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Gateway Family Services...

Where more is not better

Twenty years ago, a family shelter was organized in Snyder that is now known as Gateway Family Services.

The shelter continues to serve a growing need in Scurry County and four neighboring counties as a record number of family violence and sexual assault victims were served in 2003.

At the time, 2002's numbers were record setters.

Last year, a total of 691 victims of family violence and sexual assault took shelter at Gateway in Snyder.

"That is a 15 percent increase over the 602 victims served in 2002 and a 42 percent increase over the 487 served in 2001," said Lyndia Allen, executive director.

The statistics reflect both residents and non-residents of the shelter from the five county area, as well as victims served from other parts of the state.

"Both 2002 and 2003 were very eventful, very busy years for Gateway," said Allen. "2002 was the first year we served over 600 clients."

Allen said the fall months of 2002 also broke 18-year records for the number of residential shelter nights.

"In October, 2002, we provided over 300 shelter nights in a single month for the first time as 305 nights were provided," said Allen.

Allen said 437 shelter nights were provided in December 2002.

Historically, summer months are slower at the shelter.

"But not in 2003," said Allen.

"In July and August, we provided 200 and 219 shelter respectively for summer records."

In 2003, the shelter also had more adult clients than children for the first time.

"Last year, we worked with more single adults and older adults whose children no longer live at home," said Allen.

Allen said shelter is provided for people of all ages, gender, income, social and educational levels.

"We've had clients who had dropped out of school, as well as those with master's degrees," said Allen.

Allen said shelter is provided for men when necessary.

"One of the first clients in 1984 was a male," said Allen. "We provided shelter for one adult male client in 2002 and two adult males last year."

The shelter has four suites available for victims.

"There were times during the last 18 months that we utilized every regular bed, roll-away, baby and youth beds we have," said Lea Phillips, shelter manager.

Phillips said every effort is made to put each family in a suite together, but that is not always possible.

"Providing shelter, food, clothing and transportation was a challenge during 2002 and in early 2003 as we experienced funding cuts on the state and federal levels," said Allen.

Allen said one grant has been cut 18 percent over the last two years, and in 2002, the Texas Department of Human Services funding was cut 24 percent with less than 60 days notice.

Allen said the Texas Council on Family Violence in 2002 formed a committee of shelter executive directors to work with the state to form a more equitable funding formula that did not penalize small to medium shelters like Gateway disproportionately.

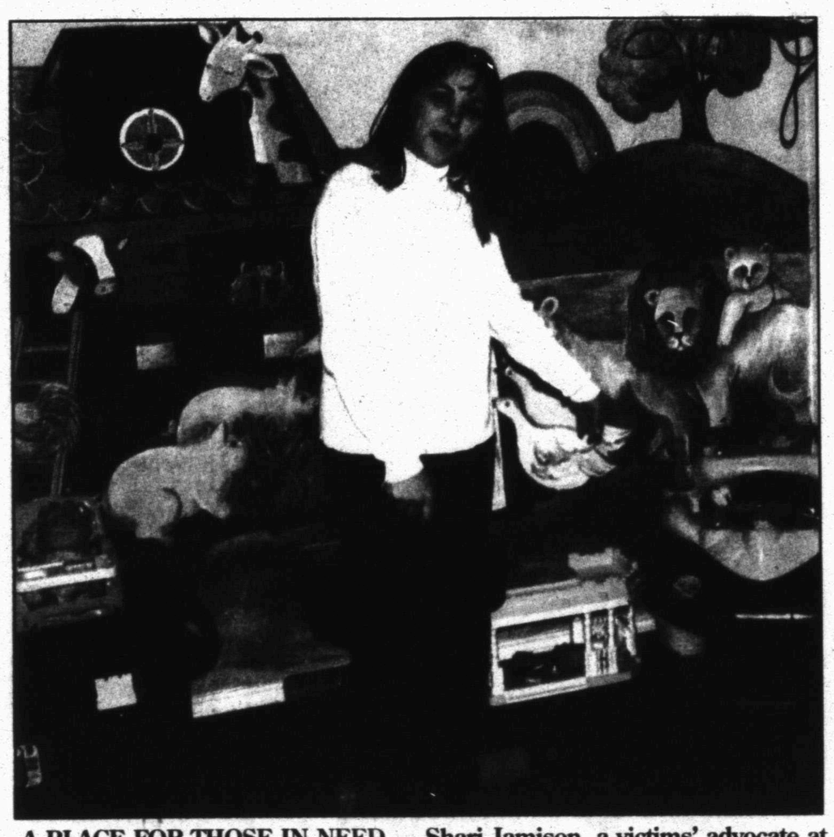
"Dee Wilson, former director of Gateway Family Services, served on that committee," said Allen.

Service from the shelter is available 24 hours per day, seven days a week.

The center crisis hotline number is 800-578-8054, or 325-573-1822, while the Sweetwater number is 325-235-1552.

"All services offered by Gateway are free of charge and confidential," emphasized Allen.

Currently, there are 15 employees on the staff with a couple of vacancies that are looking to be filled. Of that number, there are six full-time and nine part-time in Snyder, and one full-time and one part-time in the Snyder office.



A PLACE FOR THOSE IN NEED — Shari Jamison, a victims' advocate at Gateway, shows some of the new toys in the children's playroom at the shelter. (SDN Staff Photo by Annie Rowe)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "If everybody thought before speaking, only the silence would startle."

Back at the first of the year, one local citizen said her New Year's resolution was to keep from putting her foot in her mouth.

Haven't run into the young lady, but if she completed the first month successfully, she deserves a plaque.

We've resolved similarly in the past, only to realize we couldn't make it one week — or was it one day.

A few years ago, we turned to the Good Book for inspiration on talking, not talking and listening.

We read:

"But let every one be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger."

Anger control is the easy one. Listening and not talking is difficult for most folks.

One newspaper writer was a little more stilted. He vowed to "use words more judiciously."

There is a 19th century tale about a man who went about town slandering the village wise man. One day he went to the wise man's home and asked for forgiveness.

The wise man said he would do so on one condition: that he go home, take a feather pillow from his house, cut it up, and scatter the feathers to the wind. After doing so, he should return to the wise man's house.

However puzzled, the man was pleased to be let off the hook so easily that he quickly did the task and returned to the wise man's house.

"Just one more thing," said the wise man. "Now, go gather up all the feathers."

"That's impossible," said the offender. "The wind has already scattered them."

The rest of the story is obvious.

Words — even true ones — can hurt. On the other hand, kind and encouraging words can help build a person's self-esteem and improve relationships.

In this political year, we hoping there will be civility in our disagreements. What we need are candidates who win elections, not destroy opponents.

The same attitude will work in business and other relationships. When it comes to Snyder and Scurry County, we're all in the same boat — and you can't sink just one end of the boat.

We think it was President Coolidge, also known as Silent Cal, who wisely said: "You don't have to explain something you don't say."

The resolve grows among the task force meeting each Thursday at the chamber.

Some areas that need to be cleaned up have been identified and a plan is being developed. Some property owners will be contacted to seek "permission" to clean up or haul away debris.

Just along U.S. 84 alone is a major task. It will take more than a few Boy Scouts. It will take not only manpower, but some heavy equipment.

Meanwhile, we urge citizens to organize their own city blocks and talk about ways to make the neighborhoods more attractive.

The city and county governments can't do it all — it will require some individual responsibility.

Here's looking forward to a future sparkle in our community.

SISD gets third bomb threat

Snyder ISD was the target of a terroristic threat for the third time in less than two weeks. Friday's bomb threat occurred just as classes were being dismissed for the day.

A call was received at approximately 3:35 p.m. to the special programs office in the Humble Smith building on 37th Street.

Snyder police, along with members of Snyder Fire and Rescue, conducted a search of the building. About an hour later, Police Sgt. Brian Haggard emerged to announce that nothing out of the ordinary was found.

"I can assure you that prosecution will be sought on each and every one of these cases," he said. "We will aggressively investigate each call that comes in. It's very important that we catch whoever is responsible and put a stop to this."

Snyder High School received a call just before noon Wednesday, allegedly from a 16-year-old student calling on a cell phone from inside the school.

On Jan. 22 a call was received at the Alternative Education Program building on El Paso. No suspect has been identified in the first incident.

HOME FIELD ADVANTAGE — A supportive crowd watched the ribbon-cuttin ceremony at the new athletic complex Friday afternoon at Western Texas College. Pictured from left are Gold Coat Nancy Smith, Chamber Manager Vicki Shroyer, WTC board chairman Lee Presswood, WTC President Dr. Greg Williams and Gold Coat Donna Gray. The Westerners bowed in the opener, 14-3. See related story page 6A

Court to reveal appointments

Scurry County commissioners court will focus on appointments and the March primaries when it convenes at 10 a.m. Monday.

The court will see a demonstration on electronic voting presented by a representative of Hart InterCivic's eSlate electronic voting system.

In other business the court will consider additional appointments to various boards. Also on the agenda is a review of bids for fuel and bulk oil.

The court will hear the treasurer's quarterly report, consider retired peace officer proficiency certificates, allowing retired officers with 20 years of service to carry a firearm, and the establishment of a petty-cash fund for the adult probation department.

New voter cards have been mailed

New voter registration cards for Scurry County have been mailed.

"If you do not receive a new, blue voter registration card by Feb. 10, call our office," said Joan Bunch, county clerk. The number is 573-5332.

Bunch also said if a resident has moved to another location in the last two years and the new address was not given to the clerk's office, a registration card would not be received.

The first election in 2004 will be the Republican and Democratic primaries on March 9. Early voting begins Feb. 23.

Moe Bandy

Reservations for the RV park at Scurry County Coliseum are steadily coming in for the annual West Texas Western Swing Music Festival set for June 8-12.

A number of regular performers at the Snyder Chamber of Commerce-sponsored festival will be back — including Dave Alexander, Billy Mata, Jody Nix, Playboys II and Curtis Potter.

A special guest performer this year is a regular at his own theatre in Branson, Mo., Moe Bandy.

Bandy will perform in Snyder on Saturday, June 12.

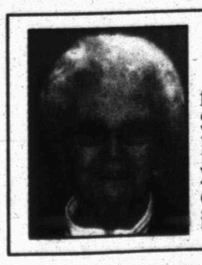
ASK US

Q—Is every commissioners' precinct represented on the Cogdell Memorial Hospital board?

A—No. There are five representatives from precinct 3, and one from precinct 1.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Sue Dickey Griffin...



...has been back in Snyder for one year after living in the San Angelo Baptist Memorial Retirement Center for three years. Her children are Glenda Bamsey who she lives with in Snyder, Buster Dickey of Midland, Mary Foster of Trent and Martha Beaver of Hawley. Sue likes to embroidery, crocheting, knitting and she is active in the Scurry County Senior Citizens Center.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Nobody is perfect. Look for the good in others. Forget the rest.

—Barbara Bush

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Church of God revival

The Church of God, 1411 College Ave., is hosting a revival through Sunday. Saturday's service is at 7 p.m. and the Sunday service is at 5 p.m. Evangelist is Stephen Smith from Colorado.

Turkey shoot

A turkey shoot sponsored by the Scurry County Rodeo Association continues until dark Saturday at the rodeo grounds on Gary Brewer Rd.

MAWC luncheon Sunday

Martha Ann Woman's Club will have a luncheon Sunday. Open to the public, tickets are $8.50 per plate with serving to begin at 11:30 a.m. Entrée is choice of roast or stuffed chicken breast. Reservations are made by calling 573-3427, 573-6443 or 573-5586.

Grand jury

The Scurry County grand jury is expected to hear 10 felony cases when it convenes at 9 a.m. Monday in 132nd District Court.

Central Taste of TAKS night

Central Elementary parents are invited to their child's classroom from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Monday. Teachers promise a fun evening as parents see firsthand some of the tasks their children face in the third grade. Door prizes, refreshments and childcare will be provided.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Witness of the Resurrection," followed by "Take Heed What You Hear."

Retirement reception

Western Texas College past and present computerized business technology students are hosting a retirement reception for Joann Snider from 2-4 p.m. next Sunday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Donations to help defray expenses would be appreciated. Contact Robert Lane at 573-6500 or Fredine Ward at 325-728-8830.

New Saturday landfill hours

Starting next Saturday hours of operation for the Snyder lanfill will be from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.

AA meeting

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

WTC GED testing dates

Western Texas College has scheduled six GED testing dates: Feb. 13, Feb. 20, March 12, March 26, April 16 and April 30. To take the test or for more information contact Betty Thompson at 573-2310 or Emily Hataway 573-8511, ext. 297 or 574-2112. It is recommended that candidates receive some preparation before attempting the test.

What's up guidelines

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.

Panel displays series of misteps

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's long been known that U.S. authorities had opportunities to stop at least some of the Sept. 11 hijackers. Now the extent of the government's failures is coming to light.

At a two-day hearing this week, the federal commission investigating the attacks revealed U.S. authorities had numerous opportunities to stop the hijackers, including many face-to-face encounters.

The missteps included miscommunications about al-Qaida operatives dating back to the mid-1990s, hijackers who were allowed to repeatedly enter the United States even with false or the wrong visa papers, and missed chances to stop suspects at airport security checkpoints despite warning signs.

"We were asleep. Opportunities were lost," said former New Jersey Gov. Thomas Kean, a Republican who chairs the bipartisan National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States. "The hijackers analyzed our system and developed a plan they felt sure would beat it in every case, and 19 out of 19 succeeded."

Congress established the commission to study the nation's preparedness before Sept. 11, 2001, its response to the attacks, and to recommend ways to prevent such disasters.

The errors documented by the commission date back to just after the 1993 World Trade Center bombings and continued until the fateful day in 2001. The panel found airline security stopped nine of the 19 hijackers on the day of the attacks but let them go.

All five of the hijackers on American Airlines Flight 77 at Dulles International Airport outside Washington were flagged as security risks. All that was required then was that their checked bags be searched for explosives. None was found, so they were allowed to board.

Three of them also had carry-ons that set off alarms on X-ray belts. However, despite one or two additional checks, they successfully got on the plane with pocket knives and box cutters. That plane crashed into the Pentagon.

Three of the five hijackers on American Airlines Flight 11 from Logan International Airport in Boston, as well as one hijacker on United Airlines Flight 93 from Newark International Airport in New Jersey, also were stopped as potential security risks. But they were allowed to board after their baggage tested negative for explosives.

The panel also found FBI and CIA officials did not share knowledge about al-Qaida or played down that information with customs, immigration and FAA officials.

Consequently, some of the hijackers escaped capture despite questioning by customs officials after they submitted improper visa forms or acted suspiciously. The commission said if military intelligence were shared about al-Qaida and their tendency to travel on Saudi passports, authorities would have known to stop them.

But at least two and as many as eight of the hijackers were allowed to enter on fraudulent visas. Six of the hijackers eluded detection even though they overstayed their visas or failed to attend the English language school for which their visas were issued.

Northeast bee

TOP TWO — Nicole Molter won Northeast Elementary's spelling bee Friday afternoon and Stevie Dauphin is the runner-up. Nicole is the daughter of Mike and Liffin Molter. Stevie's parents are Amber Lyle and J.B. Cline. Both winners will advance to Snyder ISD's bee Feb. 10 at Western Texas College. Not pictured is Tai Dean who finished in third place. She is the daughter of Brian and Laural Dean. (SDN Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

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NASA Opportunity rolls off lander and onto Mars

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — NASA's Opportunity successfully rolled off its lander and onto the rusty soil of Mars early Saturday, a week after the six-wheeled robot arrived on the Red Planet.

The risky roll-off apparently went without a hitch, as indicated by a single black-and-white image transmitted via satellite to Earth.

"Two for two, one dozen wheels on soil," flight director Chris Lewicki said after Opportunity joined its twin, Spirit, on the planet's surface.

The picture taken by Opportunity's rear hazard camera showed the rover's now empty lander and a parallel set of tracks leading away from it, traced in the pebbly martian dirt 128 million miles from Earth.

Scientists at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory erupted in cheers as the photograph appeared on a screen in mission control. More pictures flooded in minutes later to continued cheers and applause.

NASA said Opportunity probably took less than two minutes to roll the 10 feet off the flat platform of its lander and onto the dark soil of the crater in which it landed seven days ago.

The step was likely the riskiest Opportunity would ever take. Once the rover rolls up and over the gentle slopes of the 10-foot deep crater, it will be on the smoothest, flattest terrain known on Mars.

Spirit sat atop its lander for 12 days following its Jan. 3 touchdown before it moved onto the martian surface.

The rover had to turn in place and use a secondary ramp to leave its lander after engineers failed to clear the path that lay straight ahead of it.

Since then, Spirit has rolled a short distance across the rockier surface at its landing site. Software problems drew its mission to a temporary halt on Jan. 21.

On Friday, NASA erased 1,700 files from Spirit's flash memory, making it more manageable for the rover's random-access memory. Engineers then rebooted Spirit.

"I am pleased to report it appears to be working just fine," said Glenn Reeves, chief engineer for the rover's flight software. He said NASA by Sunday should be able to declare Spirit "fully recovered."

Opportunity has faced no such obstacles. NASA also accelerated the rover's schedule to allow it to begin its field work more quickly.

While parked, the rover already spied tantalizing hints of a mineral that typically forms in water, a finding that could mean the dry and dusty Red Planet was once wetter.

Haney SDN winner

Oscar Haney, 321 33rd St., is the January winner of a free year's subscription to the Snyder Daily News.

Each month a drawing is held from the names of those who subscribed or renewed for six months or more.

Alderete on dean's honor list at Tech

Stephanie Elizabeth Alderete, a senior at Texas Tech University, has been named to the Dean's Honor List for the 2003 fall semester.

To be eligible, students must maintain at least a 3.5 GPA or better.

Alderete, a 1999 Snyder High School graduate, is majoring in early childhood. She is the daughter of George Alderete and Alice Molina, both of Snyder.

events

LOTTO TEXAS — TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Friday's Lottery Numbers
Mega Millions

ATLANTA (AP) — The jackpot in the multi-state Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to $85 million Saturday.

None of the tickets sold for Friday's $73 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Tuesday.

There were nine second-prize winners from Friday night's drawing, each matching all five lotto numbers but not the Mega Ball number to win $175,000. Twenty-nine 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: 17, 28, 30, 40, and 51. The Mega Ball number was 44.

Texas Two Step

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

Winning numbers drawn: 17-30-27-2. Bonus ball 33.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: none. Prize: $250,000.

Number matching four of four: 10. Prize: $1,196.

Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 32. Prize: $46.

Number matching three of four: 1,010. Prize: $20.

Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 668. Prize: $19.

Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 3,930. Prize: $7.

Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 7,167. Prize: $5.

Estimated jackpot for Tuesday night drawing: $300,000.

Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 17-28-29-30-31.

Number matching five of five: one.

Prize per winner: $48,581.

Matching four of five: 194. Prize: $113.

Matching three of five: 4,655. Prize: $10.

Matching two of five: 46,711. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

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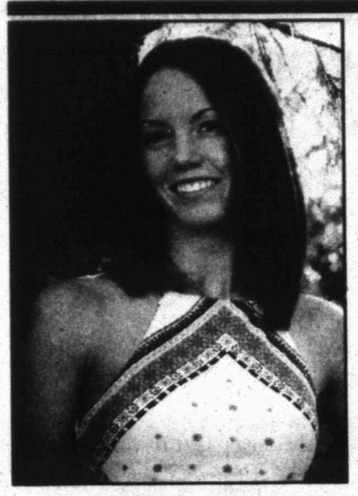

Afton Schwertner

Schwertner named to Tech honor list

Afton Schwertner of Snyder, a freshman at Texas Tech University, has been named to the dean's honor list for the college of education.

The 2003 graduate of Snyder High School is the daughter of Rick and Melanie Schwertner of Snyder. Grandparents include Dena Baker of Lubbock and Rudy and Vera Schwertner of Wilson.

Killgo on honor list

PORTALES — Judy E. Killgo, an Eastern New Mexico University student who graduated from Snyder High School, is among the 558 students on the 2003 fall semester dean's honor roll.

Killgo is majoring in family and consumer sciences.

To be eligible for the dean's honor roll, students must complete a minimum of 15 hours for the semester and maintain a 3.25 GPA.

Three receive American FFA degree honor

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Three members of Snyder High School's chapter of the FFA recently received the American FFA degree.

They are Riley Ann Tatum Wall, Russell Wall and Johnna Ferris. The honors were presented at the 76th National FFA Convention in November.

Each award recipient received a gold American FFA Degree key. The degree recognition program is sponsored by BASF, Case IH, The Farm Credit System and Pioneer Hi-Breed International, Inc. as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

The American FFA Degree recognizes demonstrated leadership ability and outstanding achievements in agricultural business, production, production, processing or service programs.

To be eligible, members must have earned and productively invested $7,500 through a supervised agricultural experience (SAE) program in which they star, own or hold a professional position in an existing agricultural enterprise. Recipients must also make it their mission to demonstrate outstanding leadership abilities and community involvement.

FX to air series

NEW YORK (AP) — FX has placed a series order for comedian Denis Leary's "Rescue Me," signing up for 13 episodes of the one-hour drama, the network announced.

"Rescue Me" is about the lives of a group of New York City firefighters. Leary stars as a firefighter who's coping with the fear of his job in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

The announcement was made last week.

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Explosion that killed eight U.S. soldiers 'probably' an accident

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — An arms dump blast that killed eight American soldiers was likely an accident, the U.S. military said Saturday, releasing the first results of an investigation into its worst ever loss of life here.

The soldiers died Thursday when a cache of mortar rounds and rifle ammunition was discovered near Ghazni, about 90 miles southwest of Kabul, exploded.

Military spokesman Lt. Col. Bryan Hilferty said the soldiers were preparing the weapons for disposal when one or more of them detonated.

"There was a single pop and then a much louder, much larger sympathetic detonation," he said. "Initial indications are that it probably was an accident."

The status of an eighth soldier listed as missing was changed to "presumed deceased," Hilferty said Saturday, confirming the worse loss of life for U.S. forces since they invaded in late 2001 to oust the Taliban regime for harboring Osama bin Laden.

Hilferty gave no further details on the explosion, saying the investigation was still in its early stages. He had said Friday that the military was still looking into whether the cache was set off by a booby-trap.

But in the United States, a sister of one of the dead soldiers said officers informed relatives that the troops were on a training exercise.

Penny Cockerell said she was told that her brother, Sgt. Kyle Seitsinger, a 29-year-old Army Reserve sergeant attached to the 10th Mountain Division, died when a mortar round exploded during the exercise.

"It makes it even worse that it was a training exercise. It makes it more senseless," Cockerell, a reporter who works in the Dallas bureau of The Associated Press, said in a telephone interview from her family's home in Oklahoma City.

Hilferty said several 10th Mountain soldiers were among the dead and that soldiers from other units also were killed. He declined to identify them further.

Lawyers to challenge tying sentence to losses in stock market

HOUSTON (AP) — A former Dynegy Inc. executive convicted of conspiracy and fraud likely faces up to a dozen years in prison if the judge in his case deems him responsible for $100 million or more in stock losses.

Before losses from the fraud are calculated, Jamie Olis faces a range of probation to six months in prison for conspiracy and five counts of fraud. He was convicted in November of those charges for pushing through a 2001 natural gas deal dubbed Project Alpha that helped Dynegy improperly boost cash flow and reduce taxes.

The maximum prison term on all five counts is 35 years in prison.

However, U.S. District Judge Sim Lake said Friday he intends to rely on trial testimony that the University of California lost $105 million when Dynegy's stock plummeted in 2002 after revelations of the Enronesque deal that made the company appear more profitable than it was.

That amount of loss caused by the fraud, under federal sentencing guidelines, automatically would increase Olis' sentence from the minimum range of probation to six months to 121-151 months, or 10 to 12 years in prison, said Mark Clark, one of his attorneys.

The $105 million is one of three calculations of losses in a pre-sentence investigation conducted by federal probation authorities.

Lake said the other two figures were $589 million, based on a government analysis, and $300 million, the amount wrongly identified as cash flow in Project Alpha. The sentence range would still be 10-12 months if the higher figures were used because the increase would be the same for any loss of $100 million or more, Clark said.

"We intend to argue every form of loss," Clark said.

Lake rescheduled Olis' Feb. 19 sentencing date to March 25 so defense attorneys and prosecutors could correct errors in the pre-sentence report. Olis' lawyers had said they wanted to hire an economist to dispute the loss figures, but Lake called the $105 million an "unimpeachable loss" noted in evidence in the trial.

Kirby Behre, a former federal prosecutor in Washington and an expert on federal sentencing guidelines, said the financial loss resulting from fraud is the primary driver in sentencing for white-collar criminals.

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Today's chuckle

'Clown bandit' leaves empty handed

CLAYTON, Mo. (AP) — Police in the St. Louis area are calling it the case of the "Clown Bandit."

A man created a comedy of errors as he broke into a liquor store earlier this week.

The crook was seen on surveillance video stealing booze. But just off camera, he slammed face first into a door. Then he lost his balance, slipped and fell.

He also grabbed some cigarettes and a magazine, police said, and bagged his own goods. But he couldn't get out the window where he came in so he threw all of the stolen items out the window. The liquor bottles then broke.

The man went away empty-handed, police say. The stolen goods were valued at $30.

Screenwriter's memoir details Hollywood life

CLEVELAND (AP) — "Basic Instinct" screenwriter Joe Eszterhas' memoir details his life in Hollywood, his battle with cigarettes and alcohol, and his father's involvement with anti-Semitic propaganda.

Eszterhas said "Hollywood Animal," released Tuesday, shows him as a cold, self-absorbed person before he stopped drinking.

"Soulless is a good word. And I think I had begun to become that way. I think my drinking was part of that. I made mistakes," he said.

Eszterhas was diagnosed with throat cancer nearly three years ago and was treated at the Cleveland Clinic. He lost part of his larynx but now is in remission.

He grew up in Cleveland and started smoking at 12. He's moved back to the area from Hollywood and has quit smoking.

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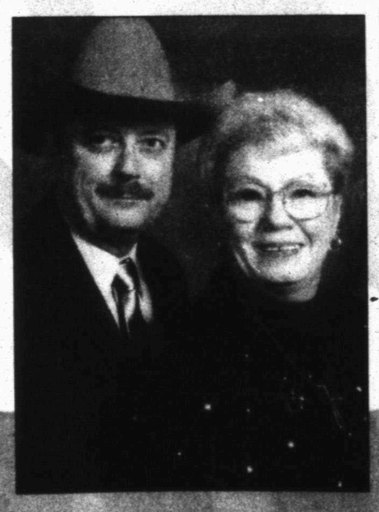

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4 die in house blast

EL PASO (AP) — Three children and their father have died in a house explosion that injured a fourth child and two other adults in this far West Texas city.

