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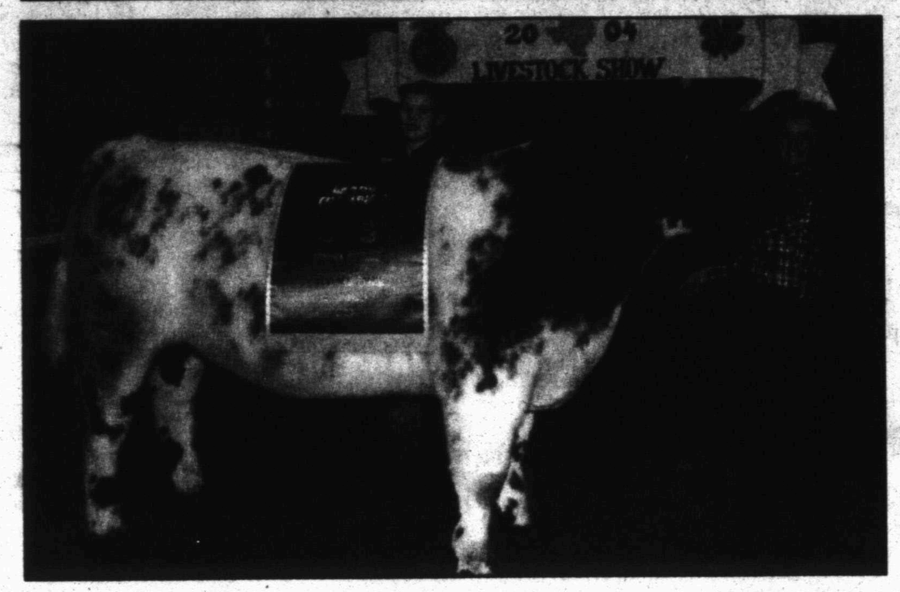

STAR STEER — Laramie Gilbert, 11, took grand championship honors with her steer at the Scurry County Junior Livestock Show. Laramie is a member of Ira FFA and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Gilbert. Laramie is pictured with Chase Peterson. (SDN Staff Photo by Annie Rowe)

GRAND CHAMP — A Boer goat, shown by 15-year-old Chad Nickerson, a member of Ira FFA, took home the grand championship honors at the Scurry County Junior Livestock Show. Chad is the son of Ricky and Melisa Nickerson of Dunn. He is pictured with his sister, Baily. (SDN Staff Photo by Annie Rowe)

## THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

**The feller on Deep Creek says, "There's a four-letter recipe for success: Make yourself useful."**

It's not often that we get to have lunch with a bunch of cheerleaders — but that happened Thursday.

At the meeting there was a lot of rah-rah and sic 'em. We sensed a resolve that we suspect is going to result in success. The lunch that turned into a pep rally wasn't about athletics — it was about the future of Snyder.

Bob McCormick, long-time Snyder civic leader, had the vision to call a group of folks together to talk about such things as putting the shine back on Sparkle City.

McCormick, now retired, was mayor when Snyder was recognized as an American City.

Cheerleaders attending the luncheon included chamber folks, politicians, bankers, educators, citizens.

The next week will be spent in surveying the community on the first targeted project to show just what can be accomplished "again" in what McCormick described as "can-do Snyder."

Like most West Texas oilfield towns that sprouted in the '50s, there's much to do. It won't happen in one weekend, one month or even one year.

Junk can be hauled off, but weeds that are cut will require repeated maintenance.

Those at the meeting hope that the entire community will become involved — creating a mindset for community pride that existed back when Snyder was dubbed Sparkle City.

The talk about improving our civic image reminded us of an incident less than a year ago. A prospective employee had scheduled an early-morning interview.

The applicant never arrived at the newspaper. Instead, he called on his cell phone to say he had changed his mind and was headed back east. "Your town is really dirty and ugly," he said.

We have a group working on park improvements, and the public schools are being surveyed for needed upgrades. But there is no quick fix.

There are personal property issues that become hurdles to progress, but friends and neighbors can take the responsibility to improve their own property and encourage friends and neighbors to do likewise.

There will be efforts in the next few weeks to garner the support of civic clubs, school groups, church members, etc. to become part of the solution.

The brainstorming that occurred Thursday will require more meetings and more planning, but meetings will not get vacant lots mowed and debris hauled to the landfill.

Cheerleaders will not be able to stay on the sideline, it will require being part of the game plan, rolling up sleeves and sweating.

Those attending Thursday vowed to be an active part of the solution.

Vicki Shroyer, new chamber executive director, is the point person as this effort gains momentum. Call her to sign up or even to offer a slogan for the Snyder Pride effort.

# City, county, WTC can now freeze taxes

Effective Jan. 1, a little-known new state law allows additional taxing entities the option to freeze taxes for senior citizens.

Passed by the state legislature last year, counties, municipalities and junior college districts may join local school districts in freezing taxes for homeowners age 65 or older. This also applies to homeowners who are disabled.

Although aware of the new law, none of the local entities have discussed the "freeze" option.

Locally the Snyder city council, Scurry County commissioners court and the Western Texas College board could adopt the limitation.

Also taxpayers in any entity may petition the governing body to hold an election to put a ceiling on taxes for senior citizens.

If passed by any or all of the local entities, it would give these homeowners and their surviving spouses, age 55 or older, the same rights currently available to them from the Snyder ISD.

However, no local entity has expressed an interest in losing increased tax revenue it might receive as tax rates increase in the future years.

"We're not looking to implement the program anytime in the near future," said Patricia Claxton, director of fiscal services at Western Texas College.

"It was discussed before it went into effect on Jan. 1, but our stand is that the state has cut so much that any more cuts would really hurt us."

City finance officer Jeanne Johnson said she had not heard from any council member concerning the new law.

Johnson, right in the middle of preparing for the city's yearly audit, said she missed the last council meeting due to illness and the earliest she might discuss it with council members would be in February.

"I really don't know what the council would do in the matter," Johnson said.

Likewise, County Judge Rod Waller said the subject had not come up in the county. "Nothing has been said about it countywide," said Judge Waller.

It's not surprising that the three taxing entities would not be looking to establish a tax ceiling.

Larry Crooks, chief appraiser with the Scurry County Appraisal District, said the Snyder ISD school district lost $162,053 in 2003 from taxes whose ceiling had been frozen.

"That is based on taxable values of $10,803,533, said Crooks.

"These figures are based on certified values," said Crooks.

Crooks said figures on what tax ceilings would do to the city, county and college are not currently available.

"Those figures have not been calculated," said Crooks, noting that frozen taxes, or tax ceiling are complicated issues.

To call an election, at least five percent of the registered voters of the taxing unit may sign and submit a petition to call for an election to establish a tax ceiling.

The law provides that once a taxing unit grants the limitation, it may not repeal or rescind the limitation.

# Board appointments top county agenda

Appointments to county boards — including Cogdell Memorial Hospital — will dominate the year's first meeting of the Scurry County commissioners court on Monday.

The court will convene at 10 a.m. and fill three spots on the six-member hospital board.

County policy allows hospital board members to serve as many as three two-year terms.

Terry Williams, a current Cogdell board member and Republican candidate for Precinct 1 county commissioner, is eligible for re-appointment.

The terms of Bill Voss and boardmember Carl Williams have expired and both have asked not to be re-appointed.

The Board of County Development (BCD) is due three appointments.

Jerry Martin, current chairman, has served since 1998 and his final term expired on Dec. 31. Also the positions of Bill Dryden and Ray Myers have expired, however both are eligible for re-appointment.

On the county child welfare board, Irene Canales and Karen Waller have served one term and are eligible for re-appointment.

The Scurry County airport board allows members to serve two three-year terms. The board has three members whose second terms have ended.

Mark Graham, Mark Erwin and Darryl Calley are required to rotate off the board for three years, or the equivalent of one term.

The court is expected to name new members of the Veteran's Land Board as Billy Longbotham and Leonard Keller have both completed two terms.

The library board has three posts available for appointment. Rev. Miller Robinson's first term has ended and he is eligible for re-appointment. Kay Echols and Ned Underwood's terms have expired and are ineligible for re-appointment.

The welfare board has one position available. Shrunda Smith, a board member since 1998, has completed her final term.

In other business, the court will discuss going out for bids for fuel, oil and grease, and road materials.

# Ballot place drawing set for Monday

Drawing for ballot places for the one contested race in the Republican March primary will be held Monday afternoon in the county clerk's office.

"We'll have the drawing at 1 p.m. Monday with both candidates present," said County Clerk Joan Bunch.

"After that is done, we'll order the ballots printed."

Early voting in the election that has Megali Bernal and Jana Young vying for the GOP nomination for tax assessor-collector, begins Feb. 23.

The tax assessor-collector's post is open as Diana Williamson decided not to seek a second term. There are no Democratic candidates.

Bunch also said that new voter registration cards to be used in the upcoming elections should be mailed to residents beginning Wednesday.

"The new cards will be blue and they will be effective through Dec. 31, 2005," Bunch said.

# Blood drive starts Tuesday

This quarter's community blood drive for Snyder will be from 10:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center.

The drive will move to the Cogdell Memorial Hospital parking lot Wednesday from 10:30 in the morning until 4:30 in the afternoon.

Saturday, the drive will move to Wal-Mart where the donor coach will be available for blood donations from 1-3 p.m.

## Rainfall Reports

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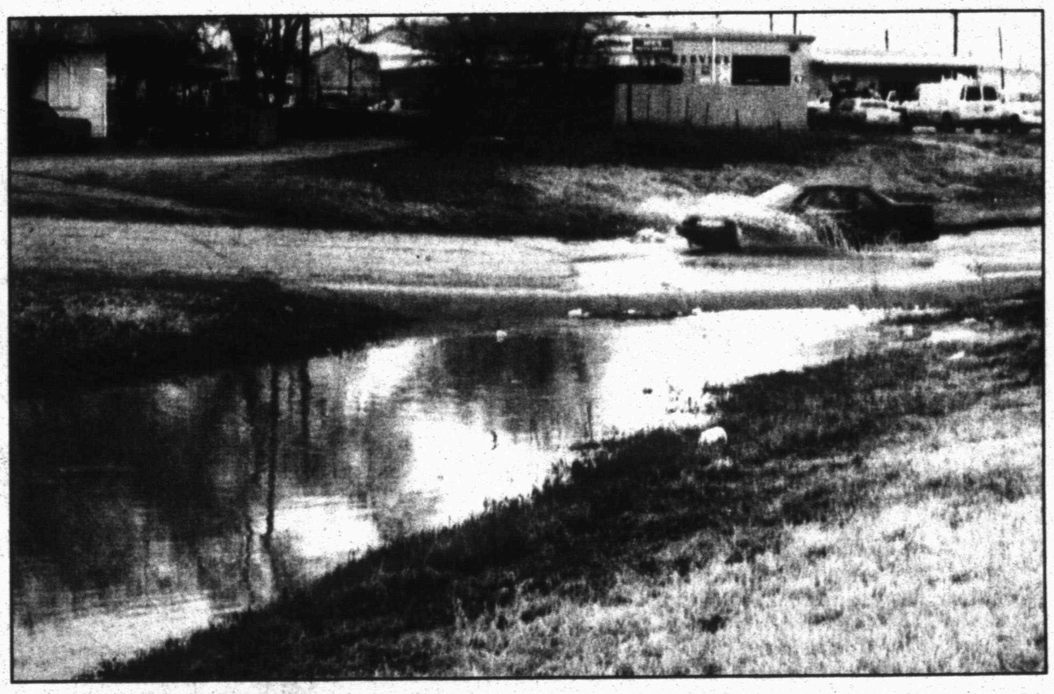
| **Snyder** | **1.55** |
| **North of city** | **1.30** |
| **East of city** | **1.00** |
| **Lake Thomas** | **1.00** |
| **Hermleigh** | **1.40** |
| **Ennis Creek** | **1.90** |
| **Fluvanna** | **1.20** |
| **Polar** | **1.40** |
| **Loyd Mountain** | **1.00** |
| **Camp Springs** | **1.10** |
| **Dunn** | **1.40** |
| **Ira** | **.80** |
| **Dermott** | **1.80** |
| **Gail** | **1.00** |
| **Gins** | |
| **Farmers Co-Op (E)** | **1.10** |
| **Sc. County (W)** | **1.50** |
| **Inadale** | **.60** |

**Totals as reported by area residents for Thursday, Friday and Satury morning.**



LITTLE BIT DEEP — Rainfall caused slight flooding across some streets in Snyder, as shown here on Ave. O. The first round of showers fell Thursday and Friday and more are forecast this week. (SDN Staff Photo by Annie Rowe)

## ASK US

**Q—What is the average starting salary for teachers in Texas?**

**A—According to a Texas Association of School Board survey, it is $28,206.**

## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

**Larry Schwarz...**

...has lived in Snyder since 1978 and he is married to Linda Schwarz and they have three daughters: Melody Semler of Plano, Deana White of Amarillo and Debbie Summers of Snyder. They also have four grandchildren. Larry says he works too much to have hobbies, but he does enjoy hunting.

## TODAY'S THOUGHT

**Rhetoric is a poor substitute for action.**

**—Teddy Roosevelt**

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# WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

### AARP to meet

AARP will meet at noon Monday at the Senior Center. Scott Crenwelge, Scurry County parks recreation director, will speak.

### Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "God Has Spoken Through a Prophet Like Moses," followed by "Christ the Obedient Son."

### Project LINUS meeting

Project LINUS will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at First Christian Church. The group will check all the "blanketeer" progress on the quilt blocks. Anyone interested in joining is welcome and more information can be obtained by calling Marsha Cribb at 573-7117.

### LVN testing dates

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

### Senior swimnastics

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

### Gifted/talented parent meeting

A gifted and talented parent meeting for grades 6-12 will begin at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Snyder Junior High School library.

### United Way short of goal

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

### 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.

### Krispie Kreme Doughnuts

Snyder Little Dribblers will be selling Krispie Kreme Doughnuts from 7 a.m. until noon on next Saturday. at Wal-Mart for $6 per dozen.

### Marriage enhancement seminar

Snyder's First Church of the Nazarene is offering a marriage enhancement seminar, *Making Marriage Work*, from 2-5 p.m. next Saturday and also Jan. 31. Call 573-5601 for more information.

### Chili supper

Hermleigh senior class will hold a chili supper from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. next Sunday in the Hermleigh cafeteria. Adult tickets are $5, and a child's plate is $3.

### Concert at Word Is Life

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

### Mesquite Country Emmaus

Mesquite Country Emmaus will hold a community meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28, at Trinity United Methodist Church. Babe Chicks meet at 6 p.m.

### 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

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

# Major Bob Starr will speak Sunday at Trinity Methodist

Maj. Michael Bob Starr

Maj. Michael Bob Starr will speak on his experience as a pilot and a Christian at the 10:45 a.m. worship service Sunday at Trinity United Methodist Church.

The public is invited to attend and display their patriotic spirit by wearing red, while and blue.

Maj. Starr is a B-1 pilot stationed at Dyess Air Force Base and flies over Snyder and Scurry County regularly, as he is an instructor and evaluator in the wing standardization and evaluation office.

He has more than 1,000 flying hours in the B-1, including over 260 combat hours.

As a member of the 34th Bomb Squadron based in Mountain Home Air Force Base in Idaho, Maj. Starr deployed in Sept. 2001 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He flew 22 combat missions, including the first B-1 strike mission into Afghanistan. Under his leadership, his crew delivered over 500,000 pounds of munitions against al-Qaida and Taliban targets.

He was also deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

He served in the Combined Air Operations Center at Prince Sultan Air Base in Saudi Arabia. As a member of the Combined Forces Air Component Commander's action group, he was a key advisor to the general in charge of the air campaign.

A native of Oklahoma, Maj. Starr graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1992 and received a master's degree from Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government in 1994.

In addition to his staff assignments, he has also served as an officer in the Pentagon where he was on the Air Staff and the staff of the Secretary of Defense.

Maj. Starr and his wife, Kimberley, have two children, Matthew, age 9, and Tyler, age 7. He and his family are members of the Morning Star Community Church in Abilene where he serves on the advisory board and the multimedia team.

# New ministry slated at Price Daniel Unit

If you have attended a Cursillo, Tres Deas, Walk to Emmaus, or will attend a Kairos qualification weekend you are invited to attend a prison retreat at the Price Daniel Unit from April 1-4.

In preparation for the retreat, there will be four team meetings to organize the program and bond as a team.

The team will spend time sharing with each other and focusing on the virtues of love, compassion and mercy. Listening skills will be practiced with a focus on being non-judgmental.

Other issues to be discussed include sensitivity and being aware of the environment in which the retreat will take place.

The dates for these Saturday meetings are next Saturday, Feb. 14, March 20 and an overnight meeting March 26-27.

The first three meetings will be held at the First Baptist Church from about 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Plans for the overnight retreat are still being finalized.

Kairos is a non-denominational lay ministry to bring Jesus Christ to the incarcerated and build a Christian community in the prison.

Introductory three-day weekend retreats are held twice per year in the prisons with 42 inmates invited based on selection by the warden and chaplain of the unit.

The retreat program is patterned after Cursillo, Des Tres and Walk to Emmaus a short course in Christianity. Following the weekend retreat, the inmates join a community of prison residents that have attended a previous Kairos weekend.

This community meets on weekends, with volunteer support, to pray and share as they strengthen their relationship with Jesus Christ.

A church or volunteer involvement includes men working on the inside team, women as outside angels, and young adults and children making agape materials for the weekend, including 450 11x17 paper place mats. Colorful decorations can be made with crayons, map colors, markers or water colors. Children who decorate them should put only their first name on the mat.

In addition, hundreds of dozens of cookies must be baked and taken to the unit and prayer times are chosen so the inmates and team members can be lifted in prayer throughout the entire weekend retreat.

Prayers are also sought for the week of the retreat. Interested people are encouraged to volunteer.

Community sponsors are also sought for the out-of-town residents who will participate in a multi-denominational three-day weekend.

For more information or to become a part of the team, contact Steve Reames, Rector for Karios #1 at 325-942-2383 ext. 233 (work) or 325-224-8884 (home) or by e-mail at sreames@angelu.edu.

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**Friday's Lottery Numbers Mega Millions**

**ATLANTA (AP) — The jackpot in the multi-state Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to $42 million Saturday.**

**None of the tickets sold for Friday's $35 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Tuesday.**

**There were two second-prize winners who matched each of the five lotto numbers but did not match the Mega Ball number from Friday night's drawing. Those tickets are each worth $175,000.**

**Also, 13 players matched four of the five lotto numbers, plus the Mega Ball number. Those tickets are each worth $5,000.**

**The winning numbers from Friday's drawing were: 12, 26, 41, 44 and 49. The Mega Ball number was 44.**

**Cash Five**

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

**Winning numbers drawn: 3-8-13-25-36.**

**Number matching five of five: 2.**

**Prize per winner: $22,825.**

**Winning tickets sold in: Corpus Christi, Austin.**

**Matching four of five: 142. Prize: $145.**

**Matching three of five: 4,719. Prize: $10.**

**Matching two of five: 47,132. Prize: $2.**

**Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night**

**Texas Two Step**

**AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:**

**20-24-29-33. Bonus ball 6.**

**Match 4 plus bonus ball: 0, $300,000**

**Match 4: 5, $2,515.**

**Match 3 plus bonus ball: 23, $67.**

**Match 3: 931: $22.**

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**Match bonus ball: 7,403, $5.**

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# Texas misses out on billions of money for food stamps

EL PASO (AP) — Retired mechanic Tommy Gonzalez didn't know where to turn when he fell so far behind on his finances that his house insurance lapsed. Then he learned he might be eligible for food stamps.

"I've been hearing about these places, but never in my life ... now we sure need it," said Gonzalez, 77, while filling out paperwork in a small El Paso office.

Before signing up this month — a move he says will save him so much money on groceries that he will be able to reinstate his insurance — Gonzalez was among the millions of Texans missing out on billions of dollars of federal food stamp money.

Many of those people, like Gonzalez, are simply unaware that recent rule changes have made it easier to get food stamps, according to state and private agencies.

It's a problem that puts a strain on local food banks and other organizations, said Celia Hagert, a senior policy analyst with the non-partisan, non-profit Center for Public Policy Priorities in Austin. And it leads to other social problems as well, she said.

"A lot of low-income families get into serious debt, lose their cars, don't tend to their medical needs," she said. "Malnutrition in children affects their ability to learn. ... It really can impact the entire state."

Food stamp benefits are paid with federal money from the U.S. Department of Agriculture but administered through the state and the federal government.

According to the Texas Department of Human Services, nearly 5.5 million people in Texas might have been eligible for food stamps in the 2003 fiscal year, which ended Aug. 31. Only about 1.9 million, or 34 percent, received food stamps, said department spokesman Kelvin Anderson.


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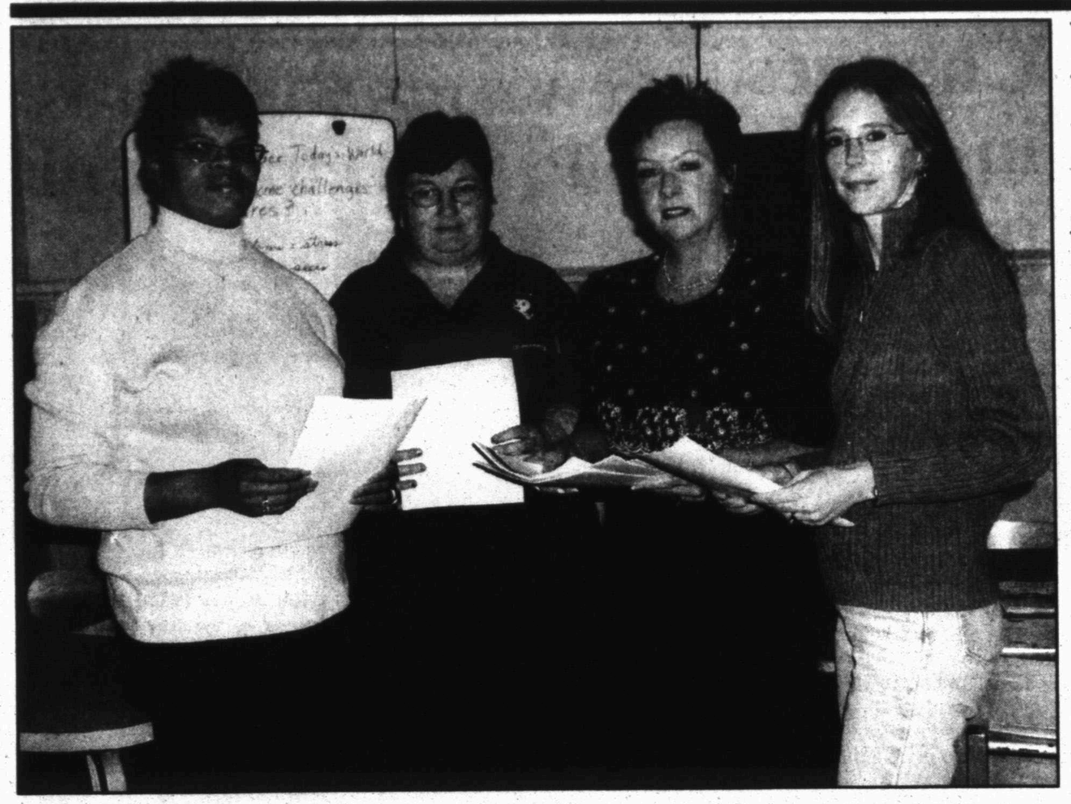

LOVE AND LOGIC — Central Elementary hosted a seminar for parents Thursday afternoon about the principles of the love and logic program. From left are Teena Cobb, Gail Gilliam, principal Pam Hart and Lea Wallace. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

# Parts manufacturer found negligent in fatal plane crash

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A jury found an airplane parts manufacturer negligent in the 2000 plane crash that killed Gov. Mel Carnahan and his son, and awarded their family $4 million.

The Carnahan family's attorney argued that a pair of vacuum pumps made by Parker Hannifin Corp. failed, causing the plane to crash. Killed were pilot Randy Carnahan, his father and Chris Sifford, a longtime aide to the governor.

The jury awarded compensatory damages of $3 million for Mel Carnahan and $1 million for Randy Carnahan. The jury did not award any punitive damages.

"Justice was served today," said Mel Carnahan's widow, Jean Carnahan. "My son was found not responsible for the death of my husband."

Attorneys for Parker Hannifin, based in Cleveland, argued that the vacuum pumps did not fail, and blamed the crash on the failure of the pilot's attitude indicator. The indicator tells a pilot whether the plane is banking and whether the nose is high or low. That failure, on a rainy night, caused Randy Carnahan to become disoriented, the company said.

The Carnahans' attorney, Gary Robb, had asked the jury to consider awarding the family $100 million.

Lorrie Paul Crum, spokeswoman for Parker Hannifin, said the company did not plan an appeal.

"It's clear to us that this was a compromise verdict," Crum said. "We came here not for money but to vindicate Parker's good name, and we feel that's been accomplished with this verdict."

The family has settled with several other defendants for a combined total of more than $1 million. Crum said the amount that Parker Hannifin has to pay the Carnahans will be reduced from $4 million by the amount the other companies have already paid. She estimated that would be between $2.6 million and $2.8 million.

Carnahan, a Democrat, was killed Oct. 16, 2000, en route to a campaign appearance during his race for the U.S. Senate seat then held by Republican John Ashcroft, now U.S. attorney general.

Carnahan remained on the ballot and posthumously won the election. His Senate seat was filled by Jean Carnahan until the 2002 election.

During the trial, Robb told jurors that federal investigators found that Parker Hannifin vacuum pumps failed in 20 other plane crashes, killing 46 people, between 1981 to 1998. He said the company knew the pumps could fail but continued to make them until shortly after the Carnahan crash.

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# Charleston, S.C. again named best-mannered city in nation

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — To gloat would be, perish the thought, impolite. But again Charleston tops the unofficial list of the best-mannered cities in the United States.

It's the tenth time, and the ninth year in a row, this city of pastel buildings and ocean breezes has taken or shared top honors since etiquette expert Marjabelle Young Stewart started compiling her annual list 27 years ago.

"I think it's because they got on top, my dear, and decided they were going to stay there," said Stewart, of Kewanee, Ill., and author of 17 etiquette books. "It isn't just Charleston. It's the people who make it so human and kind and loving."

Other cities come and go from the list, but the constant is Charleston, she said.

A number of Midwestern cities tied for second place this year: Springfield, Ill., Peoria, Ill., and the Quad Cities, which include Bettendorf and Davenport in Iowa and Moline and Rock Island in Illinois.

"They are all about the same size and have the same attitudes and their approaches are the same — they are very wholesome, friendly people," Stewart said.

Pensacola, Fla., was third, San Francisco was fourth, and the Omaha, Neb., and Council Bluffs, Iowa, area was fifth. Rounding out the list were Nashville, Tenn., New York, Seattle, Chicago and Los Angeles.

One of the keys to Charleston's friendliness may be its livability court, which handles quality-of-life complaints such as barking dogs, loud parties and trash in yards. The city has operated the court for the past two years.

However, Judge Michael Molony said Charlestonians tend to be so polite they are sometimes reticent to complain about their neighbors.

"I hear this a lot, somebody will say to me, 'I didn't want to confront my neighbor about this. I was embarrassed' or 'We get along fine but, boy this has been a problem for me,'" he said.

"I always try to make sure that when people leave they know they are always going to be neighbors," he added.

The city's sidewalks and small shops also may help make the city more polite because residents roam the streets and interact, Molony said.

"It's not like Atlanta or Charlotte where people are isolated in their cars and listening to their radios or talking on their cell phones," he said. "When people have human interaction ... it brightens your spirit a little bit and if I see a tourist standing on the corner of Church and Broad streets looking at a map, I might say 'May I help you?'"

Mayor Joseph P. Riley Jr. said the awards were simply "reflective of the good hearts that we find in our city's people."

## Lathem earns master's degree

Jennifer Kelly Lathem, a 1995 graduate of Snyder High School, received a master of education degree in adult education management and administration in the fall commencement ceremony on Dec. 19 at Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva, Okla.

Lathem made the president's list, maintaining a 4.00 grade point average.

Lathem holds a bachelor of arts degree in English from Oklahoma State University, where she made the dean's list and is a member of the OSU Alumni Association.

She received an associate of arts degree in English from Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa, Okla. where she is a lifetime member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society.

Lathem attended Western Texas College before transferring to NOC.

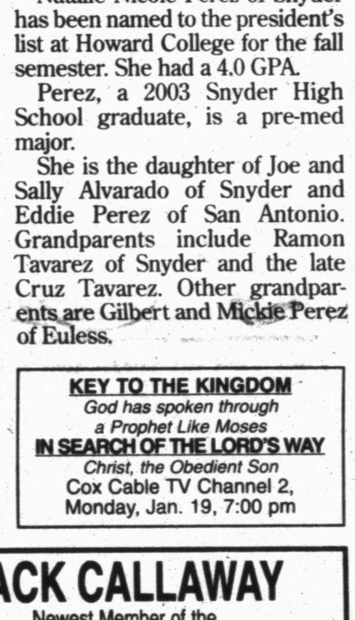
She resides in Ponca City, Okla. She is the daughter of Robert and Jacqueline Lathem of Ponca City, formerly of Dunn. She is the granddaughter of Elwanda Stewart of Dunn and the late James C. Stewart and the late Cecil and Lois Lathem.

## McClendon inducted into honor society

Kyle Ross McClendon was recently inducted into the Alpha Chi Honor Society at Angelo State University. The honor society chooses students who are ranked in the top 10 percent of juniors and seniors.

McClendon, a 2001 graduate of Snyder High School, is a senior majoring in kinesiology and biology.

His parents are Roy and Sheryl McClendon of Snyder. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gene McClendon of Pampa and Mr. and Mrs. James Ashby of Abilene.



Natalie Nicole Perez

## Perez on honor list

Natalie Nicole Perez of Snyder has been named to the president's list at Howard College for the fall semester. She had a 4.0 GPA.

Perez, a 2003 Snyder High School graduate, is a pre-med major.

