY
Beef Stew
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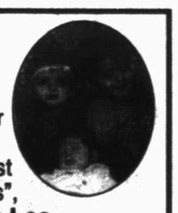

We take this means to express our sincere thanks to our many friends who were so kind to us in our darkest hour of sorrow when our "little angels", **Desiree, Jasmine, Angela & Jimmy Lee,** were called away.
We deeply appreciate the kind words and beautiful flowers that were sent; also the food that was prepared.
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Whatever happened to...

Kristen Kallemeyn, daughter of Bruce and Vicki Kallemeyn, is a 1994 graduate of Snyder High School.

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Kristen Kallemeyn 2003

Kristen graduated in 1998 from the University of Montana with a bachelor's degree in human biology.

She now lives in Missoula, Mont., where she is program manager for Intensive Level Therapeutic Group Home for Adolescents, and an EMT, level B&D.

Kristen participated in the 2000 Big Ride sponsored by the Cancer Society, riding her bike from Seattle, Wash., to Washington, D.C. The event was to aid foster care for teenagers.

While an SHS student, Kristen played on the volleyball team and received the Newcomer Award in 1992 and was named to the District 2-4A team.

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

Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh grads...

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Name _____

Year graduated _____

Parent's name _____

Some general high school activities for which they might be remembered _____

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After graduation they (college, military, etc.) _____

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Now live in _____

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Current picture?

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Schools my lose fed money if they bar students from praying

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration's fresh guidance about how to handle prayer in schools — at the risk of losing federal aid — amounts to a mandate for more religion in public education, a critic says.

But supporters say the Education Department's directive Friday to schools may clarify the debate and free students and teachers to express themselves without fear of reprisal.

The department's message: Schools must allow students to pray outside the classroom and permit teachers to do the same. At the same time, school officials cannot pray with students or try to promote or discourage a particular religious view.

"The Bush administration is clearly trying to push the envelope on behalf of prayer in public schools," said Barry Lynn, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. "Administration lawyers have selectively read case law to come to the conclusions they wanted, and school administrators should be aware of that."

Under federal law, the burden is now on schools to prove they have no policy that prevents constitutionally protected prayer. The department's new guidelines make clear that schools can lose their federal aid funds if they don't comply.

"Public schools should not be hostile to the religious rights of their students and their families," Education Secretary Rod Paige said. "At the same time, school officials may not compel students to participate in prayer or other activities."

The instructions broadly follow the same direction given by the Clinton administration and the courts. Prayer is generally allowed provided it happens outside of classroom instruction and is initiated by students, not by school officials.

The Education Department, however, also offered some significant additions and weighed in on some contentious matters, include the role of religion in public gatherings.

Students taking part in assemblies may not be restricted in expressing religious ideas as long as they were chosen as speakers through "neutral, even-handed criteria," the guidelines say. Schools may issue disclaimers clarifying that such speech does not represent the institution.

In another significant change, teachers are permitted to meet with each other for "prayer or Bible study" before school or after lunch — provided they make clear they are not acting in their "official capacities."

On the Net: Education Department: http://www.ed.gov/inits/religionandschools/

NASA studied wing corrosion in 1990s

By The Associated Press

Studies performed by NASA engineers during the 1990s raised the possibility that tiny pinholes on the space shuttle orbiters' wings could be enlarged by hot gasses during re-entry, but concluded that the problem was unlikely to endanger the spacecraft or their crews.

Yet with increasing focus on the leading edge of Columbia's left wing in the days since the spacecraft broke up over Texas, interest in the pinholes may be renewed.

NASA officials declined to say Thursday whether they considered pinholes a possible cause of the Columbia accident. Engineers who have studied the pinholes for NASA and its contractors said they could not discuss the shuttle.

The microscopic pits were first discovered in July 1992, during inspections performed after Columbia's 12th flight. Inspections of the other orbiters also found the holes developing in the silicon carbide coating that protects the heat-resistant material on the leading edge of each orbiter's wings.

The holes generally developed after 10 to 15 flights, but were "worse" on Columbia's wings, according to a July 1999 presentation made by Donald M. Curry of NASA and David W. Johnson of Lockheed Martin.

Though no larger in diameter than a human hair, the holes were of concern because of the 3,000-degree temperatures that part of the shuttle must withstand during atmospheric reentry.

"The chemical reactions which lead to pinhole formation are expected to occur when the shuttle wing leading edges are hottest — during launch and reentry," NASA engineer Nathan S. Jacobson wrote in a 1999 paper.

According to NASA technical reports, the troublesome pinholes appear to have been caused in part by tiny flakes of paint peeling off the tower that holds the shuttle and its booster rocket before launch. Experiments showed that zinc in the paint could corrode the silicon carbide coating that protects the heat-shielding material on the leading edge of the shuttle's wing.

Nominations sought for top secondary students in Snyder

Snyder ISD is seeking secondary students in the district who do things faster, sooner and with better understanding than other students their age.

Nominations for the Secondary Advanced Academic Services Program will be accepted Feb. 10-13. Nomination forms must be completed on each student nominated and may be obtained from the child's school office.

The Advanced Academic Services Program selects approximately the top 5 percent of the students who require more challenging learning experiences and can tackle more difficult tasks.

The Advanced Academic Services Program teachers are specially trained to meet the needs of these students. Additional information may be obtained from any secondary principal, Melissa Jones, assistant superintendent, at 573-5401 or Dixie Haggard, special programs director, at 573-6078.

Massingil listed on President's Roll

WICHITA FALLS — Midwestern State University recognized 720 students for the fall 2002 semester.

Rachel Leslie Haines Massingil of Snyder was named to the President's Honor Roll. To be eligible, Massingil had to complete a semester schedule of at least 12 hours with no grade lower than A (4.0).

SHS yearbook garners second

The 2002 Tiger's Lair Yearbook has been awarded an Award of Achievement (second place) by the Interscholastic League Press Conference (ILPC).

The ILPC is the journalism association of UIL, and the rating service is available to member schools in Texas, in order to provide meaningful feedback and to recognize and reward journalistic excellence.

Comments by the judge included, "You have a really nice looking cover and end sheets. (You've done) a pretty good job with the reader services. You have some really good photos on pages 1, 131,139,153 and 161.

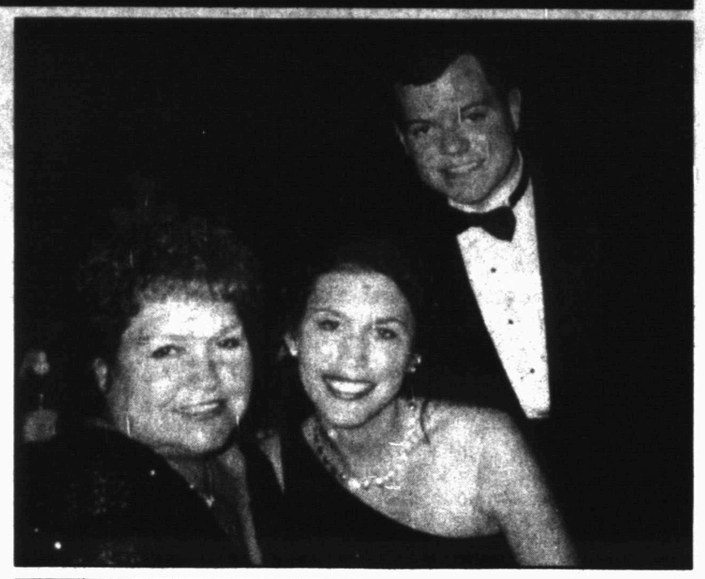
"You had your best copy in your Clubs and Organization section. Your sports section headlines are the best. You have pretty good coverage of Student Life activities for the whole year, including senior end-of-year activities. Nice job with scoreboard (in sports section). Good job of selling business ads. It's a great educational experience."

Kasey Crill was yearbook editor. Section editors were Stefani Beck, student life; Miranda Eckert, people; Krisi Early, clubs/organizations; Melissa Maguire, sports; Katie Haggard, academics.

Staff members were Bailey Stoker, Stormy Clark, Clinton Calmes, Britt Sharrock, Tate Thompson, Chris McLeod and Somer Powell.

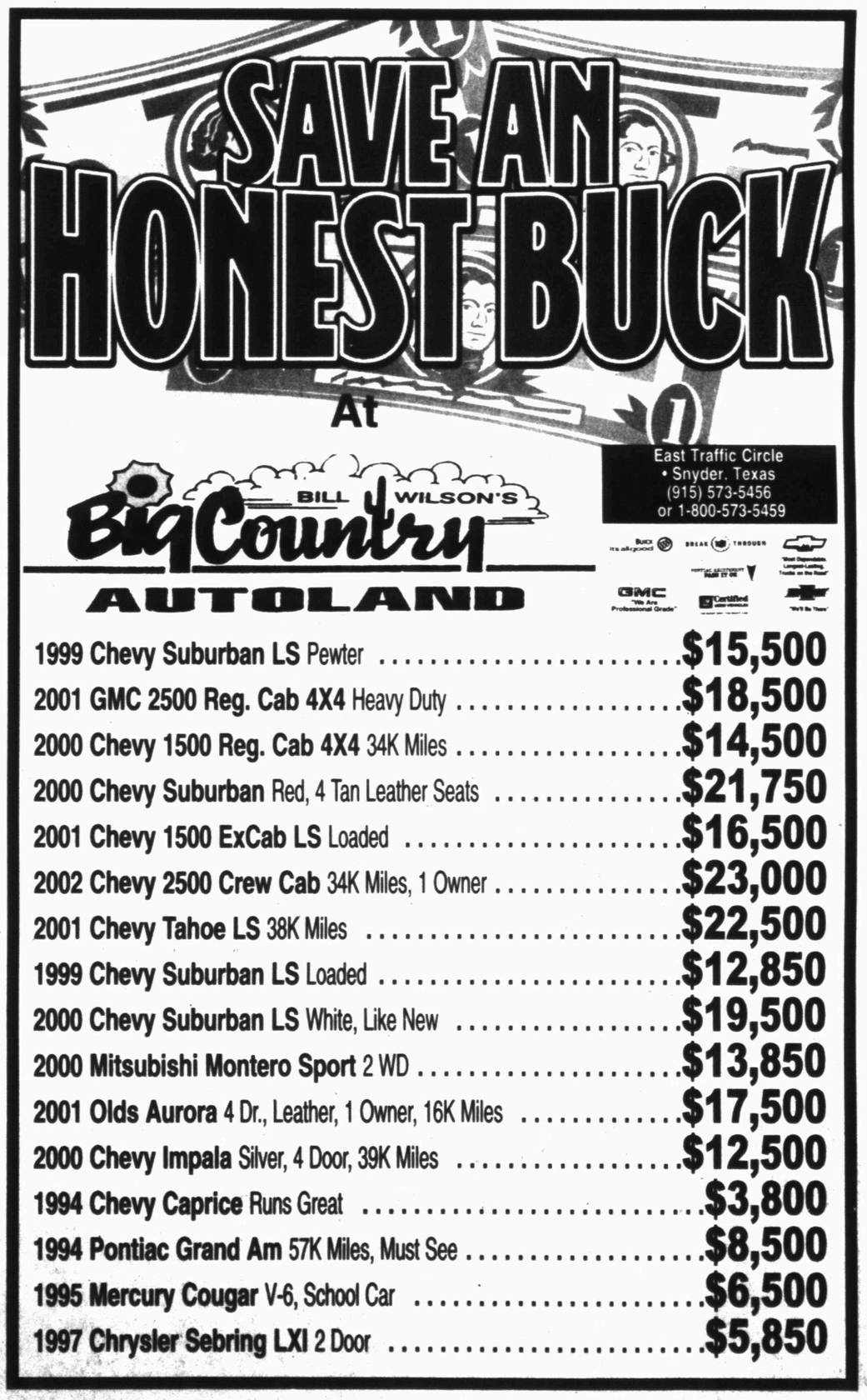
Photographers were Kendall Brewster, Chad Martin and Maranda Pierce.

Diane Arnold was the adviser.



INAUGURAL BALL – Several Snyder residents were in Austin last month to attend inauguration ceremonies for Texas Gov. Rick Perry. Attending the Governor's Ball was Carla Allen of Snyder and son, Troy Allen of Austin. Also pictured is Troy's friend, Jordan from San Antonio. Also attending from Snyder were Vicki Shroyer, shown at left in the bottom photo. (Contributed Photos)

Happy Birthday Faye Marie!



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At least 25 dead in club bombing

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — A car bomb tore through an elite social club in the capital, killing at least 25 people, wounding more than 150 and raising fears that Colombia's leftist rebels were making good on threats to attack the country's wealthy ruling class.

The explosion Friday night rocked the 10-story El Nogal Club in north Bogota, blowing brick and mortar onto a busy avenue, collapsing floors and starting a fire that burned for about two hours before fire crews brought it under control.

No one claimed responsibility for the attack, but the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, had said several months ago it intended to attack Colombia's elite. The rebels recently have brought their four-decade war from the countryside into the cities.

The bomb, packed with 330 pounds of explosives, was placed in a car in the third floor garage, Bogota Mayor Antanas Mockus said.

Clean-up crews were still sweeping rubble from the streets around the building in north Bogota Saturday morning.

President Alvaro Uribe, who has promised to crack down on the leftist insurgency, visited the scene at midnight with his top security officials.

"This tragedy is the daughter of the mix of drugs and violence," he said. "While many countries of the world tolerate the consumption of drugs... the laundering of money, while they arm these violent groups, they produce tragedies like what occurred tonight in the streets of Bogota."

Witnesses had said children were to put on a ballet show at the club Friday night, and several children were among the injured. Their fate was not immediately known.

Jorge Velandia, who works at the miniature golf course, said the blast opened a hole in one of the floors and people tumbled through. Paramedics gave CPR to a man lying amid the rubble.

"It was a huge explosion. I thought an airplane had crashed outside," said Luis Moreno, who lives across the street from the club on Seventh Avenue and whose apartment building's windows were shattered.

The Bogota health department said 25 people were killed and more than 150 injured in the blast, which could be heard for miles across this city of 7 million.

"We felt an explosion that shook the whole building," said Alfonso Espejo, a doctor employed by the club. "It was almost impossible to breathe in the smoke."

Night club shootings result in five deaths

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Police were searching Saturday for a gunman who walked into a nightclub and opened fire, killing four people and wounding two others. A teenager was killed at a club in nearby New York a few hours later.

There was no immediate indication from authorities that the shootings were linked, but both incidents were under investigation.

In Newark, authorities said about 25 people were in the Cave Lounge when the gunman arrived shortly after 11 p.m.

"We don't know whether there was an intended target right now," police Lt. Derek Glenn said.

A woman and a man died at the club and two others died at a hospital. Of the wounded, one was in critical condition and another was treated and released. The nature of their injuries were not released.

A witness who returned to the club Saturday to retrieve her car said it was over in a matter of seconds.

"I was sitting inside having a drink and someone came in and started shooting," said Drusilla Crowley, who did not see the gunman. "My best girlfriend sitting right next to me got killed."

A neighbor across the street from the lounge said he heard rapid-fire gunshots.

"I heard about five shots that sounded like they were from an automatic weapon," Covillo Smalls said. "They were real quick and all together, like pop-pop-pop-pop-pop."

Smalls looked out his window after the shooting, but saw no one.

At about 2 a.m. Saturday, a 17-year-old girl was fatally shot at a Brooklyn nightclub by a gunman, police said. Three other people were wounded, one seriously.

Police said the suspect fled.

One dies in 72-car pileup in Michigan

BENTON HARBOR, Mich. (AP) — A collision between a car and truck in a blinding snowstorm led to a 72-car pileup Friday in western Michigan, killing one person and leaving others trapped in the wreckage.

At least six of the 29 people taken to hospitals were critically injured, hospital officials said. Most of the rest were treated and released.

A car ran underneath a semi-trailer on Interstate 94 about 30 miles north of the Indiana line, followed by the fiery crash of a tanker. Before long, dozens of cars were strewn across a half-mile stretch of highway.

A 12-mile stretch of I-94, the main thoroughfare connecting Detroit and Chicago, was closed in both directions, then reopened late Friday.

Heavy snow moving eastward off nearby Lake Michigan had been falling for hours before the crash.

Europeans cautioned against delay

MUNICH, Germany (AP) — In a jab at major U.S. allies, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Saturday countries such as France and Germany that favor giving Iraq another chance to disarm are undermining what slim chance may exist to avoid war.

"There are those who counsel that we should delay preparations" for war against Iraq. "Ironically, that approach could well make war more likely, not less, because delaying preparations sends a signal of uncertainty," Rumsfeld said in the opening address at an international conference on security policy.

President Bush said he will not wait much longer before moving against Saddam Hussein, declaring in his weekly radio address that the Iraqi leader is wasting a last opportunity to come clean.

Rumsfeld said "there is no chance" Saddam will disarm voluntarily or flee his country if given yet another opportunity to comply with the U.N. Security Council resolution from November that demands Iraq's complete disarmament.

Thousands more American forces are converging on the Persian Gulf region in anticipation of a decision by Bush, within days or weeks, to invade Iraq and oust Saddam. Also, Turkey's top civilian and military leaders reportedly agreed Saturday to let the United States send 38,000 troops to the country to open a northern front should there be war with Iraq.

On Munich's snowy streets, an estimated 14,000 people staged protests against U.S. policy on Iraq. "Today Munich says yes to peace and no to war," said Roman Catholic Bishop Engelbert Siebler.

Rumsfeld said Saddam has time to avert war but should not be given another U.N. reprieve.

"We all hope for a peaceful resolution," Rumsfeld said at the 39th Munich Conference on Security, which attracted lawmakers, policy officials, military leaders and private analysts from the United States, Europe and Asia.

"But the one chance for a peaceful resolution is to make clear that free nations are prepared to use force if necessary — that the world is united and, while reluctant, is willing to act."

In response to Rumsfeld's remarks, German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer made an impassioned plea for patience with Iraq and said the German public sees no justification for going to war.

