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ENTERTAINMENT — Snyder High School students Logan Martin and Temi Thompson sang songs from the musical *Anything Goes* at Friday night's 25th annual Senior Center Volunteer Recognition Banquet. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

CEO here May 10

A contract for the newly-hired Cogdell Memorial Hospital administrator, Carol Hanes, will be prepared Monday by County Attorney Mike Hartman and hospital board chairman Dink Foree.

It is expected Hanes will have the contract signed and back in Snyder before the first of April, Foree said.

The chairman said Hanes' first day on the job will be May 10.

Hanes was selected Wednesday morning by the board of managers for the post from an original list of some two dozen resumes provided by the Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals.

The vote to hire Hanes was unanimous. "The 6-0 vote is certainly a good vote of confidence," Hanes observed. "Cogdell Memorial Hospital is a beautiful hospital in a very nice town."

The new CEO also spoke highly of the medical equipment in the hospital.

"It's wonderfully equipped. Snyder should be very proud of the hospital and that it is part of the community.

"I am looking forward to working with the medical and hospital staff, plus the board, to make Cogdell the hospital the place to go for treatment."

Hanes also said news travels fast in Snyder. "I've already had a call from a real estate agent."

Hanes has two adult children. Robert Milam lives in Kansas City, Mo., while her daughter, Kimberly Ann McFadden and her husband, Heath, reside in Rowlett. The couple has a four-year-old daughter and is expecting a son to be born around the first of May.

"That's why I can't be here on the first (of May)," she told board chairman Foree. "Aiden Heath McFadden is due to arrive on May 4."

Hanes is engaged to be married to John Ford who is soon to retire from the State of Texas.

Senior volunteers honored at banquet

For the past year, a dedicated group of senior citizens performed 42,779 hours of volunteer service. The tables were turned Friday night as they were honored at the 25th annual Senior Citizens Center Volunteer Recognition Banquet.

Volunteers receive a pin for their first 500 hours of service and each time they enter the next category they receive another pin.

The top 15 for this past year were also named and each received a colorful bouquet of flowers in keeping with the Viva Las Vegas theme.

Cary Patrick led with 2,494 hours. In descending order others are Thadine Harless, 2,011; Dorothy Duncan, 1,562; Margaret Clevenger, 1,500; Don Duncan, 1,187; Opal Cooper, 1,000; Billie Holladay, 996; Nate Pyburn, 969; Juanita Ellington, 875; Marie Armstrong, 849; Ruby Gregory, 838; Texa Ball, 776; Peggy Fowler, 700; Allie Beth Beauchamp, 644; and Alice Underwood, 641.

Volunteers who received new pins include Thadine Harless, Texa Ball, Cary Patrick, Dorothy Duncan, Margaret Clevenger, Nate Pyburn, Juanita Ellington, Marie Amstrong, Peggy Fowler, Ruby Gregory, Jo Flynn, Jackie Adams, Dorothy Lankford, Don Duncan, Viola Stone, Furman Branson, Geneva Burk, Opal Cooper, Billie Holladay, Virginia Johnston, Ben Odorizzi and John Pickering.

Others include Velma Pickering, Allie Beth Beauchamp, Lonice Hall, Natalie Sallee, Ronda Anderson, Roy Bennett, Izora Milliken, Simms Norred, Anna Sears, Connie Stom, Alice Underwood, Mary Ward, Etta Wilson, Polly Echols, Icy Foree, Homer Godair, Nell Harper, Norma Laywell, Charles Lear, Norma Lofton, Madie Maben, Addie Markham, Johnnie Pyburn, Bernadine Sealy, Wendel Thomas, Barbara Tune, Genetha Payne and Beth Zajicek.

Snyder High students Logan Martin and Temi Thompson provided the entertainment — singing songs from the musical *Anything Goes*.

Carla Thompson, director, gave the welcome. Pamela Fenton presented the pins while Valerie Drum recognized the top 15 volunteers. Norma Laywell, former director of the center, gave the invocation. She is also on the advisory council.

Drawings for door prizes concluded the banquet.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A vacation is a change of routine that makes you feel good enough to go back to work and poor enough to need to."

All those spring break trips reminded us of an incident that happened in north Texas a few months back.

Unpredictable weather can sometimes turn leisure trips into more of an adventure than planned.

It happed last December when a church youth group set out on a ski trip during the holiday break from classes.

For the youth group from Hurst, it was the long arm of the law rather than the weather that delayed their journey in Childress.

According to a report in the *Childress Index*, a DPS trooper pulled over a chartered bus that had passed a signal to stop at a weigh station.

The trooper did a walk-around inspection and found nothing, but a license check on the driver revealed that he had an outstanding warrant from Hays County for hindering a secured creditor.

The driver said he was unaware of the charge, but nevertheless was taken into custody and booked in the county jail.

That left the bus and 29 passengers from Shady Oaks Baptist Church stranded in the parking lot of a travel center.

Texas hospitality immediately sprang into action. Kerry Wood, music director at the First Baptist Church in Childress, was only a phone call away.

Doors to the church's fellowship hall were opened and the kids and their chaperones spent a couple of hours there until a substitute driver from the bus company arrived.

The newspaper said officials at the charter bus company were understandably embarrassed, but the church group apparently considered it only a minor glitch.

One youngster who was making his first visit to the Big Apple during spring break came home with the impression of how crowded New York City is compared to the wide-open spaces of West Texas.

As usual, the sidewalks were packed with humanity and the autos were almost grid-locked with most of them honking their horns for no particular reason.

Security also was apparent, as police officers were watching the crowd on horseback.

"Would you look at this?" exclaimed the kid, dead serious. "It's so hard finding a parking place that people are riding their horses here."

Sheriff's department receives drug, contraband detection kit

The Scurry County sheriff's department is getting the chance to put the latest in law enforcement technology to use.

Sheriff Darren Jackson's office recently was the recipient of a mini-buster contraband detection kit through the office of National Drug Control Policy, Counterdrug Technology Assessment Center.

The kit, which consists of portable search devices, includes a fiber optic scope and a K910-B density meter. It will be utilized on traffic stops and in homes where potential drug activity is suspected.

The scope is actually a pliable fiber optic cable with a camera that allows for searches of possible drug hiding places such as gas tanks of vehicles or inside of the wall of a house.

The K10-B is basically a hand-held X-ray machine that scans a surface and measures the density of that surface. If there is a change and an object is spotted beneath the surface, it provides the officer with probable cause to search further.

As part of the grant specifications, Jackson attended a training seminar in Washington, D.C. to be trained in the operations of the kit.

"We were very fortunate to have received this kit," said Jackson. "The deputies and I have spent a lot of time learning to operate the scope and the density meter and I believe this is really going to be an asset to the department."

Additionally, the county has become part of the Victims Info and Notification Program, or VINE. The program allows for the tracking of an offender through their incarceration, trial and sentencing. Additionally, it allows a victim to keep tabs as to when a subject may be paroled.

"We're going to make sure that anyone who is a victim of a crime has the VINE program information. There is a toll-free number that a victim or any citizen can call to check on the status of an offender. It's a very good program," said Jackson.

Public sale of banquet tickets to start Thursday

Tickets go on sale to the general public Thursday for the annual Snyder Chamber of Commerce banquet.



Bob Knight

Until then, ticket sales will be limited to chamber members.

Bob Knight, Texas Tech's men's basketball coach, will be the featured speaker and also to be recognized are members of this year's Lady Tigers basketball team.

The Lady Tigers finished a sparkling season with a record of 27-3 that included 26 straight wins before eventually losing in the playoff to the eventual state champions, the Canyon Lady Eagles.

Tickets are $25 for the April 21 event. Deadline for purchasing tickets is April 16.

Co-chairing the event are Judy Moss and Anita Talbott.

Table sponsors are American State Bank, Arrow Construction, Walton Construction, Big Country Autoland, Kinder Morgan, Patterson UTI, RichCo, Snyder National Bank, Southern Electric, Texas Savings Bank, Dr. Paul and Christy Thompson and West Texas State Bank.

Local citizens will be recognized at the banquet for their civic work in the community as six annual awards will be given.

They are the Sizemore Award, Vestal Award, Chamber's Choice, Winston Award, McLaughlin Award and Award in Educational Excellence.



NO MORE HIDING — Sheriff Darren Jackson demonstrates a contraband detection device that will be used to detect drugs in vehicles and in homes where drug activity is suspected. (SDN Staff Photo)

ASK US

Q—How does this year's rainfall compare with last year's, so far?
A—At this time in 2003, the total precipitation was 1.41 inches compared to the current total of 7.12 inches.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Belinda Lara...

...has lived in Snyder most of her life and is employed with the Wal-Mart remodeling crew. Her husband, Luis, works for Cudd and they have three children, Jonathan, 11; LeAnn, 8; and Luis, 5; and stay busy with their children who are active in baseball and football. She also enjoys a Bible study group with friends that meet once a week in homes.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

There is no sadder sight than a young pessimist.

—Mark Twain

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Jury call cancelled

Jurors called for duty in 132nd District Court Monday need not appear. The case scheduled Monday was settled.

County Democratic convention

The Scurry County Democratic convention will be at 7 p.m. Saturday at Jaramillo's Restaurant. The occasion will be dutch treat.

Car wash

Snyder High School Technology Students Association is holding a car wash until 6 p.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart. By donation only.

Central book fair

Central Elementary book fair will be held this week in the library from 7:45 to 8:25 a.m. and 3 to 4:30 p.m. Afternoon hours on Thursday are 3 to 4:30 and the fair will be conducted all day Friday.

TSA Booster Club meeting

The Technology Student Association booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the shop building at Snyder High School.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Little Sins, Big Consequences," followed by "The Church as the Bride of Christ."

8th grade parents meeting

A meeting for parents interested in planning a party for 8th graders is set for 7 p.m. Monday at the Cutting Edge Salon.

Ira class of 1944

The Ira High class of 1944 will hold a 60-year reunion on April 3 at Martha Ann Woman's Club. For more information call 573-6655 or 573-0604.

Cancer treatment transportation

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

WTC swim time

The WTC pool will not have open swim time Monday evening. The noon to 1 p.m. lap swim time has been moved to 4-5 p.m. Monday through Friday for the remainder of the semester.

Bush focuses on Internet access

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — President Bush, hunting for votes in hotly contested Sun Belt states, said Friday his administration is working toward wiring homes throughout America with high-speed Internet access by 2007.

"We've got to make sure this country's on the leading edge of broadband technology," Bush said. It is vital, he added, to open "new highways of knowledge" to spread innovations in education, medicine and other areas, and keep the country competitive in global trade.

Bush also said the tax cuts enacted since he took office were largely responsible for the record high rate of home ownership, a bright spot in the economy he highlighted in New Mexico and again in Phoenix en route to a weekend at his Texas ranch.

During the last three years, Bush has sporadically sought to focus public attention on expanding the number of homes connected to high-speed Internet providers such as DSL and cable. But his call for "universal, affordable access" by 2007 was new.

It was a cause sure to resonate with voters still exasperated by slow dial-up Internet connections, or none at all.

In an outdoor speech here, the president stopped short of promising he would reach the goal by 2007, saying instead that "we ought to have" cheap high-speed access everywhere. Nor did he offer a detailed plan on how he hoped to achieve it.

But his administration has been working at it behind the scenes. Last month, the Federal Communication Commission voted to write rules for a third way to bring high-speed Internet service to homes: through conventional electric lines, where a homeowner could plug a modem into an electrical outlet.

In November, the FCC expanded the frequencies that wireless devices could use to provide high-speed Internet connections for computers and other electronic equipment.

At the same meeting, the commission voted to make it easier for rural health care providers to tap into federal funds to subsidize Internet connections. The high-speed connections allow rural hospitals to obtain diagnoses and other medical assistance from better-equipped medical facilities in more populated areas.

In his Albuquerque speech, Bush warned lawmakers not to impose taxes on high-speed access. A temporary ban on such taxes expired last fall. The House has passed legislation to make it permanent.

The Internet remarks were part of a speech largely devoted to homeownership. Bush said the current 68 percent homeownership rate was a record high, and he credited both low interest rates and the tax cuts he pushed through Congress in 2001 and 2003.

He visited New Mexico and Arizona just over two months ago, but returned Friday, reflecting the urgency he places on winning both states in this year's election. Bush lost New Mexico by 366 votes and won Arizona by fewer than 100,000. Friday was his seventh trip to New Mexico, with five electoral votes, and eighth to Arizona, with 10 electoral votes. One-time rival Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., greeted Bush with a smile as he touched down in Phoenix.

"I am glad to be in New Mexico," Bush told admirers in Albuquerque, who chanted, "Four more years!"

As he left, however, several protesters flashed obscene gestures at his limousine. They carried signs that read, "Bush Lied: What Weapons of Mass Destruction?" and "Don't trade your blood for Iraq oil."

Phoenix bishop gets probation

PHOENIX (AP) — Bishop Thomas O'Brien was sentenced to four years of probation Friday for a hit-and-run that killed a pedestrian and destroyed O'Brien's career as head of the Phoenix Diocese.

O'Brien, 68, is believed to be the first Roman Catholic bishop in U.S. history to be convicted of a felony.

He was also ordered to perform 1,000 hours of community service, including hospital visits to severely injured and dying people, and his driver's license was suspended for five years. The clergyman could have gotten as much as three years and nine months behind bars.

O'Brien smiled as he hugged friends and relatives after the sentence was read.

Judge Stephen Gerst said the conviction alone was a significant punishment for a public figure like O'Brien.

"He will bear the quiet glances and whispers of others for the rest of his life," Gerst said.

O'Brien declined to comment at the courthouse, but outside his home he told a local radio station that he got "a good sentence."

He was found guilty in February of leaving the scene after he hit Jim Reed, 43, with his Buick. He claimed that he thought he had hit a dog or that a rock had struck his windshield.

O'Brien's attorney, Patrick McGroder, said the bishop appeared relieved. "Now he can go back to devoting his life to other things," McGroder said.

"Justice was served to an innocent man," added O'Brien's sister, Jeanne Dearing.

Reed's family left the courthouse without commenting.

Maricopa County prosecutors had asked for six months in jail and four years of probation. Chief prosecutor Rick Romley said Gerst sent a message the court system gives prominent people special treatment.