The blast late Friday triggered a fire and caved in the roof of the house, where one woman was rescued.

Victims have not yet been identified. The dead were listed as children aged ages 4, 6 and 12, along with their father, said fire officials.

They said an 8-year-old boy was to be sent to Lubbock for specialized burn treatment. A 35-year-old woman and a 55-year-old woman were admitted to Beaumont Army Medical Center in El Paso with first-, second- and third-degree burns.

Investigators early Saturday were trying to determine a cause of the 9:55 p.m. MST explosion. They were checking whether any gas may have been leaking at the Lower Valley home.

"You could see the flames coming out of the roof through all the openings, all of the openings of the house. The windows, the doors," Maria De Santiago, a neighbor, told the El Paso Times.

De Santiago, 40, said a woman who was pulled out of the burning home attempted to get back inside the structure as neighbors who rushed outdoors after the blast tried to hold her back.

"She was yelling, 'Los niInos, los niInos' ('the children')," said De Santiago, who lives across the street.

She said a man rushed into the house and came out burned.

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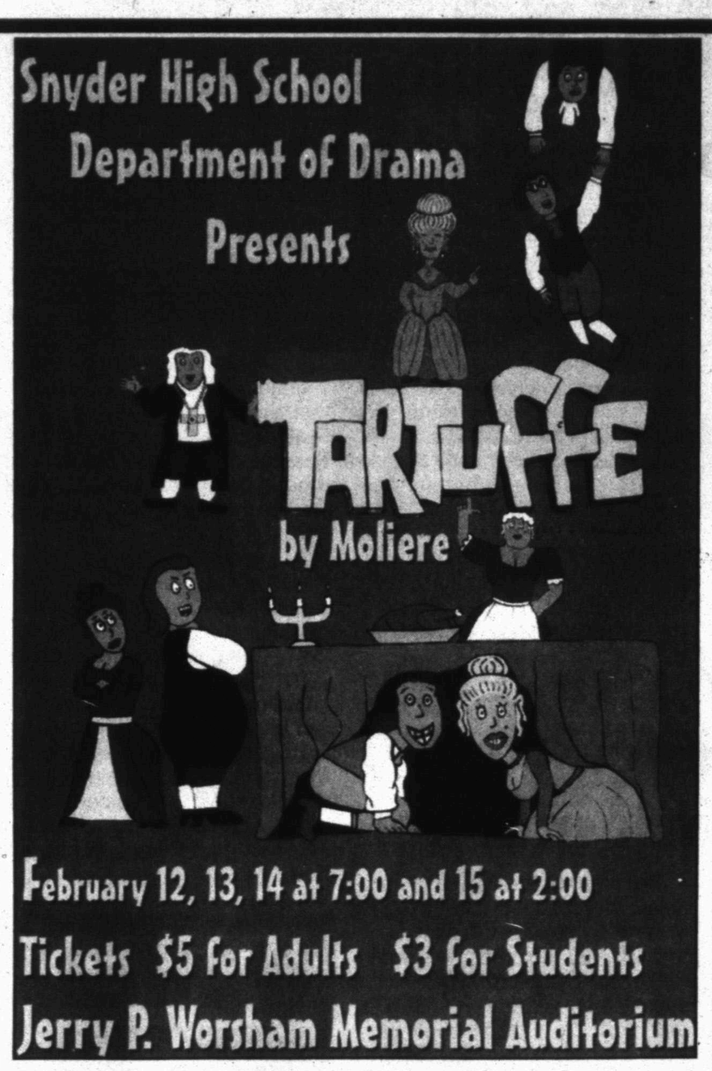

TARTUFFE IS COMING — Snyder High School's drama department will present *Tartuffe* by Moliere, a farcical comedy, Feb. 12-14 in Worsham Auditorium. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for students. Justin Cox and Nathan Graves designed this poster. (Contributed Photo)

Whatever happened to...

Tod Fritz, a 1980 graduate of Snyder High School, is the son of Donald and Shirley Fritz of Snyder and can be remembered for his participation in drama and band.

Tod Fritz 1980

Tod Fritz 2004

Tod was a nominee for Mr. SHS his senior year and was a member of the award winning one-act plays —*MacBeth* and *Midsummer Night's Dream*. He also was active in youth activities at Colonial Hill Baptist Church, including drama productions of the life of Christ in 1990.

After graduation, he attended Western Texas College on a drama scholarship, graduating in 1982. He portrayed Jesus in the city-wide musical production of the life of Christ in 1990.

Following graduation, Tod was employed by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Snyder. He married Sandy Bolling of Abilene and they have two children, Jordan, 13, and Austin, 10. They live in Pflugerville where Tod is an SBC manager with 22 years service. He worked on the company's DSL high-speed data project and also wrote the training package and the methods and procedures for the 13 states served by SBC.

Tod is active in the SBC Pioneer program that promotes charitable and educational activities.

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

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Senior Center News

Citizens will be able to receive assistance filing their income tax forms beginning Wednesday. The volunteers will be available every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1-3 p.m. at the Scurry County Senior Center at 2603 Avenue M. Clients will receive assistance on a first come first serve basis.

The Sparkle City Line Dancers will resume classes Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the dining room of the senior center.

Senior citizens may nominate candidates for the Valentine king & queen beginning Monday. Nominees and those making nominations must be 60 or over and residents of Scurry County. Nominees can be a married couple or single seniors.

Nominees are given the option to participate or not. The election will be Feb. 11th & 12th from 10 a.m. until noon.

All senior citizens are welcome to join the swimnastics class at Western Texas College on Tuesday & Thursday from 10-11 a.m. The class and parking are free, but seniors must have a parking permit. The permits are available at the office in the physical education building. There is no registration requirement, so newcomers can begin anytime.

The Texas Silver Haired Legislature Election will be in May. We would like to have someone from our community file as a candidate.

The forms and further information are available at the Senior Cente.r. Contact Carla Thompson for more information.

MONDAY

Party bridge is played from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the bridge room. Seniors may play Skip-Bo beginning at 10 in the eighty-eight room. Dominoes, pool, and quilting are always available Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.– 5 p.m.

TUESDAY

Eighty/Eighty-eight begins at 10 a.m. in the eighty-eight room. Enjoy swimnastics at the college from 10-11 a.m. The Aubrey Wilson Country Band will entertain in the center dining room 10-11. The Senior Center Booster Club will meet at noon in the conference room. Newcomers are welcome.

WEDNESDAY

Income Tax Assistance begins from 9-12 & 1-3. Ladies pool begins at 9 a.m., Skip-Bo at 10 in the bridge room, and Pinochle at 1, also in the bridge room.

THURSDAY

The fabric painting class welcomes newcomers. A volunteer is available to teach this craft. All products made in this class are donated to the center for the May Day fundraiser. Join them from 9-11:30 a.m. in the bridge room. Don't forget swimnastics at Western Texas College from 10-11 a.m. The Sunshine Choir will entertainat Snyder Healthcare 10-11.

FRIDAY

Blood pressure readings, bridge, and eighty/eighty-eight all begin at 9:30 a.m. Dominoes, Snooker, and pool are available in the game room.

Senior Center Menu

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Chicken Pot Pie
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Braised Ham
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Kid Rock to perform

DETROIT (AP) — Kid Rock is performing Sunday during the Super Bowl XXXVIII halftime show, but he admits he's rooting for the New England Patriots to beat the Carolina Panthers in the end.

"I was actually going through my closet yesterday, and I found a Patriots jersey with 'Kid Rock' sewn on the back. It's kind of tough for me because I do have some strong connections to Carolina."

Financial Focus

Don't Come Up Short in Your Retirement Savings

If you're like many people, you may not like participating in surveys, but you're curious about the results particularly those that contain illuminating information. For example, if you're concerned about saving for retirement, you may be quite interested in some of the findings from the Employee Benefit Research Institute's 2003 "Retirement Confidence Survey":

- Fewer than four in 10 workers say they have calculated how much money they will need to have saved by the time they retire.
- Three in 10 workers say they have not saved for retirement.
- About 33 percent of workers are not confident about having enough money to live comfortably throughout their retirement years.

Unless you're involved in making public policy, the overall impact of these statistics may have little impact on you. But if any of these numbers are telling your story, then you've got something to think about.

Crunch the numbers

What do you want to do when you retire? Travel around the world? Buy a vacation home? Open a small business? Whatever your goals are, you'll have a better chance of achieving them if you know how much they'll cost. Until and unless you've done this, you won't know how much you need to save and what investment strategies can help produce those savings. Don't be one of the four in 10 who haven't done the necessary "number crunching."

Boost your savings

If you're one of the three in 10 workers who either haven't saved anything for retirement or just haven't saved enough to feel confident about your savings, you need to take action — right away. But even if you're among the two-thirds of workers who have saved something and feel pretty good about what they've done, you can almost certainly benefit by boosting your retirement savings. Here are a few ideas for doing just that:

- **Contribute as much as you can to your 401(k)** — If you've got a 401(k) or other tax-advantaged retirement plan at work, put in as much as you can afford. If you're self-employed, open up a SEP-IRA or other suitable plan.
- **"Max out" on your IRA** — Each year, put in the maximum amount to your traditional or Roth IRA. For 2004, you can put in up to $3,000 to your IRA, or $3,500 if you're 50 or older.
- **Consider an annuity** — If you've "maxed out" on your 401(k) and IRA, consider investing in a fixed annuity. Your earnings grow on a tax-deferred basis, and you can contribute virtually as much as you want. (However, be aware that withdrawals before age 59½ may be subject to a 10 percent early withdrawal penalty and may also be subject to contingent deferred sales charge.)
- **Invest for growth** — The farther you are away from retirement, the more you can afford to be aggressive. Still, your growth stocks will need to be part of a diversified portfolio that reflects your risk tolerance, your time horizon and your long-term goals.

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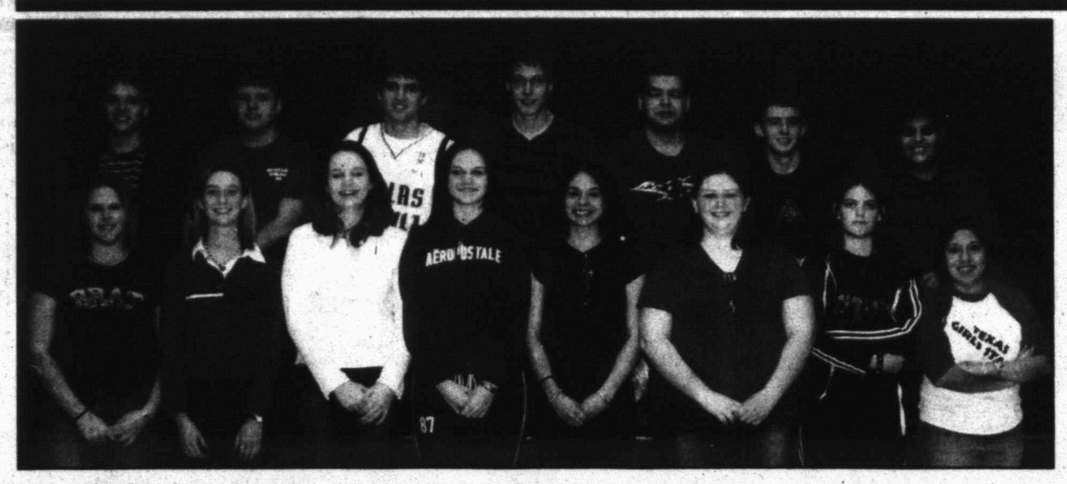

HERMLEIGH BETA CLUB — Hermleigh's Beta Club attended the state convention in Austin Jan. 16-18. Back row from left are Justin Williamson, Dustin Williamson, Shane Berry, Joakim Lundvick, Justin Kelley, Jonathan McClure and Michael Barrera; front row, Danni Webb, Valerie West, Alana Culp, Alicia Culp, Brittany Kelley, Samantha Berry, Shae Rinehart and Christy Garcia. Berry, Lundvick, Justin Kelley, Barrera, Alicia Culp and Brittany Kelley are new members. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Communications union backs Kerry

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Communications Workers of America decided Friday to back Democratic front-runner John Kerry for president, giving the Massachusetts senator his second union endorsement.

The union's executive board voted in favor of the endorsement in a Friday morning conference call.

"Through the ups and downs of this very competitive race for the nomination, John Kerry has shown the toughness and tenacity that are needed to wage a successful campaign for the White House," CWA President Morton Bahr said in a statement issued after the vote.

CWA is the nation's largest communications and media union, representing more than 700,000 workers in telecommunications, broadcasting, cable TV, publishing and electronics. It also has members in the airlines and health care industries.

"I promise that I will continue to fight for working Americans against special interests, to create a better tomorrow for us all," Kerry said in a statement. "I'm running for president to put Americans back to work, and put America back on track."

CWA is one of a handful of major unions that has remained on the sidelines of the roller-coaster race for the Democratic nomination, because officials were uncertain which Democrat would emerge as a favorite that their members could wholeheartedly support.

For a while, that Democrat looked like Howard Dean, the former Vermont governor who nabbed the top labor prize — support from the two largest unions in the AFL-CIO, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees and the Service Employees International Union.

Those two unions took a very serious look at Kerry in the fall, but went to Dean after campaign problems knocked off the Massachusetts senator as the preprimary front-runner.

Nearly two dozen industrial unions came out early for Rep. Dick Gephardt, who dropped out after his fourth-place finish in the Iowa caucuses. Dean also has stumbled, with Kerry winning both Iowa and New Hampshire.

Michigan's largest teachers union on Friday threw its support behind Kerry. The Michigan Education Association endorsement came from one of the state's biggest unions, with 157,000 members. MEA President Lu Battaglieri gave the senator from Massachusetts his personal endorsement last July and has been working on Kerry's campaign, but the union stayed out of the race until now.

CWA's strategy to hold its fire appears to have paid off. It joins Kerry's sole union supporter, the International Association of Fire Fighters. Another union, the Sheet Metal Workers International Association, also has decided to endorse Kerry, but will make the announcement next week.

"It is becoming increasingly clear that Senator Kerry is the strongest candidate to carry the party's banner and reclaim the White House from an administration that listens solely to the corporate and wealthy elites at the expense of working families," Bahr said.

Kerry has been a longtime friend of CWA, regularly speaking at the union's conventions and meetings and supporting legislation it favors. Just this month, Kerry introduced the "Call Center Consumer's Right to Know Act," which would require U.S. corporations' call centers to disclose their location to callers.

Gateway to buy PC maker

SAN DIEGO (AP) — In its latest attempt to find profits in the notoriously low-margin personal computer business, Gateway Inc. will buy privately held eMachines Inc. in a deal valued at $235 million.

The combined company would still trail Dell Inc. and Hewlett-Packard Co., but executives hope the increased volume will give it more leverage in negotiating with suppliers. A similar argument was made when HP announced it was buying Compaq Computer Corp. in 2001.

"There's an element of last man standing here," said Roger Kay, an analyst at the research firm IDC. "The PC industry is definitely consolidating and, at this stage, bulk counts."

Gateway and eMachines each had about 3.4 percent of the total U.S. market in the fourth quarter of last year, according to IDC. By comparison, Dell and HP commanded more than half.

The agreement announced Friday came a day after Gateway posted its 12th loss in 13 quarters, a result of sharply declining sales and charges related to its makeover from a personal computer maker to consumer electronics company.

"Competing against Dell and HP is tough," said Stephen Baker, an analyst for NPD Group Inc. "There isn't anything they can do to close that gap that would be meaningful. That gap is so big that there's just nothing you can do."

Gateway's revenue last year was little more than one-third what it was in 2000. The company introduced a raft of flat-panel TVs, cameras and music players last year, but lackluster holiday sales failed to validate its gamble to branch into consumer electronics.

Last year, Gateway's PC shipments fell 24 percent to just under 2.1 million units. EMachines shipped 1.9 million PCs last year, meaning the transaction would effectively double Gateway's PC business.

Ted Waitt, who founded Gateway in 1985 and returned as chief executive in 2001, said skepticism by analysts about the future of the company's PC business, which still accounts for about 70 percent of its revenue, "basically gets answered" by the acquisition.

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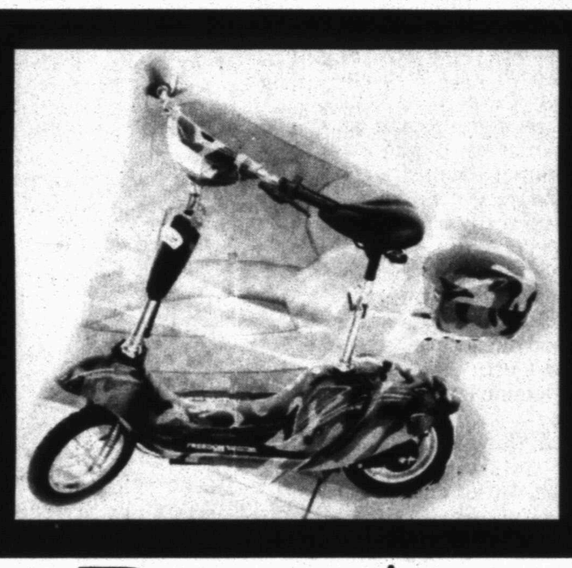

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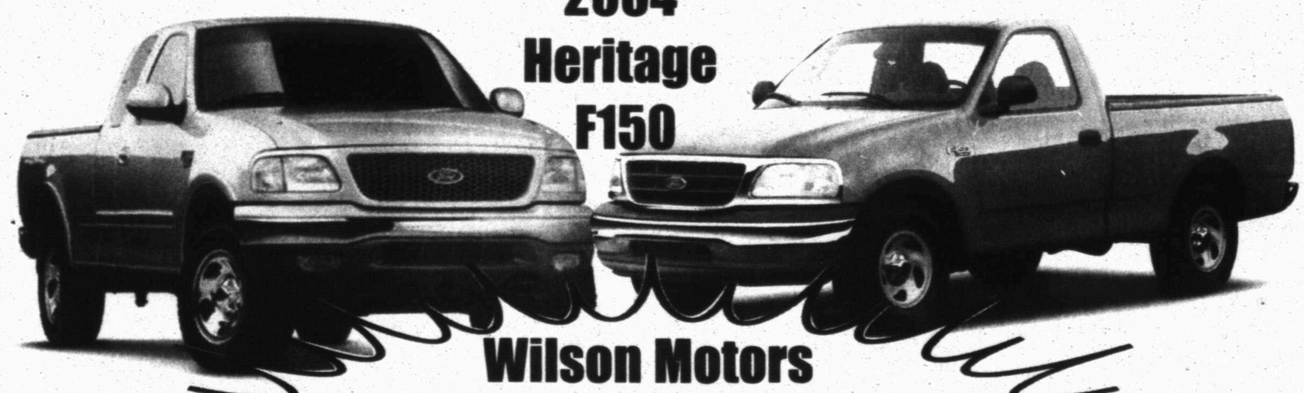

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SPORTS

Lady Tigers pass 'gut' check against Mustangs

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

And the magic continues.

Amid an electric, playoff-like atmosphere, the Lady Tigers topped Sweetwater in overtime Friday, 46-41, in a classic in front of a standing-room only crowd at Tiger Gym, giving Snyder its 22nd consecutive victory and clinching a playoff spot from District 3-3A.

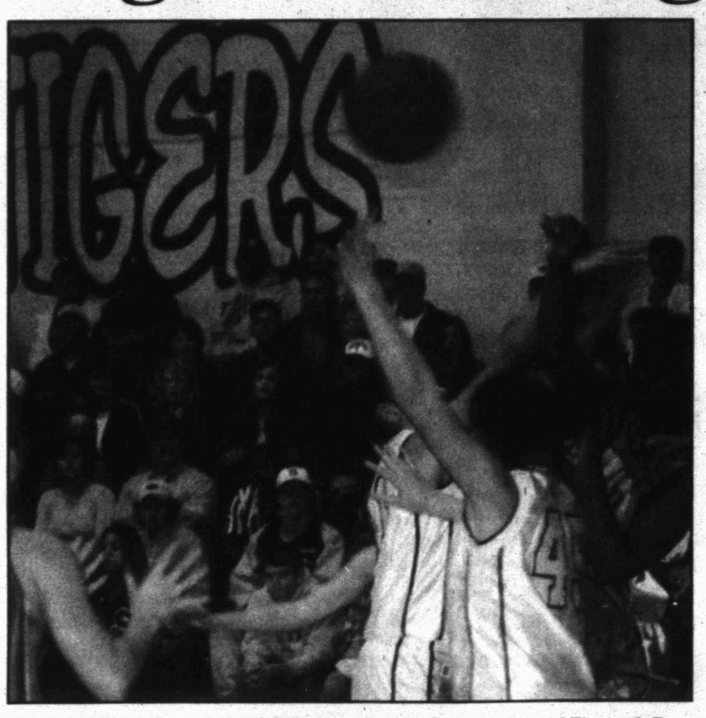
"That was a great high school basketball game," head coach Mike Martin said. "You had two good teams, and the crowd was unbelievable. It was so loud in the fourth quarter, the girls couldn't hear me."

With the Lady Tigers trailing since the first period, the crowd came undone late in the fourth quarter after the Lady Tigers (24-2, 7-0) went on a 6-0 run to tie the game with just over a minute left.

Trailing 33-27, Sequoya Powell, who finished with 12 points and eight boards, grabbed a rebound and got the put back to close it to four, Sirena Medrano hit a baseline jumper to make it two, and Erin Burleson charged through the lane for a lay-up and a 33-33 tie.

The teams exchanged baskets before the final gun, and the Lady Tigers kept the momentum into the extra stanza.

Powell hit a long two-point jumper from the corner to open the overtime, and Terann Ragland converted a pair of attempts at the charity stripe to give Snyder its first lead since midway through the first quarter.



TWO ON ONE — Lady Tigers Teddi Crenwelge (45) and Jordan Stansell (51) apply defensive pressure to Sweetwater's Danni Owens in the fourth quarter of Friday's 46-41 classic overtime win over the Mustangs. (SDN Staff Photo)

After Sweetwater point guard Dacy Ivy nailed a three-pointer, Burleson answered with a trey of her own to push the lead back to four.

Powell and Medrano each went 2 for 2 from the line, as the Lady Tigers nailed their final six free-throw attempts.

Burleson, who led the Lady Tigers with 14 points, and Jordan Stansell (two points, six rebounds) were awestruck by the crowd, both admitting they had never been in a basketball environment like the one Friday.

"It was awesome," Stansell stated.

"Wow," Burleson said after the game. "That was really exciting. We had great support, and that makes it really fun to play."

SHS English teacher and official scorekeeper Beth Bowen said she couldn't remember ever seeing the gym as packed as it was Friday.

"It's the most full I've ever seen it in 30 years," she said.

If playoff spots were earned through heart and determination, Sweetwater (22-5, 4-3) also would have clinched a spot Friday.

Danni Owens had 16 and Tracy Cowin put from the low post and the Lady Mustangs matched the Lady Tigers in intensity and production.

"They had a great game plan and they were well-prepared," Martin said of Sweetwater.

Ragland said this game was harder than the first times the teams matched-up, a 48-41 Snyder victory.

"It was quite a bit more difficult. They ran some different stuff," she said.

"The second time around district is always harder," Burleson interjected. "We won this one on guts."

Martin said he couldn't point to any particular play or area that helped his team get its 23rd win of the year and put it one step closer to winning the district title outright.

Instead, he praised the determination of his team.

"We made enough plays down the stretch, and gutted it out," he said. "We found a way to win."

JV sweeps Sweetwater

The Snyder junior varsity teams swept their Sweetwater counterparts Friday.

The boys got 11 points — nine from behind the arc — from Brandon Bragg and 11 from Blake Scott in a 39-26 win over the junior Mustangs.

Head coach Zach Williams said Bragg shot well, and that the team got a strong contribution from Barrett Bowlin and key rebounds from Dustyn Williams in the victory.

The junior Lady Tigers used a stifling defense to rout Sweetwater, 37-14.

The defense held Sweetwater scoreless in the second quarter and did not allow a basket in the fourth quarter until just over a minute remained in the game.

Brianna Burk and Jordan McGinty had 11 points each and Jessica Taylor knocked in 10.

Frosh girls fall at Frenship; Sweetwater slips past boys

The Snyder freshmen girls were bounced from the championship bracket Friday, losing to host Frenship, 50-41, at the Frenship Tournament.

The frosh charged back in the second half, after getting outscored 36-12 in the first two quarters.

Katie Crenwelge led all players with 17 points, while Candace Chandler hit for 10.

Desiree Cortez added seven, Brianna Bernal hot for 4, Ashley Pavlovsky contributed two and Courtney Tyrrell hit a free throw.

The team was slated to play for third place at 10:30 Saturday morning against Evans Junior High.

The Snyder freshmen boys fell in a tightly-contested game with Sweetwater, 71-68.

The frosh held a five point lead at halftime, but Sweetwater bounced back to tie it at 51 after three quarters.

Donald Jeffery had a game-high 18 points, Tagaba Kyei pumped in 17 and Ryan Mitchell hit for 15 for the Tigers, who were slated to play the winner of Seminole-Lamesa at 10:30 Saturday morning at the Lamesa freshmen tournament.

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Tigers miss chance for first district win

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

The Snyder Tigers were this close to their first district win Friday.

After trailing the entire ball game, Sweetwater surged with four minutes left in the game, as the Tigers let a golden opportunity slip away in a 45-40 heartbreaking loss.

Snyder (8-18, 0-5) played a crisp game throughout, but disaster struck midway through the fourth quarter on consecutive plays that changed the momentum of the game.

After Sweetwater pulled to within two at the start of the fourth quarter. Lico Castillo pulled down an offensive rebound and was fouled on the put back, converting both free-throw attempts to give Snyder the lead, 36-32.

On the next possession, Tucker Early was hit with his fourth foul that sent Sweetwatert to the line.

After Sweetwater collected the rebound on the missed second shot, Early was whistled for another foul, this time on Kendall Carrillo, who converted the three-point play to tie the game and send Early to the bench.

The Mustangs (13-8, 3-2)then seized control of the game, as the Tigers were hurt by tough shot selection and misses on open looks at the end of the period.

"We worked hard all night," head coach Bud Birks said. "It wears you out — to play so hard and not execute is frustrating."