She is the daughter of Joe and Sally Alvarado of Snyder and Eddie Perez of San Antonio. Grandparents include Ramon Tavarez of Snyder and the late Cruz Tavarez. Other grandparents are Gilbert and Mickie Perez of Euless.

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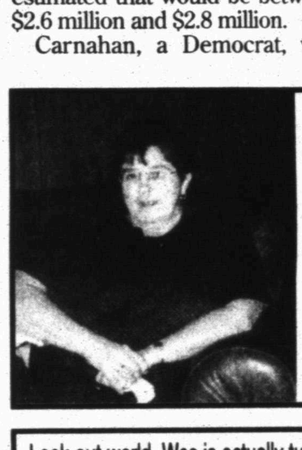

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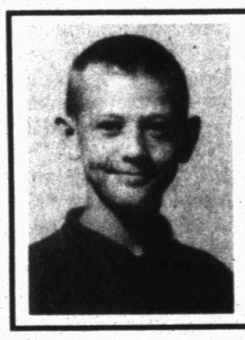

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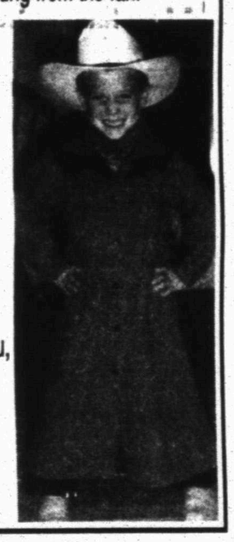
FIFTY IS NIFTY CLUB
Hope your firefighting experience has prepared you for the blast from all those candles on your cake!
Don't want to singe what hair you have left!!
HAPPY 50th BIRTHDAY!!
Love, Your Cousins

Look out world, Wes is actually turning sixteen.
I hope he knows what to do when the stoplights are red and green.
Remember when he leaped from his bunk bed and swung from the fan.
It is hard to believe that he is now almost a man.



We all remember his very first day of school.
He came home and proved to us, he was no fool.
I've been there and done that," was his reply.
"I'm not going back," said the little guy.

Happy birthday, Wes, may life bring you love and joy.
Cause you've sure made ours interesting old boy.
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# Snyder student is nominated for naval, military academies

U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm of Abilene announced that 18 students from the 17th District, including Barrett Munson of Snyder, have been selected as nominees to the United States Service Academies.

Munson, a senior at Snyder High School and the son of Robert and Tracy Munson, has been nominated to the West Point and the Naval Academy.

After filling out the application papers and providing three references, Munson said he received a letter around Christmas notifying him that he was nominated for two academies.

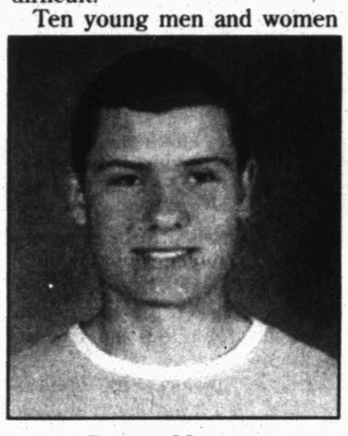
Munson said he is surprised and excited to be nominated.

He has participated in football and power lifting throughout high school. He added track this year. He is also a member of FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes.)

His freshman year, Munson was a member of the Technology Students Association.

"I am always so impressed by the high caliber of the candidates who apply to my office each year," Stenholm said.

"But it certainly makes a selection decision all the more difficult."



Barrett Munson

Ten young men and women were nominated for one appointment slot at the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado; seven for one slot at the Military Academy at West Point, New York; twelve for two slots at the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland; and one for one slot at the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York.

Other individuals, and the academies to which they have been nominated, are: William Harding of Graham, military and naval; Zachary Thompson of Granbury, Naval; Brent Birchum of Abilene, Naval; Hayes Edington of Coleman, military; Morgan Dudley of San Angelo, military and Naval; Stephen Theus of Mineral Wells, military; Jonathan Tomes of Bronte, Air Force and Merchant Marine; William Davis of San Angelo, Air Force and military.

Others are Cody Crawford of Granbury, Air Force and Naval; Trista Burton of Bryson, Air Force and Naval; Jeffrey Beene of Abilene, Air Force and military; Nathan Glandon of Abilene, Air Force and Naval; Sean Scribner of San Angelo, Air Force and Naval; Michael Fariss of Abilene, Air Force; Joseph Ellis of Brookesmith, Air Force and Naval; Drew Powers of Clyde, Air Force and Naval; and Kyle Gunn of Post, Naval.

The nominees will now be contacted by the academies and provided with additional information and instructions, and they will be scheduled for medical and physical examinations.

Final appointment decisions are made by the academies, and the academies will make appointment announcements by late spring.

# Changes in labels proposed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The food industry offered Friday to develop a voluntary meat, fish and produce labeling system to inform shoppers where food came from, trying to persuade Congress to scrap a government-imposed country-of-origin labeling requirement.

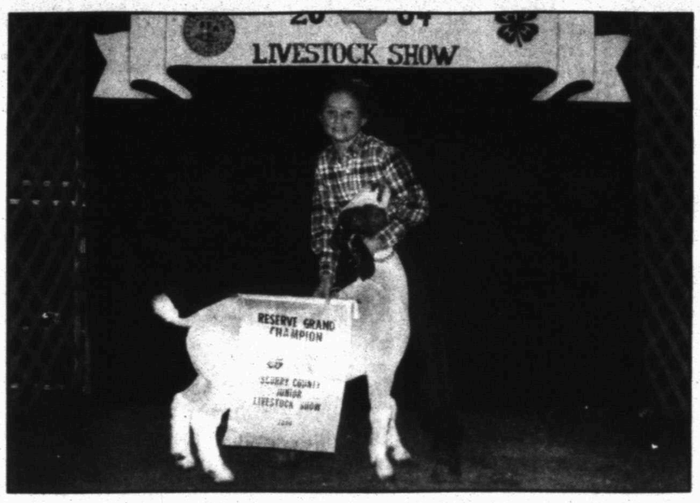
"There is widespread agreement that the mandatory program is too costly and unworkable in the real world," said Tom Stenzel, president of the United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Association.

The labeling issue has caught renewed interest in Congress with the discovery last month that a Holstein in Washington state had tested positive for mad cow disease. After the discovery, officials had difficulty determining where the cow came from but eventually found that it was born in Canada.

But a 2002 law taking effect next fall, which requires labels on meat, seafood, vegetables and fruit specifying countries of origin, has been opposed by the industry as too cumbersome and expensive.

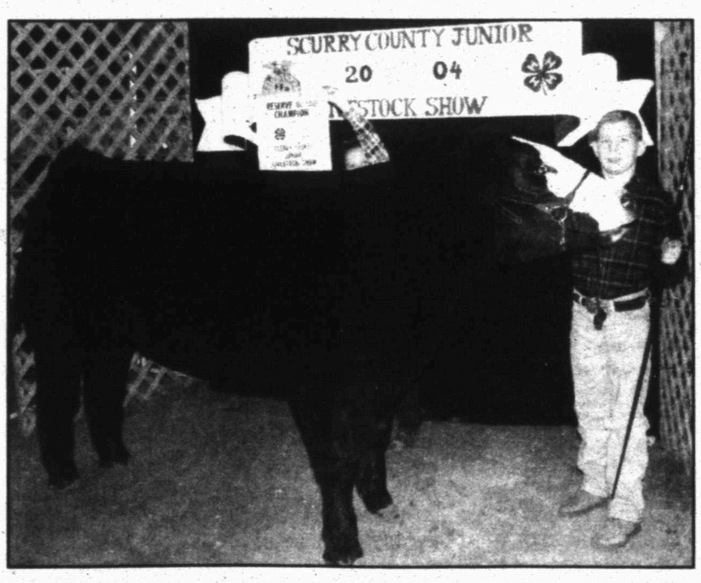
At first the Agriculture Department estimated the requirement would cost $1.9 billion in the first year but later raised that to $3.9 billion. Industry representatives said the cost would be $10 billion over the first 10 years.

PRIME PIG — K'Ana Garcia, 12, a member of Hermleigh FFA, took reserve grand championship honors for her hog in the Scurry County Junior Livestock Show. K'Ana is the daughter of Lena Hodges and Mark Garcia of Snyder. Pictured with K'Ana is Joe Campbell, Hermleigh FFA advisor. (SDN Staff Photo)




RESERVE CHAMPION GOAT — Laramie Gilbert took home reserve championship honors for her goat at the Scurry County Junior Livestock Show. Laramie is the daughter of Jeff and La Chana Gilbert of Ira. (SDN Staff Photo)

LIVELY LAMB — Reserve grand championship honors went to Kaci Waller, 14, a member of Ira FFA. Kaci is the daughter of Jay and Karen Waller. Pictured with Kaci is her father, Jay. (SDN Staff Photo)




TOP HONOR — Chase Peterson, 13, took home reserve grand championship honors for his steer at the Scurry County Junior Livestock Show. Chase is the son of Brian and Evette Peterson. Shown with Chase is Laramie Gilbert. (SDN Staff Photo)

# Craddick's meeting with pope criticized

AUSTIN (AP) — House Speaker Tom Craddick and his family had a private audience with Pope John Paul II earlier this week in a visit criticized by a Texas watchdog group because of connections to an Austin lobbyist and a Houston attorney representing a company fighting asbestos lawsuits in the state.

The Dallas Morning News reported Friday night that Craddick was accompanied by lobbyist Bill Miller and attorney Frank Harmon.

Miller told the newspaper that the trip was the result of discussions between him and the lawyer, whom he would not identify, when they worked for Crown Cork & Seal Inc. of Philadelphia, a maker of beverage containers. The newspaper said two other sources confirmed that Harmon was the lawyer that Miller declined to identify.

Volunteer church business took the lawyer to the Vatican for several weeks each winter and Miller said the lawyer could arrange a special tour there.

Craddick's spokesman said the visit was a private trip and was paid for by the Craddicks with no bearing on the speaker's official duties.

"The Craddicks are devout Catholics, so I can only imagine how excited he must have been to be able to get in to see the pope," spokesman Bob Richter told the newspaper.

Tom "Smitty" Smith, director of the Austin office of Public Citizen, said the excitement underscored the intangible value of the visit. He said Craddick should have avoided the visit.

"For many Catholics, meeting the pope is one of the most profound experiences of their lives," he said. "And you owe a huge debt to those who arrange that meeting. For a lobbyist, it will ensure that there is a long-term debt that will be repaid in many subtle ways by the speaker."

Smith said the Vatican trip should bolster Miller's reputation as a lobbyist.

The group's private audience with the pope occurred on Tuesday.

# Eight indicted in fraternity hazing event

DALLAS (AP) — Eight men were indicted on felony assault charges in connection with a fraternity-related hazing incident that seriously injured a Southern Methodist University student.

Dallas County District Attorney Bill Hill said prosecutors chose to pursue the felony charges rather than misdemeanor hazing charges because of the seriousness of the allegations and the injuries the victim suffered.

Filmon Berhe, Eric Bowie, Jason Harkey, Onyekachi Ibekwe, Uche Kalu, Raymond Lee III, Brandon Perry and Cornelius Smith Jr. face two to 20 years in prison if convicted of the second-degree felony aggravated assault charges. They were indicted on Friday.

Braylon Curry, a pledge with Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, went into a coma in November after being forced to consume large amounts of water. At times, he and another pledge were physically struck and mentally harassed, police said.

Curry spent a week in the hospital, much of the time unconscious and on a ventilator. He remained in critical condition for two days before starting to recover. He was released from the hospital Nov. 23.

"Somebody has to get these young men's attention that they can't do that and that they'll be prosecuted if they do," Hill told The Dallas Morning News.

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# Financial Focus

**How Should You Get Income From Investments?**

You can invest for at least two key reasons: growth and income. If you're looking for growth, you'll need to invest in stocks that have the potential for capital appreciation. But if you also want to get income from your investments, you've got some choices to make.

You can, of course, invest in fixed-income vehicles, such as bonds. Bonds typically pay regular interest payments, and, as long as the bond is held until maturity, the principal amount is returned, provided the issuer doesn't default — a risk you can greatly reduce by purchasing only those bonds that have received the highest grades from independent rating agencies.

However, you can also get income by investing in stocks that have a history of paying dividends — and now, since the tax rate on dividends has been cut, these investments may look even more attractive.

In the short term, most common stocks will typically offer lower income than bonds or CDs. But many high-quality stocks have consistently increase their annual dividends — which means you have the potential for rising income.

That's not to say you should abandon your bonds in favor of dividend-paying stocks. No matter how high the quality of the stocks, they will still carry more investment risk — at least in terms of potential loss of principal - than high-quality bonds. So, when you're investing for income, you will likely want to choose the mix of dividend-paying stocks and bonds that best fits your individual risk tolerance and long-term goals.

**Income strategies during retirement** You'll always need to know how to get income from your investments. But it's particularly important to make the right choices during your retirement years. At this time of your life, you'll need to look beyond the issue of bonds vs. stocks to a new dimension: Which sources of retirement income should you tap first?

To answer this question, you'll have to take stock on where your retirement income is coming from. You can probably anticipate drawing from three main sources: tax-deferred accounts (such as your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored plan); taxable savings and investments; and Social Security.

The exact formula you choose for getting income from these three separate pools will depend on your individual needs and circumstances. However, it may be a good idea to spend down your taxable savings before you touch your tax-deferred plans. By following this strategy, you can keep these account earning potentially growing on a tax-deferred basis until you must start taking withdrawals at age 70½.

**How about Social Security?**

When should you start taking these payments? Again, there's no one right answer for everyone; you'll have to weigh a variety of factors, including your other sources of income, your age at retirement and your expected life span. Keep in mind that, although you can start taking Social Security at age 62, your monthly checks will be larger if you wait until your full retirement age, which can be anywhere from 65 to 67. For every year past your normal retirement age that you delay collecting benefits, you'll get "bonus" payments, which can be substantial. Once you reach 70, you'll have earned the largest monthly payment you're going to get.

Your financial professional can help you determine the appropriate strategies for drawing on your investment income and retirement plans. Maintaining a sufficient level of income is obviously essential to your financial well being — so you'll want to make all the right moves.

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# Bush names judge from Mississippi to appeals court

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sidestepping a two-year congressional battle, President Bush is promoting federal Judge Charles Pickering of Mississippi to an appeals court, at least temporarily, in a slap at filibustering Senate Democrats who question the nominee's civil rights record.

Bush elevated Pickering on Friday from the U.S. District Court to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans under authority granted him when Congress is in recess. Such appointments, which need no Senate confirmation, are valid until the next Congress takes office, in this case in January 2005.

The move probably will re-ignite and intensify in this election year the battle between Republicans and Democrats over the make-up of the federal judiciary.

Bush took a shot at Senate Democrats in his announcement Friday, saying Pickering "will perform a valuable service on a court that needs more judges to do its work with the efficiency the American people deserve and expect."

"Again, I call on the Senate to stop playing politics with the American judicial system and to give my nominees the up-or-down votes they deserve," he said.

Democrats used the appointment to try and paint Bush as insensitive to minorities, a theme they are expected to revisit during the election campaign.

"The president's recess appointment of this anti-civil rights judge the day after laying a wreath on the grave of Martin Luther King is an insult to Dr. King, an insult to every African-American, and an insult to all Americans who share Dr. King's great goals," said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass. "It serves only to emphasize again this administration's shameful opposition to civil rights."

# U.S. says part of Microsoft deal not working as hoped

WASHINGTON (AP) — One of the most important provisions of the antitrust settlement negotiated with Microsoft Corp. is falling short of the federal government's hopes that it would energize rivals of the world's largest software maker, the Justice Department acknowledged Friday.

U.S. antitrust lawyers told the trial judge they are increasingly uneasy that efforts to persuade competitors to license Microsoft's Windows technology for their own software products "are not likely to spur the emergence in the marketplace of broad competitors to the Windows desktop."

The landmark antitrust settlement compels Microsoft to offer its technology to competitors to build products that seamlessly communicate with computers running Windows software. When the settlement was negotiated, the judge and government lawyers described that requirement as among its most significant provisions toward restoring competition in the technology industry.

Government lawyers told U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly in court papers that Microsoft's licensing agreements have turned out too complex and potentially too expensive for competitors.

The Justice Department said Microsoft has agreed to change the agreements. But even after changes are made, government lawyers warned, Microsoft "cannot foresee with confidence that the improvements will be sufficient and remove the need for further changes."

Microsoft said it will lower prices and make agreements as attractive as possible for its business rivals, but it argued that it shouldn't be held responsible if competitors choose not to use its Windows technology for their products.

Unsatisfied that the license offers were effective enough, the trial judge urged government lawyers in October to investigate why only nine companies had paid Microsoft for licenses. The government said Friday that number has climbed to 11, and Microsoft said it was negotiating with 20 more.

Lawyers from all sides were expected to meet next week with the judge to broadly describe the company's efforts to abide by terms of the settlement.

# Hubble first casualty of Bush space plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — NASA is canceling all space shuttle servicing missions to the Hubble Space Telescope, a decision that, in effect, will cause the powerful observatory to slowly degrade and eventually become useless, officials said Friday.

John Grunsfeld, NASA's chief scientist, said NASA administrator Sean O'Keefe made the decision to cancel the fifth space shuttle service mission to the Hubble when it became clear there was not enough time to conduct it before the shuttle is retired. The servicing mission was considered essential to enable the orbiting telescope to continue to operate.

"This is a sad day," said Grunsfeld, but he said the decision "is the best thing for the space community."

He said the decision was influenced by President Bush's new space initiative, which calls for NASA to start developing the spacecraft and equipment for voyages to the moon and later to Mars. The president's plan also called for the space shuttle to be retired by 2010. Virtually all of the shuttle's remaining flights would be used to complete construction of the International Space Station.

The shuttle has been grounded since the explosion of the Columbia nearly a year ago.

Grunsfeld said Bush "directed us to use this precious resource" (the shuttle) toward completing the International Space Station and fulfilling U.S. obligations to the 15 partner nations.

Without servicing missions, he said, the Hubble should continue operating until 2007 or 2008, "as long as we can."

The Hubble has revolutionized astronomy. Using images from the craft, scientists have determined the age of the universe, about 13.7 billion years, and discovered that a mysterious energy, called the dark force, is causing all of the objects in the universe to move apart at an accelerating rate. This force is still poorly understood.

The observatory has ailing gyroscopes which were to be replaced on the servicing mission, which already has been delayed by the Columbia accident. Grunsfeld said the Hubble has three good gyros and one that is not working well. Software was being developed to work with only two gyroscopes, he said, but the telescope will not have the same capabilities.

Servicing missions are required to the Hubble every few years to tune up the complex craft and to replace worn-out parts. Four times previously spacewalking astronauts have installed new parts or upgraded the observatory with new instruments.

The first servicing mission, in 1993, was required to install optics that corrected a flaw in the observatory's basic mirror.

The Hubble, the first of NASA's orbiting observatories, was launched in 1990 with the promise that it would see farther out in space than any previous telescope. But scientists quickly learned that its main mirror was, in effect, nearsighted due to a flaw in manufacturing of the basic mirror.

## Senior Center News

The Texas Silver Haired Legislature Election will be in May. The senior citizens elected to this legislature serve the senior population by working with the Texas Legislature to make laws to benefit the 60 and older population.

Those interested in being a candidate must be at least 60 years of age on Jan. 1 and live in one of the 19 counties of West Central Texas.

Candidates must submit the fully completed Candidate Information Form, an Official Candidate Petition, and the $5 filing fee to Gail Kaiser at the West Central Texas Area Agency on Aging, 1025 E.N. 10th Street, Abilene, Texas 79601 by close of business on Friday, Feb. 27.

Signers of the petition must be 60 years of age, include their voter registration number, and reside within the region served by the West Central Texas Area Agency on Aging.

These representatives do not receive any financial support from the Area Agency on Aging, Texas Department of Aging, or others. This is an expensive obligation due to travel to Austin for orientation, session, post-session conference and any other activities to advocate for West Central Texas Seniors. They do serve on the West Central Texas Area Agency on Aging Citizens Advisory Council, and those living outside of Abilene are reimbursed for their travel to those quarterly meetings.

We would like to have someone from our community file as a candidate so that our senior citizens could be well represented. The forms and more information are available at the Scurry County Senior Center at 2603 Avenue M. Ask for Carla Thompson.

Swimnastics for senior citizens will begin in the physical education building at Western Texas College. The class will meet Tuesday and Thursdays from 10-11 a.m. All seniors are encouraged to participate. The class and parking are free. The class is lead by a volunteer with a lifeguard on duty.

We ask that every citizen be aware of new retirees in our community. The Senior Center is an organization for citizens who need assistance or those who want to serve others. Visit our facility at 2603 Avenue M or call 573-4035 for more information.

**MONDAY**

Join us for party bridge beginning at 9:30 a.m. and continuing throughout the morning. Seniors may participate in Skip-Bo at 10 a.m. Dominoes, pool, and quilting are always available Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.– 5 p.m. The AARP will meet at noon for the meal and business.

**TUESDAY**

Seniors may play eighty/eighty-eight at 10 a.m. Don't forget swimnastics at the college. The Aubrey Wilson Country Western Band will entertain in the dining room from 11 a.m.-noon. The Booster Club will meet at noon in the conference room. All senior citizens are welcome to join them.

**WEDNESDAY**

Ladies Pool begins at 9 a.m. Skip-Bo is scheduled for 10 a.m. and Pinochle at 1 p.m. Newcomers are encouraged to participate in all activities.

**THURSDAY**

Fabric painting begins at 9 a.m. and continues to 11:30 a.m. A volunteer is available to instruct newcomers in this craft. The Sunshine Choir will practice in the dining room from 10-11. Enjoy the low impact swimnastics class at Western Texas College.

**FRIDAY**

Beginning at 9:30 a.m. seniors may have their blood pressure read and enjoy bridge or eighty/eighty-eight.

## Senior Menu

**MONDAY**
Boneless BBQ Ribs
Potato Salad
Pinto Beans
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Sugar Cookie

**TUESDAY**
Chicken Spoonbread W/Giblet Gravy
Golden Carrots
Savory Peas
Pistachio Salad
Chocolate Cake

**WEDNESDAY**
Hamburger Steak wrapped in Bacon
Baked Potato
Steamed Broccoli w/Cheese
Carrot Raisin Salad
Fruited Gelatin Chiffon

**THURSDAY**
Lasagna
Spinach
Whole Kernel Corn
Tossed Salad
Bread Pudding

**FRIDAY**
Fried Fish
Parslied Potatoes
Green Bean Casserole
Macaroni Salad
White Cake w/Strawberries

## Hermleigh

Hermleigh students named to the A Honor Roll for the fall semester are as follows:

**Second grade:** Aaron Williamson, Tyler Nachlinger, Kaylee Hernandez, Carolyn Berry and Betty Sanchez.

**Third grade:** Rita Coronado, Aaron Lane and Karsten Morrell.

**Fourth grade:** Delinda Dacus.

**Fifth grade:** Jacob Nachlinger.

**Sixth grade:** Taylor Beaty, Dustin Dacus and Jaron Perry.

**Ninth grade:** Alicia Culp, Michael Barrera and Brittany Kelley.

**Tenth grade:** Samantha Berry, Alana Culp and Johnathon McClure.

**Eleventh grade:** Shae Rinehart, Shane Berry and Justin Kelley.

**Twelfth grade:** Joakim Lundvick, Christy Garcia and Krystal Beasley.

Hermleigh students on the A-B Honor Roll for the fall semester are as follows:

**Second grade:** Charlesa Jones, Nathan Mayo, Trey Ford, Andrew Pace, Johnathan Nixon and Walker Barrett.

**Third grade:** Matthew Jones, Jacob Beaty, Kendall Benitez, Felix Martinez, Barney Ramirez, Spencer Williams, Ethan Head, Larissa Nachlinger and Ricky Williams.

**Fourth grade:** Catie Anderson, Carly Gill, Aaron Jernigan, Susan Lee, Randi Sanchez and Garrett Gray.

**Fifth grade:** Samantha Coronado, Kelton Garcia and Duncan Sorrells.

**Sixth grade:** Ricky Garcia, Caroline Granados, Melanie Karianinen, Brailee Sanchez, Fatima Padilla and Shaye Williams.

**Seventh grade:** Marissa Davis, Maria Padilla and Casey Williamson.

**Eighth grade:** Brett McClure.

**Ninth grade:** Isidro Padilla, Steven Hembree, Megan Kariainen.

**Tenth grade:** Danni Webb, Robert Anderson and Gabrielle Ivey.

**Eleventh grade:** Jose Granados.

**Twelfth grade:** Justin Williamson, Valerie West and Dustin Williamson.

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# SPORTS

# Poised Lady Tigers dispatch Sweetwater

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

SWEETWATER — The Lady Tigers faced another challenge Friday in Mustang Gym, and shrugged it off like they have every other one this season.

Playing inspired and high-energy basketball, the Lady Tigers (20-2, 3-0) showed composure that belied their young ages in a 48-41 victory over Sweetwater (20-3, 2-1), winning their 18th consecutive game in the process.

After holding a like-minded Lady Mustangs squad at bay for the first half, the Lady Tigers used an 11-0 run in the third quarter to build what turned out to be an insurmountable 13-point lead heading into the final period.

"It turned out just like I thought it would," Snyder head coach Mike Martin said. "We stepped up in a big game."

The first quarter was a low-scoring affair, as both teams played solid defense early on.

The team showed early that the free-throw woes that have plagued the team this season would not be a factor in this one.

Sarah Henson grabbed a tough rebound and put it back, drawing the foul and hitting the free shot to commence the scoring for the Lady Tigers.

Terann Ragland and Sirena Medrano then each hit both free throws to give Snyder a 7-1 advantage out of the chute.

The team shot 73 percent from the charity stripe.

Snyder led 17-14 at halftime, before Ragland made her presence felt in the second half.

Ragland scored the first seven points for the Lady Tigers to open the third period and start the big run, and disrupted the Sweetwater ball-handlers on the other end of the floor.

She finished with a game-high 21 points.

Erin Burleson also took charge in the third quarter, scoring eight points and pulling down a critical rebound in traffic that kept the Snyder scoring run alive.

After Ragland opened the fourth quarter with a rebound and a coast-to-coast lay-up, the Lady Tigers held a 15-point edge before Sweetwater responded to close the gap to seven, but could muster no more in the waning moments.

Burleson finished with 12 points, Medrano hit for eight and Jordan Stansell and Sarah Henson posted four and three points, respectively.

As impressive as their play was, the poise of the Lady Tigers — who had two freshmen and two sophomores on the court for the bulk of the game — was even more compelling.

The Lady Tigers stayed calm in the face of a tough district opponent in a hostile environment in the first road game of the district schedule.

Sophomore Teddi Crenwelge said the game was taxing mentally and physically.

"It was a very intense game," she said. "Both teams played very physical. It's very satisfying, because this is what we wanted from the beginning."

Burleson said the team was ready in every aspect.

"It was a big win — they are a very good ball club," she said. "It was a total team effort. One of the reasons we won is because we worked together. And Coach Martin had us prepared."

Martin expected the maturity his team displayed, stating that he didn't need to give this team an emotional pre-game speech for what, so far, was the biggest game of the season for Snyder.

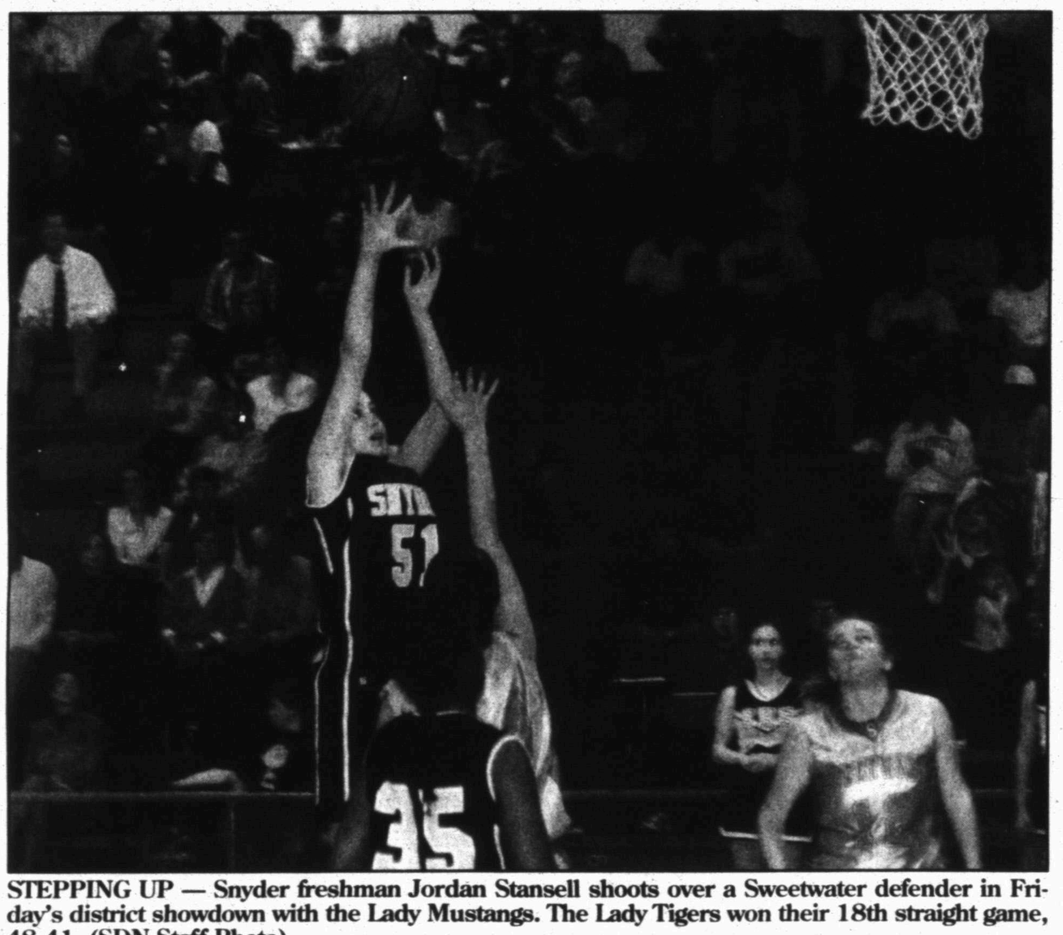
"We don't talk about it, we just go prepare for each game," he said. "These girls understand the situation."

