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## THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

**The feller on Deep Creek says, "A confidence man is one with confidence in his own ability and in the other person's gullibility."**

Hermleigh's Tim Dacus sent this interesting tidbit, titled "Older than dirt:"

"Hey Dad," one of my kids asked, "What was your favorite fast food when you were growing up?"

"We didn't have fast food when I was growing up," I said. "All the food was slow."

"C'mon, seriously. Where did you eat?"

"It was a place called 'at home.' Grandma cooked every day and when Grandpa got home from work, we sat down together at the dining room table, and if didn't like what she put on my plate I was allowed to sit there until I did like it."

By this time, the kid was laughing so hard I was afraid he was going to suffer serious internal damage, so I didn't tell him the part about how I had to have permission to leave the table. Here are some other things I would have told him about my childhood if I figured his system could have handled it:

Some parents never owned their own house, wore Levis, set foot on a golf course, traveled out of the country or had a credit card. In their latter years they had something called a revolving charge card. The card was good only at Sears Roebuck. There is no Roebuck anymore. Maybe he died.

My parents never drove me to soccer practice. This was mostly because we never had heard of soccer. I had a bicycle that weighed probably 50 pounds, and only had one speed, (slow). We didn't have a TV until I was 11, but my grandparents had one before that. It was, of course, black and white, but they bought a piece of colored plastic to cover the screen. The top third was blue, like the sky, and the bottom third was green, like grass. The middle was red. It was perfect for programs that had scenes of fire trucks riding across someone's lawn on a sunny day. Some people had a lens taped to the front of the TV to make the picture look larger.

I was 13 before I tasted my first pizza, it was called "pizza pie." When I bit into it, I burned the roof of my mouth and the cheese slid off, swung down, plastered itself against my chin and burned that, too. It's still the best pizza I ever had.

We didn't have a car until I was 15. Before that, the only car in our family was my grandfather's Ford. He called it a "machine."

I never had a telephone in my room. The only phone in the house was in the living room and it was on a party line. Before you could dial, you had to listen and make sure some people you didn't know weren't already using the line.

Pizzas were not delivered to our home. But milk was.

All newspapers were delivered by boys and all boys delivered newspapers. I delivered a newspaper, six days a week. It cost 7 cents a paper, of which I got to keep 2 cents. I had to get up at 4 every morning. On Saturday, I had to collect the 42 cents from my customers. My favorite customers were the ones who gave me 50 cents and told me to keep the change. My least favorite customers were the ones who seemed to never be home on collection day.

If you grew up in a generation before there was fast food, you may want to share some of these memories with your children or grandchildren. Just don't blame me if they bust a gut laughing. Growing up isn't what it used to be.

# Landfill work to expand life by 30 percent

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Snyder's city council voted unanimously Monday night to make improvements to the city's landfill, but not before questions from two council members were answered.

Following a presentation by Jeff Arrington and Jennifer Brown of Freese & Nichols for engineering services on the project, both David Harrell and Terry Martin questioned the urgency of the work that will cost the city up to $85,000 in engineering fees.

"Why, all of a sudden, is this being brought to the forefront," questioned Harrell.

Martin also questioned the immediate need for the project that will not be completed until 2005.

Arrington said the project should add 30 percent to the landfill's expected life of some 100 years, and doing it now would be cheaper than in the future.

Arrington also said he believes the permitting process with state agencies also would be easier now than if landfill rules become more stringent.

Councilman Ron Shaw asked if the subject had been discussed in budget workshops and Eli Torres, landfill manager, said the council had budgeted the $85,000 in this year's budget.

Basically, the project will allow the city to raise the height of the landfill to increase its capacity, and also improve the drainage.

Torres said the city had received a notice of deficiency from the state due to "ponding" on the site.

Shaw made the motion to accept the terms of the contract and Martin seconded the motion.

The council also agreed to accept the low bid from Wilson Motors for three police vehicles.

Police Chief Steve Warren said Wilson's bid was for $60,954. The next lowest bid was $61,323 from Gene Messer Ford of Lubbock.

The city had budgeted $67,500 for the vehicles.

Following the recommendation of the city's planning and zoning committee, the council turned down a zoning request for 2007 West Drive.

Vick Chambers of the city permit department said J.D. Greene had requested the zone change to put in an oilfield pipe yard.

Nearby residents had objected to the pipe yard, citing the noise from the yard and truck traffic in the area. No one other than Chambers addressed the subject in the council meeting.

The Dec. 31, 2003 investment report was approved with no changes from the previous report.

No action was taken after a brief report from the city's animal shelter committee.

The committee is expected to meet again Monday to discuss shelter options, including the purchase of the former Scurry County Veterinary Clinic on Brick Plant Rd.

Mayor Francene Noah presided and members in attendance were Harrell, Martin, Shaw, Vernest Tippens and Stephanie Ducheneaux. Also present was city attorney Dana Cooley. Absent were councilman James Ashley and City Manager John Gayle.

# Burglars top grand jury indictment list

Scurry County grand jurors Monday indicted 17-year-old Jessie Hernandez Jr. for the Dec. 17 burglary of the Scurry County Boys and Girls Club.

Hernandez of 2204 Ave. I remains in jail in lieu of a $5,000 bond.

Three other persons also were indicted for burglary.

Michael Wayne Gaither, 19, of 1368 Smith Ave. was indicted for the Nov. 29 burglary of the residence of Melody Martinez. Gaither is in jail and his bond is set at $10,000.

Billy Alvin Pendleton, 51, of 1269 N. Ave. O was indicted for the Dec. 7 offense of burglarizing a building owned by Jane Ramey. Pendleton remains in jail in lieu of a $5,000 bond.

Faye Annette Pendleton, 58, of 1215 Lear St. also was indicted for the Dec. 7 offense of burglarizing a building belonging to Jane Ramey.

She is out of jail on a $5,000 bond.

Other indictments include Samuel Lee Davis, 19, of 904 27th St. for the Dec. 6 offense of possession of a controlled substance. He is out of jail on a $10,000 bond.

Two persons were indicted for felony driving while intoxicated.

Julio Arellano, 37, of 711 26th St. was indicted for the Nov. 30 offense of DWI. Arellano's bond is set at $5,000 and he has prior DWI convictions in Scurry County in 1991 and 1995.

Jorge Olivares Ferrusca, 22, of 2811 Ave. N was indicted for the Dec. 7 offense of DWI while the vehicle was occupied by a passenger less than 15 years of age. Ferrusca is out of jail on a $5,000 bond.

Two persons were indicted for possession of a controlled substance — one within 1,000 feet of a facility owned by the Snyder Independent School District.

Kenneth Lee Compton, 51, of 1726 Butternut in Abilene was indicted for the Oct. 23 offense of possession of cocaine within 1,000 feet of Travis gym.

He remains in jail on a $5,000 bond.

Also charged with possession of a controlled substance was Curtis Ray King, 39, of 1009 32nd St. King is out of jail on a $5,000 bond for the Nov. 27 offense of possession of cocaine.



FINAL PREPARATIONS — The countdown to classes continues at Western Texas College. Chris Mackey and Cindy Fritz load computers to be set up in the gym for registration for the spring semester. (SDN Staff Photo)

*For spring semester...*

# WTC expects 1,550 students

Western Texas College students have enjoyed a few weeks of fun and leisure, but soon will return to academic pursuits when WTC's 2004 spring semester classes officially begin on next Tuesday.

Upon return, students will notice a number of changes to the campus. Along with stripping and waxing floors, workers remodeled the campus cafeteria and student center by replacing the ceiling and installing new lighting.

"We've done quite a few things over the holidays," said Tommy Watts, project manager for Johnson Controls. "The most major renovation that was done was the new ceiling in the cafeteria. It looks really nice."

One thing that has not changed is the challenge faced by college students during the initial registration period.

The WTC gym will again be the site to register for the 2004 spring semester.

"Things are running pretty smooth so far," said registration secretary Donna Harris. "We want registration to be as convenient as possible. We've estimated that 1,550 students will register for this semester."

New and returning students can report to the WTC gym for registration for evening classes on Thursday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Registration for day classes will continue when the gym re-opens on Friday at 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Faculty and staff will return to the college to begin class preparations starting Wednesday with a reception at 8:30 a.m. and opening session at 9 a.m. New employees will attend orientation at 10:30 a.m.

The WTC dorms also will open at 10 a.m. Friday.

# Valid ticket turned in for $162 million Mega Millions

CLEVELAND (AP) — A woman turned in the winning ticket for the $162 million Mega Millions multistate lottery jackpot, and it was not the one who claimed she lost it, lottery officials said today.

Rebecca Jemison, a hospital worker from South Euclid, turned in the 11-state jackpot at Ohio Lottery headquarters in downtown Cleveland, officials said. The lottery validated the sole winning ticket this morning for the drawing a week ago.

"I think I checked it about five or six times to make sure to see was it real," Jemison said at a news conference at lottery headquarters.

She said she told her mother even before telling her husband. "Being a mama's girl I wanted to share the news with my mama first," she added. She also talked to an attorney and an accountant.

"One thing I want to make clear: Luck had nothing to do with it. It was truly a blessing, truly a blessing," she said.

Earlier, a Cleveland woman, Elecia Battle, 40, filed a police report saying she lost the ticket last week. Police said her story was credible, but the Ohio Lottery said whoever turned in a valid ticket was legally entitled to the winnings.

About 30 people with flashlights searched for the ticket Monday night outside the suburban Cleveland store that sold the ticket after Battle's police report became public.

Jemison said she was angry and pushed to turn in the ticket after Battle's story was on the news. Jemison said she played the winning numbers occasionally over the past several years.

Battle's lawyer, Sheldon Starke, did not immediately return a call seeking comment on the lottery's announcement. He had said she intended to make a case that the winning ticket was lost property.

"This is a question of lost property, not abandoned property," he said earlier today. "If there is one type of property that is not presumed to be abandoned, it's money ... Anyone who finds it is not the owner."

Battle told police that the numbers — 12, 18, 21, 32 and 46 and Mega Ball 49 — represented family birthdays and ages.

## ASK US

**Q—When will SDN publish its annual basketball preview edition?**

**A—It will be in Thursday's paper.**

## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



**Anita Kornegay...**

...and her husband Kenny Kornegay have recently moved back to Snyder after living for six years in Midland. She is the mother of Kristena and Josh Kornegay and Larry and Freddy Brown. Anita's favorite hobbies are quilting, bowling and politics.

## TODAY'S THOUGHT

**My business philosophy? Don't be in too big a hurry, don't get excited, and don't lose your sense of humor. You can't be objective and emotional at the same time.**

**—Sid Richardson**

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# WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

### Stanfield Parent Council

The Stanfield Parent Council will meet at 7 this evening in the teachers' lounge.

### Scurry Masonic Lodge

Scurry Masonic Lodge #706 will meet at 7:30 tonight at the Masonic Hall.

### Drama booster club meeting

The SHS drama booster club will meet at 7 p.m. today in the foyer of Worsham Auditorium.