"The fact that Bishop O'Brien is humiliated and may suffer the whispers of embarrassment of his fellow citizens offers little solace to the children, the mother and extended family of Jim Reed," Romley said.

Last week, O'Brien asked Gerst for probation and said he could still serve Catholics in Arizona as a priest. He also apologized to Reed's family, saying: "I know there is no one to blame for this but me."

Gerst spent more than an hour explaining how he decided O'Brien's sentence, saying he examined 99 similar cases. He said the case was about the bishop failing his responsibility as a driver, and noted that O'Brien hadn't been impaired or speeding.

USDA rural reps will be in Snyder Tuesday

In an effort to provide more assistance for local citizens interested in home ownership loans and home repair loans and grants; representatives of the USDA Rural Development Dept. will be in Snyder from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Tuesday.

The representatives will be at the USDA Service Center located at 5309 Big Spring Highway.

Customers will be assisted on a first come – first served basis.

There are several programs available to provide assistance to very-low, low and moderate income applicants, according to Cheryl Reed, community development specialist with the USDA's Abilene office.

"Loans are available depending on repayment ability, acceptable credit and the location of the home or building site," said Reed.

Reed said the 502 direct home ownership loan is designed to provide very-low, low and low-income applicants with financing to build, purchase or repair homes to provide adequate, affordable housing. Funds also may be used to modernize or repair a home already owned by an applicant. For moderate income applicants, there is the guaranteed rural housing program, said Reed.

USDA rural development loans and grants are limited to rural towns or rural areas. In this area, the only areas not eligible are within the Abilene metropolitan area.

Applicants for the programs offered by the USDA must meet basic eligibility requirements such as being unable to obtain a loan from other conventional lending sources on terms they can afford; being without ownership of decent, safe and sanitary housing; have sufficient and dependable income for loan repayment, taxes, insurance, living expenses and other existing debts.

They also must possess the legal capacity to incur debt, and have an acceptable credit record.

There are other criteria that must be met depending on the type of program an applicant is interested in, said Reed.

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RESULTS

Friday's Lottery Numbers

Mega Millions

ATLANTA (AP) — The jackpot in the multi-state Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to $63 million Saturday.

None of the tickets sold for Friday's $53 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Tuesday.

There were five second-prize winners from Friday night's drawing, matching all five lotto numbers but not the Mega Ball number to win $175,000 each. Also, 39 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: 8, 10, 17, 37, and 49. The Mega Ball number was 20.

Texas Two Step

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

Winning numbers drawn: 25-20-9-7. Bonus Ball: 6.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Prize: $250,000.

Number matching four of four: 17. Prize: $677.

Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 20. Prize: $70.

Number matching three of four: 1,082. Prize: $17.

Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 603. Prize: $21.

Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 3,782. Prize: $7.

Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 6,518. Prize: $5.

Estimated jackpot for the Tuesday night drawing: $275,000.

Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 11-8-32-12-17.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: $42,133.

Matching four of five: 147. Prize: $129.

Matching three of five: 4,938. Prize: $9.

Matching two of five: 48,874. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

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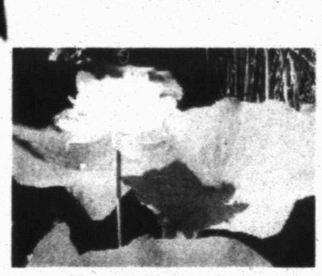
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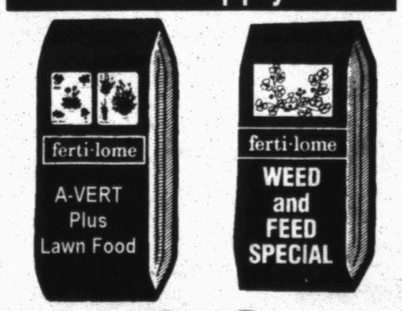
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Kerry tax plan aims to slow loss of jobs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry on Friday unveiled his plan to deal with "Benedict Arnold" companies that he has repeatedly criticized during the campaign for reaping tax benefits while shipping U.S. jobs overseas.

But his proposal to end an estimated $12 billion annually in corporate tax relief is certain to stir stiff opposition from some of America's largest multinational companies who are currently enjoying those breaks. And private economists questioned whether it would do much to halt the hemorrhaging of manufacturing jobs to foreign countries.

Speaking at Wayne State University in Detroit, Kerry said his corporate tax proposal was part of a comprehensive economic plan he will put forward in coming weeks to create 10 million jobs during the first four years of a Kerry administration.

The jobs pledge — and the corporate tax changes — were designed to highlight economic issues where polls consistently have shown President Bush is vulnerable: an economic recovery where job growth has lagged badly, the loss of more than 3 million manufacturing jobs — one in six — since mid-2000 and rising anxiety among white-collar workers about the increased "outsourcing" of service jobs to foreign countries.

"I won't tell you that we can bring back every lost industry or protect every current job," Kerry said. "But my plan will enable our economy to create jobs and keep more good jobs here in America."

While staking out a position in the fierce debate over outsourcing, Kerry also proposed to reduce the corporate tax rate, a reflection of his effort to cast himself as a pro-business Democrat in the mold of the last president from his political party — Bill Clinton.

Kerry even acknowledged how his outreach to the corporate world could be considered anathema among hard-core Democrats.

"Some may be surprised to hear a Democrat calling for lower corporate tax rates," Kerry said. "The fact is, I don't care about the old debates. I care about getting the job done and creating jobs here in the United States of America."

Kerry's proposal would largely eliminate the tax break that allows companies with foreign operations to defer tax payments on income earned abroad until that revenue is brought back to the United States, a period that can stretch for years.

Kerry would require U.S. companies to pay taxes on that income in the year that it is earned, ending a tax break that the Kerry campaign estimated costs the U.S. Treasury $12 billion annually. That money would be used to lower the corporate tax rate to 33.25 percent from the current 35 percent.

Private economists said they favored reducing the corporate tax rate as a way to spur the economy, but they questioned how many jobs would be kept in the United States by halting the deferral of taxes on income earned overseas.

"The tax deferral is a very minor reason for why companies move jobs overseas," said David Wyss, chief economist at Standard & Poor's in New York.

Economists said many factors including lower wages and the desire to sell into a foreign markets go into a decision to set up foreign operations.

One complicating factor is that Kerry's proposal would allow companies to retain the tax deferral break if the foreign operation is focused strictly on the foreign market — such as a manufacturing plant making goods for sale in the foreign country rather than for export back to the United States.

Kerry aides estimated this exclusion would cover only 25 percent of deferred taxes and they said they would make up that lost revenue by closing certain loopholes investors use to shelter earnings in foreign tax havens.

Republicans complained that the exclusion for certain foreign earnings would complicate an already complex tax code.

"The Kerry package is simply a Christmas tree for tax lawyers and accountants. It is not going to create one new job in manufacturing," said Republican publishing executive Steve Forbes, who was made available to reporters by the Bush campaign.

The Business Roundtable, which represents chief executives of 150 of the nation's largest companies, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, both of which are backing Bush's economic program, were critical of the Kerry proposal.

Tita Freeman, a spokeswoman for the Business Roundtable, said Kerry's plan would "increase taxes on multinational corporations" and cause them to lose foreign market share.

However, Gene Sperling, who served as chief economic adviser in the Clinton administration, said that 99 percent of U.S. companies would see reduced taxes under Kerry's reduction in the corporate tax rate and only 1 percent would see their taxes rise because of the elimination of the tax deferral exclusion.

"This is tax reform that takes away incentives to move jobs overseas," Sperling said. "I think there will be many business groups that will support it."

Today's chuckle

Datu, noble name for new orangutan



ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — Even a baby orangutan is deserving of a noble name.

Out of more than 2,000 suggestions, the Seneca Park Zoo chose "Datu" as the name for its new orangutan, an ape found only in swampy, coastal jungles in Malaysia and Indonesia.

Zoo officials said Datu means nobleman, or chief, in the Iban language, and was a title held by Malay rulers in the 19th century.

The winning entry earned a University of Buffalo student Jason Grubb a year's supply of doughnuts, a zoo membership and a bicycle.

Grubb said he found the name, pronounced dah-too, after checking out an Iban dictionary from the library.

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According to the results of a survey, most women said the maximum amount of time they wanted to spend making dinner was 30 minutes. A majority of men preferred 15 minutes.

Senior Center News

The Scurry County Senior Center is located at 2603 Avenue M and can be reached by calling 573-4035. Newcomers are encouraged to join and participate in any of the activities. We have numerous activities and nutritious noon meals Monday-Friday.

We offer transportation in the morning to/from the center, for errands, doctor appointments, and therapy. Please call us if you need transportation. Visit our center and receive a newsletter and list of menus.

Seniors who enjoy walking may use the Travis Gym or the treadmills here in the center. We also have stationary bikes.

We have a small library maintained by volunteers. Book donations are welcome. Seniors may help themselves to the books, take them home, and return them to the center at their own convenience. We also have a few jigsaw puzzles.

Our Easter celebration will be April 9. We will have an egg hunt for senior citizens at 10:30 a.m., the Sunshine Choir program at 11 a.m., and the bonnet parade and contest at 11:45 a.m. Women — and men — are encouraged to decorate a hat and join the fun.

Awards will be given for the beautiful, the strange, and the unusual; so have fun decorating.

MONDAY

Bridge begins at 9:30 a.m. and continues throughout the morning. Many of the bridge participants meet at 9 a.m. for coffee in the dining room, play bridge, and stay for the noon meal.

Senior citizens 60 years and older are asked to make a donation for their meal. The donations are figured into the Senior Center budget. We suggest $2.50 per meal. Seniors may also play Skip-Bo in the eighty-eight room at 10. Activities that are available every day Monday-Friday from 8:30-5 p.m. are dominoes, pool, and quilting.

TUESDAY

Senior citizens are encouraged to join us for bingo from 10-11:45 a.m. There is no cost for this activity. The prizes are items purchased from the food bank in Lubbock.

Swimnastics at Western Texas College meets from 10-11 a.m. and is located in the Physical Education Building. This activity is a low impact program. A volunteer leads this class with a student lifeguard on duty. The class and parking are free. Call 573-4035 for further information.

WEDNESDAY

There are only three more Wednesdays to receive assistance in filing your income tax. The volunteers will be available at the Senior Center from 9 a.m. until noon and from 1-3 p.m. Volunteers will serve you on a first come first serve basis. Clients bring their 2002 income tax return in addition to the W-2 forms and other paperwork.

Join us for ladies pool beginning at 9 a.m. A volunteer is available to assist newcomers. Seniors may play Skip-Bo at 10 a.m. and Pinochle at 1 p.m. Both of these activities will be in the bridge room.

THURSDAY

The fabric painting class will meet in the bridge room from 9 a.m.-11:30 p.m. Newcomers are welcome to join this group and learn a new craft. A volunteer will be available to assist you. The Sunshine Choir will entertain the residents of Snyder Healthcare from 10-11 a.m. Don't forget swimnastics at the college.

FRIDAY

Beginning at 9:30 a.m. senior citizens may have their blood pressure checked, play party bridge, or play eighty/eighty-eight.

Senior Menu

MONDAY
Chicken Fried Steak/gravy
Mashed Potatoes
English Peas
Tossed Salad
Chocolate Chip Cookie

TUESDAY
Chili con Carne w/Beans
Cheese stick
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Chilled Pears
Peanut Butter Cookie

WEDNESDAY
Braised Pork Chop
Baked Potato
Green Beans
Cucumber/Onion Salad
Pineapple Pudding

THURSDAY
Creole Steak
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FRIDAY
Fried Fish
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MEET THE TSB STAFF...



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EDUCATION: Roscoe High School, banking courses at McMurray
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WINNERS — Ira School held a birthday bash for Dr. Seuss last week. Costume contest winners include, elementary winner — Elizabeth Brunson (3rd grade); junior high winner — Meagan Smith (6th grade); high school winner; — Rusty Josey (12th grade); and faculty winners — Randy and Riki Jones. Pictured from left are Rusty Josey, Meagan Smith (in front), Riki Jones, Randy Jones and Elizabeth Brunson. (Contributed Photo)



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Financial Focus

Here's What You Should Know About Dividends

Up until last year, the topic of stock dividends may not have always enthralled investors. But when the new tax laws were enacted, a lot of people started thinking about dividends — and maybe you should, too.

Thanks to the tax legislation, dividends are now being taxed at a maximum rate of 15 percent (The new rate was effective Jan. 1, 2003, and expires on Dec. 31, 2008.). Previously, dividends were taxed at your individual income tax rate. As a result, companies are issuing more dividends - and some companies that never paid dividends before are now starting to do just that.

Of course, some investors have always known about the value of investing in companies that have a history of paying dividends — and that have increased their dividends over time. Typically, these companies are well run, with a strong interest in rewarding their investors. Furthermore, in addition to paying dividends, many of these stocks offer growth potential.

So, now that dividends are more tax-friendly, you have even more reason to learn more about them. For starters, dividends can be paid in various forms, but there are two major categories: cash and stock. Cash dividends are the most popular; they are typically paid to stockholders out of the corporation's current earnings or accumulated profits.

For example, suppose you own 100 shares of the fictitious ABC, Inc. Thanks to shrewd management and innovative marketing techniques, ABC has experienced continual growth, and, as a result, the company declares an annual dividend of $4 a share. You will then earn $400 a year, or $100 paid every quarter. But what if you don't need the income? Depending on where your shares are held, you may be able to automatically reinvest the dividends back into the company, thereby purchasing more shares.

If ABC, Inc. wants to pay a dividend, but doesn't have the necessary cash for all its shareholders, it could issue stock dividends. So, if ABC issues a dividend of 0.05 new shares for every existing share, you will receive five shares for every 100 shares that you own. Generally, stock dividends are tax-free, although you may incur taxes if you sell the shares.