The JV girls stopped Sweetwater, 50-34, while the freshmen used a 16-point third quarter to top the freshmen Lady Mustangs. Desiree Cortez collected 13 points, Candace Chandler added eight, while Kaitlyn Greenlee hit for seven.

Brianna Bernal added four.

The Lady Tigers will put their winning streak on the line at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday against Merkel, which fell to 0-3 in district after a 52-30 loss to Denver City Friday.

In the other 3-3A game, Lamesa improved to 2-1 with a 48-40 victory over Seminole, which remained winless in district.



STEPPING UP — Snyder freshman Jordan Stansell shoots over a Sweetwater defender in Friday's district showdown with the Lady Mustangs. The Lady Tigers won their 18th straight game, 48-41. (SDN Staff Photo)

# Ira girls get first district win

KLONDIKE — The Ira Lady Bulldogs got their first district victory of the season and a big boost of confidence Friday, edging Klondike, 51-47.

Lindsey Wilson had 18 points and Amanda Calley hit four three-pointers in collecting 14 points.

Ira (7-10, 1-2) scored 14 points in each of the first two quarters to take a 28-21 lead at halftime.

"The girls played really well," head coach Brent Parr said. "I'm extremely pleased. To get that first win on the road is important. They are pretty excited right now."

Parr said the difference was the execution, as Ira worked all week on controlling the tempo of the game.

"We wanted to play at our pace, and we did a really good job of executing, especially early and late," he said.

Kelbi Pitner added 10 points for the Lady Bulldogs, while Kate Wall, Shae Allen and Whitney Payne contributed three points each.

The Lady Bulldogs will travel to Sands Tuesday. Sands fell to Grady, 53-35 Friday.

**Ira 70, Klondike 44**

The Bulldogs evened their overall record to 7-7, and improved to 2-1 in district after blasting host Klondike, 70-44.

The Bulldogs held an 18-5 advantage after one quarter, and led 32-11 at halftime.

Jake Barnes led all scorers with 18, while teammate Jess Wall knocked in 17.

Wes Kellner produced 15 points for the Bulldogs.

"We played very well," Bulldog head coach Randy Jones said. "I was pleased with the execution in the first half — we played good defense and shot well.

"We continued to push the ball up-court and work the offense," said Jones.

Ira also travels to Sands for an 8 p.m. showdown with the Mustangs.

# Breakdowns cost Tigers

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

SWEETWATER — The problems that have haunted the Tigers all season reared up again Friday.

Snyder (8-14, 0-1) dropped its district opener to Sweetwater, going scoreless for the first 6:24 minutes en route to 48-28 loss.

"We weren't ready to play, and that's my fault," Snyder head coach Bud Birks said. "We didn't do any of the things we talked about all week or all month."

Birks said the Tigers regressed in virtually every aspect of the game.

"They beat us down the court, they beat us on penetration and took us off the dribble. I thought we were impatient and that we panicked," he said.

Sweetwater (11-6, 1-0) jumped out to a 12-0 lead before Brock Tyrrell hit a free throw with 1:26 remaining in the first quarter. Austin Hatfield connected just before time expired to give the Tigers just three points in the first eight minutes.

The Snyder offense did not fare much better in the second period, scoring just six to trail 23-9 at the break.

The Tigers narrowed the gap to 33-20 early in the fourth, until a frustrating series thwarted any thoughts of a comeback.

Sweetwater's Seth Hatley connected on a short baseline jumper after a series of wild shots and offensive rebounds by Giles Montgomery.

Montgomery banged five shots off the glass, only to come down with his own rebound each time, before Hatley took the final one and put it in.

Montgomery led all players with 13 points, and Hatley added 12 for Sweetwater.

"Defensively, we have to block out — it's something we work on every day," Birks said.

Lee Scott led Snyder with nine points, collecting them all on threes from long range.

Austin Hatfield had six, Israel Sosa posted four, while Lico Castillo and Tucker Early had three apiece.

Sosa said the team needed to forget the game and get ready for Merkel Tuesday.

"We were not doing what we've been practicing," he said. "We have to come out (Saturday), practice good and get over this one and move on to the next game and try to get a win."

Snyder and Merkel are slated to get underway at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Tiger Gym.

In other district games Friday, Merkel topped Denver City, 55-42, and Seminole handled Lamesa, 68-58.

# Wie misses cut at Sony by one stroke

HONOLULU (AP) — Michelle Wie thought she made the cut at the Sony Open, only she sure didn't behave that way.

Even for a 14-year-old girl on the PGA Tour.

There were no cartwheels. No fist pumps. She didn't sprint around the green giving high-fives to the huge gallery that followed her Friday. All she did was smile, as if Wie expected this kind of performance all along.

Only when she walked into the scoring trailer did she realize that her 2-under 68 — which included two birdies on her final three holes at Waialae Country Club — was one shot short of playing on the weekend.

The scoring official told her the cut was at 1-under 139.

"I added 70 and 70 together and it equaled 140. And I was like, 'Oh, no. This is NOT happening,'" she said.

Everyone else must have wondered the same thing: How did this happen?

Sure, Wie is a 6-footer with a graceful, powerful swing. But she's only 14, in the ninth grade at nearby Punahou School. She wears a retainer and doesn't even have her driver's license.

The PGA Tour has no records of anyone younger than Wie at one of its tournaments — male or female.

But after two rounds at Waialae, her even-par 140 was the same score as Kenny Perry, Darren Clarke, British Open champion Ben Curtis.

# Vasquez qualifies for Olympic Trials

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Snyder boxer Anthony Vasquez advanced to the championship bout at the Everlast U.S. Championships in Colorado Springs, qualifying for the Olympic Trials in February.

Anthony Vasquez

Vasquez beat Vicente Escobedo of Woodland, Calif. — the top-ranked 132-pounder in the championships — by decision Friday, setting up a showdown with David Rodela of Oxnard, Calif. Saturday in the title bout.

The top two in each weight class at the championships automatically qualify for the Western Olympic Trials Feb. 3-7 in Bakersfield, Calif.

"It was pretty tough fight," Vasquez said from the U.S. Olympic Training Center Saturday morning. "I basically outsmarted him. His game plan was to try and box me, and I kept my hands up and defended it."

Vasquez said he did not know much about his championship opponent.

"He's not better than the guy I just fought," he said.

Vasquez and Rodela were slated to fight at 6 p.m. Saturday.

## Sports Briefs

### Baseball/softball booster clubs

The SHS baseball and softball booster clubs will meet at 6 p.m. Monday in the film room.

### Selig selling Brewers

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The Brewers will start the process of selling the team, which has been controlled by Bud Selig and his family since it moved to Milwaukee in 1970.

Selig ran the Brewers until 1998, when he was voted baseball commissioner after six years of holding the job on an interim basis. Since then, his shares have been in a trust that put the team in control of his daughter, Wendy Selig-Prieb.

### Cubs give Wood one-year deal

CHICAGO (AP) — Kerry Wood agreed to a $9.75 million, one-year contract with the Chicago Cubs, who hope to work out a multiyear deal.

Wood is the cornerstone of Chicago's young pitching staff, one of the best in the majors. He was 14-11 with a 3.20 ERA last season and led the majors with 266 strikeouts.

### Tennessee coach reported Alabama infractions

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer secretly provided damaging information about Alabama to the NCAA, according to a lawyer for two former Crimson Tide football coaches suing the organization.

Court documents show Fulmer twice called NCAA staffer Rich Johanningmeier, who was probing alleged wrongdoing at Alabama in 2000, and gave him information implicating the Tide in rules violations, according to attorney Tommy Gallion.

Gallion, a Montgomery lawyer who represents former Alabama assistants Ronnie Cottrell and Ivy Williams, contends the NCAA ignored violations at Tennessee in exchange for Fulmer's help in the case against Alabama.

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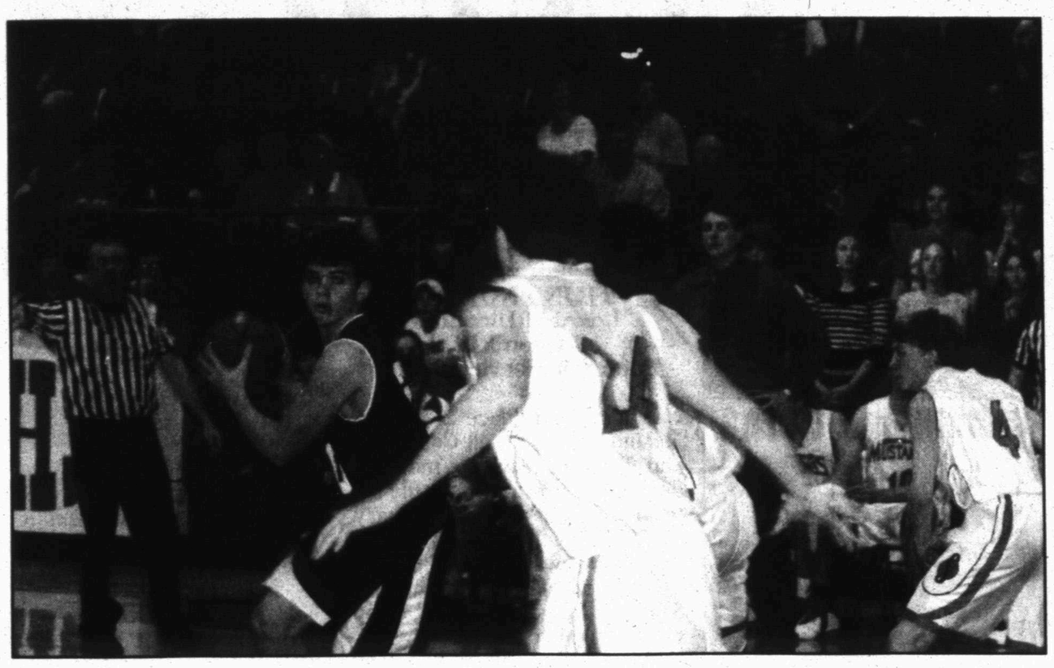

TRAPPED — Snyder's Austin Hatfield looks for someone to dish the ball to during Snyder's district opener at Sweetwater. The Tigers struggled in every area in the 48-28 defeat. (SDN Staff Photo)

## McNabb looking to stay upright against Panthers

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Eight times, Donovan McNabb went down against the Green Bay Packers. Another such sackfest could mean yet another NFC championship game flop for the Philadelphia Eagles.

One week after the Eagles overcame their inability to protect McNabb, they face one of the league's top defensive lines on the Carolina Panthers. If All-Pro tackle Kris Jenkins and dangerous ends Mike Rucker, Julius Peppers and Al Wallace make a strong impact Sunday, the Eagles might be watching the Super Bowl from home again.

"It could have been either, just not picking up the guys as many times as we needed to, or me holding the ball," McNabb said Friday. "We went over that.

"I think what we need to do this week is if there is nothing there, we need to take full advantage. We need to pick up as many yards as I can, throw the ball out of bounds, or go onto the next play, whatever it may be."

What if it's a whole bunch of trips to the turf under onrushing Panthers?

"I can take the eight sacks every week if we are going to win the game," McNabb said with a wry smile.

Although neither team had a dominant defense this season and wasn't overwhelming in getting to the quarterback, Carolina's line ranked second in sacks to Miami. Of the Panthers' 40 sacks, the line had 32½, led by Rucker with 12 in 14 games.

Against Dallas in a 29-10 romp in the wild-card round, the Panthers trapped Quincy Carter three times and hurried him 19 times. Last weekend, in their double-overtime 29-23 victory at St. Louis, there were two sacks and the Panthers hurried Marc Bulger into three interceptions.

"So much is said about their defensive line," Eagles coach Andy Reid said, "and it's all true. They are as good as any in the NFL."

And they'll have to be to carry Carolina (13-5) to its first Super Bowl.

With the way McNabb rallied the Eagles (13-4) against Green Bay, rushing for 107 yards and throwing for two touchdowns, it's critical for Carolina to keep him from dominating the title game.

The best way to do that is with an unrelenting pass rush and solid stay-at-home play by DT Brentson Buckner and Jenkins when McNabb opts to run.

"He is real good when a blitz is coming," middle linebacker Dan Morgan said. "If you don't stay in your rushing lanes, he'll break the pocket and be running. I think he ran for about 30, 35 yards last week on one play.

"We have an athletic defensive line with 'Ruck' and Peppers at the edge and Jenkins and Buckner. They are all athletic guys that can move and run and stay with him."

Which they must do, because McNabb's creativity is Philadelphia's best offensive weapon.

"Green Bay got eight sacks, but he hurt them with his legs," Peppers noted. "We've got to do the normal things on the rush. You've got to attack, instead of waiting for him to decide what he wants to do. You can't do that."

Philadelphia allowed 43 sacks in 2003, and the Packers exposed some weaknesses the Panthers hope to exploit Sunday. Remember, had Green Bay's coaching staff not turned so conservative late in the game, those sacks would have been the difference in a Packers' victory.

Tackles Tra Thomas and Jon Runyan face even more formidable foes this week in Rucker and Peppers and Wallace in reserve.

## Belichick cooking up plan to stop red-hot Manning, Colts

BOSTON (AP) — Bill Belichick had just wrapped up the regular season with the NFL's best record and turned his single-minded sights to the playoffs when he was hit with a question that, for once, caught him off-guard.

"Do you have any New Year's resolutions?" he was asked, 36 hours before the end of 2003.

"We still have a couple of days on that, right?" the New England Patriots coach told chuckling reporters before gathering his thoughts and breaking them up with: "Probably the same as last year, to be as helpful as I possibly can to the media."

It's hard to tell which was more comical: The idea that Belichick would extend himself for the press, or the notion that he had interrupted his fanatical game-planning to think about something that might not have to do with football.

"His preparation is second to none," Patriots quarterback Tom Brady said Friday. "Sometimes we come in on Wednesday morning to get the game plan and it doesn't even look like our playbook. We say, 'OK, we've got a whole bunch of new things to learn.'"

Belichick's scheming could face its biggest test of the season Sunday when Peyton Manning brings the Indianapolis Colts to Foxboro for the AFC Championship game. Manning has played two virtually perfect playoff games, and his ability to read and counter defenses is a big reason why.

Colts coach Tony Dungy trusts Manning to call the plays at the line of scrimmage, or change the play when he gets there. Of course, sometimes Manning is just pretending to change the play when he makes a series of audibles that are nothing but a decoy.

"You can only disguise them so long," New England defensive end Willie McGinest said. "He is going to call what he is going to call anyway. The thing is, whatever is called, whatever he runs, you just have to stop it. You can't play the chess match. You can't play the guessing game with him. You have to believe in your defense and your system."

That's where Belichick comes in.

Although he has softened some since his days in Cleveland, when he was known to show up in public disheveled and irritable, Belichick is still unlikely to allow anything to catch him unprepared. Players say Belichick weeds through the hours of game tape on an opponent so they can focus on the few things that could decide the game.

"He breaks it down simply," Brady said. "He says, 'These are the things we need to do to win. These are some things, if you do them, we're going to lose.' He doesn't really overwhelm you with stuff."

And one of those things is to keep opponents guessing. Belichick presents a wide range array of defenses that can confuse lesser quarterbacks, and even caught Manning by surprise when the teams played Nov. 30.

Indianapolis had a fourth-and-goal from the 1 at the end of the game, and Manning may have been tricked into running right at McGinest. New England won 38-34, and that's why the title game will be played in Foxboro instead of Indianapolis.

"We are not going to show him anything he hasn't seen before. We are not going to reinvent the wheel or anything this week," Belichick said. "There is no magic to it. They've got too many weapons."

The Patriots have won 13 consecutive games, including last weekend's 17-14 playoff victory over the Tennessee Titans. Indianapolis has played two playoff games and hasn't punted even once — scoring 79 points — and tight end Marcus Pollard said this week that if the Colts keep playing that way, "they might as well just hand us the rings."

Hard to argue with that, but the comment set off Patriots safety Rodney Harrison, and Brady piped in Friday.

"I don't think you'll ever hear that come out of our locker room," he said. "Not only don't we say anything stupid. We don't think anything stupid. We don't need to go out there and talk. We let 13 games in a row say it for us."

Dungy dismissed the back-and-forth as irrelevant.

"What people said before the game, I don't think, is going to have any effect on the outcome," he said.

What will matter more is whether the New England defense, which has allowed the fewest points in the NFL this year, can do better against Manning than Denver or Kansas City did. With Belichick devising the schemes, the Patriots are confident that they can.

## Mavs hang on against Nuggets

DENVER (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks scored only five points after Dirk Nowitzki hit two free throws with 4:56 left.

It was enough.

Michael Finley scored all five of those points, and the Mavericks held on to beat the Denver Nuggets 91-88 Friday night.

Finley hit a clutch 3-pointer with 1:26 left for an 89-84 lead. Then, after the Nuggets had reduced the lead to one point, he sank two free throws with 5.7 seconds left.

"Finley made the big five points," Dallas coach Don Nelson said. "He really struggled before that. He didn't look like he had a good rhythm tonight."

Despite his ragged start, Finley said he was primed for a big finish.

"When my number was called, I was ready to step up and knock down the big shots," he said. "I know what I'm capable of doing."

Nowitzki had 22 points for Dallas, which won its third straight game.

Andre Miller scored 28, including eight straight Denver points to cut the lead to 89-88, but Finley accounted for the final margin with his two free throws.

Finley and Antawn Jamison each had 16 points for the Mavericks, and Antoine Walker had 13 points and 10 rebounds.

Rodney White added 14 points for Denver, which has lost three of its last four games. Carmelo Anthony had 11 points.

## Miller skewers Spurs

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Reggie Miller isn't about to start clamoring for an increased role in the offense, even though he has saved the Indiana Pacers two games in a row.

Miller's latest clutch performance came against the San Antonio Spurs, when he scored 28 points and hit seven 3-pointers to lead the Pacers to an 89-79 win on Friday night.

Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said he thought Miller, whose 13 fourth-quarter points lifted the Pacers to a win over Atlanta on Wednesday, was trying to send a message with his aggressive play.

"I think he's trying to tell me he wants more minutes," Carlisle said.

Artest and Harrington combined for 12 points and O'Neal spent much of the first three quarters on the bench with foul trouble.

## Baylor cagers reinstated

WACO (AP) — Two Baylor basketball players who were previously declared academically ineligible have been reinstated to the team and will be available for Saturday night's game against No. 22 Texas Tech.

Baylor (5-9, 0-1 Big 12) said the NCAA restored the eligibility for senior co-captains R.T. Guinn and Terrance Thomas. They were declared ineligible Jan. 3, leaving the Bears with just five scholarship players.

The school requested their eligibility be restored.

"While this waiver decision by the NCAA staff is based on the merits, it is full of grace and understanding," said Michael Rogers, Baylor's faculty representative to the Big 12 and the NCAA.

"It was granted because of the totality of circumstances and events of the past six months, which have been unique and unimaginable."

## NFL Playoffs

**Conference Championships**
**Sunday**
**AFC Championship**
Indianapolis at New England, 2 p.m. (CBS)
**NFC Championship**
Carolina at Philadelphia, 5:45 p.m. (FOX)

**Super Bowl**
**Sunday, Feb. 1**
**At Houston**
5:25 p.m. (CBS)

## National Basketball Association

| EASTERN CONFERENCE | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Atlantic Division** | | | | |
| New Jersey | 21 | 16 | .568 | — |
| Boston | 20 | 22 | .476 | 3½ |
| Philadelphia | 18 | 21 | .462 | 4 |
| New York | 17 | 24 | .415 | 6 |
| Miami | 16 | 24 | .400 | 6½ |
| Washington | 10 | 28 | .263 | 11½ |
| Orlando | 10 | 30 | .250 | 12½ |
| **Central Division** | | | | |
| Indiana | 30 | 11 | .732 | — |
| Detroit | 27 | 13 | .675 | 2½ |
| Milwaukee | 22 | 17 | .564 | 7 |
| New Orleans | 22 | 17 | .564 | 7 |
| Toronto | 20 | 17 | .541 | 8 |
| Chicago | 12 | 27 | .308 | 17 |
| Cleveland | 12 | 27 | .308 | 17 |
| Atlanta | 11 | 29 | .275 | 18½ |
| **WESTERN CONFERENCE** | | | | |
| **Midwest Division** | | | | |
| Minnesota | 26 | 11 | .703 | — |
| San Antonio | 26 | 14 | .650 | 1½ |
| Dallas | 23 | 16 | .590 | 4 |
| Houston | 22 | 16 | .579 | 4½ |
| Denver | 23 | 18 | .561 | 5 |
| Utah | 21 | 17 | .553 | 5½ |
| Memphis | 20 | 18 | .526 | 6½ |
| **Pacific Division** | | | | |
| | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Sacramento | 28 | 9 | .757 | — |
| L.A. Lakers | 24 | 12 | .667 | 3½ |
| Seattle | 19 | 18 | .514 | 9 |
| L.A. Clippers | 16 | 20 | .444 | 11½ |
| Portland | 16 | 21 | .432 | 12 |
| Golden State | 16 | 23 | .410 | 13 |
| Phoenix | 14 | 26 | .350 | 15½ |

**Friday's Games**
Orlando 124, Boston 118, OT
Indiana 89, San Antonio 79
New York 108, Seattle 88
Detroit 98, Washington 77
Dallas 91, Denver 88
Phoenix 104, Golden State 93
Miami 87, L.A. Clippers 85
Sacramento 103, L.A. Lakers 83
**Saturday's Games**
Memphis at Philadelphia, noon
Minnesota at Houston, 2:30 p.m.
Toronto at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
Seattle at Washington, 6 p.m.
Orlando at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Indiana at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
New York at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Utah, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Portland, 9 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.
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San Antonio at Boston, 11:30 a.m.
Portland at Phoenix, 7 p.m.
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## National Hockey League

| EASTERN CONFERENCE | W | L | T | OL | Pts | GF | GA |
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| **Atlantic Division** | | | | | | | |
| Philadelphia | 21 | 10 | 10 | 5 | 57 | 124 | 105 |
| New Jersey | 21 | 11 | 10 | 1 | 53 | 100 | 81 |
| N.Y. Rangers | 18 | 16 | 6 | 4 | 46 | 120 | 116 |
| N.Y. Islanders | 20 | 19 | 4 | 1 | 45 | 125 | 115 |
| Pittsburgh | 11 | 27 | 5 | 3 | 30 | 88 | 165 |
| **Northeast Division** | | | | | | | |
| Toronto | 24 | 11 | 8 | 3 | 59 | 128 | 112 |
| Ottawa | 23 | 11 | 7 | 3 | 56 | 143 | 90 |
| Boston | 20 | 11 | 10 | 4 | 54 | 110 | 106 |
| Montreal | 23 | 16 | 5 | 2 | 53 | 116 | 99 |
| Buffalo | 18 | 22 | 5 | 1 | 42 | 109 | 118 |
| **Southeast Division** | | | | | | | |
| Tampa Bay | 21 | 15 | 6 | 1 | 49 | 105 | 93 |
| Atlanta | 19 | 21 | 4 | 2 | 44 | 129 | 140 |
| Carolina | 15 | 19 | 9 | 2 | 41 | 84 | 107 |
| Florida | 14 | 19 | 10 | 2 | 40 | 96 | 120 |
| Washington | 13 | 26 | 5 | 1 | 32 | 109 | 141 |
| **WESTERN CONFERENCE** | | | | | | | |
| **Central Division** | | | | | | | |
| Detroit | 27 | 13 | 5 | 2 | 61 | 153 | 107 |
| St. Louis | 24 | 13 | 5 | 1 | 54 | 113 | 104 |
| Nashville | 21 | 16 | 6 | 2 | 50 | 109 | 115 |
| Chicago | 11 | 23 | 7 | 5 | 34 | 95 | 135 |
| Columbus | 12 | 24 | 6 | 3 | 33 | 89 | 123 |
| **Northwest Division** | | | | | | | |
| Colorado | 25 | 10 | 7 | 2 | 59 | 135 | 96 |
| Vancouver | 25 | 12 | 7 | 2 | 59 | 132 | 103 |
| Calgary | 22 | 14 | 4 | 3 | 51 | 101 | 89 |
| Minnesota | 16 | 17 | 13 | 0 | 45 | 102 | 99 |
| Edmonton | 18 | 19 | 7 | 1 | 44 | 112 | 118 |
| **Pacific Division** | | | | | | | |
| | W | L | T | OL | Pts | GF | GA |
| San Jose | 19 | 11 | 11 | 4 | 53 | 110 | 98 |
| Los Angeles | 16 | 14 | 10 | 5 | 47 | 114 | 115 |
| Phoenix | 16 | 14 | 13 | 2 | 47 | 114 | 117 |
| Dallas | 19 | 19 | 8 | 0 | 46 | 91 | 103 |
| Anaheim | 13 | 20 | 7 | 5 | 38 | 91 | 117 |

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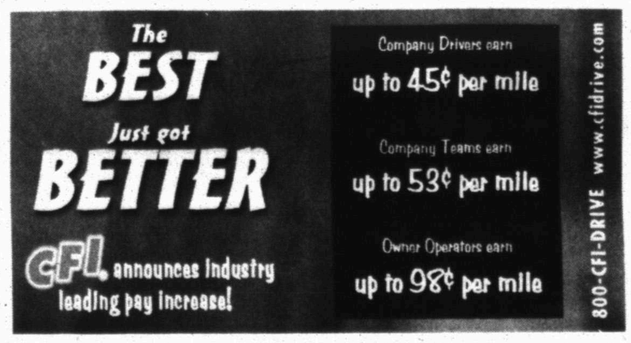
**Thursday's Games**
Boston 1, Buffalo 0
New Jersey 3, N.Y. Rangers 3, tie
Tampa Bay 5, Carolina 4
N.Y. Islanders 4, Ottawa 4, tie
St. Louis 5, Columbus 3
Nashville 4, Phoenix 3
Colorado 4, Dallas 1
Edmonton 1, Anaheim 0
San Jose 3, Vancouver 1
**Friday's Games**
Columbus 3, Los Angeles 2, OT
Philadelphia 4, Toronto 1
Phoenix 3, Detroit 3, tie
Carolina 4, Atlanta 3
Minnesota 4, Pittsburgh 2
**Saturday's Games**
Washington at New Jersey, noon
Boston at Ottawa, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Montreal, 6 p.m.
Buffalo at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Minnesota at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Nashville, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Anaheim at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
**Sunday's Games**
Atlanta at Carolina, 12:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Washington, 2 p.m.
Los Angeles at Chicago, 6 p.m.
Edmonton at Columbus, 6 p.m.

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Eligibility requirements, further information, and filing forms may be received from Ronnie Kincaid, Executive Director, Region 14 Education Service Center.

**NOTICE DE REGISTRACION PARA**
**La Junta Directive de Region XIV**
**Education Service Center**

Candidatos para el Lugar 2 (los condados de Fisher, Nolan and Stonewall), y para el Lugar 6 (los condados de Abilene Independent School District), pueden registrarse entre las fechas del primiro de febrero hasta el veinte de febrero, 2004, en persona en las oficinas del Region XIV, en calle 1850 State Highway 351, Abilene, Texas, desde las ocho de la manana hasta las cinco de la tarde de Lunes a Viernes, o por carta certificada dirigida al director ejecutivo, Region XIV Education Service Center, 1850 Highway 351, Abilene, Texas 79601. No hay cobro para registrarse.

Mas informacion sobre las formas de registracion, y sobre los requisitos necesarios para estos puestos pueden ser obtenidos de Ronnie Kincaid, el director ejecutivo, Region XIV Education Service Center.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Auto Clinic Self Storage at 405 26th St., Snyder, TX is selling the following property to satisfy a landlord's lien according to Chapter 59. The following tenant's property will be sold: Susie Morin.

The property includes various household furniture (dressers, tables, entertainment center), mattresses and box springs, trundle bed, and other misc. items.

The sale will be held at 312 Coliseum Dr. #16, Snyder, TX, on 1-24-04 at 11:00a.m. Prior to the sale you can contact Sarah Jamison at 325-573-0495 or 325-207-2883 to look at the items and give written bid on the entire unit. Any and all items can be withdrawn at the sole discretion of Auto Clinic Self Storage.

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Auto Clinic Self Storage at 405 26th St. Snyder, TX is selling the following property to satisfy a landlord's lien according to Chapter 59. The following tenant's property will be sold: Steven Cox.

The property includes various boxes of household items, kitchen supplies, bathroom supplies, electrical supplies, magazines, clothes, books, pay phones/equipment.

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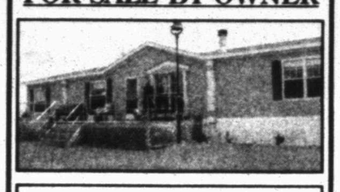

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# Dr. Gott

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

## *Issues from an elevated PSA*

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** I am 70. In February 2003, my PSA was 1.83, in April 2.99 and in October 3.87. I suspect that the next step is a biopsy, but I'm not enthusiastic about that, for obvious reasons. I also have emphysema and a bad heart requiring double bypass and a pacemaker.

My concern is that if I have a biopsy and it's negative — but my PSA again rises — will I need yet another biopsy? What should I do?

**DEAR READER:** First, get an appointment with urologist. At this point, you need a specialist's opinion about how to proceed.

Second, no medical test is perfect. As they age, most normal men show slight (and harmless) rises in their Prostate Specific Antigen levels. So your pattern is quite common. In addition, your slowly rising PSA may simply reflect prostatic inflammation or some other non-malignant process, such as benign overgrowth of the gland.

Before advising you, I'd have to know how your prostate feels on a digital rectal examination. Is it large? Lumpy? Tender? The urologist will assess this issue, including your PSA pattern (which, incidentally, is still in the under-4.0 upper range of normal). Then he will suggest what to do.

My guess is that he will continue the PSA testing every few months and forego a biopsy — at least for now. On the other hand, if your prostate feels suspicious, he may recommend a more aggressive approach.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "The Prostate Gland." 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:** So much is written about weight-loss diets, but my problem is excessive slimness. I'd like to gain about 15 pounds. I'm in my late 60s, 67 inches tall and weight 113. Can you suggest a diet to help?