### Project Linus

Blankets and quilts are being accepted by Project Linus with the blankets to be given to children in crisis. Anyone interested in becoming a blanketeer can meet at 7 this evening at First Christian Church. Blanket and quilt construction will be discussed and all items made will be donated on Blanket Day, Feb. 1. For additional information, call Marsha Cribbs at 573-7117.

### Hermleigh boosters

Hermleigh boosters club will meet at 6:30 p.m. today in the school gym.

### Tennis booster club

Tennis boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Texas Savings Bank.

### SHS softball parents

SHS softball parents will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the gym.

### Central seminar

Central will host its fourth seminar, *Helping Kids Face Today's World*, at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in Room 5. Principal Pam Hart will present ways to help parents and educators to understand and deal with pressures, frustrations and challenges children face in an ever-changing world. Door prizes, child care and refreshments will be provided. Call 573-8592 for more information.

### First Baptist support group

First Baptist Church sponsors a support group for persons facing difficulties — including cancer, divorce, grief, etc. It meets on the first floor Adult 6 Department at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

### Auto theft prevention program

A representative of the West Central Texas Auto Theft Task Force will present information from 10 a.m. until noon Friday at the Senior Citizens Center. The agent will speak in the dining room at 11:30 a.m.

### Country and gospel music

There will be country and gospel music played at the Senior Center beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday.

### LCU chorus to perform

The Lubbock Christian University Chorus will perform at 1 p.m. Sunday at 37th Street Church of Christ.

### Retired teachers meeting

Scurry County retired teachers will meet at noon Monday at The Shack. Volunteer hours will be turned in.

### Snyder Chapter Council

Snyder Chapter Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Scurry Masonic Hall.

### Hermleigh Masonic Lodge

The Hermleigh Masonic Lodge will hold its monthly stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday. A meal will follow and all Master Masons are welcome.

### SHS band boosters

Snyder High School band boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the band hall.

### Ira School pictures

Spring portraits and friendship pictures for Ira Schools will be taken next Tuesday. All students and class groups, K-12, will be photographed. Friendship pictures have a $2 fee for each person. Orders may be placed from proofs that will be sent to the school in a few days.

### WTC adult basic education classes

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

### LVN testing dates

LVN testing dates are Jan. 20 and Jan. 27. To reserve a time, you must contact the WTC counseling office at 573-8511, ext. 313. Limited seating is available.

### Concert at Word Is life

"Moving into worship," a concert in movement with Randall Bane, is set for 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, at the Word Is Life Church located at 312 Coliseum Dr.

### Windbreak trees

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conversation District is taking orders through Jan. 31 for windbreak trees. Large trees available are Oaks, Pines, Desert Willows, Golden Raintree, Texas Redbud and Chinese Pistache and more. To place orders, call 573-6317.

### Cancer treatment transportation

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

### What's up guidelines

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# Mars rover yields 3-D view of landscape

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Armed with a new 3-D black-and-white panoramic picture of the martian landscape, NASA scientists are peering through the eyes of the rover Spirit and happily debating what places their machine should visit.

After a flawless landing on the Red Planet, the rover Spirit sent back images Monday of a barren, rock-strewn landscape scientists hopes will yield clues to whether Mars was once hospitable to life.

Art Thompson, who oversees the rover at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, said the pictures that have been streaming from Spirit since its landing are making him and other scientists feel like kids in a candy store.

"We're at the case, deciding what to get," he said.

Guided by the high-resolution image, NASA scientists selected the first target on Mars they want Spirit to explore: a dusty depression that lies about 40 feet from where the rover landed.

Dubbed "Sleepy Hollow" by the overtired scientists, the 30-foot-diameter depression is believed to be a dust-filled impact crater, one of dozens that pock an otherwise flat landscape.

"It's a window" to Mars' ancient past, said Steve Squyres, the mission's main scientist.

The golf cart-size Spirit alighted Saturday, making what scientists believed was a near-perfect landing with giant air bags as cushions.

The landing marked NASA's first visit to the planet's surface since Pathfinder in 1997. The $820 million unmanned project also includes a twin rover, Opportunity, set to land on the opposite side of Mars on Jan. 24.

Other missions to Mars have ended in spectacular failure, with some spacecraft crashing or blowing to pieces.

By this morning, scientists were to have received the first high-resolution color "postcard" from Spirit, now 105 million miles from home. NASA scientists say it could be the most detailed photo ever sent by a spacecraft from the planet's surface.

The rover remained in a folded, crouched position atop its lander. Soon, Spirit was to cut the second of three cables linking it to the four-petaled lander and begin a three-day unfolding process.

Scientists continued to perform health checks on the rover. A science instrument to analyze minerals in rocks and soil had malfunctioned on the way to Mars but was found to be in perfect working order.

Although it could reach "Sleepy Hollow" in a day's drive, a cautious NASA may break up the trip into several days.

"We haven't earned our martian drivers' licenses yet," Squyres said.

The 3-D images also show a cluster of hills on the horizon, thought to be less than two miles away. Over the next three months, Spirit will look for geologic evidence that Mars was once warmer, wetter and perhaps more conducive to life.

Scientists determined that two objects believed to be rocks partially blocking the ramp Spirit will use to roll down to the surface are actually bits of air bag. NASA planned to retract the air bags to clear the way.

There were a few other minor concerns: The current in one of two motors that drive the rover's high-gain antenna was spiking intermittently. And dustier-than-expected conditions meant Spirit's solar panels were generating just 83 percent of the expected amount of power.




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# Soldier dies from burns

By The Associated Press

An Army Reservist from the Lafayette, Ind., area died Monday from burns he suffered over 95 percent of his body after the truck in which he was riding struck a land mine in Iraq, his family said.

Spc. Luke Frist, 20, of rural Brookston, was pronounced dead at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, said his sister, Johanna Frist, who was acting as the family spokeswoman from the family home in Brookston. Military officials informed the family of the death Monday afternoon.

"His body just couldn't take it any longer," Johanna Frist said.

Frist was a member of the Lafayette-based 209th Quartermaster Company that entered Iraq in May.

The wounds Frist suffered when his fuel truck drove over a land mine left him unconscious, Johanna Frist said.

Frist had been in good spirits when he spoke with his parents on New Year's Eve, two days before the mine explosion, his sister said.

"He loved his job, what he was doing. ... He wouldn't have had it any other way," Johanna Frist said.

Her brother worked as a petroleum specialist, refueling Humvees and other military vehicles, she said.

Before being activated in February, the Tri-County High School graduate attended Ivy Tech State College in Lafayette. He planned to enroll next fall at Purdue University to study landscape design.

"He loved to draw, and working outside with his hands. That's something he had a passion for and wanted to pursue as a career," Johanna Frist said.

Her brother joined the Army Reserves out of a love for the military and a family tradition, she said. Their paternal grandfather served in World War II, and they have two cousins in the military.

"He loved his country, too, and wanted to defend it, and that's why he signed up. "

## World Almanac

**Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2004**

Today is the sixth day of 2004 and the 16th day of winter.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** In 1540, England's Henry VIII married his fourth wife, Anne of Cleves, in a marriage that lasted six months.

In 1912, New Mexico joined the Union as the 47th state.

In 1919, former President Theodore Roosevelt died at age 60.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Joan of Arc (1412-1431), French saint and national heroine; Carl Sandburg (1878-1967), poet and biographer; Tom Mix (1880-1940), cowboy actor; Danny Thomas (1912-1991), comedian; Loretta Young (1913-2000), actress; Rowan Atkinson (1955-), actor, is 49.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** In 1925, the great Finnish runner Paavo Nurmi set two indoor world records — in the mile and the 5,000 meters — at New York's Madison Square Garden.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "Someday they'll give a war and nobody will come." — Carl Sandburg

**TODAY'S FACT:** A statue of Joan of Arc stands today at the spot in Rouen, France, where she was burned at the stake by the British, May 30, 1431, at the age of 19.

**TODAY'S NUMBER:** 110 — Number of shutouts pitched by Walter Johnson (a baseball record).

**TODAY'S MOON:** Between first quarter (Dec. 30) and full moon (Jan. 7)

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**Number matching five of five: 1.**

**Prize per winner: $46,271.**

**Winning ticket sold in: Red Oak, Texas.**

**Matching four of five: 143. Prize: $145.**

**Matching three of five: 4,459. Prize: $11.**

**Matching two of five: 48,144. Prize: $2.**

**Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.**

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BABY SHOWER — A baby shower honoring Laurie Roland, front, was held Dec. 7 at Margaret's Day Spa. Family members standing with Laurie are, from left, Janelle Pollard, her grandmother; Shauna Huddleston, her sister; Tina Roland, her mother-in-law; Nelda Huddleston, her grandmother; and Connie Huddleston, her mother. (Contributed Photo)

# A taste of Italy Mexican style



Eggplant, bell peppers and tomato-they may sound like the makings of an Italian meal, but these vegetables also all contribute to Mexican cuisine. In fact, all of them are popular Mexican exports that bring a taste of warm sunshine to cooler climates during the winter.

Mexico's beautiful purple eggplants are a common wintertime sight in American supermarkets. During the 2002-2003 season, Mexico sent nearly 86 million pounds of eggplant-making it the top U.S. supplier.

Mexico is also the United States' No. 1 supplier of bell peppers, which are actually native to Mexico, Central and South America.

In the last season, for example, Mexico exported over 356 million pounds of bell peppers to the U.S.

And another Mexican native, the tomato, is also a popular export. For decades, Mexico has been the leading U.S. supplier of vine-ripened, high-quality tomatoes during winter and spring.

For an authentic taste of Mexico, try this delicious lunch or dinner recipe for breaded and fried eggplant rounds smothered with bell peppers and a pleasantly spicy tomato sauce.

**BERENJENAY CHILE DULCE CON SALSA DE TOMATE**

1 large eggplant, cut into 8 round slices (1/2-inch thick)
¼ teaspoon salt
2 large eggs
½ cup all-purpose flour
½ cup fine breadcrumbs
1 medium green bell pepper, seeded and sliced
1 medium red or orange bell pepper, seeded and sliced
Vegetable oil for frying
Spicy tomato sauce
Fresh cilantro, minced

Sprinkle eggplant with salt. Beat eggs in a shallow bowl. Stir together flour and breadcrumbs on a plate. Dip each eggplant round in egg, then in flour mixture. Refrigerate on a baking sheet for 1-4 hours.

Heat ½ inch oil in a medium skillet. Fry eggplant on medium, turning once, until golden brown all over. Then fry bell peppers until soft. Drain vegetables on paper towels.

To serve, spoon eggplant with peppers, then with Spicy Tomato Sauce (recipe follows); sprinkle with cilantro. Serves 4 as a lunch or light dinner.

**SPICY TOMATO SAUCE**

3 medium tomatoes
1 serrano chile, seeded and chopped
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
½ white onion, chopped
Salt and pepper

Broil tomatoes until charred, about 5 to 7 minutes; remove cores. Add to blender with chile, and blend until smooth. Heat oil in a medium pan and saute onion on medium heat until translucent and light brown, about 6 minutes. Add tomato mixture and simmer uncovered for 15 minutes. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Happiness is nothing but everyday living seen through a veil.