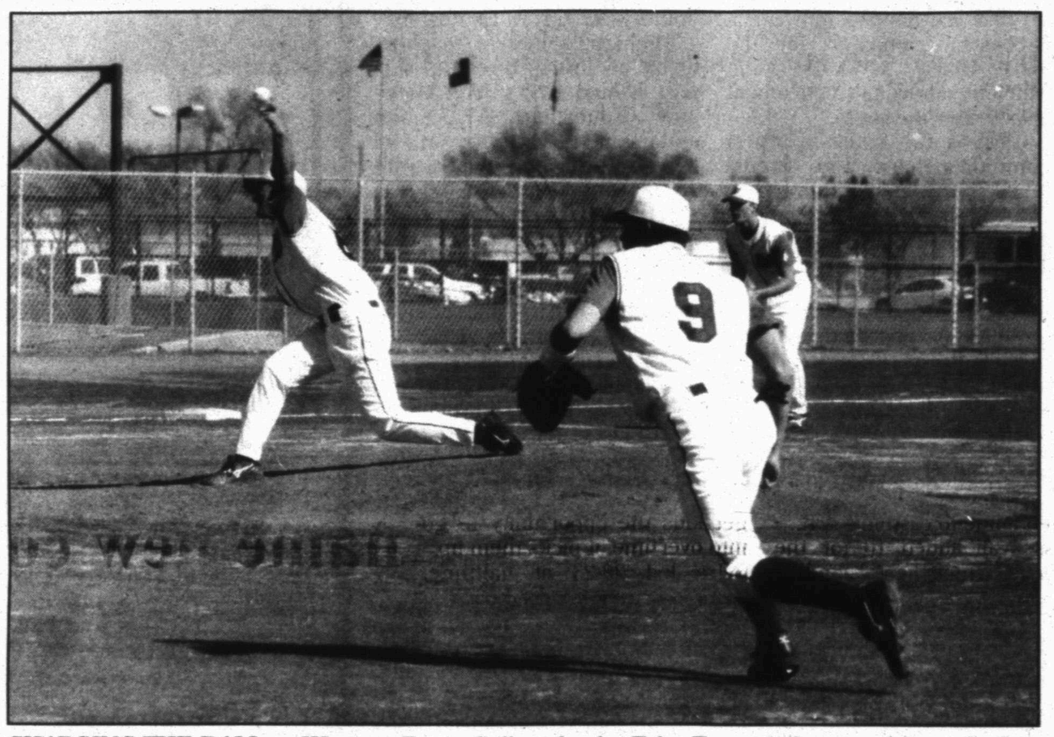
The teams played to a 10-10 stalemate in the first quarter, and the Tigers took a one-point lead into halftime, extending it to four by the end of the third period.

Sweetwater post Giles Montgomery pushed his way through the lane for 16 points, while Castillo paced the Tigers with 14, including three from long range.

Lee Scott put in 10 for the Tigers, who went 9 for 14 from the free-throw line.

Austin Hatfield and Isaac Ramon had eight each for the Tigers, who travel to Seminole Tuesday to take on the Indians.

Seminole topped Lamesa, 53-42, and Merkel beat Denver City, 46-35.



CHARGING THE BALL — Western Texas College hurler Tyler Trout delivers a pitch while first baseman TJ Sagan (9) and third baseman Derek David charge the plate in anticipation of a bunt in the second inning of Friday's 13-4 loss to Vernon. (SDN Staff Photo)

Westerners struggle with Vernon in season opener

Western Texas College opened its 2004 spring campaign Friday, falling to Vernon College, 14-3, in the inaugural tilt at the new on-campus baseball field.

Tyler Trout went 3 1-3 innings, allowing nine runs on three hits as Vernon scored three runs in each of the first three innings.

The Westerners (0-1) spotted Vernon (1-0) six runs without a hit in the first two innings, victimized by shaky defense and Trout's inability to get settled in on a frigid opening day.

Shortstop Josh Heiney collected the first hit for the Westerners this year in the fourth inning and scored on a sacrifice fly by Trey Roberson, who had two RBI for the Westerners.

The Westerners added two more runs in the sixth to close the score to 9-3.

Third baseman Derek David led off with a double, and was driven home on a double from designated hitter Tanyon Reeves. Roberson then hammered a triple to plate Reeves and round out the scoring for the Westerners.

Gladino Pena pitched 2 2-3 scoreless innings in relief of Trout.

Shay Franks relieved Pena, and Vernon put the game away in the seventh, scoring three runs before their first out.

The Chaparrals plated five in the inning to end the game on the 10-run rule.

"It's the first game, so I don't read too much into it," head coach Billy Hefflinger said. "You're going to make mistakes. We came back and fought hard, and that's what we've got to do."

The Westerners were to continue their series with Vernon Saturday, getting a doubleheader underway at noon.

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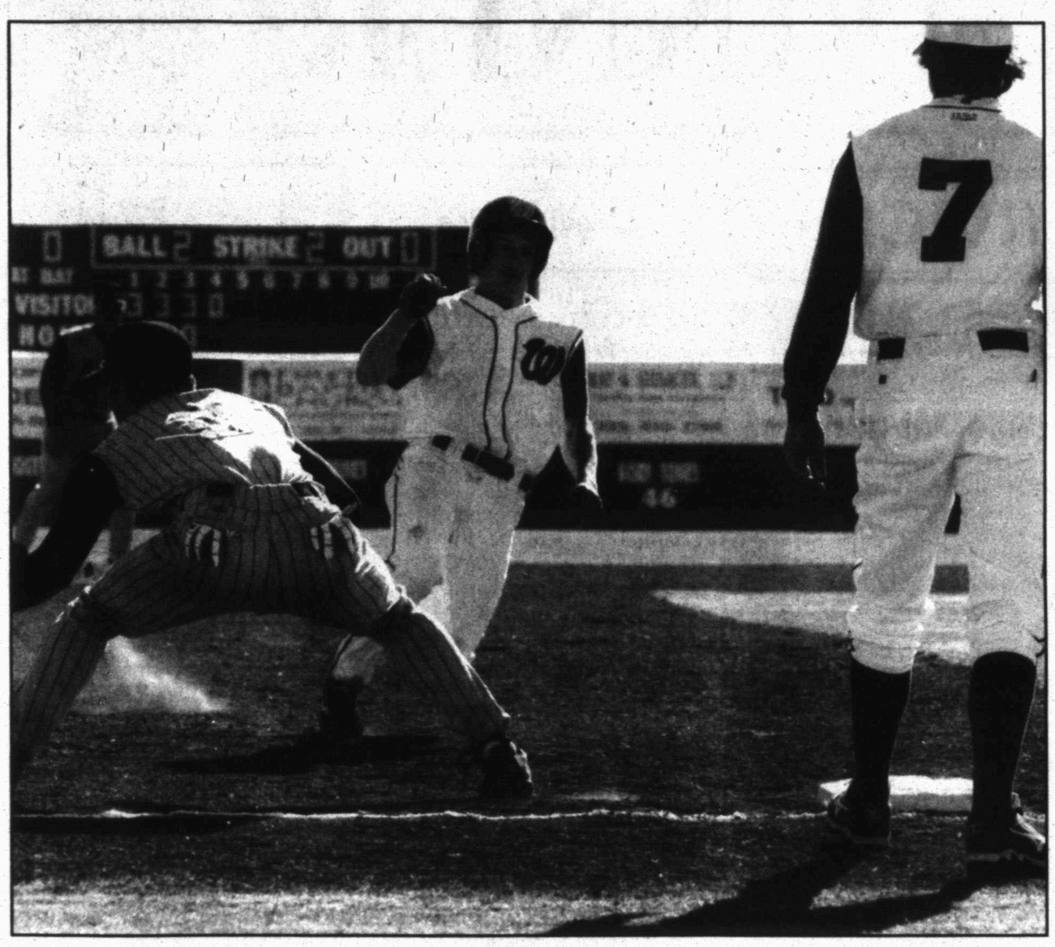

NO DIRECTIONS NEEDED — Westerners' head coach Billy Hefflinger watches as shortstop Josh Heiney slides safely into third base. Heiney collected the first hit and scored the first run in the new on-campus ball park (SDN Staff Photo)

Bulldogs stay on pace with victory

DAWSON COUNTY — The Ira Bulldogs kept pace in District 7 and kept their playoff hopes kindled with a 71-52 win over Dawson.

The Bulldogs (10-8, 5-2) led 23-9 at the end of the first quarter, stretching the lead to 35-21 at halftime.

Jake Barnes and Wes Kellner had a game-high 21 points, and Brian Proctor returned from a twisted ankle to cash in for 12.

Jess Wall added 10 for the Bulldogs, which host Klondike Tuesday at 8 p.m.

Ira 55, Dawson 47

Amanda Calley hit a pair of free throws at the end of regulation, and nailed a three in overtime, as the Lady Bulldogs (9-12, 3-4)used that momentum to claim a 55-47 overtime win over Dawson.

"It was a fun game," head coach Brent Parr said. "It's important for trying to build something for next year. The girls played well and we executed and worked our way back and didn't get flustered. Anytime you get kids the opportunity to go into overtime, it picks them up."

Ira led 28-23 at halftime, before Dawson charged back to take a 36-34 lead after a 13 –point third period.

Lindsey Wilson knocked in a team-high 17, and Calley finished with 13.

Kelbi Pitner contributed 10, Whitney Payne had six, Shae Allen and Brittney Dickerhoff had four apiece and Kate Wall added two.

The Lady Bulldogs host Klondike at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

District 3-3A Standings

Girls	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Snyder	24	2	7	0
Lamesa	16	9	5	2
Sweetwater	22	5	4	3
Denver City	12	13	2	5
Seminole	7	17	2	5
Merkel	4	22	1	6

Boys	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Merkel	22	4	5	0
Denver City	19	8	3	2
Sweetwater	13	8	3	2
Seminole	11	12	2	3
Lamesa	10	15	2	3
Snyder	8	18	0	5

National Hockey League

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Atlantic Division							
Philadelphia	25	11	11	5	66	142	116
New Jersey	26	13	10	1	63	117	94
N.Y. Islanders	24	20	5	2	55	143	127
N.Y. Rangers	19	22	7	4	49	135	147
Pittsburgh	11	33	5	3	30	102	194
Northeast Division							
Toronto	28	13	8	3	67	141	122
Ottawa	28	13	7	3	66	174	108
Boston	23	14	11	4	61	126	121
Montreal	25	19	6	2	58	127	114
Buffalo	22	25	5	1	50	127	134
Southeast Division							
Tampa Bay	25	16	6	3	59	134	112
Atlanta	21	24	6	2	50	143	155
Florida	17	21	11	3	48	115	139
Carolina	17	24	9	2	45	98	128
Washington	16	29	5	2	39	125	161
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division							
Detroit	29	15	7	2	67	170	124
St. Louis	25	17	7	1	58	123	120
Nashville	25	18	6	2	58	124	131
Columbus	14	27	7	3	38	107	148
Chicago	13	28	7	5	38	117	156
Northwest Division							
Colorado	29	11	9	3	70	162	119
Vancouver	29	14	7	2	67	151	117
Calgary	25	19	4	3	57	121	113
Minnesota	17	20	15	1	50	114	120
Edmonton	20	23	8	1	49	131	136
Pacific Division							
San Jose	24	13	11	4	63	128	108
Dallas	25	20	9	0	59	112	118
Los Angeles	20	15	12	5	57	137	132
Phoenix	18	17	13	2	51	125	130
Anaheim	16	22	8	6	46	111	138

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

Friday's Games

Buffalo 3, N.Y. Rangers 1
Toronto 4, Atlanta 1
Dallas 3, San Jose 1
Chicago 5, Calgary 3
Anaheim 4, Colorado 3, OT

Saturday's Games

Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, noon
Boston at Montreal, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Ottawa at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Carolina at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Vancouver at Washington, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Florida at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
New Jersey at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Los Angeles at Edmonton, 9 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Pittsburgh at Boston, noon
Chicago at Montreal, 1 p.m.
Anaheim at Calgary, 2 p.m.

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Overlooked Fox leads Panthers to title shot

HOUSTON (AP) — When John Fox became coach of the Carolina Panthers, one of the first things he did was post John Wooden's Pyramid of Success in the weight room and on a hallway near the team meeting room.

While pushing his team through the tiers, he's spouted so many motivational one-liners that defensive tackle Brentson Buckner calls him a walking fortune cookie. Offensive lineman Kevin Donnalley jokes about "the drive-by cliche" Fox likes to holler when walking by the locker room.

Sound hokey? Maybe.

But it works because players know Fox is sincere. They've bought into the man, his principles and everything else about him.

The result: In just two years, the Panthers have gone from 1-15 before he arrived to playing the New England Patriots in the Super Bowl on Sunday.

"He's got this formula and no matter what anybody says, he sticks to it," Donnalley said. "There's been times when I think the guy is crazy, but here we are at the Super Bowl. He's really made a believer out of me."

Fox arrived in Carolina two years ago last Sunday. One season removed from helping the New York Giants reach the Super Bowl as their defensive coordinator, Fox became a head coach for the first time.

He was so eager for the opportunity that he stepped into what others might've considered a hopeless situation in Carolina.

As if 1-15 wasn't bad enough, those losses were all in a row. The defense ranked 31st in the 31-team league. So did the offense. Fans were so down that the stadium was half-empty for the finale, and the majority of people who did show up rooted for the other team.

The franchise also was shrouded in tragedy, from the conviction of receiver Rae Carruth to the shooting death of former running back Fred Lane.

Fox set the tone from the start. He told players they weren't tough enough, stressing that he meant their attitude more than their ability. Then he began whipping them into "football shape," which he describes as a mindset as much as a physical condition.

Some teams would've wondered who was this wacko and did he seriously think he could push them around like that? Hearing about a path to the top, especially one mapped out by a college basketball coach, would've sent eyes rolling and ended any chance he had of clicking with them.

Trent sweeps Hermleigh

The Trent Gorillas topped the Hermleigh Cardinals Friday, 84-36, to stay a game back of district-leading Aspermont.

The Cardinals (1-15, 0-7) fell behind 46-15 at halftime.

Jonathan McClure led the Cards with 20 points.

The Lady Cardinals also fell behind early in falling to Trent, 54-26.

Hermleigh (5-12, 0-7) trailed by 14 at halftime and could not recover in the second half.

Alana Culp led the team with 17 points.

Hermleigh will host Blackwell Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Football booster club

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

Golf booster club

The golf booster club witll meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the student center.

Henin-Hardenne wins Aussie Open

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Justine Henin-Hardenne won her third Grand Slam title and extended her dominance in major finals against countrywoman Kim Clijsters with a 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 win in Saturday's Australian Open women's title match.

Mickleson aims for back-to-back wins

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Phil Mickelson stayed on pace to win

Hermleigh expected to name new coach, AD

The Hermleigh ISD board is expected to vote to hire Jason Brewer as the next athletic director and head coach in a called meeting at 7 p.m. Monday.

Brewer has been a head coach for seven years, and currently is the head football coach and athletic director at Charlotte High School in Atascosa County, where he has been since July of 2002.

Charlotte plays 11-man in district 1-30A.

Brewer coached at Cotulla before taking the Charlotte job.

Hermleigh Supt. Marvin Beaty said Brewer is the "unanimous first-choice" out of the 80 resumes the district received.

He said he felt the board would approve the recommendation.

"We want them (the board) to meet him and get to know him," he said. "I think the board will be as impressed as we are.

Beaty headed up a selection committee that included Principal Clarence Spieker, two teachers and a parent representative.

He also said five student-athletes had a passive role in the process, serving as campus tour guides for the applicants and providing input on the 12 candidates the committee interviewed.

Beaty said the Charlotte school board has not yet released Brewer from his contract, but hoped that Brewer be at Hermleigh before March.

"That's something he is discussing with his superintendent. He will start this spring, and we asked that he be here by March 1," Beaty said. "He's like to be here sooner, and we'd like to have him as soon as we can."

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
New Jersey	24	20	.545	—
Boston	22	26	.458	4
New York	21	27	.438	5
Miami	20	27	.426	5½
Philadelphia	20	27	.426	5½
Washington	14	31	.311	10½
Orlando	13	35	.271	13
Central Division				
Indiana	34	13	.723	—
Detroit	31	16	.660	3
Milwaukee	26	20	.565	7½
New Orleans	26	20	.565	7½
Toronto	21	23	.477	11½
Cleveland	17	29	.370	16½
Atlanta	14	33	.298	20
Chicago	13	34	.277	21
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Minnesota	32	13	.711	—
Dallas	29	17	.630	3½
San Antonio	30	18	.625	3½
Houston	26	19	.578	6
Denver	27	21	.563	6½
Memphis	25	20	.556	7
Utah	24	22	.522	8½
Pacific Division				
Sacramento	32	12	.727	—
L.A. Lakers	27	16	.628	4½
Seattle	22	22	.500	10
Portland	20	24	.455	12
Golden State	20	25	.444	12½
L.A. Clippers	19	25	.432	13
Phoenix	17	31	.354	17

Friday's Games

Washington 105, Phoenix 100
Detroit 90, Toronto 89, OT
Philadelphia 85, New Orleans 82
New York 92, Boston 74
Miami 97, L.A. Clippers 88
Utah 85, Memphis 79
Milwaukee 101, Cleveland 95
Golden State 101, Chicago 81
Minnesota 97, L.A. Lakers 84

Saturday's Games

Denver at Dallas, noon
New Jersey at Houston, 2:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Phoenix at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Memphis at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Miami at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Utah at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Chicago at Portland, 9 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Cleveland at Washington, 11 a.m.
L.A. Lakers at Toronto, 11:30 a.m.
Philadelphia at Minnesota, 1 p.m.

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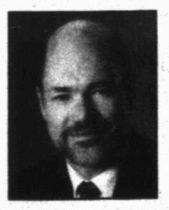

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Scurry County Commissioners' Court will open bids for **Sealcoating Gravel (#3, #4 & #5)** on Tuesday, February 17, 2004, at 10:00 a.m., during Regular Session of the Commissioners' Court. Specifications may be obtained at the County Judge's Office, Scurry County Courthouse, Snyder, Texas 79549.

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Woman's Column

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There will also be testing in Colorado City on February 3, 4 & 5th, 2004 and In Lamesa February 10, 11 & 12, 2004.

For more information on the Colorado City testing, call (325) 728-2162 and for the Lamesa testing, call (806) 872-6741

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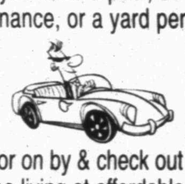

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Mobile Homes For Rent

For Rent 3 bedroom, 2 bath mobile home. References required. 573-5849

Mobile Homes

3B-2B, CH/A, storage. Rent or owner finance. $375/mo. Also, several good mobile home lots. 573-2251

For Sale - To Be Moved 14x76 Breck mobile home. 1976 model. $4,000 573-2323

Mobile Homes

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Real Estate

2-1, excellent location, corner lot, new roof & interior paint. Great starter home or rental. $20,000 863-2723, leave message.

2109 28th St. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 2-car carport. Freshly painted exterior. 573-3879 or 207-0317

COUNTRY HOME **4B-2B-2CG** Owner finance to person w/good job and references. Less for cash. 573-2251

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REDUCED! 600 29th 2-1-1, office, den...$18T
3773 Dalton 3-1¾-1cp, den, dining..$35T
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111 Peach 2 or 3-1 .....$9.5T
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EXCLUSIVE LISTINGS

2908 37th Large 2-2-2LA's, green house .$50's
2110 40th - Cute - 3-1, FP .....$30's
2906 37th - Priced Right - 2-1-1 .....$20's
210 33rd - Updated - Move In! Reduced $24.9T
212 28th - Reduced - 3-2, game room, cellar, out buildings $58T
2101 41st 3-1-1cp, near Elem. school .$30's
Round Top Acres Wonderful family home! 3-2, game room, small office, 5 acres $100's
3501 Houston - 3-1¾-1 fenced storage bldg., close to Jr. High & West Elem. .....$50's [Contract Pending]
New Listing 2104 41st 4-1-1 .....Call
208 Chestnut on 4 lots, 3-2 Very cute $55T
3750 Sunset - 3-1½-2 .....$53.5T
2411 27th - Extra nice older home - 3 or 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, carport .....$50's
2801 34th 3-1¾-2 .....Reduced $74.5T
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109 34th - First Home! - 3-1 .....$20's
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3606 Hill Ave. 3-2-1 .....$44,900
3002 37th - Updated & Cute, brick 2-1 .$51T
Hermleigh 3 bedroom house w/4 apts $100T
835 Dunn - H[illegible]ng, den $25T [Contract Pending]
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New Listing! [illegible], corner lot, beautiful yard .....$47.5T [Contract Pending]

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2803 El Paso - Open Concept - Updated 4-2 plus office .....$100's
2609 37th 3-3-2, 3 LA's, hobby room REDUCED
513 34th Updated 2-1, Great rental prop. $17T
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2274 McMullan - Mobile home site, has well $5T
1815 Garden Lane - Four lots, shop with loading area and income property $10T
1626 Pecan Farm Rd. - Pecan Farm/Approx. 800 trees, 15 acres, MH, equipment, truck $100T
3749 Avondale - Updated & Nice 3-1¾, storage $30's

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1601 College - Shop w/office, fenced $30's
Large 2 story - several office spaces .$40's
5109 College Comm. Lot 2 acres ...$90's
College Ave. Frontage, over 7 acres ..Call
S. College - Excellent bldg. site, 1.61 A's $80T
Golf Land - Great buy & extra income ..$50's
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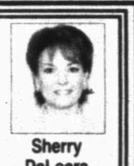

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1021 N. Bus. Hwy 84 GREAT FIND. Country close to town 1+ acres, 2-2, finished basement (could be 3rd bedroom) lot, FP, big utility room, fenced yard w/cattle guard ...$75T [Contract Pending]
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1090 CR 175 - Colorado City - Private & Peaceful retreat! Well kept 2 bedroom, 2 bath, large living area, front & back porches, shop & storage bldg, beautifully landscaped, lots of trees! Yard irrigation on well. Ready to move in. $46T
3749 Avondale UPDATED! 3 bedroom, 1¾ bath, [illegible] storage! $38.5T [Contract Pending]
207 34th St. Cute 2 bedroom, 1 bath, CH/A, fenced yard .....Reduced to $16T
1439 Watson - C-City - Spacious brick 3-1, 2 living areas, large lot. A Must See! ..$60T
1106 Hickory - Roscoe - 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car [illegible] .....$56.9T [Contract Pending]

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2205 42nd 3-1-1 + big bldg $34T
513 34th 2-1, Clean, Nice! $17T
2609 37th 3-2¾-2, Nice & large $107.5T
3201 Houston 3-2-2, very nice...$92T
Colonial Hills 260[illegible] [SOLD] 3-2-2 .$110T
2605 33rd 3-4½-3, plus office ....CALL
4021 Eastr[illegible] [CONTRACT PENDING] $47T
403 36th [illegible] [CONTRACT PENDING] $49.5T
3104 41st 3-1¾-2cp, sprinkler syst..$53T
4000 Jacksboro 3-2¾-2 huge kitchen $87.5T
Ira - New - Brick 3-2-2, 1 acre, nice..$85T

COMMERCIAL LISTINGS

900 25th .....Call
Comm. Bldg. 1802 College ..$16T
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Established restaurant, good location Call
1701 25th St. $90T
2309 25th .....Call
1801 22nd Reduced Commercial office/yd
1706 25th St. .....CALL
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3-2-2 brick home - 50 acres, 40 acres pasture, 8 acres orchard, NE of Snyder on CR 1105 .....Reduced $98T
105 acres pasture & cult., mobile home, SW Hermleigh $55T
5 acres, Mobile Home 2-1-shop, 4 mi. West of Hermleigh .....Reduced $16T
For Sale or Rent - 378 CR 251 - 2-1-1 with 2 acres .....Reduced $30T
Nice doublewide in country, leased land Call

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320 Acres, CRP & hunting ....IRA
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960 Acres Ira - 480 A's CRP & 480 A's shinnery, brick 4-3, shop. Excellent quail hunting
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Jury deadlocked in cop's trial

LOS ANGELES (AP) — For the second time in six months, a jury deadlocked Friday in the assault case against a former Inglewood police officer accused of roughing up a handcuffed, black teenager during a videotaped arrest in 2002.

Superior Court Judge William Hollingsworth declared a hung jury in the case against Jeremy Morse after the panel split 6-6 over whether he used excessive force. He was charged with assault under color of authority, which carried up to three years in prison.

Morse's first trial ended last July with the jury deadlocked 7 to 5 in favor of conviction.

The 26-year-old Morse, who is white, was shown on the tape slamming Donovan Jackson, then 16, onto the trunk of a police car and punching him in the face.

The incident occurred at an Inglewood gas station where Jackson and his father had stopped. Authorities were investigating their expired license tags.

Morse's lawyer has argued that his client had to make a quick decision about how much force was needed to subdue a suspect who had already fought with other officers.

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Thank You

The family of Myrtle Redden would like to express our appreciation and gratitude to all the friends, family and community members for the beautiful flowers, delicious food and heartfelt prayers.

And a special thank you to Snyder Oaks and it's wonderful staff for all their patience and kind care. We so appreciate the service you provide to our special seniors.

The Family of John R. Rodriguez

We wish to offer our sincere thanks and appreciation to family, friends and neighbors for the food furnished, the wonderful flowers and plants, and the help and assistance provided by all of you.

Mrs. John Rodriguez
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Mr. & Mrs. Ron & Gloria Utley & family
Mr. & Mrs. Peyton & Diana Daniels & family
Mr. & Mrs. Joe & Anna Wimmer & family

Thank You

An expression of love means exactly that in Snyder, Texas. This love was shown to our family by comforting arms wrapped around us as we dealt with the sudden death of our beloved husband, father and friend, Hub Evans.

We sincerely appreciate and thank Brother Miller Robinson for his words of strength and comfort. The outpouring of love shown by the abundance of delicious food, beautiful flowers, plants and the comforting cards and visits by friends were sincerely appreciated. We thank each of you who shared with us in any way, in this time of sorrow.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Trans-Texas Corridor
Scurry County

The Texas Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting in Snyder on Tuesday, February 10, 2004 to discuss the Trans-Texas Corridor. The purpose is to give the public an opportunity to submit comments on potential routes.

The Trans-Texas Corridor is a new type of transportation network that includes roads, rail, and a utility zone designed to move people and goods faster and safer, keep hazardous material out of populated areas, and improve air quality.

The meeting will be held at the Scurry County Courthouse, 1806 25th Street (use North entrance), Snyder. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. with the meeting starting at 6 p.m. The facility is handicap accessible. For more information on the public meeting contact Mary Beth Kilgore, Abilene district public information officer, at 325/676-6806.

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Bush says budget will show compassion

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush says his 2005 budget will balance national security, social needs and fiscal responsibility, but Democrats say his policies have wounded the economy and prompted sky-high federal deficits.