"We must not accept the logic of a military campaign," Fischer said. "We must give the inspectors more time."

Bush said in his broadcast from the White House that Saddam "was given a final chance. He is throwing away that chance."

Space travel 'worth risk'

BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, La. (AP) — "The conquest of space is worth the risk of life," and must continue despite the deaths of the seven Columbia astronauts, the director of NASA's Kennedy Space Center said at a memorial service Saturday.

Roy Bridges spoke to more than 100 officials from NASA and the Federal Emergency Management Agency at Barksdale Air Force Base, where debris from the shuttle and the human remains found across Texas and Louisiana are being stored for investigators.

The service was meant to both remember the astronauts and to thank Barksdale officials for assisting the recovery effort.

Inside the base's nondenominational chapel, the altar was surrounded by pictures of the shuttle and the astronauts who died Feb. 1 when Columbia broke up high over Texas: Michael Anderson, David Brown, Kalpana Chawla, Laurel Clark, Rick Husband, William McCool and Ilan Ramon.

Two arrested in Snyder

•Arrests

Snyder officers arrested Daniel Zane Gambol, 33, of 241 N. U.S. 84, at 1:45 p.m. Friday on an outstanding felony warrant for probation violation.

DPS troopers took an 18-year-old man into custody on U.S. 84 at 8 p.m. Friday for possession of drug paraphernalia, speeding and for failure to display a driver's license.

•Burglary

Valerie Crisp reported that her car was broken into while parked at Snyder High School and officers submitted an offense report for burglary of a vehicle.

•Criminal trespass

Officers served two women with a criminal trespass warnings at 11:45 a.m. Friday ordering them to stay away from a residence in the 1400 block of E. 36th Street.

•Noise complaints

A woman reported loud music at 12:04 a.m. Saturday on either Ave. M or Ave. N. Officers advised no music could be heard, but a close patrol was initiated.

At 2 a.m. Saturday, an anonymous caller reported loud music in the 300 block of 26th Street. Officers contacted a man who advised he would lower the volume.

•Gas drive off

A clerk at Rip Griffin's Truck Stop reported a gas drive off worth $23.25 at 6:40 a.m. Friday.

A drive off was reported at 5:30 p.m. Friday from Town and Country East, but an amount was not given.

Another drive off was reported from Town and Country East at 1:22 a.m. in the amount o $32.05.

Two men placed on probation

Two men, charged in separate business burglaries last year, were placed on probation Friday in 132nd District Court.

Eric Rex Julan, 18, of 1401 Ave. K pleaded guilty to the Aug. 15 burglary of Snyder Lanes.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong sentenced Lujan to serve two years in a Texas Department of Criminal Justice state jail facility, probated for five years. Lujan also was fined $1,000 and ordered to pay $165 in restitution to David Lyle.

Aaron Reyna, 19, pleaded guilty to the Sept. 15 burglary of Tom's Marine. Renya also was sentenced to serve two years in a state jail facility, probated for five years. He was fined $1,000 and ordered to make restitution of $581 to Tom's Marine and $100 to Frankie Castillo.

Obituaries

Pauline Merritt

1914-2003

Pauline Merritt, a native of Scurry County, died Thursday, Feb. 6, in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Funeral service for Mrs. Merritt, 88, is set for 1 p.m. Monday in the First Baptist Church in Snyder with the Rev. Welton Watson officiating. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Girdner-Brown Funeral Home.

Mrs. Merritt was born March 11, 1914 in Scurry County, the fourth of 12 children born to Isiah Walton and Nancy Aria Hamrick Walton.

She married Lloyd Harvey Merritt on March 18, 1933 in Snyder. Mr. Merritt served as Scurry County sheriff for six years. He preceded her in death.

She also was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Vivian Renfro; a stepson, Glen Merritt; two great-grandchildren; five brothers; and five sisters.

Survivors include two daughters, Jeanette Crousey of Merkel and Mary Naomi of Odessa; two sons, Douglas Merritt of San Saba and Weldon Merritt of Santa Fe, N.M.; 21 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

Grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

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Partly cloudy skies. High around 55F. Winds W at 10 to 20 mph.	Partial sunshine. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 20s.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 40s.
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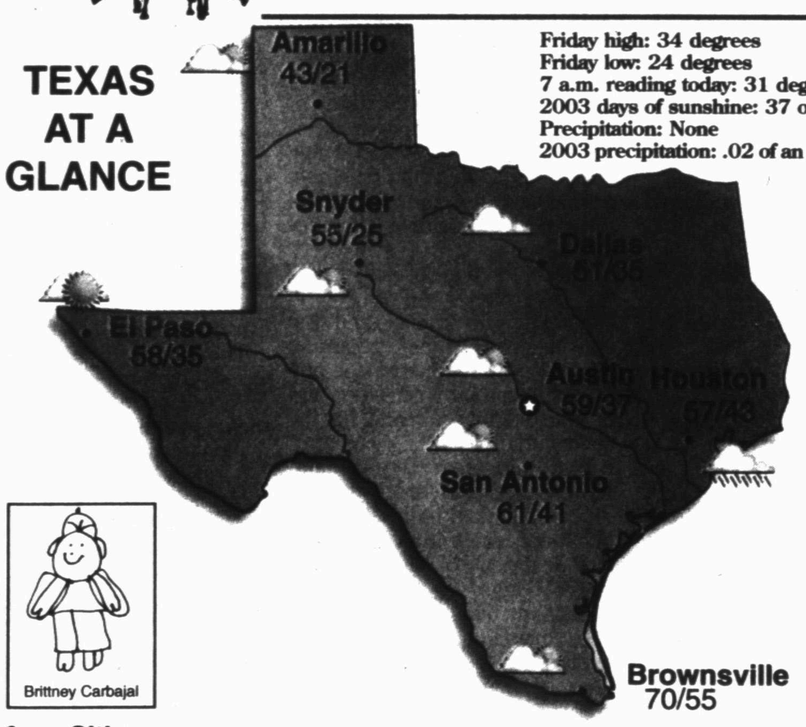

Friday high: 34 degrees
Friday low: 24 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 31 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 37 of 39
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: .02 of an inch

Brittney Carbajal

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	57	32	pt sunny	El Paso	58	35	mst sunny	Midland	61	32	pt sunny
Amarillo	43	21	pt sunny	Fort Stockton	64	34	mst sunny	Raymondville	68	48	pt sunny
Austin	59	37	pt sunny	Gainesville	46	27	cloudy	Rosenberg	58	43	cloudy
Beaumont	56	42	rain	Greenville	47	29	cloudy	San Antonio	61	41	pt sunny
Brownsville	70	55	pt sunny	Houston	57	43	rain	San Marcos	60	38	pt sunny
Brownwood	58	32	pt sunny	Kingsville	66	46	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	47	30	rain
Corpus Christi	62	47	pt sunny	Livingston	55	38	rain	Sweetwater	58	27	pt sunny
Corsicana	50	34	pt sunny	Longview	48	36	rain	Tyler	50	36	rain
Dallas	51	35	cloudy	Lubbock	53	26	windy	Weatherford	49	28	cloudy
Del Rio	67	43	pt sunny	Lufkin	53	41	rain	Wichita Falls	49	27	mixed

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	47	40	cloudy	Houston	57	43	rain	Phoenix	66	41	mst sunny
Boston	37	25	pt sunny	Los Angeles	68	47	sunny	San Francisco	59	42	sunny
Chicago	25	16	pt sunny	Miami	80	66	pt sunny	Seattle	52	36	foggy
Dallas	51	35	cloudy	Minneapolis	15	4	sn shower	St. Louis	34	23	cloudy
Denver	35	14	pt sunny	New York	37	27	pt sunny	Washington, DC	41	32	cloudy

Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
Feb 1	Feb 9	Feb 16	Feb 23

UV Index

Sun 2/9	Mon 2/10	Tue 2/11
4	5	5
Low	Moderate	Moderate

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

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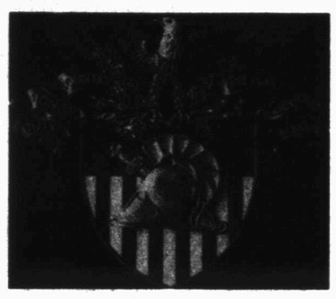
Hermleigh senior West Point bound

Terrel Culp looks forward to military career...

Terrel Culp of Hermleigh has been walking on Cloud Nine since he was notified Sunday that he has been accepted at West Point Academy in New York.

The call, from the military liaison officer for the Abilene area, left Culp feeling "pretty ecstatic."

After he graduates in May, he will report to West Point during the week of June 20. Once there, he will begin a rigorous schedule from 6:30 a.m. to midnight, throughout all four years.



First on the agenda will be six weeks of basic training. School follows with an assortment of basic freshmen classes, not including the classes he has already completed through Western Texas College.

Culp has already mapped out some goals for the Academy, including joining the Glee Club, the West Point Choir that performs throughout the country. He also wants to become a certified marksman.

He has some long-range goals as well. Four years from May, Culp will graduate as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army. He wants to be a career soldier with the full 20 years service in the Army.

Culp's desire to become a soldier began about 18 months ago. Recent events like Sept. 11, 2001, the war on terrorism and possible war with Iraq started the Hermleigh senior thinking about becoming a soldier.

"With everything that is going on now," Culp said, "the country needs good Christian soldiers and I want to be one."

He added, "I feel that God is leading me to do this. That's the biggest part for me. With God's help I can do whatever he wants me to do."

Culp is really looking forward to the Academy; but, he noted that while his parents, Alan and Julie Culp, are very glad that he will get to fulfill his dream; they just wish their son didn't have travel so far from Hermleigh.

The application process for West Point involved about nine months preparation. First Culp had to apply to West Point. Then he applied to Congressman Charlie Stenholm and was accepted. He could also have applied to vice president Dick Cheney or U.S. Sens. Kay Bailey Hutchison or John Cornyn of Texas.

Throughout high school, Culp has been active in sports. He has served as quarterback for the football team and he plays guard and post basketball positions.

He also participates in one-act play, UIL contests and he is a member of the Beta Club.

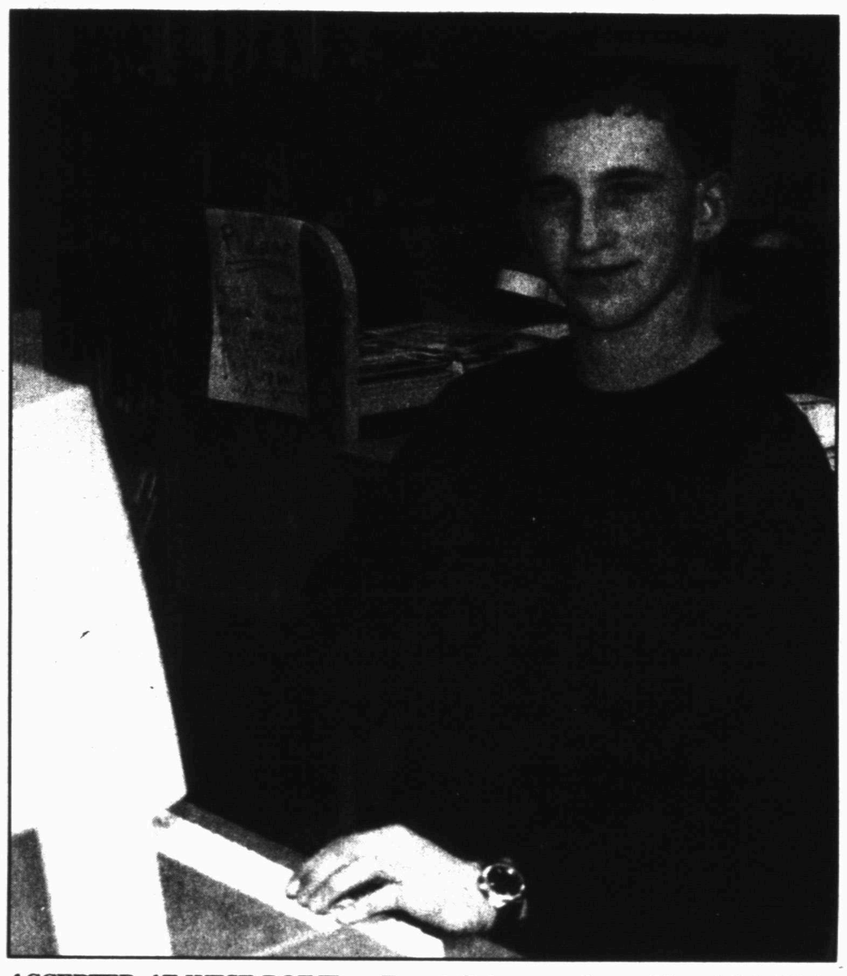
Culp also attends the First Baptist Church in Hermleigh, where he is a member of the youth group, sings in the choir and teaches the second and third grade Sunday School classes.

Culp's hobbies include drawing and outdoor activities like hunting and fishing.

Scurry County Folks

By Shirley A. Gorman

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS



ACCEPTED AT WEST POINT — Terrel Culp, a senior at Hermleigh High School, was notified last Sunday that he has been accepted at West Point Military Academy in New York. He will report to school during the week of June 20. He will have six weeks of basic training before classes begin. (SDN Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Two rescued polar bears debut in zoo

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — Two of six polar bears rescued from a Mexican circus in Puerto Rico last fall made their public debut at the Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium.

About 30 people squealed and applauded Thursday at the appearance of 893-pound, 16-year-old Kenneth and 1,016-pound, 18-year-old Boris.

Both appeared unsteady in their new environment.

Kenneth repeatedly dipped his paws into the pool and backed away, finally wading into the water and putting his head beneath the surface for what zookeepers said might have been his first swimming strokes.

Both animals fell against an electrified "hot wire" around the rear of the polar bear exhibit. Neither bear was injured, officials said.

"As far was we know, they've never experienced open space like this," zoo spokeswoman Carolyn Cox said.

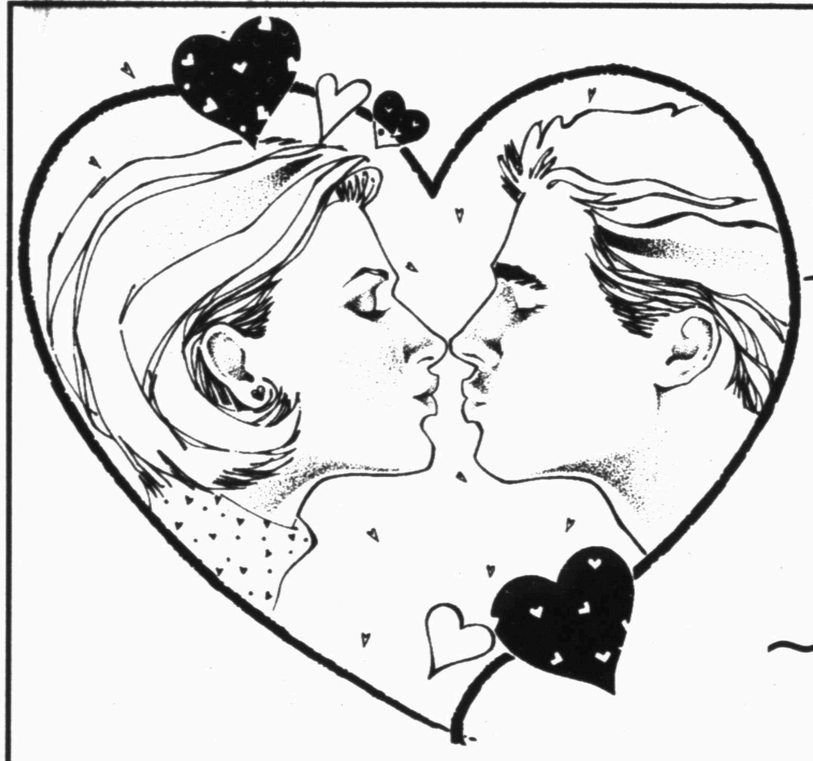
U.S. authorities confiscated the bears Nov. 5, saying Suarez Brothers circus had violated the U.S. Marine Mammal Act.

Suarez Brothers had brought seven polar bears to Puerto Rico in May 2001, sparking outcry from activists who said arctic animals should not perform in the tropics.

Ten months later, U.S. officials removed a bear named Alaska, saying the circus had false documents on her origin. Alaska was moved to the Baltimore Zoo.

U.S. federal wildlife authorities inspected the remaining six bears and determined their quarters were unhealthy and inadequate. The bears were kept mostly in small cages, with only occasional access to swimming pools or air conditioning, in violation of U.S. law.

One died in transit and the other three were placed in zoos in Detroit and Asheboro, N.C.