—Zora Neale Hurston

# Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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| 2 ♠ | Pass | 3 NT | Pass |
| 6 ♥ | Pass | 7 ♥ | Pass |
| Pass | Dbl. | 7 ♠ | Dbl. |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | |

Opening lead: ♥ Q

Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2004

## He took one hint, but not two

By Phillip Alder

What is the origin of the expression "there's a sucker born every minute"?

As you will see in today's deal, which occurred at the Irish Club in Brisbane, Australia, at the bridge table there can be a fine line between sucker and star.

There are few players I know who would pass that South hand; most would open four spades. But passing isn't "wrong." North should have rebid two no-trump; jumping to three no-trump to announce 25-27 points unnecessarily consumed bidding space. Then South, feeling stymied, took a shot at a major-suit small slam, although perhaps he should have gone with his longer suit. North, thinking his three major-suit honors were gold dust, raised to seven.

Now West should have passed, accepting the bird in the hand. But he couldn't resist doubling.

North, taking the hint, ran to seven spades. East made a Lightner double, asking for a heart lead. At this point, North should have fled again, this time to the only contract left: seven no-trump. And you will notice that that has 14(!) top tricks: seven spades, two hearts, three diamonds and two clubs. However, North passed, West found the heart lead, and seven spades doubled failed by one trick. So, it was 200 to East-West instead of 2,220 (or 2,490 if doubled) to North-South.

"There's a sucker born every minute" is incorrectly attributed to P. T. Barnum, but other sources claim it was originally spoken either by con-man Paper Collar Joe, (born Joseph Bessimer) or Barnum competitor David Hannum.

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## Fund established to benefit cancer patient

A fund has been established for the benefit of Mrs. David (Judi) Martin to help with the cost of treatments and reconstructive surgery caused by squamous cell carcinoma and basal cell carcinoma cancer.

The family has no insurance due to a recent job change.

Mrs. Martin serves the community as chairperson of the Girl Scouts and Christmas for Kids, volunteers for United Way and participates in activities at Victory Baptist Church. She also sings at nursing homes and is active in Snyder High School Choir and TSA booster clubs.

Contributions may be deposited at West Texas State Bank, account number 343-6276-05.

## Hermleigh Menu

All meals are served with milk, and breakfasts are served with juice.

**BREAKFAST**
**Wednesday**
Ham & Toast
**Thursday**
Sausage & Biscuit
**Friday**
Grilled Cheese

**LUNCH**
**Wednesday**
Vegetable Soup
Cheese Sandwiches
Pickles
Chocolate Pudding
**Thursday**
Steak Fingers/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
English Peas
Hot Rolls
Pink Applesauce
**Friday**
Fried Chicken Sandwich
Lettuce & Tomato
Tater Tots
Ranger Cookies

## Fox to appear on TV

NEW YORK (AP) — Sitcom veteran Michael J. Fox will appear in two episodes of NBC's "Scrubs" next month as a doctor who suffers from obsessive-compulsive disorder.

Fox, whose television appearances have been limited because of his Parkinson's disease, is reuniting with Bill Lawrence, executive producer of "Scrubs" and creator of Fox's last series, "Spin City."

"His presence gives great credibility to the show," Lawrence said.

# Community Calendar

**TUESDAY**

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

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

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

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

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

**WEDNESDAY**

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

**THURSDAY**

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal bldg.; Ben Sum, program; LaVerne Lee, hostess; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

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

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

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

**FRIDAY**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**SATURDAY**

Defensive Driving Course; Texas Savings Bank community room; no reservations necessary, cost $30, for more information call 573-2850; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

NA-Just For Today open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-1438; 7 p.m.

**SUNDAY**

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

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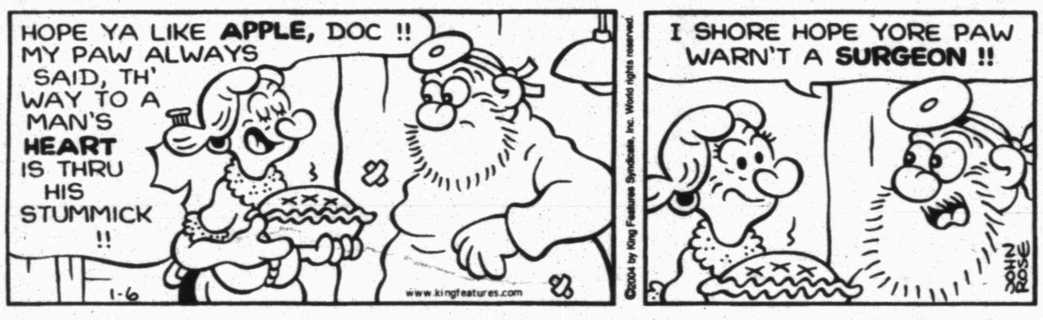

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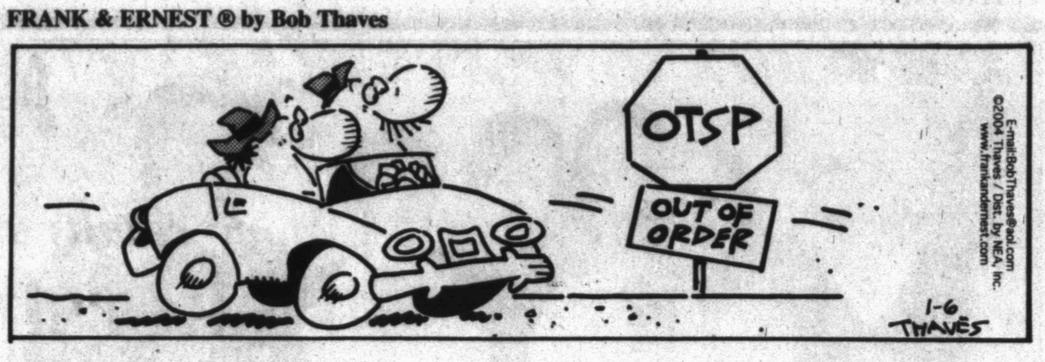

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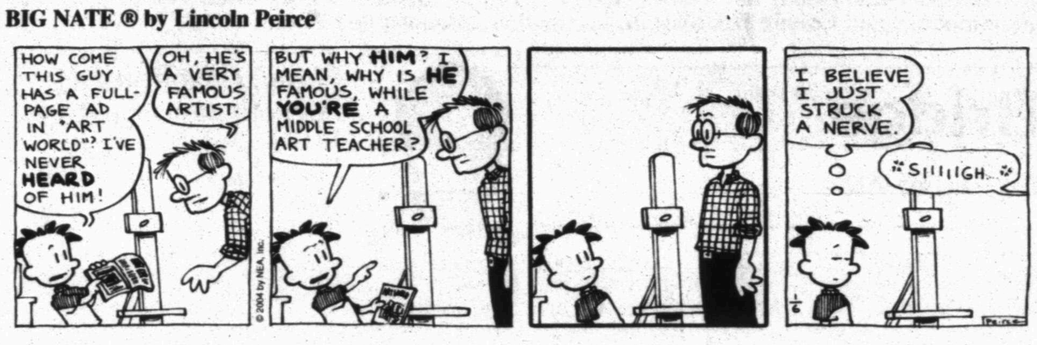

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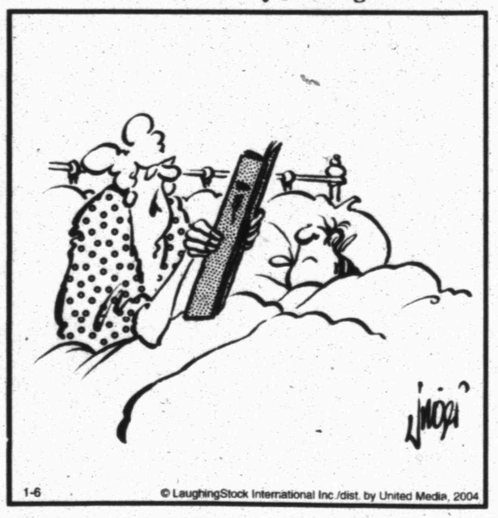

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8 Overalls front
11 MD employer
12 Applies makeup
13 Have the nerve
14 Goat's-hair garment
15 Technical sch.
16 Got a load of
17 Spice rack item
19 Lubricate
21 Genesis hunter
22 Thin coin
25 Church readings
29 Veldt grazer
31 Caterwaul
34 A Stooge
35 Make neat
36 Not plentiful
37 Historical period
38 Beef-rating org.
39 Do christios
40 Rust and patina
42 Iffy attempt
44 Bias
47 Old clock number
49 Beset
51 Good-natured
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56 Hindu Mr.
57 River to the Caspian
58 Out of town
59 Sushi morsel
60 Doze
61 Rookie socialites
62 Fast plane

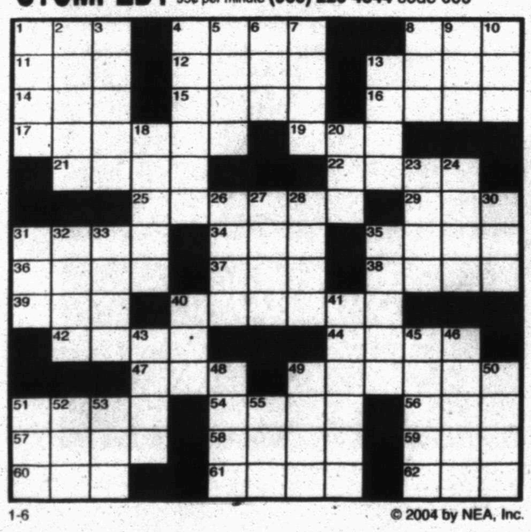
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9 Rage
10 Truck floor
13 Bagel shop
18 Syrup source
20 Psyche parts
23 Dugout VIPs
24 Tennyson heroine
26 NYSE rival
27 Petty of "Free Willy"
28 Honey drink
30 Ms. Thurman
31 Time divs.
32 Acorn bearers
33 Habeas corpus, e.g.
35 Elephant teeth
40 Kimono fastener
41 Themes
43 Figure-skating jump
45 Relaxes
46 Cables
48 "If — — a Hammer"
49 Swift horse
50 Happy tune
51 Sister
52 A Gershwin
53 Beret
55 Wool giver