A dividend's key dates

As an owner of a stock that pays dividends, you will want to become familiar with some key dates:

- *Declaration date* — On this date, the board of directors announces to shareholders — and the market as a whole - that the company will pay a dividend.
- *Ex-date (Ex-dividend date)* — On or after this date, the stock trades without its dividend. If you bought a dividend-paying stock one day before the ex-dividend, you still get the dividend; if you buy on the ex-dividend date, you won't. Alternately, if you want to sell a stock, but still receive a declared dividend, you'll have to sell on or after the ex-dividend date.
- *Date of record* — On this date, the company looks at its records to identify its shareholders. If you're an investor, you must be listed as a "holder of record" to guarantee the right of a dividend payout.
- *Date of payment* — Here's when the company mails out the dividend to the holder of record. The date of payment is generally a week or more after the date of record.

At first glance, you might think that you can make a nice profit by buying a stock just before the ex-dividend date. But it's not that simple. You aren't the only one who knows when the dividend will be paid — everyone knows about it. And because "the market" sees a dividend payout as a giveaway of profits, it will "punish" the company by lowering its stock price by about the same amount of the dividend on the ex-dividend date. In other words, forget about those instant gains coming from "well-timed" investments. Also, keep in mind that stocks are subject to market risks, including the potential loss of principal invested; furthermore, stocks are not fixed-rate investments and may not even distribute dividends.

Still, don't forget about dividends. When you buy high-quality, dividend-paying stocks, and place them in a well-diversified portfolio, you can help yourself make progress toward your important long-term goals.

Court upholds ruling blocking access to records

CHICAGO (AP) — A federal appeals court Friday upheld a lower court decision that blocks the government from obtaining abortion records from a Chicago hospital.

The 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that while the administrative cost to Northwestern Memorial Hospital to produce the approximate 45 records would be modest, the hospital would pay a high cost in the long run by losing the trust of its patients.

"If Northwestern Memorial Hospital cannot shield its abortion patients' records from disclosure in judicial proceedings, moreover, the hospital will lose the confidence of its patients, and persons with sensitive medical conditions may be inclined to turn elsewhere for treatment," the court wrote.

The government is seeking the records for possible inclusion in court cases that challenge a federal ban on a type of late-term abortion that opponents call partial-birth abortion. Justice Department officials argue the records are central to claims by the challengers that the procedure is medically necessary.

The Justice Department said Friday it does not believe the records it is requesting invade patient privacy.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Prostate biopsy may not be necessary

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am 67, a vegetarian, an active exerciser and a healthy person. Last year during a routine exam, I was found to have a PSA of 4.1; this year, it was 3.9. My primary care physician referred me to a urologist, who noted some enlargement of my prostate gland and recommended a biopsy. For obvious reasons, I would like to avoid this procedure. Do you have any suggestions?

DEAR READER: Yes, I do. I believe this whole issue is being blown way out of proportion. Normal prostate specific antigen (PSA) levels are less than 4. However, as men age, their PSA readings tend to increase slightly. Your relatively high-normal levels are understandable and are no cause for concern.

If your urologist felt a bump or nodule in your prostate, I agree that the suspicious area should be biopsied.

However, you do not appear to have a nodule; therefore, I would put off a biopsy and continue to monitor your PSA with annual (or semi-annual) blood tests.

I am not a urologist and have not examined you. Therefore, I offer you another option: request a referral to another urologist for a second opinion. Let me know the outcome.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "The Prostate Gland." Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a problem with my right hand. It regularly awakens me at night because of pain, numbness and tingling. The discomfort may radiate up my forearm to the shoulder. When symptoms appear, I cannot grasp objects or sleep on the arm. I am 81 years old and otherwise healthy, but my doctor doesn't give me any satisfaction. Can you please help me?

DEAR READER: It's been said many times that a medical diagnosis can be made by the patient's description of complaints. While I'm going out on a limb because I have not spoken to you or performed an examination, I believe that your story indicates carpal tunnel syndrome, a common neurological disorder caused by compression of the nerve at the wrist. Carpal tunnel symptoms of tingling and pain (with associated weakness) allow me to make a suggestion regarding your diagnosis. Your primary care physician should refer you to a neurologist for a nerve conduction study. This simple and safe test should indicate the exact location of the nerve compression that, I believe, is the cause of your symptoms.

Non-surgical therapy of the disorder includes nightly splinting and physiotherapy.

However, in my experience as someone with carpal tunnel syndrome, these measures are not always appropriate; surgery to release the compression may be the most appropriate treatment.

Ask your doctor to make the appropriate referral. Then, after the nerve condition study, you will have a better idea of what is wrong and how to correct it. Surgery cured my carpal tunnel syndrome and, I suspect, it will cure yours, too.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is Alzheimer's disease and what are the symptoms?

DEAR READER: Alzheimer's disease, a progressive and frightening neurological disorder of unknown cause, primarily affects the elderly. It begins as forgetfulness. As time passes, however, the brain increasingly malfunctions, resulting in profound deficiencies in cognitive thought. This eventually ends in a catastrophe: extreme confusion, loss of judgment, inability to recognize loved ones, belligerency, and the failure to be able to carry out everyday chores and activities of daily living (including bathing, dressing and eating). In the truest sense of the word, the advanced Alzheimer's patient has lost all of the qualities that make him or her human. We can only speculate about the psychological effects this tragedy has on the patient, but we know that it causes unbearable pain in family and friends.

The diagnosis is suspected by the way a patient acts, expresses himself and thinks. Although CT scanning often reveals shrinkage of brain tissue, there is no single (antemortem) test that confirms the disease.

However, there are drugs (such as Aricept) that are marketed to improve memory and slow the inexorable progression of the disease. In my practice, these medicines are not especially helpful and I no longer prescribe them. Perhaps, in a year or two, newer medications (that are more effective) may be available.

Nonetheless, there are "psychotropic" drugs available to combat the dangerous behavioral changes in Alzheimer's patients. These drugs do not influence the disease itself, but they can make patients less aggressive and more manageable, a perfectly valid goal in what is, at best, an extremely difficult situation. Once you have seen the overwhelming agitation, emotional outbursts and combativeness caused by dementia, you will understand why psychotropics have come to play such a key role.

Alzheimer's patients always require assistance and supervision at home — even in the initial stages of the disease. As might be expected, the commitment of dedicated family members is limited: no elderly person can reasonably be expected to be a caregiver 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. So, as the disease progresses and caregivers experience exhaustion and burnout, the prospect of institutional care becomes more a necessity than a simple consideration.

In my experience, elderly people are far less worried about cancer (which may kill in weeks) or heart disease (which may be fatal within months) than they are about dementia, which can drag on for decades, at astronomical expense, in patients who cannot recognize or interact with their loved ones. And, on top of it all, Alzheimer's is incurable.

Because I am now Medicare-eligible, I also have to personally deal with these fears. I recommend that my readers complete the necessary paperwork, as I did, to ensure that they have 1) appointed responsible persons to act as health-care advocates if mental deficiency becomes a problem, and 2) made clear that their wishes (about avoiding artificial life support, heroic measures and anything other than "palliative" care) be honored if, because of dementia or other medical situations, they are unable to make reasonable decisions themselves.

While you wait for my updated Health Report on Alzheimer's disease, let me give you some sage advice: Growing old is not for scaredy-cats.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Alzheimer's Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

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

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Man who confessed because of movie may face stiffer charges

HOUSTON (AP) — A man who had gotten away with murder, but confessed to police after seeing "The Passion of the Christ" and talking with a spiritual adviser, could be the first to be prosecuted under a new state law that defines a fetus as a person.

Dan R. Leach's viewing of Mel Gibson's cinematic depiction of the last hours of Jesus, along with the discussion with a family friend, led him to walk into the Fort Bend County sheriff's department earlier this month and confess to killing Ashley Nicole Wilson, Detective Mike Kubricht said Thursday.

Investigators still are looking into whether Wilson was pregnant when she died in January.

Harris County Medical Examiner's Office officials declined to comment to the Houston Chronicle and told sheriff's investigators Wilson was not pregnant, investigators said Thursday.

Wilson's parents, Renee Wilson Coulter and Dan Wilson, also have said the doctor who performed the autopsy told them their daughter was not pregnant.

But the Wilsons said they have medical records from a private physician that revealed their daughter was six to eight weeks pregnant.

Leach's lawyer, Ralph Gonzalez said he also is awaiting the autopsy results.

Leach, 21, of Rosenberg, is charged with murder, which carries a maximum sentence of life in prison.

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SPORTS

District opener...

Tigers scratch out victory against Lamesa in debut

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

Never let it be said the Tigers can't do it the hard way.

Snyder (11-3, 1-0) broke a 2-2 tie in the bottom of the sixth inning with two outs to edge Lamesa (2-12, 0-1), 4-2 Friday.

"We'll take the win," head coach Charles Bollinger said. "The first district game, maybe we were too juiced, too excited. We made it harder on ourselves than they made it on us. Nothing they did was unexpected."

What was unexpected was a tie score late in the game with Ty Collier delivering a clutch start in the district opener.

Collier went the distance, giving up five hits and striking out 11. Both runs were unearned.

"It feels good to get the win after the loss," Collier said. "We got a win and maybe we can go out and get another and get into a rhythm."

After staking a 1-0 lead in the second inning courtesy of an RBI single from Marcus Villarreal, the Tigers missed a pair of fly balls in the outfield, allowing two runs to score in the top of the third, to give the Tors a short-lived 2-1 lead.

After back-to-back singles in the bottom of the third by Jordan Dea and Isaac Ramon, Collier tied it with a base hit.

Collier and Lamesa starter Bryan Brown battled for two shut out innings until the Tiger bat broke out in with two out in the bottom of the sixth.

"Our offense isn't there," Bollinger said. "The scoreboard says nine hits. Marcus Villarreal did a good job, but our guys know we didn't hit well as a team."

With two gone in the sixth, pinch-hitter Nathan Hernandez drew a walk, followed by a Villarreal single, to put runners on first and third.

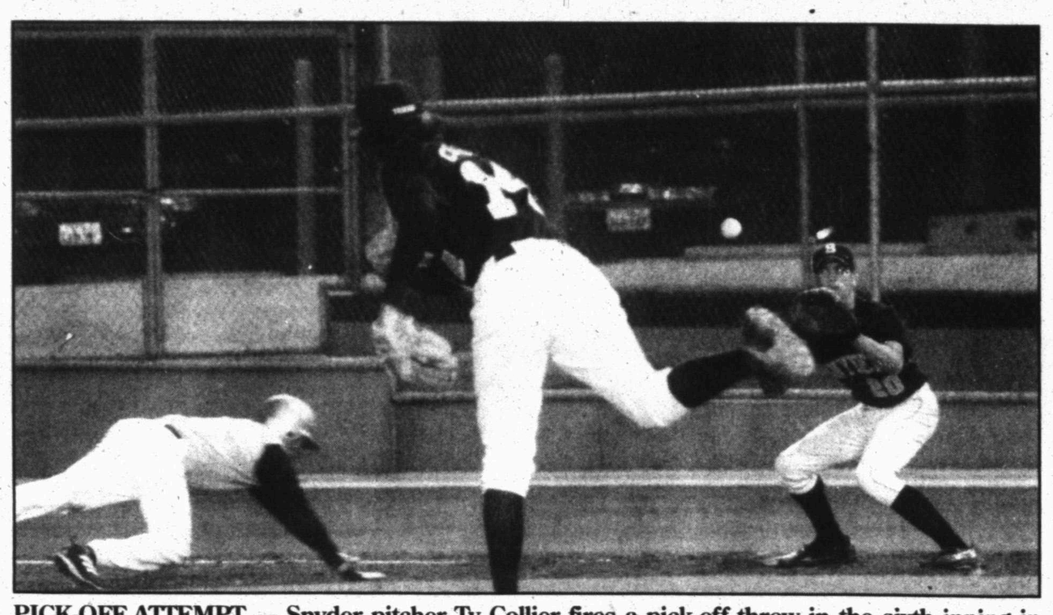
Bradley Price knocked in Hernandez for the game-winner, and, after a double steal, Villarreal scored the final run on a passed ball.

Snyder will go for its second district win Tuesday when they host the Denver City Mustangs.

The JV club topped Jim Ned, 16-5, Thursday, before falling to Frenship, 19-2, Friday in the Sweetwater Tournament.

Against Jim Ned, Barrett Bowlin pitched five innings and smacked a two-run homer.

The Tigers resume district play at 7 p.m. Tuesday against Denver City at Moffett Field.



PICK-OFF ATTEMPT — Snyder pitcher Ty Collier fires a pick-off throw in the sixth inning in the District 3-3A opener against Lamesa Friday at Moffett Field. Collier struck out 11 in the 4-2 victory. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

Lady Tigers rout D-City

The Snyder Lady Tigers completed the first half of the district schedule undefeated, routing Denver City, 16-4 in six innings Friday.

Kelsi Johnson threw a complete game, striking out seven.

Amber Luecke and Ashley Martinez each knocked in three runs on four hits, and Laura Clanton added four hits for Snyder.

"Our offense played well," head coach Darren Pool said. "Our defense made a couple of errors that cost us runs, but overall we played really well."

The Lady Tigers (13-8, 5-0) will host Lamesa at 5 p.m. Tuesday at Cates Field.

UT swimmer sets world record

EAST MEADOW, N.Y. (AP) — Ian Crocker closed out his career at Texas by setting a world record in the 100-meter butterfly at the NCAA men's swimming and diving championships Friday, winning the event for the fourth straight year.