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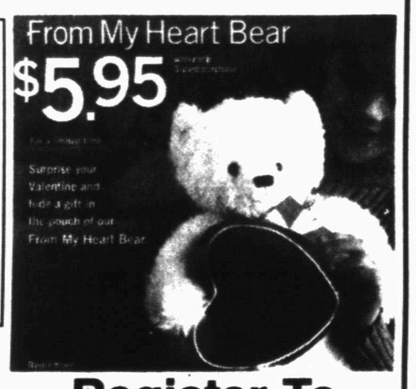

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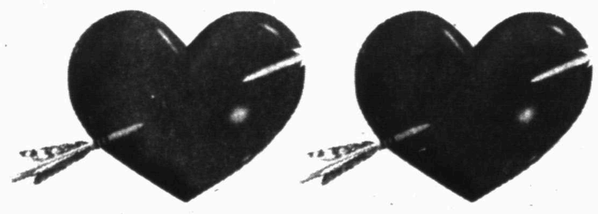

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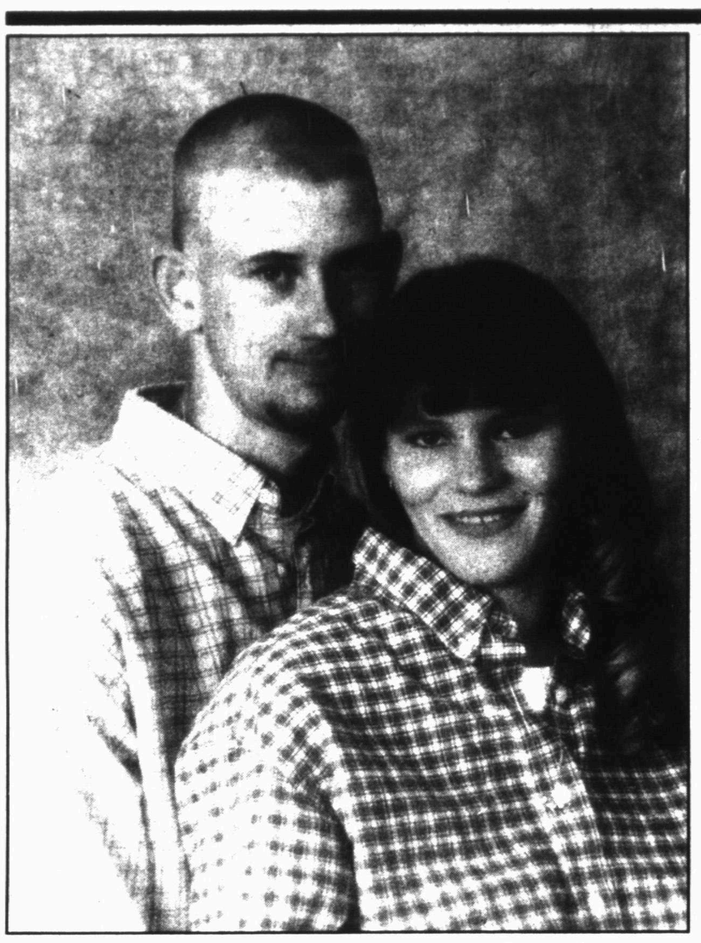

VALENTINE'S DAY WEDDING — Bobby and Kim Sanderson of Tow announce the marriage plans of their daughter, Margie Sanderson, to Timothy Gentry, both of Snyder. Timothy's parents are Kevin and Brenda Gentry of Snyder. The wedding is set for 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, in the 37th Street Church of Christ Family Center. (Contributed Photo)

Library News & Views

By Sharon Sumruld, librarian

BOOK FEATURE

Friends: Cowboys, Cattle, Horses, Dogs, Cats, and 'Coons, by John R. Erickson.

Erickson writes with authority about ranching and cowboying in the modern era, always with an eye for the humor of everyday incidents. Some of his friends are widely known, such as artist Ace Reid and noted fiddle player Frankie McWhorter.

Other friends work the big ranches between the Canadian and Beaver Rivers. Among his four-legged friends are: the Phantom Cow, Texie, the Incredible Burping Dog, Callie the Cat, and Eddy the Raccoon. In this collection of stories, Erickson proves that the cowboy still survives with all the spirit and individuality that has been his trademark for nearly 150 years.

NEW NON-FICTION

Look What You Can Make With Dozens of Household Items, by Kathy Ross

The Myth of Laziness, by Melvin D. Levine.

Barnyard in Your Backyard: A Beginner's Guide to Raising Chickens, Ducks, Geese, Rabbits, Goats, Sheep, and Cattle, by Gail Damerow.

Common Nonsense, by Andy Rooney.

Water Gardens: A Practical Step-by-step Guide, by Yvonne Rees.

Handcrafted Soap, by Delores Boone.

NEW FICTION

Sons of Fortune, by Jeffrey Archer.

Forever, by Pete Hamill.

The Arraignment, by Steve Martini.

Whispers at Midnight, by Karen Robards.

Fat Ollie's Book: A Novel of the 87th Precinct, by Ed McBain.

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The world's 37 species of dolphins range in size from the nearly 30-foot killer whale technically a dolphin — to 5-foot creatures such as the rare black dolphin of Chile, says National Geographic.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	North 02-08-03 ♠ A Q 7 5 4 ♥ 9 4 ♦ K 2 ♣ K Q J 3	
West ♠ J ♥ A K Q 10 8 7 ♦ Q 7 5 4 ♣ 7 4		East ♠ 10 9 8 6 2 ♥ J 5 ♦ J 6 3 ♣ 6 5 2
	South ♠ K 3 ♥ 6 3 2 ♦ A 10 9 8 ♣ A 10 9 8	

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	1 ♥	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	5 ♣	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ A

Saturday, Feb. 8, 2003

One other factor governed by power

By Phillip Alder

The Senior Life Master arrived well wrapped against the Arctic weather outside. But when he entered the bridge club, he felt the blast of hot air and immediately took off his coat and jacket.

Some 30 minutes later, he was ready to begin his class.

"Deciding in which suit to open the bidding is usually clear-cut," started the SLM. "But sometimes it is not obvious."

Look at the first hand on my sheets (the SLM continued, referring to today's South collection). If you were the dealer, would you open, and if so, with what? And what would you open if the two and three of hearts were the king and ace?

After giving them a few moments to decide, the SLM proceeded.

With 11 points, passing is clearly reasonable. But if you do bid, open one diamond. If your left-hand opponent overcalls one heart, and your partner responds one spade, you can rebid two clubs. But if you open one club, you would have to rebid one no-trump without a heart stopper.

If you are much stronger, though, you should open one club. You have no rebid problems, and you make it easier to find a fit in either minor.

Here, North's two-heart cue-bid is game-forcing. And South cannot do better than bid two spades. This might persuade North to settle in four spades, but that contract must fail with this layout. Five clubs, though, is easy to make. For example, if West leads hearts you score three spades, two diamonds, four trumps and two high ruffs — one heart and one diamond — in the dummy.

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Bridge Scores

Bridge games are played at the Snyder Country Club. Monte West directed.

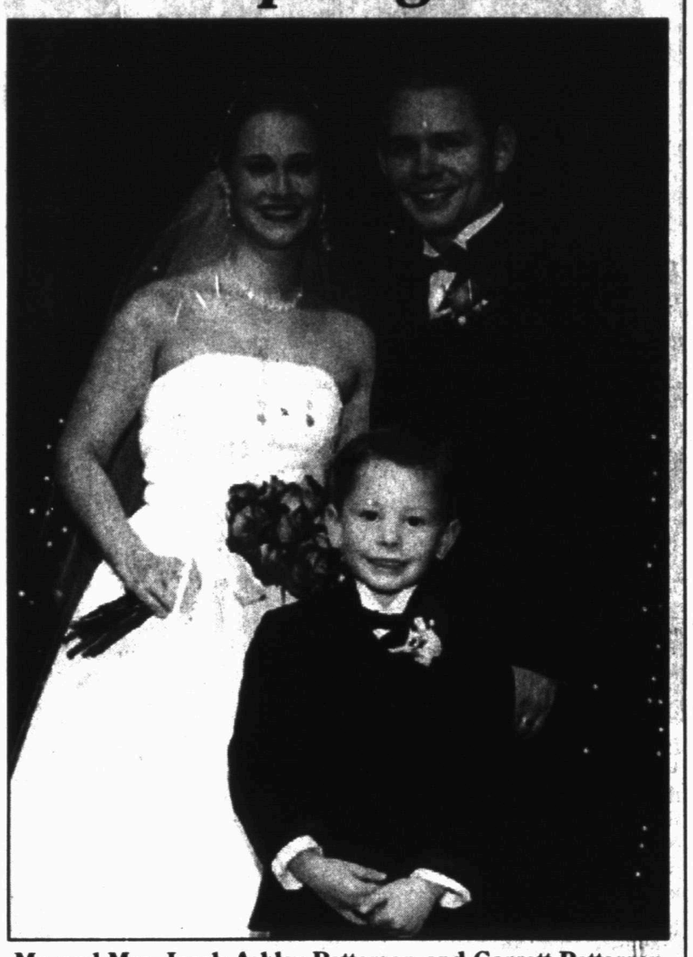
Friday, Jan. 31

1. Suzy Reed, Anita Talbott.
2. Anne Spitler, Warren Haney.
3. Dorothy Rosson, Nonnie Ward.
4. Margaret Dillaha, Pat Floyd.

Tuesday, Feb. 4
Swiss Team

1. Linda West, Monte West, Robbie Floyd, Pat Floyd.
2. Barbara Yorgesen, Margaret Birdwell, Dora Blakey, Nona Morrison.

Harper, Patterson pledge vows



Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Ashley Patterson and Garrett Patterson (Contributed Photo)

HUMBLE — A celebration of love uniting Amanda Christine Harper and Jacob Ashley Patterson was held at 6 p.m., Dec, 28, 2002, at Christian Life Center in Humble. The Rev. Jeremy Harper, brother of the bride, officiated in the double-ring ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Mike and Bethany Harper and Sue and Gene Bedingfield of Humble. Grandparents are Glenn and Cleo Harper and Roy and Sallie Bailey of Snyder, Jay Bedingfield of Pueblo, Colo., and Sara and Greg Slamp of Houston.

The groom's parents are Garry and Sharon Patterson of Round Rock and Debbie and Ronnie Wright of Millsap. Ruth Young of Fort Worth is the groom's grandmother.

The center aisle of the church was draped with tulle, English ivy, and sprays of burgundy, white and cream roses.

Parents of the bride and groom entered to the song "Somewhere in this World" to light the parents' tapers on either side of the unity candle.

The wedding party processional was to the "Prince of Denmark March." The bridesmaids and matron of honor were wearing claret floor-length gowns featuring an elegant embroidered satin bustier top with matching satin fitted skirts that flared from the knee to the floor. Each carried long-stemmed double-cupped six-inch white roses.

The men were attired in black tuxes, brocaded black on black vests, and traditional black ties. They each wore a boutonniere of white berries and a white rose. The groom's boutonniere was a single fire and ice rose with white berries.

The wedding party included matron of honor and sister of the bride, Sarah Becker, Ana Mena, Alison Mandeville, Kristina Scarborough, Ivonne Estrada, Lucinda Boettcher, junior best man and son of the groom Garrett Patterson, best man and brother of the groom Jeremy Milliman, Mike Harris, Bryan Labus, James Milliman, brother of the groom, and Kevin Ballard.

Rilee Carter, flower girl, was escorted by ring bearer, Garrett Hunter, cousin of the bride. Rilee was wearing a white princess-line, tea-length dress and carried a pomander of white roses and berries. She wore a wreath of white roses, berries and ribbon streamers in her hair. Garrett wore a black suit and tie with a white rose and berries boutonniere. He carried a white satin and organza pillow.

The bride, escorted by her father, Mike Harper, entered to the traditional wedding tune of "The Wedding March." She wore a formal strapless, white satin caviar gown with a beaded bodice and an A-line skirt that featured a split front overskirt and formed a chapel-length train in the back. The underskirt front and chapel train was accented with white and iridescent beads and sequins.

She wore a delicate tiara, choker, and earrings of rhinestones. A two-tiered veil of tulle cascaded from her soft curls in the back. She carried a simple bouquet of long-stemmed fire and ice roses with organza and satin ribbon.

The traditional "something old" and "something blue," were the bride's blue satin and lace garter worn by her mother in her wedding 29 years earlier. It held pennies minted the years of the bride's and groom's births.

The couple exchanged their vows in front of three iron arches covered in yaupon holly and white lights. There were nine taper candelabras to the sides of the arches. As Madeline DeLeon sang "That's How You Know It's Love," Amanda and Jacob took the tapers that were lighted by their parents and lit the unity candle symbolizing their two lives becoming one.

After their vows and a prayer, "The Prayer," was played that was made popular by Celine Dion. The recessional was to the wedding march from "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

The reception was held in the Humble Civic Center Ballroom. Centerpieces for the 24 round tables were tall clear vases, placed on top of round mirrors, that held lighted white candles in water with floating rose petals.

A 16-foot serpentine table, made by the bride's grandfather, Roy Bailey, held both the bride's and the groom's cakes. A shimmering sheer overlay, made by the bride's grandmother, Sallie Bailey, covered the long white tablecloth and skirt. White lights under the table gave it a warm glow. The edges of the table were decorated with yaupon holly and roses. A centerpiece of cascading clear glass vases held the long stemmed white roses carried by the bridesmaids. On each side of the centerpiece were two crystal candlesticks with tall, lighted white tapers. The white three-tiered cake that set above a lighted flowing water fountain was surrounded by white and cream fresh roses creating a reflection of simple elegance with cornelli lace. It had white satin ribbon borders. Fresh white and cream roses topped the cake and cascaded down the side.

A white grape punch was served from a footed silver punch bowl. The groom's cake was a tiered chocolate cake drizzled with fudge and topped with chocolate dipped strawberries.

The bride and groom danced their first dance to Frank Sinatra's "Fly Me To The Moon," as the wedding guests looked on. The bride and her father, Mike Harper, danced to "Butterfly Kisses, by Bob Carlisle. The groom and his mother, Debbie Wright, danced to "Make Someone Happy," by Jimmy Durante.

The best man, Jeremy Milliman, and matron of honor, Sarah Becker offered toasts to the bride and groom.

After an evening of dancing and celebrating, the bride and groom invited everyone to join them in singing the "Aggie War Hymn."

The couple honeymooned in Playa Del Carmen, Mexico, and now reside in Waxahachie.

The bride is a 1997 graduate of Humble High School and a 2002 graduate of Texas A&M University with a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics. She is employed by Citizens National Bank in Waxahachie. The groom is a 1995 graduate of Haltom High School and attended Texas A&M University. He is a sergeant on active duty with the National Guard and is stationed in Waxahachie.

A rehearsal dinner for the wedding party, family, and guests was hosted by the groom's parents at Zio's Italian Restaurant in Humble.

Alzheimer's Association will present program Feb. 18

The Alzheimer's Association, Star Chapter, West Texas Region, is presenting an educational program "Financial & Legal Issues" at 6 p.m. on Feb. 18. This program will be held at Colonial Hill Baptist Church, 37th and El Paso Streets.

The presenter is Michael Melson, Medicaid Information and Referral, Inc.

He will be addressing issues such as "Where do I start?" "Do I have to spend everything before the nursing home admission?" And last, "How do I protect what I've worked my whole life to save?"

The program is open to the public and provided free of charge.

For more information, contact Janet Cross, program coordinator at 800-682-1174.

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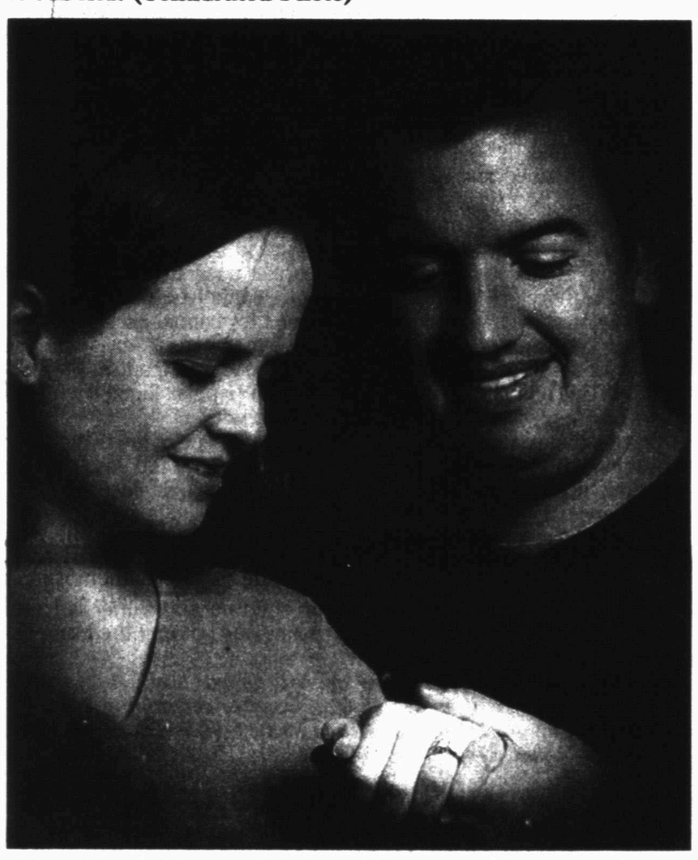
ISHAM-MIRELES TO MARRY — Amy Jewell Isham and Simon Mireles are planning a 3 p.m., March 22 marriage ceremony in the Snyder Church of God. Dennis and Tommie Lynne Reynolds are the future bride's parents. Her grandparents are Nate and Johnnie Pyburn of Snyder. The prospective groom's parents are Ted Mireles Sr. of Hermleigh and the late Consuelo Mireles. (Contributed Photo)



BAILEY-ROGERS TO WED — Ms. Patsy Pittman of Snyder and Thomas Bailey of Alexandria, Va., announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Janae Bailey, to Todd Allen Rogers. The future groom is the son of Allen and Ellen Rogers of Granger, Ind. A March 29 wedding is planned in Tucson, Ariz. (Contributed Photo)

Celebrity birthdays for February

By The Associated Press

Celebrity birthdays for the week of Feb. 9-15:

Feb. 9: News correspondent Roger Mudd is 75. Singer Carole King is 61. Actor Joe Pesci is 60. Author Alice Walker is 59. Actress Mia Farrow is 58. Actress Judith Light is 54. Actor Charles Shaughnessy ("The Nanny") is 48. Country singer Travis Tritt is 40. Actor David Gallagher ("7th Heaven") is 18.

Feb. 10: Actor Robert Wagner is 73. Singer Roberta Flack is 64. Country singer Lionel Cartwright is 43. Actress Laura Dern is 36. Singer Rosanna Tavarez of Eden's Crush ("Popstars") is 26.

Feb. 11: Actor Leslie Nielsen is 77. Actress Tina Louise ("Gilligan's Island") is 69. Actor Burt Reynolds is 67. Actress Carey Lowell ("Law & Order") is 42. Singer Sheryl Crow is 41. Actress Jennifer Aniston ("Friends") is 34. Singer D'Angelo is 29. Vocalist Mike Shinoda of Linkin Park is 26. Singer-actress Brandy is 24. Singer Kelly Rowland of Destiny's Child is 22.