**DEAR READER:** If you have been eating normally, I'd worry about whether your low body weight could be the result of a metabolic factor, such as hyperthyroidism; you may be burning calories at an excessive rate. Therefore, I suggest that you seek medical attention.

In contrast, if you are physically active, enjoy good health, have always been slim and eat sparingly, you should be able to gain weight by increasing your calorie consumption. Eat larger portions and add more complex carbohydrates — such as bread and pasta — to your diet. Also, a modest amount of sweets would also provide extra calories.

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** I am overweight and suffer from a significant "apron" of fat on my abdomen, under which the skin remains moist and irritated. My doctor advises me to lose weight, something that is not easy to do. Any suggestions?

**DEAR READER:** Try applying talcum powder or cornstarch twice a day to the affected area. And consider my "no flour, no sugar" weight-loss diet. It's easy and inexpensive.

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** I have what is called "morbid" obesity. I guess this means that at 6 feet tall and 380 pounds, I am at risk for various complications. Diets have been ineffective. My doctor now recommends gastric surgery. Should I have the procedure?

**DEAR READER:** I don't know, because you haven't given me enough information. A diet plan, such as my "no flour, no sugar" weight-loss program, will succeed in most patients who are overweight. But, like most strategies, it may not produce the results for which you yearn. Your doctor is the best guide in this situation. He has recommended gastric surgery, so I believe that this may be your most appropriate option.

In my experience, this technique yields very positive results with few, if any, side effects. If, as a consequence of the surgery, you can shed 100 or more pounds (which is likely), you may be able to avoid the serious effects of morbid obesity, including diabetes, hypertension and coronary artery disease.

Work with your physician.

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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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# Justice Dept. won't appeal Hinckley ruling

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department will not appeal a judge's decision allowing John W. Hinckley Jr., the man who shot President Reagan, to visit his parents without the presence of staff from a mental hospital.

"While the Justice Department has decided not to file an appeal of the court order, the department will continue to work to ensure that there are significant restrictions imposed by the court, which continues to have jurisdiction, on any conditional releases in the future," Channing Phillips, chief of staff of the U.S. attorney's office here, said Friday.

In a 50-page ruling Dec. 17, U.S. District Judge Paul L. Friedman granted Hinckley six unsupervised visits in the Washington area. However, he attached some strict conditions and rejected Hinckley's request to travel to his parents' home in Williamsburg, Va., about three hours south of the nation's capital.

Phillips wouldn't comment Friday on whether any visits had taken place. Friedman's decision was sharply criticized by Reagan's family and relatives of others who were shot.

Friedman said in his ruling, "All of the evidence submitted to the court weighs heavily in favor of finding that Mr. Hinckley, under appropriate conditions as outlined in this opinion, will not be a danger to himself or others."

Hinckley, 48, has lived at St. Elizabeths Hospital in Washington since he was acquitted in 1982 by reason of insanity in the shootings of Reagan, presidential press secretary James Brady and two law enforcement officers. Reagan was nearly killed and Brady was permanently disabled. Hinckley said he shot Reagan to impress actress Jodie Foster.

Former first lady Nancy Reagan has said she and her family were disappointed.

"Although the judge limited Mr. Hinckley's travel to the Washington, D.C., area, we continue to fear for the safety of the general public," she said after Friedman's ruling. "Our thoughts are with all of Mr. Hinckley's victims today, especially Jim Brady and his family, as they must continue to live with the tragic consequences of the assassination attempt."

Brady's wife, Sarah, has said the family still feared for its safety and didn't want to see her husband's life "ruined" any further.

# 'Party of Five' actor sentenced

EVERETT, Wash. (AP) — Actor Scott Bairstow was sentenced to four months in jail for an attack involving a 12-year-old girl.

Bairstow originally was charged with second-degree child rape but entered a modified guilty plea last month to a reduced charge of second-degree assault. Bairstow, who has been in the Snohomish County Jail since Dec. 5, could be freed in 37 days with credit for time served and good behavior, authorities said.

In the Alford plea, Bairstow, 33, maintained he was innocent but conceded he would likely be convicted if the case went to trial.

"I did not rape her. But I believe I've caused some stress and obviously anxiety, and for that I am sorry," Bairstow said at his court hearing Friday.

Bairstow, who appeared on Fox's "Party of Five" in 1998 and 1999, also was ordered to undergo a sexual deviancy evaluation and 12 months of supervision after his release.

# Today's chuckle

## City sells signs that used to be stolen

HARLEYVILLE, S.C. (AP) — Harleyville is cashing in on the commodity of its town limit signs.

The town is now peddling the signs that were once stolen at least twice a year, presumably by fans of Harley-Davidson motorcycles.

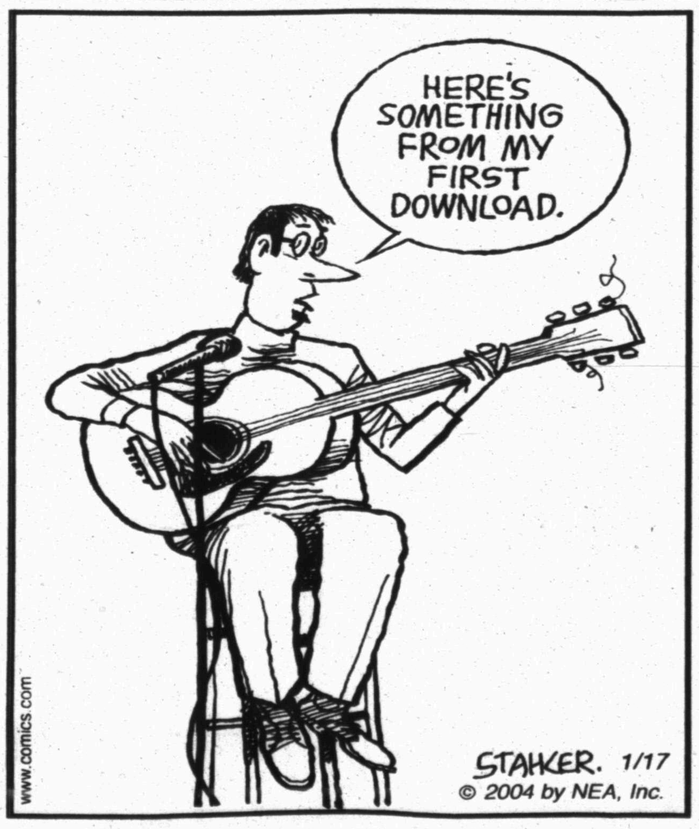
Harleyville started selling the green-and-white signs six months ago and more than 700 have been bought for $20 each, netting the town $5,600 after suppliers' costs were paid. It costs an additional $5 for shipping.

The signs, which apparently have a prestige among some cyclists, had been disappearing from their posts, prompting the police chief to plead with people not to steal them.

But since the town put a price tag on the signs, at least one thief has paid for his stolen sign.

"I have a Harleyville sign in my garage that I 'happened upon' about fifteen years ago," the handwritten note from Alliance, Neb., said. "I'm enclosing my check (actually a money order) for twenty dollars. ... Now I'll consider it mine."

The manila envelope had a return address of "Just Me," and included a newspaper clipping and photograph of the garage where the sign hangs.



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# Michael Jackson pleads innocent to charges of child molestation

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — As Michael Jackson pleaded innocent in his first hearing on child molestation charges, the judge planned to keep a tight rein on the singer and attorneys in the case.

But outside the courthouse, there was no containing the self-proclaimed King of Pop as he danced atop his SUV and invited a crush of fans to join him at his Neverland Ranch retreat.

Judge Rodney Melville immediately set a strict tone when he began the day's proceedings by scolding Jackson for being late to court — and laid out rules he said he expected attorneys on both sides to follow. Jackson was about 20 minutes late after taking time to greet cheering fans.

"Mr. Jackson, you have started out on the wrong foot here," the judge said. "I want to advise you that I will not put up with that. It's an insult to the court."

The judge followed with a series of decisions designed to tame the players in a case that has already become an international media circus. He said he would order a gag order for the attorneys, and would refuse to unseal most of the court documents related to the Nov. 18 search of Neverland.

Meanwhile, some 3,000 people — fans and news media from as far away as Japan and Norway — swarmed outside the courthouse in a scene more reminiscent of an awards show than a criminal proceeding.

There was no red carpet, but reporters and fans were held back by barricades on either side as he followed a long walkway in front of the courthouse. Jackson wore big sunglasses and a black ensemble highlighted by a white armband, a medallion and shoes that glittered.

His entourage included his father, Joe, mother, Katherine, brother Jermaine and sister Janet.

As he made his exit, the 45-year-old singer climbed atop the SUV that brought him to court, briefly abandoned the umbrella he carries to shield his face, and waved to the throng and danced.

As Jackson tried to leave town, fans surrounded his vehicle, reaching through windows as guards and police ran alongside, sometimes shoving people back to clear the path. Many of the fans had traveled from Southern California and Las Vegas in chartered buses and cars in a "Caravan of Love."

"This was spontaneous love," said attorney Benjamin Brafman, Jackson's new co-counsel. "This was not planned. I'm in the proceeding and I'm stunned."

Jackson was soon back at his Neverland Ranch, about 25 miles away, where fans flocked after receiving invitations distributed by supporters who appeared to be members of the Nation of Islam.

About 1,000 people, many of them families with little children, took him up on the invitation, forming a line of hundreds of cars on the two-lane country road outside. Rides were open to all, ice cream, popcorn and drinks were provided, and Jackson's family gathered in the house for a luncheon.

Jackson was charged last month with seven counts of lewd or lascivious acts with a child under 14 and two counts of giving the child an "intoxicating agent," reportedly wine, between Feb. 7 and March 10, 2003.

# Spirit rover extends robotic arm

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — NASA's Spirit rover reached out to Mars on Friday, extending its robotic arm for the first time to snap a series of tight close-ups with a combination microscope and camera that reveal the soil of the planet in unprecedented detail.

The black-and-white images show a tiny area, 1.44 inches square, that includes clumps of fine particles that may be stuck together by the martian equivalent of Epsom salts. The images show features nearly as small as the diameter of a human hair.

"This is the highest resolution by far we have ever seen Mars at," said Ken Herkenhoff, of the U.S. Geological Survey, and the lead scientist for the microscopic imager on Spirit.

Several of the new images were taken by Spirit's fisheye, hazard-avoidance cameras that show the rover's robotic arm extended for the first time. The arm is about the same length as an adult human's arm, giving the rover broad reach to probe its immediate surroundings.

Spirit turned its attention to the silty ground beneath its six aluminum wheels within a day of rolling onto the planet's surface on Thursday, 12 days after arriving from Earth. Spirit should spend three more days parked beside its lander doing science work.

Scientists picked a pebble-free area to begin characterizing the rust-colored soil that dominates the immediate landscape. Spirit landed in a region that is rich in dirt with a few rocks.

Tiny ring-shaped features appear in the microscopic images that may be evidence of minute amounts of water reacting with minerals in the martian soil, said John Grotzinger, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and a member of the rover science team.

Over the weekend, NASA planned for the rover to use two German-made instruments, its Mossbauer and Alpha Particle X-ray spectrometers, to analyze the minerals and chemistry of the martian soil.

Both instruments share space on Spirit's robotic arm with the microscopic imager and a rock abrasion tool, which can grind away at martian rocks to reveal their insides for study.

Early next week, the robot should set off on a zigzagging path to prospect for further geologic evidence that the now-dry planet was once wetter and hospitable to life.


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#TC6624B Shortbed ..... $4,500

2003 Chevy Tahoe LS $25,000
#C6232A 3rd Seat, 20K miles

1989 Ford F250 SuperCab
#P1695C Farm truck ..... $2,500

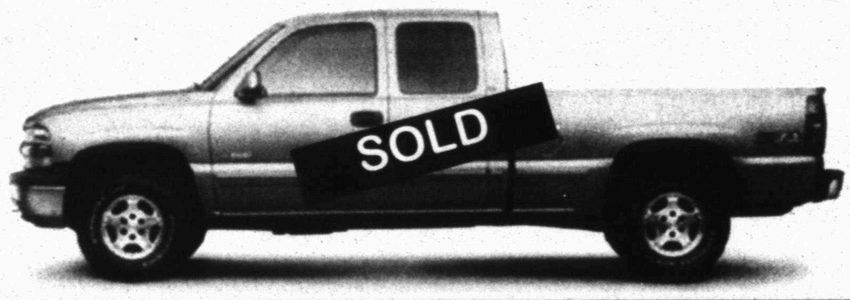
2000 Chevy Suburban 4x4 LS
#TC6655A Loaded ..... $16,900

2003 GMC Sonoma SOLD
#A8877 Auto, 13K miles, prog... truck $9,900

2001 Mitsubishi Sport SOLD
#C6604A 44K miles, silver ..... $12,500

2001 GMC 2500 SLE 4x4 ExCab
#TG6681A Short bed, 18K miles .. $26,500

2001 GMC Yukon SLE
#A2402 28K miles, red ..... $23,500




2003 Chevy Z71 ExCab $23,500
#C6638 LS pkg.

1997 Chevy 1500 ExCab Sportside #C5988A
48K miles, Regency Conversion pkg. $13,500

2001 GMC 1500 Reg Cab 1500 Sportside #G6421A ..... $12,500

2001 Chevy Tahoe LS
#AA3922 Red, 3rd Seat, Loaded .. $24,000

1995 Pontiac Grand Am
#P5447A 84K miles, 5 speed ..... $2,750

2000 Chevy Lumina
#G6214A Runs great V-6 ..... $4,850

1998 Buick Century Custom
#P5812 67K miles, white ..... $4,500

1996 Cadillac De... SOLD
#C6126A Great Buy ..... $5,500

1999 Pontiac Grand Prix
#C6640A Loaded ..... $5,500

1999 Buick LeSabre SOLD
#B6480A Blue leather, 41K miles ..,500

1996 Cadillac #TG6625B
Polo green, 76K miles, Northstar ..... $7,500

2001 Chevy Prism SOLD
#A5414 Automatic, 11K miles ..... 850

2003 Chevy Cavalier LS #A7437
Power windows/locks, auto, 18K miles . $9,900

2003 Chevy Cavalier #A9830
2 Door, 10K miles, sunroof ..... $9,500

2003 Pontiac Sunfire #A2447
2 Door, CD, sunroof, 13K miles ..... $9,500

1999 Chevy Suburban LS 4x4
89K miles ..... $12,500

2001 Chevy Impala $12,750
#A6694 Maroon, power windows/locks

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# Three U.S. soldiers killed; total now 500

TIKRIT, Iraq (AP) — The number of American service members who have died in the Iraq conflict since war started last March reached 500 Saturday after a roadside bomb exploded near Baghdad, killing three U.S. soldiers and two Iraqi civil defense troopers.

Two Americans also were wounded when a Bradley Fighting Vehicle hit the explosive device and caught fire on a road near Taji, about 20 miles north of the Iraq capital, said Lt. Col. Bill MacDonald, a spokesman for the Fort Hood-based 4th Infantry Division.

Those killed and wounded had been part of a joint U.S.-Iraqi patrol looking for roadside bombs, a frequent attack method by insurgents targeting the U.S.-led occupation, MacDonald said. Three men fleeing in a white truck were detained, and soldiers found bomb-making material in the vehicle, he added.

Also Saturday, the military said a U.S. soldier died from a non-hostile gunshot wound south of Baghdad. The incident occurred Friday evening near Diwaniyah south of Baghdad, the command said in a statement. No further details were released.

The deaths raised to 500 the number of U.S. forces who have died since the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq started March 20. Of those, 346 died as a result of hostile action and 154 of non-hostile causes, according to Defense Department figures in addition to those reported Saturday.

Most of the deaths — both combat and non-combat — have occurred since President Bush declared an end to major fighting on May 1.

Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, deputy operations chief of coalition forces, said troop morale remained strong despite the rising death toll.

"I don't think the troops have any doubt what their mission is. They know they have a nation that stands behind them. "They know they have a military that stands behind them," Kimmitt said.

# Outdated tracking system hampers mad cow search

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly four weeks into their investigation, agriculture officials have tracked down just 19 of the 80 cows that entered the United States along with the Holstein infected with mad cow disease.

These are the cows believed most at risk of carrying the brain-wasting disease because they could have shared the same contaminated feed that officials consider the likeliest source of infection.

Investigators are hampered by the lack of a modern tracking and identification system that could have eased greatly the search for the origins of the infected cow and others in its herd. Cattle frequently are identified by numbered ear tags, but records often are kept only on paper.

"If we had an animal ID and tracking system that was uniform and nationwide and enforceable, we'd have all those animals by now," said Carol Tucker Foreman of the Consumer Federation of America.

The system is so lax that a cow's identification number can change, said Dr. Linda Detwiler, a former Agriculture Department veterinarian. "They're like earrings on women. Sometimes they fall out and are replaced," she said. "There is no requirement to use the old number."

The diagnosis last month of the first U.S. case of the disease — from a cow born and probably infected in Canada — has given new impetus to tighter regulation of the cattle industry. That includes speeding development of a national electronic identification system.

Mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy, eats holes in the brains of cattle. It is incurable. Scientists believe humans can develop a brain-wasting illness, variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, from eating beef from diseased cattle.

Even before the U.S. made cow scare, government and industry representatives were developing the Animal Identification Plan, a nationwide tracking system that was expected to be put in place over the next three years.

## MLK closings listed

Western Texas College will join local banks in observing Monday's federal holiday honoring Martin Luther King Jr.

There will be no classes at WTC and all offices will be closed.

Snyder post office also will be closed and there will be no home delivery of mail. However, mail will be put in postal boxes.

The Scurry County courthouse and city hall will observe regular hours, as will the public schools in the county.

# Official threatens to cancel election

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's chief of elections warned Saturday he would not allow next month's legislative elections to proceed unless hard-liners retract their mass disqualification of prospective candidates.

About 80 reformist lawmakers took their weeklong protest against the disqualifications a step further Saturday, beginning dawn-to-dusk fasts.

The Guardian Council, an unelected body controlled by religious hard-liners, has triggered a political crisis by disqualifying more than a third of the 8,200 people who applied to stand in the Feb. 20 elections. State media controlled by the hard-liners say those disqualified fell short on the necessary criteria, but reformists say the move was political and intended to skewer the elections in favor of conservatives.

President Mohammad Khatami, a leading reformer, has condemned the disqualifications and warned he might resign if they were not reversed. And the European Union and the United States said the elections would lose credibility unless the disqualifications were overturned.

Iran's 27 provincial governors have vowed to resign by Monday unless disqualifications are reversed.

The official in charge of convening the polls, Deputy Interior Minister Morteza Moballegh, a reformist, told reporters Saturday he regarded the moves to block candidates as illegal.

"If I reach the point where I feel I can't hold elections in accordance with the law, I won't hold such elections," Moballegh said.

Moballegh said many candidates were disqualified "without any solid legal evidence," including more than 80 sitting legislators.

In a sign religious leaders were backing down, Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, earlier this week ordered the Guardian Council to reconsider the disqualifications and laid down criteria that appeared to be easier to meet.

Reformers welcomed Khamenei's intervention, but said they would wait to see how the council responded.

Khamenei chooses the council's 12 members, and some reformist legislators have said the councilors would not have acted without the supreme leader's approval.

Khamenei also said this week that the council should "resist bullying tactics" by lawmakers.

# Indecent exposure incident reported

• ***Indecent exposure***

Local dispatchers were notified by Garza County authorities that a motorist had called to report a motorist had exposed himself to occupants of a passing vehicle. The incident occurred around 11:30 a.m. Friday near the roadside park on U.S. 84 north. Contact was made with the complainants wha o said the man had stopped at the roadside park and then continued toward Post. Garza County authorities later located the subject and he was taken in for questioning.

• ***Obscene gestures***

A woman told officers around 4:30 Friday afternoon that a person had made obscene gestures towards her in the area of 30th Street and Ave. Y.

• ***Threatened suicide***

Officers filed a report of threatened suicide shortly after midnight Friday as a 14-year-old male made the threat. Officers contacted representatives with MHMR in the matter.

• ***Theft report cancelled***

Deputies were notified around 10 a.m. Friday that items reported taken from the Fuller Ranch had been located and the theft report was cancelled.

• ***Reckless drivers***

Officers were notified just before 1 p.m. Friday that two pickups were being driven recklessly in the creek area behind Varsity Shopping Center. The subjects were located and advised of the complaint.

Around midnight Friday, officers responded to a complaint of person driving recklessly in the 3200 block of 42nd Street.

At 12:20 a.m. Saturday, a report of a reckless driver was made from the WTC campus.

• ***Close patrols***

At 8:26 Friday evening, officers were advised that two juveniles were riding scooters in the street in the 2200 block of Sunset.

A short time later, officers were notified that several juveniles were loitering in the parking lot of the Cinema. Around 30 juveniles were located there and advised of the complaint.

Officers were called to the Scurry County Coliseum Friday afternoon in reference to vehicles without handicap permits parking in handicap spaces.

• ***Fire***

Snyder fire department responded to a report of smoke at 9:46 p.m. at the Snyder school ag barn on the Colorado City highway. A small amount of hay was on fire and it was quickly extinguished.

• ***Criminal trespass warning***

Officers issued a criminal trespass warning early Friday for a person to stay away from the Park Village Apartments.

• ***Found property***

A billfold found near the city's recycling center was turned over to the police department. The billfold had identification in it from Lisa Rodriguez of Colorado City.

• ***Arrests***

An 18-year-old male was arrested Friday morning in the 900 block of 24th Street for outstanding city warrants for no liability insurance and no driver license.

At 12:37 a.m. Saturday, a 20-year-old male was arrested at WTC for public intoxication.

# Obituaries

## Oliver Butler

**1919-2004**

The Rev. Oliver Tildon Butler, a former resident of Snyder, died Friday, Jan. 16, in Luman-Lusk-Sanchez VA Home in Big Spring after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Butler, 84, is set for 10:30 a.m. Monday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Dr. Shawn Fouts, dean of the College of the Southwest in Hobbs, N.M.; the Rev. Dennis Hayes, minister of the Southwest Church of the Nazarene in Abilene; and the Rev. Mike Pigg, minister of the Snyder Church of the Nazarene; will officiate.

Burial will follow at 2 p.m. in the Hamlin Cemetery.

Born Dec. 11, 1919 in Holder, Texas, he married Mary Florene Smith on April 30, 1944 in Hamlin.

Mr. Butler served in the Aleutian Islands during World War II from 1941-45. After the war, he worked for T.E. Shelburn, and helped build West Texas State Bank. While the Pal-O-mar Motel was under construction, he worked 24-hour shifts to get a room ready for Bob Hope who was coming to Snyder to invest in oil ventures.

Mr. Butler retired as plant operator for Sun Oil Company after 31 years and then worked for Snyder National Bank. He was a lay minister, Sunday school teacher and superintendent, and a board member of the Snyder Church of the Nazarene for more than 50 years.

He was preceded in death by 11 brothers and sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Florene Butler of Abilene; two sons, Dwain Butler of Vicksburg, Miss., and Tony Butler of Abilene; two daughters, Regina Tydlaska and Lisa Hale, both of San Angelo; a brother, Melvin Butler of Fort Worth; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorials made be made to the Jack W. Chitwood Scholarship Fund, 224 Honey Bee Road in Abilene, 79601.

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| Sun 1/18 | Mon 1/19 | Tue 1/20 |
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| 48/33 | 44/28 | 50/39 |
| Considerable cloudiness with occasional rain showers. High 48F. | Morning showers. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the upper 20s. | Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the upper 30s. |
| Sunrise 7:46 AM, Sunset 6:02 PM | Sunrise 7:45 AM, Sunset 6:03 PM | Sunrise 7:45 AM, Sunset 6:04 PM |

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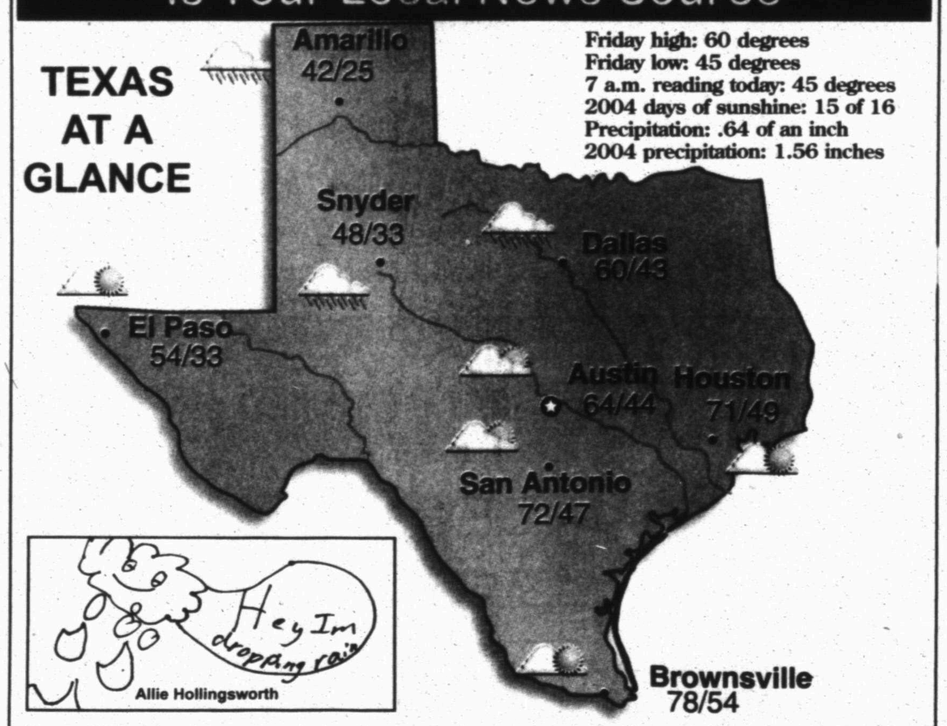


Friday high: 60 degrees
Friday low: 45 degrees
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2004 days of sunshine: 15 of 16
Precipitation: .64 of an inch
2004 precipitation: 1.56 inches




### Area Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
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| Abilene | 52 | 37 | rain | El Paso | 54 | 33 | pt sunny | Midland | 51 | 33 | rain |
| Amarillo | 42 | 25 | rain | Fort Stockton | 52 | 35 | cloudy | Raymondville | 79 | 50 | pt sunny |
| Austin | 64 | 44 | cloudy | Gainesville | 55 | 38 | rain | Rosenberg | 71 | 49 | pt sunny |
| Beaumont | 70 | 50 | t-storm | Greenville | 60 | 41 | rain | San Antonio | 72 | 47 | cloudy |
| Brownsville | 78 | 54 | pt sunny | Houston | 71 | 49 | pt sunny | San Marcos | 69 | 45 | cloudy |
| Brownwood | 59 | 40 | rain | Kingsville | 78 | 50 | pt sunny | Sulphur Springs | 61 | 43 | rain |
| Corpus Christi | 74 | 51 | pt sunny | Livingston | 69 | 46 | t-storm | Sweetwater | 52 | 36 | rain |
| Corsicana | 62 | 44 | rain | Longview | 63 | 45 | t-storm | Tyler | 61 | 44 | rain |
| Dallas | 60 | 43 | rain | Lubbock | 49 | 28 | rain | Weatherford | 57 | 39 | rain |
| Del Rio | 68 | 43 | pt sunny | Lufkin | 69 | 47 | t-storm | Wichita Falls | 51 | 35 | rain |

### National Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
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| Atlanta | 52 | 44 | rain | Houston | 71 | 49 | pt sunny | Phoenix | 69 | 44 | sunny |
| Boston | 31 | 17 | windy | Los Angeles | 71 | 50 | sunny | San Francisco | 59 | 48 | pt sunny |
| Chicago | 35 | 25 | mixed | Miami | 76 | 66 | mst sunny | Seattle | 51 | 43 | rain |
| Dallas | 60 | 43 | rain | Minneapolis | 29 | 3 | pt sunny | St. Louis | 46 | 28 | rain |
| Denver | 46 | 24 | mst sunny | New York | 33 | 26 | mst sunny | Washington, DC | 37 | 29 | cloudy |

### Moon Phases

| Last | New | First | Full |
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| Jan 15 | Jan 21 | Jan 29 | Feb 6 |

### UV Index

| Sun 1/18 | Mon 1/19 | Tue 1/20 |
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# Flag flown over Afghanistan presented to SHS

## *Derek Rushing, 2001 graduate, served as crew chief on the 'Warthog'*

**By Shirley A. Gorman**
**SDN News Editor**

A U.S. flag flown over Afghanistan on an Oct. 23 mission has been donated to Snyder High School by Connie Rushing, whose son, Derek, is serving in the U.S. Air Force. She presented the flag to Principal Larry Scott Monday afternoon.

The flag was flown in an A/OA Thunderbolt II "Warthog" (nicknamed tank killers) from Bagram Air Base during Operation Enduring Freedom.

Joe Blair was the pilot and Derek, a 2001 SHS graduate, served as the crew chief.

After the flight, Blair presented the flag to Derek who had it certified so it could be presented to the high school.

The certificate accompanying the flag carried the following message: "Let it be known that this flag represents the American resolve following the attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001, and bears witness to the destruction of terrorist forces threatening the United States of America and the world."

He is currently serving in Germany but was stationed in Afghanistan from Sept. 1 to the end of November. Mrs. Rushing said Derek told her that most of the Afghans he met appreciate U.S. soldiers being in their country. She noted that Derek also told her that he had met other soldiers who served in Iraq who told him the same thing about the residents of that country.

Mrs. Rushing said her son also told her that while he was in Afghanistan he noticed that many soldiers didn't receive letters or packages from home.

"They (soldiers) are hungry to hear from people at home," Derek told his mother.

Letters from schools or other individuals would be greatly appreciated. Letters addressed to a "service person" will be distributed to those who don't usually receive mail.

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She said items we take for granted, like soft toilet paper, are also needed. Others include Clorox disinfectant wipes, diaper wipes, chap sticks and other toiletries.

She said packages can be mailed to Afghanistan, adding that she and her family mailed homemade goods to her son while he was stationed there.