Bush plans to send Congress an election-year budget exceeding $2.3 trillion on Monday. Officials revealed new details including more money to fight AIDS in poor countries, and a spare 0.5 percent increase for non-defense, non-domestic security programs as part of his effort to halve record deficits by 2009.

"We will devote the resources necessary to win the war on terror and protect our homeland," Bush said Saturday in his weekly radio address. "We'll provide compassionate help to seniors, to school children, and to Americans in need of job training. And we will be responsible with the people's money by cutting the deficit in half over five years."

Bush said he will propose a 3.5 percent pay increase for the military, and an 11 percent boost in the FBI's budget, including $357 million more for counterterrorism.

But Democrats scoffed. They were more interested in calling attention to the plan's red ink, which administration and congressional officials would total $521 billion for this year — easily surpassing the record $375 billion set last year.

Rep. Brad Miller, D-N.C., delivering the Democrats' radio response Saturday, challenged Bush's claims that the economy has rebounded from recession.

"If President Bush thinks these are good times, I wish he'd been with me when I visited the unemployment office in Rockingham County, N.C.," Miller said. "The parking lot was full. I had to drive around the block and finally parked on the grass."

Miller also said that while Democrats support cutting waste from the budget, "Last year President Bush thought health care for veterans was wasteful spending and he put funding for education in that category, too."

White House budget chief Joshua Bolten journeyed to Philadelphia on Friday to tell Republican senators and representatives meeting there about Bush's fiscal plans. But in more than two hours of questions and comments, many lawmakers said they wanted sharper spending reductions than Bush will propose, participants said.

"There was an expression by a broad spectrum of members ... that they were deeply concerned about spending," said conservative Rep. John Shadegg, R-Ariz.

Although some GOP moderates voiced support for deeper spending cuts, others questioned whether there would be enough support — especially in an election year — for holding many popular programs to less than the inflation rate.

Bolten also faced anger from conservatives over Bush's new $534 billion, 10-year cost estimate for the Medicare overhaul, which was enacted weeks ago. That's one-third more than the projection the administration used while pushing it through Congress.

Bush defended the Medicare package at the White House as "a good reform; it fulfills a long-standing promise to our seniors."

Fresh details revealed Friday about Bush's budget included:

—$2.7 billion for efforts to battle AIDS and other diseases in poor African and Caribbean countries, $300 million more than was provided this year.

—$2.5 billion for the Millennium Challenge Account, which Bush and lawmakers created last year for countries adopting democratic reforms, well over this year's $1 billion.

—An overall 3 percent boost for education, which got $58.6 billion for this year. Within that total, the president is expected to propose cutting rural education.

—Cuts in more than 60 programs, though details were not initially available.

European airliners are target of threats

WASHINGTON (AP) — The national threat alert level won't be raised despite renewed concerns about terrorist threats against British and French flights headed for the United States.

New intelligence indicates that British Airways flights from London to Washington and Air France flights from Paris to an unspecified U.S. city could be terrorist targets, U.S. officials said Friday.

Some of the flights are the same as those that drew increased attention when the nation's terror alert was raised temporarily to orange, or high, just before Christmas. Two officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, stressed there is no specific information about what might be plotted, only that those flights are possible targets.

British Airways, on the advice of the British government, announced Saturday it had canceled three flights from Heathrow Airport to Washington, D.C., and Miami because of security concerns.

Flight 223 to Washington's Dulles airport will not fly on Sunday or Monday, but is to depart on schedule at 3:05 p.m. Saturday, said an airline spokeswoman, who declined to be identified.

Flight 207 to Miami will not fly on Sunday, she said, but had departed Saturday morning.

Homeland Security Department spokesman Brian Roehrkasse said Friday there were no plans to raise the terror alert from the current yellow, or elevated, level because of the latest threats.

"We remain concerned about al-Qaida's desire to target aviation, especially international aviation," he said. "The U.S. intelligence community continues to gather specific credible threat information on international flights, as we have done in an ongoing basis in the past few weeks. We have shared this information with our international partners, and will work with them to put in place the appropriate security measures."

Over the holidays, security was tightened considerably around the flights that concerned officials. Passenger airline cargo was inspected, for example, and law enforcement's presence was increased at airports.

No flights have been delayed or canceled due to the new threats, officials said. However, a senior law enforcement official said U.S. officials are talking to British and French authorities and no decisions have been made about delaying or canceling future flights.

Another senior law enforcement official said the intelligence being gathered is similar to what U.S. authorities were hearing during the heightened terror alert. That prompted U.S. officials to ask for the cancellation of two British Airways flights from London to Washington and six Air France flights between Paris and Los Angeles.

3 arrests, burglary reported

Arrests

An arrest was made in the 3000 block of Brickplant Road Friday. Jimmy Joe Fowler, 40, of 3120 Ave. T was taken into custody at 2:50 p.m. for felony motion to revoke probation.

A 30-year-old man was arrested at the Justice of the Peace office in Snyder at 10:05 a.m. Friday for disorderly conduct/language.

Officers took a 25-year-old woman into custody in the 2000 block of 42nd Stret at 1:21 p.m. Friday on a county warrant for theft by check.

Burglary

At 2:50 p.m. Friday, officers were alerted to a burglary at 411 30th Street where a television had been taken.

Family disturbance

A caller reported a husband and wife involved in a family disturbance at a home on Ave. Y at 10:17 p.m. Friday. Officers said the husband left the residence for the night.

Fire department request

The Snyder fire department was requested on Friday to the 1000 block of 30th at 5:03 p.m. Friday where a knife had gotten caught in an electric heater.

Officer requested

A caller from the 3600 block of Hill Ave. reported at 9:11 p.m. Friday hearing a gunshot nearby. Officers made contact with two men who had put dry ice into a bottle causing it to explode.

Gas drive-offs

A clerk at Town and Country East contacted law enforcement at 8:20 a.m. on Friday reporting two gas drive-offs in the amount of $16.15 and $31.67.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's on College Ave. at 10:15 p.m. Friday in the amount of $21.

Obituaries

Ruth Eades

1919-2004

Anna Ruth Eades, lifetime Snyder resident, died Thursday, Jan. 29, in Doctors Hospital in Dallas after a lengthy illness.

Graveside service for Mrs. Eades, 84, is set for 4 p.m. Sunday in the Snyder Cemetery. The Rev. Charles Day, pastor of Ave. D Baptist Church, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born May 18, 1919 in Snyder, she married Joe W. Eades on Jan. 24, 1943 in Colorado City. He died April 12, 1976.

Mrs. Eades was a food service supervisor for the Snyder ISD for many years and was a lifelong member of Snyder's First Baptist Church.

She also was preceded in death by a sister, Frances Keller; and a daughter, JoAnne Ritchie.

Survivors include a sister, Marian Mangum of Plano; a granddaughter, Jane Kirby of Dallas; a grandson and his wife, Michael and Becky Kirby of Commerce; six great-grandchildren, Michael Kirby Jr., Kyle Kirby, Bradyn Kirby, Zina Brewer, Anfisa Brewer and Eliana Brewer, all of Commerce; and several nieces and nephews.

Ella Mae Row

1916-2004

Funeral service for Ella Mae Row, 87, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Charles Day, pastor of Ave. D Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Ella Mae Row

Mrs. Row died Friday, Jan. 30, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

Born Dec. 18, 1916 in Vera, she married J.D. Row on Sept. 22, 1934 in Gouldbusk. He preceded her in death as did a daughter, Lawanna Vincent; two sons, Jerrell Wayne Row and Jackie Lynn Row; and two brothers, Chester and Arther Wade Machen.

Mrs. Row was a homemaker and was retired from Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Betty Ivone and Franklin Gilbert of Denton; a son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Debra Row of Houston; a brother, Raymond Machen of Brownwood; four sisters, Ruth Faith of Del Rio, Alma Fay Trammell and Nettie Davis of Fort Worth; and Nancy Strickland of Gouldbusk; 13 grandchildren, Alan Row, Jeannie Robbins, Jason Row, Bryan Vincent, Britt Vincent, Brad Vincent, Javier Gilbert, J'Lynn Bradley, Corey Gilbert, Marcy Campos, Craig Row, Robin Burney and Casey Row; 15 great-grandchildren, Jennifer, Dale, Andy, Zack, Brianna, Emma, Savannah, Zane, Jordan, John David, Lindsey, Jadyn, Julian, Paige and Ian; and one great-great-grandchild, Maci Palacios.

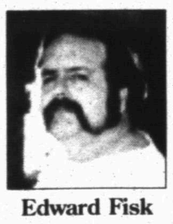
Family visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Edward Fisk

1956-2004

FT. SMITH, Ark. — Edward Fisk, owner and operator of Westside Phillips 66 for many years, died Friday, Jan. 9, in Ft. Smith.

Mr. Fisk was 47. His ashes will be laid to rest sometime in February and a memorial service will be held later.



Edward Fisk

Born on Jan. 23, 1956, Mr. Fisk was a current resident of Poteau, Okla., and had lived in Snyder from 1980-1991. He had attended Angelo State University and was a graduate of West Texas State University. He was an active member of the Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Fisk was preceded in death by his wife, Brenda Price Fisk; his father, William Paul Fisk; and a brother, Gerold LeRoy Fisk.

Survivors include a son, Tommy Fisk of Bokoshe, Okla.; a daughter, Rebecca Fisk of Poteau; a stepson, Jeffrey Price of Poteau; and three grandchildren.

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Local 3-Day Forecast

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52/29	50/26	56/35
Considerable clouds early. Some decrease in clouds later in the day.	Fair. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the mid 20s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the mid 30s.
Sunrise 7:39 AM, Sunset 6:16 PM	Sunrise 7:38 AM, Sunset 6:17 PM	Sunrise 7:37 AM, Sunset 6:18 PM

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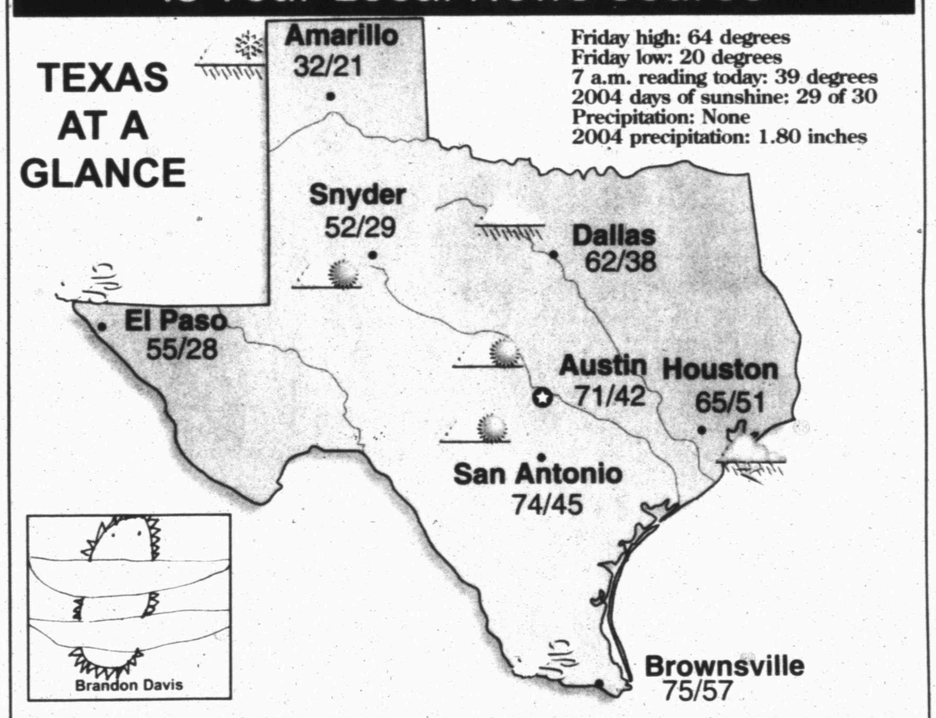

Friday high: 64 degrees
Friday low: 20 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 39 degrees
2004 days of sunshine: 29 of 30
Precipitation: None
2004 precipitation: 1.80 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	58	33	pt sunny	El Paso	55	28	windy	Midland	58	33	windy
Amarillo	32	21	sn shower	Fort Stockton	61	35	windy	Raymondville	75	53	windy
Austin	71	42	pt sunny	Gainesville	57	32	rain	Rosenberg	65	50	pt sunny
Beaumont	64	50	pt sunny	Greenville	58	35	rain	San Antonio	74	45	pt sunny
Brownsville	75	57	windy	Houston	65	51	t-storm	San Marcos	72	43	windy
Brownwood	64	36	pt sunny	Kingsville	74	51	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	58	39	rain
Corpus Christi	70	52	pt sunny	Livingston	64	45	t-storm	Sweetwater	59	32	pt sunny
Corsicana	62	38	t-storm	Longview	61	44	rain	Tyler	60	41	rain
Dallas	62	38	rain	Lubbock	43	25	mixed	Weatherford	60	34	windy
Del Rio	71	43	pt sunny	Lufkin	64	44	t-storm	Wichita Falls	51	29	windy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	45	33	cloudy	Houston	65	51	t-storm	Phoenix	64	38	sunny
Boston	34	22	windy	Los Angeles	66	47	mst sunny	San Francisco	53	50	rain
Chicago	29	27	cloudy	Miami	78	64	t-storm	Seattle	45	38	rain
Dallas	62	38	rain	Minneapolis	18	7	pt sunny	St. Louis	38	31	cloudy
Denver	27	11	sn shower	New York	34	20	sunny	Washington, DC	36	20	pt sunny

Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
Jan 29	Feb 6	Feb 13	Feb 20

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Sun 2/1	Mon 2/2	Tue 2/3
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3. How many touchdowns were scored in Super Bowl XXXVIII? ANSWER: _____
4. How many field goals were scored in Super Bowl XXXVIII? ANSWER: _____
5. What was the final score of Super Bowl XXXVIII? ANSWER: _____
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ATTEND DISTRICT 9 CONFERENCE — These Snyder High School DECA students competed at the District 9 conference in San Angelo. Standing from left are Aaron Lindsey, Ashley Jenkins and Jeff Bruton; kneeling from left are Desiree Braziel, Sharena Lewis and Meagan Langham. Jenkins, Bruton and Langham advance to the state contest Feb. 26-29 in Galveston. (Contributed Photo)

Are named to honor lists...

Snyder, area students earn Tech degrees

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech University conferred more than 1,500 degrees to students during fall commencement and more than 5,000 students made either the president's list or the dean's list.

To be on the president's list or dean's list, a student must have taken 12 quality hours and maintained either a 4.0 or a 3.5-3.9 GPA, respectively.

Dean's List

Snyder and area students on the dean's list include:

— Stephanie Elizabeth Alderete, senior, early childhood major;

— Morgan Sherye Clements, senior, accounting;

— Sonny Jack Cumbie, senior, history;

— Vanessa Jane Freeman, sophomore, early childhood;

— Benjamin Wallace Greene, senior, agriculture and applied economics;

— Regina D'Ann Hager, senior; accounting;

— Jordan Ali Hardin: junior, interior design;

—Jose L. Lopez, Jr., junior Spanish;

— Hailey Anne Putnam, freshman, arts and sciences undeclared;

— Afton Marie Schwertner, freshman, multidisciplinary studies.

— Jacob Colby Smith, senior, agriculture economics and general business;

— Tiffany Rhea Sutter, junior, marketing;

-- Clay Ervin Williams, freshman, arts and sciences undeclared.

— Nathan Cole Smith sophomore, COBA.

— Holly Kay Goebel, senior, chemistry;

— Jeremy Daniel Miller, sophomore, mechanical technology;

— Brandon Joe Williamson, senior, interdisciplinary agriculture.

— Jana Lea Himes, junior, restaurant hotel and institution management;

— Colton Vaughn Miller, senior, geography.

President's List

Snyder and area students named to the President's List include:

— Sally Jo Barham, senior, international business;

— Laura Jean Billingsley, junior, COBA;

— Jessica Payton Dea; junior, early childhood;

— Whitney Sue Jones, freshman, COBA;

— Daniel Tyler Kerr, freshman, mechanical engineering;

— Trevor John Kerr, senior, biology;

— Chaile Milynn Bowman, freshman, pre-law;

— Mary Michelle Castillo, senior; early childhood;

— Cody Ryan Beaver, sophomore, animal science.

Receive degrees

The following Snyder and area students received degrees:

— Sally Jo Barham, summa cum bachelor of business administration in international business;

— Criselda Bernal, cum laude bachelor of science in early childhood;

— Patricia Crystal Duran, bachelor of arts in Spanish;

— Michael David Hensley, bachelor of arts, Spanish;

— Sylvia Hernandez, bachelor of arts in social work;

— Trevor John Kerr, summa cum bachelor of science in biology;

— Stoni Brooke Riggan, bachelor of arts in psychology;

— Shelley Renee Shifflett, cum laude bachelor of arts in advertising;

— Wesley Thomas Wilson, bachelor of business administration in accounting;

— Talia Allyn Bowman, bachelor of business administration in marketing;

— Marci Day Irvin, cum laude bachelor of science in agricultural and applied economics;

— Kaycee Rhea Marricle, bachelor of science in early childhood.

Three DECA students headed to state contest

Three Snyder High School DECA students will compete at the state Career Development Conference (CDC) in Galveston Feb. 26-29.

Ashley Jenkins and Jeff Bruton will compete in the sports and entertainment marketing team decision making event. Meagan Langham will compete in the Business Services series event.

Nine district winners qualified for state at the District 9 CDC in San Angelo on Jan. 23.

Other district competitors from SHS include Aaron Lindsey, second alternate in Quick Serve series event; and Desiree Braziel, third alternate in food marketing. Sharena Lewis also competed in Quick Serve Series event.

Approximately 150 DECA students from this area were at the conference. At competition, students choose which series event they want to compete in from 14 occupational areas that are related to their job. Students take a 100-question test over marketing and economic terms and job related skills.

"Then, they compete in a "role play" event before a judge. This is usually a situation that would occur at his/her job. Competitors are given only 10 minutes to prepare so they must be able to "think on their feet," said Lisa Williams, SHS DECA advisor and sponsor. The scores are combined and students with the top scores in their series advance to the state competition.

Williams accompanied the students to the competition.

Energy bill's future rests on reducing cost

WASHINGTON (AP) — While energy prices across the spectrum — from gasoline at the pump to heating oil, natural gas and crude oil — have soared, the political steam in Congress to enact a new national energy agenda has cooled with the winter frost.

The Bush administration is pressing congressional Republicans to scale back a bloated $31 billion energy bill, arguing it has no chance to pass this year unless it is stripped of billions of dollars in direct spending and tax breaks.

The bill's supporters, along with the White House, are trying to resuscitate the legislation, which was shelved in November after Senate leaders were two votes short of overcoming a Democratic-led filibuster. The House approved it.

Since then, opposition to the bill's cost — about $23 billion in tax breaks and another $8 billion in spending —— has grown, especially among some Senate Republicans, who argue it would result in billions of dollars in spending above the congressional budget ceiling.

Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., who chaired the House-Senate conference that produced the bill, acknowledged that its price tag needs to be re-examined to get the bill through.

"I am confident we can nail down the votes," he said. "We're only two votes down."

But slashing programs and tax benefits that are the product of months of negotiations among lawmakers may be harder than expected.

The bill's cost ballooned from less than $20 billion to $31 billion largely because lawmakers wrangled concessions and programs in return for their support. Abandoning those agreements by chipping away at the bill could lose as many supporters as it gains, several GOP senators conceded.

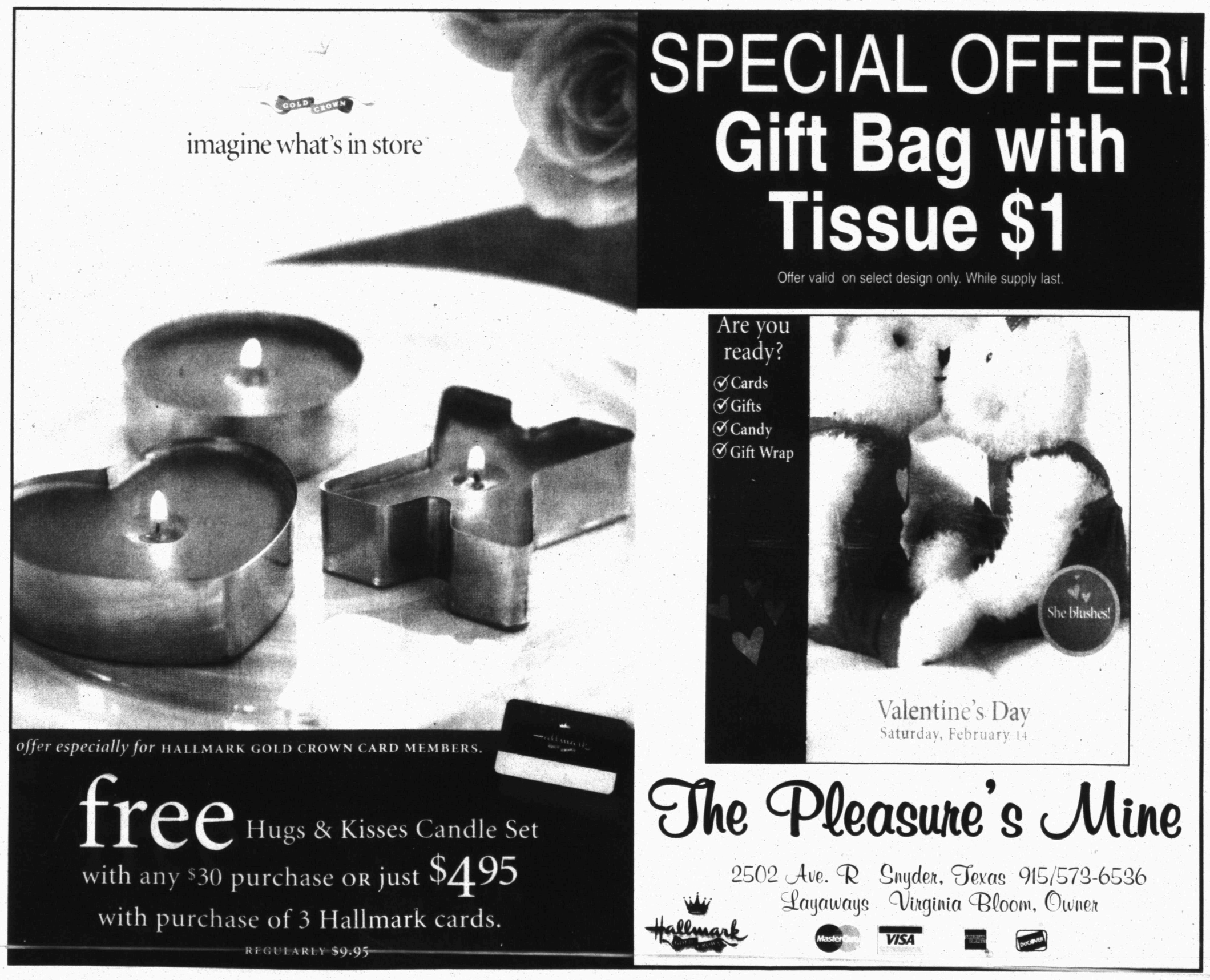
"Some of my colleagues have made it clear that in order to get their support we have to include certain things in the bill," said Domenici. He said as the bill was being assembled, fellow lawmakers wanting items in the bill "had me over a barrel" because "I needed every vote."

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, who led the Senate negotiations on the bill's tax package, said there are intense discussions under way on where to make cuts. But he said he hasn't signed off on any proposals yet because "we have to maintain a well balanced bill" or lose support.

The White House, which always has complained about the size of the tax breaks, also has sent mixed signals.

President Bush, who in the past called energy legislation a matter of national and economic security and one of his top domestic priorities, included just a single sentence in his State of the Union address last week, stopping short of calling for passage of the broad-based bill before the Congress.

Some energy analysts saw it as confirmation of tepid support within the administration for the bill. "The priority assigned to this issue has faded," Christine Tezak, an energy analyst for Charles Schwab's Washington Research Group, concluded in a recent report to clients.



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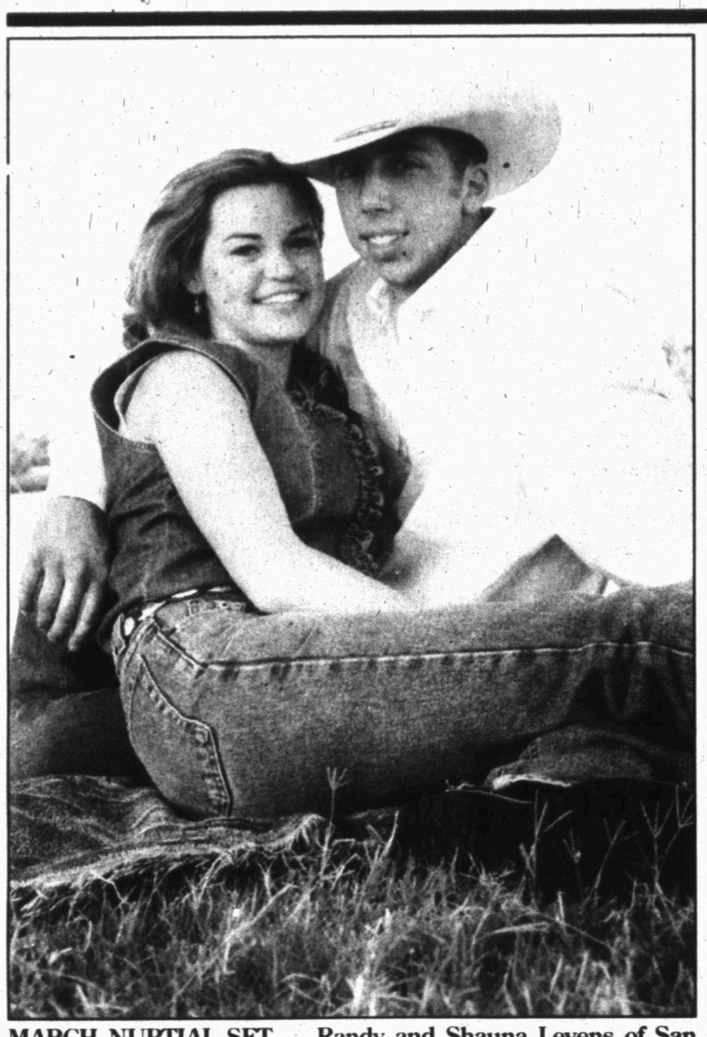

MARCH NUPTIAL SET — Randy and Shauna Levens of San Angelo announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Autumn Marie Levens, to John Ryan Rasmus. He is the son of John and Donna Rasmus of Snyder. They have set their wedding for 6 p.m. on March 13 in the First United Methodist Church. (Contributed Photo)

Walking tours of Texas are beautiful

AUSTIN — You do not have far to go to find a beautiful walking tour of Texas history.