Feb. 12: Movie director Franco Zeffirelli is 80. Sportscaster Joe Garagiola is 77. Keyboardist Ray Manzarek of The Doors is 64. Actress Maud Adams is 58. Singer Michael McDonald (Doobie Brothers) is 51. Actor-talk show host Arsenio Hall is 48. Actor Josh Brolin is 35.

School Menus

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BREAKFAST
Monday
Waffles
Sausage
Tuesday
Sausage On a Stick
Wednesday
Breakfast Tacos
Thursday
Biscuits and Gravy
Sausage
Friday
Cinnamon Rolls

LUNCH
Monday
Chicken Strips w/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Pineapple
Tuesday
Hamburger Macaroni
Black-eyed Peas
Fried Okra
Corn Bread
Apples
Wednesday
Poor Boy Steak w/Brown Gravy
Parsley Potatoes
Kidney Beans
Bread
Cake
Thursday
Corn Dogs
French Fries
Pork-n-Beans
Cowboy Cookies
Friday
Chicken Spaghetti
Peas
Salad
Bread
Strawberry Shortcake

Snyder

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Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Tuesday
Cinnamon Rolls
Wednesday
Sausage on a Stick
Thursday
Toasted Cheese Wedge
Friday
No School

OTHER SCHOOLS
Monday
Waffles w/Fruit & Syrup or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Juice
Tuesday
Sausage Topped English Muffin or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Wednesday
Breakfast Pizza or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Thursday
Cinnamon Roll or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

LUNCH
Monday
Green Chili Casserole or
Crispy Beef Tacos
Spicy Pinto Beans
Mexi-Rice
Peaches & Whipped Creme
Tuesday
Chicken Parmesan on a Bun
or
Beef Lasagna w/Garlic Bread Stick
Seasoned Green Beans
Tossed Salad w/Ranch Dressing
Chilled Pears
Wednesday
Country Steak Fingers w/Gravy or
Sliced Roast Turkey & Gravy
Cheese & Chives Mashed Potatoes
Black-eyed Peas
Dinner Roll
Thursday
"Fighting Tiger" Burger or
All American Chili Dog
Buffalo Fries
Corn on the Cob
Ice Cream

Hermleigh

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BREAKFAST
Monday
Oatmeal
Toast
Tuesday
Biscuits/Gravy
Wednesday
Dry Cereal
Toast
Thursday
Toast/Jelly
Friday
Cinnamon Toast

LUNCH
Monday
Chicken Nuggets/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Hot Rolls
Blueberries
Tuesday
Cheese Nachos
French Fries
Cherry Peppers
Tortilla Chips
No Bake Cookies
Wednesday
Glazed Ham
Sweet Potatoes
Black-eyed Peas
Hot Rolls
Peaches
Thursday
Frank Wraps
Salsa Sauce
Corn
Rocky Road Pudding
Friday
Sloppy Joe
Potato Wedges
Pickles/Onions
Cardinal Cake

October wedding date set by couple

John and Nancy Martinez of Arlington announce the engagement of their son, Dallas Pollei-Martinez, to Crystal Jeffers, daughter of Joseph and Ella Cummins of Amarillo.

A wedding ceremony is being planned for Oct. 11 in the Amarillo First Baptist Church.

Dallas attended Western Texas College, graduating in 1999 with a dual associate degree in theatre arts. He will graduate this fall from West Texas A&M in Canyon with a bachelor's degree in performance theatre. His fiancée also attends West Texas A&M and will graduate this fall with a bachelor's degree in musical theatre.

They both had lead roles in the musical "Texas" this past summer.

VALENTINE'S DAY WEDDING SET — Bonnie Carroll and Justin Norred are planning a 2 p.m., Feb. 14 wedding at Ave. D. Baptist Church. Bonnie's parents are Benny and Novilla Benitez and the late Lonnie Johnson. Justin's parents are Hazel and Frank Norred of Amarillo. (Contributed Photo)

Happy 19th Birthday Krisi!
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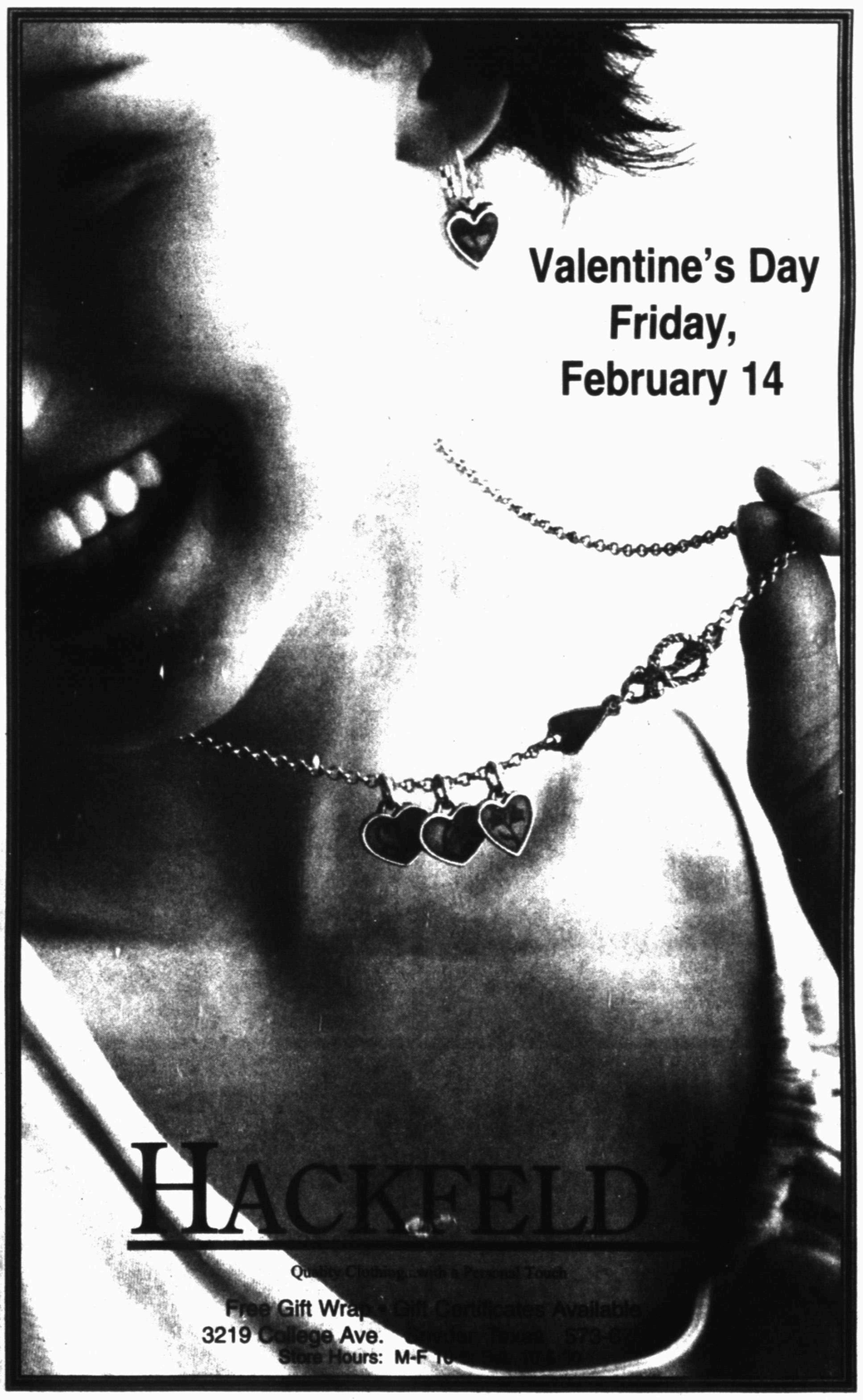

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Mandy Montgomery & Jonathan Tovar
Lynn Polk & Brad Hart

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Shawn Harris vs. Patterson-UTI Energy Inc., et al, suit for damages.

Peggy Gruben, individually and as Temporary Administrator of the Estate of David Gruben, and Ricky Gruben vs. Care Properties Inc., dba Snyder Oaks Care Center, et al, wrongful death suit.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of James William Tatom and Amber Faith Tatom, divorce granted.

Snyder Independent School District vs. Lorber Industries of Texas, order of dismissal.

Wilford C. and Wanda Joan Senn vs. Texaco Inc., et al, judgment for plaintiffs against defendant Primrose Operating Company.

Deed Records

Jerry Bob Lee and David Kent Lee to J.B. Lee, the east part of Lot 3 in Block 17 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Anna Brice and Ralph Holman Odom to David and Alisa Cain, the south one-half of Section 392, Block 97, H&TC survey.

David and Alisa Cain to Tiff Properties L.P., tract one being 442.5 acres in the west one-half of the south part of the east one-half of Section 256, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being the east 34.4 acres in Section 257, Block 97, H&TC survey.

John E. and Linda Cline to Luis Lara, Lot 9 in Block J of the Replat of the Highland Park Addition.

Jan and Leslie Thomas to Ronnie Wooldridge, the east 75 feet of Lot 4 in Block 18 of the Blankenship Addition.

Retha J. Richardson to Carolyn Gulseth, the north 50 feet of Lot 4 in Block 42 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Ronnie Wooldridge to Carolyn Gulseth, the east 74 feet of lot 4 in Block 18 of the Blankenship Addition.

Robbie N. and Patricia Floyd to Dean and Vera Arredondo, a 0.27-acre tract in the southeast one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Ruby P. Smith to Dewey K. Grinslade, the south 75 feet of Lot 3 and the north one-half of Lot 4 in Block 8 of the Blankenship Addition.

David Cox to Juanita Cox, the east 75 feet of Lot 3 in Block 31 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Angelita Gonzalez Alaniz to Consuelo Marguerita Valles, Lot 3 in Block 68 of the Original Town of Hermleigh.

Johnnie Faye Hatcher to Charles Scott Williams, Lot 24 in Block F of the Replat of the Towle Place Addition.

Billy Rex Benson to David and Daniell Digby, Lot 3 in Block 5 of the Highlands Addition.

Rosie Williams, Aubrey Gene Williams, Janie Maxine Sullenger, Ruby Leona Gates and David Leon Williams to Virginia Rose Williams, 54.333 acres in the west one-half of Section 240, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Albert F. Kuss to Virginia Rose Williams, 54.333 acres in the west one-half of Section 240, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Angel Estrada, independent executor of the estate of Ysidro C. Estrada, to Paula Estrada and Angel Estrada, 120 acres out of the southeast part of Section 91, Block 2, H&TC survey.

Robert Forrest Pendleton, independent executor of the estate of Ann Mary Pendleton, to Robert Forrest Pendleton, Lot 25 in Block Y of the Park Place Addition.

Thomas Nathan and Johnnie Elta Pyburn to Vernon R. and Sandra K. Groce, Lot 18 in Block 3 of the Parkway Addition.

James Thomas Beckham, independent executor of the estate of Eura Sneed Beckham to James Thomas Beckham, tract one being a 105.73x173.6-foot tract out of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being the north 75 feet of the east 120 feet of Lot 1 in Block 22 of the Blankenship Addition; tract three being the north 58 feet of the south 75 feet of Lot 1 in Block 22 of the Blankenship Addition; tract four being the north 100 feet of Lot 2 in Block 54 of the Blankenship Addition.

James E. Mills to Shawna Mills, Lots 3 and 4 in Block 6 of the Andress Heights Addition.

Doris Mae Allen to Bobby Joe and Melody Ann Smith, a 1.0-acre tract in the southeast part of Section 227, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Inez Jamison to Gary and Kathy Armstrong, Lot 12 and the south one-half of Lot 11 in Block 5 of the Sturdivant Subdivision of Block 5 of the Cody Addition.

Patricia D. Dougherty to Keith Beck, 19.96 acres in Section 95, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Bobby W. and Lora D. Lord to Ruby P. Smith, Lot 2 of the Replat of Block 6 of the Highlands Addition, Section 2.

Jackie W. Smith to Jacob Kyle and Rhonda Michelle Hollingsworth, a 0.953-acre tract in Section 120, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Steven Lee and Kimberly Ann Krueger to Bobby and Lora Lord, Lot 2 in Block 2 of the George W. Brown original homesite of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Paul N. Gray to Paul N. Gray, Trustee of the Paul N. Gray Revocable Trust, Lot 4 in Block 5 of the Bassridge Addition.

Paul N. Gray to Paul N. Gray, Trustee of the Paul N. Gray Revocable Trust, 46.26 acres in Section 120, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Paul Novell Gray, independent executor of the estate of Alice R. Gray, to Rodney Paul Gray and Gordon Gene Gray, a one-half undivided interest in 46.26 acres in Section 120, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Paul N. Gray to Paul N. Gray, Trustee of the Paul N. Gray Revocable Trust, an undivided one-half interest in 2.0 acres in the west part of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Paul N. Gray to Rodney Paul Gray and Gordon Gene Gray, a one-half undivided interest in 2.0 acres in the west part of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Connie O. Key to Jerry W. Smith, Letha Dell Mayfield, James David Beaver and Stephen Dale Beaver, the southwest one-quarter of Section 158, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Texas Magnesium Company Inc. to Snyder Specialty Co. Inc., 10 acres in the southeast one-quarter of Section 196, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Scurry County Anti-drug Connection

The best things in life are drug free

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

DESIGNER DEATH: THE TRUTH ABOUT ECSTASY

As all-night dance parties called raves have moved into the mainstream of American teenage entertainment, the popularity of so-called club drugs has increased as well.

The designer drug Ecstasy, so termed because it is not found in nature but rather is created in a laboratory, is considered the most commonly used club drug. It is popular among ravers because it combines the stimulant effects of speed with feelings of euphoria and a heightened sense of touch, smell, sight and sound.

The drug's effects can last from 6 to 24 hours, but euphoria and intoxication are not the lone reactions. The user may also experience depression, hallucinations, paranoid thinking, and violent, irrational behavior.

Physical reactions can include loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, blurred vision, increased heart rate and blood pressure, chills, sweating, tremors, insomnia and convulsions.

Additional risks of using Ecstasy include heat exhaustion and dehydration because the drug suppresses the body's thermoregulatory system.

The chemical name for Ecstasy is MDMA (3,4-methylene-dioxymethamphetamine). Its chemical structure is similar to the stimulant methamphetamine and the hallucinogen mescaline.

Users experience a "high" because the drug stimulates the brain to release large amounts of serotonin, which is a neurotransmitter that regulates mood, memory, appetite, sleep and body temperature.

A person can "crash", that is become severely depressed, when the drug wears off because the brain cannot refuel fast enough.

MDMA was first synthesized in 1912 by the German company Merck Pharmaceuticals, and it was marketed the following year as an appetite suppressant. It wasn't until the late sixties that the first underground batches were synthesized. By around 1977, the drug was popping up on the streets as a recreational drug. Its popularity increased, and in the mid-1980s it began to be known as a club drug. Ecstasy was federally banned and classified as a Schedule 1 illegal substance in 1985.

Ecstasy is most commonly available in tablet form and usually ingested orally. However, it can be found in capsule or powder form and can be injected. Various recipes are used to manufacture the MDMA, therefore its quality and purity cannot be guaranteed. This puts users at even greater risks because they cannot ascertain what it is they are taking.

Other street names for MDMA include Adam, Bean, E, M, Roll, X and XTC. The tablet is often branded with popular logos such as the Playboy bunny, Nike Swoosh, CK, or Mercedes.

Signs that someone may be under the influence of the drug include problems remembering what they recently said or did, loss of coordination, dizziness, fainting, depression, confusion, sleep problems, chills, sweating or slurred speech.

While it is closely associated with the club scene, do not make the mistake of thinking that is the only place it is found. It is out there, and like other drugs is not limited to just big cities or certain socio-economic backgrounds. Talk with your children about the dangerous side effects of drugs. Teach them to have fun without the burdens of chemical enhancement.

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

New Nissan plant in Mississippi attracts numerous job seekers

CANTON, Miss. (AP) — The odds of Eric Gilkey landing a job at Nissan's sprawling new assembly plant are a slim 1-in-15.

That's no knock against the 36-year-old state employee. It's just that Gilkey must compete with the 61,000 others who have applied for 4,000 well-paying positions the plant must fill by the end of the year.

Nissan North America will open the first phase of its $1.5 billion assembly plant in May. The plant will make Nissan's new full-sized Titan pickup, Quest minivans and new full-sized Nissan and Infinity sport-utility vehicles.

The facility will be Mississippi's first auto plant, and excitement is high among applicants angling for jobs with starting wages between $13.25 and $18.50 an hour.

The average salary of all private-sector jobs in Mississippi was $26,066 in 2001. The lowest starting pay for the Nissan jobs is $13.25 an hour, or $27,560 a year.

The plant also is a boon after last year's record losses of manufacturers — 103 closed their doors, taking 10,238 jobs with them.

"I want to be a part of Nissan and be a part of building the cars from the ground up," Gilkey said.

But Nissan is being very choosy, especially for the first batch of workers who are now testing the assembly line and helping to train new hires. Nissan prefers assembly line workers have 18 months of factory or industrial experience, and maintenance technicians have three to five years industrial experience.

"We can be very selective because of our pay and benefits," said Galen Medlin, the plant's personnel director. "Most of the people we hired are coming from another job or have been recently been laid off, so we're able to get some of the better folks in."

The state, as part of a $695 million incentive package to Nissan, is paying $23.5 million for its worker training.

Authorities catch inmate who escaped from Central Texas jail

WACO (AP) — An inmate who escaped from the McLennan County Jail was back behind bars later on the same day after breaking into the theater department at Baylor University, where he traded his orange jail uniform for a green coat and pants.

The clothes may have led to Timothy Norwood Baker's arrest Thursday. He looked like a "leprechaun," McLennan County Sheriff Larry Lynch said.

Baker was held on $215,000 bond early Friday. He was in custody on charges of aggravated robbery and sexual assault.