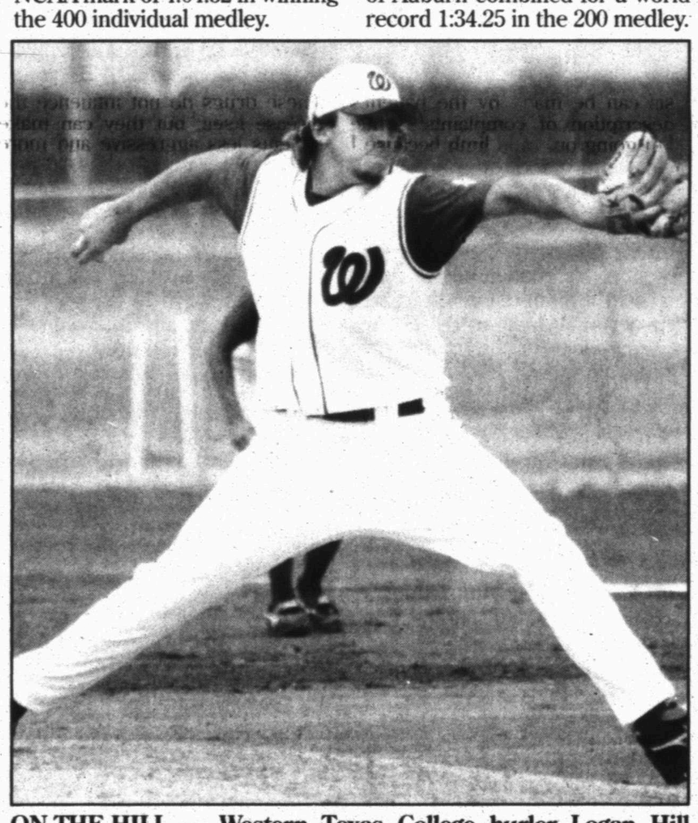
Teammate Brendan Hansen also completed a four-year sweep in the 100 breaststroke, prevailing in 58.19 seconds at Nassau County Aquatic Center. The swimmers were competing in a 25-meter pool, as opposed to 50-meter lengths they would swim in Olympic competition.

Crocker won in 49.07 in seconds, and the duo became the ninth and 10th swimmers to win four straight events in NCAA championships history. Crocker is only the third to win the butterfly four times. Mark Spitz of Indiana and Pablo Morales of Stanford also accomplished the feat.

Hansen is the second to sweep the breaststroke over four years, joining Steve Lundquist of SMU.

Peter Marshall of Stanford lowered the world record in the 100 backstroke to 50.32 while Florida sophomore Ryan Lochte set an NCAA mark of 4:04.52 in winning the 400 individual medley.

Doug Van Wie, Mark Gangloff, Fred Bousquet and Derek Gibb of Auburn combined for a world record 1:34.25 in the 200 medley.



ON THE HILL — Western Texas College hurler Logan Hill delivers a pitch in the opening game of Friday's doubleheader with El Paso. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

Heat stun Mavs in overtime

MIAMI (AP) — Rafer Alston's 3-pointer with 0.5 seconds left in overtime lifted Miami to a 119-118 victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Friday night, extending the Heat's winning streak to seven games.

Marquis Daniels scored a career-high 31 points for the Mavericks, who lost their third in a row. Dirk Nowitzki added 25 before fouling out with 1:53 left in the fourth quarter.

Dwyane Wade had 24 points for Miami, which also extended its home winning streak to eight games. Lamar Odom added 26 points and 18 rebounds, and Eddie Jones and Alston each scored 20.

Odom hit the first of two free throws after he was intentionally fouled to pull Miami to 118-116 with 4.1 seconds left. Odom missed the second free throw, and the ball was tipped out of bounds off Antoine Walker's back with 2.5 seconds left. Alston caught the inbounds pass from Caron Butler and sank the winning 3-pointer from the left corner.

It was Alston's fifth 3-pointer, his fourth in the final 17 minutes when he scored 15 of his 20 points.

Antawn Jamison's jumper with 1:32 left in overtime gave Dallas a 114-113 edge. Following a missed jumper by Miami's Brian Grant and a Mavericks turnover, Odom worked in close but missed a shot with 34.3 seconds left. Daniels then hit a jumper.

Following a timeout, Odom drove the lane, hit the layup and was fouled with 29 seconds in OT. But he missed the tying free throw.

Jamison's put back with 4.7 seconds left gave the Mavericks a 118-115 lead and set up the hectic finish.

The victory gave Miami its longest winning streak since a seven-game string March 28-April 9, 2000.

In the fourth quarter, Daniels hit a jumper to give Dallas a 106-101 lead with 1:39 left. Alston answered with a 3-pointer, and Jones' two free throws with 54.4 seconds remaining tied the score.

Daniels, who scored 18 second-half points, missed a short jumper with 32 seconds left, Miami grabbed the ball and called a timeout with 24.4 on the clock.

Alston drove and missed with 14.2 left, and Nash missed a jumper in the final second.

Nowitzki fouled out with Dallas ahead 104-99 and 1:53 left in the fourth quarter.

The Mavericks, who have lost eight of 13, fell to 1-3 on their current road trip.

Dallas closed the third quarter with a 15-6 run that built an 84-81 lead. Danny Fortson scored 11 points in 11 minutes of the third quarter.

Jones scored 14 points and Odom had 11 points and 11 rebounds to help the Heat take a 57-54 halftime edge. It was the 12th consecutive game Miami led at halftime.

El Paso pitcher no-hits WTC

Western Texas College was swept by conference-leading El Paso Community College Friday, getting no-hit in the 4-0 loss in the opener.

El Paso's Ricardo Rivas gave up two walks and did not allow a hit in seven innings of work against the Westerners, who fell to 2-12 in conference play and 7-26 overall.

Westerner starter Logan Hill allowed four runs in 6 1-3 innings. He was pulled in the seventh with WTC trailing, 2-0. Reliever Hank Casey gave up a walk and a bases loaded single to make it 4-0.

"We should be doing better than we are," Hill said. "We're better than our record."

The Westerners dropped the second tilt, 9-0.

The teams were slated for another doubleheader Saturday at noon at the WTC complex.

Robinson named Texan of the Year

NEW BRAUNFELS, Texas (AP) — Retired San Antonio Spurs star David Robinson accepted a "Texan of the Year" award Friday and said he hopes to spread the message of integrity and service to children.

"I want to create a whole new generation that takes it to the next level," Robinson said.

Gov. Rick Perry presented the award to Robinson at the annual Texas Legislative Conference, organized by the Greater New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce. Perry and others praised Robinson for the $9 million he and his wife, Valerie, have donated in creating the Carver Academy in San Antonio.

The private school for needy children takes its name from George Washington Carver, the renowned scientist and educator of the early 20th Century. Robinson often visits the school, reading and talking to its students.

"I tell my kids at the Carver Academy all the time, 'build on the foundation that's already been laid,'" he said. Robinson said in today's society there is "a great lack of people doing what is right."

Robinson said his faith in God has helped him achieve all that he has.

"God has gone so far beyond my little paltry dreams," he said.

Robinson retired from the Spurs last year after a 14-year career with the team and after the Spurs captured their second NBA championship.

Sports Briefs

SGSA meeting

The Snyder Girls' Softball Association will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Texas Savings Bank.

Baseball Buddies

The SHS baseball program will continue second annual Baseball Buddies program Saturday.

High school players will provide instruction for kids between 11 a.m. and noon free of charge at Lewis Field for the next two Saturdays.

Area Sports Calendar

MONDAY

Baseball: SHS JV vs. Merkel, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY

Baseball: SHS varsity vs. Denver City, 7 p.m.
Softball: SHS varsity vs. Lamesa, 5 p.m.
SHS JV vs. Lamesa, 7 p.m.
Golf: SHS boys at Sweetwater, district
Tennis: SHS JV at Big Spring Tournament

WEDNESDAY

Baseball: WTC vs. Hardin-Simmons, 3 p.m.
Softball: WTC vs. El Paso CC, DH, 2 p.m.

THURSDAY

Golf: SHS girls at Lamesa, district
Softball: WTC vs. EPCC, DH, 2 p.m.
Rodeo: Western Texas College Rodeo

FRIDAY

Baseball: SHS varsity at Merkel, 5 p.m.
WTC vs. Howard JC, DH, noon
Softball: SHS varsity at Lubbock Cooper, 5 p.m.
SHS JV at Lubbock Cooper, 7 p.m.
Track: SHS varsity at Brownwood
SJHS at Lamesa, district
Rodeo: Western Texas College Rodeo

SATURDAY

Baseball: WTC vs. Howard JC, DH, noon
SHS JV vs. Wylie, DH, 1 p.m.
Track: SHS varsity at Brownwood
Tennis: SJHS at Sweetwater Tournament
Rodeo: Western Texas College Rodeo

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Xavier shoots down Texas to advance to first regional final

ATLANTA (AP) — Romain Sato stood near midcourt, holding up one finger and acknowledging the Xavier fans. It was a universal signal from a player who speaks six languages.

The Musketeers are in the regional finals of the NCAA tournament for the first time.

"Nobody thought we could get to this point," Sato said.

Sato scored 27 points and backcourt mate Lionel Chalmers added 14, helping the Musketeers beat Texas 79-71 in the semifinals of the Atlanta Regional on Friday night.

No. 7 seed Xavier (26-10) won for the 16th time in 17 games and advanced to Sunday's regional final against the winner of Friday's late game between Duke and Illinois.

That information surely will be featured prominently on www.starinanylanguage.com, a catchy Web site started by Sato, a native of the Central African Republic.

In the quarterfinals of the Atlantic 10 tournament, Xavier beat previously undefeated Saint Joseph's 87-67. The Hawks beat Wake Forest on Thursday night to advance to the final of the East Rutherford Regional.

It's the first time two A-10 teams have advanced to the round of eight.

"It's great for the A-10 because we don't get as much credit as we deserve," Chalmers said. "It shows how strong we are, and it shows when we were in last place earlier in the year, that was the reason why."

Dedrick Finn added 11 points for the Musketeers.

"Just for us to prove it on the court means everything," Chalmers said.

Brandon Mouton had 21 before fouling out for the third-seeded Longhorns (25-8), who were trying to reach the Final Four for the second straight season. Brian Boddicker added 11, and P.J. Tucker finished with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

"We had a goal as freshmen to win a national championship," said Mouton, one of four seniors who played prominent roles for Texas. "We pushed each other at practice every day to get better in order to reach that goal, but we came up short.

"I feel that Texas is going to be a great program for years to come."

Texas coach Rick Barnes got two technicals from referee Ted Valentine with 3.9 seconds left and was thrown out of the game. Barnes stopped by the Xavier bench and shook hands with coach Thad Matta on his way to the locker room.

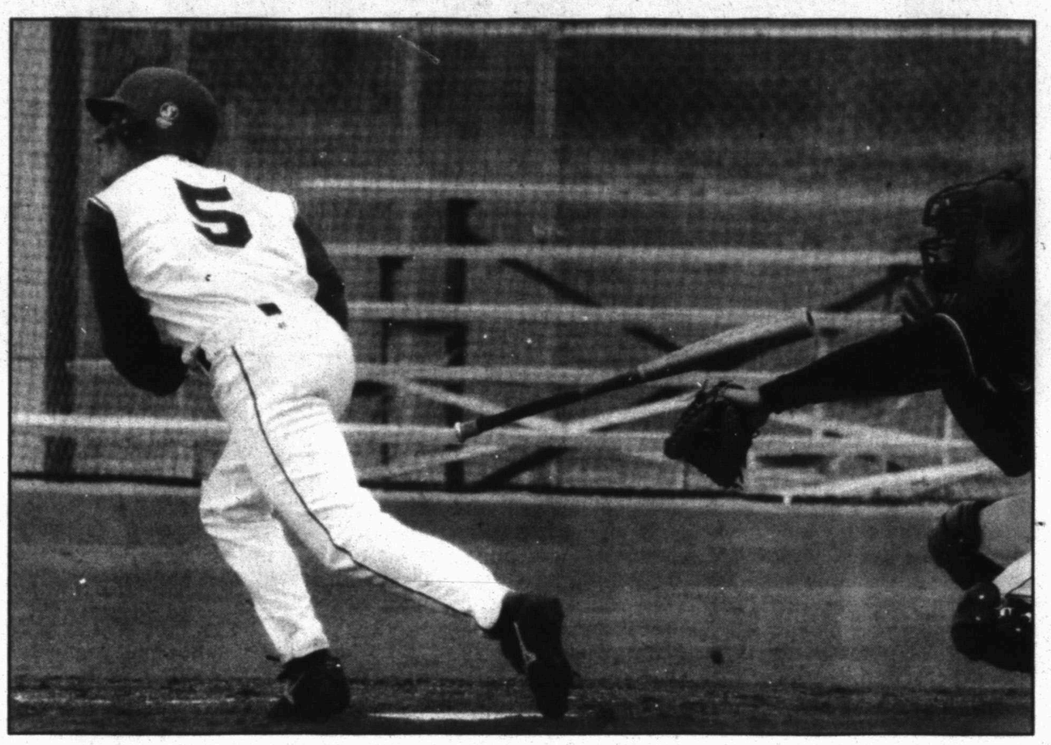
The last time the Musketeers reached the Sweet 16, in 1990, they lost to Texas 102-89.

"To get to this point, I think, means more for us than for a team like Duke, teams that are supposed to get there," Chalmers said. "A team like us, it means a whole lot to have a chance to see how good we can be."

Xavier used a 10-0 run late in the first half to take its first lead, then added nine straight points over a span of about four minutes after halftime to take control.

A 3-pointer by Boddicker cut the lead to 72-71 with 16.8 seconds left, the closest the Longhorns had been since a tie at 50.

Sato hit two free throws to put Xavier up three.



LET IT FLY — Western Texas College second baseman Josh Heiney lets go of his bat after making contact in the first game of Friday's doubleheader against El Paso Community College. The two teams were slated for another doubleheader at noon Saturday at the WTC complex. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

Kansas dashes dream for UAB

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Kansas put Alabama-Birmingham through its own version of "40 Minutes of Hell."

Wayne Simien had 30 points, nine rebounds and five assists and the Jayhawks had few problems handling UAB's frenetic defense Friday night, moving a step closer to their third straight Final Four with a 100-74 victory in the St. Louis Regional semifinals.

Kansas (24-8) advanced to play Georgia Tech for a trip to San Antonio. The regional final will be played Sunday.

The Jayhawks, who practiced against eight players this week to prepare for UAB's pressing defense, committed 17 turnovers and were forced into plenty of silly errors but offset that by beating the Blazers at their own chaotic game.

Aaron Miles keyed it all by outrunning the press, either hitting all sorts of twisting layups or dishing off to wide-open teammates. He finished with 10 assists.

Freshman J.R. Giddens had 18 points and Jeff Graves added 13 points and eight rebounds.

The ninth-seeded Blazers (22-10) made it to St. Louis after ousting the tournament's top overall seed Kentucky and had boasted earlier in the week about how their run-and-gun style of play had worn down the heavily favored Wildcats.