The Texas State Cemetery, located in central Austin, is the burial ground for Texas' most notable sons and daughters such as Stephen F. Austin, Governor "Ma" Ferguson, Bob Bullock and Governor John Connally. The cemetery grounds are graced with many beautiful monuments; the most recent addition, the Sept. 11 Memorial, honoring Texans who died Sept. 11, 2001.

The cemetery was founded in 1851 with the burial of Republic of Texas Vice President Edward Burleson. The 17 acres of land was given to the state in 1854 and subsequently became the final resting place for those who contributed in some capacity to the state of Texas. War heroes, founders of the Republic of Texas, elected state officials, authors and many other dignitaries, are all buried within the serene grounds of the Texas State Cemetery.

An extensive restoration process between 1994 and 1997, initiated by the late Lieutenant Governor Bob Bullock, provided the cemetery with its public entrance.

Bridal Registry

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Births

Jason and Rachel Stewart of Roscoe announce the birth of their daughter, Laney Brooke Stewart, at 12:18 p.m. on Jan. 26 in Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital in Sweetwater. Laney weighed seven pounds and was 20 inches long.

A brother and sister, Tracer and Jaci, also welcomed her along with paternal grandparents, Jay and Judy Suggs of Roscoe, Frankie and Julie Stewart of San Antonio and maternal grandparents Vollie and Bambi Shipp of Dermott and Bill and Linda Stevens of Bandera.

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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.

NA-Just For Today open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-6179; 6-7 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.

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; "Designing From the Handbook," video tape from NGC Inc.; Scurry County Library; 4 p.m.

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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NA Just For Today open meeting; Park Club; for more information call 573-6179; 6-7 p.m.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 1-31-04
♠ 4 2
♥ 7 3
♦ 8 6 5 2
♣ K Q J 10 9

West
♠ Q J 10 9 8
♥ K J 8
♦ 4
♣ 6 5 4 2

East
♠ 7 6 3
♥ Q 10 9 4
♦ 10 9 7 3
♣ A 7

South
♠ A K 5
♥ A 6 5 2
♦ A K Q J
♣ 8 3

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ Q

Saturday, Jan. 31, 2003

The answers to the Xmas Competition

By Phillip Alder

Here are the answers to my latest Christmas Competition.

1. Looking at only the North-South hands, how would you plan the play in six diamonds after West leads the spade queen?

Win the first trick, draw trumps (they must break 3-2), and drive out the club ace. You reach the dummy with a spade ruff and win two spades, one heart, four diamonds, four clubs and that spade ruff.

2. Looking at all 52 cards, you are in five diamonds. You win the first trick with the spade ace and drive out the club ace. After taking the second club, East exits with a trump. How would you continue from there?

You must lead your low spade! (If you play, say, the spade ace and ruff a spade, eventually you will lose two hearts and one club.) Let's assume that West plays a heart to East's nine. You win, cash the spade ace, discarding dummy's second heart, and ruff a heart in the dummy. Now it goes club, ruff, overruff; heart ruff; club, ruff, overruff; heart ruff; claim. You lose only one spade and one club.

3. In the 52-card deal, does West have a more effective opening lead against five diamonds? If so, what is it?

A trump lead defeats five diamonds. East ducks the first round of clubs, wins the second, and returns either another trump or a high heart.

4. With South the dealer and assuming an uncontested auction, how do you think the auction should proceed?

The one in the diagram seems the most likely. I do not see how to reach five diamonds.

Prize-winners will be announced on March 27.

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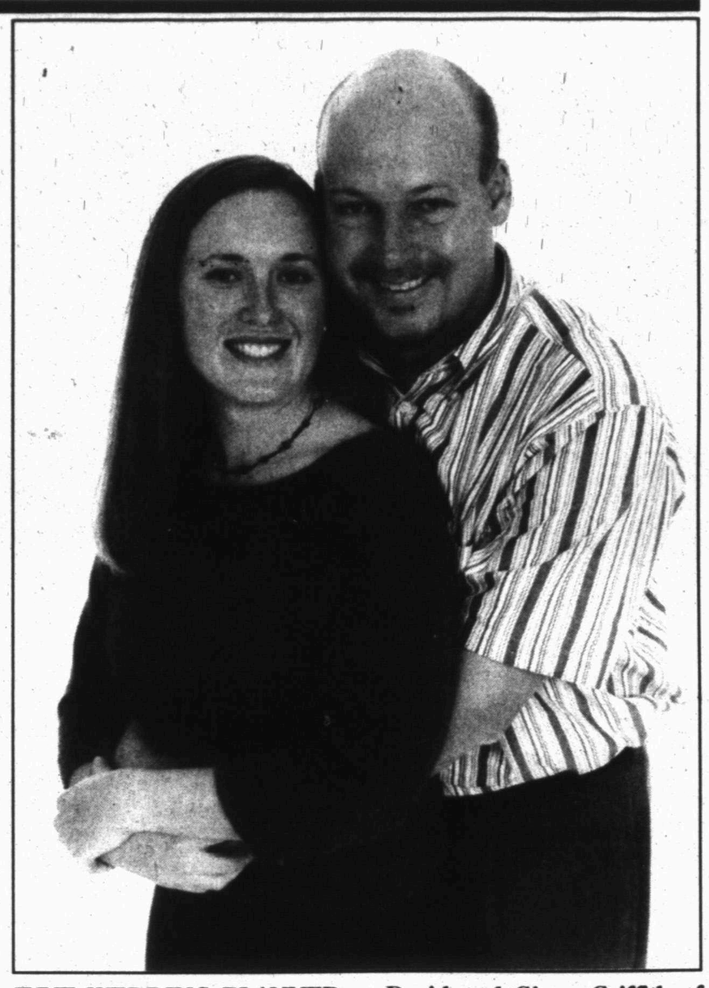


JUNE WEDDING PLANNED — David and Ginny Griffith of Snyder announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kara Beth Griffith, to Christopher Haefele. Both are of Houston. Chris is the son of Gary Haefele of Houston and Linda and Will Hill of Littleton, Colo. A June 19 wedding is planned in Cozumel, Mexico. Kara is the granddaughter of the late W.D. and Thelma Sims. Paternal grandmother is Margaret Griffith of Evansville, Ind. (Contributed Photo)

Library News & Views

Many have commented that they do not have time to read, feeling that the only reason one reads is for pleasure.

Did you know that the Scurry County Library has many books to just help you get through life? How many of us can afford a consultant, a lawyer or an accountant for all our basic questions? Most of us cannot afford this luxury.

Fortunately, there are many books being published to help a person with these decisions, if they will just visit their local library.

Are you in the mood to travel, but are you worried that you do not understand all your rights as a traveler? Then check out the book, *Traveler's Rights*, and read this legal guide outlining fair treatment for the traveler.

Perhaps you want to make a will. Then check out the book, *How to Make a Texas Will*, that gives you guidelines and forms.

Job hunting changes everyday, and many of the guidelines for making a resume have changed. If you feel you need to update your resume, consult the book, *Resumes that Mean Business*. If you are concerned about your retirement years, check out How to Protect and Manage Your 401(k).

For those enjoying a home computer, consider starting a family website. The book, *Making Family Web Sites*, explains how a Web site works, how to secure a site name, and even how to digitize your photos. Anyone with children could certainly find useful the book, *Home Emergency Guide*.

Flowcharts are given showing the correct action for every conceivable medical problem.

If you have a question about something, consider a book to guide you along. Although books are not meant to replace professionals, the books will at least tell you when you really need a professional's help and when you can manage a problem yourself.

From repairing the dishwasher or a car, to the best way to end your child's temper tantrums, the Scurry County Library has a book to help you.

Come see us soon at the Scurry County Library.

Bridge Winners

Monte West directed bridge at the Snyder Country Club.

Friday, Jan. 16
North-South
A group

1. Mary Bast, Johnnie Van Dever
2. Gwen Riggs, Betty Byrd.

B Group

1. Pat Floyd, Margaret Presswood.

East-West
A Group

1. Suzy Reed, Anita Talbot.
2. Dora Blakey, Monte West

B Group

1. Suzy Reed, Anita Talbott

Tuesday, Jan. 20

Monte West directed.

A Group

1. Dora Blakey, Barbara Yorgesen.
2. Monte West, Linda West.
3. Pat Floyd, Robbie Floyd.
4. Margaret Dillaha, Margaret Birdwell.

B Group

1. Pat Floyd, Robbie Floyd
2. Maribeth Vestal, Margaret Presswood.
3. Dorothy Rosson, Christine Stuard.

Friday, Jan. 23

Jane Hinton directed.

A Group

1. Margaret Dillaha, Margaret Presswood.
2. Mary Bast, Johnnie Van Dever.
3. Jane Hinton, Maribeth Vestal.
4. Suzy Reed, Anita Talbot.

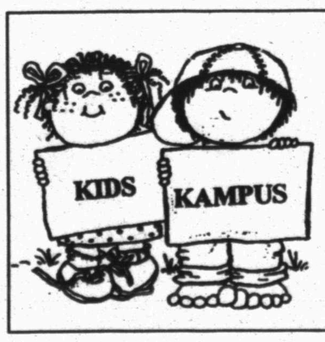
B Group

1. Margaret Dillaha, Margaret Presswood.
2. Paula Gilbert, Vera McSpadden.

The fruits of humility are love and peace.
—Hebrew proverb

The longest journey is the journey inward.
—Dag Hammarskojold

A man isn't poor if he can still laugh.
—Raymond Hitchcock



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School Menus

Snyder

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BREAKFAST
All Schools
Monday
Oatmeal
Tuesday
Pancakes w/Syrup
Orange Halves
Wednesday
Ham & Egg in a Biscuit
Thursday
Waffles w/Syrup
Sliced Apples
Friday
Cheese Toast

LUNCH
Elementaries
Monday
Hot Dogs
Hard Shell Tacos
Mixed Vegetables
Spanish Rice
Fresh Fruit
Tuesday
Barbecued Sandwich
PB&J Sandwich
French Fries
Lettuce & Pickles
Sliced Apples
Wednesday
Chicken Quesadilla
Chef Salad
Campfire Beans
Corn on the Cob
Blueberry Muffins
Thursday
Crunchy Corn Dog
Turkey & Cheese Sub
Potato Salad
Peas & Carrots
Fruited Gelatin
Friday
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheeseburger
Tater Tots
Tossed Salad
Ranch Dressing
Brownie

Junior High
Monday
Hot Dogs
Hard Shell Tacos
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Pickles
Mashed Potatoes
Spanish Rice
Fresh Fruit
Tuesday
Barbecued Beef Sandwich
PB&J Sandwich
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheeseburger
French Fries
Lettuce & Pickles
Chilled Pears
Wednesday
Chicken Quesadilla
Soft Chicken Taco
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Pickles
Campfire Beans
Mexicorn
Blueberry Muffins
Thursday
Crunchy Corn Dog
Turkey & Cheese Sub
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Pickles
Potato Salad
Peas & Carrots
Fruited Gelatin
Friday
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Pickles
Tater Tots
Tossed Salad
Ranch Dressing
Brownie

High School
Monday
Hot Dogs
Hard Shell Tacos
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Pepperoni Pizza
Salad Bar
Mashed Potatoes
Spanish Rice
Fresh Fruit
Tuesday
Barbecued Sandwich
Chicken Parmesan Sandwich
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Pepperoni Pizza
Salad Bar
French Fries
Lettuce & Pickles
Chilled Pears
Wednesday
Chicken Quesadilla
Soft Chicken Taco
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Pepperoni Pizza
Salad Bar
Campfire Beans
Mexicorn
Blueberry Muffins
Thursday
Crunchy Corn Dog
Turkey & Cheese Sub
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Pepperoni Pizza
Salad Bar
Potato Salad
Peas & Carrots
Fruited Gelatin
Friday
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheeseburger
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Salad Bar
Tater Tots
Tossed Salad
Ranch Dressing
Brownie

Hermleigh

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

BREAKFAST
Monday
Breakfast Burrito
Tuesday
Ham & Toast
Wednesday
Chocolate Chip Muffins
Thursday
Cinnamon Toast
Friday
Sausage & Biscuit

LUNCH
Monday
Chicken Fried Steak/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Black-eyed Peas
Hot Rolls
Fruit Crisp
Tuesday
Barbecued Chicken
Tater Tots
Baked Beans
Hot Rolls
Fresh Peaches
Wednesday
Tacos
Lettuce & Tomato
Spanish Rice
Mixed Fruit
Thursday
Barbecue on a Bun
Potato Wedges
Pickles & Onions
Chocolate Cake/White Icing
Friday
Hamburgers
Lettuce, Tomato & Pickles
French Fries
Peanut Butter Cookies

Ira

All meals served with choice of milk and breakfasts are served with juice.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Sausage Wraps
Tuesday
Oatmeal or Cream of Wheat
Toast
Wednesday
Breakfast Burritos
Thursday
French Toast Sticks
Bacon
Friday
Pancakes
Sausage

LUNCH
Monday
Chicken Spaghetti/Fish Sticks
Salad
Corn
Bread Sticks
Chocolate Pudding
Tuesday
Barbecue on a Bun/Chicken Patty
Tater Tots
Pork 'n Beans
Peach Cups
Wednesday
Stromboli/Grill Cheese
Carrots
Broccoli Spears
Fruit
Thursday
Pizza
Salad
Corn
Bread Sticks
Cake
Friday
Chicken Spaghetti/Peanut Butter Sandwich
Corn
Green Beans
Strawberry Cobbler

Kathy Nelson speaks to DAR

Kathy Nelson, member of the Daughters of the American Revolution Martin Preuitt Jr. Chapter, gave a program on "Behind Every Great Man..." at the Snyder Country Club.

Wives of notable Americans in history have not been written about and many led interesting lives.

She informed the group of the fearlessness, supportiveness, the hardships and even chicanery of six of the "mothers of our country."

Virginia Clark gave the President General's report. She encouraged the education and participation of women to work for their religious beliefs and the tradition of patriotism.

Nelson gave the National Defense report that also enforced the need for educating the young and old on how our country became and remains free. She stressed how important women's contribution is in this endeavor.

DAR members continue to collect soup labels that will be exchanged for money to buy supplies in the DAR schools. Swanson, Campbell's, Franco-American and Pepperidge Farm labels are accepted for the project.

Regent Ann Smartt reminded members to bring valentines to the Feb. 10 meeting to be taken to the veterans' hospital in Big Spring.

Betty Richardson and Smartt were elected as delegates for the March 11-13 State Conference in Houston.

Dorothy Campbell and Maggie Barnes were hostesses for the Jan. 13 meeting at the Snyder Country Club.

Kathy Nelson

Fish bowl explodes

EAGAN, Minn. (AP) — There's nothing fishy about the tale of Dory.

Teacher Linda Krienke said a fire broke out on a desktop in her classroom around 1 a.m. Saturday, causing enough smoke to set off the alarm at Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran School. But when firefighters arrived, they found only glowing embers on the desk.

The heat had caused a fish bowl on the desk to explode, and the water put out the fire, Krienke said. One of the firefighters spotted the fish, Dory, alive on the floor and hollered for a glass of water.

"She's a Beta, so they're used to breathing air," Krienke said. "They're a Chinese fish and if they're in China they just live in puddles. If one dries up, they flop to the next one."

The students are excited about the fish, she said, and each has written a story about the fire from Dory's point of view.

The fire damaged Krienke's classroom and the room next door, and the classes have been relocated while the damage is repaired. And Dory is swimming around in a new bowl, "happy as can be. I suppose she's thankful to be alive," Krienke said.

A joy that's shared is a joy made double.

—John Ray

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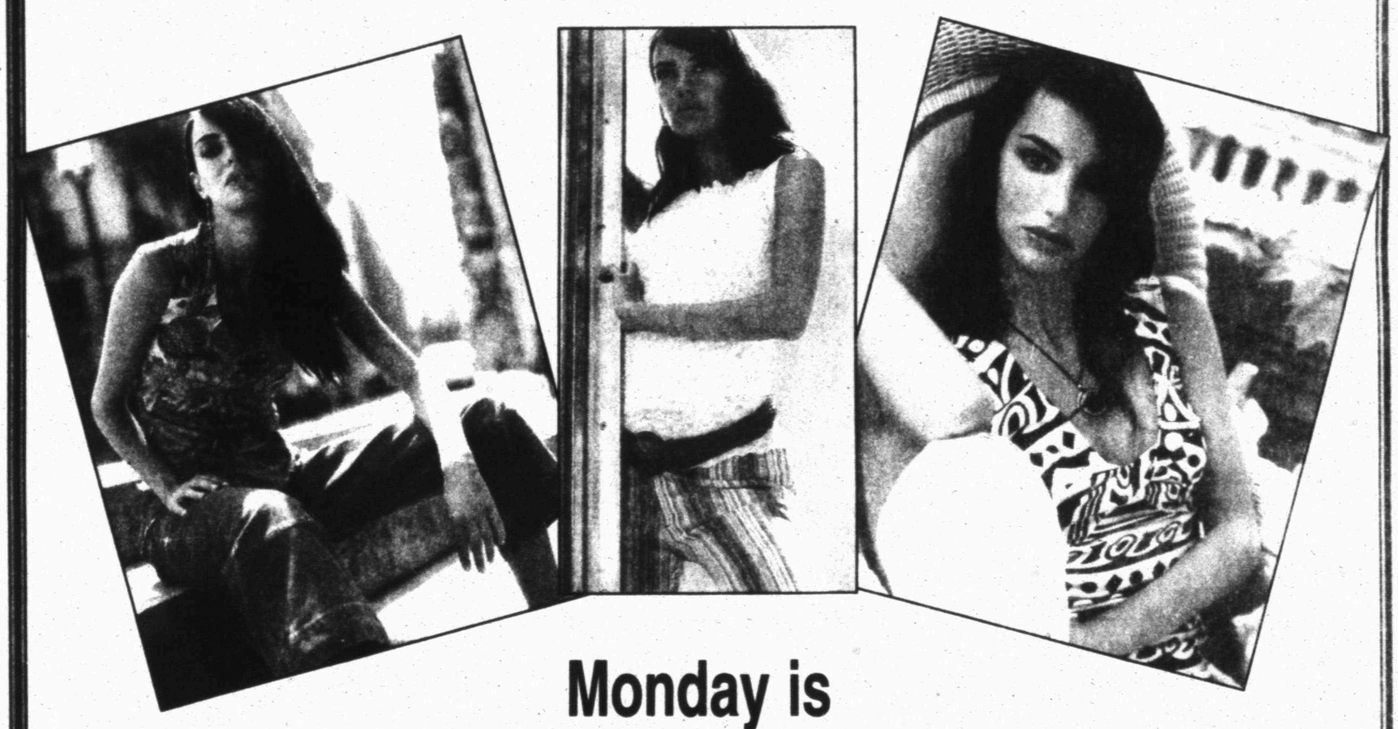
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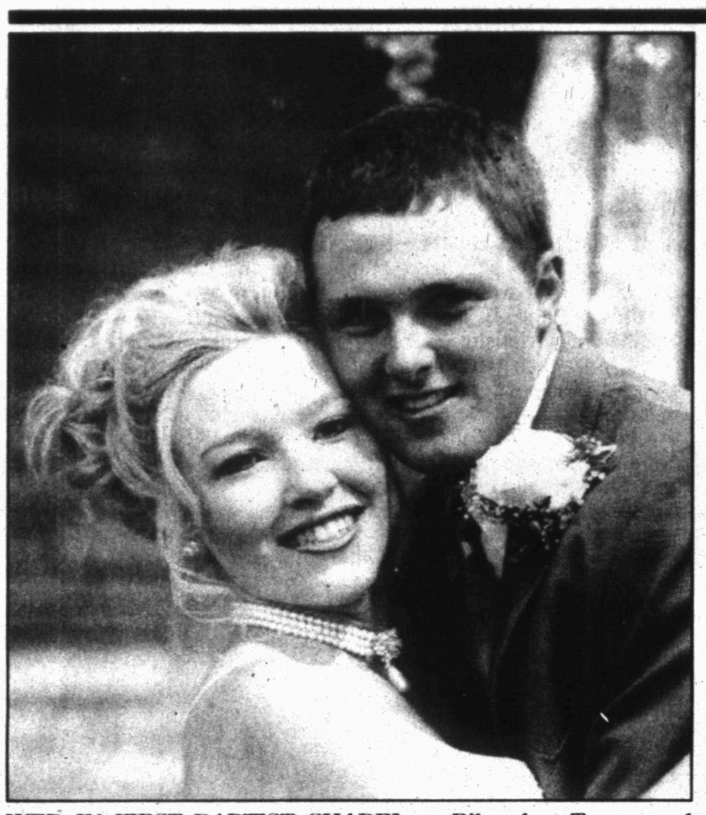

WED IN FIRST BAPTIST CHAPEL — Riley Ann Tatum and Russell Heath Wall were united in marriage in a private ceremony on June 14 with Danny Williams officiating. A reception at the Wagon Wheel Ranch followed. The couple reside in Dublin and are continuing their education at Tarleton State University. Parents are Mike and Molly Tatum and Bobby and Teresa Wall, all of Snyder. (Contributed Photo)

Chronic fatigue syndrome can affect children

Chronic fatigue syndrome, also called chronic fatigue and immune dysfunction syndrome (CFIDS), is a serious medical condition that can affect children as well as adults. Children as young as five years old have been found to have CFIDS, although the onset is more common in puberty.

Physical and cognitive problems. Children with CFIDS exhibit symptoms similar to adults-including severe exhaustion, problems with concentration and memory, sore throat, tender lymph nodes, muscle pain and headaches-but children more commonly report dizziness, abdominal pain, rash and fever. The majority of children with CFIDS have an acute onset-symptoms appear suddenly within a few days or weeks, usually with a flu or mononucleosis-like illness.

High rate of misdiagnosis. While the physical symptoms may be similar in children and adults, a child's difficulty in effectively expressing how he feels can make it more challenging to identify and diagnose the illness. Often CFIDS in children is mistaken as a behavioral or emotional problem, in particular school phobia. The cognitive difficulties, including short-term memory loss and confusion, produced by CFIDS may be mistaken for attention deficit disorder (ADD). Failure to make a proper diagnosis can lead to isolation, insecurity, sense of failure, family stress and even long-term intellectual development problems.

Educational impact. The vast majority of children with CFIDS experience difficulty with school performance due to the physical and cognitive symptoms imposed by the illness. Many must be homeschooled because they are too ill.

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In Japanese garden ceremony...

Hughes, Palmer wed in Colorado

SEDALIA, Colo. — As the sun set behind the Rocky Mountains on July 12, 2003, Nikky Hughes and JK Palmer, both of Los Angeles, Calif., were united in marriage.

The Orient was the theme of the Japanese garden wedding, which took place in Sedalia, Colo., at the home of Todd and Patty Stewart, parents of the bride. The bride's father is the late Gary Wayne Hughes. The groom's parents are Jim and Patti Palmer of Snyder.

Special guests in attendance from Snyder were the groom's two best men, Jayson Limmer, a lifelong friend, and his brother, Josh Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Corkran and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Limmer. Carolyn Limmer served as the wedding coordinator.

Additional guests attending were from Iowa, Denver, Dallas, New Orleans, New York City, Atlanta, Los Angeles, Miami and Tskuba, Japan. The guests entered the garden area through an archway to the melody of *Sheep May Safely Graze,* presented by Denver flutist Tonya Rowling, who provided the musical selections for the wedding.

As guests gathered around an indoor pool to be served a traditional Chinese dinner, they were entertained by Vaudevillian, whose fire-eating and pyrotechnic displays were among the guests' favorites.

After dinner, the couple danced their first dance as husband and wife to Frank Sinatra's rendition of *I've Got the World on a String.*

The couple invited their guests to join them in dancing to the music of the band, Funk Squish, whose members are personal friends of the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer then flew to Hawaii to honeymoon on several of the islands before returning to their home in Los Angeles, where the groom is an actor and the bride is an artist.

Mr. and Mrs. JK Palmer
(Contributed Photo)

The couple was honored with a traditional bridal shower in Snyder, and the bride's attendants surprised her with a lingerie shower at The Castle, a 100-year-old castle overlooking the city of Castle Rock, Colo.

The photography of the couple's wedding was recently showcased in Wedding Bells, a national bridal magazine.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Iowa, and the groom graduated from Snyder High School and the Meadow School of the Arts at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

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Local/State

Border sex slave ring ringleader sentenced

McALLEN (AP) — The leader of a border sex slave ring that held women against their will, raped them and forced them to work without pay was sentenced Friday to 23 years in federal prison.

Juan Carlos Soto, 26, told U.S. District Judge Randy Crane through a translator that he was sorry for the people he had harmed. He said he was drunk when he raped and enslaved four Central American women.

"I ask the people to give me an opportunity for my kids and for more my family," Soto said, looking down at the floor as he spoke.

Soto, of Nueva Italia, Mexico, could have faced life in prison but agreed to a plea deal. Six other men also have pleaded guilty. Five were sentenced Thursday, with punishment ranging from four months to 14 years.

The women, aged 19, 20, 22, and 40, had arranged to be held in "safe houses" until their smuggling debts were repaid. Instead, investigators said, they were held at houses around the Rio Grande Valley, forced to work as housekeepers by day and raped and beaten at night as the men tried to get more money from their families.

The judge shook his head as he read through the lengthy charges.

"He's the worst that I've ever seen in this court," Crane said. "It was worse than bad. It was almost like raping children. This gentleman took advantage ... knew they were vulnerable, knew they couldn't cry out. Publicly humiliating them? Stripping them in public and throwing them in a canal?"

In early February, two of the women were stripped, gang-raped, thrown into a canal then dropped off near a roadway, where a family helped them find help. Investigators rescued the two other women in March.

The victims have been relocated and are being treated as refugees under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000.

Soto also must pay $11,532 in restitution and will be deported after his sentence. He and five co-defendants pleaded guilty in the summer to holding the women against their will in an Edinburg trailer park for about three months.

Those sentenced Thursday were: Martin Cortez-Gutierrez, sentenced to 14 years in prison and ordered to pay $11,532 in restitution; Armando Soto-Huarto, a brother of Juan Carlos Soto, 10 years in prison and $11,532 in restitution; Jose Corona-Soto, 27 months; Javier Olvera-Hernandez, 15 months; and Jose Angel Pineda-Cortez, four months.

A warrant has been issued for Jose Luis Villa-Zavala, who did not appear for sentencing.