Lynch said the 27-year-old Baker escaped from jail just after midnight Thursday, scaling a fence behind the jail. He declined to say how Baker got of his cell, but said a guard quickly spotted the fleeing inmate.

He said it didn't appear that Baker had assistance when he escaped.

Baker was apprehended about 6 a.m. at a convenience store, where he had asked a customer for a ride. The customer recognized his picture from a photo that police had given the store clerk earlier and called police.

After Baker's escape, sheriff's deputies searched the Brazos River banks with dogs and Baylor police evacuated campus buildings.

Police said Baker allegedly broke into the art department at Baylor's Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center, where he swapped his uniform for a costume.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, Feb. 9, 2003

Because you won't be reluctant to assume extra responsibilities in the year ahead, advancement in your chosen field of endeavor is very likely. The more you take on, the higher the rewards will be.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Don't allow negative thinking to govern your behavior today and make you lose to your fears.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Don't take your bad mood out on others today, because there's a good chance you could encounter someone who also got up on the wrong side of the bed. It won't be pretty.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Because you may believe that someone unscrupulous cheated you yesterday, you may try to make up for it today. Be careful: you may end up being more of a taker than a giver.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — There is a big difference between being properly assertive and just plain aggressive. Be careful you don't step over that line when dealing with others who are important to your cause.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Sometimes in your zeal for life you have a way of creating your own problems. Before getting yourself into a mess today, consider the penalties associated with any erratic action.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Review recent financial experiences and developments, and don't put any more good money after bad today. If a situation hasn't been working out, it may be time to call your involvement quits.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — If the full cooperation of associates isn't forthcoming today concerning your hopes of achieving an important career objective, it might be wise to put it off until you can garner support.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — The last person you should go to when requesting a favor is someone you didn't help when you had the opportunity. This person's response may embarrass you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Before putting up the money for a group activity that has been planned for today, better make sure you know who is going to attend. You may not be reimbursed if someone doesn't go.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Even with people with whom you usually see eye to eye, conflicts of interest can occur. Today, should such a happening take place, don't let it become an issue and damage the relationship.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Unless it is something you really like to do, you're not apt to do a good job today when performing your tasks. If you can, it might be wise to set them aside for the moment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Be careful not to attach strings to favors you do for friends or associates today. Instead of evoking appreciation for your part, chances are you will only breed resentment.

Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker wheel can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2 to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167.

Monday, Feb. 10, 2003

The year ahead could offer a number of exciting and fun times for you. There might be lots of new social involvements in the making, as well as a rise in status concerning your work or career.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Because you'll try not to make winning the vital issue today when in competitive, fun involvements, you'll actually become luckier and come out the big victor.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Persons with whom you deal on an intimate basis are likely to treat you with great consideration and love today, making this a very special day that warms the heart.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Be hopeful regarding today's events. You could be extremely lucky in dealings you have with both friends and associates, or where important people are involved.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Arrangements that are screened from the eyes and ears of curious onlookers could prove to produce large benefits for you today. Even you may not know what's behind your good fortune.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Expect some good news today pertaining to something you've been hoping would take place. The pieces have finally fallen together to make it happen.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Financial endeavors you share with others, such as stocks or bonds or joint ventures, look exceptionally promising for you today. What occurs could have an effect upon your reputation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Partnership arrangements you have either for business or pleasure should work out well for all concerned. This is because people in general will be more considerate of others today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Your excellent craftsmanship and handiness could capture the eye of your superiors as well as your peer group today. High applause or a bonus of some type may be in the offing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — The day could go quite well for you today, putting you in a very special frame of mind as evening draws nigh. Be sure to plan something fun for after-work hours.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Dealings you have with family members or relatives could produce some substantial benefits for everyone involved. You may be at the core of the happenings.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Think big today, because you will be far more adept at handling large issues where others are involved. Your diplomacy in handling people and your clear thinking on the issues are superb.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — There are exceptional possibilities for personal gain hovering about you today from two unrelated sources. These promising developments could occur simultaneously.

Major changes are ahead for Aquarius in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167.

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Tentative deal OK'd

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Teamsters union said Thursday it has reached a tentative agreement on a new five-year master contract with four major trucking companies that will boost wages and maintain health insurance coverage at no cost to drivers and other workers.

"The nation is in the depths of recession and on the brink of war and we maintained our strong health care benefits, protected our pensions and won the highest wage increases in more than a decade," said Teamsters President James P. Hoffa.

The current contract with the Motor Freight Carriers Association expires March 31. The association includes Roadway Express, Yellow Transportation, ABF Freight System and USF Holland.

"We believe that this agreement represents a fair balance between rewarding the trucking industry's best employees and positioning these companies for significant growth into the future," said Tim Lynch, the association's president.

The tentative agreement was reached early Thursday. It would cover 65,000 truck drivers, dock workers and office personnel, and still must be approved by union members. Smaller freight hauling companies traditionally adopt similar contracts and employ another 20,000 Teamsters.

The agreement increases the average hourly wage of $19.90 by $2.25 over five years. Health insurance coverage will be maintained with no cost to workers, who pay no premiums or copayments. The companies agreed to pay $3.10 per hour toward workers' health care and pensions.

Workers' wages also are protected if inflation rises above 3 percent. Hourly pay will increase 1 cent for every 0.2 percent that inflation rises. Inflation last year was 2.4 percent.

The agreement also will restore the union's right to strike over deadlocked decisions on grievances, said Teamsters spokesman Bret Caldwell.

Federal regulators will investigate deaths

ODESSA (AP) — After two employees of the same West Texas pipe company were killed within less than a month, federal regulators were to begin reviewing details of the deaths.

The president of Saulcon Inc. said Tuesday his company and employees were devastated by the fatal accidents.

Saulcon employee Esben Lujan of Kermit was injured Monday in an accident at a construction site at OxyPermian's carbon dioxide flood project in Lea County, N.M.

Lujan was pronounced dead the following day, Jim Proffitt, Saulsbury Industries manager of business development, said.

Lujan's sister-in-law, Guadalupe Lujan of Kermit, said through a translator that her brother-in-law was crushed by a tractor, but she could provide no other details.

The first death occurred Jan. 13 in Gaines County at the Kinder-Morgan pipeline construction site.

William Morrow was crushed between two sets of 16-inch pipe, the Gaines County Sheriff's Office reported. Morrow, 56, of Bloomfield, N.M., was laying pipe when the accident occurred.

Saulcon President Dick Saulsbury, on his way to visit with Lujan's family in Kermit, said all of his managers and employees were taking Morrow and Lujan's deaths hard "because we've so emphasized safety and have been recognized for our safety record."

He said that a week before Morrow's death, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration recognized Saulcon for its safety record, "but we're sure not proud of these two deaths."

"It's a sadder thing by virtue of this happening," Saulsbury said of the fatal accidents. "We're asking ourselves a thousand questions."

In addition to the safety record, Saulsbury said the Odessa-based company has always been concerned about its employees' welfare.

Gary Bullock, OxyPermian's supervisor of construction for the CO2 flood site at the North Hobbs Unit, said OxyPermian executives asked him to refer specific questions about the accident to Saulcon.

Saulcon was also conducting its own investigation into both accidents, Proffitt said. The company immediately halted all work at both construction sites for several days, Saulsbury said.

Judge dismisses claim

DETROIT (AP) — A judge has dismissed trademark and copyright infringement claims brought against singer Kid Rock by former business associates.

U.S. District Judge Nancy Edmunds ruled Monday that Kid Rock, whose real name is Robert Ritchie, is the sole owner of the Top Dog trademark that appears on his albums and other merchandise.

Alvin Williams and Earl Blunt of EB-Bran Productions claimed that Kid Rock signed a contract in 1989 agreeing to share with them and their company the proceeds of future record album sales and the profits from the Top Dog Records label.

The Detroit rap-rocker sued Williams in U.S. District Court in May 2001. He said a purported 1989 contract that gave EB-Bran sole ownership of the Top Dog trademark and established a partnership with Kid Rock was a fraud.

Date Books

Saturday, Feb. 8, 2003

Today is the 39th day of 2003 and the 49th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1587, Mary Queen of Scots was beheaded.

On this day in 1910, the Boy Scouts of America was founded in Washington, D.C.

On this day in 1964, Representative Martha Griffiths delivered a speech in favor of prohibiting discrimination based on gender. Her speech later resulted in civil rights protection for women being added to the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William Tecumseh Sherman (1820-1891), Civil War general; Jules Verne (1828-1905), writer; Jack Lemmon (1925-2001), actor; James Dean (1931-1955), actor; Gary Coleman (1968-), actor, is 35; Seth Green (1974-), actor, is 29.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1975, Bill Russell refused to attend his induction into the Basketball Hall of Fame.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "If you think it's hard to meet new people, try picking up the wrong golf ball." — Jack Lemmon

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Feb. 1) and first quarter (Feb. 9).

Sunday, Feb. 9, 2003

Today is the 40th day of 2003 and the 50th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1942, clocks were set ahead one hour at 2 a.m. as the United States went on "War Time" to conserve electricity.

On this day in 1950, Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R-Wisc.) claimed that he has a list with the names of 205 "known communists" who were members of the Department of State.

On this day in 1981, Bill Haley, who brought rock to mainstream white audiences with such hits as "Rock Around the Clock," died at the age of 55.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Amy Lowell (1874-1925), poet; Gypsy Rose Lee (1914-1970), burlesque entertainer; Brendan Behan (1923-1964), playwright; Alice Walker (1944-), writer, is 59; Mia Farrow (1945-), actress, is 58; Shakira (1977-), singer, is 26.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1992, Magic Johnson, who had earlier retired from the NBA after testing positive for HIV, returned to play in the All-Star Game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Guided by my heritage of a love of beauty and a respect for strength — in search of my mother's garden, I found my own." — Alice Walker

TODAY'S MOON: First quarter (Feb. 9).

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College students debate merits of war with Iraq — but politely

NEW YORK (AP) — The threat of war with Iraq has sparked debate on U.S. college campuses, but those conversations seem more likely to happen over a late-night pizza than at an anti-war demonstration.

Students and college administrators say a couple of factors help explain why colleges have been relatively quiet as the United States has built up its military forces near Iraq: Many students feel ambivalent about a war, and some say this is a generation that's willing to listen to the other side.

"I'm not doing any activism except in my own head," said Kirsten Rockwood, a junior at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. She considers herself neutral on Iraq, having heard good arguments on both sides of the debate.

"I've talked it over with friends, but I haven't burned any flags or my bra or anything like that," she said.

When President Bush delivered his State of the Union address, members of the New York University Peace Coalition gathered with campus Republicans to watch the speech.

Both sides listened intently to every word. But reaction was limited to polite applause on one side of the room and occasional hissing on the other.

"Among members of the older generations, the 1960s divisiveness lives on," said Dan Lee, a religion professor at Augustana College in Rock Island, Ill.

"But among today's students, it's just an entirely different approach, an entirely different mind-set, a different degree of rationality and careful considera- [illegible] ues. And a commendable degree of openness to different opinions."

Francesca Fiorentini, an NYU sophomore whose anti-war activities recently led to her arrest outside the United Nations, is frustrated that students aren't more vocal — especially if they're taking an unpopular position.

"Everybody thinks we're the MTV culture that sits around playing video games and aspiring to be pop stars or CEOS," said Fiorentini. "That's not totally true. Some of us understand that dissension is a central form of democracy."

For Rockwood, a tradition of military service in her family stirs a sense of patriotism.

"At the same time," she said, "I do not see how the war is going to solve any problems. I don't see how killing innocent Iraqi women and children will solve anything. Especially if we're only looking for one man, Saddam Hussein."

Christopher Fowler, a sophomore at NYU, said the affluence of the '90s is partly to blame for his generation's inability to take a stand.

"We were raised in a boom time when we didn't have to make any hard choices," said Fowler, who supports the president's position on disarming Iraq.

"We could afford just about anything we wanted and could go out and spend money on just about anything we liked. Then when people need to be active, they don't have the skills to analyze difficult problems."

Celia Cook-Huffman, a professor of peace and conflict studies at Juniata College in central Pennsylvania, takes Fowler's argument a step farther.

"You have students with a lot of questions, but they don't have any experience questioning their government," she said. The escapades with Monica Lewinsky that led to the impeachment of former President Bill Clinton is "their idea of a scandal in government."

University of Richmond President William Cooper said several other ingredients also are keeping campuses quiet, including a fear that government opposition in the wake of the terrorist attacks is unpatriotic and, most importantly, the absence of the military draft.

CIA officer killed in training accident

WASHINGTON (AP) — One CIA officer was killed and two others were injured in a training accident in eastern Afghanistan, agency officials said.

The officer, Helge Boes, was killed Wednesday when a grenade detonated prematurely during a live-fire exercise, CIA officials said in a statement issued Thursday evening.

The injuries to the two other officers were not believed to be life-threatening, although one was wounded seriously. Officials did not identify the officers.

The training was in preparation for an unspecified intelligence collection operation, agency officials said.

Boes, 32, who lived in the Virginia suburbs of Washington, was an operations officer assigned to the CIA's Counterterrorism Center, the agency said.

He is the second CIA officer to die in the line of duty in Afghanistan. The first, paramilitary officer Johnny Micheal Spann, was killed during an uprising of Taliban and al-Qaida prisoners in northern Afghanistan in Nov. 25, 2001.

CIA officials said they could publicly acknowledge Boes' identity after they determined its release would not compromise any intelligence operations. His family also agreed to the release.

In a statement, CIA Director George Tenet called Boes' life "one of courage and sacrifice."

"He was no stranger to Afghanistan and its dangers," Tenet said. "He died doing what he loved."

He is survived by his wife, Cindy, and his parents, Roderich and Monika Boes, of Germany. He was a graduate of Georgia State and Harvard University Law School, and he joined the CIA in January 2001 after working as an attorney in private practice.

Tenet said Boes "found the call of public service to be irresistible."

"He believed deeply in our mission of defending freedom," he said. "The work he did, both at headquarters and in the field, had its aim the defeat of terror — a ruthless, vicious enemy of liberty and decency."

Boes is the 80th CIA officer to die in the line of duty since the intelligence agency's creation, officials said.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Widow considers her choices before setting name in stone

DEAR ABBY: After a long and happy marriage, I became a widow three years ago, and am soon to marry an old family friend, "Vernon." His wife was a dear friend of mine who was killed several years ago. Vern and I are trying to get our personal business in order ahead of time, so there will be no ill feelings among our adult children.

When I die, I will be buried next to my first husband, and Vern with his late wife. My question is, how should my name appear on the headstone, considering the fact that I plan to become "Mrs. Vernon Jones" when we marry?

My son is upset that I'd give up the "Smith" family name. I don't want to create friction between my son and my new husband, but I do plan to take Vern's last name and am surprised at my son's strenuous objection.

How should this be handled, Abby? — **"MRS. SMITH" IN MARIETTA, GA.**

DEAR "MRS. SMITH": The name on your headstone should probably read "Jane Smith Jones" to avoid confusion. Although it is upsetting to your son that you have chosen to adopt your new husband's last name, he will have to adapt to reality. One lesson I have learned over the years: You cannot solve every problem — particularly if the problem isn't yours to begin with.

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DEAR ABBY: For the past eight months, I've been involved with a wonderful, kind-hearted man who showers me with affection and says he loves me. I'll call him Hank.

Hank likes the idea of kids and family and is very family-oriented, as am I. My main concern is he has trouble keeping a job. His pattern has been that he finds a job but only works for a short time, then something always happens, and he either gets fired or laid off.

We had started planning our wedding, but my family doesn't like him, and that — on top of his job situation — has put a lot of stress on me. I finally told Hank that I won't marry him until he proves he can support himself and a family.

Is it possible that some men are simply not cut out to work outside the home? Maybe he's the "Mr. Mom" type. What should I do, Abby? — **BRIDE-TO-BE (OR NOT) IN DAYTON, OHIO**

DEAR BRIDE-TO-BE (OR NOT): Yes, some men are better suited to be the "house spouse," and some women are better suited to life in the business world. However, this does not seem to apply to you. Continue to put this union on hold unless you know you will be content as the primary breadwinner of your family.

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DEAR ABBY: For the past year and a half, I've been dating a 41-year-old man named "Gino." I spend every weekend at his place. My problem is I am still living out of a suitcase. Gino hasn't offered me a place to keep my things, and I'm tired of taking clothes and personal items back and forth. It feels like I'm homeless.

Gino also won't answer the phone or check his messages when I'm there. When I mention it, he accuses me of being suspicious and too sensitive. Should I continue with him or pack it in? I should add that we have lots of fun, and he's told me he loves me. — **TIRED OF LIVING OUT OF A SUITCASE, WEST ORANGE, N.J.**

DEAR TIRED: If you want a seven-day relationship or a permanent place in this man's life, "pack it in." Gino appears happy with things just as they are, and as much as he loves you on the weekends, he loves his freedom more.

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DEAR ABBY: My new boss is a nervy man who barks orders at everyone, and has a huge belly. I'll call him Ralph. Every few weeks on a whim, Ralph schedules office potlucks on company time and orders his employees to bring homemade dishes as a "team-building" exercise.

Ralph frequently reminds us that each dish MUST be homemade. As late as the day before a potluck, he'll post a sign-up sheet in the lunchroom that dictates food categories and limits. (For example, only two people may bring salads, etc.)

I e-mailed my boss asking if I could bring a high-quality store-bought item, because between working full time and my long commute, spending time in the kitchen isn't something I care to do. Ralph never bothered to answer. With great resentment, I ended up making a large tuna casserole at midnight for the potluck the next day.

Abby, are employees like me powerless in these circumstances? How can I avoid participating in the potlucks without being labeled insubordinate or getting punished? No one else in our office has spoken up, but each time that sign-up sheet is posted, the tension is so thick you could cut it with a knife. — **RESENTFUL IN NEW YORK CITY**

DEAR RESENTFUL: I don't blame you for resenting being compelled to do something outside your job description, on your own time and at your own expense. I don't know the labor laws in New York; however, many states have labor statutes that could protect you.