In the end, it was UAB that looked weary.

The Blazers shot just 32 percent from the field, were outrebounded 45-33 and allowed an opponent to score more than 100 points for only the second time this year — the other one came in a 102-100 victory over Washington in the first round of the tournament.

Second-year coach Mike Anderson learned the renowned "40 Minutes of Hell" defense while serving as an assistant under Nolan Richardson at Arkansas and Tulsa for 20 years.

That defense sent Arkansas to three Final Fours and the 1994 national championship. It also helped turn around UAB's mediocre program, propelling the Blazers into the round of 16 for only the second time in their 25-year history.

Kansas even looked ripe for an upset, with five key players all dealing with injuries.

Duke easily dispatches Illinois

ATLANTA (AP) — Chris Duhon may be hurting, but he's doing just fine. So are the Duke Blue Devils.

Dragging himself off the floor time and time again, Duhon steered Duke into an all-too-familiar position — one win from the Final Four — with a 72-62 victory over Illinois in the Atlanta Regional semifinals Friday night.

Duhon attempted only one shot, but it didn't matter for Duke (30-5). The 6-foot-1 point guard dished out eight assists and kept sneaking inside for rebounds, winding up with a career-high 10. He also spent part of the night guarding Illinois' top scorer, Deron Williams, who managed just seven points on 3-of-13 shooting.

Not bad for a guy who was playing with sore ribs, a heavy wrapping visible under his jersey. Duhon was hurt in the ACC championship game — when the Blue Devils looked vulnerable after a stunning collapse against Maryland.

Not so fast.

Top-seeded Duke pulled away from Illinois (29-6) in the second half and headed on to the regional final to meet No. 7 Xavier, which knocked off Texas 79-71 in the first game of the evening. The winner of that game gets a trip to the Final Four in San Antonio.

Luol Deng led the Blue Devils with 18 points, while J.J. Redick added 17 and Shelden Williams 14. But it was Duhon, the senior leader, who set the tone.

He dove out of bounds once to make a save, managing to call timeout before slamming to the floor. On two other occasions, he was knocked to the court by Illinois players.

Every time, Duhon pulled himself up and kept on going.

Duke, which has the best winning percentage in NCAA tournament history, will be playing in a regional final for the 17th time. Another victory will send the Blue Devils to their 14th Final Four — just one short of the record shared by North Carolina and UCLA.

Both Duke and Illinois started the tournament with impressive wins. The Blue Devils blew out their first two opponents, Alabama State and Seton Hall.

Georgia Tech squeaks past Nevada

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Georgia Tech is so good it didn't even need its leading scorer to reach the regional finals of the NCAA tournament.

Marvin Lewis had 23 points and Will Bynum made a huge layup with 65 seconds left to give the Yellow Jackets a 72-67 victory over Nevada on Friday night in the regional semifinals of the NCAA tournament.

The third-seeded Yellow Jackets (26-9) are in the regional finals for just the third time in school history and the first time since 1990.

They'll play fourth-seeded Kansas in the St. Louis Regional final on Sunday. Kansas (24-8) demolished upstart Alabama-Birmingham 100-74 in the early game to advance to the regional finals for a third straight year.

"Thank God Marvin Lewis gave us a chance," Georgia Tech coach Paul Hewitt said. "He has been a big, big part of getting this program back to where it is."

The 10th-seeded Wolf Pack (25-9) were the highest seed left.

WTC in Odessa College rodeo

Western Texas College's rodeo team is participating in the Odessa College rodeo this weekend.

Results from the first round Friday have Clay Bunney of Alberta, Canada in fourth place in bareback riding with a 70, while Jake Marshall of Moree, Australia was in eighth place with a 66.

Cody Horwedel of Park Field, Calif., is in second place in saddle bronc riding with a 77, while Sam Spreadborough of Tamworth, Australia is in third place with a 76.

Freedom, Okla., bull rider Lane Nixon is in 10th place with a 70.

Bruno Paoliello of San Paulo, Brazil is in sixth place in steer wrestling with a 6.7.

Rounding out the men's scores from Friday is Cody Carter, of Cave Creek, Ariz., in seventh place with partner with an 8.4.

In the women's events, Sabrina Lay of Omak, Wash., is in first place with a 15.68 in barrel racing, followed by Shiloh Whitaker in fourth with a 16.11, and Tara Woodall of Merkel in sixth place with a 16.16.

Jennifer Weeding of Jordan, Mont., is in eighth place in goat tying with an 8.7.

The team was in slack this morning, said coach Greg Rhodes with finals scheduled for Saturday night.

WTC will host its own rodeo beginning Thursday and continuing through Saturday at the Scurry County Coliseum.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
x-New Jersey	42	29	.592	—
Miami	35	37	.486	7½
New York	34	39	.466	9
Boston	32	40	.444	10½
Philadelphia	31	42	.425	12
Washington	23	48	.324	19
Orlando	19	55	.257	24½
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
x-Indiana	53	19	.736	—
x-Detroit	46	27	.630	7½
New Orleans	37	36	.507	16½
Milwaukee	36	36	.500	17
Cleveland	31	40	.437	21½
Toronto	30	42	.417	23
Atlanta	23	49	.319	30
Chicago	20	52	.278	33
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
x-Minnesota	49	23	.681	—
San Antonio	47	25	.653	2
Memphis	46	26	.639	3
Dallas	44	28	.611	5
Houston	41	30	.577	7½
Denver	38	35	.521	11½
Utah	37	35	.514	12
Pacific Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
x-Sacramento	51	21	.708	—
x-L.A. Lakers	48	23	.676	2½
Portland	36	35	.507	14½
Seattle	33	38	.465	17½
Golden State	30	40	.429	20
L.A. Clippers	27	46	.370	24½
Phoenix	25	48	.342	26½

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Friday's Games

Philadelphia 86, Cleveland 71
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Memphis 109, Houston 86
Miami 119, Dallas 118, OT
Milwaukee 115, Chicago 105
Denver at Seattle, 10:30 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Washington at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Chicago at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
New Jersey at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
New York at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Phoenix at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Utah, 8 p.m.
Seattle at Portland, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Memphis at Toronto, noon
Dallas at Orlando, 12:30 p.m.
Houston at Milwaukee, 3 p.m.
Miami at Indiana, 4 p.m.

NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament

EAST REGIONAL
Semifinals
Saturday, March 27
At The Hartford Civic Center
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Penn State (27-5) vs. Notre Dame (21-10), 11 a.m.
UC Santa Barbara (27-6) vs. Connecticut (27-4), 30 minutes after first game
Championship
Monday, March 29
At The Hartford Civic Center
Hartford, Conn.
Semifinal winners, 6 p.m.

MIDEAST REGIONAL
Semifinals
Sunday, March 28
At Ted Constant Convocation Center
Norfolk, Va.
Duke (29-3) vs. Louisiana Tech (29-2), 11 a.m.
Boston College (27-6) vs. Minnesota (23-8), 30 minutes after first game
Championship
Tuesday, March 30
At Ted Constant Convocation Center
Norfolk, Va.
Semifinal winners, 6 p.m.

MIDWEST REGIONAL
Semifinals
Sunday, March 28
At Lloyd Noble Center
Norman, Okla.
Stanford (26-6) vs. Vanderbilt (26-7), 6 p.m.
Tennessee (28-3) vs. Baylor (26-8), 30 minutes after first game
Championship
Tuesday, March 30
At Lloyd Noble Center
Norman, Okla.
Semifinal winners, 8 p.m.

WEST REGIONAL
Semifinals
Saturday, March 27
At Bank of America Arena
Seattle
Texas (30-4) vs. LSU (25-7), 8 p.m.
Georgia (24-9) vs. Purdue (29-3), 30 minutes after first game
Championship
Monday, March 29
At Bank of America Arena
Seattle
Semifinal winners, 8 p.m.

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Semifinals
Sunday, April 4
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Midwest champion vs. West champion, 7 or 9:30 p.m.
Championship
Tuesday, April 6
Semifinal winners, 8:30 p.m.

Western Texas College Athletic Schedule

Softball Schedule

March 27th	Odessa College	Here	2 & 4 pm
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March 31st	El Paso College	Here	2 & 4 pm
April 1st	El Paso College	Here	2 & 4 pm
April 3rd	Howard College	Here	1 & 3 pm
April 4th	Howard College	Here	1 & 3 pm

Baseball Schedule

March 26th	El Paso College	Here	Noon DH
March 27th	El Paso College	Here	Noon DH
March 31st	HSU	Here	3 pm
April 2nd	Howard College	Here	Noon DH
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SNYDER, TEXAS 79549

POSITION: Criminal Justice Instructor **DUTIES:** Instruct freshman and sophomore level law enforcement and corrections courses. Additional responsibilities include active participation in college and community functions, campus committees, program recruitment, serve as an advisor to criminal justice students, and pursue faculty development opportunities. **EMPLOYMENT:** Full-time, 9 month contract. Salary commensurate with education and experience listed on WTC salary schedule. **QUALIFICATIONS:** Three to five years experience in Law Enforcement/Corrections. Master's degree with 18-hours in Criminal Justice preferred. Scurry County residency preferred upon employment. Must pass TDCJ clearance requirements. **APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Position is open until filled with review of applications beginning on April 15, 2004. Applications may be obtained by contacting the Human Resources office located in the WTC Administration Building, or by downloading the application from the WTC website at www.wtc.edu. **DATE OF EMPLOYMENT:** August 16, 2004 **APPLICATIONS/RESUME TO:** Human Resources, Western Texas College, 6200 College Avenue, Snyder, Texas 79549-9502.

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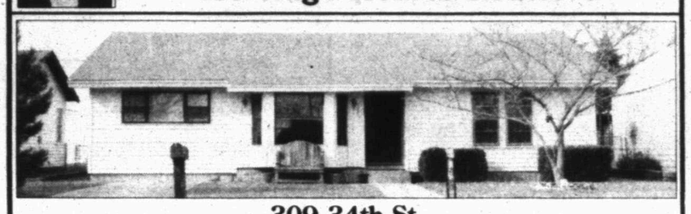
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DRESSING UP — Ira School students dressed up like characters in Dr. Seuss' books last week to celebrate the author's birthday. Kindergarten through fourth graders (top photo) are back row from left, Kaleb Derryberry, Rilee Dunn, Savannah Richards, Kurt Dryden, Zachary Goodwin, Elizabeth Brunson, Brandee Pinkerton, Taylor Autry, Ashlei Pearcy, Aaron Steelman, Grant Flowers and Tyler Goodwin; front row from left are Jayson Bohannon, Hannah Barker, Hope Barker, Kaci Archer, Lauren Dennis, Morgan Jones, Leslie Martini and Caleb Martin. Fifth and sixth graders (bottom photo) are back row from left, Meagen Robbins, Annie Ezell, John Martini, Brody Calley, B.J. Botts, Averie Pearcy, Bailey Minor and Carol Scott; front row from left are Meagan Smith, Naley Farmer, Kellie Pilcher, Sarah Gunset and Rebecca Jones. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Man convicted of desert murders

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A man accused of ordering three young women into the dark southern Nevada desert, then shooting each of them in the head, was convicted Friday of murder.

The sole survivor of the shooting testified earlier in the week that Alfonso Blake fired at each woman twice after ordering them to get on their hands and knees.

Kim Choy survived the March 2003 shooting; the first bullet ricocheted off her rings as she waved her hands in front of her face.

The jury convicted Blake, 34, of murdering Choy's 19-year-old sister, Sophear, and Priscilla Van Dine, 23. He also was found guilty of attempted murder.

Sentencing was scheduled for Monday. Blake faces the death penalty.

Prosecutor Robert Daskas and Blake's lawyer, Peter Christiansen, declined to comment. Blake, also known as "Slinkey," had pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity.

Prosecutors described Blake as domineering and controlling, saying he was angry with the three women because they changed their minds about moving into his southwest Las Vegas home.

Choy testified that on the night of the shootings, the three women had gone to Blake's house on the edge of town to collect the belongings they had stored at his house. She said an argument escalated into a violent struggle that left her sister, Sophear, and Blake with stab wounds. Blake then ordered the women into the nearby desert and shot them.

The defense relied on a psychologist, who testified Blake had exhibited signs of anti-social and borderline personality disorder. Dr. Louis Mortillaro told jurors he believed the shooting occurred during a brief psychotic episode prompted by the stabbing.

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Violence across Iraq kills 20

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A U.S. Marine and an ABC freelance cameraman were killed during a bitter, hours-long firefight between American troops and Iraqi insurgents in the city of Fallujah, while 18 people died in violence elsewhere across Iraq.

In the center of the capital Saturday, a bomb exploded on a street as a convoy of sport utility vehicles passed, wounding five Iraqis, U.S. Army Lt. Col. Peter Jones said. It was not clear who was in the cars. U.S. troops sealed off the area after the blast.

Rebels fired a rocket at a government building in the northern city of Mosul on Saturday, killing two civilians and wounding 14 others, hospital officials said.

In the city of Fallujah, about 35 miles west of Baghdad, seven Marines were wounded in clashes Friday, a U.S. spokesman in Baghdad said. Associated Press Television News videotape showed American troops carrying a comrade in a stretcher shortly after an explosion during combat.

The Marines and guerrillas fought for hours in the alleys of the city, which has resisted American efforts to pacify it since the ouster of Saddam Hussein a year ago.

The 1st Marine Expeditionary Force issued a statement saying it was "conducting offensive operations ...to foster a secure and stable environment for the people." It went on to say that "some have chosen to fight. Having elected their fate, they are being engaged and destroyed."

An AP photographer saw two rebels firing a mortar and another preparing to fire a rocket-propelled grenade.

A freelance cameraman for ABC television, Burhan Mohammed Mazhour, 34, was fatally shot in the head while filming the clashes. It was unclear who killed him.

"We are trying to confirm all the details surrounding his death and have asked the U.S. military for an investigation," ABC News President David Westin said in a statement from New York.

Witnesses said Mazhour and other journalists were taking cover behind a wall, with the Marines in front and the insurgents behind. After rebels fired a barrage of grenades at the U.S. troops, Mazhour peered around the wall and a bullet struck him in the forehead.