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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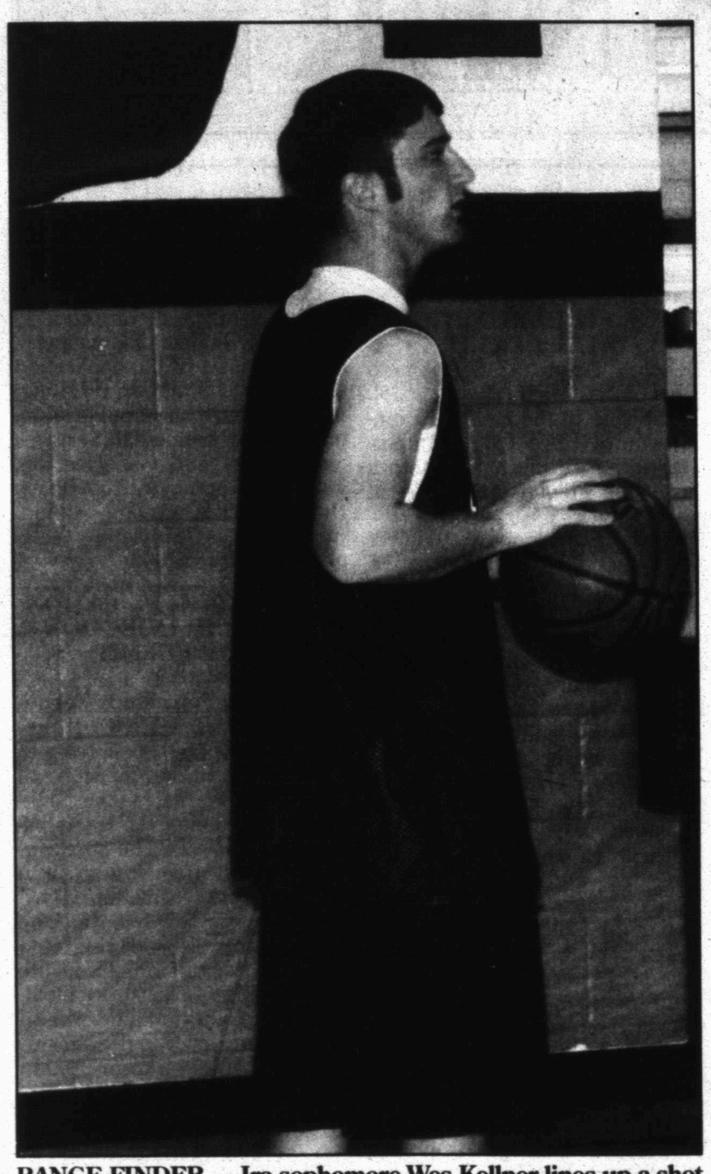



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# SPORTS



RANGE FINDER — Ira sophomore Wes Kellner lines up a shot at practice Monday. The Bulldogs will take on Roby at 8 tonight. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Local cagers hit the road tonight as district nears

Area cagers get back on the hardwood this evening, with every squad scheduled to be out of town.

The Snyder Lady Tigers will try to extend their winning streak to 15 games when they travel to Midland Greenwood to take on the Lady Rangers at 6:30 this evening.

The Ira clubs will battle at Roby tonight, with the Lady Bulldogs getting underway at 6:30 and the Bulldogs hitting the hardwood at 8.

The Hermleigh cagers get back into action tonight at Loraine, with the Lady Cards tipping off at 6:30 and the boys dueling at 8.

## Tug McGraw dies at 59

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Tug McGraw walked out to the mound at Veterans Stadium four months ago and gave everyone one last thrill.

With a sellout crowd watching and nearly 70 current and former Philadelphia Phillies standing on the field, McGraw re-enacted the final pitch of the 1980 World Series when he struck out Kansas City's Willie Wilson, raised his arms in triumph and leapt off the mound.

McGraw, the zany relief pitcher who coined the phrase "You Gotta Believe" with the New York Mets and later closed out Philadelphia's only World Series championship, died Monday. He was 59.

McGraw died of brain cancer at the home of his son, country music star Tim McGraw, outside of Nashville, according to Laurie Hawkins, a family spokesperson. He had been battling the disease since March, when he underwent surgery for a malignant tumor.

"To know Tug was to love him," Phillies chairman Bill Giles said. "He was more than just a pitcher, he was loved by everyone that knew him. He had a special spirit that will never be forgotten by anyone."

McGraw's illness came as a shock to fans and friends alike last spring. He was at Phillies' training camp in Clearwater, Fla., as a special instructor, looking fine and acting as funny as ever, joking with players and catching pop flies behind his back.

But on March 12, McGraw was hospitalized and the tumor was discovered. He later said there had been signs something was wrong. For example, he mistakenly showed up at the ballpark on an off day.

"We lost a piece of Mets history," Mets owner Fred Wilpon said. "Tug was a battler on and off the field. We know how hard he fought this disease. He'll be sorely missed by all."

Especially former Phillies teammate and Hall of Famer Mike Schmidt.

"He put up a gallant fight," Schmidt said.

## National Basketball Association

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

**Atlantic Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New Jersey | 19 | 14 | .576 | — |
| Boston | 17 | 19 | .472 | 3½ |
| Philadelphia | 15 | 19 | .441 | 4½ |
| Miami | 14 | 20 | .412 | 5½ |
| New York | 14 | 21 | .400 | 6 |
| Washington | 9 | 22 | .290 | 9 |
| Orlando | 8 | 26 | .235 | 11½ |

**Central Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Indiana | 26 | 10 | .722 | — |
| Detroit | 22 | 13 | .629 | 3½ |
| New Orleans | 21 | 13 | .618 | 4 |
| Toronto | 17 | 15 | .531 | 7 |
| Milwaukee | 18 | 16 | .529 | 7 |
| Chicago | 11 | 23 | .324 | 14 |
| Cleveland | 10 | 23 | .303 | 14½ |
| Atlanta | 10 | 25 | .286 | 15½ |

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Midwest Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| San Antonio | 23 | 11 | .676 | — |
| Minnesota | 21 | 11 | .656 | 1 |
| Dallas | 19 | 14 | .576 | 3½ |
| Houston | 19 | 14 | .576 | 3½ |
| Denver | 20 | 15 | .571 | 3½ |
| Utah | 18 | 16 | .529 | 5 |
| Memphis | 17 | 17 | .500 | 6 |

**Pacific Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sacramento | 23 | 8 | .742 | — |
| L.A. Lakers | 21 | 9 | .700 | 1½ |
| Seattle | 17 | 15 | .531 | 6½ |
| Portland | 15 | 17 | .469 | 8½ |
| L.A. Clippers | 14 | 16 | .467 | 8½ |
| Golden State | 14 | 19 | .424 | 10 |
| Phoenix | 12 | 23 | .343 | 13 |

**Monday's Games**

Detroit 78, Boston 68
Milwaukee 88, Philadelphia 76
Indiana 87, Miami 65
Chicago 87, Phoenix 82
Houston 83, Golden State 65
Utah 108, Dallas 94
San Antonio 98, Denver 74
Seattle 119, Portland 108, OT

**Today's Games**

Orlando at Indiana, 6 p.m.
New York at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Washington at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Memphis at Portland, 9 p.m.

*Voting results announced today...*

# Eckersly, Molitor head Hall list

NEW YORK (AP) — Dennis Eckersley could set the standard for Hall of Fame closers.

Eckersley hopes to become only the third relief pitcher elected by the Baseball Writers' Association of America when voting results are announced today.

He and 3,000-hit man Paul Molitor, both on the ballot for the first time, have impressive Cooperstown credentials — but the waiting is driving Eckersley mad.

"It's killing me is what it's doing," he said Monday. "It's murdering me. Tell me already, so I can deal with it if I don't. I feel like a little kid, where you're dangling something in front of me. I can't even sleep. I'm like a yo-yo."

One player who knows he won't be elected is Pete Rose, still ineligible from the ballot because of his lifetime ban from the sport.

In his autobiography that comes out Thursday, baseball's career hits leader finally admits to betting on baseball while he was manager of the Cincinnati Reds. The confession could affect how or when commissioner Bud Selig rules on Rose's application for reinstatement.

Rose is running out of time to be elected by the writers. His last chance to appear on the ballot is December 2005. After that, if he's reinstated, he could be voted in by the veterans' committee.

Rose has gotten 18 write-in votes in each of the past two years.

Eckersley will have far more support. And how he fares in his first chance at election could have a ripple effect for other relievers.

Bruce Sutter, Lee Smith and Goose Gossage were all on the ballot again this year. Several active closers, led by San Diego's Trevor Hoffman, will warrant Hall of Fame consideration after they retire. And though the bullpen has become such an important part of modern baseball, voters have been slow to reward star relievers with enshrinement in Cooperstown.

Part of the problem is there's no magic number for saves as there is for home runs (500), hits (3,000) or wins (300). Eckersley is third on the career saves list with 390, but saves didn't become an official statistic until 1969.

Hoyt Wilhelm and Rollie Fingers are the only relief pitchers who have been elected to the Hall by the BBWAA. Wilhelm got the call in 1985, Fingers in '92.

## Longhorns coordinator resigns

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas defensive coordinator Carl Reese resigned today after six years on coach Mack Brown's staff, leaving what he called "the best job I've ever had."

"I just felt it was in everyone's best interest for me to move on," Reese said in a statement released by the university. "I think it will be good for Mack to get some fresh blood in here with some new ideas who can help them take it to the next level."

Reese was expected to talk with reporters later today.

Brown, who was reportedly under pressure to make coaching changes, said he hated to see Reese leave.

"Carl's a great coach and an even better person," Brown said in the university statement. "He certainly has left our defense in much better shape."

Brown, who was in Orlando, Fla., today at the American Football Coaches Association Convention, said he anticipated no other staff changes.

Texas finished the season 10-3 and ranked No. 12 after a 28-20 loss to Washington State in the Holiday Bowl. The defense has been ranked in the top 10 three of the past four years and in the top 15 in five of Reese's six seasons at Texas. This season, Texas finished at No. 25, allowing 329.9 yards per game.

The Longhorns finished 58th nationally in run defense, giving up 152.5 yards per game. The Longhorns also suffered a fourth-straight loss to rival Oklahoma, 65-13, in October.

Reese, 60, joined the UT staff in 1997. He was a linebackers coach at Kansas from 1975-76 before several stints as defensive coordinator at Missouri (1977-81), LSU (1995-1997) and Vanderbilt (1991-1994).

## Manning named All-Pro QB

By The Associated Press

With one of the greatest performances in NFL playoff history, Peyton Manning showed just how much he deserved his Associated Press All-Pro team selection.

The Colts' star quarterback, who shared AP Most Valuable Player honors last week with Tennessee Titans quarterback Steve McNair, threw for 377 yards and five touchdowns in Indianapolis' 41-10 romp past Denver on Sunday. One day later, he was a solid choice over McNair for the All-Pro squad, Manning's first selection.

Manning received 28½ votes in balloting by a nationwide panel of 50 sports writers and broadcasters who cover the NFL. McNair, who also led his team to a 20-17 wild-card win at Baltimore, got 16½.

One other Colts player, placekicker Mike Vanderjagt, also made the All-Pro team. Vanderjagt had a perfect season, making all 37 field goals — giving him an NFL-record 41 straight — and all 46 extra points.

Ray Lewis, was the top vote-getter with 49; Jamal Lewis got the second-most votes, 46, after rushing for 2,066 yards.

## Angels pitcher fails steroid test

By The Associated Press

Anaheim Angels reliever Derrick Turnbow became the first major leaguer publicly identified as testing positive for a banned steroid when he flunked a drug test during a U.S. Olympic training camp.

The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency said Monday that Turnbow flunked the test at the camp in October.

Turnbow, 2-0 in 15 1-3 innings after a Sept. 1 callup from the minors last season, faces no sanctions from Major League Baseball, but was suspended for two years from international competition.