Allow me to offer this food for thought: Consider another kind of "team-building" exercise with your co-workers. Confront your boss as a group and tell him how much his demands are resented by all of you. There's safety in numbers. He can't fire all of you, or there would be no "leftovers" to boss around.

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DEAR ABBY: My dear husband passed away two months ago. We had been married for 26 happy years.

When people in the neighborhood or in town see me, they say, "You are doing great," or "You look wonderful," and "How are you feeling?" I know people don't know what to say at a time like this, but how should I reply?

Although my clothes are clean and my hair is combed, don't they realize I am heartbroken? Am I supposed to weep and tear my hair in public? I may look strong, but inside it's all applesauce.

If people feel awkward, can't they just say, "I think of you often," or "I'm glad to see you"? Please tell me how to respond to these Pollyannas who think I'm just peachy. — **GRIEVING PRIVATELY IN FLORIDA**

DEAR GRIEVING: Smile at those well-intentioned folks and say, "Thank you for the compliment. Losing my darling has been traumatic, but with time I'm slowly adjusting." It's the truth, but it also conveys an accurate message.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a fifth-grader. I never thought I'd be writing to you but I am, so let me get right to the point:

I am really short. Kids at school make fun of me because I'm the shortest student in my grade. I was hoping you could give me some advice about what to say when I'm called "Shorty." — **ANONYMOUS GIRL IN NORTH DAKOTA**

DEAR ANONYMOUS: People should be measured from their eyebrows up — not from top to bottom. There are many successful people who are not tall in stature. I am one of them. Tell your classmates that good things — like diamonds — come in small packages. Then change the subject.

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In aviation investigations, early theories are often discarded

By The Associated Press

It might seem disheartening that investigators of the Columbia disaster now have serious doubts about their first theory — that a chunk of insulation fatally damaged tiles protecting against intense heat.

But in aviation accidents, early theories about the cause often collapse.

Aeronautics expert Jerry Grey notes that air crash investigators typically say: "It's not that the first speculation is usually wrong, it's always wrong."

That may be overstating it a little, said Grey, director of science and technology policy for the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. "But I think it's very true," he said.

In the case of the Columbia investigation, NASA's gear-shifting on the cause "actually tells me they're being thorough," said Bill Waldock, who estimates he has investigated about 150 airplane crashes and analyzed maybe 500 more.

In the first days of the investigation, NASA focused on a chunk of foam insulation that peeled off the external fuel tank during launch and smashed into the underside of Columbia's left wing. The idea was that this collision might have damaged tiles designed to keep Columbia from burning up in the intense heat of re-entering the earth's atmosphere.

But on Wednesday, shuttle program manager Ron Dittemore said analysis concluded that the impact appeared too weak to doom the shuttle, and that it was unlikely a "root cause" of the disaster.

On Thursday, he seemed to soften those words, saying investigators will still pursue further analysis of the insulation-and-tile theory.

Wednesday's change of direction sounded familiar to Waldock, who works on the Arizona campus of Florida-based Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

He recalled a 1979 DC-10 crash in Chicago, when an engine and its support structures fell off the wing at takeoff. Early on, investigators found bolts that had held the structures and engine to the wing. The bolts were broken, suggesting that's what caused the accident.

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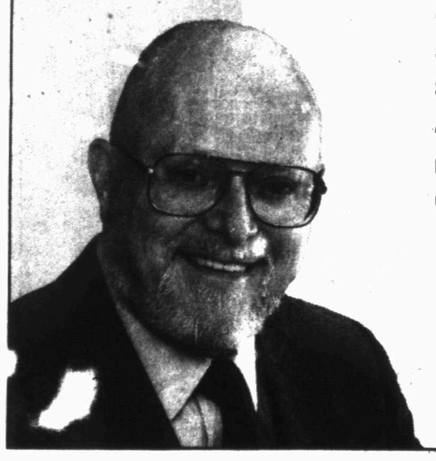
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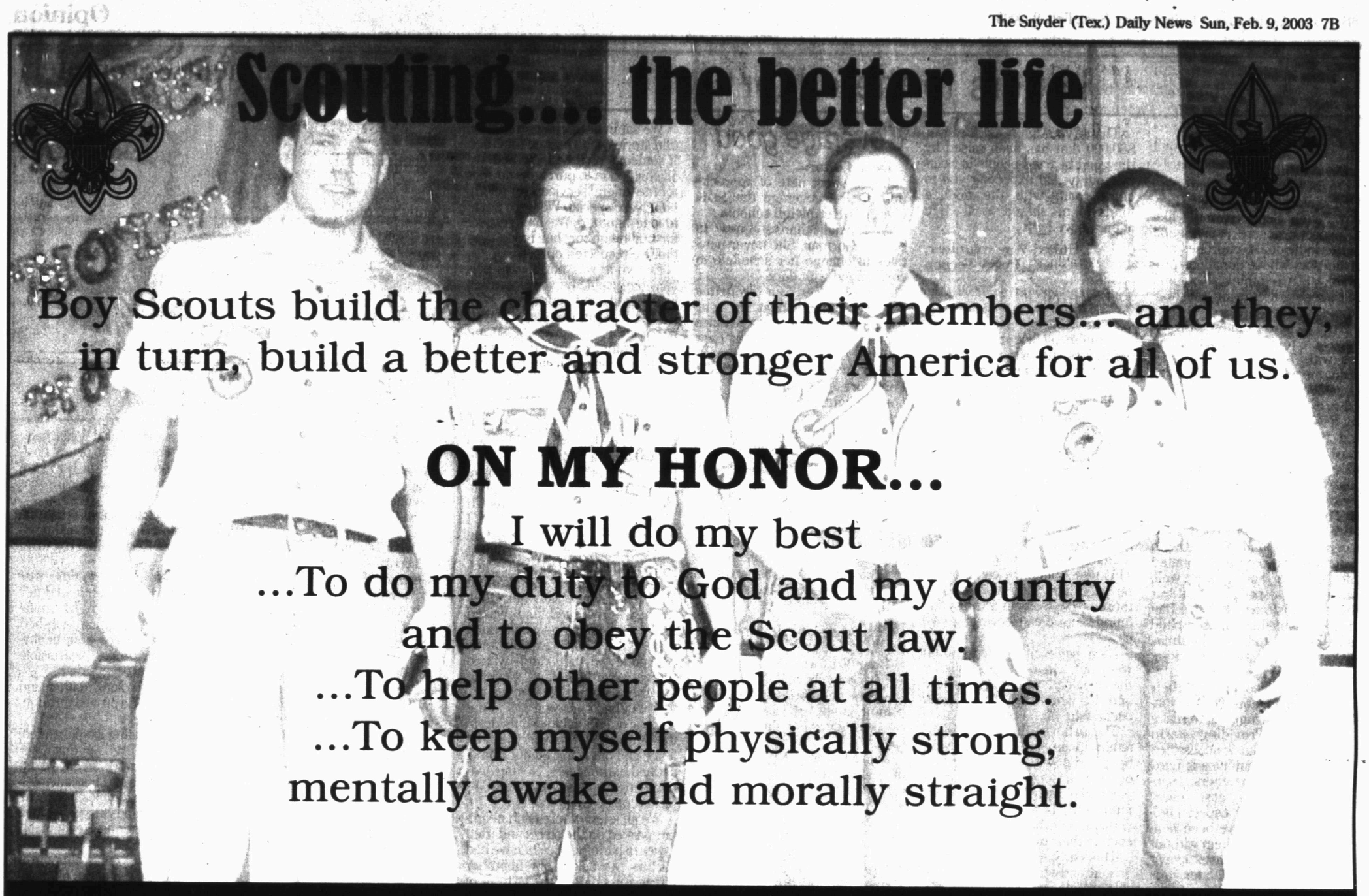

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Letters to the editor

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Dear Editor:

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Due to your generosity, we were able to provide for 24 families with 74 children who had been the victims of family violence last fall.

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These families all left their homes due to abusive relationships and are struggling to make new homes. Providing warm clothing and the basic necessities of rent, food and utilities is hard for many of our mothers, especially when they first leave. Christmas gifts and a special holiday meal would have been nonexistent for most of them without your donations. Please accept our sincere appreciation for your generosity. We feel very fortunate to be part of such caring communities.

The Staff
Gateway Family Services

Near goal

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter to thank the many people who have already given to the Scurry County United Way this year and make a plea to those who haven't and those who could do a little more to make our campaign a 100 percent success.

We set a goal of $85,000 and have raised all but $3,600 of the goal.

Our organization, like many others in town, is run by volunteers. We tried to give every business an opportunity to give as well as their employees by taking packets to each establishment. The packet was to be delivered by a certain date and picked up by a certain date. In most cases, that is what happened, but there were some that got delivered and did not get picked up due to circumstances beyond our control. We will be trying this coming week to get these picked up. If your business has a packet that has not been picked up, please call 573-5311 and leave a message and it will be picked up by a Scurry County United Way volunteer.

If anyone would like to mail a donation please send it to P.O. Box 1411 in Snyder. You can make a difference. Your contribution is a tax deduction.

Thank you again for the over $80,000 that has been raised by the good hearted people in Scurry County and expecting you to come forth with the needed funds to be shared by the ten agencies we help.

United Way volunteer,
Peggy Vernon

Fossils

Dear Editor:

I read the article "Stanfield students visit the past via museum of fossils," in the Feb. 1-2 issue with dismay. I wasn't on the trip, of course, so I don't know exactly what was presented, but going by what the article reports, those third-graders are going to have to do some "unlearning" when they take science courses later on in school.

The museum curator is quoted to the effect that there was a (single?) worldwide flood that "...gave us most of our fossils." This view was once common, to be sure, but was falsified very thoroughly by about 1830 by the founders of the science of geology.

Men such as William Smith went out and dug up fossils by the cartload, recording where and in what rock layer each occurred.

The patterns they found were totally incompatible with having been laid down in a single event, or even a single millennium, a particular seashell would be found only in a particular layer, with similar but distinct shells each in their own layer above.

This early work has been confirmed and strengthened by the studies of thousands of geologists over the 170 years since. The oil that supports our economy out here was found largely by using the principles that geologists developed, and even the name "Permian Basin" refers back to a shallow sea that covered this part of Texas 250 million years ago. There is just no evidence, outside of the Flintstones cartoons, for dinosaurs, mammoths and trilobites coexisting as this museum seems to suggest.

And as to the four-foot long "fossil of a human bone: I don't know if it's a fraud or a mistake, but if that guy really existed and left descendants, there's some basketball coaches around that want to meet them.

Ed Vinson

Coverage good

Dear Editor:

Just a short note of appreciation on the coverage the SDN gives our Hermleigh schools.

A special thanks goes to Shirley Gorman. She never hesitates to change her schedule to correspond with ours.

Articles about our academic achievements appear in our paper on a regular basis. Articles concerning activities of our Beta Club, FFA and the possible nomination of one student to West Point presents our school in a positive light.

Although we have struggled recently in athletic endeavors, the SDN has always provided a positive portrayal of our athletes in articles published.

Sincerely,
Joyce Lionberger

P.S.: The students mentioned above as a possible candidate for West Point has been accepted!

Editor's Note: The student named to West Point is Terrel Culp.

Enjoys columns

Dear Editor:

I have really enjoyed reading the personal stories in the SDN column lately, especially the articles written about the good old days.

I agree, some of the good old days were wonderful, but some I can do without forever. I never want to go back to hanging wet clothes on the clothesline during the wintertime. I also would not want to go back to the days before the remote control. I don't know what my husband would do. The kids are grown and gone. I know who would be getting up from the couch to change the channel.

I do however, love the memories of when Snyder was Sparkle City. When everyone who lived here took part in making it that and swelled with pride to say, "I live in Snyder, Texas."

I remember when we knew everyone on our block by his or her first and last name. We knew all the kids on the block, their ages and the grade of school they were in. We were close, even though we did not always visit in each other's homes. We always waved to our neighbor when we drove down the block, and felt good when they would wave back. We stopped to visit in front of our neighbor's houses when we took our evening walks.

We sat in lawn chairs together, told stories and laughed together. If someone on the block died, we all chipped in to purchase flowers for the funeral service. Our neighbors were special. We were polite to one another. We had respect for our neighbor, but more than that we respected ourselves.

Everyone was not always perfect, but problems were handled in a friendly and appropriate way. All the kids on the block played baseball or softball every spring and summer. They spent hours practicing in their yards. Windows were broken when balls went astray and fence pickets were broken by fast speeding baseballs. When it happened, the parent and child who had broken the window or picket repaired the damage together, or paid to have the window or picket fixed. Apologies were made and accepted. If anyone ever held a grudge, I never knew it. People worked together back then to have a neat and friendly neighborhood.

The only time anyone parked on their lawn was when they washed, vacuumed and waxed their cars. When one would do it, it started a chain reaction, then everyone washed and waxed their cars that day. Working together was fun. We enjoyed it.

We all had barbecue pits in the backyard, and cooked outside in the summer. We talked over the fence and often shared our home-cooked hamburgers. No one ever barbecued in the front yard. We picked up our own trash.

We all knew where each neighbor parked on the street and tried never to park there. When we had visitors, we asked our neighbor for permission to park in front of their house, even though we knew they had no real claim to the parking space.

Times are changing in neighborhoods all over the country. People don't want to know their neighbors. Everyone is too busy. It is too bad it can't always be like it was in the good old days. I bragged about my block. I thought it was the best block in Snyder to live on. I want those old days back.

Jo Thrower

Responding

Dear Editor:

This is in response to the travesty of a sports article that appeared in your Wednesday paper.

First of all, Will Davis is student council treasurer. If your inept sports reporter can't keep random, irrelevant facts accurate, how can we trust his accuracy in reporting things that matter.

Secondly, Mr. Allen's article started out as play-by-play of a basketball game, then right in the middle of it, he started editorializing about something that did not affect the outcome of the game, or anyone's interest in the article.

He stirred up unnecessary trouble for a student who, as stated in the article, was not being abusive or profane to the officials or anyone else in the gym. I ask you to tell your sports reporter to stick to the facts, and stop trying to play editor.

Indignantly yours,
Bonnie Cleveland

Open Government Barometer

Number of Executive Sessions held by public entities in 2003.

Snyder ISD	1
Hermleigh ISD	1
DCOS	1
Scurry County	0
Ira ISD	0
City of Snyder	0
WTC	0
Cogdell Hospital	0

The widening waist of time

By Joe Klock, Sr.

Myriad pearls of wisdom have slid off my memory string since I was a diplomate from St. Joseph's Preparatory School in Philadelphia, back in the bygone era of 78 rpm records, nickel Pepsi Colas, penny postcards, virgin brides and Jack Armstrong, the All-American Boy. One knugget* of knowledge that survived was a principle of physics that proved to be more phact* than phiction*.

* NOTE: Those apparent misspellings are examples of our occasional effort to bring some semblance of logic to our native orthography - a battle with as much chance of success as Kermit the Frog in an NBA tipoff - but we digress.

Getting back to the point, as we tend to do from time to time, that surviving physical phact held that matter can neither be created nor destroyed; i.e., all things animal, vegetable and mineral are but mutations of other animal, vegetable and/or mineral things that morphed into their current state by way of aging, chemical reaction, hanky-panky and other explicable processes, some much less pleasurable than others.

Nothing, therefore, is really new, as Messrs. Brokaw, Rather and Jennings prove on a nightly basis, and as Milton Berle proved throughout his distinguished career in comedic plagiarism.

We Theists believe that God did the original creating singlehandedly, establishing a starting point for all matter (as well as a lot that doesn't), and simultaneously introducing the six-day work week, which remained in fashion until the advent of labor unions and bureaucrats.

The part about indestructibility is validated by examples like incinerated stuff reappearing as briquettes and smog, dinosaurs as jet fuel, dead vegetation as humus, animal waste as fertilizer and, eventually, obsolete fashions as haute couture.

Thus, nothing in nature is wasted or simply disappears - although I still wonder what happened to those stripes at the top of the old spinning barber poles. One aspect of the natural order, though, sometimes appears to defy the subject theory. It is a substance - fat, by name - which spontaneously springs into existence from a frighteningly wide variety of sources, ranging in size from Big Macs to microscopic morsels of home-made fudge, but which can seemingly appear spontaneously through processes beyond explanation.

For example, merely attaining the approximate age of 35 seems to convert large quantities of sinew into even larger quantities of flab, without deliberate changes in one's lifestyle.

Likewise, any measurable degree of success in a weight loss program is almost certain to be followed by rediscovery of the lost blubber with some to spare - usually in the form of a spare tire at the former site of a svelte belt line. (This phenomenon is exacerbated when the successful dieter has jubilantly altered his/her entire wardrobe.)

The sad truth is that, for most of us in the age bracket between maturation and embalming, a gradual narrowing of mind is almost inevitably accompanied by an expansion at the corporal equator, this despite our aversion to obesity and more good intentions than a boatload of post-confessional Catholics.

One of our theories is that God and/or Mother Nature, and/or the founders of fysics (see "NOTE" above) never intended us to look like cadavers, chorus boys, walking asparagus stalks or such diaphanous zombies as Callista Watzername.

Appetite, created concurrently with life itself, cannot (as noted above) be destroyed, and can't be satisfied by the consumption of things like herb tea, watercress, and the vast majority of so-called "healthy" foods.

The effectiveness of most diets is inversely proportionate to the palatability and attractiveness of the items recommended for ingestion. (My late and beloved brother-in-law, an eminent physician who was built like a bull-whip, once advised me to order, with reckless abandon, anything on any menu, but if it tasted good, to spit it out without delay.)

If all this reads like the lament of an embittered old geezer who's opposed to dieting and exercise, be ye disabused of that rash judgment.

I'm heartily in favor of both strategies and have, in fact, shed tons of adipose tissue over the past half-century or so. Furthermore, I am currently toying with the concept of a program centered around distilled water and filtered air for as many days each week as it takes to reintroduce my swollen frame into the dust-gathering wardrobe that has shrunk just as mysteriously as the print size in the local paper.