Another of Soto's brothers, Hector Soto, is at large and is charged with conspiracy.

Attorney General John Ashcroft said Thursday said busting this ring as well as a forced-labor ring in American Samoa showed prosecutors were making inroads against human trafficking.

There have been 83 convictions or guilty pleas since the Justice Department launched the initiative in March 2001, a threefold increase over the preceding three years, officials said. Prosecutors have 142 open investigations, the most ever.

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.

CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS(COA): IMPORTANT FACTS

(Part 1 of 3)

1. Alcoholism affects the entire family.

Living with a non-recovering alcoholic in the family can contribute to stress for all members of the family. Each member may be affected differently. Not all alcoholic families experience or react to this stress in the same way. The level of dysfunction or resiliency of the non-alcoholic spouse is a key factor in the effects of problems impacting children.

Children raised in alcoholic families have different life experiences than children raised in non-alcoholic families. Children raised in other types of dysfunctional families may have similar developmental losses and stressors as do children raised in alcoholic families.

Children living with a non-recovering alcoholic score lower on measures of family cohesion, intellectual-cultural orientation, active-recreational orientation, and independence. They also usually experience higher levels of conflict within the family.

Children of alcoholics may be hampered by their inability to grow in developmentally healthy ways.

2. Many people report being exposed to alcoholism in their families.

Seventy six million Americans, about 43% of the U.S. adult population, have been exposed to alcoholism in the family.

Almost one in five adult Americans (18%) lived with an alcoholic while growing up.

Roughly one in eight American adult drinkers is alcoholic or experiences problems due to the use of alcohol. The cost to society is estimated at in excess of $166 billion each year.

There are an estimated 26.8 million COAs in the United States. Preliminary research suggests that over 11 million are under the age of 18.

3. There is strong, scientific evidence that alcoholism tends to run in families. Children of alcoholics are more at risk for alcoholism and other drug abuse than children of non-alcoholics.

Children of alcoholics are four times more likely than non-COAs to develop alcoholism.

Genetic factors play a major role in the development of alcoholism. There is an expanding base of literature which strongly supports a inheritable basis for alcoholism and a range of family influences that may direct the development of children of alcoholics.

Children's perceptions of parental drinking quantity and circumstances appear to influence their own drinking frequency.

Children's alcohol expectancies reflect recognition of alcohol-related norms and a cognizance of parental drinking patterns by a very early age.

Parental alcoholism and other drug dependencies have an impact upon children's early learning about alcohol and other drugs.

Family interaction patterns also may influence the COA's risk for alcohol abuse. It has been found that families with an alcoholic parent displayed more negative family interaction during problem-solving discussions than in non-alcoholic families.

Children of alcoholics are more likely than non-COAs to marry into families in which alcoholism is prevalent.

Parental alcoholism influences adolescent substance use through several different pathways including stress, negative affect and decreased parental monitoring. Negative affect and impaired parental monitoring are associated with adolescent's joining in a peer network that supports drug use behavior.

After drinking alcohol, sons of alcoholics experience more of the physiological changes associated with pleasurable effects compared with sons of non-alcoholics, although only immediately after drinking.

The above information was provided by *The National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information*

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

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Jesus Hermosillo vs. Danny Crawford and Koch Pipeline Company, order of dismissal with prejudice.

Mary White Garcia, individually and as attorney-in-fact for Johnnie White, vs. Eott Energy Pipeline, order of dismissal with prejudice.

In the marriage of Cynthia Renee Fritz and Kevin Wayland Fritz, divorce granted.

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Angela June Elledge, independent executrix of the estate of Margaret Jean Howell, to Angela June Elledge, Lot 10 in Block 2 of the Kittrell Heights Addition.

Emilia Ramos, fka Emilia Cabello, to Juan Cabello, 0.74-acre tract in the southwest one-quarter of Section 122, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Martha Seale to Wayland V. Cody, the east 40 feet of the south 90 feet of Lot 9 and all the south 90 feet of Lots 7 and 8, all in Block 5 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Travis T. and Amy Lyn Chaney to Tanya B. Sorrells, Lots 8 and 9 of the North Bank Addition.

Norman and Sally Parker to Dennis and Eva Patrick, 1.89 acres in the west one-half of Section 240, Block 3, H&TC survey.

John and Barbara Stegall to Cory John and Leslie Trujillo, 1.005 acres in Tract 50 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands, Section 38, Kirkland and Fields survey.

Robert F. and Barbara Pendleton to Vic L. Jeter, all of Lot 25 in Block 11 of the Park Place Addition.

Shannon Grantham to Donna Ramirez, a tract out of a 38-acre parcel in Section 153, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Josefina Martinez to Bennie Martinez, all of Lot 15 in Block 1 of the Morningside Subdivision of Blocks 9-10, 15-16 and 25-25 of the Adams Addition.

Chandra Ann Tate to Billy D. Jones, Lot 5 in Block 23 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

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State National Bank to Ricky and Julie Fritz, Lot 2 in Block 4 of the Cedar Creek Addition, Section 1.

Lonnie Joe Russell to Larry N. and Nancy L. Myers, Lot 18 in Block 3 of the Eastridge Addition.

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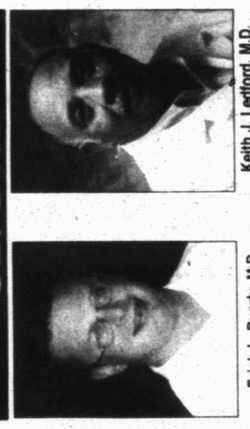

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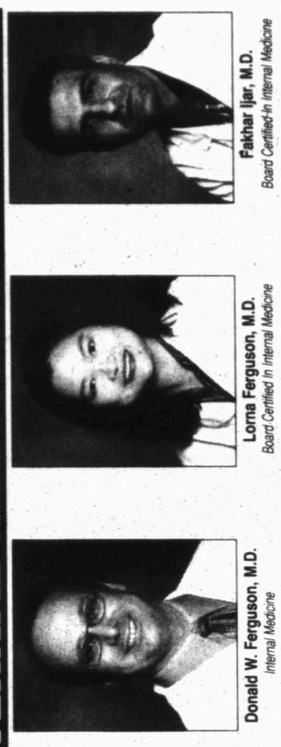

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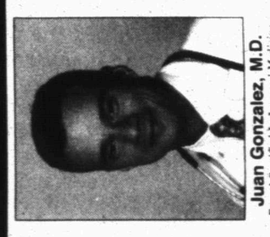

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Schwarzenegger asked to spare killer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Still on his political honeymoon, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is facing his first plea for clemency, from a condemned inmate set to die by injection Feb. 10 for hacking four people to death.

Few expect the Republican Schwarzenegger to show mercy toward Kevin Cooper. The crime was extraordinarily grisly, and granting clemency on the first request to hit his desk could hurt the new governor politically just when he needs all the help he can get to solve the state's fiscal crisis.

Moreover, no California governor has granted clemency to a condemned murderer since Ronald Reagan in 1967 spared the life of a severely brain-damaged killer.

Nevertheless, defense attorneys and legal scholars are optimistic the new governor just might exercise his authority to grant clemency at some point during his term.

"Arnold Schwarzenegger seems to have a real open mind," said Maria Stratton, the federal public defender in Los Angeles, who represented the last inmate to be executed in California, Stephen Anderson. Anderson had pleaded with Schwarzenegger's predecessor, Gray Davis, to commute his sentence to life without parole. Anderson went to his death in 2002.

Schwarzenegger, Stratton noted, has already granted parole to at least six murderers and settled a long-running lawsuit, filed by inmates during the Davis administration, by affirming parole violators' rights to contest their charges.

Davis and his predecessor, Republican Pete Wilson, rejected every clemency petition that came before them, allowing 10 inmates to go to their death since the U.S. Supreme Court allowed capital punishment to resume in 1976.

Davis, who lost a recall election to Schwarzenegger in October, also burnished his tough-on-crime credentials by overturning nearly all recommendations by the state parole board to release convicted murderers.

"Somewhere down the road, clemency petitions will stop being decided an automatic pilot," said Frank Zimring, a University of California legal scholar and author of "The Contradictions of American Capital Punishment." "All through the Wilson and Davis regimes, there was no such thing as executive clemency in California."

Schwarzenegger, a social liberal and fiscal conservative, is on record as supporting the death penalty. But capital punishment did not come up during the recall campaign, and he has said next to nothing about how he will enforce it as governor of the state with the nation's biggest death row, with 640 inmates.

Schwarzenegger may have more room to maneuver than Davis, a liberal Democrat who was careful never to give Republicans ammunition against him when it came to crime.

"Someone who is a Republican and who is playing cops in the movies can show a little more flexibility on issues such as the death penalty," said John Pitney, a political science professor at Claremont McKenna College. "Nobody doubts Arnold Schwarzenegger's toughness."

Some wonder whether Schwarzenegger's wife, Maria Kennedy Shriver, might encourage him to show mercy. But the Kennedy connection cuts both ways, Pitney said.

"The Kennedys are liberal, but if two of your uncles were murdered, that might temper your sympathy for convicted killers," Pitney said, referring to the assassinations of John and Robert F. Kennedy.

Schwarzenegger spokeswoman Ashley Snee declined to speculate on how he will respond to Cooper's petition. "The governor's office is in the process of reviewing the materials," she said. "Each case is reviewed on the facts of the case."

The nation's most startling gubernatorial display of mercy came last year, when Illinois Gov. George Ryan commuted the sentences of 167 killers and emptied out the state's death row. The Republican governor said the criminal justice system was so flawed that an innocent man might otherwise be sent to his death.

Cooper, 45, was convicted in the 1983 murders of Douglas and Peggy Ryen, both 41, their 10-year-old daughter, Jessica, and her 11-year-old friend, Christopher Hughes. The victims were stabbed and hacked repeatedly with a hatchet and buck knife. The Ryens' 8-year-old son, Joshua, survived a slit throat.

Cooper had escaped from a nearby Chino Hills prison, where he was doing time for burglary. Authorities believe he wanted to steal the family's station wagon.

Maintaining his innocence during years of appeals, Cooper succeeded in having DNA tests done on evidence at the scene, but the tests indicated he was the killer. Now he says those tests were tainted and incomplete.

Robert Amidon, one of Cooper's attorneys, said there is enough doubt about the evidence to warrant another look. "There is no bringing back the dead," he said.

A letter last week signed by more than 40 state lawmakers, celebrities and others asked Schwarzenegger to delay the execution to allow further investigation of "many unanswered questions."

Signers included the Rev. Jesse Jackson; former boxer Rubin "Hurricane" Carter, who was imprisoned nearly 20 years in three slayings before a judge overturned the convictions; and actor Denzel Washington, who portrayed Carter in the film "Hurricane."

But prosecutors believe Cooper's execution is long overdue. His appeals have bounced through the state and federal courts for 18 years now, and each time, the final answer was that Cooper is guilty and should die, said Dane Gillette, California's top death penalty prosecutor.

Gillette said he will sleep comfortably after Cooper's execution, knowing the right man was put to death.

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Horror film protested by Greek docs

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — The remake of the 1974 cult horror movie "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre" opened Friday in Greece with an introduction demanded by psychiatrists: Schizophrenics aren't always violent.

The distributor of the film — with the Greek title "The Schizophrenic Murderer with the Chainsaw" — said it added the preface prepared by the Research Institute for Psychological Health.

The distributor took the action after Greek psychiatrists demanded that the Greek title be changed because it insulted schizophrenics and stigmatized people with psychological disorders.

The movie is about five stranded youths who become the prey of a deformed lunatic.

In a newspaper ad, the distributor Odeon A.E. said moviegoers also will be offered a leaflet about psychological illnesses.

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President Warren Harding played the cornet.

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In 1760, about one-third of the ship tonnage of Britain was constructed in Britain's North American colonies.

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In 1999, one in eight Americans was 65 years old or older. In 2030, about one in five will be.

World Almanac

Saturday, Jan. 31, 2004

Today is the 31st day of 2004 and the 41st day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1606, Guy Fawkes killed himself moments before he was supposed to be executed for his role in the Gunpowder Plot in Britain.

In 1917, Germany announced the renewal of unrestricted submarine warfare in the Atlantic.

In 1968, the Tet Offensive began in South Vietnam.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Franz Schubert (1797-1828), composer; John O'Hara (1905-1970), writer; Jackie Robinson (1919-1972), baseball player; Carol Channing (1923-), actress, is 81; Norman Mailer (1923-), writer, is 81; Justin Timberlake (1981-), singer, is 23.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 2003, the Chicago White Sox announced that they were changing the name of Comiskey Park to U.S. Cellular Field.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Never play cards with a man named Doc and never eat at a place called Mom's" — John O'Hara

TODAY'S FACT: The first Social Security check, issued 64 years ago today, was for $22.54 and went to Ida May Fuller, of Ludlow, Vt. She had been working less than three years under Social Security and was paid with check number 00-000-001.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 74,000 — Price in dollars paid for Van Gogh's Park of the Hospital at Saint Remy in 1959.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Jan. 29) and full moon (Feb. 6).

Sunday, Feb. 1, 2004

Today is the 32nd day of 2004 and the 42nd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1861, Texas voted to secede from the Union.

In 1974, "Good Times" made its television debut.

In 2003, the space shuttle Columbia disintegrated minutes before it was due to land, killing its seven-member crew.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Ford (1895-1973), film director; Clark Gable (1901-1960), actor; Langston Hughes (1902-1967), poet; Renata Tebaldi (1922-), opera singer, is 82; Boris Yeltsin (1931-), former Russian president, is 73; Princess Stephanie of Monaco (1965-) is 39.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1995, Utah's John Stockton broke the NBA record for assists by recording his 9,222nd in the first half of the game.

TODAY'S FACT: February has been observed as Black History Month since 1976; before then, starting in 1926, one week of February was observed as Negro History Week, and then as Black History Week in 1972.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "It is easier to get an actor to be a cowboy than to get a cowboy to be an actor." — John Ford

TODAY'S NUMBER: 12,345,678,987,654,321: The result of multiplying 111,111,111 by 111,111,111.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Jan. 29) and full moon (Feb. 6).

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Eight-million-year-old whale fossil surfaces along coast

SOLOMONS, Md. (AP) — Days after Hurricane Isabel ravaged the cliffs lining St. Mary's River last year, Jeff DiMeglio and his girlfriend went scouring for shark teeth and found what DiMeglio, an experienced fossil hunter, recognized as the rib of a whale.

He immediately covered the findings and contacted a museum. Heavy erosion from the storm had unearthed the complete fossilized skull of what paleontologists say was an 8-million-year-old whale.

The find is important because little is known about whales of that era, said Stephen Godfrey, curator of paleontology for the Calvert Marine Museum.

The remains were shown to the media Thursday at the museum, where scientists are carefully chipping away sediment around the 5½-foot skull with hopes of one day putting it on display.

The hurricane that unearthed the fossil last September was Maryland's worst-ever natural disaster, blamed for dozens of deaths and costing the state and local governments at least $275 million.

Isabel's surge collapsed bulkheads and seawalls, exposing parts of shoreline.

Most residents were dismayed by the erosion. Not Godfrey: Southern Maryland's cliffs that harbor a rich source of marine fossils, including thousands of prehistoric shark teeth and whale bones.

"There is some angst watching the cliffs disappear, but it's great for paleontology," he said.

To free the fossil from the ground, scientists swathed it in burlap and plaster-of-paris, creating a hard cast, then called on the Patuxent Naval Air Station. A search-and-rescue team rappelled from a helicopter, attached the fossil to a cable and flew it out.

Scientists couldn't find the spine of the 18-foot whale but did recover some vertebrae, a neck bone, a fin and a shoulder blade.

The fossil was found in an area where the water would have been shallow, and he believes the whale lived at a time when warm temperatures spread across the Atlantic Ocean.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Fight for son's self-esteem takes toll on mom at home

DEAR ABBY: My 17-year-old son, "George," has a learning disability. I have to fight the school system to keep teachers from destroying his self-esteem. However, an even bigger problem is that my mother and my sister's boyfriend, "Tony," say cruel things to George.

Mother gives George a hard time because he won't try to read. I constantly tell her that he struggles hard to read, but doesn't comprehend what he's reading — and it may never get better. Tony ridicules my son because he's a little overweight. How can I give George healthy self-esteem if others tear it down?

I also have a problem with the way Mother and Tony treat my 13-year-old daughter, "Allison." Allison is a tomboy who doesn't like to wear dresses. She prefers baggy clothes. She is a good kid. She's not into drugs, alcohol or sex. Mother berates her for not looking "like a lady," and Tony calls her a lesbian.

I hate to keep my children from seeing my mother or my sister, but it has reached the point where neither George nor Allison wants anything to do with them. How should I handle these so-called "loved ones" without starting a major war? **— MOM OF WONDERFUL CHILDREN IN INDIANA**

DEAR MOM: As a parent, it is your job to protect your children and to act as their advocate. If you haven't done so, tell your mother and your sister's boyfriend that their name-calling is destructive and you want it stopped immediately. If they refuse, distance yourself and the children from their painful and abusive influence. Remember, your first obligation is to your children — not your mother, and certainly not Tony.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm married to a man who limits his social life to our relatives and me. That makes it very difficult for me to enjoy my own pursuits. When I want to go out, I have to give my husband a good reason and tell him every detail.

I invite him to movies and dinners out, but he's never interested. I try not to keep secrets from him, but I've reached the point where I feel like rebelling against his control.

It's wonderful that he loves to spend time with me, but I believe all couples require some outside interests and friends to maintain a balanced life. We've been together four years and were married last summer.

Is there any way to overcome these issues? **— MARRIED TO A CLINGING MAN**

DEAR MARRIED: Yes. Marital counseling for both of you — before he smothers you completely.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 13-year-old girl who looks much older than my age. When older guys see me, they think that because I look 18, I must be 18. They don't believe me when I tell them my age. Some of them don't even care.

How do I get them to leave me alone? **— LOOKS 18 IN VIRGINIA**

DEAR LOOKS 18: It's not hard. After you tell them you are only 13, if they persist, ask them, "Have you ever heard the word 'harassment'?"

If that doesn't discourage them, tell them your mother is very familiar with the word, and if they don't leave you alone, you'll tell HER they're harassing you.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been dating a man I'll call Ben for five months. He recently quit his job to go back to school full time (he's 29), and I support him financially. Things were fine until he started hanging out with some college kids who live next door to us.

When Ben and I are alone or around his adult friends, things are fine. But when he gets around these fellow students, which is often, Ben mocks me in front of them. For example, when I go next door to tell him dinner is ready, he'll start making fun of me in a really embarrassing and juvenile way.

I know it may be fun for him to relive his college days, but being made to look like a fool in front of his buddies is starting to wear thin.

I have discussed this with him. He insists that he's just playing around (even though I wind up in tears), and says that I'm too controlling, this is his only life, and he's only having fun.

Is this something he's going to grow out of? **— TIRED OF BEING THE JOKE**

DEAR TIRED: Not without help. What you're describing isn't immaturity; it's hostility. You say you are supporting him while he attends school full time. Perhaps the burden of gratitude has grown uncomfortably heavy, so he's taking it out on you and trying to make himself look less dependent in front of his schoolmates. He could also be using you. Regardless of his motive, he is showing disregard for your feelings. Put your foot down now or it will get worse.

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DEAR ABBY: My parents and my older brother, "Mike," cannot get along. To make matters worse, my sister-in-law, "Janice," is holding the children for ransom from my parents until they resolve their differences with Mike.

Abby, my parents have tried many times to reconcile, but it always blows up into a huge argument where nothing is resolved.

My sister and I feel stuck in the middle. Since my parents are denied their grandchildren, I feel guilty for having a relationship with my nieces and nephew.

They are all so stubborn, and it's tearing our family apart. What can I do? **— STUCK IN THE MIDDLE**

DEAR STUCK: Why should your nieces and nephew lose their aunts because of the inability of the parents and grandparents to make peace in the family? Please don't make your parents' problems your own. Forget the guilt and see the children.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband has been supporting a man for the last nine months. So far he has given him a house, a $6,000 truck and has paid all of his bills.

I went away for a week, and when I came back, I found this man in my house. What do I do? **— WONDERING IN UTAH**

DEAR WONDERING: First, ask your husband what his relationship is with this man, and why he is being so generous. Does he owe this person a debt? Are they lovers? If his answers don't satisfy you, consult a lawyer before all the assets are depleted.

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Special payments may be banned

WASHINGTON (AP) — The staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission will recommend that the agency ban mutual fund companies from making special payments to brokerages for steering clients toward certain funds, an SEC official said Thursday.

The recommendation goes beyond a recent SEC proposal to require that fund companies disclose such special arrangements to investors because they create a conflict of interest. An investigation by the agency found that the practice was rampant in the mutual fund industry and frequently undisclosed — prompting officials to express outrage.

"We have concluded ... that this is an area where it creates distortions in a way that adversely impacts fund investors," Paul Roye, the head of the SEC division that oversees the fund industry, said in a telephone interview. "This is one of the areas where we think that the conflicts and distortions are so dramatic that it ought to be banned altogether."

Investors can be hurt by the practice by being pushed into buying higher-cost or more poorly performing funds because brokers are rewarded for doing so, not because the funds are suitable for the investors.

Roye said the staff planned to present the proposal to the five SEC commissioners for a vote in February.

It is one of the most radical proposals advanced to date affecting Wall Street brokerages and the mutual fund industry, which has been ensnared in a scandal since revelations in September of trading practices that favor some big investors to the detriment of ordinary shareholders. Since then, top executives of several big fund companies have been charged; dozens of companies are under investigation.

SEC Chairman William Donaldson is believed to support the move, but it could face opposition from some of the other commissioners.

Stephen Cutler, the SEC's top enforcement official, disclosed recently that the agency is investigating numerous cases in which brokerage firms may have failed to fully disclose that they pushed clients to buy certain mutual funds in exchange for payments from the fund companies.

Former Kentucky governor dies

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Former Gov. Louie B. Nunn, a fierce competitor who oversaw a revamping of Kentucky's mental-health care system and the outlawing of housing discrimination, has died. He was 79.

Nunn collapsed Thursday of an apparent heart attack at his home in Versailles, about 60 miles east of Louisville, County Coroner Steve Ward said.

Elected in 1967, Nunn was the state's last Republican governor before Gov. Ernie Fletcher was elected in November.

Nunn was a defining figure in Kentucky politics who asked no quarter on the campaign trail and gave none. He never played defense; an opponent who attacked him could be assured of a blistering counterattack.

Former Gov. Brereton Jones said Friday he appreciated Nunn's plainspoken style.

"You didn't have to wonder what he was trying to say," said Jones, a Democrat. "He would give you an abundance of plain talk."

Nunn's four-year gubernatorial administration saw Kentucky take strides in caring for the mentally retarded, the mentally ill and juvenile delinquents.

On his watch, a network of 22 mental health centers was completed and, for the first time in Kentucky history, all four state psychiatric hospitals were fully accredited. Nunn later called the revamping of the state's mental-health treatment system his proudest accomplishment.

The state's university system was also expanded during his term, and housing discrimination was outlawed.

Nunn could be ruthless. Shortly after taking office, his staff fired thousands of state employees. All were Democrats and most in departments that were traditionally patronage strongholds, such as the highway department.

Courts declared the firings illegal in lawsuits that eventually cost the state $2 million in settlements.

A few days before leaving office, Nunn mused on his place in history.

"My hope is that people will look upon my record 20 years from now and say, 'This man was good for Kentucky,' rather than to say, 'He was a hell of a politician.'

"Of course," Nunn added, "I don't know why they couldn't say both."

He successfully managed state campaigns for President Eisenhower and Sens. John Sherman Cooper and Thruston B. Morton.

He won his own race for governor in 1967, defeating Democrat Henry Ward, but lost two others — to Edward T. Breathitt in 1963 and to John Y. Brown Jr. in 1979. He was the GOP's Senate nominee in 1972 but lost to Democrat Walter "Dee" Huddleston.

Former Gov. Julian Carroll, a Democrat who was speaker of the House during Nunn's term, said he learned to appreciate Nunn.

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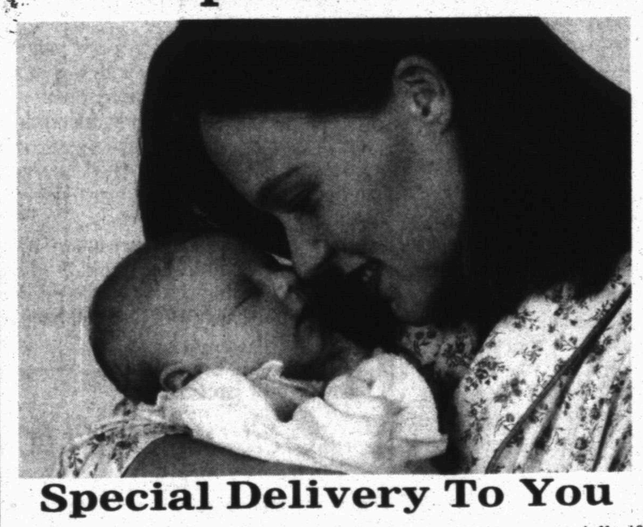
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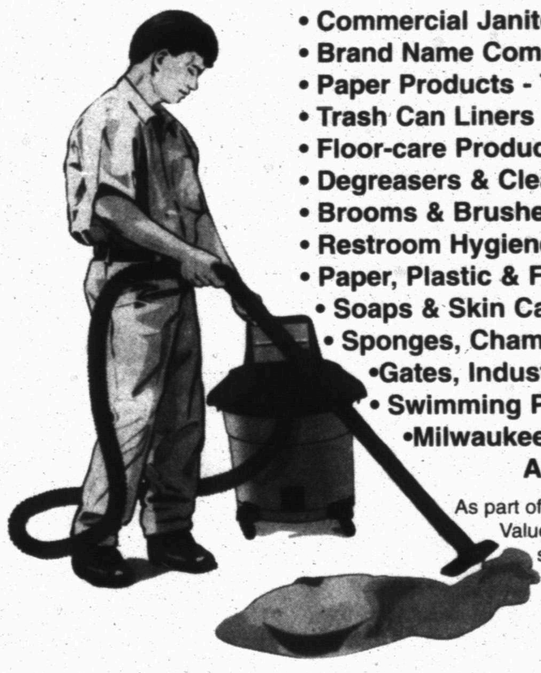
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Letters to the Editor

Take a stand

Dear Editor,

Thank you to Roy McQueen for his interest in Snyder and willingness to take a stand for change as evidenced in the "SDN Column" in Sunday's Snyder Daily News. Over a year ago when I approached the Snyder City Council with over 500 signatures from our citizens, I was met with a lack of interest or a willingness to try something new.