The right-hander told the Los Angeles Times that he took an over-the-counter dietary supplement and "I didn't know that what I was taking was going to make me fail a drug test, period."

A press release on the USADA Web site said Turnbow tested positive Oct. 7 in Tempe, Ariz., for 19-norandrosterone and 19-noretiocholanolone, which are metabolites of prohibited anabolic agents under international baseball rules.

Major League Baseball will begin penalizing players for steroid use this season after more than 5 percent of last year's anonymous tests came back positive. A first positive test for steroid use will result in treatment, but no suspension.

Since Turnbow tested positive in 2003, he apparently will not undergo such treatment.

## Knicks acquire Marbury in blockbuster deal with Suns

NEW YORK (AP) — In a move that reshapes the futures of two franchises, one of the greatest scoring point guards in NBA history found a way to bring a similar player, Stephon Marbury, back home.

The 26-year-old playmaker from Coney Island, Brooklyn, the player whose lifetime highlight was winning the city high school championship on the floor of Madison Square Garden, is joining the New York Knicks.

"He said it was his dream come true," said Isiah Thomas, the still-new Knicks president who pulled off Monday's blockbuster trade with the Phoenix Suns.

Mortgaging the Knicks' future and expelling several of former team president Scott Layden's acquisitions, Thomas dealt Antonio McDyess, Howard Eisley, Charlie Ward, Maciej Lampe, the rights to Milos Vujanic and two first-round draft picks to Phoenix for Marbury, Penny Hardaway and Cezary Trebanski.

## Area Sports Calendar

**TUESDAY**

Basketball:
Snyder varsity girls at Midland Greenwood, 6:30 p.m.
Ira varsity girls and boys at Roby, 6:30 p.m.
Hermleigh varsity girls and boys at Loraine, 6:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY**

Basketball:
Snyder freshmen boys vs. Sweetwater, 6:30 p.m.
Snyder freshmen girls at Sweetwater, 6:30 p.m.
SJHS boys vs. Sweetwater, 5 p.m.
SJHS girls at Sweetwater, 5 p.m.

**FRIDAY**

Basketball:
Snyder varsity girls vs. Denver City, district, 6:30 p.m.
Snyder varsity boys vs. Clyde, 8 p.m.
Ira varsity girls and boys at Grady, district, 6:30 p.m.
Snyder JV boys vs. Clyde, 5 p.m.
Snyder JV girls vs. Denver City, 5 p.m.
Snyder freshmen boys vs. Clyde, 5 p.m.
Snyder frosh girls vs. Denver City, 8 p.m.

## Sports Briefs

### Football banquet

The Snyder Tigers football awards banquet will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Cost is $8 per person. Food will be served at 6, and the awards ceremony will begin at 7. Tickets are available at the high school office.

### Volleyball tournament

There will be an indoor volleyball tournament Jan. 24 at the Scurry County Boys and Girls Club. Call 573-7321 for more information.

### Coughlin gets second look from Giants

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Former Jaguars coach Tom Coughlin interviewed with the New York Giants for the second time.

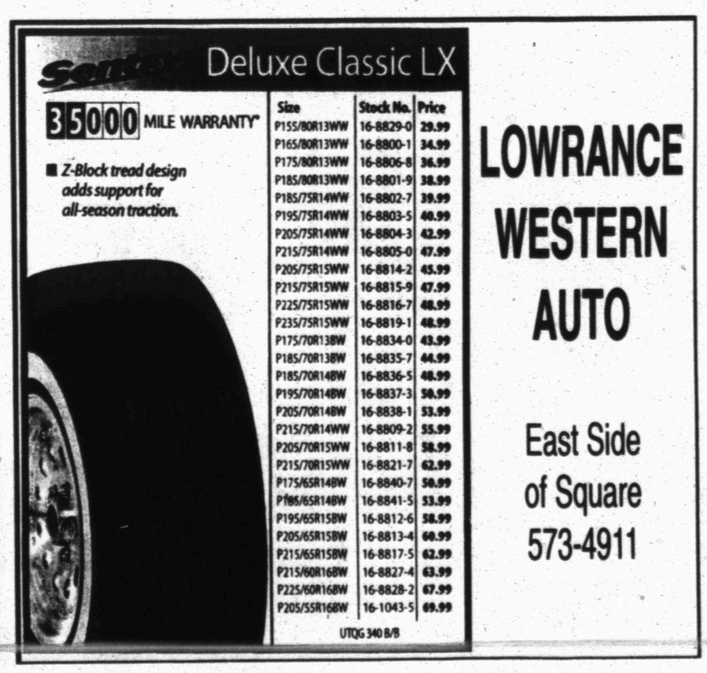
Coughlin's wife, Judy, her husband arrived in the New York area on Monday afternoon and was discussing the job. She said no agreement had been reached.

### Rhodes interviews with Washington

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — With the Seattle Seahawks out of the playoffs, defensive coordinator Ray Rhodes became the third candidate to interview for the Washington Redskins' coaching job.

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**Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, P.O. Box 1330, Houston, TX 77251** is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Clearfork formation, Mattie Minor Lease, Wells No.(s) 3R and 6R . The proposed injection well(s) is located 2.2 miles West of Ira, TX in the Sharon Ridge (Clearfork) Field, in Scurry County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2224 to 3173 feet.

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TOPPENISH, Wash. (AP) — Fewer cattle made it to the auction block at the Toppenish Livestock Commission, but the prices they drew made cattlemen smile for the first time since word broke that mad cow disease had been detected in the state.

Only about 100 cows were sold Monday, with the market high 61 cents a pound for a 1,850-pound cow. That was only 2 cents down from a 63-cents-per-pound high for slaughter cows in late December, said John Top, co-owner of the Yakima Valley-based auction.

"I loved it. I was tickled. I could have used another couple hundred head of cattle at these prices," he said. "Demand is good, short supply, prices are high. Simple economics."

The first Monday sale of the year usually features between 200 and 300 Holstein cows for beef slaughter. They are typically aging cows that are no longer producing milk or younger cows that have been unable to calve.

The auction, one of the region's largest, particularly draws cattle from farmers in Washington's Columbia Basin and Yakima Valley, where the nation's first case of mad cow disease was discovered in a Holstein cow from a dairy farm in nearby Mabton.

More than 30 countries banned imports of U.S. beef after the Dec. 23 announcement. But the half-dozen buyers for packing companies who were on hand for the auction praised the prices — even if they didn't buy.

"I thought the cattle sold very well — more than I wanted to pay," said Darin Clagg of Stratford, Calif., a packer buyer.

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| ConocoPhill | 66.98 | 66.41 | 66.48 | —.77 |
| Cooper Inds | 57.75 | 57.61 | 57.73 | —.15 |
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| DowChem | 41.79 | 41.50 | 41.67 | —.24 |
| DuPont | 45.86 | 45.42 | 45.47 | —.53 |
| EastmanChem | 40.77 | 40.27 | 40.43 | —.43 |
| EstKodak | 26.26 | 25.85 | 26.18 | +.50 |
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# New overtime pay rules may not help low-wage workers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 1.3 million low-wage workers the Labor Department says will be guaranteed overtime pay as part of new rule changes may not necessarily see any extra cash.

While touting the $895 million in increased wages it says those workers would be guaranteed from the changes, the Labor Department is suggesting ways employers can keep their labor costs from going up.

Among the options: cut workers' hourly wages and add the overtime to equal the original salary, or raise salaries to the new $22,100 annual threshold, making them ineligible.

The department says it is merely listing well-known choices available to employers, even under current law.

"We're not saying anybody should do any of this," said Labor Department spokesman Ed Frank.

New overtime regulations were proposed in March after employers complained they were being saddled with costly lawsuits filed by workers who claimed they were unfairly being denied overtime. But the regulations themselves have stirred controversy over how many workers would be stripped of their right to overtime pay.

The issue is being seized by Democrats in their attempt to win back Congress and the White House.

A final rule, revising the 1938 Fair Labor Standards Act, is expected to be issued in March. The act defines the types of jobs that qualify workers for time-and-a-half if they work more than 40 hours a week.

Overtime pay for the 1.3 million low-income workers has been a selling tool for the Bush administration in trying to ease concerns in Congress about millions of higher-paid workers becoming ineligible.

# Today's chuckle

## Discarded jacket contains robber's ID

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (AP) — Kern County sheriff's deputies said they've never seen a less cagey suspect.



James Paul Egan allegedly robbed a 7-Eleven at gunpoint, taking care to conceal his identity by covering his face with a blue bandanna and wearing a knit hat and gloves.

Then he ran into the backyard of a nearby house, and threw away all the allegedly incriminating articles: the bandanna, the gloves, the hat, a .357-caliber handgun, and the jacket he'd been wearing — with his county jail property identification card in the pocket.

The card had his photograph, date of birth and jail booking number.

Deputies recognized him as the 21-year-old Egan, looked up his address and found him hiding in the attic of his home. He'd tried to disguise himself by shaving his head, deputies said.

# USDA to kill 450 calves linked to mad cow

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — Unable to determine which calf was born to the nation's first cow diagnosed with mad cow disease, federal officials plan to kill a herd of 450 calves out of "an abundance of caution."

The herd of bull calves from Sunnyside will be killed this week at an undisclosed and unused facility, said Ron DeHaven, the U.S. Agriculture Department's chief veterinarian.

Agriculture officials decided to kill all the calves in the unidentified herd because the calf born to the sick cow was not tagged and can't be identified. They have said they can't rule out the possibility that mad cow disease could be transmitted from mother to calf.

Both federal and state officials have declined to disclose how the dead calves will be disposed of, but have said the meat from the animals will be kept out of the food supply. The calves also won't be rendered for animal feed or other products.

"This should just continue to instill additional confidence among consumers," said Mary Beth Lang, spokeswoman for the state Department of Agriculture. "The likelihood of any transmission to this calf is very remote," she said. "This is an abundance of caution."

The calves range in age from 1 month to several months.

The herd is one of three under quarantine in Washington because of ties to the infected animal, a 61/2-year-old Holstein dairy cow that was shipped to the United States from Canada in 2001. The other herds include cows that may have come from the same Alberta farm.

Officials are awaiting DNA tests to confirm the sick cow's origins.

"I'm glad that the USDA is responding openly to the situation and that the decision has been made to ensure consumers of the safety of the beef supply," said Patti Brumbach, executive director of the Washington Beef Commission.

Officials have said contaminated feed is the most likely source of the infection. U.S. and Canadian investigators still are trying to locate the other animals from the Canadian herd and trace the feed eaten by the sick cow to determine if it contained tissue that carried the disease.

Mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy, eats holes in the brains of cattle. The disease is a concern because humans can develop a brain-wasting illness, variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, from consuming contaminated beef products.

USDA will not submit the calves' brains for testing for mad cow disease, because the illness does not usually show up in animals under 30 months of age, DeHaven said. The illness can incubate for up to five years.

"Even in the unlikely event that there was maternal transmission to the bull calf, the calf would not test positive at this point," DeHaven said.

The owner of the Sunnyside herd will be compensated at fair market value, DeHaven said.

John Top, co-owner of the Toppenish Livestock Commission in central Washington, said destroying the herd would have no effect on the state's cattle industry.