I'm also studying the feasibility of a fitness plan centered around heavy breathing, manipulating lounge chairs and pumping Styrofoam. All other considerations aside, the bulk that has been created within me by forces beyond my apparent control seems determined not to be destroyed, notwithstanding my determined efforts at fatricide.

How am I, mere mortal that I be, to compete with Physics 101? Stay tuned; you'll be seeing me 'round.

Ideas to brighten Valentine's Day

by Rix Quinn

Millions celebrate February 14 by giving flowers, candy, and cards to express romantic love. And some give presents to their spouses, too.

Yes, Valentine's Day offers ladies the opportunity to declare affectionate thoughts with a lovely card. Most men, however, know they would be wise to spend a lot of money, or else they might be in a lot of pain.

In ancient times, prehistoric man gave his girlfriend a practical gift – like a goat – to show admiration. His girlfriend and her family could feed from it. This was called "milking a compliment."

It's speculated that Valentine's Day originated 2500 years ago as Lupercalia, a festival to honor the god Lupercus with a lottery. Young ladies put their names in a giant container, and young men randomly drew a partner.

At the end of a year – if the man wasn't either married or dead – he could draw for a different partner. About this same time, the card-giving tradition started too...and postage was real cheap back then, because air mail was delivered by pigeon.

Today, just about everybody celebrates Valentine's Day. Elementary school children exchange cards with classmates. Middle schoolers write anonymous notes to their secret crushes. Older teens might bestow presents, kisses, or mononucleosis.

If you're a guy, here are three hints:

1. Buy your girlfriend a corsage. Pin in on her blouse, but not directly into her skin. (On second thought, let her pin it on.)

2. Pick out a real mushy card for her. Look for romantic messages full of words like "sweet," "love," or "honey."

Avoid rhymes that contain the words "contagious," "alien," or "burp."

3. Finally, take her to a nice restaurant for dinner...preferably one without a drive-through.

The Village Idiot by Jim Mullen

Where's the check mate?

The president has introduced a new plan to stimulate the economy. I don't know what his plan is. I'm pushing my own. A plan that would both revive the economy and satisfy America's fascination with royalty.

It's a simple idea. Let cities and states sell royal titles to rich Americans. You want to be the Marquis of Massachusetts? Nine hundred grand a year. You want to pass the title on to your eldest son? He pays $900,000 a year. Rich people who complain about paying the sales tax on a box of Q-Tips will stand in line, excuse me, queue up to buy themselves a title.

This is where the British have things completely backward. They pay people to be royalty when they should be charging them. Think of the possibilities for revenue. The Duke of Dallas ($4,867,000), the Princess of Pottawattamie County ($1,289,000), the Count and Countess of Chillicothe ($757,000), the Viscount of Vermont ($537,000). There would be hundreds of thousands of people who would be happy with a simple knightship ($100,000 a year).

Every community could be out of debt in a week. Potholes would be a thing of the past. Public school teachers would make a hundred thousand a year. The school bus would be a Mercedes. The Pentagon could buy $1,200 toilet seats. The best part is that it would cost the average sensible American absolutely nothing. Because like all good royal titles, they would be completely meaningless, except to those who crave them. Besides, we already have people who act like Dukes and Duchesses, why not make them pay for it?

And the possibility of new money into the public coffers wouldn't stop with the selling of titles. With royal titles come some heavy-duty expenses. The new princes and princesses will have to live the life of the manor bought, cooks, chauffeurs, butlers, upstairs maids and whatnot. They will have to build huge, drafty castles and join exclusive clubs — creating more jobs for the rest of us.

The Marquis of Massapequa can't very well get out on the riding mower every Saturday, can he? He's going to need a full-time gardener. He will have to throw extravagant dinner parties — a welcome boost for the food service industry. Publishers will find business documenting the new peerage, and People magazine will make even more money writing about the life and times of the American royals as well as the staid old, boring British ones. Who needs to read about Prince William when we will have our own supply of Lady Kaitlins and Dame Briannas, Lord Brads and Sir Tylers?

Before we start selling royal titles, we'll pass a bunch of laws that heavily tax such activities as polo playing and castle building. The rest of us may never have to pay taxes again. We won't be able to count the extra revenue fast enough.

To be sure, there will be a pecking order. The Lord of Palm Beach ($6,491,000) will outrank the Lord of Levittown ($353,000). But what do we care? The streets will be getting fixed with their money and we'll have hired more cops.

Of course, the real advantage of establishing a contributing royalty in this country is that we will ferret out the unsuspecting rich. As we learn during financial crisis, when it comes to paying taxes no one in this country will admit to being wealthy. But how could Lord Larry of Oxnard deny it?

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WTC News
WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE

Sunday, February 9, 2003

Happenings on Campus

February 11
Dusters vs Rangers, Cates Field 2&4pm
Westerners vs McMurry, Moffett Field 2pm

February 12
Board Meeting 12 noon
Valentine Dance, Student Center 9-12pm

February 14
Dusters vs Temple College, Temple, TX
Westerners vs NMJC, Hobbs, NM

Western Texas College, 6200 College Ave. Snyder, TX 79549

Let's See What Develops

By Dennis Noblett, Director of Development

"Lord Of The Rings" did it successfully. Aerosmith pulled it off, too. The Volkswagen Beetle can be added to the list, and theCowboys did it in Super Bowl XXVIII. See the pattern? A sequel, a regrouping, a comeback, and a repeat.

Add Bill Wilson III to that list: After last year's successful truck giveaway (courtesy of Big Country Autoland), Wilson Motors has given a second vehicle to WTC towards fundraising for the Sports Complex. How's that for a repeat?

The 2003 Ford Focus is a beautiful blue color and comes with automatic transmission, alloy wheels, and a CD player. Seating five, it makes for an economical family vehicle that Mom could parallel park with ease. During the month of February, the car can be seen on weekdays at Texas Finance, Inc., located at 1400 25th.

This $16,000 vehicle will be given away at Wal-Mart on Saturday, April 5, at 5:00 p.m. Tax-deductible donations for chances to win are set at $10, much lower than last year's $25, and the odds are only 3000 to one.

Businesses receiving donations and dispensing tickets for the April 5 drawing include: Texas Finance, 1400 25th, First American Bank, 3011 College, Bullard Computer Solutions, 3405 College, Barbee Medical, 3801 College, WTC President's Office, 6200 S. College, Administration Building, ask for Linda Englert, receptionist.

The vehicle will also be on display at Old Mill Trade Days in February and March, at the WTC Rodeo, March 27-29, and at various businesses during the week, and at Wal-Mart on some weekends.

If your organization is planning an activity on a weekend that could be enhanced by having the c car on display, give me a call at 573-8511 ext. 248.

GLT and Welding Students attend Electrical Safety Demonstration

Electrical Safety Demonstration (WTC photo)

On Wednesday, The GLT and Welding students at WTC viewed a demonstration by David Boyd and Paul Jones from Big Country Electric demonstrating the dangers of working with and near high voltage power lines.

Over thirty-eight students witnessed the display of unleashed power and the effects it can have on people who are exposed to it.

David Jones told of a recent incident in Anson that resulted in the death of a man who was on top of his cotton stripper cleaning it with an air hose. The hose hung up and, as he tried to free it, he reached over his head and touched a high voltage electrical wire. Incidents like this are all too common and " people just like you get hurt by electricity every day," said Boyd.

With a series of transformers and wires, the pair dramatically illustrated how a tree branch burns through when it falls on high voltage wires. Temperatures in these wires can reach between 2000 an 5000 degrees Fahrenheit instantly.

Jones also demonstrated how electricity can melt different types of fabric and how to choose clothing wisely when working around electricity. "We have to be constantly aware of our safety gloves and test them daily to be sure there isn't even a pin hole in them," he told the students.

The demonstrated how the electrical current can enter a miniscule hole and cost someone their life, noting that when the human body comes in contact with electricity, the results are usually disastrous. Chest muscles contract, causing difficulty breathing and sometimes unconsciousness. In some instances, the heart may even stop. Electrical burns are particularly nasty because electricity burns from the inside out.

GLT Instructor, Sam Fare, arranges the demonstration for his classes every year. "My students will be exposed to this kind of danger on a daily basis when they enter the work force. I feel they need to know the hazards and see what the results of carelessness can be," he said.

WTC Business Parter (WTC photo)

Melody Martin, owner of Tiger Health and Fitness at 3409 Snyder Shopping Center, is one of several businesses offering discounts on memberships and services to over 1000 WTC students and employees with their WTC ID card. If you would like solidify and increase your customer base, call Dennis Noblett, WTC Director of Development, at 573-8511 ext. 248.

Lab Time really heats up for General Chemistry Students

Thermite reaction produces heat in excess of 3000° C

(WTC photos)

During lab on Monday, students in Troy Lilly's General Chemistry class watched as he conducted a demonstration of a thermite reaction in which aluminum powder is combined with iron oxide. The resulting reaction generates temeratures in excess of 3000 degrees Celsius, melting the underlying sand and producing iron metal.

WTC Drama Proudly Presents

Brian Friel's

"DANCING AT LUGHNASA"

Opening Thursday, February 20

Getting to Know You

Zelma Irons: Hired, August 18, 1980

What lcd you to WTC:

My husband and I, though born elsewhere, were raised in Lamesa. After we married, he served in the Army for 4 years. In 1972 after his discharge, he was offered a job in Snyder. After my children were in school I began to look for a job. I interviewed for a job in the library in 1978 but was not hired. In 1980 the job was opened again and I was called to come in for an interview and was hired. I thought, because of my love to read, that the library would be an excellent place to work. This job has gone far beyond my expectations.

Where do you go from here:

I plan to work for a few more years and when both my husband and I have retired, we hope to travel across this great nation of ours and see places that we have always wanted to see. Also a lot of time will be spent with the grandchildren.

Most memorable moment:

God has given me two miraculous moments that I will never forget. Those were the births of our two children.

Hardest decision ever made:

I have recently gone through the death of my mother. She had Alzheimer's disease. My sister and I had to make many life and death decisions for her. Although we thought we knew our mother's wishes it was still difficult. I would advise anyone with older parents to talk with them about those types of decisions and if possible get their wishes on paper.

Favorite Book/Author:

I like to read books by Nicholas Sparks and John Grisham. They are books that are good stories with little or no vulgarities in them. Christian authors I enjoy are Max Lucado and James Dobson. The latest book I have read is *The Summons* by Grisham.

Favorite Movie:

I always enjoy seeing the old movies with Jimmy Stewart. *Shenandoah* is one that comes to mind. *To Kill a Mockingbird* was one that I enjoyed and would still be a favorite. I am not real thrilled with the movies available today but did enjoy *Remember the Titans* with Denzel Washington. That was a good clean movie with a wonderful theme but was not promoted like the not so clean movies.

Favorite spare time activity:

Of course, I read and I also enjoy the craft of counted cross-stitching. I have made many projects for my home as well as family and friends.

Names of family members:

Husband, Johnny, who has worked for Frito-Lay for 28 years here in Snyder.

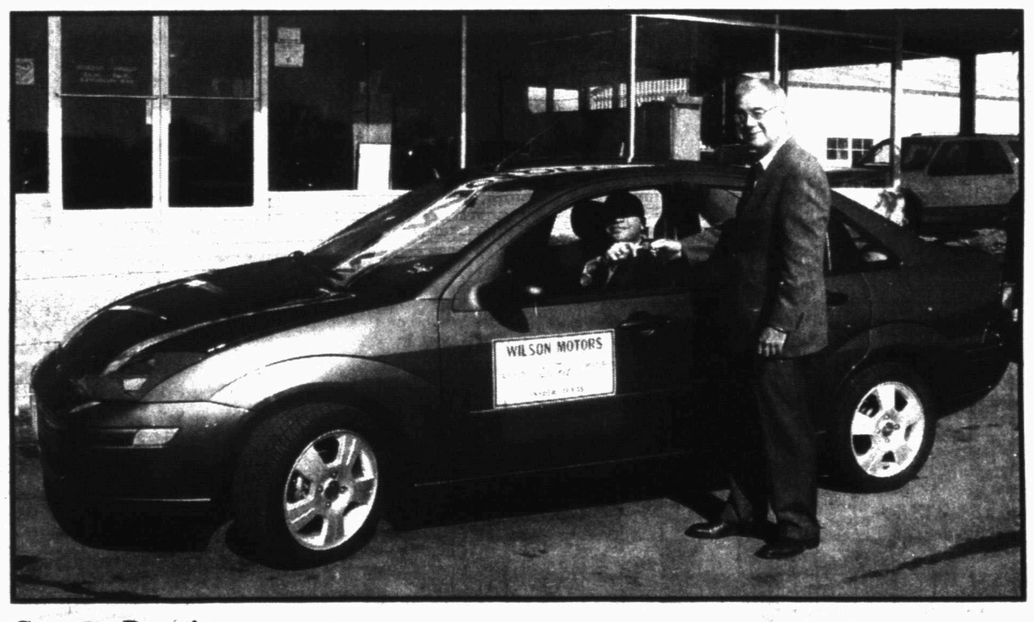
Son, Blaine, and his wife Serena who live in Wichita Falls and their children—Christopher, Dustin and Anna

Daughter, Emily, who lives in Abilene with her daughter Rachel

If you could spend an hour talking to any person living or dead, who would it be:

I admire and respect Billy Graham so much. I would like to talk to him about his calling from God and how he has managed to maintain an organization that is beyond reproach in today's world. He has kept his eyes on Jesus and been a great fisher of men for Christ. I would also like to talk to my mother without the disease of Alzheimer's clouding her brain.

Wilson Motors Donates Ford Focus to Benefit WTC Sports Complex



Generous Donation

Bill Wilson of Wilson Motors presents WTC President Dr. Greg Williams with keys to the 2003 Ford Focus donated by the dealership for WTC's second vehicle giveaway. Mr. Wilson donated a truck last year through Big Country Autoland for the first giveaway. Donations of $10 to the new Sports Complex allows the giver one chance in only 3000 to win the car (automatic, electric, CD player, alloy wheels) which will be given away Saturday, April 5th at 5:00 at Wal-Mart. (WTC photo)

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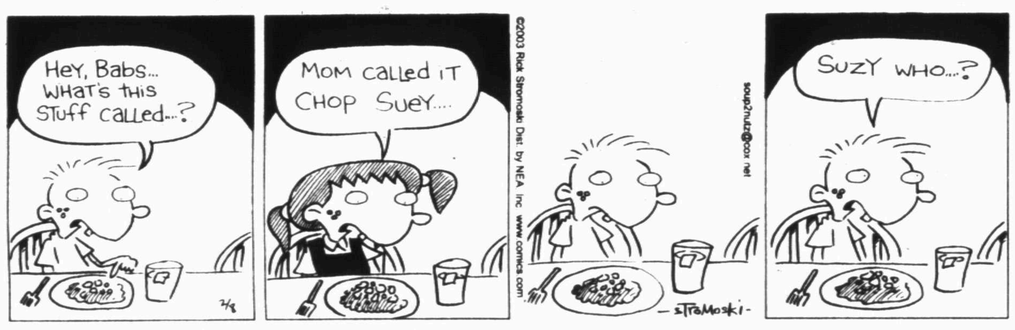

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"Can I sit in the front half of the plane?"

KIT 'N' CARLYLE ® by Larry Wright

NEA Crossword Puzzle

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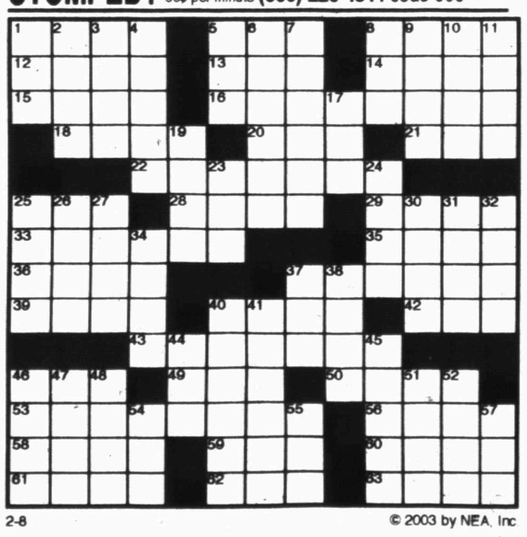

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Snyder Daily News Comics

DENNIS THE MENACE ® by Hank Ketcham

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Over-medication: a cause for fainting?

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've had chronic hypertension and have been prescribed many drugs for blood pressure control. Several months ago, I began to have severe blackouts that would cause me to wake up on the floor, bruised. After a dozen or so of these events, I went to the emergency room where my blood pressure was found to be 100/60. The doctor discontinued my blood pressure pills. Since then, my blood pressure has stabilized at 130/70, and I feel fine. No more fainting. Can you explain what happened to me?

DEAR READER: From your brief description, I'll bet that you had syncope (fainting) from either low blood pressure or heart irregularities caused by your prescription pills.

Hypertension in many patients is not permanent. Some people appear to "outgrow" it as they age. This is a primary reason why hypertensives must be checked on a regular schedule. If the blood pressure falls to an unacceptable level, medicine has to be correspondingly reduced — or stopped, as it was in your case.

I have had several patients in my practice who, for years, required strong drugs for high blood pressure. Now that they are in their 70s and 80s, however, they need less — or maybe, none.

In a similar vein, some patients are so over-medicated that they periodically faint; their loyalty to their doctors' instructions is exemplary but unhealthful.

After years of treatment, your hypertension probably moderated (for unknown reasons), and the medicine was literally too strong for you, leading to periodic syncope. Possibly, the low blood pressure may have predisposed you to a cardiac rhythm disturbance and a slow pulse. When not enough steam got to the third floor, you fainted. Now that you're off medicine, be sure to have your doctor check your pressure from time to time to confirm that it stays in the normal range. Or, easier yet, monitor your own blood pressure with a home recording device; there are many excellent products available. Ask your doctor to recommend one.