Mr. McQueen is exactly right in his evaluation of the problem in Snyder and the solution that a curfew would provide.

Since the last attempt to introduce a curfew I have received a copy of the City of Carrollton City Ordinance 130.19, Curfew Hours for Minors. This was modeled after the City of Dallas Curfew Ordinance which has stood the test of time. Most communities around Dallas have taken the same course of action. Let's not forget that even surrounding communities such as Big Spring, Odessa, Brownfield, and Plainview have successfully adopted curfews. I still believe that a curfew for those under 17 years of age will be in the interest of the public health, safety, and general welfare and will reduce criminal activity.

As Mr. McQueen quoted in his column, "Ain't nothing good happens after midnight except a trip to the bathroom."

I have contacted the city manager, Mr. John Gayle, to see if he feels the Council would be more receptive to implementing this much-needed curfew.

Citizens who agree are encouraged to contact Mr. Gayle and their city council representative to voice their support.

Thank you,
Celia Feinsod Morales

Mize Suite

Dear Editor:

On the first of December 2003, there was an article in the Snyder Daily News concerning the Mize Suite on the third floor of the hospital and its conversion to an office. At that time, acting administrator Cheryl Chance said the suite had been used only two times in the past year, and that the physicians needed two nurses on that floor and the only way to do that was to convert the suite to nurse's offices.

I was contacted about the suite by the newspaper. I stated in the paper that I was not happy with the suite being used as an office. I feel there is a need for the suite for families to have access to while their loved ones are in the hospital.

The day after the running of the article, Ms. Chance called me and said she would do what she could concerning the suite.

A meeting was held by the hospital staff in mid-January concerning the change and Ms. Chance said the staff still felt the room needed to be a nurse's station.

On January 16, two days after the hospital staff had met, I met with Ms. Chance and financial officer Ron Hunt and they said since the suite had been furnished, the type of care had changed on the floor and nurses needed to be on that floor to be readily accessible to the patients and expedite their stay.

Chance also said the nurses needed to be accessible to the doctors.

I stated at the time that I still felt a need for the room. I asked if the waiting room on the third floor could somehow be used for the offices since the hospital has many waiting rooms.

They said that the suite would just help out one family and if they put the nurses in the waiting room, other families would be inconvenienced having to wait downstairs for their turn to visit.

I have accepted their decision, however I do not agree with it.

My mother loved the hospital and spent many hours there as not only a member of the board of directors, but also as a member of the Ladies Auxiliary.

She often talked about the need for a chapel at the hospital.

She passed away in December 1997. At that time, she was serving on the board of directors of Snyder National Bank.

The board graciously donated money earmarked "chapel" to the Cogdell Memorial Hospital in honor of her.

Years passed, and we never heard any more about the chapel.

Then word finally came that they had found a corner of the hospital to designate as a chapel/meditation room.

My sister and I were contacted about donating money to furnish the room. We gave the money that was needed and a group of Ladies Auxiliary members worked very hard putting it all together.

It is a lovely, serene room that I hope people will use when they feel a need to use it.

Please stop by and use the room.

My fear is that "the powers that be" may decide it is not being used and turn it into an office or restroom.

Sincerely,
Vicki Kallemeyn

Open Government Barometer

Number of Executive Sessions held by public entities in 2004.

Snyder ISD	2
Hermleigh ISD	1
Ira ISD	1
DCOS	1
Cogdell Hospital	1
WTC	0
Scurry County	0
City of Snyder	0

NEWSPAPERS: LIGHTING FREEDOM'S WAY

Speaker for all seasons

by Don Newbury

Eager to provide amenities for political candidates and their entourages, the New Hampshire folks outdid themselves.

They designated rooms for support group meetings, with topics from A-Z. One fatigued presidential candidate opened a door to the "We Are Schemers" meeting. He exited quickly, trying door number two. He found the "We Are Dreamers" in session.

Charmed was his third try. Behind the "We Are Screamers" door was a wired bunch, and they ushered Howard Dean right down to the front. Perhaps no longer a viable candidate, he may best be remembered for his off-the-wall ranting to a "bunch of college kids."

And, the Howard Dean doll — er, action figure — is sure to be a best seller. It is soon to be available in your choice of sizes, gestures and decibels.

One Dean enthusiast points out that with him in office, capitol expenses could be decreased. D.C. defense sirens and public address systems could be mothballed, too.

Meanwhile, the Republican ship of state is wary of an aggressive vessel pulling alongside, like in the old comic strip. They're calling the challengers "Kerry and the pirates."

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Salvation Army officials are still reeling at the news of a $1.5 billion (yes, with a "b") gift from the Ray Croc Estate. Imagine: Eight zeroes.

Put another way, to equal the gift would require $5 from every man, woman and child in the US. Or this: It amounts to $2 for every piece of mail handled by the Dallas post office all of last year….

A pair of McDonald brothers started the fast-food business in 1940. They pared offerings down to burgers, fries and shakes after World War II. Croc, who had sold them a bunch of milk shake makers, was granted the 9th franchise in Des Plaines, Illinois, in 1954. He steadily added a few thousand more.

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Who would have dreamed that so many billions of times folks would "want fries with that?" Or elect to super size? Or that merely adding the prefix "Mac" to numerous items would be magical?

The gift — largest ever to one charity — challenges the Army to do more. May their kettles be manned (and "womanned") with new zest come Christmas time. May their bell-ringing result in hope and good cheer as we assault poverty and despair.

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Ray Stevens, in his hilarious song, *The Streak*, interviews one guy who, in awe and innocence, was just "standing there by the tomaters" when the shopper-stopper raced by *au naturel*. Why he hardly had time to yell, "Don't look," to his wife.

Maybe Cody Mullennix felt that way a few days back. The Howe man (destined to be re-named the "how-to" man) went to Lake Texoma to make a few casts. He hoped the bottom feeders would be biting.

He cast from the bank, and blue catfish took a liking to the dead shad bait. He released his first big catch — a 56-pounder — a few minutes after the "biggest of hits."

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During a battle of man versus fish, the "big-un" took out about a football field length of the 300 yards of 20-pound test line. Mullennix, tuckered out and his 14-foot surf rod and reel taxed to the max, landed the monster after 20 tough minutes. He said it seemed much longer.

The fisherman, 27, weighs 135 pounds. His catch was about his size and probably about his age as well. The big cat weighs 121.5 pounds — a world record by about five pounds. It is almost five feet long with a girth pushing 40 inches. "Big Blue"— carefully weighed and placed in a makeshift tub — was transported to the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens where it will be exhibited with a 120-pound alligator gar.

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Mullennix had no clue that he would be photographed and interviewed endlessly much of the day about the catch of a lifetime that didn't get away. He might be likened to the sheriff in the Broadway play and movie about that bawdy house over near College Station.

The sheriff, caught square dab in the media spotlight that exposed his selective law enforcement policy, offered a feeble excuse: "I didn't know I was going to be on TEEEEEE-VEEEEEEE…."

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The Village Idiot

The golden years

Joe and Betty had bought a weekend house in the mountains years ago. They drove up from the city every weekend they could, and spent every vacation there. Their kids and then their grandkids come up every chance they get, too.

Over the years they've made all kinds of improvements — such as decks and an outdoor pool, gardens and pathways - and they couldn't wait to retire and spend every waking moment at their second home.

As soon as Joe retired they did just that. They sold their house in the city, and moved up here full-time. That was about a year ago. They're separated now. Joe is living on one side of mountain, Betty on the other.

I met Joe outside the hardware store and said I'd heard he wasn't living at home.

"It's one thing to spend a weekend together," he said. "We'd talk about all the stuff we did last week and everything that's got to be done next week. Who I saw at the office, who she saw at the club. Then we started spending every day together. I didn't have to ask her how her day was. I was there with her. I knew exactly what she did all day, and it drove me crazy. I'd have to leave the house to get a minute to myself."

Sue ran into Betty at a quilt show. "He was retired but I guess I wasn't. I still did the same things I did every day. I'd vacuum and he'd walk behind me and tell me what spots I missed and how I was doing it wrong. Gee, how did I ever get along without him? He's retired, but somehow he thinks I work for him. That I'm an employee. It kind of makes me wonder how anything ever got done at the bank, with him sticking his nose in everything."

"What were we thinking when we put up all those decks and that pool?" Joe asked me. "All winter I had to shovel snow off 1,200 square feet of decks. All you ever do with a pool is clean it and clean it and clean it. I quit banking so I could become a manservant? I don't think so."

"A manservant? Did he really say that?" Betty shakes her head. "Overseer would be more like it. He sat around and talked about shoveling the snow and cleaning the pool. He never actually did it. What he did was find some reason to go to the hardware store every day for two hours. He'd come back with all kinds of stuff we didn't need — snow shovels with funny-shaped handles, a new box of some time-saving pool cleaner. If he can waste two hours every day at the hardware store, what does he need to save time for? All he's got is time. He should be buying things that make it take more time to shovel the snow, not less He's got enough time to make a big mess in the kitchen, that's what he's got time for. My God, you've never seen anything like it.

"To make a cup of coffee and a piece of toast he will use every utensil, six plates, four cups, the toaster, the oven, the sink, and every countertop. He's the opposite of Mr. Clean. It doesn't look like he cooked, it looks like he repaired a car engine in there when he's finished."

Joe snorted when he heard that one. "Well how do you make a cup of coffee without using the sink and a the coffeepot? She thinks the sink is in a museum or something. That it should have a sign that says 'Do Not Touch' and a guard standing in the doorway to protect it. Helloooooo!!! It's a sink! You're supposed to use it."

The last thing Betty said to Sue was, "They say some men just roll up and die when they retire. But no, not Joe. No, he just goes on living and living and living. What did I do to deserve that?"

"Wow. Living the dream," I said to Sue. "At least we won't have that problem when I retire because I already work at home."

"Kill me now," I heard her say under her breath.

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An Editorial

Sparkle City??

These are just two of many examples of what motorists see as they travel U.S. 84 as it bypasses the City of Snyder. One can only surmise the impression that visitors may have of Snyder and Scurry County.

Some folks may not have the physical or financial resources to do a major cleanup, but help is available. A chamber of commerce task force, working in conjunction with the City of Snyder and Scurry County, is seeking permission to come onto private property to help property owners tidy up.

A brighter Snyder won't happen overnight. It will take weeks, months and perhaps years — but there has to be a starting place.

The month of May is the annual city-sponsored cleanup campaign in Snyder, and the task force is urging citizens to organize their neighborhoods to begin the task of a community facelift.

And if you're interested in being part of the group meeting at the chamber, be there on Thursday about 11:45 a.m. Also, call the chamber at 573-3558 with any suggestions.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Tuition increases

As predicted in an earlier editorial, some of the same Texas legislators who voted for higher education tuition deregulation are now upset because of so many public complaints about the resulting substantial increases.

The Legislative Oversight on Higher Education conducted two days of hearings on the matter last week, and members seemed perplexed as to cause and effect.

Consider a remark from Rep. Fred Brown, R-Bryan: "I'm just aggravated. I don't feel like we're getting a straight answer on anything." Ditto from Rep. Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham, who during the hearing with various university representatives said she kept asking the "same questions, but I can't get the same answers."

Perhaps we can help. Every institution of higher education in Texas has been complaining for years about being underfunded. Rather than deal directly with the problem, the Legislature decided last year to let colleges and universities set their own fees and tuition.

That's the Legislature's equivalent of taxation without representation.

Although public colleges are exactly that — public — their management is not elected by voters or susceptible to recall. And their rate structures are not vulnerable to voter rollback.

True, higher education is accountable to the Legislature. But recognizing that the Legislature meets only every two years and that this opportunity might never come by again, the powers-that-be within higher education did what was to be expected: They looked after their institutions' own best interests.

It is disingenuous for lawmakers to portray themselves as shocked or alarmed by subsequent (and predictable) events. If the Legislature had wanted to limit the range of tuition and fee increases, it could have done so quite easily. But that will have to await the next legislative session.

Beaumont Enterprise

Free Super Bowl tickets

The country's biggest single sporting event is drawing closer in Houston, affecting everything in the Bayou City from police protection to traffic.

Some lawmakers are being drawn into the mania with offers of free tickets, and not all of them are displaying the high ethical standards that voters should be able to expect.

Dallas County Commissioner Kenneth Mayfield reluctantly decided to return his two free tickets after initially saying he would accept them and then being criticized. Mayfield said he wanted to see a new stadium built with public money, an option Dallas is considering.

Many of his constituents suspected he really wanted to see a championship football game. Houston's new mayor, Bill White, and nine of 14 City Council members have accepted free tickets. At first they were offered the chance to buy them for $600 each, but a city attorney said that violated ethics rules because those tickets weren't available to the public at that price.

Michael Berry, one of the Houston Council members who declined the freebie, gave a good reason: "My concern is it doesn't pass the smell test," he said. "... This is an access we are given only because we are public officials."

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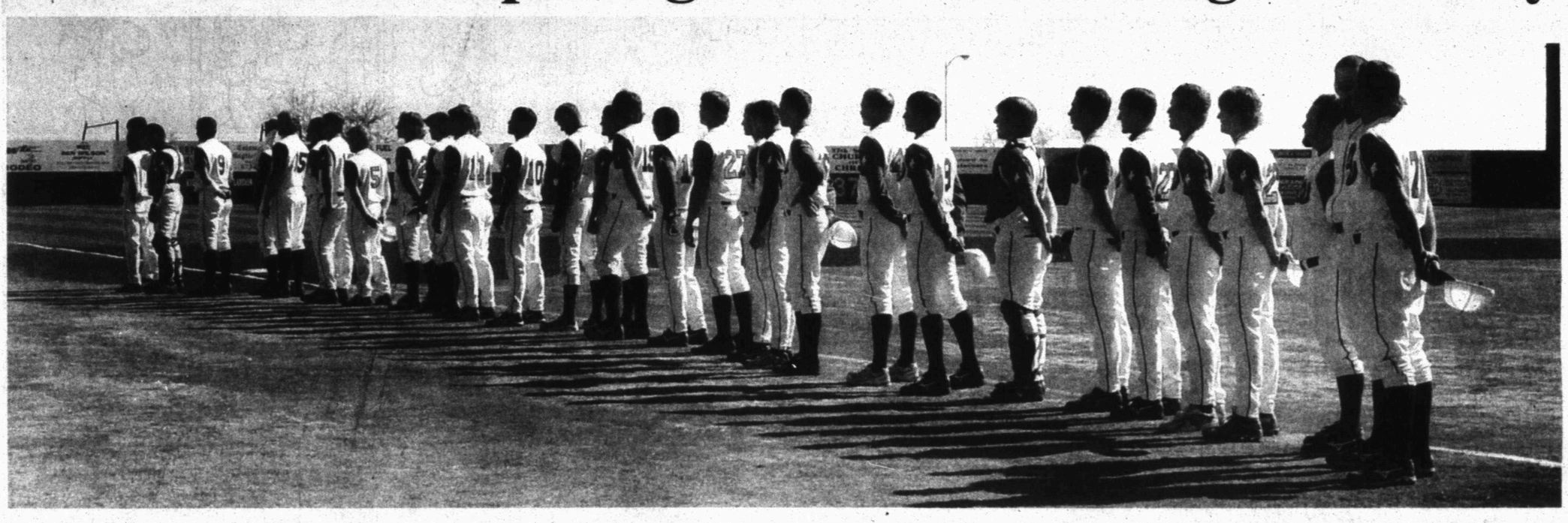
WTC Baseball Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



Joann Snider Retires from WTC

On January 30 of this year Joann Snider is retiring after being with WTC since 1979. When recently ask to comment on her retirement the following is what she had to say.

It has been a tremendous joy to have been associated with Western Texas College since February, 1979, in the capacity of Administrative Assistant, an Associated in Arts graduate, a part-time instructor, and most important of all Assistant Professor in the Computerized Business Technology department. During this time I have worked very hard to teach students skills that make them confident, develop self-esteem, and have marketable skills, and I will miss each of them very much. Something that I will not miss is grading "all of those papers".

The time has come that I must pursue other interests in life. Some things that I am looking forward to is more time with my family, children, grandchildren, and all of their activities—soccer, basketball, volleyball, tennis, plays, choir, piano, programs, and the list goes on. I plan to continue being active in community affairs.

A little bit about me—I have a wonderful husband of 20 years, Don, and four children, four spouses, and seven grandchildren—Jerrel and Judy Pylant of Carlsbad, New Mexico, Jeff and Teresa Pylant and children Ashley, Brittany, and Brooke of Amarillo, Texas, Jacqueline and Layton Freeman and children Taylor and Trent, and Janetta and Darrell and children Bailey and Kourtney of Weatherford, Texas. I also have two step children and one spouse, and two step grandchildren—Max and Gail Snider and child Josh, and Steve Snider and child Emily I still have a precious Mother that lives with Don and I. I have a great sister and brother-in-law—Gloria and Glen Baird of San Angelo, Texas. What a marvelous family to be spending more time with.

Past and present Computer Business Technology students are having a reception honoring Mrs. Snider, Sunday, February 8, at the Martha Ann Woman's Club from 2 to 4 pm.

A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held at the WTC baseball field at the first game on the new field. Snyder Chamber Goldcoaters holding the ribbon at each end are Nancy Smith and Barbara Gray. Vickey Shroyer, Snyder Chamber Director presented a plaque to WTC President, Dr. Gregory Williams and WTC Board member Lee Presswood.

A ribbon cutting ceremony and tailgate party were held to mark WTC Westerners first game on their new field. They were up against Vernon College. Great Western Dining served hamburgers and hot dogs to the community that came out for the event. As the game began the Vernon College starting lineup was announced and then the Westerners. Devyn Deloera, daughter of Abel and Dala Deloera, sang the National Anthem and Abel Deloera through the first pitch. The game began with Snyder local, Tyler Trout, starting as pitcher. Other Snyder locals on the roster are Logan Hill and Shay Franks. The Westerners are hosting a double header on Saturday at noon and also play on Tuesday at 2 pm here at the new field. WTC staff and faculty are running a concession stand during home games.

GED Testing Dates

Western Texas College has scheduled six GED testing dates through April 30th (listed below). Individuals wishing to take the GED test or needing more information about it may contact Ms. Betty Thompson at 573-2310, or Ms. Emily Hataway at 573-8511, ext. 297, or 574-2112. It is recommended that candidates receive some preparation before attempting the test.

GED Testing Dates:
February 6, 2004
February 20, 2004
March 12, 2004
March 26, 2004
April 16, 2004
April 30, 2004

Western Texas College Upcoming Testing Dates

Western Texas College is holding tests according to the following schedule. If you are interested in taking any of the tests on the schedule below you must contact the counseling office at 573-8511 ext. 313 to reserve a test time. There is limited seating.

WTC TESTING SCHEDULE

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Apr 6 - 1:30pm	May 25 - 6:00pm	May 8 - 12:30pm	Apr. 24th - 8:00am	Feb. 7th - 8:00am
Apr 20 - 1:30pm	May 26 - 1:30pm	Aug 9 or 10 - 12:30pm*	(deadline Mar. 26th)	Apr. 3rd - 8:00am
May 4 - 1:30pm	May 27 - 9:00am			
May 18 - 1:30pm	July 12 - 9:00am		Jul. 31st - 8:00am	
June 15 - 1:30pm			(deadline Jul. 2nd)	
June 29 - 1:30pm				
July 13 - 1:30pm				
July 20 - 1:30pm				
July 27 - 1:30pm				

*Contact the counseling office for exact date.

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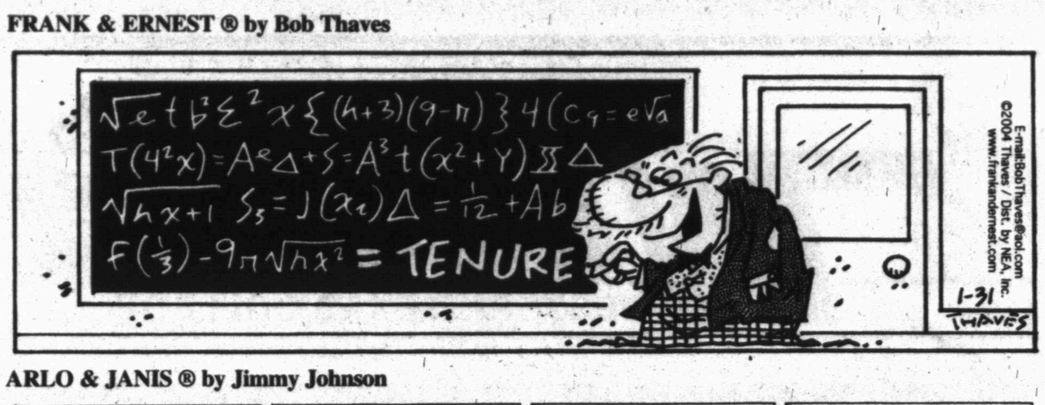

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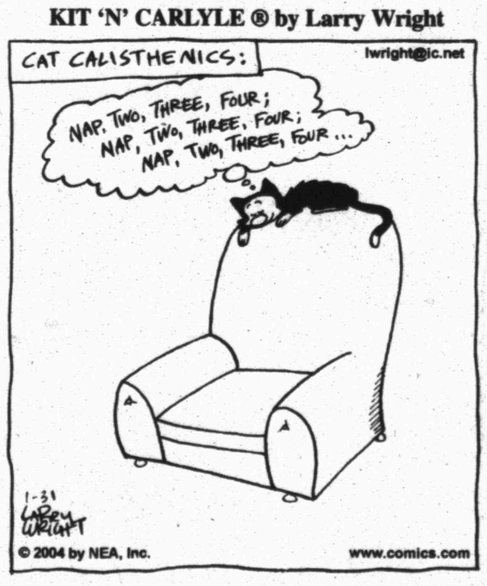

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18 Break
20 Globe substitute
22 Nautical position
23 Mouths, in biology
24 Identified
27 "Pygmalion" author
31 Machine tooth
34 Pirate captain
35 Fourth-down option
36 Yield to
38 Slim down
40 Geographical abbr.
41 Citrus tree
42 Triple Crown race
44 Myrna — of old movies
46 Argyle item
49 Blow, as a volcano
52 Well-liked
55 Food cooker
56 Coat hanger
58 Bull, in Barcelona
59 Yale student
60 She, in Seville
61 Runs smoothly
62 New wing
63 Count on
64 Remain

DOWN

1 Suitcases
2 Oahu hello
3 Kind of blockade
4 Frisky pet
5 Hamster's digs
6 Khayyam or Sharif
7 French wine
8 Psychic — Cayce
9 House part
10 Napoleon's island
11 Low voice
19 Hard wood
21 Chore
23 Stranger
25 Loose blouse
26 Entertainer — Adams
28 That guy
29 Pretend
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33 Sapphire
37 Kennel noise
39 Cookbook qty.
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45 Additional
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57 Flamenco dancer's shout

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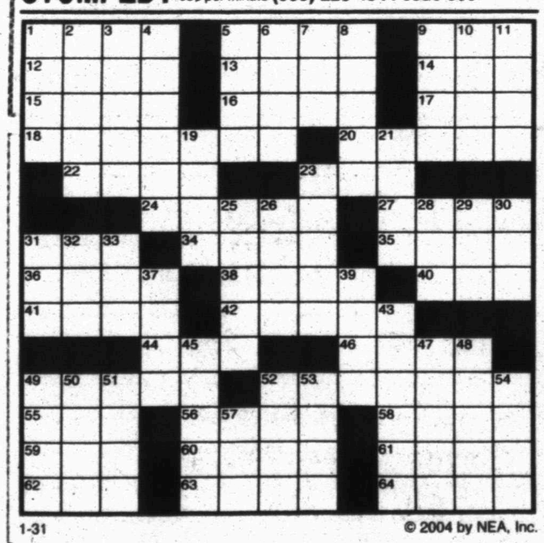

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Snyder Daily News Comics

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GREETINGS!

January has produced many new opportunities and ideas for the Chamber. I received an invitation from the Abilene United Way and the theme was "What is a City but the people" and that is how I feel about Snyder. The wonderful citizens of Scurry County make this the place that I want to live and I hope to make it more attractive to others. You will hear more in the near future about the Snyder Clean up committee that was formed by former Mayor Bobby McCormick. The Chamber has been asked to take a lead and encourage participation from all groups. The Chamber team will be called the Focus Committee - "Focus on cleaning up Snyder". There are volunteer forms in our office that you can sign up not only for this endeavor but other events that will take place this year.

Last Friday I was asked to attend Governor Perry's press conference in Abilene announcing the newly formed Regional office for Economic Development. I met the new director - Kevin Christian and he assured me that Snyder would be one of the first places he would visit. I want to thank John Rogotzke for the plane ride to Abilene - what a treat. The plans for the June Fly In are already in place and this is one event that no one should miss.

The Chamber is in the process of selling ads for a membership book that will enable us to promote Snyder in a very positive way. I want to encourage any business that can help us by purchasing an ad to call the office and talk to Kerry Holt. This book has not been done before in Snyder but we believe we can produce a good product here and I want to stress that we will try to always SHOP SNYDER FIRST.

I know now that I have moved up in the eyes of many by being a judge for the Cow Chip Contest held in the Coliseum last Saturday. It did benefit our sports teams and I was glad to assist but everyone said it would take about 15 minutes. WELL - nearly three hours later I was still walking around talking to the cow and trying to encourage a quick result. Thanks to Larry Price for this great adventure.

Last night we held the first BUSINESS AFTER HOURS at the chamber office and it was a hit!!! People shared information about their businesses and expressed their ideas how to improve Snyder. I encourage members to take advantage of this and come the last thursday of every month from 5:OOPM until 7:OOPM at the Chamber office.

Today I am on my way to WTC to help open the new baseball field. Please support the team - we are so fortunate to have this fine facility. Take care until next time.

VICKI SHROYER

Thank Heaven for Little Girls

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Nancy Smith, Pam Parsley and Ann Smartt

December 12, 2003...

Congressional candidate Mike Conaway and wife Suzanne from Midland visit with Cloyce Talbott. Mr. Conaway is running for the new 11th Congressional District.

January 21, 2004...

Celebrating Chinese New Year at Dragon China Buffet. Mayor Francene Noah and Richard Zheng, owner of Dragon China Buffet.

January 23, 2004...