Pakistan vows to press on with fight against terrorism

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistan vowed to pursue its war on terrorism Saturday despite a taped threat by al-Qaida's No. 2 leader, but the military's bold sweep to purge lawless tribal lands of foreign militants has so far been a failure, analysts said.

Any high-value terrorists appear to have either escaped or weren't ever in the South Waziristan battle zone, they say.

The operation also has left some 50 soldiers and at least a dozen civilians dead, including eight soldiers found executed on Friday, and enflamed passions among religious hard-liners deeply opposed to the crackdown.

On Saturday, army spokesman Maj. Gen. Shaukat Sultan accused militants of "cold-blooded murder" after a tribal woman on Friday found the bodies of the eight soldiers, shot at close range with their hands tied behind their backs.

The soldiers had been abducted on March 22 during a rocket attack on a military convoy to supply the operation in South Waziristan, where thousands of army troops have been battling hundreds of militants.

The government claims more than 50 foreign and local militants have been killed and that more than 160 suspects have been arrested in the operation. The army has succeeded in busting a militant hideout, complete with communications equipment, underground tunnels and heavy weaponry.

But after President Gen. Pervez Musharraf stoked expectations by revealing on CNN that a "high-value target" — said by some officials to be al-Qaida No. 2 leader Ayman al-Zawahri — was cornered, the lack of a prize capture has led to disappointment and criticism of the planning of the raid.

"As a military operation, it did not go well at all," said Talat Masood, a Pakistani military and political analyst. He said that due to poor intelligence, security forces had failed to reveal entrenched militant forces — surprising for a professional army operating in its own country.

"They have lost a number of their own troops, and then there have been civilian casualties and the ones (suspected terrorists) who were taking sanctuary in the area appear to have escaped," Masood said.

Musharraf, a key ally of the United States in its war on terror, has deployed 70,000 troops in its semiautonomous tribal areas along the border with Afghanistan since the Sept. 11 attacks in an attempt to prevent cross-border attacks — the first such deployment since independence.

Bush ties tax relief to home ownership

CRAWFORD (AP) — Focusing on the dream of home ownership for the nation's minorities, President Bush on Saturday credited his tax relief program for being a key to driving the sizzling housing market to record levels.

"Because of tax relief, Americans have more to save, spend and invest — and that means millions of American families have moved into their first homes," Bush said in his weekly radio address as he spent the weekend at his ranch.

In a swing through the Southwest on Friday, the president highlighted three of his economic policies he said can help nearly 400,000 low- or moderate-income families become home buyers.

One of the approaches, the American Dream Down Payment Act, will help low-income Americans afford the down payment and closing costs on their first home. Bush is asking Congress to provide $200 million a year for the program. He also proposes to make zero down-payment loans available to first-time buyers whose mortgages are guaranteed by the Federal Housing Administration.

In addition, Bush is proposing a tax credit to encourage builders to provide 200,000 affordable homes over five years for low-income families.

These and other steps, he said, will push the nation toward his goal of adding 5.5 million new minority home owners by the end of the decade.

But housing advocates say assistance for renters is just as critical a component to addressing the housing needs of families with limited financial resources.

As Bush visited his state Friday, Democratic Sen. Jeff Bingaman of New Mexico said the administration is proposing cuts to key housing programs such as the Section 8 voucher program that helps low-income people defray rental costs, "the first rung on the ladder" to home ownership.

Bush, in contrast, sees private sector solutions, saying he has encouraged the real estate and mortgage finance industry to "join our efforts in closing the home ownership gap."

With a big boost from low interest rates, the nation's 68 percent home ownership rate is the highest ever, while minority home ownership is just over 50 percent.

In his trip through the Sun Belt states Friday, the president met with Lori Benavidez of Albuquerque, N.M., a single mother who told the president: "I never thought the day would happen when my girls and I would be sitting in our own home. It is a miracle."

Every time a family moves into a home of their own, "it fulfills a dream and it shows faith in the future," Bush said in his radio address.

Bingaman says the administration's proposed budget zeros out the Hope VI program, aimed at revitalizing distressed public housing. He said the program got $574 million in fiscal 2003 and $150 million in fiscal 2004.

The Rural Housing program which encourages ways to serve the housing needs of rural communities also would get a $24.8 million cut by the administration, Bingaman said.

Three arrested on various charges

• ***Arrests***

At 2:30 a.m. Saturday, officers arrested a 28-year-old male in the 2800 block of Avenue V for public intoxication.

DPS troopers arrested a 17-year-old male at 2:56 a.m. Saturday in the 2000 block of Avenue T and charged him with misdemeanor DWI.

Friday afternoon, officers arrested a 42-year-old female on two city warrants and a warrant from Waller County on misdemeanor charges. She was taken into custody in the 3200 block of Avenue K.

• ***Fights***

At 3:35 a.m. Saturday, officers responded to a report of a fight in the 1500 block of 27th Street. One person was transported to Cogdell Memorial Hospital by private vehicle.

At 5:46 a.m. Saturday, officers responded to a fight in the 4400 block of Avenue U. One person initially refused treatment, but was later taken to the hospital by private vehicle. Officers filed a report of Class A assault.

• ***Harassment***

Officers investigated reports of harassment Friday from the 3100 block of Avenue U, the 700 block of 20th Street and the 2900 block of Avenue W.

• ***Theft***

Friday afternoon, Chris Callahan reported the theft of a cell phone that was taken while he was at Snyder High School.

• ***Gas drive off***

Law enforcement personnel were notified of a gas drive off from Rip Griffin's Friday evening in the amount of $242.02.

• ***Juvenile problems***

Officers were called to the 4500 block of College Avenue at 10 p.m. Friday in reference to juveniles throwing rocks at passing vehicles.

• ***Possible shots fired***

At 2:30 a.m. Saturday, officers received a call of someone possibly hearing shots being fired in the vicinity of the old post office building that now houses A-1 Air Conditioning Co. A short time later, the woman called back and said she possibly heard five shots fired. Officers investigated both calls but did not locate anyone with firearms. A close patrol was maintained of the area.

• ***Vehicles egged***

Officers investigated two vehicles that were egged in the 2800 block of 47th Street. The report was made at 1:12 a.m. Saturday.

• ***Soliciting***

At 11 a.m. Friday, a woman reported a man trying to sell Bibles at the Kingswood Apartments.

Obituaries

Ruth Cardwell

1923-2004

Ruth Johnson Cardwell, longtime Snyder resident, died Friday, March 26, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.



Mrs. Cardwell

Funeral service for Mrs. Cardwell, 80, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with the Revs. Vernon R. Groce and Vernon E. Groce, officiating. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born Nov. 28, 1923 in Post Oak, she married R.L. Cardwell on May 25, 1991 in Snyder.

Mrs. Cardwell had lived in Snyder about 40 years and was a retired reflexologist and the owner of rental properties in Snyder.

She had attended the Lighthouse Assembly of God, the First Assembly of God and currently was a member of the Snyder Church of God.

Survivors include her husband, R.L. Cardwell of Snyder; two step-sons, Bobby Cardwell of Amarillo and Larry Cardwell of Springtown; three sisters, Grace Rhodes, Dillia Holley and Lorene Holman, all of Graham; a brother Clinton Johnson of Graham; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation was set for 7 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

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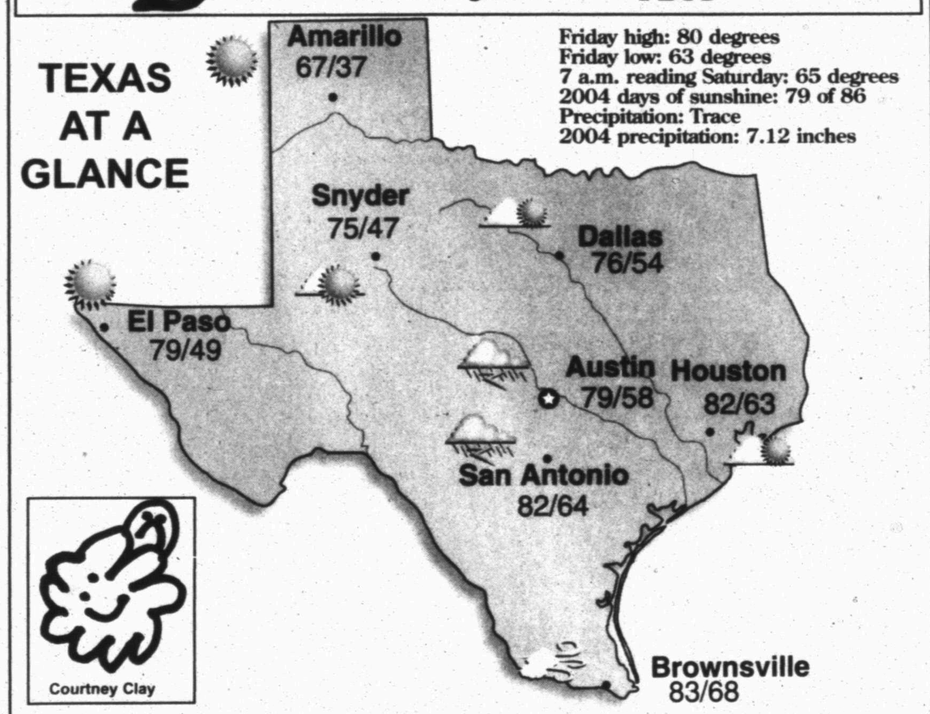
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Courtney Clay

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	76	50	mst sunny	El Paso	79	49	sunny	Midland	77	46	sunny
Amarillo	67	37	sunny	Fort Stockton	80	51	sunny	Raymondville	84	66	pt sunny
Austin	79	58	t-storm	Gainesville	75	48	pt sunny	Rosenberg	82	62	pt sunny
Beaumont	81	61	pt sunny	Greenville	76	50	t-storm	San Antonio	82	64	t-storm
Brownsville	83	68	windy	Houston	82	63	pt sunny	San Marcos	81	60	t-storm
Brownwood	81	52	pt sunny	Kingsville	84	67	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	76	49	t-storm
Corpus Christi	81	68	pt sunny	Livingston	82	56	t-storm	Sweetwater	77	49	mst sunny
Corsicana	78	53	t-storm	Longview	79	51	t-storm	Tyler	80	52	t-storm
Dallas	76	54	pt sunny	Lubbock	73	42	sunny	Weatherford	75	49	pt sunny
Del Rio	82	64	t-storm	Lufkin	81	55	t-storm	Wichita Falls	74	46	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	81	53	pt sunny	Houston	82	63	pt sunny	Phoenix	91	63	sunny
Boston	42	33	windy	Los Angeles	80	59	mst sunny	San Francisco	72	54	sunny
Chicago	64	44	t-storm	Miami	80	67	mst sunny	Seattle	62	46	pt sunny
Dallas	76	54	pt sunny	Minneapolis	52	32	rain	St. Louis	67	45	t-storm
Denver	56	31	mst sunny	New York	53	39	pt sunny	Washington, DC	61	42	mst sunny

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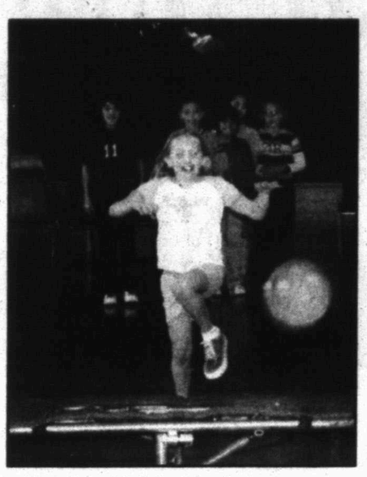
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East students jump on trampoline



Ryan Mason of Colorado City recently demonstrated how to jump on the trampoline. He was assisted by Jeremy Ray (not pictured) Hunter Cox just finished jumping..



Jessica Nobles took her turn.



Alisha Guzman also jumped.

SDN Photos By Shirley A. Gorman

District 17 GOP candidates face off

WACO (AP) — After a contentious Republican primary in the congressional district that includes President Bush's ranch, the two candidates who advanced to a runoff are now debating how and when to debate.

State Rep. Arlene Wohlgemuth and Dot Snyder discussed issues Friday in their first appearance together since the March 9 primary, each offering examples of why she would be the best District 17 challenger. The winner of the April 13 runoff faces the 13-year Democratic incumbent, U.S. Rep. Chet Edwards, in the November general election.

Wohlgemuth and Snyder answered questions from a moderator and asked each other just one question at the Friday morning forum, which was taped at KWTX-TV in Waco and will be broadcast April 5.

Last week Wohlgemuth, a Burleson flight instructor who has been a state representative since 1994, challenged Snyder to 12 "live and unscripted" debates, one in each county in the district.

Snyder, a former Waco school board member, agreed but later said their schedules had few available dates in common. Snyder said she has to focus on fund raising because she is not getting much money from outside the district, as Wohlgemuth is.

The women may meet again at short, scripted forums elsewhere in the district, a 180-mile swath that includes Waco, College Station and Bush's Crawford ranch.

Each blames the other for not being able to have a true debate.

Friday morning, Wohlgemuth touted her experience in government. She authored a bill to overhaul the state's health and human services department with massive cuts that saved more than $1.1 billion this past legislative session.

"I have a very conservative voting record," she said.

At the end of the forum, Snyder asked why Wohlgemuth was the only state lawmaker who voted against a bill to provide for families of slain police officers.

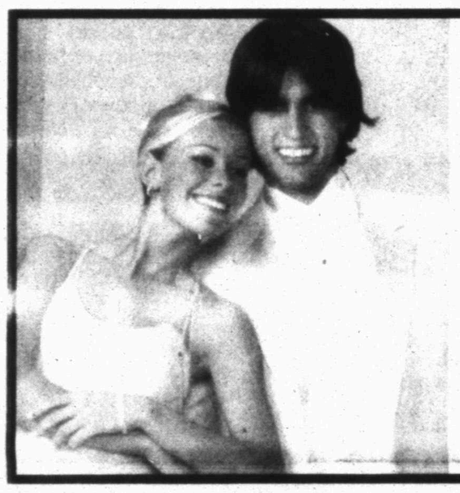
Wohlgemuth said it was unnecessary because a federal program already was in place.