Derek's current address in Germany is:
Michael D. Rushing 444
PSC 9 Box 3933

In spite of the uncertainty in the world, Mrs. Rushing said she had no reservations when she learned Derek wanted to enlist in the Air Force.

"I thought it would be a good opportunity for him to grow up and see the world." She noted that there is a possibility that her son could be assigned to Iraq sometime this summer.

Serving in Afghanistan has made Derek appreciate his country more, his mother said.

After Derek graduated from Snyder High School, he attended Western Texas College for one year and then enlisted. He graduated from basic training Nov. 15, 2002.

Rushing's brother Chase, a senior at Haltom High School in Atoka, Okla., also wants to join the service after he graduates.

Rushing's sister, Kelli, is a sophomore. Both are former SHS students.

Derek's parents are Keith and Connie Rushing. Grandparents include Joyce Boyd of Snyder, James Stovall of Oklahoma City and Bonnie Stonebraker of Atoka. An uncle and his wife are James and Robin Stovall of Oklahoma City.

PRESENT FLAG — Connie Rushing presented a U.S. flag flown over Afghanistan to Snyder High School Monday afternoon. From left are Mrs. Rushing, principal Larry Scott, and seniors Ashley Martinez, Ashley Jenkins and Acee French. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

CREW CHIEF — Derek Rushing, shown at right, 2001 graduate of Snyder High School is the crew chief on this A/OA-10Aa Thunderbolt II "Warthog." (Contributed Photo.

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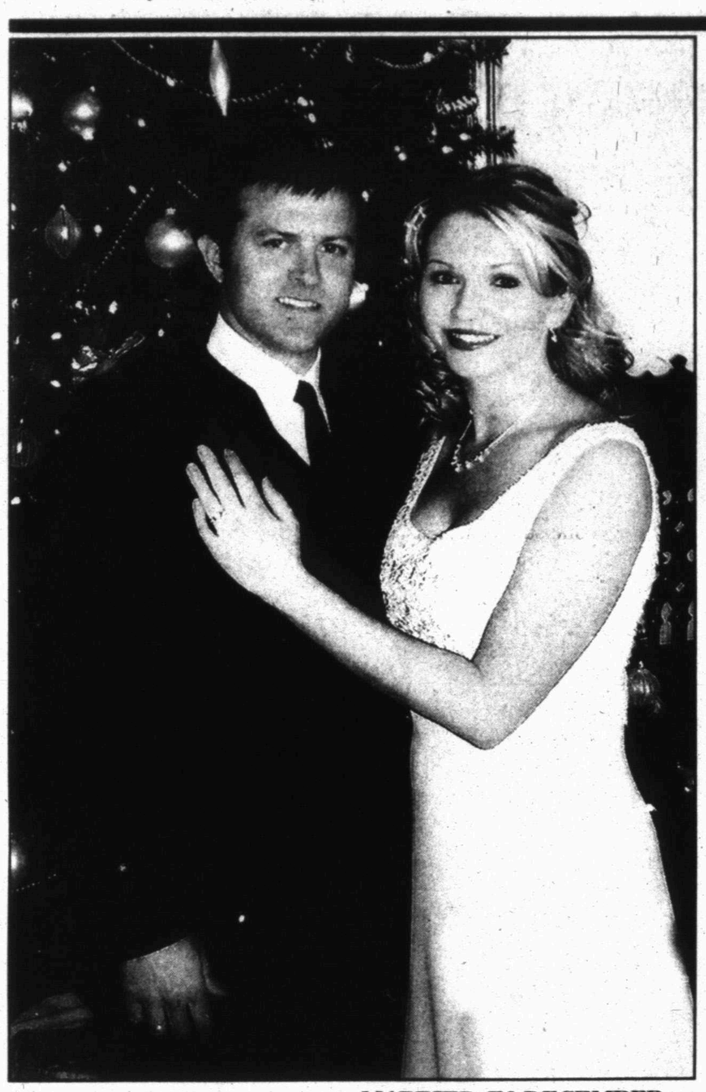

MARRIED IN DECEMBER — The parents of Brett Merritt and Lanay Sappington announce their marriage on Dec. 27, 2003 in Santa Fe, N.M. The bride's parents are Jon and Sherri Vorvermack of South Carolina. The groom's parents are Craig and Janet Merritt and his grandparents are Jack and Dorris Martin, all of Snyder. The couple reside in Lubbock. (Contributed Photo)

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# Girl Scouts will begin taking cookie orders on Jan. 24

Snyder Girl Scouts of the West Texas Girl Scout Council will begin taking orders for the annual GS cookie sale on Jan. 24, continuing through Feb. 11.

"Make a Splash" is this year's theme as girls are splashing into a season of fun, fundraising and learning, all the things that make Girl Scouting and the cookie sale unique and special.

Participating girls are able to learn valuable skills like money management, goal setting and business etiquette. They also learn important values including honesty, integrity and self-esteem.

All profit from the Girl Scout cookie sale benefits the girls and stays within the council's jurisdiction. The money is used for troop activities and supplies and the girls play an active role in deciding how the money will be spent. The council uses the profit to provide girls with activities, train adult volunteers and maintain the local facilities for use by girls and troops.

There will be eight varieties of cookies. The classic and always a favorite, Shortbread, and the world famous Thin Mint. The Piñatas, an oatmeal based cookie with real strawberry jam and cinnamon and a vanilla frosting, is the new cookie this year. Also included are the Peanut Butter Patties, Carmel Delights, Animal Treasures, Peanut Butter Sandwiches and the Reduced Fat Lemon Pastry Crème for those who prefer a healthier cookie.

Orders for the cookies will be delivered upon their arrival on March 6 or 7. Those not contacted by a Scout, Brownies through Senior, may call the cookie chairman, Alicia Graves, at 573-7556 or 573-7722.

# Man arrested

PARKERSBURG, W.Va. (AP) — A man was arrested for robbing a bank after he returned to take down the note demanding money he had left taped to a drive-through window.

Police say a man walked up to the drive-through at Community Bank Wednesday and taped a note to the window saying an explosive device would be detonated if tellers did not give him cash.

Bank employees handed over $21,066, said Parkersburg Police Chief Robert Newell. The man then fled in a green vehicle with a cardboard sign reading "lost tag" over the license plate and duct tape over the make of the vehicle.

The man drove to a nearby bowling alley, changed clothes in his car, then walked back to the bank to retrieve the note. He stuffed it in his pocket.

# Policy changes for Lifestyles to begin Feb. 1

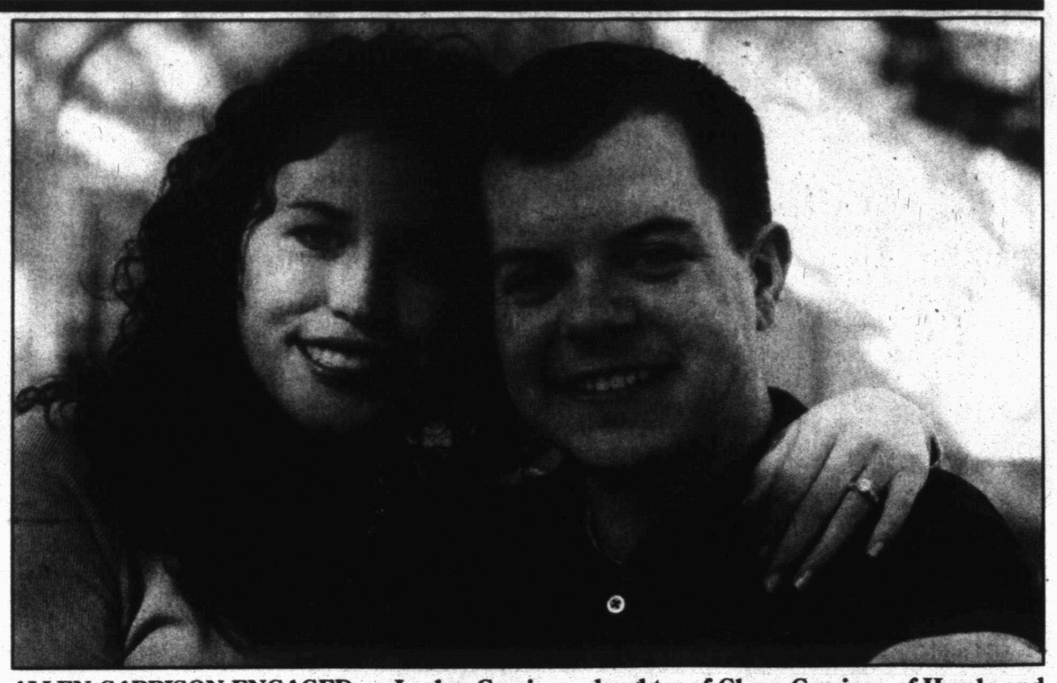
Snyder Daily News wishes to publish news of engagements, weddings, showers, anniversaries, quinceaneras, club news, family and class reunions, birthdays 80 years or older, club news, and accomplishments of Scurry County residents.

The following news items are encouraged and forms are available at the Lifestyles desk.

Beginning Feb. 1, the SDN lifestyle section will have a change of policy for running weddings.

They will continue to run free of charge if turned in within two months after the wedding. After that time there will be a $150 charge. Engagement photos and information are welcome and continue to be free of charge also.

Forms are available at the Lifestyles desk. Proofs from professional photographers can be scanned and returned in one day. Black and white or colored prints are accepted. SDN welcomes this type news and requests sharp pictures and typed or legible copy turned in by dates stated on the forms.



ALLEN-GARRISON ENGAGED — Jordan Garrison, daughter of Glenn Garrison of Hondo and Janice Poole of Austin, and Troy Allen, son of Steve and Carla Allen of Snyder, are planning a May wedding in Horseshoe Bay. Their honeymoon trip will be to Italy. The future bride and groom will graduate from the University of Texas School of Law in May and reside in Houston where Troy will be working at the law firm of Baker & Hostetler, LLP. Troy's grandparents are Billie Allen of Abilene and the late Don Allen; and the late N.R. and Jeanette Clements. Jordan's grandparents are Renie Schulte and Bob and Carol Poole, both of Hondo.

# Community Calendar

**MONDAY**

Storytime at the Scurry County Library for 4- and 5-year-olds; 10 a.m.

Rock and Roll Quilting Club; Hermleigh Community Center; everyone is invited for free quilting lessons, and special projects are to help someone in need; call 863-2383 for more information; 8 a.m. to noon.

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

Cosmorama Study Club dinner and business; MAWC; hostesses, Carol Miller and Charlotte Smith; 7 p.m.

Stargazers Family Community Education Club; 7 p.m.

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

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

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

**TUESDAY**

Gateway Family Services parenting discussion group, focuses on a variety of parenting issues and special challenges; no charge; call 573-1822 for more information; 10:30 a.m.

Alpha Study Club; Scurry County Library; 2 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

**WEDNESDAY**

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

**THURSDAY**

Palette Club; airport terminal; hostess, Virginia Lowrance; bring pictures for library; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

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**

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.

# Library News & Views

Report cards are out and parents are realizing their children need some improvement. Many have made the correct judgment and have come to the Scurry County Library to get books to work on their child's reading.

How many of us would go into a German restaurant and feel comfortable about ordering something from the menu written in German, when we know no German?

Yet, a child who cannot read at the appropriate grade level has to deal with this day after day.

The child cannot function adequately in math because he cannot understand the written problems. He is totally lost in science because he recognizes few words. Year after year, he gets further and further behind.

The importance of reading is proven over and over again, not just for children but for adults. The medical profession tells us that an active mind working crossword puzzles or engaging in reading is less likely to suffer from memory loss or dementia in later years.

We understand that we must exercise to keep our muscles fit, but do we really believe that our brain must be exercised? How many hours do you spend in front of the TV in comparison to reading newspapers, books, or magazines? How many hours a day do you exercise your brain?

A child by the age of three has twice as many synapses (connections) in the brain as an adult. The infant or toddler is biologically primed for learning, since synapses are a fundamental basis of learning. When a connection is used repeatedly in the early years, it becomes permanent. This shows the importance of talking and reading to the preschooler. If a connection is rarely used, or not used at all, it is unlikely to survive.

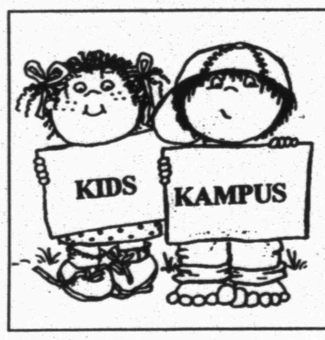
These connections continue to be made in childhood. Reading is very important to a child's education, and libraries and librarians are important to establish the reading program. The School Library Journal's School Administrator of the Year in 2003 is Edward Gonzalez, a California middle school principal. When he arrived at his school, he found dismal figures. He immediately set his priorities for improving reading and improving his school library.

Budgeting large amounts of funds for the library and by hiring trained library professionals, he and his faculty achieved wonderful results. They found four years later with active library involvement and appropriate funds, the students' reading scores were up by 40%.

How important is your child's education? How important is your child's reading ability? If you do not have a habit of reading, establish one now. It is a new year, a new chance to begin. Come to the Scurry County Library and let us help you open up a new world for your child and your family through reading.

## THANK YOU

**Gateway Family Services, Inc.** would like to **thank** the individuals, businesses, churches, civic and recreational organizations who contributed to the 2003 Christmas events at Gateway. Through your generosity, **35 adult clients with 86 children** received food, clothing, shoes, toiletries, toys and other gifts this Christmas. **Thank you** for once again demonstrating care and concern for your neighbors experiencing life's difficulties.

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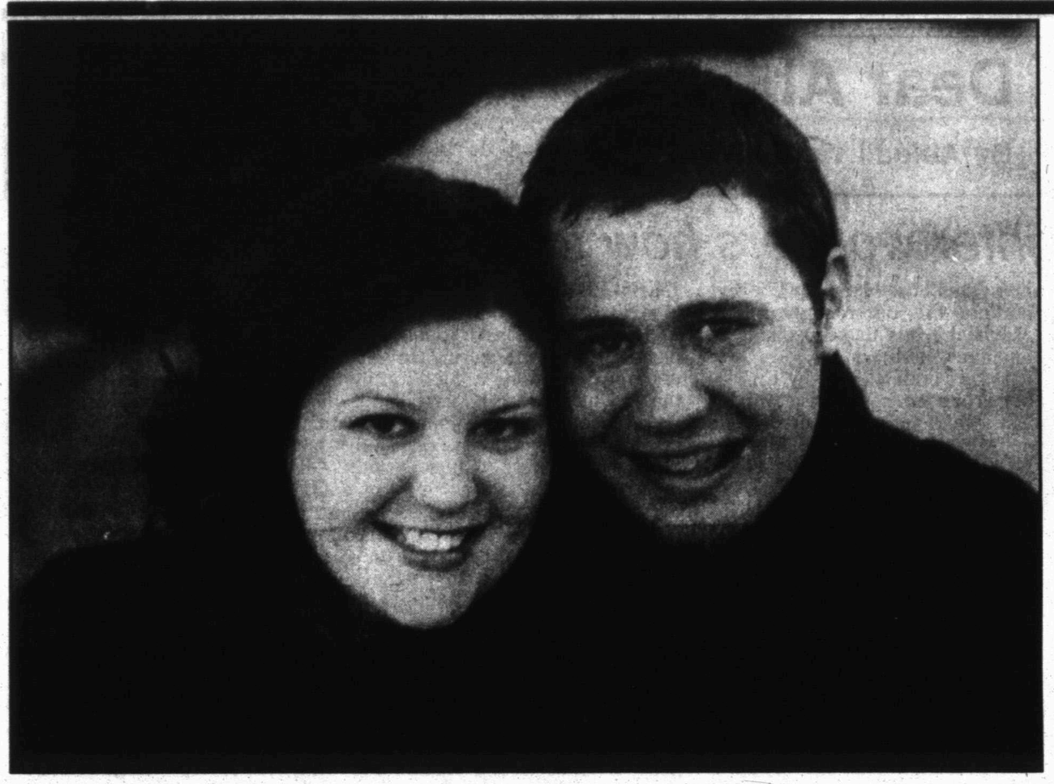

**MAY WEDDING PLANNED — Troy and Amy Hall announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Renae Hall, to Kaleb Herrley. He is the son of Keith and Karen Herrley. Renae's grandparents are Neilda Word of Snyder; C.M. Word of Colorado City; the late Helen Hall and Preston Hall. Kaleb's grandparents include Dillard Herrley, Bobbye Greene, Jack Greene and the late Johnie Herrley. They are planning a 7:30 p.m., ceremony on May 22 at The Lazy Mesquite. (Photo by Wadleigh Studio)**

# Bridge

## By Phillip Alder

| | North | |
|---|---|---|
| | ♠ A K Q J 3 | |
| | ♥ K J 10 2 | |
| | ♦ 7 4 | |
| | ♣ 9 2 | |
| **West** | | **East** |
| ♠ 8 | | ♠ 10 9 7 6 4 |
| ♥ 8 5 4 3 | | ♥ — |
| ♦ 10 8 5 | | ♦ K J 9 2 |
| ♣ K Q J 7 6 | | ♣ 10 8 4 3 |
| | **South** | |
| | ♠ 5 2 | |
| | ♥ A Q 9 7 6 | |
| | ♦ A Q 6 3 | |
| | ♣ A 5 | |

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

| South | West | North | East |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 ♥ | Pass | 2 ♠ | Pass |
| 3 ♦ | Pass | 4 ♥ | Pass |
| 6 ♥ | Pass | Pass | Pass |

Opening lead: ♣ K

**Saturday, Jan. 17, 2004**

## A jump response, a jump rebid

Your opponents are retaining a respectful silence. Your partner opens one of a suit, and you make a jump-shift. What does your response mean?

In the tournament world, some people play weak jump-shift responses. They promise a decent six-card suit, but only some 4-7 high-card points. You may have all my shares in that company!

I much prefer strong jump-shift responses. Then, responder shows one of two hand-types: either an excellent one-suiter at least six cards long, or a two-suiter — his suit and at least four-card support for partner's suit. With the former hand, he rebids his suit on the second round, or perhaps bids three no-trump when owning a minor. With the two-suiter, he supports opener on the second round — but what does it mean if he jumps in opener's suit with this rebid?

I'll be back to that in a moment. Now move into the South seat. You reach six hearts. How would you plan the play after West leads the club king? Anticipate both favorable distribution and bad breaks.

If responder first jumps in his suit, then jumps in partner's, he should have nine cards in the two suits, some 14-16 high-card points, and (virtually) all of his points in those suits. Today's North hand is textbook.

You seem to have 12 easy tricks: five spades, five hearts, one diamond and one club. So, win with the club ace, draw trumps, and run the spades. However, when East turns out to have five spades, fall back on the diamond finesse for your 12th trick.

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# Bridge Scores

Monte West directed bridge on Friday at the Snyder Country Club and Jane Hinton directed Tuesday.

**Friday, Jan. 9**
**East-West**
**A Group**

1. Jane Hinton, Maribeth Vestal.
2. Dora Blakey, Nina Nesbit
3. Peggy Hardin, Christine Stuard.

**B Group**

1. Peggy Hardin, Christine Stuard.
2. Pat Floyd, Robbie Floyd.

**North-South**

1. Monte West, Charles Blakey.
2. Anita Talbott, Suzy Reed.
3. Margaret Birdwell, Barbara Yorgesen.

**B Group**

2. Tizzy Hall, Mary Lois Wilson.

**Tuesday, Jan. 13**

1. Jane Hinton, Dorothy Rosson.
2. Pat Floyd, Robbie Floyd.
3. Margaret Dillaha, Margaret Presswood.

# School Menus

## Snyder

All meals are served with milk pouches and breakfasts offers cereal and toast and juice.

**BREAKFAST**
**(All Schools)**
**Monday**
Scrambled Eggs w/Bacon
**Tuesday**
Biscuit & Sausage
**Wednesday**
Egg & Cheese Taco
Applesauce
**Thursday**
French Toast Sticks
**Friday**
Sausage in a Biscuit

**LUNCH**
**(ELEMENTARY)**
**Monday**
Sloppy Joe
Hard Shell Tacos
Broccoli w/Cheese
Buttered Carrots
Warm Cookie
**Tuesday**
Cheesy Beef Parmesan
Turkey-n-Gravy
Sautéed Zucchini
Pinto Beans
Fruited Gelatin
**Wednesday**
"Fighting Tiger" Cheeseburger
PB&J Sandwich
Carrot Sticks
Golden Kernel Corn
Fresh Fruit
**Thursday**
Grilled Turkey & Cheese
Beef Fideo
Fresh Broccoli
Lettuce & Pickles
Applesauce
**Friday**
Pepperoni Pizza
Barbecued Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Seasoned Green Beans
Apple Crisp

**(SNYDER JR. HIGH)**
**Monday**
Sloppy Joe
Hard Shell Tacos
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Pickles
Broccoli w/Cheese
Seasoned Green Beans
Warm Cookie
**Tuesday**
Cheesy Beef Parmesan
Turkey-n-Gravy
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Pickle
Garlic Breadstick
Pinto Beans
Fruited Gelatin
**Wednesday**
Cheeseburger
PB&J Sandwich
Chili & Cheese Potato
Pepperoni Pizza
Lettuce & Pickles
Carrot Sticks
French Fries
Fresh Fruit
**Thursday**
Grilled Turkey & Cheese
Beef Fideo
Cheeseburger
Pepperoni Pizza
Lettuce & Pickles
Macaroni & Cheese
Fresh Fruit
**Friday**
Pepperoni Pizza
Barbecued Chicken
Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Pickles
Mashed Potatoes
Seasoned Green Beans
Apple Crisp

**(SNYDER HIGH SCHOOL)**
**Monday**
Sloppy Joe
Hard Shell Tacos
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Pepperoni Pizza
Salad Bar
Broccoli w/Cheese
Carrot Sticks
Warm Cookie
**Tuesday**
Cheesy Beef Parmesan
Turkey-n-Gravy
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Pepperoni Pizza
Salad Bar
Sautéed Zucchini
Pinto Beans
Fruited Gelatin
**Wednesday**
Cheeseburger
Chili & Cheese Potato
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Pepperoni Pizza
Salad Bar
Carrot Sticks
French Fries
Fresh Fruit
**Thursday**
Grilled Turkey & Cheese
Beef Fideo
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Pepperoni Pizza
Salad Bar
Fresh Broccoli
Lettuce & Pickles
Fresh Fruit
**Friday**
Pepperoni Pizza
Barbecued Chicken
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Salad Bar
Mashed Potatoes
Seasoned Green Beans
Apple Crisp

## Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk; breakfast offers choice of juice.

**BREAKFAST**
**Monday**
Ham & Toast
**Tuesday**
Biscuit, Egg & Sausage
**Wednesday**
Banana Nut Muffins
**Thursday**
Donuts
**Friday**
Sausage & Biscuit

**LUNCH**
**Monday**
Steak Fingers/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Apple Cobbler
**Tuesday**
Chicken Quesadillas
Salsa Sauce
Cherry Peppers
Refried Beans
Cardinal Cake
**Wednesday**
Stromboli
Whole Kernel Corn
Fried Squash
Peaches
**Thursday**
Chili Cheese Dogs
French Fries
Relish
Fritos
Banana Pudding
**Friday**
Hamburgers
Lettuce & Tomato
Tater Tots
Frozen Fruit Cups

## Ira

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

**BREAKFAST**
**Monday**
Biscuit
Sausage
**Tuesday**
Cinnamon Rolls
**Wednesday**
Homemade Burritos
**Thursday**
Pancakes
Bacon
**Friday**
Pop Tarts

**LUNCH**
**Monday**
Chicken Patty on a Bun
Or PB Sandwich
Tater Tots
Peas
Banana Pudding
**Tuesday**
Beef Fajitas
Or cheese Nachos
Salad
Refried Beans
Apple Crisp
**Wednesday**
Chicken Strips
Or Steak Fingers
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Fruit Salad
**Thursday**
Fish Sticks
Or Corn Dogs
Mac-n-Cheese
Mixed Vegetables
Bread
Jell-O
**Friday**
Hamburger
Or Grilled Cheese
Lettuce & Tomato
Potato Wedges
Cookies

# Franzen to head Swedish Royal Opera

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Anders Franzen, head of the Oslo Philharmonic Orchestra, will head east to become director and vice chairman of the Swedish Royal Opera.

Franzen's appointment to the position of the Stockholm-based opera company was announced Thursday by Sweden's Culture Ministry.

For the first time in the Royal Opera's 230-year history, Franzen will serve as both director and vice chairman of the state-funded cultural attraction.


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# Locals recognized

## Nunn wins first

Yvonne Nunn's poem, *At Your Memorial Service*, won first place in January in a contest sponsored by the Poetry Society of Texas.

Nunn has also been asked to judge the entries in February's contest.

## Burns on honor roll

WICHITA FALLS — Midwestern State University recognized 775 honor roll students for the fall 2003 semester, including Kenton Joshua Burns.

Burns was named to the Vice President's Honor Roll. To be eligible a student must complete a semester schedule of at least 12 hours with a grade point average of 3.75 to 3.99 and no grade lower than C.

## K. Dodson is honor scholar at Tarleton

STEPHENVILLE — Kellie Dodson of Snyder was one of 19 Presidential Honors Scholars welcomed into the Tarleton State University presidential honors program this fall.

Dodson, a pre-veterinary medicine major, is a graduate of Snyder High School and she is the daughter of Doug and Bonnie Dodson.

## Gonzales inducted into honor society

STEPHENVILLE — Teri Gonzales of Snyder is one of 15 Tarleton State University students recently inducted into the university's Nu Eta chapter of Kappa Omicron Nu, the National Human Sciences' Honor Society.

Gonzales is pursuing a degree in child and family studies.

## *Six from Snyder get ASU degrees*

SAN ANGELO — Angelo State University recently conferred degrees upon 322 students during the 2003 fall commencement exercises.

Those from Snyder include Cela E. Ashby, master of business administration; Michael Wade Ashby, bachelor of science, cum laude; Sherry Ladonna Bilderback, bachelor of science; Emily A. Hardy, bachelor of arts; Joshua C. Hudgins, bachelor of science; and Alice Sifuentes, bachelor of science.

## Earn SPC honors

LEVELLAND — Students from Snyder have been named to the President and Dean's Honor Lists for the fall 2003 semester at South Plains College.

Students named to the President's Honor List must maintain a straight A or 4.0 grade point average while carrying a minimum full-time load of 12 semester hours of college-level work.

Students named to the Dean's Honor List must maintain a minimum 3.25 GPA while carrying at least 12 semester hours of college-level work with no failing grades.

Named to the President's Honor List are Katherine Bryant, Eric Clifton and Afton Sutter.

Named to the Dean's Honor List are Kali Clements, Riki Dorsett and Haley Holmes.

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Dolphins, marine mammals that are smaller relatives of the great whales, have a memory capacity matching that of humans, and they remember strings of random numbers as well as or better that humans do, says National Geographic.

# Dear Abby

**By Abigail Van Buren**

## *Worried daughter wonders how to help delusional mom*

**DEAR ABBY:** My mother was fired from her job 11 months ago and has not yet found work. She drew unemployment, but that has run out. However, her real problem is, she thinks the devil is living in her home and raping her every night.

She also thinks this man at work she had a crush on, and who kept rejecting her, is living in her house.

She often talks about killing herself. My aunts say she is fine, but she is NOT fine. She refuses to get professional help. How can I help her? **— WORRIED DAUGHTER IN ILLINOIS**

**DEAR WORRIED DAUGHTER:** Unless your mother actually does something to prove she is a danger to herself or to others, there is little you can do except watch her closely. Her doctor should be notified about her delusions and her threats, but no one can force her into treatment unless she acts out.

You might also try talking to her spiritual adviser about her problem, and see if some sort of intervention can be done. But I really think her problem is psychological.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I am dating a widower, "Charles," whom I really like except that he doesn't shut up about his "perfect" and "saintly" late, great wife. It grates on my nerves. I mean, what am I — chopped liver?!

I tried matching him story-for-story about my late husband so he'd get the hint. It only made him rave about her more.

My widowed friends say they've encountered the same problem. If these guys think their wives were the best there is, why do they bother dating?

Charles tells me other women he's dated bore him. I can't believe it's not the other way around. Maybe he has to keep dating to find a new audience.

I don't understand why Charles keeps one foot in the grave with his wife while he's still alive. Is he depressed? Or just dumb? **— BOTH FEET ON THE GROUND**

**DEAR BOTH FEET:** Perhaps he talks about his late wife because they shared so many years and events together that his major memories are bound up with her.

Instead of being resentful, speak up! Tell him it's time to stop dwelling on the past and to focus on the present. Work on creating new, happy memories with him. Take pictures, take trips, host a party together. Get a theater subscription, tickets to sporting events, etc., so his memory bank will spill over with recent happy memories with you. I can't think of a better investment.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I tend to get upset easily and yell at my 7-year-old son when I'm stressed. I don't get physical, but I do get emotional. Sometimes I feel I am going to explode with all kinds of crazy feelings racing through my mind, body and soul. Do you have any suggestions for me? **— OVERSTRESSED IN CALIFORNIA**

**DEAR OVERSTRESSED:** It's important that you get to the root of what's really bothering you — and that may require professional help. Talk to your doctor about things you can do to reduce the stress in your life.

Also, make sure you're getting enough sleep. And consider this: Many people who suffer from emotional overload cope with it by getting at least 30 minutes of aerobic exercise a day. Give it a try. If that doesn't help, re-read paragraph one.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a friend I'll call "George." He is a good person, smart and fun to be with. He hasn't matured as fast as other boys and his voice is soft and high-pitched. People call him gay, and it hurts him terribly.

He recently dropped out of school and is now being home-schooled. When he told me why, it shocked me.

Won't you explain to your readers not to judge people until you have walked a mile in their shoes? Get to know them. I am the only person who stands up for George, and I always will. Please tell people it is not OK to ridicule others.

It hurts me to hear him say his life is ruined. He says he will get a new wardrobe and change everything. But he shouldn't have to change. He has a right to be himself. **— CONCERNED FRIEND IN BILLINGS, MONT.**

**DEAR CONCERNED FRIEND:** I don't have to tell people that it's not OK to ridicule others. You have done a good job of that in your letter. But I'll tell you a secret. People who make derogatory comments about the sexuality of others often have doubts about their own.