"Taking that number out of the cow supply is not a lot," Top said. "I'm sure USDA's intention is to boost confidence in the beef supply. It won't hurt."

DeHaven also said USDA officials would visit Mexico to discuss that country's ban on American beef products. Mexico was among more than 30 countries that halted U.S. beef imports last month after scientists diagnosed the first case of mad cow disease in the United States.

Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., left Monday on a tour of Japan, Vietnam and Hong Kong aimed at persuading their leaders to lift the ban on U.S. beef imports.

"U.S. beef, and in particular Kansas beef, is of the highest quality and is the safest in the world," said Brownback, a member of the Senate Commerce Committee and chairman of the East Asia Subcommittee of the Committee of Foreign Relations.

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On the Net:

Agriculture Department BSE pages:
http://www.usda.gov/news/releases/2003/06/resources.html

# Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



## *Money should be no object for college-bound students*

**DEAR ABBY:** This is in response to a letter you printed from a high school junior struggling with her mother over exploring colleges. She wanted to apply to many different schools, but due to financial constraints, her mother insisted she limit herself to state-funded schools.

If that girl has the grades, she has many options open to her. Sometimes Ivy League schools give scholarships and grants that can match or better anything offered by a state school. She should also be aware that she can take out student loans that she can repay in installments after she graduates. — **PROUD PARENT OF A SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT**

**DEAR PROUD:** Bless you for wanting to help. I'm often touched by the number of people who read something in my column and reach out. **Read on:**

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a single mom with an income under $40,000. My twin daughters and son were all college-bound at the same time. Their school advisers told us to apply to prestigious private schools because they give the most financial aid to students. All three of my children did, and they all received their best offers from Ivy League and religious colleges.

Please tell her to go for it! — **CHRIS IN YAKIMA, WASH.**

**DEAR CHRIS:** You have already done that. I hope your letter will inspire mother and daughter and other college-bound students trying to reach for the stars. **Read on:**

**DEAR ABBY:** As a private college counselor for 25 years, I always tell students that application season is one of discovery — a time to decide what you want to get out of a college education, where you will best fit, and where you might qualify for merit scholarships.

First, apply and get accepted to the colleges of your choice. The time spent filling out applications is worth it. Students who can't afford the filing fee can request a waiver.

The girl whose letter appeared in your column can get an excellent college education if she takes the time to apply. I wish her the best of luck. — **RONNIE IN HOLMDEL, N.J.**

**DEAR RONNIE:** So do I!

**DEAR ABBY:** I grew up with no father. Mom was a food server with three kids to support. Even so, I was in the top 10 percent of my class. I had dreams. I wanted to attend college and escape a life of poverty.

Against all advice, I applied to five different colleges. I received full scholarships from two Ivy League schools. Room, board and tuition were covered. In four years, I was an Ivy League graduate.

I recommend the college issue of U.S. News & World Report. It not only ranks schools but also lists those that are most generous to the deserving.

The only way to ensure you won't succeed is not even to try. — **EDUCATED IN ATLANTA**

**DEAR EDUCATED:** Your last sentence says it all. Other good places to research scholarships include: www.fastweb.com, www.finaid.org, www.collegenet.com and www.fastaid.com.

I am also told that a booklet published by the American Legion, "Need a Lift?" is another terrific resource. It contains 162 pages listing scholarships, loans, grants and financial aid. (It can be purchased for $3.95 and ordered by calling toll-free: (888) 453-4466.)

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# Girl wanted to grant wishes to other children

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Just shy of being a teenager, Hope Stout was dying of bone cancer.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation gave her the chance to do whatever she wanted to do, have whatever she wanted to have.

Her request was quite grown-up for a 12-year-old: Fulfill the last wishes of the more than 150 children on the foundation's list.

Hope died Sunday, but not before her wish touched more than a few hearts. Make-A-Wish has collected more than $450,000 toward her goal and ABC Sports reported on her story during a Carolina Panthers NFL playoff game last weekend.

On Monday, the local branch of the Make-A-Wish Foundation promised to follow through with a Jan. 16 fund-raiser to try and raise the more than $500,000 still needed to send dying children to Disney World, an NFL game or a NASCAR race.

The Panthers' Kevin Donnalley, who plays offensive guard, was to have escorted Hope to the "Celebration of Hope" gala. The two met on the sidelines before a Panthers home game in October.

Donnalley remembers being "blown away" by Hope's unselfishness as he got to know her.

"I came by her house to visit and Hope told me she had just been at the medical center," he said Monday. "She said, 'If you have some time when the season's over, instead of seeing me, would you go see some of the kids who don't have a lot of family or friends like I do?'

"A 12-year-old girl is supposed to be interested in looks and clothes," he said. "She was so focused on giving to others. She always thinks of other people."

Donnalley said he was looking forward to being Hope's "date" to the gala.

"Unfortunately, she won't be there, but it's going to be a great night because we're going to raise a lot of money for kids who really need it," he said.

Among the donations so far: $100,000 from an anonymous donor and $15,000 bid on a local radio show for four Panthers playoff tickets.

In the time he spent with Hope, Donnalley learned that she secretly hoped to appear someday on a TV show or a movie.

"I'm sure she could have had that wish granted," he said. "But it was her unselfishness that got her on TV. Millions of people who were watching that football game got to meet Hope for the first time."

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On the Net:

Make-A-Wish Foundation of Central & Western North Carolina:
http://www.ncwish.org/

# College Station killer volunteers to die

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Brazos County District Attorney Bill Turner is surprised convicted killer Ynobe Matthews, a man he worked to send to death row, is following through on his desire to be executed voluntarily.

"He took that position from the time he got the death penalty," Turner said a day before Matthews' scheduled lethal injection tonight. "I believed that would be short-lived."

Cut short, however, at Matthews' request, were any extensive appeals of his conviction and death sentence for the rape-slaying of a 21-year-old woman at her apartment in College Station 3½ years ago.

"It's not a decision for everybody," Matthews said from death row, where he acknowledged his lawyers and fellow inmates urged him to not give up. "I don't recommend it... It's a very personal decision, but we all have to choose ways to fight."

"I wish there was something else going on but there's not," Kevin Dunn, Matthews' attorney, said Monday.

Matthews, now 27, was condemned for strangling Carolyn Casey, then setting fire to her body to try to cover up the crime. It was one of at least two deaths he acknowledged.

"He has wrecked two families' lives and he's taken two innocent young ladies violently for whatever reason and he's wrecked our lives," said Anita Casey, whose daughter was killed.





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# Astro

By Bernice

Wednesday, Jan

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# Study solves mystery of bizarre double star

ATLANTA (AP) — Gas from a massive star is being stripped by a black hole and turned into high-speed jets that streak into space at slightly less than the speed of light, according to a new study of a bizarre double-star object.

Astronomers have been fascinated and puzzled by the object, called SS433, for 26 years because it is expelling streams of particles at more than 48,000 miles a second — a quarter of the speed of light. That's far faster than any velocities seen near other objects in the Milky Way.

SS433 is a pair of stars which orbit a bright disk 16,000 light years away in the constellation Aquila. Light from the central disc is dimmed every 13 days, suggesting a star was orbiting the disc and briefly blocking the light. Glare from the central disc prevented astronomers from analyzing the eclipsing star.

An astronomy team from Georgia State University announced Monday at the national meeting of the American Astronomical Society that they have solved part of the mystery of SS433 by capturing and analyzing light for the first time from the dim eclipsing star.

Douglas R. Gies of Georgia State said the eclipsing star is a supergiant that may be 11 times more massive than the sun. He said the star is whipping around a black hole in the center of the disc and the gravitational force from the black hole is stripping gas away from the start at a rate that would consume the entire sun in just 10,000 years.

"The black hole is unable to digest all of the gas and it is then ejected at incredible speeds into these jets," Gies said.

Scientists from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology analyzed the jets using an X-ray telescope. They found gas was expelled from the disc around the black hole at a temperature of more than 100 million degrees.

Herman L. Marshall of MIT said the black hole at the disc's center is only about the size of the Atlanta metropolitan area but the mass is equal to about 16 suns. The jet would cover an area the size of the continental United States. It streaks into space for more than a million miles.

A black hole is a single point in space which is so dense with matter that it creates a gravitational force that permits nothing to escape, not even light. A disc around a black hole can be seen because matter sucked into the center is accelerated at high velocities and heated so that it gives off X-rays and light.

Bruce Margon of the Space Telescope Science Institute said SS433 still puzzles astronomers because there is no other object like it in the universe.

"Only in SS433 does a receiving star refuse to accept gas from a donor star and instead eject it into space," said Margon. "The accepting star just can't handle it all."

Almost 2,000 astronomers are attending the American Astronomical Society meeting and presenting some 1,200 papers.

# Huge, tremendously bright star will have only short life

ATLANTA (AP) — The most massive and brightest star known is 5 million to 40 million times more luminous than the Earth's own star, the sun, and about 150 times more massive, but this stellar giant is destined to live a short life and then to erupt in a supernova explosion.

Astronomer Stephen Eickenberg of the University of Florida said the star, known as LBV1806-20, is on the edge of a cluster of stars on the far side of the Milky Way, some 45,000 light-years from the solar system.

In a presentation Monday at the national meeting of the American Astronomical Society, Eickenberg said the star burns at a temperature of 30,000 degrees to 60,000 degrees and has ballooned out to a diameter 200 times that of the sun.

The huge star actually defies theories of massive star formation, he said. Usually massive stars grow no bigger than about 100 solar masses. At that point, the energy outflow is so powerful that additional material is blown away.

LBV1806-20, however, formed near where a supernova exploded in the past. Eickenberg said this explosion may have compressed gas and dust, enabling the star to grow far beyond the usual size of stellar giants. He said the same area contains a baby star in the process of formation, along with several other large stars, all of which may have formed as the result of the earlier supernova.

Eickenberg said massive stars generally only shine for about 2 million years, and LBV1806-20 is now middle-aged, about a million years old. Eventually, he said, such stars blow themselves apart and that without such explosions there would be no planets like the Earth teeming with life.

"Most of the material that we deal with on a daily basis including the oxygen you are breathing and the carbon in your skin comes from the core of the most massive stars. That's where that materials are formed," he said.

Massive stars, said Eickenberg, "live a short and troubled life, blow themselves apart in a supernova and spread that material through out the galaxy."

The next generation of stars and planets then form out of that material and incorporate those elements.

"That is what the Earth is made of and you and I are made of," he said.

By comparison, the sun is around 6 billion years old — about halfway through its expected lifetime.

In another presentation at the AAS meeting, two astronomers reported on the discovery of a young star that is streaking through space at nearly 50,000 miles per hour, some 45 times faster than a speeding bullet.

# Mad cow one of ten mystifying maladies

WASHINGTON (AP) — For all the worry mad cow disease is generating, it's just one in a family of 10 diseases discovered so far — five in animals, five in humans — that are arguably medicine's most mystifying maladies.

Most so-called prion diseases are incredibly rare in this country, although one has spread into deer and elk herds in at least 12 states, sparking concern about contaminated game meat.