Patients on anti-hypertension drugs should really bug their doctors if lightheadedness or syncope occurs. Such symptoms may be serious forewarnings of dangerous complications or injuries.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Hypertension." Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I suffered from cycles of mouth sores for 15 years. All the doctors do is offer (different) advice about treatment, but they fail to talk about prevention. Can you assist me in this regard?

DEAR READER: In order to get to the bottom of your mouth ulcers, the doctors must establish a diagnosis, because the ulcers could be viral (herpes), bacterial, allergic (from drugs) or auto-immune (canker sores).

You should be examined when you have the ulcers. A doctor can then obtain cultures of the lesions and identify the cause. Herpes ulcers usually respond to anti-viral drugs (such as acyclovir and others), bacterial sores to antibiotics, allergic ulcers to the discontinuation of the offending drugs and canker sores to cautery.

Preventing mouth ulcers is a challenge because these sores are often triggered by stress, which is itself difficult to prevent. But I believe that once the cause of your ulcers has been identified, treatment and prevention should be much easier.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Recently my doctor prescribed amoxicillin for a sore throat, although a throat culture showed no strep. I had been sick for five days with a burning throat, swollen glands and exhaustion. You can imagine my frustration when, four days into therapy, I broke out in a rash from head to toe. I now have a yeast vaginitis, a continuing sore throat and — 16 days later — persisting side effects from the antibiotic. Is it appropriate for doctors to prescribe an antibiotic when there is no evidence of a bacterial infection?

DEAR READER: This is a difficult question to answer honestly, because although physicians should not prescribe antibiotics unless there is a specific indication to do so, we all break the rule once in awhile.

Most sore throats, for example, are caused by viral infections against which antibiotics are virtually useless. Thus, the risks of treatment (such as a serious reaction to the antibiotic) vastly outweigh the non-existent benefits.

On the other hand, let's say I have a sick executive with a sore throat in my office. A strep culture is negative, but the gentleman has been ill for more than a week, and he is scheduled to fly to London tomorrow for an important business meeting. Not wishing to compromise his abilities on the trip, he insists on antibiotics "to be on the safe side." I won't be able to monitor his health while he's away, and I am eager to keep him as a patient, so I cave in and prescribe erythromycin, after telling him that it probably won't do any good. I unwillingly break the rule and claim extenuating circumstances as a defense.

The worst rashes I have ever seen were caused by amoxicillin inadvertently prescribed to patients with mononucleosis. About 30 percent of mono patients will develop rashes if given this medicine. Therefore, I never prescribe amoxicillin for sore throats — especially if other symptoms include fatigue and swollen glands, as you experienced. Plain old penicillin or erythromycin is safer in this instance, because neither will cause a rash.

In your case, I wouldn't be surprised if you had mononucleosis that was misdiagnosed. The bad drug-reaction was further complicated by a common consequence of antibiotic therapy: yeast vaginitis. Therefore, your symptoms were unnecessarily aggravated by the imprudent use of an antibiotic. Eventually, your rash and vaginitis will disappear, leaving you frustrated by the whole episode - but wiser.

As a general rule, I urge patients to ride out upper respiratory infections, which usually begin to wane after a week or 10 days. Symptoms can be treated with over-the-counter remedies. If the illness fails to diminish after 10 days, lights go on in my head, and I start considering bacterial over-infection, such as bronchitis or sinus problems, that may need testing and, if appropriate, antibiotic coverage. Infectious disease specialists beg us general, primary-care physicians to withhold antibiotics for trivial infections. The reason? Dangerously progressive bacterial resistance that is developing worldwide due to the injudicious use of antibiotics. If doctors don't smarten up, there is a chance the future will pay us back with hardy microbes that are resistant to all antibiotics, which will return us to a pre-World War II situation before the discovery of the medicines. So, if you have a cold, please don't badger your physician to prescribe antibiotics.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 60-year-old mother has been addicted to tranquilizers for many years. Early on, her physician readily supplied her with prescription medications if she requested them over the telephone. He retired 10 years ago. Soon she found another doctor who also supplied her with unrestrained prescriptions. Eventually, he retired as well. Currently, my mother is seeing yet another doctor who continues the pattern of unrestricted prescriptions. At present, she is taking about 100 pills a week in the form of Percodan, Paxil and Elavil. The physician mails her prescriptions with the refill line left blank, upon receipt of her money. To avoid detection, she uses different pharmacies.

Dr. Gott, my mother lives on Social Security, does not work, has battled depression all her life and recently underwent brain surgery to remove a tumor. She and her impoverished current boyfriend, age 65, live on the third floor of a dilapidated office building in another state, a six-hour drive from me. He knows that my mother has a problem and has tried to regulate her habit and pill intake, but this practice has proved to be dangerous, because she becomes panic-stricken, uncontrollable and deceitful when her consumption falls below 50 pills a week. Today, she called my sister (who lives in the same city) and begged her to ask her own doctor for prescriptions. My sister refused, fortunately.

As you can see, the problem is distressing. Although the family wants desperately to help, we don't have a clue how to proceed. Of major concern are the legal implications concerning prescription fraud. We do not wish to see our poor, frail mother sitting in a jail cell because she illegally tampered with prescriptions in order to supply her narcotics habit. On the other hand, she is clearly out of control; her habit is affecting her health, her mental stability, her social well being and her financial status. What are our options?

DEAR READER: This is, indeed, a complex and tragic situation and, while I have no ready answers, I would like to offer some suggestions.

Your mother is taking at least three powerful medications. (There may be others that you don't know about.) One of these — Percodan — is a narcotic. In most states, doctors cannot authorize refills of narcotics without actually writing out new prescriptions. Therefore, I doubt that her use of narcotics is excessive unless she 1) obtains such prescriptions or 2) forges old ones. To get to the bottom of this, I urge you to call her current primary care physician and explain your concerns. Perhaps your mother is suffering post-operative pain and really needs pain relief. If, on the other hand, she is obtaining narcotics illegally, the doctor needs to know so that he can work with the family (and other sources) to correct the problem.

The other two medicines — Paxil and Elavil — are anti-depressants, not tranquilizers. Patients vary widely in their responses to these drugs; some folks need more than others do. Maybe, given your mother's long history of depression, she needs more than the average dose. For the purposes of discussion, let's assume that she should ideally be prescribed three Paxil tablets a day and two Elavil pills at bedtime. That's five pills.

Assuming that she follows the minimal regular Percodan schedule (one tablet every four hours), she could be taking at least six tablets a day; in severe pain syndromes, that figure could easily be doubled. Let's take a middle ground: nine tablets a day.

In your letter, you express concern that your mother is abusing her prescription drugs, because she is taking 100 pills a week. Divide that by seven. I get about 14 a day. Seems like a lot, but let's do the arithmetic: three Paxil, plus two Elavil plus nine Percodan equals 14 pills a day. This is high, but not excessive.

One could argue that your mother's health problems amply justify the use of these medications; in fact, she is not even exceeding a maximum limit. Possibly, when the dosages are reduced by family members and live-ins, she becomes panicky, uncontrollable and deceitful, because she is having to deal with pain and distressing depression. In short, the family's position vis-a-vis her ailments and drugs may be totally unfair; you may in fact, be worsening the problem, not addressing or relieving it.

In contrast, if your mother is really abusing drugs, her doctor needs to know this and initiate the complex procedure of detoxification and long-term therapy.

A final comment: No one in his or her right mind would dismiss family concerns about an unhealthy member. We care about our loved ones and want the best for them. But, at times, we must also step back and obtain better perspectives. My analysis of your mother's "addiction" was not meant to trivialize her position or yours. But I did want to play "the devil's advocate," if you will, and I hope that my position will give you better understanding and insight. For a depressed, lonely, angry, panicky, financially-strapped woman with a previous brain tumor, 100 pills a week seems like a small price to pay for, at least, the perception of good health. Again, her physician is the resource to which you should turn to resolve your concerns. Doctors are, by and large, pretty good at this kind of thing. Let me know what you decide.

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Shooting of New York father of two haunts fed drug agent

NEW YORK (AP) — Egbert Dewgard ran an errand last spring that cost him his life — on that point, no one disagrees.

Nine months later, the circumstances of Dewgard's death remain a source of strife for his grieving family and the Drug Enforcement Administration agent who faces a rare manslaughter charge in a case that has stunned DEA officials.

It is the first time in recent memory that a federal officer was charged in an on-duty shooting on city streets, authorities said.

The agent, Jude Tanella, and his bosses insist he acted in self-defense against a dangerous suspect who was carrying nearly 6.5 pounds of cocaine.

"He was just doing his duty," defense attorney Lawrence Berger said.

Dewgard's family believes the allegations were fabricated to justify the useless slaying of a hardworking family man. Authorities concede Dewgard had no criminal record, was unarmed and was shot in the back. The medical examiner classified the death a homicide.

"I want people to know what his life was really about," Michelle Wagner, Dewgard's fiance, said in a recent interview. "This is an innocent guy. ... I want justice."

Dewgard, 31, led a quiet life, putting in long hours at his family's print shop and shuttling his two children to and from Catholic school, Little League and music lessons in a beat-up car, Wagner said. On May 1, 2002, he left work around noon to pick up his daughter at school, but never made it there, she said.

Court papers filed for Tanella give a much different account:

Instead of the school, Dewgard went to an apartment building where DEA agents saw him pick up a black plastic bag. When agents tried to arrest him, Dewgard rammed his car into the agents' vehicles and sped away. Tanella followed in his car, the two ended up in a foot chase and eventually a struggle.

Tanella said he shot the other man after he lunged for his gun. A black plastic bag, containing three kilograms of cocaine with an estimated street value of $250,000, was found at the scene.

After being indicted by a state grand jury last year, Tanella pleaded innocent to first-degree manslaughter and was put on desk duty pending the outcome of the case. If convicted, he faces up to 25 years in prison.

A judge has since ruled the case will be heard in federal court. There the agent's lawyers can argue he is immune from criminal charges because the shooting was the result of his federal duties.

FBI: Defendants had top-secret chemical, nuclear information

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — A former National Guard officer and his ex-wife pleaded innocent to charges they attempted to sell illegally obtained national security secrets that the FBI said are worth millions of dollars.

Rafael Davila, 51, and Deborah Davila, 46, entered their pleas at a detention hearing Thursday.

Both have been held without bail since their arrest Tuesday, and U.S. Magistrate Cynthia Imbrogno ordered Friday that they be held without bail until trial. She said the government had proved there was no way to guarantee the pair would show for trial.

If convicted, the Davilas each face up to 10 years in prison and $250,000 in fines.

The stolen documents related to U.S. chemical, nuclear and biological capabilities still have not been recovered, said FBI agent Lee McEuen.

"They are worth, on the black market, millions of dollars, and would be of huge interest to militias and terrorist organizations," he testified. "Based on that, I believe they are a huge danger to the United States."

Prosecutors said that because many of the more than 300 documents are secret or top secret, they could not specify what they contained. Assistant U.S. Attorney Earl Hicks said there was no evidence the documents had reached foreign governments. He also said the suspects have not divulged where the documents are.

Defense lawyers argued that the Davilas had cooperated with the government, and were not a danger to the community or a flight risk.

Deborah Davila, a special education teacher, "has not tried to secret herself," said her attorney, Chris Phelps. Rafael Davila's lawyer, Roger Preven, said his client, who was an intelligence officer when he left the Washington Army National Guard service in 1999, had cooperated with authorities.

Prosecutors allege in a federal indictment that from January through mid-August of 1999, the Davilas had unauthorized possession of sensitive documents. Deborah Davila was also charged with trying to deliver the documents to an unidentified person who was not authorized to receive them.

Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Is bone loss reversible?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I want to know if it is possible to regain bone density that has been lost through taking prednisone. Would this process be best served by taking a particular type of calcium supplement or through a diet rich in green, leafy vegetables, like broccoli? I have a friend with a medical condition that required him to take prednisone regularly from age 12 to 20, without also taking calcium as a preventative. He is 30 now and has a condition that is related to osteoporosis, but not as bad. He could use prednisone again, but is worried that he will do further damage to his bones. Can the recommended measures assist with regaining bone density once it has been lost, or can one only hope to maintain the present density? Some calcium products advertised online make claims about regaining lost bone density, and I don't know whether to be skeptical or not. I am asking you not only because I think this information will be helpful, but because I question whether my friend is getting complete information on nutrition and supplements from his doctor. — **N.M., San Diego, Calif.**

DEAR N.M.: Prednisone is a corticosteroid drug that can affect the body's ability to absorb calcium. Individuals taking these types of drugs will have a higher calcium requirement. Your physician or pharmacist should have information regarding drug-nutrient interactions.

The condition you made reference to sounds like osteopenia (pronounced ahs-tee-oh-PEEN-yuh). This is a condition in which bone density is decreased, but not to the point that it would be diagnosed as osteoporosis.

In regards to nutrient sources, most dairy foods contain a rich supply of calcium per serving. For those who avoid dairy products, calcium is as efficiently (sometimes more efficiently) absorbed from foods such as broccoli; cauliflower; dark-green, leafy vegetables like kale and turnip greens; calcium-set tofu; calcium fortified soy milk and orange juice; almonds; figs and some legumes.

It always makes sense to include green, leafy vegetables in your diet. In your friend's case, it would be reasonable for him to consider a multimineral supplement containing calcium as well. Calcium citrate and calcium citrate-malate are among the best absorbed, but calcium carbonate works well when taken with meals. Bear in mind that bone health requires more than calcium. Bones are about 90 percent calcium by weight, but other minerals — including magnesium, phosphorous, boron and silicon — are needed, as is vitamin D. It is also important to maintain a program of weight-bearing exercise, which helps to slow bone loss.

And now for the big question: Can you regain lost bone mass? Bones exist in a dynamic state, balanced between the action of bone-building cells known as osteoblasts and the bone-resorbing action of the osteoclasts. In the first 35 years of life there is a net increase in bone density, but during the fourth decade this process shifts to a decrease. The speed at which we lose bone mass depends on our diet, lifestyle and genetic predisposition.

In the past, treatment focused on slowing down the rate at which bone was lost. In recent years, however, we have learned more about the precise biochemical processes at play with the building and breakdown of bone tissue. Through the use of hormones and new medications, we have learned how to slow down the action of the osteoclasts, while not affecting the action of the osteoblasts. This can result in a net increase in bone mineralization, which is exactly what is desired. There isn't a single compound that works well in all situations, but I encourage anyone concerned about bone loss to ask their physician what might be appropriate in their particular case. Since your friend is young, there is still time to act. Refer his physician to an article in the Nov.-Dec. 2002 issue of The Journal of Gender Specific Medicine called "Diagnosis, Prevention, and Treatment of Osteoporosis in Men" (pp. 33-38). This article, which is also available online at www.mmhc.com/jgsm, focuses on the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of osteoporosis in men, and touches on issues that apply to women as well.

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Family shares production company

NEW YORK (AP) — Kate Hudson shares a production company, Cosmic Entertainment, with three family members — brother Oliver, her mother, Goldie Hawn, and Hawn's longtime companion, Kurt Russell.

But the 23-year-old actress, raised by Hawn and Russell — whom she calls "Pa" — says she has no plans to work on screen with her family.

"We don't really think about that," Hudson told The Associated Press in a recent interview. "I would love to work with my Pa — I think he's such a wonderful actor — and obviously working with my mom would be great. They're both so talented. But it's not something we're actively looking for."

Hudson, star of 2000's "Almost Famous," recently moved back to Los Angeles from New York with her husband, rocker Chris Robinson, to be close to Hawn and Russell. But they're in Canada with Hudson's youngest brother, Wyatt Russell, and Oliver Hudson is in North Carolina filming episodes of the WB's "Dawson's Creek."

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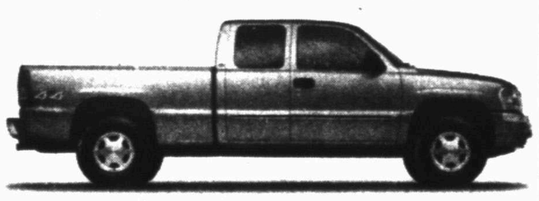
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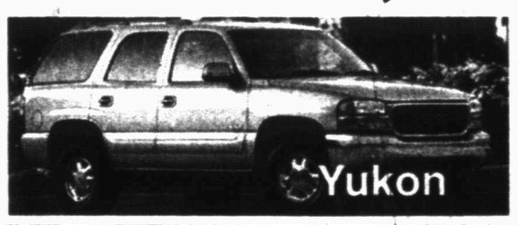
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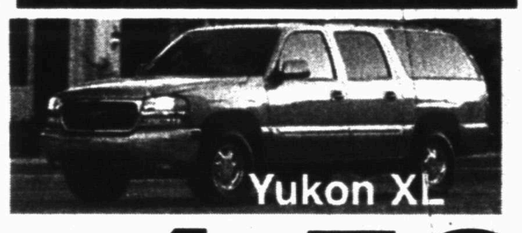
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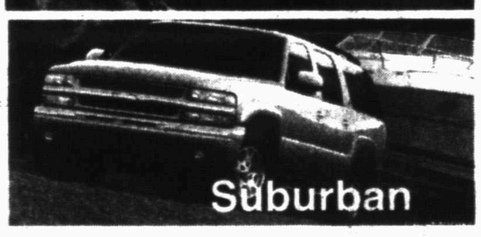
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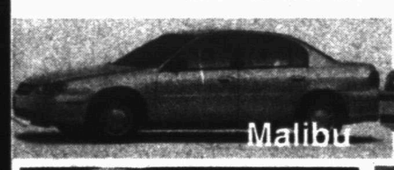
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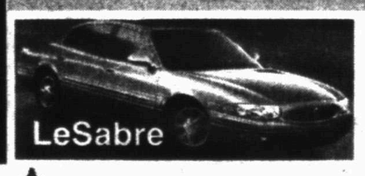
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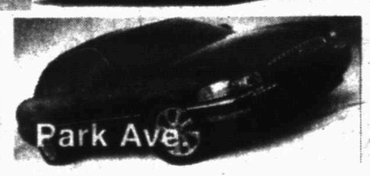
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