State Representative Scott Campbell, Mr. Ray Perry, father of Governor Perry and Vicki Shroyer, Snyder Chamber Manager attending Governor Perry's press conference in Abilene.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 6-7
High school golf tournaments

FEBRUARY 13-14
High school golf tournaments

FEBRUARY 7
West Texas Taekwando Tournament
Scurry County coliseum

FEBRUARY 29
Circus Gatti
Scurry County coliseum

MARCH 26-27
Ranch rodeo
Scurry County coliseum

APRIL 1-3
Western Texas College NIRA rodeo
Scurry County coliseum

APRIL 9
Outdoor circus at Scurry County coliseum

APRIL 30-May 1
Snyder Wheels car show
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Military releases 3 youngest prisoners

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. military on Thursday released three teenage boys — believed to be between the ages of 13 and 15 — who had been accused of supporting the Taliban and had been held at the prison for terror suspects at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, the Pentagon announced.

The boys were sent back to their home country, the Pentagon said, saying it was determined that they no longer posed a threat to the United States. They have no further value as interrogation subjects and are not going to be tried by the U.S. government for any crimes, the military said.

They were the youngest prisoners at the Guantanamo base, which has held hundreds of suspected al-Qaida and Taliban fighters since the U.S.-led war in Afghanistan that followed the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

The boys' identities were not released. In a statement, the Pentagon said their identities were being kept secret for fear of reprisals against them. The three came from the same country, but the Pentagon would not identify what that country was.

Two of the boys were captured during U.S. and allied raids on Taliban camps in Afghanistan; the third was captured trying to obtain weapons for the Taliban, the Pentagon said. Two had been at the Guantanamo prison since January 2002; the third arrived later.

Human rights groups had campaigned for their release for some time, saying the long separation from their families was hurting the boys. In August, the general running Guantanamo agreed they should be sent home but said he was awaiting orders from the Pentagon and other U.S. government agencies.

Vienna Colucci, an international justice specialist with Amnesty International, welcomed the boys' release but said the U.S. government violated international norms by keeping them.

"It certainly should not have gone on this long," she said of their detention. "It's not at all in compliance with the basic principles that guide the treatment of juveniles."

Those principles include access to their parents and attorneys, she said.

Aid groups will help resettle them in their home country, the Pentagon said.

In November, officials at the base said the three were kept apart from the other prisoners, including older boys aged 16 and 17. They were given some freedom of movement within their section of the prison, and guards said they liked to kick soccer balls.

The Pentagon believes the boys are between the ages of 13 and 15 but their actual birthdays are not known. The Pentagon said medical tests had determined all three were under age 16.

Their release means that 87 detainees have been released from the prison. Another four have been transferred to Saudi Arabia for detention there.

About 650 prisoners remain at Guantanamo, military officials said Thursday.

During their captivity at Guantanamo, the boys wore orange jumpsuits and frequently met with psychiatrists. They were taught math, reading and writing in their native language, and picked up some English, guards said.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, Feb. 1, 2004

In the year ahead, there is a strong possibility that you might enter into a commercial arrangement with a close, personal friend. Draw up clear guidelines for each to follow and the union should turn out to be a good one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Don't do things today that are not in accord with your standards just because everyone else is doing them and you want to be part of the pack. Pull the plug on peer pressure.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Should one of your loved ones come under attack from an outsider today, don't stand idly by saying or doing nothing about it. Let this assailant know exactly where your loyalties lie.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — There is good in the worst of us and bad in the best of us. Try to keep this in mind today so that you view your associates in a fair and realistic manner.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — A situation may be developing at this time where you could see some profitable possibilities for yourself, but if it isn't in accord with your high business standards, it's best to pass on the action.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Today, if you have a disagreement or a misunderstanding with a close friend, try to rectify it as quickly as possible. Left uncorrected, it might develop into something difficult to mend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Someone who has been kind to you in the past may be in dire need of your assistance today. Don't make any excuses not to help, no matter how busy you are. You'll regret it later.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — If you don't monitor your behavior today, the jealousy you might feel for a friend could be so prevalent that it would be visible and obvious to all. Maintain your usual dignified demeanor.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — A person you're expecting to help you today with something important might end up being unavailable at this time. Be prepared to get a pinch hitter, even if this person won't be as effective.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You better than anyone knows that graciousness and tact accomplishes far more than heavyhanded tactics. Don't let your Libra scales get titled in the wrong direction today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Unless you make an effort to keep your financial affairs in proper balance today, there's a good chance you may end up robbing Peter to pay Paul and end up with red ink in both areas.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Remain flexible at all times today and try not to lock yourself into a course of action that would arouse opposition in others. If you start to see unfriendly war clouds gathering, back off quickly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — There is a strong possibility that a major obstacle could be blocking your path concerning something you need to take care of. If you hope to operate smoothly, get it out of the way early.

Monday, Feb. 2, 2004

You may be the type of person who likes to do things independently of others, but in the year ahead some of your greatest successes are likely to be the result of forming joint ventures. Be a team player.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Important achievements can be made today, provided you're ready to jump right in and do what needs doing. If there's something you want, roll up your sleeves and go to work on it.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Your luck, energy and drive all have their limitations today, so don't attempt to push them too far, too fast. The results could end up being counterproductive and cause unnecessary delays.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — A touch of humor and featherlight handling will go much further in dealing with a domestic situation that arises today. Harsh measures will only serve to create additional problems.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Think before speaking today when dealing with those with whom you should be using diplomacy. You might unwittingly make a caustic remark you'd wish you could take back.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Look out for your financial interests today, but do so in ways that others can't interpret as selfishness. The wrong kind of attitude could invite losses, not gains.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Take your breaks where they fall today instead of waiting for something difficult to attain to come your way. Be grateful for small favors; the big ones may take more time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Keep your optimistic spirit intact today and don't allow negativity to creep into your affairs or thoughts. Your positive qualities bring you happiness when things appear contrary.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Old projects must not be allowed to be put aside today because of an enthusiasm for a new one that pops up. Finish what you have on the table so that you'll be able to enjoy fresh endeavors.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — This could be one of those days where it might be advisable to take things a bit slower than you'd like. Just keep in mind that as long as you're moving forward, every step counts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Your faith might be put to the test today, but as long as you hold fast to that which you believe, all you envision will eventually work out in ways that will stand the test of time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Don't ignore the chance you may get today to speak up about getting something that you believe you're entitled to. Once it's gone, you'll have to live with what presently exists.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Be careful not to kid yourself into thinking that conditions can be further improved by waiting a bit longer. The postponement of making an important decision could cause bigger headaches.

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No more tomorrows for the 148-year-old Brooklyn plant

NEW YORK (AP) — It predated the Brooklyn Bridge and outlasted the Brooklyn Dodgers. The borough's Domino Sugar plant, an East River fixture for 148 years, is closing its refinery operation after Friday's shifts.

About 200 bitter employees at the sugar plant will be out of work, many of them people who had spent their entire adult lives working inside the 11-story building with its familiar red neon sign.

"This is how we treat the American worker," said Sal Alladeen, president of the union representing the workers. "They're laying off folks who worked in this neighborhood for 30, 40 years."

The factory workers forged an unusually strong bond over the years, becoming almost like family. They endured an ugly strike that lasted from June 1999 through February 2001; a despondent 22-year factory worker committed suicide during the walkout.

First word of the factory shutdown came in August. The imminent arrival of the closing day for the 19th-century brick building in the Williamsburg section still delivered a punch in the gut for workers.

"It's depressing," said Alladeen. "It's depressing to watch 200 people lose their jobs."

The plant was bought in 2001 by the American Sugar Refining Co., which decided to close it. Company officials said the Brooklyn plant was not equipped to compete with its plants in Baltimore, Yonkers, N.Y., and outside New Orleans.

American Sugar CEO and President Jack Lay did not return a call for comment on the closing.

When Domino began operating in Brooklyn in 1856, New York was the nation's No. 1 sugar producer.

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By Peter Gott, M.D.

The role of the hospitalist

DEAR DR. GOTT: My primary care physician refers his hospitalized patients to a hospitalist, a specialist who has no office practice. However, I am not comfortable entrusting my care to a doctor who knows nothing about me or my health. Is this practice ethical?

DEAR READER: It is not only ethical, but (for people who need hospitalization for serious illness) it is in patients' best interests as well. Acute, in-hospital medical care has become so complex that many doctors are correctly referring such patients to hospitalists. I myself do this because my patients get excellent, focused attention and can receive a level of care that I am not able to provide.

In the event that you require hospitalization, your primary care physician will certainly give the hospitalist all the pertinent information about you and your health. In this situation, you will end up a winner. The hospitalist can also call on other specialists, such as surgeons or cardiologists, when needed.

Don't short your office practitioner, however. He is there to help and coordinate your care once you have been discharged. My patients tell me that they welcome the services provided by hospitalists because they are, in fact, specialists in their own right.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My cholesterol level last year was 196, well below the optimum limit of 200. Then I went on the Atkins' Diet and my cholesterol shot up to 320. Need I be concerned?

DEAR READER: While the Atkins diet will usually lead to significant weight loss, it is too high in fat (in my opinion) and often causes unacceptably excessive blood cholesterol levels.

I suggest that you stop the Atkins diet and try my "no flour, no sugar" weight-loss plan, which is low in fat and should not raise your cholesterol.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Losing Weight," which includes my "no flour, no sugar" diet. Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I had a heart valve replacement three years ago. The operation was a success. Nonetheless, when exercising, I often experience excruciating pain in my breastbone, where the surgeons opened my chest. I have consulted several times with the surgeon and my cardiologist, both of whom seem disinterested in my complaint. They have offered no solution to the problem. Can you?

DEAR READER: After bones, cartilage and muscles are cut during surgery, the healing process may be marked by the formation of excessive scar tissue. At times, this tissue can be painful, especially if it is stressed by physical activity.

I suggest that you try a course of over-the-counter ibuprofen, which may lessen your pain by reducing tissue inflammation. Keep exercising. If the pain persists, return to your primary care physician for a referral to another surgeon (or a cardiologist) who will give you an objective second opinion.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I find myself in the same situation as the lady who wrote such an eloquent letter on wanting and needing to die.

I am an 87-year-old man who has lead a very active and productive life. Other than having almost starved to death during the great depression and having the horrible experience of serving in combat during World War II, I could say I have experienced the so-called American Dream.

I had the extreme good fortune of marrying a wonderful woman who was my best friend and partner for 60 years. I started in a menial job and, with a lot of hard work, the G.I. bill and some good luck, we were able to retire with enough money to live very comfortably.

We did everything we had always wanted to do, including travel, tennis, golf, bowling, dancing, volunteer work and hobbies. This was the best part of our life; however, we reached the point where year by year we were able to do less and less due to health problems. I lost my wonderful wife three years ago.

I would have been very happy and willing to have joined her at that time; in fact, I thought seriously about it. But I do have children and grandchildren whom I am close to and did not think it would be fair to them, and was assured that things would get better over time. Well, they haven't gotten any better and I miss her more now than I did when she first died. My health has now deteriorated to the stage that I am now in an assisted living situation, where my only activity is going to and from meals on a walker. This is no way to live. All of my siblings and good friends have died. I realize there are many worse off than I am, which only emphasizes the need for some drastic changes in how this end-of-life deal is handled.

Between the do-gooders, the Bible-thumpers, and the medical profession, who make billions by maintaining a "life at any cost" mindset, this barbaric situation is allowed to continue. I wish I had a reasonable solution.

DEAR READER: I, too, wish I had a solution. Unfortunately, your story is a common and familiar one. The quality of your life had deteriorated, but, on a really positive note, your brain is still working. Let me give you advice, some of which may seem trite — but is true nonetheless.

Take each day at a time. Make an effort to engage in constructive activities, such as visiting with your family "off campus," joining in programs at the nursing home (such as music appreciation, lectures, day trips and so forth). Consider physical and occupational therapy to stay in reasonable shape and maintain your independence. Make certain that the facility's staff (and your family members) are aware of your wishes to die a dignified and pain-free death, without aggressive medical intervention and machine life-support.

Finally, I sense a tone of understandable depression in your letter. If I am correct, this issue should be addressed by either counseling (through a therapist or cleric) or by antidepressant medication prescribed by an experienced and licensed professional.

In my opinion, appropriate medicine could well lift your spirits, improve your outlook, and enable you to participate fully and successfully in rehabilitation and organized programs.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have recently heard that diabetes can be cured by a transplant of islet cells from a healthy pancreas. Why have we not heard of this miraculous cure? Diabetes is a prevalent disorder that usually requires expensive medications or inconvenient insulin injections.

DEAR READER: Natural insulin is produced by the islet cells in the pancreas. In diabetes, these cells either function at an abnormally low rate of efficiency or produce an ineffective form of insulin. Consequently, the transplantation of normal islet cells (from a healthy, non-diabetic donor) should, in theory, cure diabetes. And, yes, such therapy is now being carried out in several medical centers. As you can imagine, the technical problems are enormous. They range from proper selection of donors to transplant rejection/failures. In short, the technique (which shows promise) is still under development and has not yet been refined to the point that it is generally available.

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Ashcroft: Bush would veto bill scaling back the anti-terrorism act

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration intensified its defense of the anti-terrorism Patriot Act on Thursday, threatening to veto legislation in Congress that would scale back key provisions.

Attorney General John Ashcroft, in a letter to Senate leaders, said the changes proposed in the Security and Freedom Ensured Act, known as SAFE, would "undermine our ongoing campaign to detect and prevent catastrophic attacks."

Ashcroft told reporters that President Bush would veto the bill if it reached his desk.

The threat came a week after Bush, in his State of the Union address, urged Congress to reauthorize the Patriot Act before it expires in 2005. A few months earlier, Ashcroft embarked on a 32-city speaking tour in a bid to answer critics who contend the law threatens civil liberties and privacy rights.

Ashcroft said the political offensive "reflects the stakes America has in the war on terror. When American lives are at stake, we need to have all the capacities to disrupt and to defeat terrorism that we've been successfully using over the last 28 months."

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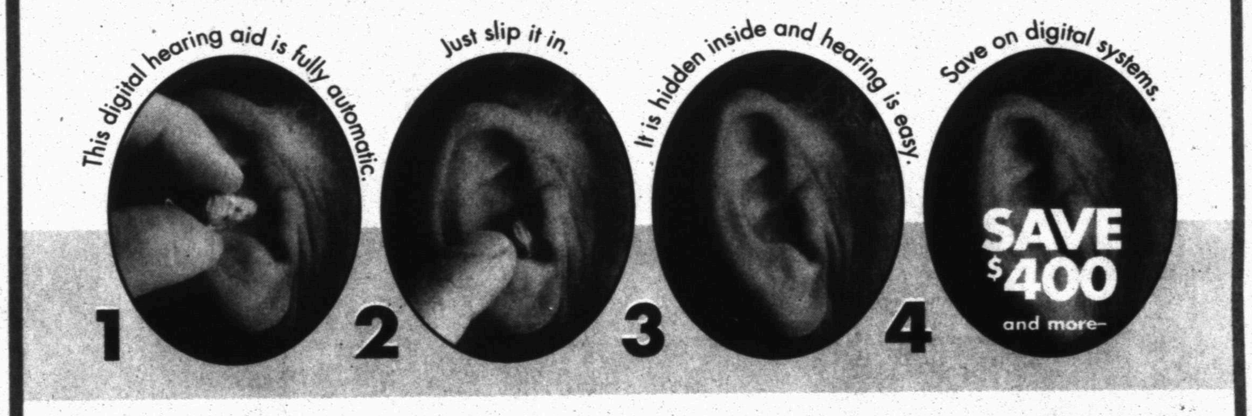

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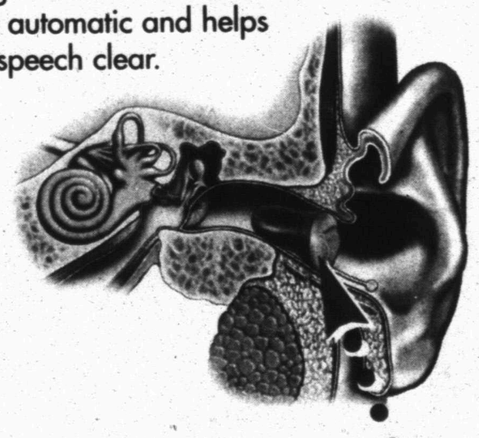

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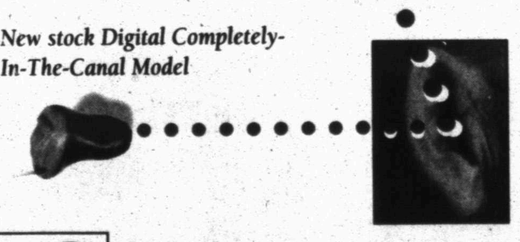

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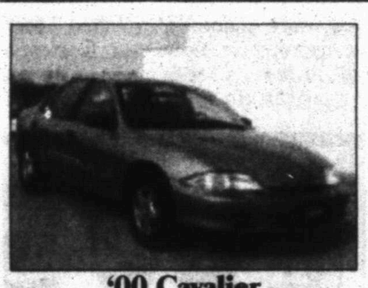
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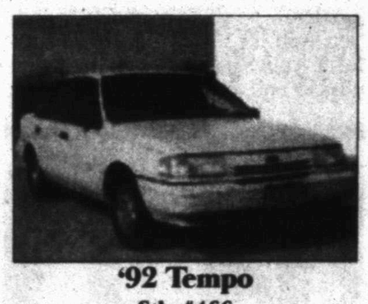
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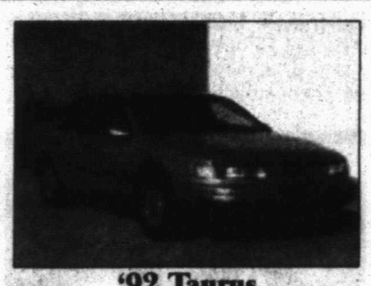
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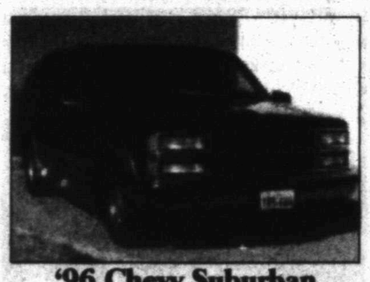
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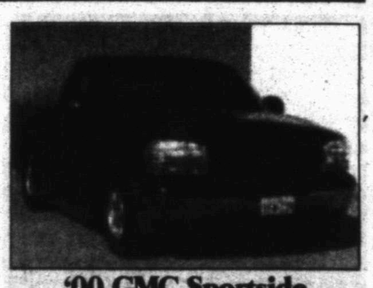
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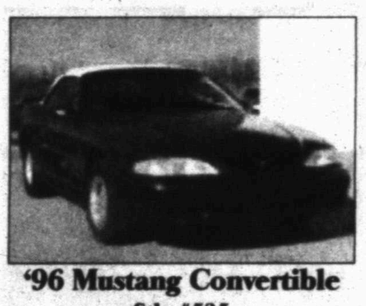
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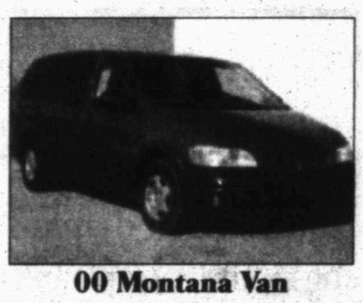
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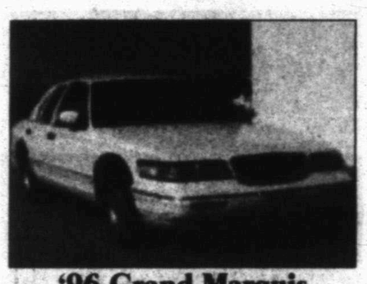
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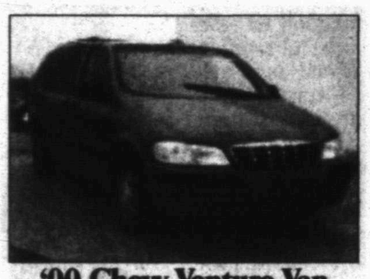
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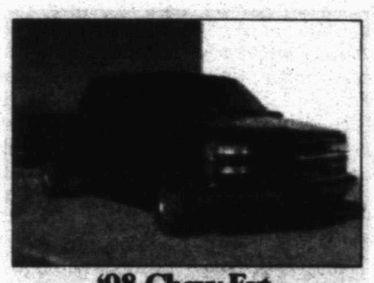
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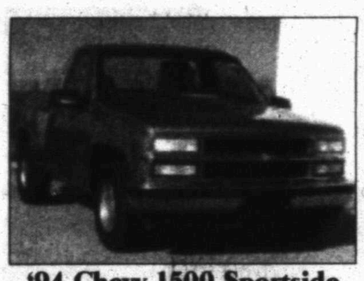
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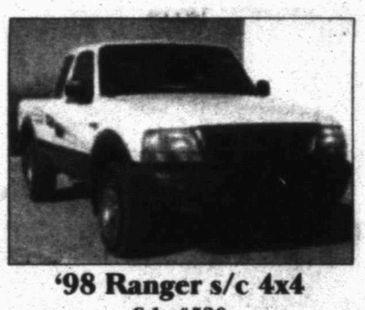
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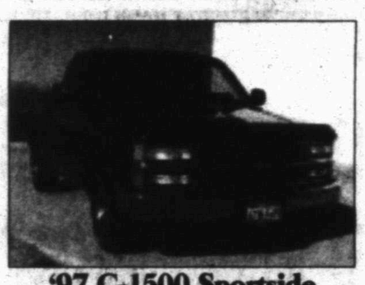
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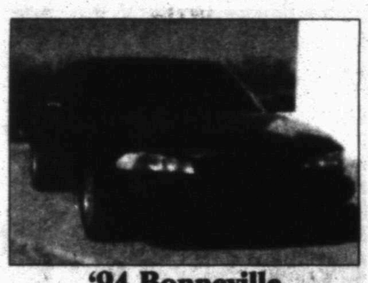
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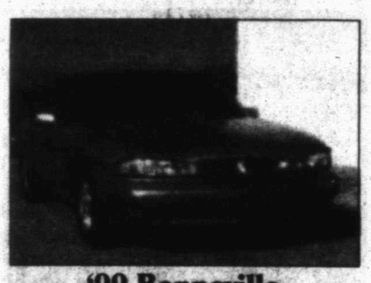
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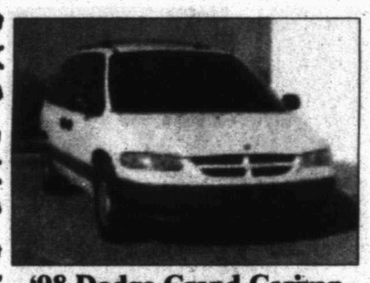
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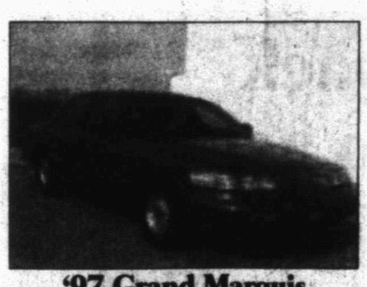
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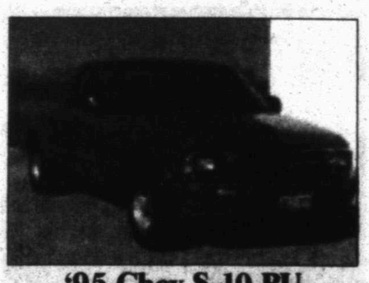
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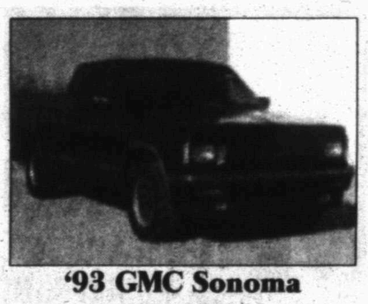
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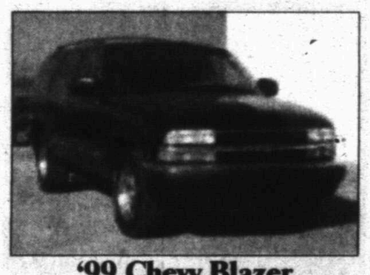
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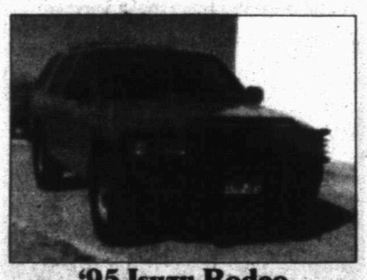
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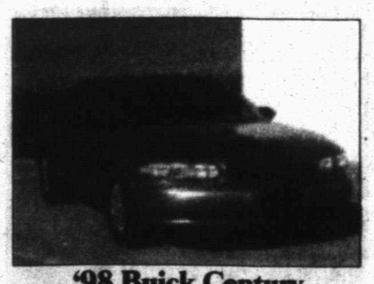
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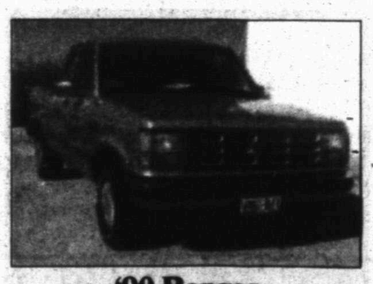
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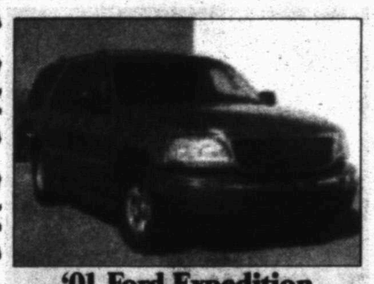
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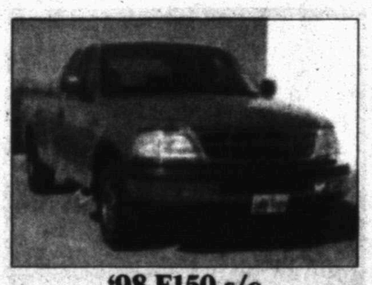
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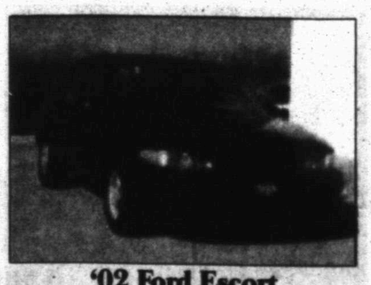
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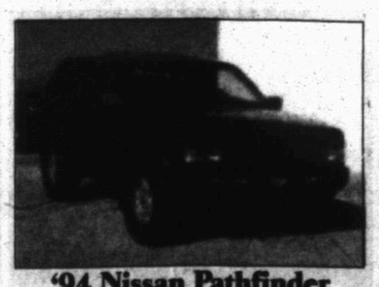
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