Yet scientists can't answer the most basic questions about prions, even though learning how the rogue proteins cause sponge-like holes in brains could improve understanding of more common neurodegenerative diseases like Alzheimer's.

Because they're not considered a big threat here, few U.S. scientists study prions. The National Institutes of Health spent $29.4 million on prion research last year; most goes to just two laboratories.

Europe, where mad cow disease devastated the beef industry in the 1990s, spends almost 10 times as much, says Dr. Richard T. Johnson of Johns Hopkins University, who led an exhaustive review of prion research for the Institute of Medicine.

Then there's tracking. The United States spends about a penny per person on surveillance for human versions including the classic Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease that hits 250 Americans a year and the "variant CJD" linked to mad cow-tainted beef, so far not found here.

Britain, where variant CJD first appeared, spends about a nickel per person on surveillance.

As for testing, Congress did designate a National Prion Research Project in 2002 to develop ways to diagnose prion diseases before the person or animal dies. But funding wasn't renewed for the Defense Department-run project last year. For now, 35 scientists are sharing $37 million in the hunt — even as the Institute of Medicine predicts it will take a major leap in innovation to find a better test.

Still, research grants aren't the chief obstacle to researching these "transmissible spongiform encephalopathies," or TSEs. Double the money today and scientists couldn't use it all, Johnson says, because too few laboratories can spend years waiting for the slow-growing diseases to sicken test animals — or safely handle highly infectious prions.

How infectious? Burning tainted animal tissue into ash doesn't destroy them. Chemical disinfectants don't work well, either. And prions cling to the glass and steel in operating rooms and labs where diseased brains must be cut for diagnosis and study.

Adding to the complexity, each TSE is somewhat different. Mad cows aren't considered contagious, for instance. But the nation's most common TSE, chronic wasting disease in deer and elk, is. Nobody's sure exactly how CWD spreads from animal to animal, but urine and saliva are top suspects.

"To be perfectly honest, I'm more worried about chronic wasting disease as a potential public health problem than mad cow," says Johnson. European scientists "shake their heads and say, 'Why aren't you Americans working on this, you're sitting on a powder keg.'"

TSEs arise when a protein the body normally harbors folds into an abnormal shape, setting off a chain reaction of misfolds that eventually leaves clumps of dead brain cells. There's no foreign invader for the immune system to catch and prions contain no genetic material, so standard ways to diagnose, treat and prevent disease so far don't work.

The TSE family includes:

—Scrapie, the sheep version, first described in the 18th century.

—Mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy, believed spread when cows ate feed contaminated initially with scrapie and then with BSE-tainted cow tissue. Such feed was outlawed here in 1997; the mad cow discovered last month in Washington state was born shortly before that ban.

## Astro-graph

**By Bernice Bede Osol**



### Your Birthday

**Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2004**

Give things more time before making any radical changes in the year ahead in an area that has given you fits in the past. Once the turnabout occurs, you'll be able to build upon what you already have established.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Even if asked, don't make any judgment calls today for somebody else. If your advice turns out to be a mistake, you'll be held accountable and tarred and feathered for your input.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** — Disappointment is inevitable in not getting everything you hope for today if you expect more than what is reasonably possible or to which you're entitled. False hope breeds letdowns.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** — Should you feel out of place at a social happening today, find an acceptable excuse to leave rather than stay there and let it ruin your day. You'll be far happier doing something else.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — Disagreements that could arise today among family members should be kept within the confines of the household. Allowing relatives or outsiders to butt in could cause problems to worsen.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — A discussion today with someone who feels very strongly about an issue could get out of hand if you decide to challenge the person. You're not going to change his or her mind, so why bother?

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — The moment you get home with your purchases today, you could realize you made a bad choice with an expensive item. Take it back immediately or you could have trouble returning it.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — Should you meet with a lot of resistance today over an arrangement you have with another, keep your head and don't allow emotion to enter the picture and you'll prevail without incident.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Yes, you're a powerful, strong lion, but even you must be sensible about your physical limitations. Don't overexert yourself today or lift anything that is too heavy for you to carry.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Be extremely careful how you conduct yourself in any social encounter today. The slightest offense could get completely blown out of proportion and good fellowship would suffer.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** — Do not depend solely on Lady Luck to carry the load for you today in a situation where you have a lot at stake. If you miscalculate, you could have a hard time retrieving what you lost.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** — If you want the focus of criticism to be on what should be addressed today instead of on you, subdue temptations to complain about anything, no matter how annoying it may be to you.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** — Be more watchful than usual of your possessions today, especially items you keep in plain sight. Put everything away in compartments and don't walk off without locking your house or car.

Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph year ahead predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to state your zodiac sign. Visit www.bernice4u.com for more advice.

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## Dr. Gott

**By Peter Gott, M.D.**



### *Drugs can cause tingling*

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** What causes the skin on my left shoulder, neck and ear to tingle? I have to massage these areas constantly. I am on medication for hypertension, and suffer from arthritis, a heartbeat irregularity and a thyroid disorder.

**DEAR READER:** The medical term "paresthesia" is used to describe a sensation of tingling in the skin that can be caused by nerve damage/malfunction, poor circulation, arthritis — and many medications, especially those used for cardiovascular diseases.

Although I am not necessarily blaming your medications for your paresthesias, you might ask your doctor if they could be contributing to your problem. Hypertension, disturbances in pulse rate and thyroid disorders do not ordinarily cause skin sensations. Arthritis, however, may be associated with such symptoms if the bones of the neck are involved and can be pressing on the delicate nerves to the shoulder and neck.

If your physician is unable to help you, ask for a referral to a neurologist.

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:** Please give me information on a disability known as cauda equina.

**DEAR READER:** At the bottom of the spine, the nerves splay out in a pattern similar to a horse's tail (cauda equina). Damage to one or more of these nerves (from injury, surgery or ruptured discs) causes the cauda equina syndrome: leg pain, sexual malfunction and loss of sphincter control (leading to urinary and/or rectal incontinence). For obvious reasons, this situation can be serious unless the pressure on the nerves can be released surgically.

You can obtain more information about this uncommon disorder from a medical library, a medical textbook, a neurosurgeon or an orthopedic surgeon.

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** I've read that homocysteine levels in the blood are associated with hardening of the arteries, but can by lowered by using a folic acid supplement. Should all of us be taking folic acid anyway?

**DEAR READER:** You are correct that homocysteine levels are related to arteriosclerosis. That fact prompted many physicians to prescribe folic acid as a treatment. That's the good news.

The bad news, as reported in a recent cardiology journal, is that folic acid supplements do not prevent vascular events or death in patients with coronary artery disease who are taking drugs to lower cholesterol levels. Therefore, the use of folic acid appears to offer less benefit than previously believed. Thus, the use of these supplements is a personal matter, not scientific dogma — especially for people in general.

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

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### Morality and Love

Following Jesus Christ means following the path of love. Jesus taught that love for God and love for our neighbor was the foundation on which the whole law of Moses was built, Matthew 22: 37-39. The apostle Paul echoed the words of Jesus in Romans 13:8-10. Every commandment of God is connected to love. It is an important principle and a key to understanding the will of God for each one of us. In I Corinthians 13 the apostle Paul gives a long discussion of the importance of love. To sum up what he says, he points to various religious acts of devotion. I can know all mysteries, perform great miracles and even make great sacrifices for the sake of Christ, but if I do not have love, my life and faith are empty and fruitless.

Where does morality come in? That is a good question, because many would agree with Jesus that love is important. At the same time, however, they reserve the right to decide what love would do. Specific moral instructions are rejected as binding. If guided by love, many feel free to follow their heart in the specifics of life. Jesus taught differently. Love is the heart of everything, but God has given us guidance by his word in doing what love should do. In Ephesians 5: 1, 2 contains a typical commandment to Christians to follow Christ in living a life of love. It is followed in Ephesians 5:3-7 by specific instruction in what love does not do. Love does not act immorally, or greedily. Love rejects impurity and follows righteousness in the specific ways that Christ teaches.

Obedience to the commands of Christ and love for God and one another are closely interconnected. The apostle John wrote:

*"This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands."*

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# Bombing in Afghan kills at least 13

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — A bomb attached to a bicycle killed at least 13 people on a road regularly used by U.S. troops in this southern city today, underlining the violence still plaguing Afghanistan two years after the fall of the Taliban.

More than 50 people were wounded in the blast, which officials said may have been targeting U.S. troops or the provincial governor, whose motorcade was about to pass that way.

An Associated Press reporter saw wrecked bicycles, blood and shattered glass from a passing truck strewn across the street in the east of the city, which was quickly sealed off by dozens of Afghan and U.S. soldiers.

Eleven of the dead were children, aged 7-15, apparently among a crowd that gathered after another bomb went off at the same site a few minutes earlier.

"I was playing football when I heard the first bomb, and a lot us rushed to see what happened. Then the second one went off," said Saami Khan, 15, who had been struck by shrapnel in the face and chest and was recuperating in a Kandahar hospital.

Deputy Police Chief Salim Khan suggested the twin blasts may have been intended for soldiers from an Afghan military base just 100 yards away.

"They were chasing a suspect when they second explosion occurred," he said.

Deputy Interior Minister Hilalludin Hillal said the U.S. troops who regularly travel the road or Kandahar Governor Yusuf Pashtun were more likely targets of the attackers. "They don't care so much about Afghan troops," he said.

A soldier, Amanullah Popolzai, said authorities arrested a man seen running from the scene shortly before the explosion. The man, who appeared to be an Afghan, was caught trying to hide in a nearby home.

"This was the work of the Taliban. The man looked like he was a Talib fighter," Popolzai said.

In the capital, Kabul, President Hamid Karzai condemned the attack as "barbarism."

# Army is expanding 'stop loss' to keep soldiers from leaving

WASHINGTON (AP) — About 7,000 U.S. soldiers in Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan who were planning to retire or otherwise leave the service in the next few months are getting new marching orders: Stay put.

The Army is expanding what it calls a "stop loss" order to keep soldiers in uniform — even those who have met their contractual service obligation or are scheduled to retire — during a rotation of tens of thousands of troops that begins this month and is scheduled to finish in May.

Col. Elton Manske, chief of the Army's enlisted division, said Monday that the move was deemed necessary to maintain the cohesion and combat effectiveness of units now operating in Iraq and Afghanistan.

He did not explain why the Army cannot manage the readiness of its forces in Iraq and Afghanistan without forcing soldiers to stay in the service beyond their scheduled retirement or enlistment period. Critics say it is because the Army has too few soldiers and too many overseas commitments.

The order affects all Army units scheduled to return from Iraq, Kuwait or Afghanistan in coming months. Soldiers will be required to remain with their unit until it gets to its home base, and for a maximum of 90 days afterward, he said. The order mirrors one already in place for the units that are scheduled to deploy to those three countries to replace the units there now.

# Royal coroner opens inquest into Diana's fatal car accident

LONDON (AP) — The royal coroner launched Britain's first formal inquest into the deaths of Princess Diana and her boyfriend, Dodi Fayed, today and asked London police to examine a variety of conspiracy theories that have sprung up since her death.