**P.S.** I'm sorry that George's parents didn't talk over their son's predicament with their lawyer and the school principal. If they had, I'll bet George would still be your classmate.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 37-year-old married woman. One night I walked into our bedroom and caught my husband looking at something. When he saw me, he stuck it between the pages of a magazine and began shuffling business papers. The next morning when he went to work, I opened the magazine and found a snapshot of a naked woman.

A few nights later he said he was going to hang out with some friends, so I decided to take myself out to dinner. When I walked into the restaurant, I saw my husband having dinner with the woman in the photo.

He didn't see me, so I left quickly. I didn't mention having seen him. Now I have noticed that he no longer really talks or listens to me, and he's making lame excuses to go out more often.

I want to save our marriage. But how? **— UPSET IN LONGMEADOW, MASS.**

**DEAR UPSET:** You will not save your marriage by remaining silent. Confront your husband with the fact that you found the photo and have seen him with the woman. Tell him that you love him but you feel betrayed and hurt, and offer him the option of marriage counseling. Marriages can survive this trauma, but only if both parties are willing to work at rebuilding the trust that has been broken.

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**DEAR ABBY:** Three weeks ago my boyfriend, "Jeremy," proposed, and I am overjoyed. My problem is I hate the engagement ring he chose. I also hate the matching wedding band. I'm afraid if I mention trading them for something that I like, he'll be hurt.

Should I keep my mouth shut and live with the rings? Or should I speak up and risk hurting Jeremy? **— LOOKING FOR THE RING OF TRUTH**

**DEAR LOOKING:** Speak up now because if you wait, it will probably slip out later at an inopportune time.

The lesson here is that the bride-to-be should be part of the selection process. It's not a difficult thing to arrange. All it takes is for the man to ask the salesperson to show his fiancee a selection of rings — or stones — that's within his price range. It's done all the time.

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## Willacy County jail could face shutdown

RAYMONDVILLE (AP) — The state has threatened to shut down the Willacy County jail unless the financially embattled county takes immediate steps to repair the facility, Sheriff Larry Spence said.

The jail has struggled with widespread plumbing problems and female inmate overcrowding. The Texas Commission on Jail Standards issued the warning after a surprise inspection on Jan. 6, Spence said.

"If these discrepancies are not addressed immediately, they will have no alternative but to recommend that the Willacy County Correctional Facility be closed until all (discrepancies) are addressed," Spence said.

Willacy County commissioners voted on Thursday to fund the necessary repairs while going ahead with plans to build a 96-bed jail that could cost as much as $6 million, The Brownsville Herald reported.

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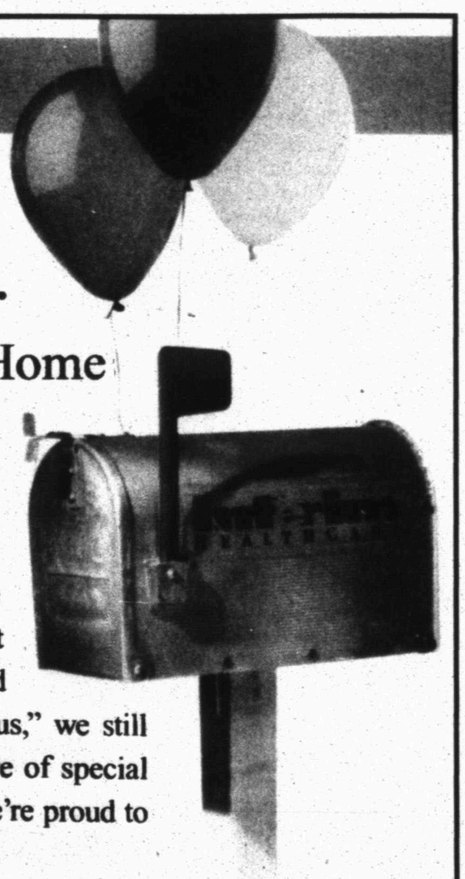

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# Public Records

**Marriage License**

Carlos A. Nunez Soltero and Juliet Rios, both of Snyder.

**Action in District Court**

In the marriage of Antonio Robles and Michele Robles, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Norma Lu Thompson and Larry Joe Thompson, divorce granted.

**Deed Records**

Jerry McWilliams Pharmacy Inc. to Mikel Dee and Terrie Jo McWilliams, Lots 29 and 30 in Block 1 of the Noble Heights Addition.

Carolyn J. Martin, independent executrix of the estate of Stanley Lowell Martin, to Carolyn J. Martin, tract one being the north 55 feet of Lot 24 and the south 10 feet of Lot 23, both in Block 2 of the Scott and Browning Addition; tract two being Lots 10-12 in Block 8 of the Park Place Addition; tract three being the west one-half of Section 108, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract four being the east one-half of the northeast one-quarter of Section 133, block 97, H&TC survey; tract five being the northwest one-quarter of Section 139, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract six being 1.0 acre out of the east one-half of the northeast one-quarter of Section 133, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Mary Elizabeth Lowery to Mary Jane Lowery Kight, Lots 21-24 in Block 29 of the Belmont Park Heights Addition.

Steve Hurt, Paul D. Stell and Charles Young to Hurt and Stell Snyder Windridge Village Apartments, Lot 2 and part of Lot 3 in the Windridge Addition.

Hurt and Stell Snyder Windridge Village Apartments to Western Crest/Windridge, Lot 2 and part of Lot 3 of the Windridge Addition.

Snyder Western Crest Apartments to Western Crest/Windridge, Lots 7-15 and 16-20 in Block 7 of the 1st Replat of the Noble Heights Addition.

Charles S. Hardy to Anniece Hardy Trujillo, tract one being 30.4 acres in Tract 49 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands, Section 38 and 39, Kirkland and Fields survey; tract two being 10.23 acres out of the south part of Section 39, Kirkland and Fields survey; tract three being 320 acres in the south one-half of Section 187, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract four being 327.6 acres in the north one-half of Section 296, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Charles S. Hardy to Anniece Hardy Trujillo, 1.0-acre tract out of south part of Section 39, Kirkland and Fields survey.

Charles S. Hardy to Hardy Farm and Cattle Co., the south one-half of Section 211, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Charles S. Hardy to Charles W. Hardy Sr., tract one being the southwest one-quarter of Section 207, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being the east part of the southeast one-quarter of the northeast one-quarter of Section 203, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract three being the north 242.9 acres out of the east one-half of the west one-half of the south one-half of Section 116, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Roger L. and Doris J. Lollar to Jerry Don and Mickey L. Baird, a 0.768-acre tract in Tract 52 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands, Section 13, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Vincente Olivarez to Maria Elena Olivarez, Lot 16 in Block 2 of the Cody Heights subdivision of Blocks 39-42 of the Cody Heights Addition.

Bank of America, Trustee of the C.L. and Emily Noble Trust, to Kinder Morgan SACROC, the west one-half of Section 294, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Edward A. and Dorothy M. Broker to Russell E. Jones, Lots 7 and 8 of the H.F. Murray subdivision of Blocks 39 and 49 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

James Ural Short to Jennifer Mae Short, Lot 2 in Block G of the Replat of the Towle Place Addition.

Earl Sneed, individually and dba B&H Operating, to James Clayton Stribling, tract one being all of Block 152, less the south 110 feet of the west 200 feet of the Original Town of Fluvanna; tract two being all of Block 153 of the Original Town of Fluvanna.

Gary and Kathy Armstrong to Miguel and Gloria Isabel Grado, Lot 12 and the south one-half of Lot 11 in Block 5 of the Sturdivant subdivision of Block 5 of the Cody Addition.

Clay Emery and Shirley Arline Rook to Alish Schutz, Lot 23 in Block 3 of the Scott and Browning Addition.

Roger L. and Doris J. Lollar to Howell Douglas and Kathy Jean Scott, one 1.040-acre tract and four 1.033-acre tracts, all in the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands, Block 38, Kirkland and Fields survey.

Miguel and Eva G. Moreno to Lydia G. Gonzales, Lot 15 in Block 1 of the 1st Replat of the Noble Heights Addition.

Bobby Lou Newton to Ronald Keith and Debra Ann Ward, Lot 3 in Block 6 of the West Side Heights Addition.

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation to Marshall Parham, the west 52 feet of the north one-half of Lot 21 in Block 35 of the Blankenship Addition.

Sergio and Julieta Sanchez to Charles A. and Christina D. Ortega, Lot 1 in Block 23 of the Lundy Park Addition.

## Machine operator claims Powerball prize

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — An electronics plant worker came forward Thursday to claim half of the $221.5 million Powerball jackpot, more than two weeks after she bought the winning ticket.

Lisa Ensor said she had kept the ticket in a safe-deposit box as she sought legal and financial advice. She did not share the news with most friends and family until Thursday, when she presented her ticket to Pennsylvania Lottery officials and opted for the $60.2 million cash payout.

### HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS

A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering its taxable value. If your home is valued at $50,000 and you receive a $15,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth $35,000.

***Who qualifies for an exemption?***

Anyone who owned a home on January 1 (and used it as a primary residence on that date) is entitled to a $15,000 homestead exemption to lower school taxes this year....and it does not matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. Scurry County also offers a homestead exemption.

***Are other exemptions available?***

If you are disabled, or if you are 65 years old or older, you are entitled to an additional $10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the over-65 exemption, you are also entitled to a "tax ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. The ceiling does not apply to county, college or city property taxes, but these entities offer other exemptions.

The over-65 homeowner's exemptions and school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. Over-65 homeowners may also transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's over-65 school tax ceiling, to a new home.

***Do I have to apply each year?***

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2003, you will not need to reapply for 2004 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you have not received an exemption on your present home, or if you moved to a new home, you will need to file for an exemption for 2004. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the over-65 exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. If you became disabled during 2003, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

***When and where do I apply for my homestead exemption?***

You may apply between January 1st and April 30th of the tax year. You may file for a late homestead exemption up to one year after (a) the date you paid the taxes on the home or (b) the date the taxes became delinquent, whichever date is earlier. Applications may be filed at the local appraisal district:

**SCURRY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT**
**2612 COLLEGE AVE**
**SNYDER, TX 79549**
**(325) 573-8549**
**(325) 573-8458 (FAX)**
**scad@snydertex.com (E-MAIL)**

For more information, stop by the appraisal district and pick up:

**"Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies & Responsibilities"**

Or Contact:

**Comptroller's Property Tax Division**
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### RENDERING PROPERTY

### PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS

### "RENDER" YOUR TAXABLE PROPERTY

A "rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1st of this year. Rendition forms are mailed to current business owners every year. Forms are also available at your local appraisal district.

***WHO MUST FILE A RENDITION?***

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income - such as the inventory and equipment used by a business. *Effective January 1, 2004, Senate Bill 340 was passed. This new law will impose tough penalties on those who fail to file an annual report of their personal property with the district and tougher penalties for those who attempt to evade taxes through fraudulent or incomplete reporting.*

***ARE THERE ANY ADVANTAGES TO YOU?***

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- ❑ You give your opinion of your property's value. If the appraisal district believes the value is higher, it must send you a notice of appraised value and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
- ❑ You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- ❑ You can notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2003. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2004.

***WHAT IS THE DEADLINE?***

The last day for filing 2004 renditions is April 15th. If you mail your rendition, the last day it can be postmarked is April 15th. You can get an extra 15 days if, by the April 15th deadline, you request an extension in writing and can show good cause for needing the extension.

***WHERE DO YOU FILE?***

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

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### PRODUCTIVITY APPRAISAL

Texas law allows farmers and ranchers to pay property taxes based upon the "production value" of their land rather than on market value. This "productivity appraisal" means qualified land is taxed based on its ability to produce crops or livestock ----not on its value on the real estate market. It can mean substantial property tax savings.

***When is the application deadline?***

If your land has never had a productivity appraisal or you are a new owner, you must apply to your local appraisal district by April 30 to take advantage of this benefit on your 2004 property taxes. You may get up to 60 extra days if you have a good reason and ask for it by April 30. If you miss the deadline, you may still be able to apply, but you will pay a penalty. Check with your appraisal district office.

***Do you need to reapply annually?***

If your land already receives agricultural productivity appraisal, you normally do not need to reapply unless the chief appraiser requires you to do so. If a new application is required, the appraisal district will notify you by mail.

For more information, call or come by:

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# Industrial production slows in December

WASHINGTON (AP) — Industrial production at the nation's factories, mines and utilities rose by only 0.1 percent in December, marking a slowdown after a sizable ramp up in activity the month before.

The increase reported by the Federal Reserve Friday came after big industry production jumped by 1 percent in November, even stronger than previously estimated. November's performance marked the biggest gain in four years.

Economists were expecting industrial production to cool off a bit in December given November's brisk activity. Analysts were calling for a 0.5 percent increase. Still, with December's gain, it marked the fourth straight month that industrial production expanded.

Earlier this week, the Fed, in a more forward-looking survey of business conditions around the country, found the economy was gaining momentum as the new year began. The Fed reported growing signs that the nation's battered manufacturing sector was beginning to pull out of its steep nosedive.

In Friday's report, production at factories — the biggest chunk of industrial activity tracked by the Fed — rose by a modest 0.3 percent in December, down from a 1 percent gain the previous month. Output at mines was flat, following a 0.6 percent increase in November. Production at utilities sank by 1.4 percent, erasing the same-sized gain the month before.

"When you put all the data together it shows that a moderate manufacturing recovery is sustainable and is continuing," said Clifford Waldman, economist at the Manufacturers Alliance/MAPI, a research group.

On Wall Street, stocks rose. The Dow Jones industrials gained 26 points and the Nasdaq was up 18 points in morning trading.

Separately, America's businesses — keeping a close eye on the economy's pulse — boosted their stockpiles by a modest 0.3 percent in November, a sign that companies are betting the rebound will be lasting.

The increase in inventories reported by the Commerce Department came as business sales went up by 0.5 percent, suggesting that companies saw demand for their products as shoppers got ready for the holiday season.

The 0.3 percent boost in inventories was slightly stronger than the 0.2 percent rise that economists were forecasting.

In October, inventories rose by a solid 0.4 percent, while sales increased by a brisk 0.7 percent.

Inventory building can be a sign that businesses are feeling more confident that the economic recovery is genuine. Importantly, though, the process adds to economic growth, as measured by the gross domestic product.

GDP measures the value of all goods and services produced within the United States and is the broadest measure of the economy's health. Big cutbacks by companies in their inventories was a key factor in the economy's slump.

After a long bout of a lackluster activity, the economy shifted into a higher gear in the second half of last year.

With the economy improving, analysts are hopeful businesses will feel even better about prospects and will ramp up inventories and hiring. Businesses still have been reluctant to go on a major hiring spree, which has been a sore spot not only for jobseekers but also for the economy itself.

In December, the economy added a paltry 1,000 jobs, disappointing analysts. The nation's unemployment rate dropped to 5.7 percent but that was mainly due to thousands of potential workers who gave up looking for jobs.

The Federal Reserve meets Jan. 27-28 to discuss interest-rate policy in the United States. Economists expect policy-makers will keep rate at 1 percent, a 45-year low.

Some economists believe rates will stay at such super-low levels for the rest of the year and into 2005. Others, however, believe the Fed could start pushing rates up later this year.

With inflation low, the Fed has leeway to keep rates near rockbottom levels for some time in an effort to help the labor market heal, economists say.

By keeping short-term rates low, businesses and consumers might be motivated to spend and invest more, forces which would lift economic growth.

# World Almanac

**Saturday, Jan. 17, 2004**

Today is the 17th day of 2004 and the 27th day of winter.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** In 1773, Captain James Cook, along with his shipmates, became the first person to sail below the Antarctic Circle.

In 1819, Simon Bolivar proclaimed Colombia a republic.

In 1991, allied planes struck targets in Kuwait and Iraq, launching the Persian Gulf War.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790), statesman, inventor, author; Al Capone (1899-1947), organized crime boss; James Earl Jones (1931-), actor, is 73; Muhammad Ali (1942-), boxer, is 62; Jim Carrey (1962-), actor, is 42.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** In 1971, the Baltimore Colts defeated the Dallas Cowboys, 16-13, in Super Bowl V, a game so filled with errors it was called the "Blunder Bowl."

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "There are three things extremely hard: steel, a diamond, and to know one's self." — Benjamin Franklin

**TODAY'S FACT:** Since 1969, the largest denomination of U.S. currency issued has been the $100 bill, showing a picture of Benjamin Franklin. Larger bills are removed from circulation when they reach the Federal Reserve Bank.

**TODAY'S NUMBER:** 874,000,000 — Estimated number of native speakers of Mandarin, the most commonly spoken language in China and the world.

**TODAY'S MOON:** Between last quarter (Jan. 15) and new moon (Jan. 21)

**Sunday, Jan. 18, 2004**

Today is the 18th day of 2004 and the 28th day of winter.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** In 1778, Captain James Cook discovered the Hawaiian Islands, calling them the Sandwich Islands.

In 1836, Jim Bowie arrived at the Alamo.

In 1964, planners unveiled the designs for New York's World Trade Center.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Daniel Webster (1782-1852), statesman, orator; A. A. Milne (1882-1956), children's author; Cary Grant (1904-1986), actor; Danny Kaye (1913-1987), entertainer; Kevin Costner (1955-), actor, is 49.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** In 1976, wide receiver Lynn Swann was named MVP as Pittsburgh defeated Dallas, 21-17, in Super Bowl X.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "Failure is more frequently from want of energy than want of capital." — Daniel Webster

**TODAY'S FACT:** The average temperature in January is 73 degrees Fahrenheit in Honolulu, 68 in Miami, 57 in Los Angeles, 54 in Phoenix, 43 in Atlanta, 33 in New York, 22 in Chicago, and 14 below zero in Barrow, Alaska.

**TODAY'S NUMBER:** 206 — The number of bones in the adult human body.

**TODAY'S MOON:** Between last quarter (Jan. 15) and new moon (Jan. 21)

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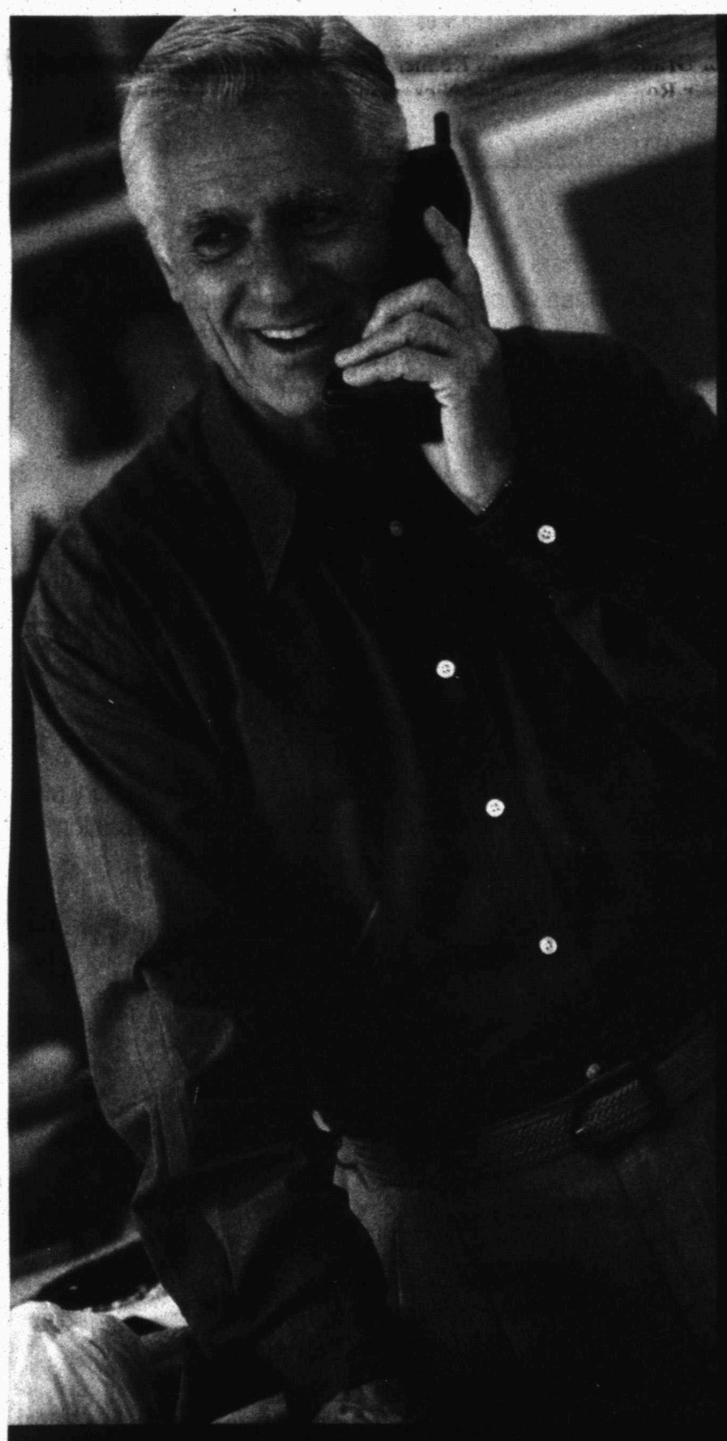

Kevin had always been a very active person and a hard worker. So when he was diagnosed with prostate cancer, he wanted treatment that would allow him to keep to his routine. That's why the HDR Implant procedure at **Covenant Joe Arrington Cancer Center** was such a blessing. Done under local anesthesia, the HDR Implant delivers a highly effective, highly targeted dose of radiation, without most of the serious side effects of traditional radiation. One of our goals at **JACC is to improve the delivery of therapy to minimize toxic effects and maintain quality of life.** And we think we do that pretty well. Just ask Kevin. That is, if you can keep up with him.

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# *Scurry County Anti-drug Connection*

## *The best things in life are drug free*

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

**To Walk With One Child**
**by Jerry Moe**
**Part 1**
**"CARING ABOUT A CHILD IS ALL THAT IT TAKES TO START."**

All too often alcoholism and other addictive problems become a family legacy. More than 50 percent of today's alcoholics are the children of alcoholics (COAs), and there are millions challenged by other serious problems. It is essential to spare children from unnecessary years of silence, shame, and suffering. Through effective prevention measures, NACoA members can play a major part in this process. Individually and collectively, we can be a voice and a steadying force for children who can't always speak for themselves. Our tools include accurate age appropriate information, skill building, and the bonding and attachment derived through healthy relationships.

**Accurate, Age Appropriate Information**

The alcoholic home front is armored by denial, delusion, and steadfast adherence to the strict "no-talk" rule. Consequently, COAs don't always understand what is happening in their families and, not too surprisingly, some believe that it's all their fault.

The predominant feeling for many children isn't sadness, anger, or hurt; it is overwhelming confusion. Tasha, age seven, shared: "Mom says Dad is drinking again. Dad says he isn't. Someone is lying. I am confused. I'll just try hard to figure it out."

COAs need accurate information about alcohol, other drugs, and the disease of alcoholism. By learning about denial, blackouts, relapse, and recovery, youngsters cannot only make better sense of what's happening at home, but also may come to see that they are not to blame and they can't make it all better. Providing children with these important facts in an age-appropriate manner is crucial, so they are not overwhelmed, burdened, or further confused. Al-Anon's wonderful book, *What's Drunk Mama?*, helps six-year-olds to comprehend these facts, while nine-year-olds get help and hope from the National Association for Children of Alcoholics' posters, such as Spider Man urging youngsters to "Talk with someone you trust."

In much the same way Gerald T. Rogers' poignant film, "Lots of Kids Like Us," teaches 10 and 11-year-olds to take better care of themselves and stay safe.

**Important messages for COAs to hear include:**

Alcoholism is a sickness. You can't make it better. You deserve help for yourself. You are not alone. There are people and places that can help. There is hope.

COAs may gain access to such information in a variety of settings: a book offered by a church youth group, the *Alcoholism Tends to Run in Families* brochure tacked on the wall at the local community center, a presentation at a scout meeting, or a poster at the pediatrician's office which "opens the door" and makes a difference in a child's life. Sometimes understanding begins with a caring neighbor who takes the time to listen, laugh, and play.

**Skill Building**

COAs are at greater risk for many behavioral and emotional problems. Empowering COAs with a variety of life skills helps them cope with many difficult challenges. For example, some COAs face difficult situations with family violence, neglect, and other problems. These children can learn a variety of coping and self-care strategies to stay safe.

Other COAs may allow their feelings to build up inside until they are ready to explode or become a spiraling mass of frequent headaches and stomachaches. They can learn how to identify and express their feelings in healthy ways, especially to safe people they can trust. Others may lack confidence and self-esteem. These youngsters can learn to love and respect themselves through experiences where they have opportunities to succeed and thrive.

Studies on resilience have confirmed the importance of the above skill building activities and have illuminated other important skills as well. Resiliency research examines various protective factors, which allow individuals to overcome the odds and stand up to adversity. Emmy Werner, Ph.D.'s longitudinal study points to many traits COAs can develop to deepen their strengths and resilience: Develop autonomy and independence.

Develop a strong social orientation and social skills. Engage in acts of "required helpfulness."

Develop coping strategies for day-to-day, unusual, and emotionally hazardous experiences they may face.

Perceive their experiences constructively, even if those experiences cause pain or suffering, and gain other people's positive attention.

Develop a close bond to maintain a positive vision of life.

Many prevention/early intervention programs today help youngsters to develop these very tools and skills. Student assistance programs and other prevention strategies in schools, children's programs in alcohol and other drug treatment centers, and church youth groups introduce youngsters to these skills and provide a safety net for children to practice and deepen them.

It's not just trained professionals who offer these programs. Community volunteers, with on-going training and supervision, lead groups and run camps in youth centers, recreation programs, neighborhood clubs, and a variety of other settings.

Even if they go back to families with active addiction, COAs who are assisted in these ways are better prepared to handle the various problems they may encounter. Shelby reported in group how he handled last week's visitation with Mom:

"When I got out of the shower I found Mom passed out. This happens a lot. I tried something different this time. I called Dad to pick me up. I left Mom a note. I'll try again next weekend. I just want to be a kid. I just want to be safe."

Today there are programs helping other 10-year-olds do just that: be a kid and be safe.

**To be continued next weekend**

## Mike Ward

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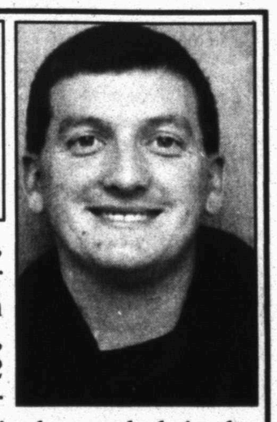

Mike was born in Sweetwater, Texas. He was raised in Snyder and graduated from Snyder High School in 1988. He and his wife, Sandy, have been married for 12 years and have 2 sons: Christopher (10) and Hunter (8). Mike was hired as a clerk in the Police Department in 1994 and on February 25, 1995 was promoted to Patrolman. Mike is now a Corporal in the Police Department. His hobbies are fishing and golf. He was nominated by his co-workers because he is very dedicated and friendly to everyone that he comes in contact with. He is also supportive and helpful to his co-workers.