Wohlgemuth asked whether Snyder's raising taxes while on the school board was the reason Waco schools went from a $3 million deficit to $14 million in the black.





BRINGS HOME HONORS — Aryn May, Snyder Junior FFA member, recently returned from the San Antonio Stock Show with top honors. She placed first in the open class with her percentage doe, Angel. She also placed second in the junior class with her doe, Bambi. May also received second, fifth and ninth places for other does. She is pictured with her mother, Shana May, and breeder Doug Neff (top photo). Aryn is the daughter of Bob and Shana May and the granddaughter of John Billy and Peggy Koonsman of Snyder and Ralph and Jo Ann May of Plainview. (Contributed Photos)



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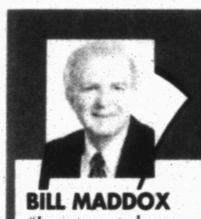
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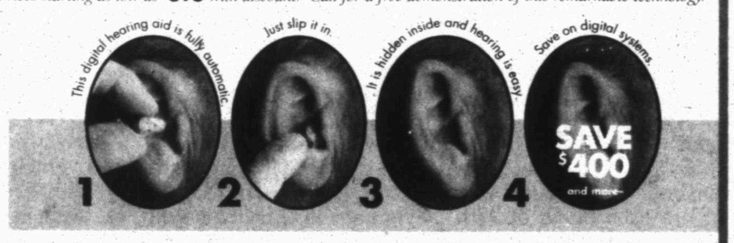
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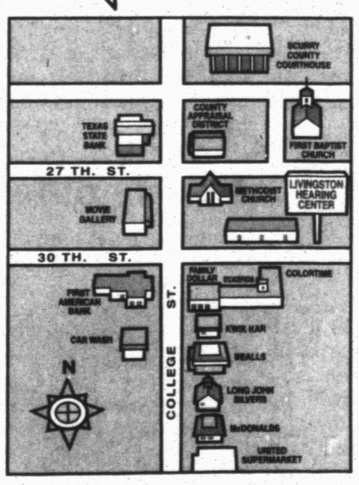
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Stanfield Elementary — Journey Back In Time

Stanfield Elementary students journeyed back in time March 12, thanks to a traveling "hands-on museum."

Children learned a great deal as they ground wheat, panned for gold or attempted to do laundry with an old-fashioned tub.



Hunter Hammit and Austin Worley are grinding wheat.

Terry Hess, great-great-grandgrandson of pioneer Henry Hess, created "pioneer living." The museum is brought to schools and students are able to touch, feel and work with everything in the exhibit.

So far, this program has visited over 10,000 schools across the country, giving students a taste of what pioneer living was all about.

The exhibit consists of several learning centers that students visit as they tour the traveling museum.

Henry Hess and family followed the Oregon Trail and left the Midwest in the mid-1800s. They were searching for their "manifest destiny."

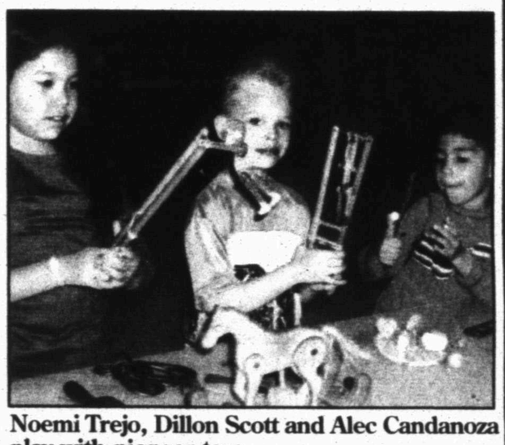
Though life was hard, early pioneers were resourceful and provided for all of their needs. The Hess family settled in the Columbia Gorge, where descendants remain today. Hess' descendants still love the simple life.



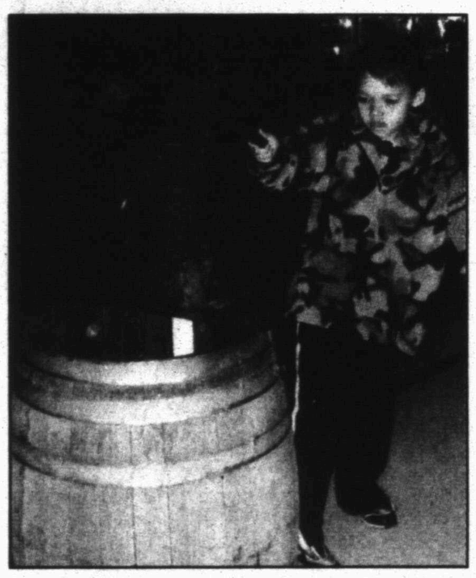
Belinda Lara, center, shows (from left) Brett Banks, Luis Lara, Austin Worley and Anthony Torres how to pan for gold.



Tori Maxwell, Matthew Hernandez and Terry Holmes are looking at a horseshoe puzzle.



Noemi Trejo, Dillon Scott and Alec Candanoza play with pioneer toys.



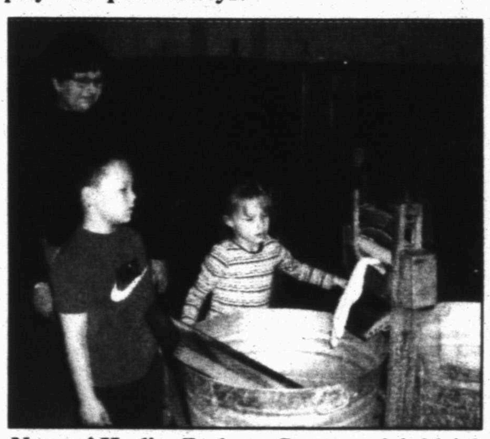
Brandon Chester pumps water.



Becky Brumley, left, and Tabitha Murphrey are spinning wool for a frienship bracelet.



Erica Guerrero and Shyanne Porter check out this learning center.



Naoemi Harlin, Zachory Carter and Ashleigh Sartain check out how the pioneers washed their clothes.

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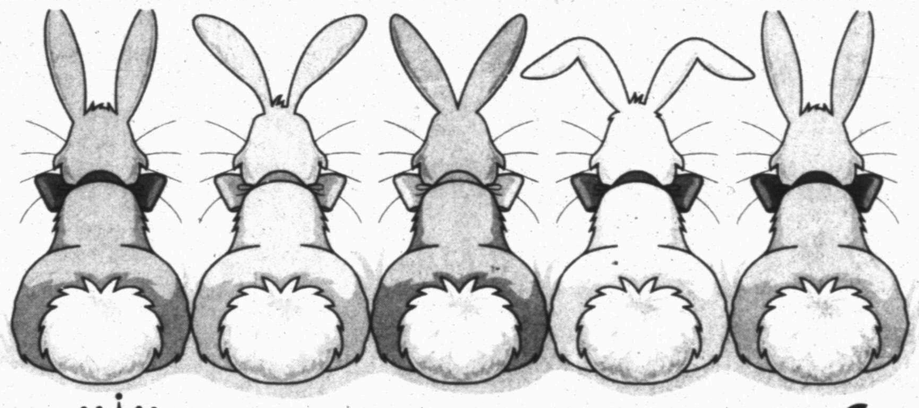
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Rock and Roll Quilting Club; Hermleigh Community Center; everyone is invited for free quilting lessons, and special projects are to help someone in need; call 863-2383 for more information; 8 a.m. to noon.

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

NA-Just for Today; Park Club at Winston Park; for information call 573-6179; 6-7 p.m.

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

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.

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

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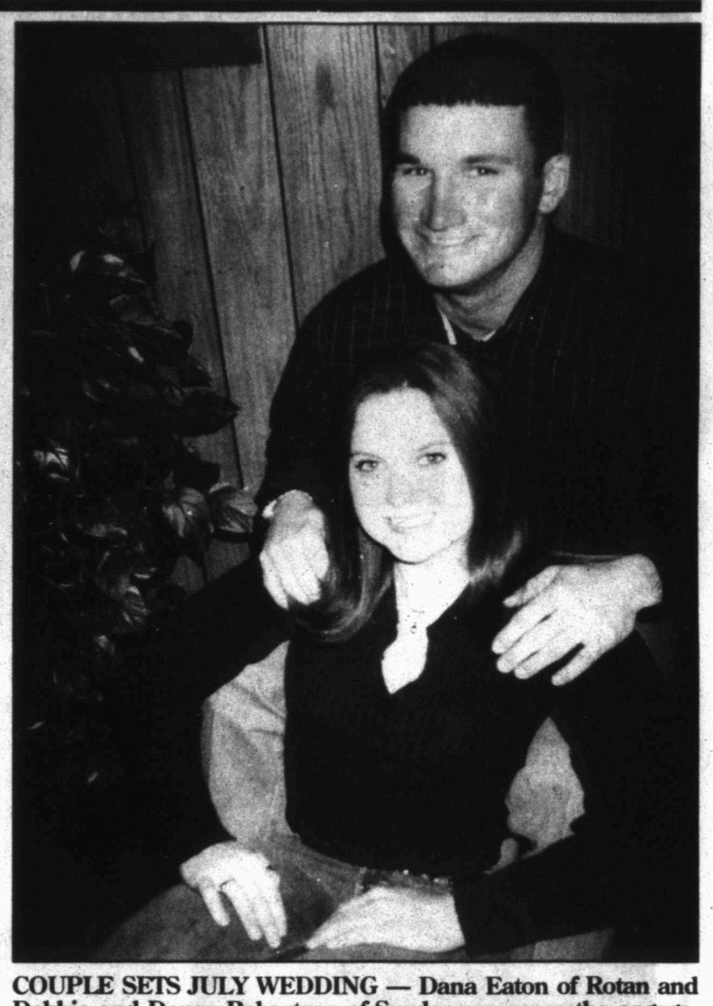
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HAMBY-GRIFFITH ENGAGED — Dale and Carolyn Hamby of Snyder announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Ann, to Bobby Glenn Griffith. He is the son of Olivia Griffith and Bobby Griffith Sr., both of Snyder. Laura and Bobby are planning a 3 p.m., July 24 ceremony in the First Baptist Church. (Photo by Mr. Geez Photography)



COUPLE SETS JULY WEDDING — Dana Eaton of Rotan and Debbie and Donny Robertson of Snyder announce the engagement of their children, Darci LeChe' Eaton and David Bryan Robertson. The bride-elect is a graduate of Rotan High School and attended Cisco Junior College in Abilene. She is employed by Home Medical Equipment in Snyder. The prospective groom is a graduate of Snyder High School and attended South Plains College in Levelland. He is employed by Patterson-UTI Drilling. A July 24 wedding is planned at the First Baptist Church in Rotan. (Contributed Photo)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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♥ A 9 7 6 4
♦ K 7
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East
♠ 9 6 4
♥ Q J 8
♦ 5 2
♣ Q J 10 7

South
♠ K Q J
♥ 10 5 3 2
♦ A 9 3 4
♣ A K

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 6

Saturday, March 27, 2004

The prizewinners have been chosen

By Phillip Alder

It is unfortunate but unavoidable that scheduling causes a three-month delay in the announcement of the prizewinners in my Christmas Competition. I hope it is another example of better late than never.

I received a sizeable number of submissions and many entrants got the three card-play questions right. The bidding, though, caused a lot of trouble. I think the auctions were influenced by a desire to find the best contract, however "incorrect" some of the bids may have been.

On my Web site, www.phillipalderbridge.com, you can read full explanations of all the answers. Click on the home-page link. You will also find listed the entrants who got the first three questions right. Congratulations to the four people who sent in all-correct entries: Colin Campbell, Piscataway, N.J.; John Euler, Benton Harbor, Mich.; Maurice Raleigh, Manchester, N.H.; and Richard Siggelkow, Naples, Fla. (who concluded his accompanying letter with: "That deal has more twists and turns than a pretzel").

Finally, let's look at today's deal. How should the defense card to defeat three no-trump?

When West leads a low heart, fourth-highest promising at least one honor in the suit, and dummy's king wins the first trick, East should play the queen. This serves two purposes: It tells partner about the queen and jack, allowing him to underlead the ace on the next round, and it unblocks the suit. (West knows the queen cannot be a singleton, because that would give South six hearts.)

Declarer will take the losing diamond finesse, whereupon the defenders can run four heart tricks — but only if East unblocked the queen at trick one.

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Former SHS journalism teacher is named director of Virginia museum

MARTINSVILLE, VA. — Timothy J. Gette, formerly the chief operating officer of the Dallas Museum of Natural History has been named executive director of the Virginia Museum of Natural History. Gette taught journalism at Snyder High School in 1969.

"Tim has a proven record of overcoming a challenging situation and re-directing a museum to impressive growth," said Daniel G. (Bud) Oakey, chairman of the museum's board of directors. "He sees the opportunity for the Virginia museum and has convinced the board that he can lead the museum to a new level of service."

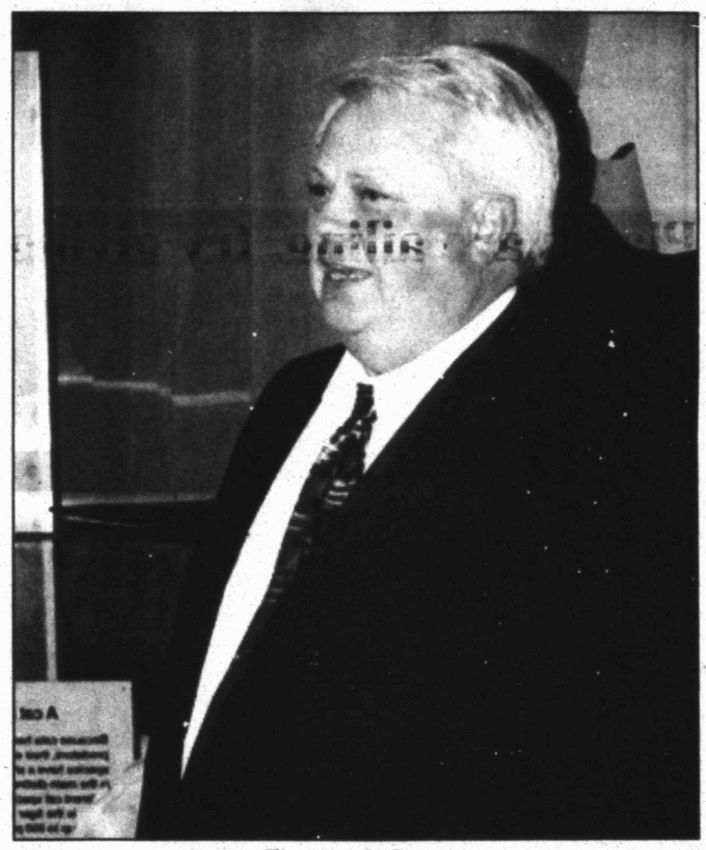
The Commonwealth of Virginia is constructing a 96,000-square foot building in Uptown Martinsville to house the museum, which has suffered from reductions in its operating budget. "We must strengthen the museum's financial condition through a fund-raising campaign and raise its profile as a national research institution," Oakey said.