As the long-awaited probe opened, a newspaper reported that Diana believed her ex-husband, Prince Charles, was plotting to kill her by staging a fatal car accident. The paper cited an alleged letter from the princess to her butler months before her death.

A French investigation found that the 1997 Paris car crash that killed Diana, Fayed and their driver Henri Paul was an accident — and that Paul had been drinking and speeding. But that has not quelled various theories of a plot to kill the princess or to cover up details in her death.

Royal coroner Michael Burgess suggested his inquest would be a broad one to try to clear away some of the speculation, saying he asked London's Metropolitan Police to examine whether conspiracy theories should be part of the investigation.

"I'm aware that there is speculation that these deaths were not the result of a sad but relatively straightforward road traffic accident in Paris," Burgess said.

Burgess said he would focus on four key questions — "who the deceased person was, and how, when and where the cause of death arose."

Burgess then adjourned the case, saying it likely would reopen early next year. He explained that potential witnesses live abroad, and French judicial proceeding and appeals must be concluded before he could obtain documentation compiled by French investigators.

Fayed's father, Egyptian-born billionaire Mohammed al Fayed has repeatedly called for a full public inquiry into the deaths, contending that his 42-year-old son and Diana, 36, were murdered.

"This is what we have been waiting for six years," al Fayed told APTN as he arrived at the Diana inquest. "At last I hope we can see the light."

Al Fayed at one time accused Prince Philip, husband of Queen Elizabeth II, of masterminding a plot to kill Diana because the royal family allegedly objected to her relationship with an Egyptian.

Asked about the suspicions contained in the alleged Diana letter, al Fayed told reporters, "I'm always saying this from the beginning. I suspect not only Prince Charles" but also Philip.

# Man arrested for felony DWI

***• Arrest***

One arrest was made in Snyder on Monday.

Julio Benitez Arellano, 37, of 1609 W. FM 1606 in Hermleigh was taken into custody at 7:10 p.m. on an indictment for felony driving while intoxicated.

***• Burglaries***

A burglary was reported at 2806 Ave. X, Apt. B, at 12 a.m. today. A resident reported returning home to find that his mailbox and front door damaged and an assortment of jewelry had been stolen.

A caller reported at 5:19 a.m. today that her home at 2701 Ave. U had been broken into. Several sets of keys had been taken.

***• Criminal mischief***

A resident on Hill Ave. at 3:42 p.m. Monday reported seeing a group of juveniles throwing rocks at the Lord's Supper Church and breaking a window.

***• Criminal trespass***

A caller reported at 9:30 a.m. Monday from the 1900 block of Peyton that a subject was trespassing. Officers located the man who was issued a criminal trespass warning.

***• Shoplifter***

An officer was requested at 1:14 p.m. Monday at United Supermarket in reference to a shoplifter. An offense report for Class C theft was submitted.

***• Gas drive off***

A gas drive off in the amount of $21.60 was reported at 5:36 a.m. today from Town and Country north.

# Obituaries

## Mrs. McCullough

**1935-2004**

LUBBOCK — Merah Madge McCullough, a native of the Scurry County area, died Sunday, Jan. 4, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock after a lengthy illness.



McCullough

Funeral service for Mrs. McCullough, 68, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Resthaven Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Charles Bowyer and Ken Harvell will officiate.

Graveside service is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Roscoe Cemetery.

Born April 16, 1935 in Wastella to the late Sanford and Madgie Smith, she was a 1957 graduate of Hardin-Simmons University.

She assisted those recovering from alcohol and drug abuse and served as executive director of the Lubbock Faith Center from 1988-2001.

Mrs. McCullough also helped develop the Big Brothers organization in El Dorado, Kan., through the Mental Health Center where she worked for nine years as a psychiatric social worker.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, C.J. (Cleck) Smith, Woodrow Smith and S.D. Smith; and a sister, Memery Harvell.

Survivors include her husband, Gene McCullough of Lubbock; a son, Alan McCullough of Scottsdale, Ariz.; a great-aunt, Nettie "Bun" Green of Albertville, Ala.; two sisters-in-law, Lena Mae Smith of Abilene and Norene Smith of Beebee, Ark.; and eight nieces and nephews, including Carolyn Cox of Snyder; a great-niece, Kristi Kincaid of Snyder; and a great-nephew, Kyle Cox of Snyder.

## Tillie Welsh

**1926-2004**

Funeral service for Theda Jo "Tillie" Welsh, longtime Snyder resident, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Buddy Payne, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.



Tillie Welch

Mrs. Welsh, 77, died Sunday, Jan. 4, at her home in Snyder after a lengthy illness.

Born Dec. 28, 1926 in Garza County, Mrs. Welsh had been a resident of Snyder since 1951. She was a member of Morningside Baptist Church and a former operator for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

Survivors include a daughter, Leslie Wright of Odessa; a son, Bill Bilberry of Snyder; a sister, Louella Bilberry of Post; and numerous nieces and nephews.

## Barney Horton

**1910-2004**

ROTAN — Barney Eskel Horton, the grandfather of Patricia Claxton of Snyder, died Sunday, Jan. 4, in the Fisher County Hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Horton, 93, was held Monday and burial followed in the Belvieu Cemetery.

Born Jan. 20, 1910 in Comanche County, he had lived his entire life in Crossroads, Sardis and in Rotan. He was a member of the Crossroads Baptist Church and the Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife of 71 years, Jimmie Horton of Rotan; a son and daughter-in-law, Charlie and Wanda Horton of Roby; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sally and Horace Pace of Colorado City and Joan and Troy Burch of Junction; seven other grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

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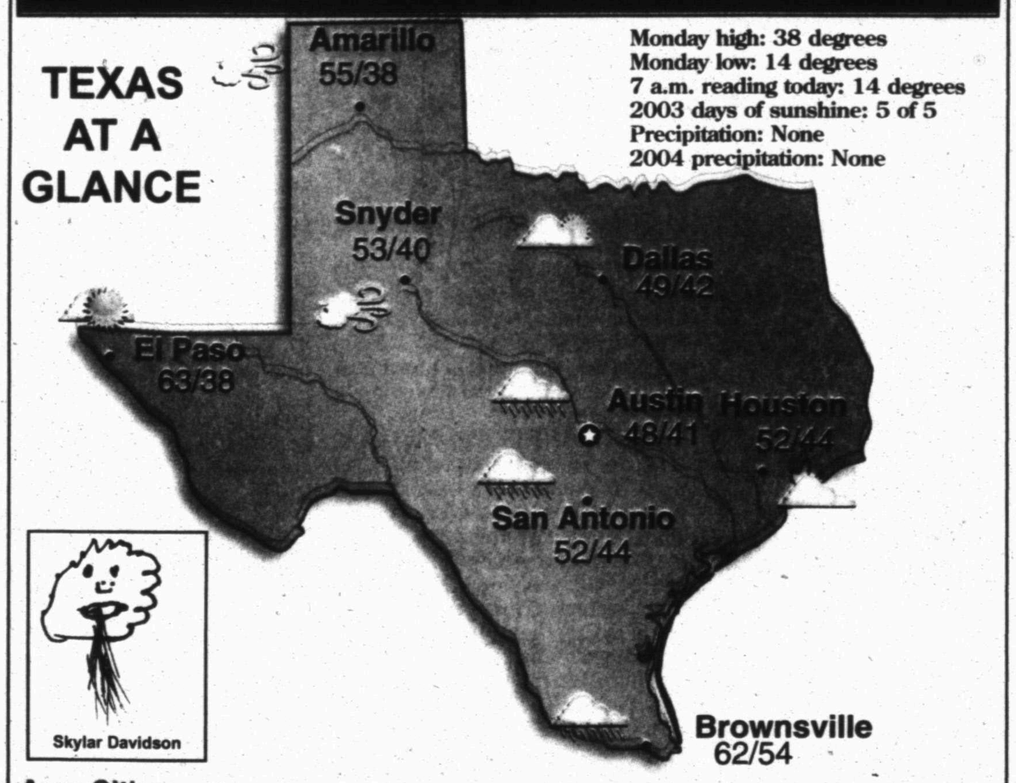
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|---|---|---|
| 53/40 | 68/40 | 66/33 |
| Mostly sunny skies with gusty winds. Turning warmer. High 53F. | A few clouds. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s. | Plenty of sun. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 30s. |
| Sunrise 7:47 AM Sunset 5:53 PM | Sunrise 7:47 AM Sunset 5:54 PM | Sunrise 7:47 AM Sunset 5:55 PM |

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Monday high: 38 degrees
Monday low: 14 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 14 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 5 of 5
Precipitation: None
2004 precipitation: None

### Area Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond |
|---|---|---|---|
| Abilene | 52 | 42 | windy |
| Amarillo | 55 | 38 | windy |
| Austin | 48 | 41 | rain |
| Beaumont | 51 | 45 | cloudy |
| Brownsville | 62 | 54 | rain |
| Brownwood | 51 | 42 | pt sunny |
| Corpus Christi | 56 | 48 | rain |
| Corsicana | 48 | 42 | cloudy |
| Dallas | 49 | 42 | cloudy |
| Del Rio | 52 | 43 | cloudy |
| El Paso | 63 | 38 | mst sunny |
| Fort Stockton | 61 | 37 | mst sunny |
| Gainesville | 46 | 36 | cloudy |
| Greenville | 46 | 37 | cloudy |
| Houston | 52 | 44 | cloudy |
| Kingsville | 59 | 48 | rain |
| Livingston | 49 | 41 | cloudy |
| Longview | 47 | 39 | pt sunny |
| Lubbock | 57 | 38 | windy |
| Lufkin | 48 | 43 | cloudy |
| Midland | 57 | 33 | sunny |
| Raymondville | 59 | 51 | rain |
| Rosenberg | 52 | 44 | cloudy |
| San Antonio | 52 | 44 | rain |
| San Marcos | 50 | 41 | rain |
| Sulphur Springs | 46 | 38 | pt sunny |
| Sweetwater | 54 | 42 | windy |
| Tyler | 46 | 39 | pt sunny |
| Weatherford | 48 | 38 | cloudy |
| Wichita Falls | 51 | 39 | pt sunny |

### National Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond |
|---|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 43 | 22 | sunny |
| Boston | 26 | 11 | windy |
| Chicago | 26 | 20 | mst sunny |
| Dallas | 49 | 42 | cloudy |
| Denver | 48 | 24 | cloudy |
| Houston | 52 | 44 | cloudy |
| Los Angeles | 65 | 51 | pt sunny |
| Miami | 72 | 64 | cloudy |
| Minneapolis | 17 | 10 | mst sunny |
| New York | 29 | 21 | windy |
| Phoenix | 69 | 48 | cloudy |
| San Francisco | 54 | 49 | rain |
| Seattle | 47 | 43 | rain |
| St. Louis | 38 | 29 | pt sunny |
| Washington, DC | 34 | 23 | sunny |

### Moon Phases

| First | Full | Last | New |
|---|---|---|---|
| Dec 30 | Jan 7 | Jan 15 | Jan 21 |

### UV Index

| Wed 1/7 | Thu 1/8 | Fri 1/9 |
|---|---|---|
| Low | Low | Low |

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

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