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Davis, Brandon
Downing, Allis
Hagins, Kimbe
Hollingsworth,
Kincheloe, Ash
McWillians, M
Meek, Hayden
Ornelas, Vanes
Overton, Faith
Park, Rosie
Payne, Jacinda
Perry, Loran
Presley, Kaleb
Randolph, Dill
Roberts, Bryce
Roggins, Shan
Salinas, Sabrin
Sanders, Kellie
Stephens, Will
Thompson, Ro
Torres, Jose
Trout, Carli
Wallace, Steph
Wickline, Hunt
Wright, Averey
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Alarcon, Rebec
Anderson, Tray
Arellano, Misa
Bernal, Alexis
Bowman, Zach
Cabrera, Alma
Carrillo, Dawn
Castillo, Sabrin
Chacon, Rebec
Davis, Bridget
Duzan, Nolan
Duzan, Taylor
Elizondo, Ashl
Ellis, McKinse
Escobedo, Dan
Eubanks, Cana
Falcon, J.J.
Forbes, Austin
Frazier, Dakot
Garcia, Dariela
Goodger, Jessi
Harris, Zachary
Hart, Stephanie
Hernandez, Jos
Hernandez, Nic
Hestand, Katlin
Hicks, Nikki
Holdren, Penny
Holley, Tana
Inman, Zacher
Islas, Claudia
Islas, Ismael
Jaramillo, Jord
Jenkins, Riley
Knoche, Jacob
Lopez-Villa, T
Medrano, Heat
Mendoza, John
Moon, Ashlie
Moreno, Deza
Morris, Austin
Murillo, Orlan
Northcutt, Che
Norwood, Aub
Perales, Katie
Perry, Logan
Pinson, Reid
Platero, Merce
Pollard, Court
Price, Joseph
Price, Kiersten
Proctor, Blaine
Rhodes, Brend
Rivera, Desera
Rodriguez, Tit
Rowe, Alyssa
Rubio, Jaquel
Sanchez, Aby
Silva, Ashley
Simpson, Kod
Sosa, Mark
Stewart, Jeffre
Taylor, Hayle
Toland, Chase
Torres, Cesar
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# 3rd Six Weeks Honor Roll

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**A Honor Roll**
Davis, Brandon
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Hagins, Kimberly
Hollingsworth, Allie
Kincheloe, Ashley
McWillians, Megan
Meek, Hayden
Ornelas, Vanessa
Overton, Faith
Park, Rosie
Payne, Jacinda
Perry, Loran
Presley, Kaleb
Randolph, Dillon
Roberts, Bryce
Roggins, Shane
Salinas, Sabrina
Sanders, Kellie
Stephens, Will
Thompson, Robyn
Torres, Jose
Trout, Carli
Wallace, Stephanie
Wickline, Hunter
Wright, Averey
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Alarcon, Rebecca
Anderson, Tray
Arellano, Misael
Bernal, Alexis
Bowman, Zachary
Cabrera, Alma
Carrillo, Dawn
Castillo, Sabrina
Chacon, Rebecca
Davis, Bridget
Duzan, Nolan
Duzan, Taylor
Elizondo, Ashley
Ellis, McKinsey
Escobedo, Darren
Eubanks, Canaan
Falcon, J.J.
Forbes, Austin
Frazier, Dakota
Garcia, Dariela
Goodger, Jessica
Harris, Zachary
Hart, Stephanie
Hernandez, Joseph
Hernandez, Nick
Hestand, Katlin
Hicks, Nikki
Holdren, Penny
Holley, Tana
Inman, Zachery
Islas, Claudia
Islas, Ismael
Jaramillo, Jordan
Jenkins, Riley
Knoche, Jacob
Lopez-Villa, Triston
Medrano, Heather
Mendoza, Johnny
Moon, Ashlie
Moreno, Dezarae
Morris, Austin
Murillo, Orlando
Northcutt, Cherie
Norwood, Aubrie
Perales, Katie
Perry, Logan
Pinson, Reid
Platero, Mercedez
Pollard, Courtney
Price, Joseph
Price, Kiersten
Proctor, Blaine
Rhodes, Brenon
Rivera, Deseray
Rodriguez, Tito
Rowe, Alyssa
Rubio, Jaqueline
Sanchez, Aby
Silva, Ashley
Simpson, Kodee
Sosa, Mark
Stewart, Jeffrey
Taylor, Hayley
Toland, Chase
Torres, Cesar
Valadez, Ivana
Velasquez, Andrew
Villalobos, Yadiera
Villarreal, Sydney
Wagner, Chevy
Warren, Mallorie
Wirsching, Avery
Zamarripa, Anthony

**Fourth Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Arellano, Miriam
Ashley, Samuel
Bernal, Sadee
Birkenfeld, Slade
Donaldson, Damian
Falcon, Ashleigh
Garcia, Taylor
Guardado, Jessica
Hagins, Timothy
Head, Regan
Hernandez, Alicyn
Hernandez, Diego
Juarez, Heraclio
Martinez, Ryanna
Mitchell, Samantha
Monroy, Armando
Owens, Dakota
Sharp, Aleya
Steelman, Amber
Stewart, Kaitlin
**A-B Honor Roll**
Aguilar, Tessa
Arellano, Beto
Aviles, Samantha
Billingsley, Kyler
Bounds, Curey
Brown, Riley
Campos, Enrique
Cearley, Mariah
Clanton, Nicholas
Clanton, Tyler
Cox, Hunter
Day, Cody
DeLoera, Angela
DeLoera, Morgan
Diaz, M. J.
Dominguez, Jesse
Driggers, Jentri
Escobedo, Kenner
Etheredge, Cole
Flores, Donica
Freeman, Kyla
Garza, Chris
Glasscock, Savannah
Guerra, Minnie
Gunderson, Stephan
Hagins, Travis
Henson, Micah
Hester, Caleb
Holmesly, Corbin
Iglehart, Timothy
Jaimes, Beto
Joslin, Zac
Kenner, Staci
Luna, Robby
Martinez, Matthew
Medina, Valentin
Mendoza, Jason
Miller, Audrey
Miranda, Andrea
Molina, Edgar
Moreno, Tony
Morris, Lance
Naizer, Sayde
Navarette, Mercedes
Peoples, Jordan
Rath, Sara
Redman, Tyler
Resendiz, Alberto
Rinehart, Robbie
Rivera, Alex
Rodriquez, Andrea
Rogers, Samantha
Segura, Adrian
Shlezinger, Daniel
Small, Brianna
Smith, DaShay
Sullenger, Tyson
Toland, Dalton
Torres, Jessica
Torres, Justin
Torres, Monica
Villa, Jessica
Ward, Keenon
Williams, Brady

**Fifth Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Shawn Burns
Ana Cabrera
Melisa Chhuor
Heather Crawford
William Davis
Brandon Elam
Brandi Espinoza
Carrie Harlan
Jessica Jones
Kirstie Leuck
Baylee Lewis
Kaylee Lord
Nicole Molter
Collin Parsons
Brianne Perry
Jessica Pineda
Taylor Reed
Lindsey Reston
Garrett Snyder
Jeffrey Stewart
Logan Tabor
William Toombs
Megan Williamson
**AB Honor Roll**
Chelsea Alarcon
Regina Alarcon
Kanesha Anderson
Kaitlin Bass
Mayra Benitez
Brook Bollinger
Jacoree Brooks
Krysha Burleson
Ashton Burton
Caitlin Caffey
Dakota Carroll
Taran Clemmons
Brayden Culwell
Matthew Daniell
Stevie Dauphin
Tai Dean
Richard DeLuna
J.Dee Early
Jessica Elizondo
Bryson Elliott
Clayton Eubanks
Geovanny Facio
Chase Gaines
Bridget Garcia
Naomi Garcia
Lupe Garza
Sydney Glass
Adrienne Gonzales
Justin Gonzales
Chad Greene
Angel Guerrero
Madison Guzman
Troy Henry
Liliana Hernandez
Alexandria Hook
Kaitlin Horton
Abby Infante
Ashleigh Jenkins
Baily Jones
Michaela Jones
Xavier Malone
Vito Martinez
Shanerica McGaha
Karissa Medina
Donnie Medrano
Priscilla Molinar
Nicholas Morin
Skylar Morris
Xalee Northcutt
Emma Nunley
Eric Overton
Jenee Payne
Chad Pechacek
Kendra Peterson
Marcie Phillips
Laura Reigh
Caedra Robbins
Jami Robbins
Jordan Rodriguez
Roman Romero
Leslie Rosas
Briana Rose
Solana Sanchez
Makenna Scott
Scott Smith
Tiffany Stack
Laura Tarter
Anthony Taylor
Jordan Tippens
Blaire Toombs
Savannah Valdez
Michelle Vasquez
Robert Velasquez
Dyllan Vera
Ariel Villazana
Chris Ward
Gage Welsh
Dillon West
Kimberlin Willson
Chance Young
Edward Yruegas

**Sixth Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Aguilar, Marcos
Arizmendi, Samansara
Ashley, Eleanor
Barrera, Samntha
Cabrera, Maria
Clanton, Monica
Cooley, Meghan
Gault, Rachel
Guardado, Michael
Guerrero, Kristi
Guzman, Valeri
Johnson, Jacob
Kemp, Jacob
Kerr, Jonathan
Luna, Raven
May, Aryn
Mcglouthin, Tosha
Mehrafshan, Allen
Parmer, Sarah
Rios, Alexandra
Strickland, Jake
Wesson, Tayla
**A-B Honor Roll**
Alfaro, Benjamin
Alvarez, Alyna
Arellano, Eduardo
Arellano, Larissa
Bass, James
Benitez, Cassie
Bloom, Remington
Bragg, Tanner
Brester, Kayli
Browning, Amanda
Buchanan, John
Burton, Michael
Cabrera, Martha
Castillo, Autumn
Chaidez, Alicia
Chhuor, Victor
Clifton, Stacey
Cochran, Cassie
Crenwelge, Jake
Delce, Jeran
Deloera, Devyn

Downing, Meagan
Dupree, Rachel
Escobedo, Daniel
Essery,Shehala
Estrada, Antonio
Estrada, Juan
Evans, Rebecca
Eveland, Jacie
Gafford, Kenyon
Gaines, Justin
Garcia, Daisy
Garcia, Juanita
Garza, Shelby
Grimes, Kana
Guerra, Maria
Guerrero, Gina
Guerrero, Krystal
Gutierrez, Amber
Hale, Garrett
Hernandez, Alexander
Hestand, Titus
Hicks, Shane
Holley, Tye
Huddleston, Arielle
Jaramillo, Lawrence
Juarez, Humberto
Kelley, Stephen
Lara, Kyra
Larue, Barton
Lopez, Tobias
Marshall, Margaret
Martinez, Andrea
Martinez, Krystal
Midwell, Amanda
Moran, Wendy
Moreland, Kylie
Moss, Chelsea
Newton, Heather
Ornelas, Janie
Ornelas, Josephine
Redman, Micayla
Robertson, Tanner
Roemer, Tiffany
Roemisch, Chelcea
Rowe, Javiel
Salazar, Stephen
Sanchez, Marissa
Sanchez, Roylee
Scott, Brance
Short, Kanaan
Silva, Ashley
Sosa, David
Swigert, Allison
Tarter, Johnathan
Terry, Loryn
Trammel, Eric
Tyrrell, Taylor
Urias, Lindsey
Velasquez, Mathew
Verduzco, Jonathan
Vineyard, Megan
Wall, Clint
West, Jessica
Zajicek, Nicholas

**Seventh Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Ryanna Alexander
Kira Bilano
Jessica Bilderback
Jared Cave
Elizabeth Davis
Jaclyn Deleon
Gina Hermosillo
Tyler Porter
Kailea Shaw
David Strayhorn
Moniquie Vega
Yvette Villalobos
Weston Von Roeder
**A-B Honor Roll**
Consuelo Acosta
Mary Jane Alaniz
Roberto Albarez
Brian Allred
Bianca Alvarado
Yocelyn Arellano
Larissa Blackard
Lareshia Carey
Jesse Conner
Taylor Davidson
Riley Davis
April Dennis
Justin Elizondo
Amy Fogleman
Wolfgang Garcia
Taylor Gibbs
Raven Gist
Dayton Grice
Richard Grice
Chase Guynes
David Guzman
Ashley Hagins
Caleb Harrison
Emanuel Hernandez
Melanie Hernandez
Michelle Hernandez
Clayton Hirt
Kendra Iglehart
Rubi Jaimes
Lesa Jones
Kayla Liccardi
Kari Lord
Erica Maldonado
Alexandrea Martinez
Miguel Martinez
Timothy Matthies
Clinton McFatridge
Chantell McGaha
Patrick Meighen
Brittany Mitchell
Savanah Molina
Maria Murillo
Antonio Perales
Bailey Richardson
Alix Rieser
Brittney Rivera
Brittany Scott
Joshua Sorrells
James Stewart
Teryn Sullenger
Jessica Timora
Megan Villegas
Ashlee Wallace
Britney Webb
Kaycee Westlund
Gregory Williams
Anne Winder
Christopher Witte
Jordan Wright

**Eighth Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Alayna Alexander
Bradley Ashworth
Tanner Butler
Devin Davidson
Brent Gafford
Audrey Jones
Curry Lee
Tanner Lee
Nicole Means
Craig Robertson
Crystal Rodriguez
Allison Sharrock
Jonathan Speegle
John Wesson
**A-B Honor Roll**
Ana Maria Aguirre
Angela Almanza
Angela Amarillas
Kaden Billingsley
Brent Bollinger
Colton Brewster
Dylan Bunch
Daniel Burk
Ashley Casas
Ryan Claxton
Alison Cox
Samantha Daves
Tharon Day
Jessica Deleon
Aaron Deloera
Jordan Derryberry
Stacey Elam
Marc Fisk
Chad Franks
Joe Garza
Mari Robyn Gault
Ashley Gregory
Laura Gutierrez
Kimberly Harlan
Cassandra Hernandez
Adriana Herrera
Kelly Holdren
Corey Jaramillo
Blane Knipe
James Martin
Amanda Martinez
Robert Martinez
Adrienne Meek
Kristen Miller
Preston Munson
Tatum Norwood
James Pipkin
Josi Presley
Cayelea Rhodes
Luke Robertson
Kelby Seale
Kendra Tidwell
Loren Toombs
Alexandra Urias
Megan Velasquez
Nathan Wittie

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**First Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Chase Baker
Hannah Barker
Brock Bethel
Brianna Bradshaw
Zachary Goodwin
Savannah Herrera
Hannah Mayo
**A-B Honor Roll**
Jacob Chappell
Austin Cullifer
Kalie Elam
Ty Fontenot
Dakota Russell
Clair Shafer

**Second Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Jared Cotton
Dillan Cullifer
Kaleb Derryberry
Rilee Dunn
Grant Flowers
Hope Fontenot
Tyler Goodwin
Morgan Jones
Stefanie Juarez
Caleb Martin
Leslie Martini
Blair McCowen
Kurt Shafer
Jared Smith
Aaron Steelman
**A-B Honor Roll**
Blake Bethel
Rebecca Gunset
Brady Ledbetter
Josh Mayes
Matthew Shifflett

**Third Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Elizabeth Brunson
Kolton Cox
Ryan Dennis
Taylor Hollingsworth
Sarah Kellner
**A-B Honor Roll**
Tanya Elam
Clay Johnson
Holly Juarez
Jimmy Markworth
Tyler Mayes
John Henry Ornelas
David Ornelas

**Fourth Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Taylor Autry
Travis Hartman
Tanner Martin
Conner Smith
**A-B Honor Roll**
Cristian Ornelas
Ashlei Pearcy
Brandee Pinkerton
Quint Shafer

**Fifth Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Amber Baker
Rebecca Jones
Isaac Martin
Lupe Ornelas
Mariana Ornelas
**A-B Honor Roll**
Kyrstin Baker
Cody Chappell
Seth Cotton
Annie Ezell
Kylor Fine
Trea Fontenot
Laramie Gilbert
Sarah Gunset
Stormie Hughes
Paul Martinez
Jacob Mitchell
Baily Nickerson
Kellner Odom
Kellie Pilcher
Alex Rivera
J. P. Wilson
Todd Womack
James Zieman-Gernandt

**Sixth Grade**
**A-B Honor Roll**
Colby Barrera
Brodie Calley
Rey Juarez
Brandon Lunsford
R. T. Shafer

**Seventh Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Shandy McMullen
**A-B Honor Roll**
Jordan Bailey
Austin Calley
Rance Dunn
Leeja Mauldin
Chase Peterson
Seth Sanchez
Ashley Trotter

**Eighth Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Laura Juarez
Tony Martini
Kaci Waller
**A-B Honor Roll**
Tyrelle Gilbert
Colby McMullen

**Ninth Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Jared Bailey
Aryn Calley
Jonathon Devitt
Chris Gutierrez
Jessica Odom
Kelbi Pitner
**A-B Honor Roll**
Jonathan Beaird
Dale Cink
Corbin Clements
Adrian Padron
Jonnie Porter
Cesilie Torres
Erica Torres
KateWall

**Tenth Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Terryn Autry
**A-B Honor Roll**
Rachel Caldwell
Sara Caldwell
Brittany Dickerhoff
Wes Kellner
Chad Nickerson
Whitney Payne
Ashton Smith

**Eleventh Grade**
**A-B Honor Roll**
Shea Allen
Amanda Cink
Brandon Crane
Devin Gutierrez
Sarah McCown
Amber Sanchez
Justin Taylor

**Twelfth Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Coby Appleton
Stephan Kirk
Vickie Rivera
**A-B Honor Roll**
Jake Barnes
Amanda Calley
Brandon Graves
Rusty Josey
Suzie Pendergrass
Alana Pulis
Lacie Thompson
Lindsey Wilson

**Hermleigh ISD**
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**Second Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Aaron Williamson
Tyler Nachlinger
Kaylee Hernandez
Walker Barrett
**A-B Honor Roll**
Charlsea Jones
Nathan Mayo
Carolyn Berry
Andrew Pace
Betty Sanchez
Johnathan Nixon

**Third Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Rita Coronado
Aaron Lane
Karsten Morrell
**A-B Honor Roll**
Matthew Jones
Jacob Beaty
Kendall Benitez
Felix Martinez
Barney Ramirez
Spencer Williams

**Fourth Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Delinda Dacus
**A-B Honor Roll**
Catie Anderson
Carly Gill
Aaron Jernigan
Susan Lee
Randi Sanchez

**Fifth Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Samantha Coronado
Jacob Nachlinger
**A-B Honor Roll**
Kelton Garcia
Jordan Williamson

**Sixth Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Taylor Beaty
Dustin Dacus
Jaron Perry
Shaye Williams
**A-B Honor Roll**
Ricky Garcia
Caroline Granados
Melanie Kariainen
Brailee Sanchez

**Seventh Grade**
**A-B Honor Roll**
Marissa Davis
Maria Padilla
Casey Williamson

**Ninth Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Alicia Culp
**A-B Honor Roll**
Michael Berrera
Megan Kariainen
Brittany Kelley
Isidro Padilla

**Tenth Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Samantha Berry
Alana Culp
Johnathan McClure
**A-B Honor Roll**
Gabrielle Ivey
Danni Webb

**Eleventh Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Shae Rinehart
**A-B Honor Roll**
Shane Berry
Jose Granados
Justin Kelly

**Twelfth Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Krystal Beasley
Christy Garcia
Joakim Lundvik
Dustin Williamson
Justin Williamson
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# Speaker for all seasons

## by Don Newbury

The event is now just days away. Eyes will see — and ears will hear — sights and sounds never before offered to mega-millions who'll be watching.

I refer, of course, to Super Bowl XXXVIII! No, not the game, silly. It may be a yawner—most of them are. I'm talking new TV commercials that will be trotted out for the first time.

While the games aren't scripted (are they?), Madison Avenue advertising wizards have worked long into weekends and deep into nights to be major league clever. Their aim, of course, is to encourage us folks in the trenches to run right out and buy whatever they're trumpeting — preferably right after the game.

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What could possibly rain on our glitzy ad parade? A couple of things come to mind. What if we have a second siege of influenza? We could be so tired of seeing hypodermic needles making "little sticks" into arms of the masses that we hide our eyes at half-time, fearing yet another "news break" that seem always to feature needles to punctuate the flu stories.

We hear little about unhappy horses or disgruntled goats, but one mad cow has impacted the beef industry by billions of dollars. And virtually every news clip about Mad Cow Disease has featured that poor bovine in England — about a decade ago — dragging her carcass across the TV screen. What if, on Super Bowl Sunday, they find a second mad cow?

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Thoughts of watching flu shots being injected and a sad old cow from another century during the Super Bowl are a dreary prospect.

Before TV, when we listened to game broadcasts, if stadium connections went down, we would be treated to "an interlude of music." Such an interlude would be preferable to news of folks with the flu and cows with the mad.

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At a previous Super Bowl, a church youth minister planned a big party at church. During services, he was edgy as he watched dozens of visiting youngsters pouring into the sanctuary. Worried there might not be enough food, he slipped away to Fellowship Hall. On the cookie table, he placed a sign: "Please take just two brownies. Remember, God is watching you."

He didn't notice that a junior high boy had followed. When the minister left, the youngster placed this sign on the sandwich table: "Take all the sandwiches you want. God is watching the brownies."

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One Rose by any other name would be welcomed by both baseball and horticulture. Why couldn't he have been named Pete Dandelion? Whatever, his hollow regrets and admissions of gambling offered at the very time he's releasing a half-million copies of his book seem just like, well, hollow regrets. Perhaps his major regret is that he got caught. His admission to the Hall of Fame would dishonor what the hallowed hall stands for. Let's get on to the next topic.

In effect, Rose has won again. With all his publicity, no doubt his book already is headed for multiple printings....

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The next topic involves the vaunted Fourth Estate — the world of newspapers. Most newspapers promise up-to-the-minute news, from around the world or down the street....

At least one Texas newspaper, however, claims "King's X" at holiday time, giving staff—and the printing press—some down time. On the front page, this item appeared: ".... Offices closed December 24 and won't be open for business again until Monday, Jan. 5. You won't miss a single issue.... we got them all done before we took vacation."

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This brings to mind the late great Elston Brooks, longtime entertainment writer for the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*. In his columns announcing upcoming vacations, he always mentioned: "You'll notice I didn't say 'well-deserved' vacation!"

End of the lines; everybody off.

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# The Village Idiot

## by Jim Mullen

## I need clothesure

Besides the undertaker and the guy in the casket, I was the only other person at the funeral wearing a suit and tie. The dearly departed and I both felt awkward and out of place. Suits and ties are a city thing. There's not much use for them in farm country. You rarely need to wear a tie to milk a cow or bale hay. Some guys still wear them to church, but not every Sunday. Easter and Christmas are about it.

I've got a closet full of ties I haven't worn in 10 years except to funerals and weddings. Most of them just hang there, waiting for someone to die. I should give them to the Goodwill or the Salvation Army, but every time I think about throwing them in the collection bin I convince myself that I might need them again. Besides, if you're buying your clothes at the Goodwill, do you really need an expensive tie?

It makes me cringe to think how much money I threw away on ties and dress shirts and sport coats and wool slacks that I never wear any more. There is a collection of dress shoes that sit in the bottom of the closet gathering dust. They are completely useless on the farm. These clothes are like pampered house pets that can't live in the wild anymore, they can't catch their own food, they can't sleep on anything less than a queen-sized bed.

It's been years since I moved from the city to the farm, and I still haven't figured out how to dress. We get three L.L.Bean catalogs a week. They are full of flannel-lined blue jeans and rugby shirts and leather moccasins and argyle socks. I have yet to meet anyone from a farm family who wears any of that stuff. They buy Carhartt jackets from the seed and feed store. They wear Dickey work pants. They buy Timberland work boots. A penny loafer? Where on Earth would you wear that? Spreading manure? Fixing a fence? Cutting hay? Yeah, that'd be practical. Like wearing a pair of wingtips to stomp grapes.

Down at the Big Pig Family Diner the old timers all wear 20-year-old plaid flannel shirts and "gimme hats." I've heard they're called gimme hats because their owners say things like, "Bobby down at the auto parts store gimme this hat." On the front they have an ad for some local business. The more local the business, the more desirable the hat. Anyone can wear a John Deere cap. Only those with deep connections can get Johnny's Pool and Septic Supply. Or Bob's Deer Cut Up. Or Smalley's Paint and Paper. Their sons wear baseball caps, T-shirts and jeans.

That's practical. You don't have to iron them; you don't have to take them to the dry cleaner. There are very few places nowadays except an office job where'd you'd look out of place in a T-shirt and jeans.

So I go to the local discount store and try to buy a T-shirt. The smallest size they have is XXL. They go up to size XXXXXL. All of them have ads for heavy metal acts like Metallica, Megadeath and Ozzy Osbourne on the front. I left empty-handed. My feeling is that if Ozzy Osbourne wants to advertise his band on the front of my shirt, he should pay me.

But stranger still, how could anyone young enough to like Metallica get to be an XXXXL? Can you eat that much in just 18 or 20 years? It can't be easy. I heard about a football player at the local high school (Go Bulldogs!) who was trying to lose weight so he started drinking those diet milkshakes for lunch. He did it for a month, but instead of losing weight he gained it. He did it for another month. He gained even more weight. No one could understand it. Until they found out he was drinking four or five of them for lunch and downing them for snacks. He didn't realize one milkshake was the substitute for an entire meal, not a secret formula that would magically shrink his body.

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## Open Government Barometer

Number of Executive Sessions held by public entities in 2004.

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| Snyder ISD | 2 |
| Hermleigh ISD | 1 |
| Ira ISD | 0 |
| City of Snyder | 0 |
| DCOS | 0 |
| Cogdell Hospital | 0 |
| WTC | 0 |
| Scurry County | 0 |

# Avoid a paralysis of excess self-analysis

## by Joe Klock, Sr.

"I don't know why God doesn't take me," she lamented, repeating her mantra whenever and wherever there was someone willing to listen, or unable to avoid hearing.

This was our elderly aunt's daily dirge, one chanted by gray legions long before and long after her ultimate demise (which, by the way, she fought tenaciously, despite those protestations to the contrary).

It is also paraphrased by younger people suffering from what may well (or unwell) be personkind's most debilitating scourge - purposelessness.

It might be characterized as a feeling that life before (as opposed to after) death just ain't worth living. Usually, though, it is a failure or inability to focus on both reality and opportunity.

While physical afflictions (including old age), mental diseases, wars, accidents and lethal bores take a greater toll statistically, they are mostly things not of our own doing and frequently beyond our power to avoid, control and/or mitigate.

Of such unfixable things, including in her case an impending Civil War and the perceived inequities of wifely life, Scarlett O'Hara merely sniffed, "fiddle-de-dee!", then turned her attention to the doable deeds and thinkable thoughts in the Tara of the moment.

Raising that philosophy to a higher level and applying it to the non-fictional world, Mother Teresa admonished her followers (and anyone willing to listen) to "do whatever you can, whenever you can, wherever you are" to make life a little better for themselves and others.

Both women, despite their disparate backgrounds and environments, recognized a priceless truth about getting the most out of life: While we don't always get to choose the problems that confront us, we are always free to control our reactions to them.

What little you can do - or avoid doing - in a given set of circumstances may be the fullness of the whatever, whenever and wherever you're able to do - that is to say, ALL you can do.

It may be your loftiest objective in life at a given moment in time and certainly a better use of that moment than hand-wringing, awfulizing, finger-pointing and participating in a pointless pity party.

Whenever and however often you find yourself in a blue funk, there are a series of questions that need to be answered, as an alternative to wallowing in that stagnant slough of hopelessness; they are, in approximate order:

1. Exactly what can I do right now to make it go away or mitigate the burden?

2. In addition, what can I plan to do in the future?

3. Who can I ask for help and/or advice?

In doing this, remember that perfect solutions are rare, except in fairy tales and mystery novels, but any small step toward shelter is better than standing still in the rain.

If and when, however, the honest answers to those three questions are nothing, nothing and nobody, Scarlett's strategy is the way to go - or, as the late Dick Powell sang in an otherwise eminently forgettable film musical many years ago, "If ya gotta take a lickin', carry on and quit your kickin' - don't give up the ship!"

Better still (or subsequently, if you insist on a brief pity party), take the advice of Mother Teresa and do something for someone in worse shape than you; you won't need binoculars to find a worthy subject - nor will anything heroic be required.

Lonely and/or sick people are easy targets for a visit, phone call, note or e-mail, and it's impossible to lift their spirits without lifting your own.

Random acts of kindness have great therapeutic value and need be no more challenging than smiling at and saying something nice to everyone you meet.

Physical activity works like a charm, especially when it involves things that have long languished on the "gotta do some day" list that constantly hangs over all our heads.

Prayer is helpful to a lot of people, but it's effective only after they've done everything possible for themselves. God has better things to do with His time and attention than wipe the noses of people who are able to wipe their own.

If you can't think of anything else to do, start acting as though you already felt the way you'd like to feel, and force yourself to do and say the things that are done and said by people - yourself included - when they really feel that way. (It's called faking it until you're making it, and it works with awesome efficiency.)

As an alternative to doing nothing, just about anything is a better choice. Purposelessness is never — but never — a valid option. Every lemon in the world is potential lemonade, but only after someone has plucked it from the tree or picked it up from the ground. Employ yourself — you're greater than you think!

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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

**The Dallas Morning News**

### Gutsy Bush immigration plan

Since 9-11, immigration reform has been on the back burner. Now, it is smack dab at the front of the stove. The Bush administration yesterday announced its plan to fix a busted immigration system. What President Bush has in mind is clever, gutsy, farsighted and fair. Specifically, the proposal would:

Bolster border enforcement with better technology and better monitoring of visas granted to foreign visitors.

Allow millions of illegal immigrants already employed in the United States to apply for three-year visas. (Workers could travel between their home country and here and then, after three years, could apply for permanent legal residency or citizenship.)

Create a registry on the Internet where U.S. employers could post jobs for Americans to find. (Jobs that went begging would be available to immigrants, both those already here and those who wish to come here with a firm job offer in hand.)

Give foreign workers an incentive to return home by letting them create tax-deferred private savings accounts accessible upon their return and allowing them access to their contributions to Social Security.

Seek an increase in the number of green cards awarded annually to unskilled workers. (Only about 5,000 now are available.)

The Bush plan protects workers' rights, elevates wages by producing a legal workforce and strengthens the economy by helping employers to fill jobs that Americans don't want anyway. It has plenty of nuances, which are sure to be frustrating for those Americans who approach this issue from the perspective of all or nothing.

One example: The plan doesn't reward lawbreakers. It recognizes reality. These people are here, and we can't ignore that. The Bush plan would pull them from the shadows while not giving them an unfair advantage over people who try to come to the United States legally. After all, people now here illegally would have to wait three years to do what foreigners wanting to come to this country can do today apply for legal residency.

**San Antonio Express-News**

### Soldiers get bum deal

War is hell, especially for members of a "volunteer" military who are not allowed to leave when their time is up.

"Stop-loss" orders have blocked 40,000 soldiers from retiring or otherwise departing the Army. Hundreds more in the Navy, Marines and Air Force also have been prevented from leaving.

Not only are military families dealing with the hardships and uncertainties of war, but they also face indefinite terms of service.

Military personnel who had planned to retire or leave to tend to their businesses and families now have no clue when they will be able to return to civilian life.

The stop-loss program saps morale, leading some soldiers to say it amounts to reinstituting the draft. But the military has few options. With troops stretched thin, it must retain trained personnel.

The situation emphasizes the need to focus on recruitment and provide fair pay and benefits to those who put their lives on the line to serve their nation.

The Los Angeles Times reports the Army is set to expand the stop-loss program next week. It's a raw deal for troops in exchange for their brave, unselfish service.

**Houston Chronicle**

### School funding

It's hard to get too excited by reports that Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick have been down on Dewhurst's ranch rounding up stray ideas on the school funding issue. It was reported that they've lassoed agreement that school tax relief for property owners is needed in Texas and that money must be found somewhere else to make up the difference. That horse, however, left the barn some time ago. Almost everybody agrees there is a problem.

What the Republican leaders reportedly haven't agreed on is the size of the property tax reductions and where the alternative school funding will come from.

Is this the best the state's leaders have to offer or are they doing something in secret out behind that barn they don't want Texans know about yet?

Gov. Perry has talked about calling legislators together in a special session in the spring to address school funding. He and others could have and should have tackled the matter during the regular legislative last year, after the Senate unanimously approved a plan, supported by Dewhurst, that would have cut local school property taxes and replaced them with new sales taxes on many professional services. But Craddock snubbed it. And they had other fish to fry, like drawing new congressional districts that favored Republicans.

Now they will have the added complication of looking at revenue options in an election year.

Corporate franchise taxes, higher cigarette taxes and various other options have been offered up for discussion. What is the likelihood that election politics will get in the way? Well, there's already talk in Austin about putting off doing anything about school finance until the regular legislative session in 2005. More delay.

Gov. Perry says they are not looking at expanding the funding pie for public education other than for population growth. That sounds good, but is questionable. No one should forget that the state has been reducing its portion of education dollars for local districts for years, forcing schools to rely more heavily on local property taxes. Less than half of public education funding now comes from the state.

**Austin American-Statesman**

### A&M's admission policies

Texas A&M University President Robert Gates has ended the school's questionable legacy admissions, but he'll have to do more to bring real diversity to College Station.

Gates was embarrassed when it was learned that Texas A&M admits more than 300 freshmen each year who don't qualify, but whose parents or grandparents attended the school. Most of those non-qualifying admissions were white. Last year, 312 legacy admissions were white, compared with 27 Hispanics and six African Americans.

It was embarrassing because Gates had announced that despite a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that colleges could consider race in admissions, Texas A&M would not use race as a criteria. He said only merit and nothing else should be considered in admission decisions. News of the legacy program shot a sizable hole in Gates' argument about merit-based admissions at Texas A&M, the only public university that still was giving admission preference to students whose immediate family had attended the school.

Getting rid of the legacy contradiction will help, but more must be done if Texas A&M's student body is to look more like Texas, which Gates said is his goal. Rejecting affirmative action and the revelation about legacies won't help Texas A&M's reputation as a campus hostile to minorities. Texas A&M's student body is 82 percent white, 9 percent Hispanic, 3 percent Asian American and 2 percent African American. That's a long way from looking like Texas.

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# New Visitor and Conference Center Opening on Campus

by Michelle Kuhl

Western Texas College is making plans for their new visitor and conference center, to be named "The Center." Last Monday the 37th Street Church of Christ donated the Christian Student Center to WTC.

"Once again the community has come to the aid of WTC, said Dr. Williams, WTC President, our mission is to transform the Christian Student Center building into a shining example of what innovation, technology, and service can do for a small community or large enterprise."

Plans for the interior renovation include tile, carpet, new doors, lighting and new furniture among others.

"We are working with a interior design consultant and will contract out to local businesses for the renovations," said Mike Thornton, who has been named Director of the new center. He and assistant Roxanne Stoker are working together to put it all together. Exterior landscaping will be done in conjunction with the GLT program on campus. "The Center" will be utilized as a visitor center for the campus. It will be the first place a new visitor to the campus will go. Thornton said, "We will be the campus host." Campus tours will also be given from there, as Deborah Baremore, WTC Recruiter, will also have an office in the newly renovated building. Thornton and Stoker are also now responsible for booking any special event held campus wide. "The Center" will also be utilized for meetings, conferences and retreats not only for WTC but for the community. This facility will have the capabilities of hosting a wide range of events form casual to elegant. Great Western Dining will cater any event being held.

# 146 Students named to Academic Honors Lists

Forty-three students were named to the President's List for the fall 2004 semester at Western Texas College. The President's List is the highest scholastic ranking achievable at WTC.

Seventy-three students were named to the Dean's List. To qualify for Dean's List, students must have a 3.5 grade point average and carry at least 12 hours of course work.

Thirty students were named to the Merit List. To qualify for Merit List, students must have a 3.5 grade point average and enroll for more than 8 and less than 12 hours of course work.

**PRESIDENT'S LIST**

Jason Best
Janice Camp
Chhay Chhaya
Patricia Daniel
Derek David
Lindsey Davis
Jacqueline Delbosque
Stacey Garcia
Stephen Gonzales
Amanda Greenwood
Jason Guynes
Oscar Hernandez
Rustem Ibrashev
Kazuhiro Inoue
Shinichiro Ito
Hisashi Kawakami
Sabrina Lay
Jeremee Lester
Terrence Marshall
Rikki Mathis
Greg McQuirk
Clifford Moore
James Phillips
Matthew Priddy
Jeffrey Proctor
Wendy Proffitt
Samuel Ramirez-Calvo
Christina Rico
Donald Robertson
Jessie Salas
Nicholas Schwartz
Russell Scott
Ian Shelly
Justin Simmons
Christopher Smith
Aaryn Stewart
Michael Ulm
Michael Wallace
Blake Ward
Dorthy Ward
Jennifer Weeding
Kasey Wemken
Craig Wilems
Yee Yu

**DEAN'S LIST**

Elizabeth Agricola
Ruben Arispe
Desiree Bates
Edna Bradbury
Catherine Calvert
Cody Carter
Crystal Carter
Dara Chambers
Katy Chester
Stormy Clark
Trent Cormier
Wade Cribbs
Rebecca Duke
Jesse Durham
Denny Farley
Jared Farley
Manuela Fernandez
Shelley Frisk
Jonathon Flores
Ira Gonzales
Geerrico Greenlee
Rebecca Griffin
Valaree Hancock
Adriana Hernandez
Jeff Hernandez
Tommy Hill
Amber House
Cullen Houston
Wyndell Inman
Ashley Jenkins
Julie Jones
Dalene Kempf
Billy Lambaren
Rachel Leach
Autumn Levens
Carrie Lowry
Josh Martinez
Sabrina McCauley
Billy Meador
Debra Medrano
Cassandra Messick
Cyrena Morin
Cindy Nachlinger
Jennifer Nobles
Lisa Parker
Heather Pokrant
Carcie Posey
Tiffany Quick
Evan Reed
Trey Roberson
Antonio Rodriguez
Pete Rodriguez
Cindy Sanchez
Nathan Shrode
Jeremy Smith
Jamie Soliz
Sam Spreadborough
Jack Stack
Celeigh Sterling
Tate Stratton
Tiffany Taylor
Nancy Thomson
Ashley Tolle
Cade Tucker
Rhealan Wagnon
Amber Ward
Stephanie Wardlaw
Dustin Weathersbee
Marcie Wienke
Tara Woodall
Kristin York
Felicia Youngclaus
Esther Zamarripa

**MERIT LIST**

Korie Allen
Ashley Amox
Cara Brooks
Leslie Burleson
Vadrian Clay
Beth Clements
Carley Clifton
Clay Craig
Sarah Crawford
Marlayna Deloach
Andra Dunham
Megan Fletcher
Samuel Hardin
Christopher Hensley
Anna Henson
Catalina Jones
Shannon Jones
Megan Longham
Ashley Martinez
Zachary McDowell
Sterling Millhollon
Stephanie Mueller
Priyanka Patel
Kayla Posey
Bradley Price
Keeli Shoemake
Robert Smith
Tamara Taylor
Jon Thomas
Mandy Villanueva

THE CENTER

WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE
Visitor and Conference Center

**Visitor and Conference Center**

With interior renovation projected for completion in the summer of 2004, the Visitor and Conference Center, located on the campus of Western Texas College, will focus as the host facility for individuals and groups to the campus. 'The Center" will also serve as the main facility for meetings, conferences, and retreats that reach the objectives of corporate, community, and individual organizations. Our facility will accommodate both formal and casual settings and our Management Team approach to customer service, will make 'The Center" the standard for all of your events. We believe that with this type of team approach, we can offer the highest level of personalized quality service for all meeting and dining needs.

**Service Packages Available:**

- Host coordinators available for personal assistance
- On-site parking area with easy access
- Flexible meeting areas that can serve 10 to 100 individuals
- Full or partial menus for anytime snacks, breakfast, lunch and/or dinner
- Video conferencing packages
- T-1 high speed internet access
- LCD projector, desk top/ lap top computers, overhead projector, flip chart package, audio visual screen, TVs, VCRs, DVDs
- Computer lap tops available on-site for up to 20 individuals
- Paper, pens, candy and water service
- Lodging arrangements on campus or at one of our local motels located within a short distance from campus
- Customized service packages available upon request

**For further information, please contact:**

Visitor and Conference Center
Western Texas College
6200 College Ave.
Snyder, TX 79549
1-325-573-8511, ext. 299
Email: thecenter@wtc.edu

***Think of 'The Center" not only for our exceptional space and services but also for your most personal events, receptions, weddings, or your next holiday party!***

# Spring Registration Continues

Whether you're just out of high school, looking to improve your job skills, ready to go back to college to get the education you always wanted, or just want to take a class and learn a new skill, there is still time to register for classes at WTC.

The official registration day has passed, but you can still register for classes through January 20. For a complete schedule of classes, visit our website at www.wtc.edu or call the counseling office at 573-8511 ext. 313. Some classes are full but there are classes with available space. Some of these are listed below.

Sociology 2389, Gerontology, is a class about the "sociology of aging." This class is appropriate for all nursing home workers as a continuing education course. It is informative and useful to nursing students, social workers, and psychology students. Even those who are responsible for the care of aging parents will find the class to be interesting and applicable. The class will be taught by Bill Baldwin, who is finishing his masters degree in aging at Abilene Christian University.

Art 2351, Design Communications meets, Tuesday nights from 6:30 -9:00. This course is an introduction to the basic processes and techniques of advertising art. The course will cover basic 2 dimensional design concepts, class projects such as stationary design, magazine and newspaper ad design, billboard design and CD cover design etc. Students will also learn how to use Photoshop, digital cameras and scanners.

Art 2323, Drawing III (figure drawing) meets Thursday nights from 6:30 - 9:20. For art majors and non-art majors. A course emphasizing structure and action of the human figure. Students will draw from life models in different poses. A fun class if one likes to draw human figures.

COSC1300 Internet, Introduction to Computing is a computer concepts class which introduces the student to computer terminology and software applications. In this Internet class, the students do not attend classroom lectures although tests will be taken on campus. They will communicate with the instructor through the course website and through email.

COSC 1300 Video class, Introduction to Computing. This class is a computer concepts class which introduces the student to computer terminology and software applications. This video class will be team taught by Britt and Tonya Canada. The students will check out video tapes with each of the classroom lectures. They will communicate with the instructors through the course website and through email. The tests will be taken on campus with the instructor.

COSC 1301 Internet, Introduction to HTML. The student will be introduced to the fundamentals of computer problem solving and programming with HTML. Each student will complete their own website using HTML during the semester. In this Internet class, the students do not attend classroom lectures although major tests will be taken on campus. They will communicate with the instructor through the course website and through email.

Regular classroom lecture classes for COSC 1300 and COSC 1301 are also available at WTC. For more information, contact Tonya Canada, 573-8511 ext. 366 or tcanada@wtc.edu

*Western Texas College Educational Talent Search director, Tammy Wesson, presented Outstanding Student Awards to 6th grade Talent Search students at the West Elementary awards ceremony on Thursday, January 15, 2004. These students raised their grade in four out of five core subjects during the 3rd six-weeks. Pictured from left to right are Josie Ornelas, Janie Ornelas, and Krystal Guerrero. Jake Strickland also received this award but is not pictured.*

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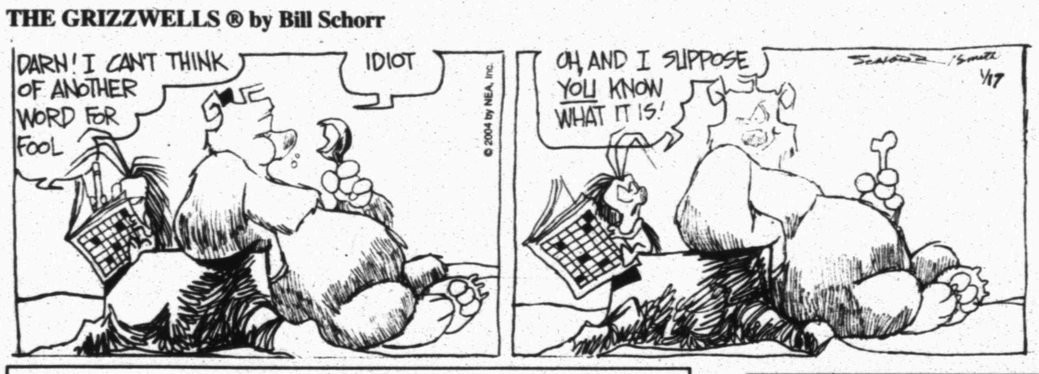


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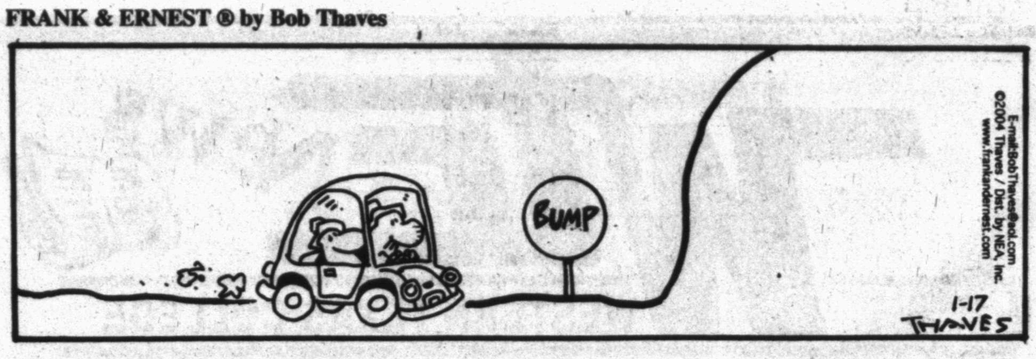


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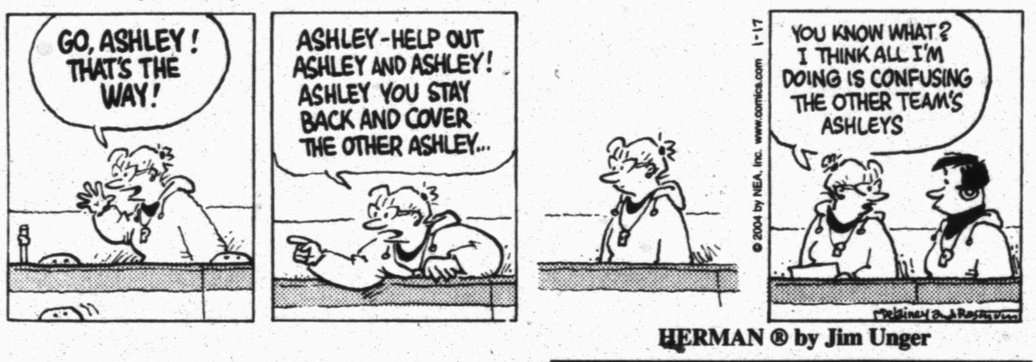


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## NEA Crossword Puzzle

**ACROSS**

1 Made cloth
5 Worker's ID
8 Snug
12 Pinnacle
13 Soldier's addr.
14 Large woodwind
15 Wynter or Andrews
16 Award
18 Capital of Peru
20 Pinch, in a way
21 Double curve
22 Settled accounts
25 Elec. unit
28 Not pretty
29 Vanished — thin air
33 Vegetable sponge
35 Nurture
36 Novelist Jean —
37 Garments
39 Fictional captain
40 "Elder" statesman
42 Zodiac sign
43 Piers
46 Tummy muscles
49 Joule fraction
50 Ship's pole
53 Long trips
56 Roulette bet
58 Pinnacle
59 New Haven student
60 Volcano top
61 Carpenter's tool
62 Volleyball need
63 Leg joint

**DOWN**

1 Crumple up
2 Outback mineral
3 —, vidi, vici
4 Quizzes
5 Pouch
6 Of the backbone
7 Public official
8 Narrow bed
9 NYC theater
10 Menageries
11 Urges
17 Lincoln nickname
19 Greenish-blue
23 Word of disgust
24 Grime
25 Sen. — Cranston
26 Grimace
27 Jingle
30 Astronaut — Armstrong
31 Deli-scale word
32 Two-color cookie
34 What rivers do
37 Dune buggy kin
38 Bunion sites
40 Lurch
41 Sporty sock
44 Egg producer
45 Dust particle
46 Almost shut
47 Pedro's mouth
48 Amounts of money
51 Cosmetics brand
52 Painter — Magritte
54 Tie fabric
55 Use a chair
57 Before marriage

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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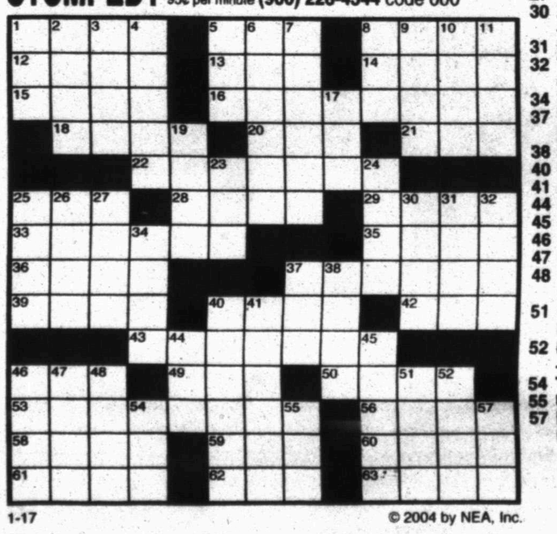

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# Snyder Daily News Comics

**DENNIS THE MENACE ® by Hank Ketcham**

"I'd ask you in, but I've only got one chair."

**KIT 'N' CARLYLE ® by Larry Wright**

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# Astro-graph

**By Bernice Bede Osol**

## Your Birthday

**Sunday, Jan. 18, 2004**

In the year ahead, there are excellent possibilities that you could share in something beneficial another has inaugurated. You'll be invited in because of what you can contribute (which will be other than financial support).

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Even if a number of things turn out to be rewarding for you today, the day may still not live up to your expectations. Strive to be far more realistic as to what is feasible and what is not.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** — When it comes to matters that affect your loved ones, let your heart rule your head today. Fulfilling emotional needs is far more important than fulfilling practical thinking.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** — The possibilities for acquiring what you want today are strong, but this won't be due to sheer luck. Good things will only transpire for you in cases where you work for what you want.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — Although you may be somewhat of a talker today, you'll still be a doer as well. However, if you want to be more industrious, cut out the chatter and concentrate solely on the job at hand.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — Today you may be faced with a choice as to where you should devote your efforts and resources. If you're smart you'll put your family needs first and those of outsiders second.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — People in general will be more receptive to you today if you take care not to dominate the conversation or happenings. Just be part of the group and let someone else be the big cheese.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — Something opportune may develop for you today that could be favorable for achieving your ambitions and aspirations. However, if you broadcast the news, someone could usurp your luck.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — First and foremost, don't attempt to put on airs in order to impress others, and, second, there is no need to be in awe of people who think they're hotshots. Both are fraudulent.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — It's commendable to go all out for someone you love, and you may be given the opportunity to do so today. Even if you think you're going to extremes, what the heck, it's for a good cause.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** — With your good humor, you're likely to be the life of the party today — wherever you go. Have a good time and enjoy yourself, but be on guard not to evoke humor at the expense of another.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** — Only boldness and effort will earn you the rewards you desire today; wishful thinking won't. Now is the time to stop talking about what you're going to do and be a doer instead.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** — All your social planning could get out of hand today if you include too many people. Everyone, including yourself, will have a better time if the group is more controllable.

**Monday, Jan. 19, 2004**

Scattering your forces thin in the months ahead is likely to become a thing of the past. Unlike some previous years, your focus will be exacting and rigorous, resulting in far greater chances for achievement.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Keep your plans and activities flexible today, so that you can change directions at a moment's notice. Something fun is likely to pop up suddenly in which you'll want to participate.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** — Something of financial value may be given to you today from a person you'd least expect. His or her motives could be based on some very unusual reasons, with you being the recipient.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** — Any breaks that develop today are likely to come from associates rather than be of your own making. In fact, others are likely to treat you far better than you will treat yourself.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — As each little unexpected job springs up today, get it out of the way immediately. Actions you take now will spare you the many steps that accumulate, adding up into one big headache tomorrow.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — Even if others tell you your ideas sound a bit bizarre, don't discount the value of your thinking. Chances are you'll be two steps ahead of everybody else and they simply haven't caught up yet.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — This is a good day to get the ear and attention of someone who may be able to help you in some manner where your career or work is concerned. Get in touch with this individual now.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — Try to do more listening than talking today should you find yourself in the company of an experienced adviser. What this person says may reveal ideas that never occurred to you.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Should it dawn on you that you have a much better way of doing something you've routinely done, start analyzing your alternatives today. You could come up with a great change.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — What starts out as another ho-hum day may turn out to be anything but. Something pleasant and unexpected could develop that would make things quite exciting and electrifying.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** — Many times it is unwise to buy on impulse, but this may not be the case for you today. Keep your eyes peeled for some very unusual bargains and heed your instincts.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** — As if by providence, some very valuable information may get passed onto you today through a chance remark made by a friend. The news will make a big difference in your life.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** — When out shopping or thumbing through a catalog today, be on the lookout for a unique bargain on something you've been hankering for that has always been too expensive for you to purchase.

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## Wylie signed to stay on 'ER' through 2005

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Turning on the television Thursday nights felt a bit weird for "ER" star Noah Wyle, who took a few months off from the NBC medical drama last fall.

"It's very disconcerting to watch 'ER' and not see myself in it," he said Wednesday. "I didn't like it. I didn't like it at all. I could enjoy it, you know, from an objective point of view, but I really felt left out."

Wyle is the only "ER" actor to stay all 10 seasons, remaining as George Clooney, Anthony Edwards, Julianna Margulies and others moved on.

"This is the longest relationship of my life," said the 32-year-old actor, who's signed to stay with the show through 2005.

"And like any long-term relationship, you have ups and downs and falling in and out of love. Obviously, it was hard when each and every one of the original cast members that I started the show with left. And I thought about leaving at various times."

What tipped the balance to get Wyle to stay?

"The money, probably," he said.

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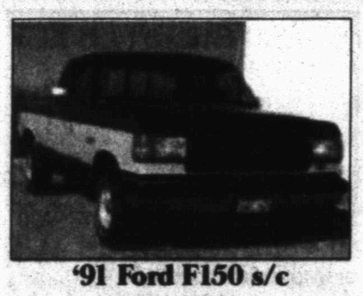

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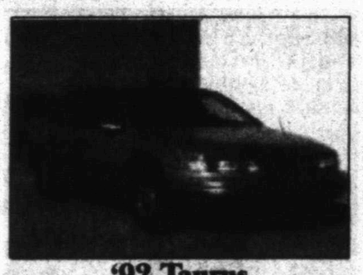

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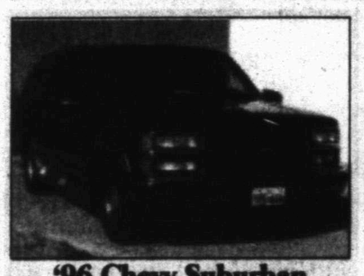

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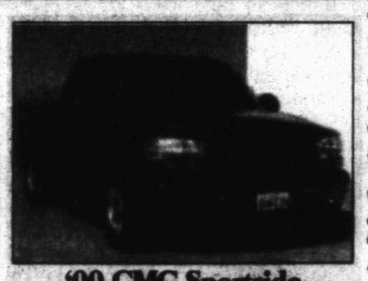

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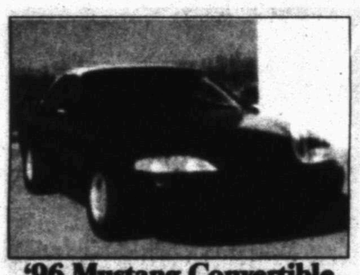

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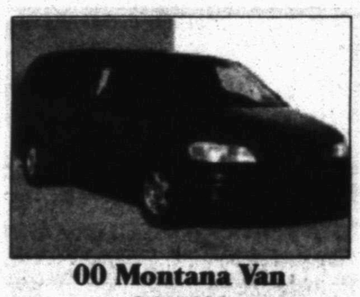

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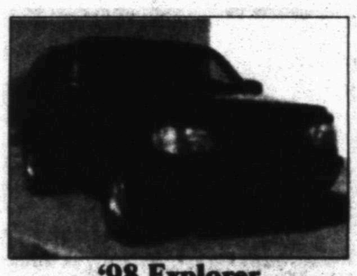

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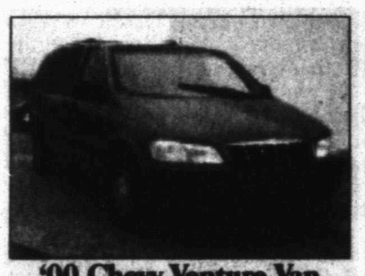

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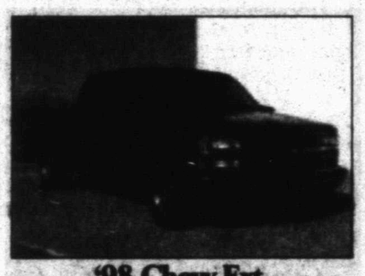

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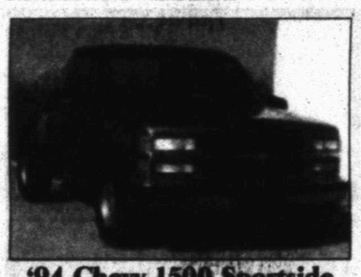

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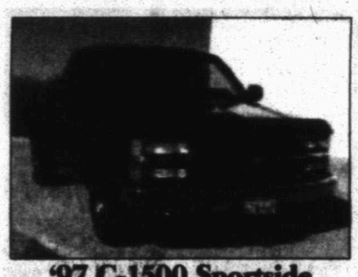

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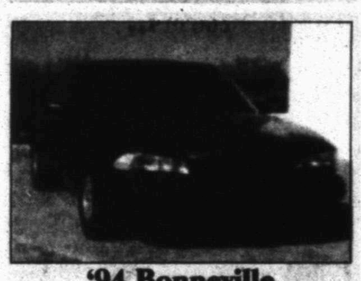

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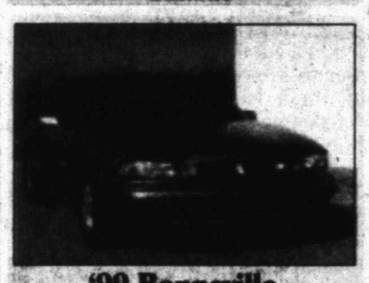

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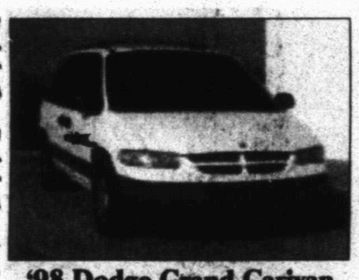

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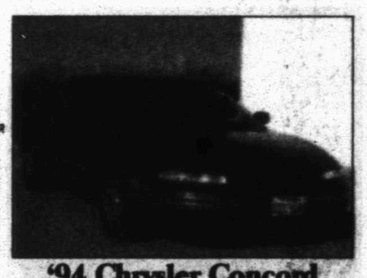

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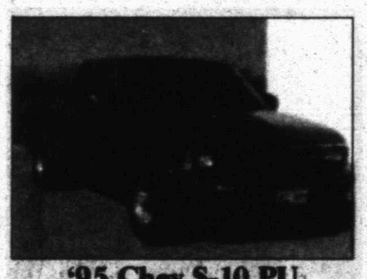

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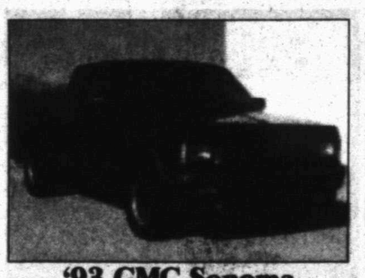

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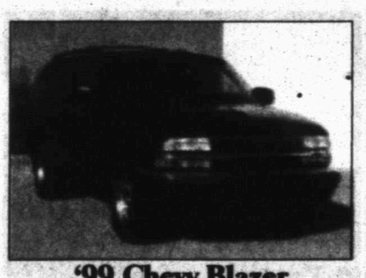

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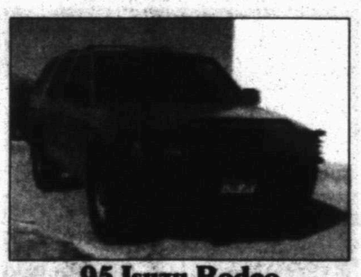

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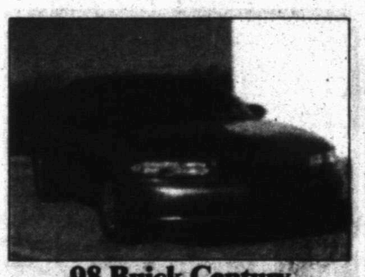

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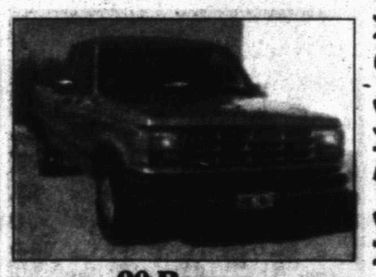

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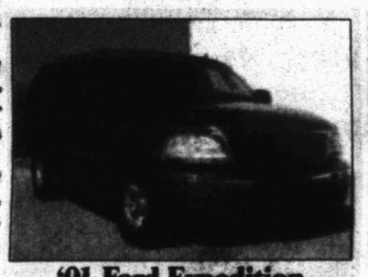

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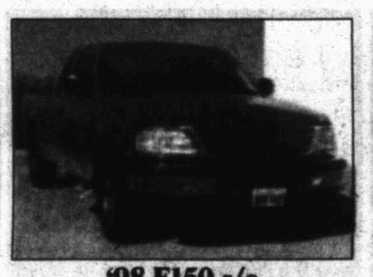

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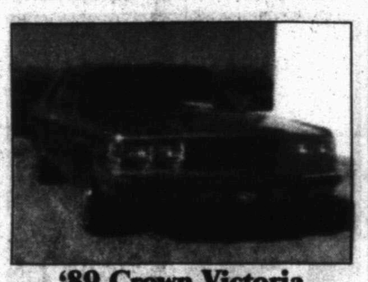

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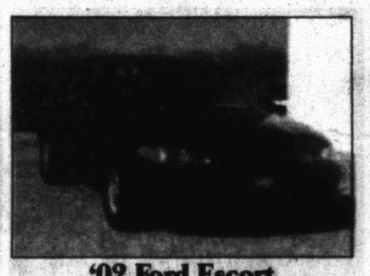

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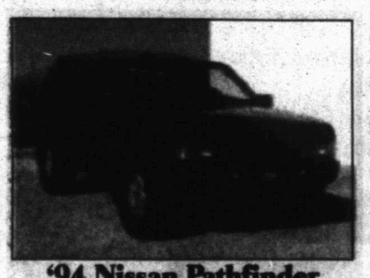

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