"We were impressed by the depth of Tim's relevant experience," said Pam Armstrong," chair of the board's search committee. "Tim's winning personality is a key to his success in dealing with development and personnel issues."

Gette is a graduate of Angelo State University in San Angelo and earned a master's degree from the University of Arkansas. Gette was a journalism major at ASU and a former reporter and assistant to the publisher at the San Angelo Standard-Times.

He began his work last Monday at the museum in Martinsville.

"I'm excited to be here," Gette said. "The museum has a strong reputation for its scientific research and excellent collections, and that is the core of a great natural history museum."



Timothy J. Gette ...former SHS journalism teacher

The museum is an agency of the Commonwealth, under the Department of Natural Resources. The museum has a branch at the University of Virginia. Both facilities present exhibits, programs and field trips for the general public. Collections at the museum number more than 21 million specimens.

"We plan to offer programs to engage life-long learners from throughout the Commonwealth with our mission of interpreting Virginia's natural heritage," he said.

As CEO of the Dallas museum, Gette was responsible for the strategy and management, that included scientific research, educational, curatorial and exhibition efforts.

While there, he participated in fund raising activities and worked with non-profit agencies to promote the museum.

Gette was director of operations of the Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza in Dallas.

He also worked at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, the Dallas Historical Society and the Creative Arts Theatre and School in Arlington.

Gette was active in his community, serving on the board of directors of the Arlington Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Fort Worth Aviation Heritage Association, Lambda Chi Alpha Alumni Association, Angelo State University Alumni Association and the Rotary Club.

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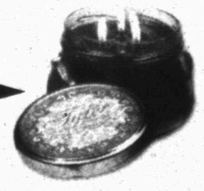
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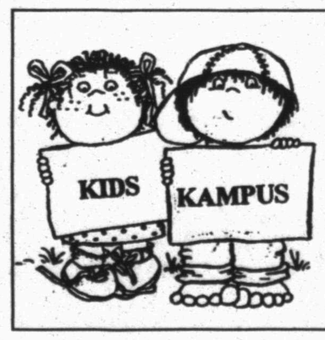
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Elementaries

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PB&J Sandwich
Chicken Fried Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Salad Mix
Oatmeal Cookie
Tuesday
Chicken Nuggets
Green Chili Chicken Casserole
Seasoned Green Beans
Mexicorn
Chilled Peaches
Wednesday
Beef Nachos
Barbecued Rib on a Hoagie
Pinto Beans
Salad Mix
Ranch Dressing
Chilled Fruit
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Parmesan Chicken Sandwich
Hamburger
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Chilled Pears

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Chicken Fried Steak
PB&J Sandwich
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Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Pickles
Mashed Potatoes
Oatmeal Cookie
Tuesday
Chicken Nuggets
Green Chili Casserole
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Pickles
Seasoned Green Beans
Golden Kernel Corn
Chilled Peaches
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Barbecued Rib on a Hoagie
Beef Nachos
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Pickles
Pinto Beans
Salad Mix
Ranch Dressing
Chilled Fruit
Thursday
Chicken Parmesan Sandwich
Hamburger
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Pickles
Mexicorn
French Fries
Friday
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Pickles
Tater Tots
Mixed Vegetables
Cowboy Peach Cobbler

High School

Monday
Chicken Fried Steak
PB&J Sandwich
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Pepperoni Pizza
Salad Bar
Mashed Potatoes
Salad Bar
Mashed Potatoes
Salad Mix
Hot Rolls
Tuesday
Chicken Nuggets
Green Chili Chicken Casserole
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Pepperoni Pizza
Salad Bar
Seasoned Green Beans
Mexicorn
Chilled Peaches
Wednesday
Barbecued Rib on a Hoagi
Beef Nachos
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Pepperoni Pizza
Salad Bar
Pinto Beans
Salad Mix
Ranch Dressing
Thursday
Chicken Parmesan Sandwich
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Pepperoni Pizza
Salad Bar
Mexicali Zucchini
French Fries
Chocolate Fluff
Friday
Pepperoni Pizza
Beefy Macaroni
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Salad Bar
Tater Tots
Mixed Vegetables
Applesauce

Ira

All meals are served with choice of milk. Juice is served with breakfast.

BREAKFAST

Monday
Pancake
Sausage
Tuesday
Breakfast Pizza
Wednesday
Breakfast Burritos
Thursday
Sausage Cheese Muffins
Friday
French Toast Sticks
Sausage

LUNCH

Monday
Pigs-n-Blanket/Grilled Cheese
Potato Wedges
Ranch Style Bean
Oranges
Tuesday
Chicken Quesadillos/Bean Burritos
Salad
Spanish Rice
Peanut Butter Cookies
Wednesday
Pizza
Carrots & Celery Sticks
Parsley Potatoes
Bread Sticks
Fruit
Thursday
Steak Fingers/Chicken Sticks
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Jell-O & Whipped Cream
Friday
Barbecued Chicken Strips/Peanut Butter Sandwich
Corn & Peas
Bread
Devils Food Cake

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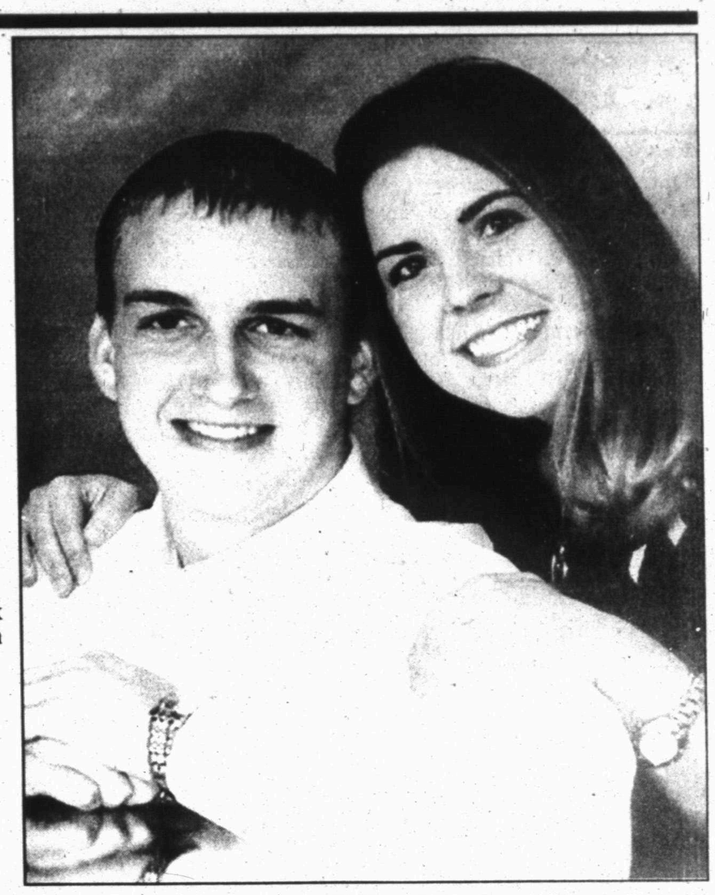
All meals are served with milk and breakfast is served with juice.

BREAKFAST

Monday
Ham & Toast
Tuesday
Toasted Cheese Sandwich
Wednesday
Pancake Pup
Thursday
Fruit Pies
Friday
Sausage & Biscuit

LUNCH

Monday
Soft Taco
Lettuce & Tomato
Pinto Beans
Fresh Peaches
Tuesday
Beef & Cheese Nachos
French Fries
Tortilla Chips
Mixed Fruit
Wednesday
Barbecue on a Bun
Sliced Pickles & Onions
Fried Okra
Apple Crisp
Thursday
Chili Cheese Dogs
Relish & Onions
Fritos
Cardinal Cake
Friday
Chicken Patty Burger
Lettuce/Tomato/Pickles
French Fries
Fudge Brownies



HILL-BURROW ENGAGEMENT — Sidney and Glenna Burrow of New Home, former Snyder residents, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their son, Tim, to Danielle Hill. Tim is a 1996 graduate of Snyder High School. Danielle is the daughter of Byron and Diana Hill of Stanton. A ceremony is being planned for 3 p.m. on May 8 in the New Home Church of Christ. (Contributed Photo)

Duplicate Bridge Scores

Jane Hinton directed bridge at the Snyder Country Club on March 19 and Monte West directed on March 23.

Friday, March 19

A Group

1. Anita Talbott, Suzy Reed.
2. Margaret Birdwell, Jane Hinton.
3. Durelle Gorman, Dorothy Rosson.
4. Pat Floyd, Robbie Floyd.

B Group

1. Durelle Gorman, Dorothy Rosson.
2. Pat Floyd, Robbie Floyd.
3. Vera McSpadden, Maribeth Vestal
4. Betty Courtney, Bobbie Taylor.

Tuesday, March 23

A Group

1. Margaret Dillaha, Margaret Birdwell.
2. Betty Gibson, John Gibson.
3. Pat Floyd, Robbie Floyd.

B Group

1. Betty Gibson, John Gibson.
2. Pat Floyd, Robbie Floyd.
3. Margaret Presswood, Paul Gilbert.

The secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly, and lie about your age.

—Lucille Ball

Plants are ailing, try giving them aspirin

NEW MARKET, Va. (AP) — Caught the common cold? Then take a common aspirin.

Mothers have been dispensing this all-purpose cure-all to their families through the ages as a way of providing relief from headaches and sniffles, muscle aches and joint pain.

Small wonder then, why an important aspirin ingredient — salicylic acid — shouldn't be used as an Earth-friendly aid for warding off plant diseases.

Scientists with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, among others, are studying how salicylic acid prods plants into releasing their natural defenses against harmful fungi, bacteria and viruses. They envision it as a commercially viable alternative to synthetic pesticides — a natural way to extend the life of susceptible yet popular crops.

Researchers first ran into the phenomenon called "system acquired resistance" (SAR) back in the 1930s, the USDA says. Plants make salicylic acid naturally and use it for defending against a variety of ailments. That includes attacks by certain plant pests, like aphids.

But only recently have companies begun producing it and similar compounds as a way of activating SAR in crops.

"The basic research is becoming more and more applied," says Roy Navarre, a plant geneticist and team leader with the USDA's Agricultural Research Service. "Over 15 companies are marketing products generically as plant activators."

"None acts directly on pathogens (something able to cause diseases), like a pesticide would," he says. "They just signal the plant to mobilize. It has been used with great success on lettuce and leafy crops, (and) tomato wilt virus."

Navarre, from his Vegetables and Forage Crops Research Unit at Prosser, Wash., is concentrating his research effort on potatoes. His particular interest lies in determining which diseases and insects can be controlled by salicylic acid sprays, how long it takes the sprays to kick in and how long they remain effective.

"There are quite a lot of pathogens in potatoes," Navarre says. "If we could just juice up potato responses, that would be important."

How important?

Diseases and insects can greatly eat into the yield and quality of potatoes, a crop generating $3 billion a year in U.S. farm sales and a dinnertime staple for some 1.5 billion people worldwide.

While his team is working on SAR responses via potato roots, other USDA researchers are measuring other potato components, like leaves, stems, roots and tubers.

It's possible one activator is more effective on leaves while another works better on roots, Navarre says.

Library News & Views

Scurry County Library has scheduled the 2004 Book Sale for 10 a.m. Wednesday and will continue until 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 3.

Everyone is invited to visit the library, browse through books on a variety of subjects and reading levels, take a box of books and make a donation.

BOOK FEATURE

The Omega RX Zone, by Barry Sears.

Dr. Barry Sears in one of the world's most trusted voices on health, diet and nutrition. Over the past decade, millions of people worldwide have followed his prescriptions for healthy living. In his new book, Dr. Sears reveals a revolutionary new advance that helps treat chronic disease, improves athletic performance and more.

Never before available to the public, pharmaceutical-grade fish oil has the potential to make you a more emotionally stable, healthier person. It allows your brain to work at peak efficiency, and to maximize physical performance.

NEW NON-FICTION

Ultra Prevention: The 6-week Plan That Will Make You Healthy For Life, by Mark Hyman.

Astrofit: The Age Reversal Program..., by William Evans

Anatomy of Hope: How People Prevail in the Face of Illness, by Jerome Groopman.

I Had Brain Surgery, What's Your Excuse? By Jerry B. Jenkins.

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Marriage License

Jeffery Mark Brewer and Terri Lynn Jarrett, both of Snyder.

James Felton Wallace Jr. and Robin June Goree, both of Snyder.

Ryan Jay Raborn and Cindy Lu Worley, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court.

Rickey and Peggy Gruben vs. Kent Buckingham, petition for declaratory judgment.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Tod Allen Stinson and Mary Lou Stinson, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Kerry Lynn Dollins and Linda Sue Dollins, divorce granted.

Wendy Varela, individually and surviving spouse of Christopher Varela, and next friend of Michael, William and Elizabeth Varela, minors, vs. Azteca Enterprises Inc., Jack's Roadboring and Pipe Line Construction Inc., and Jerry D. Greene, notice of non-suit without prejudice regarding Azteca Enterprises Inc.

Deed Records

Randy L. and Laurie A. Kindrick to Cendant Mobility Financial Corporation, tract one being an 0.998-acre tract in the southwest one-quarter of Section 134, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being a 0.117-acre tract in the southwest one-quarter of Section 134, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Francene Womack Allen-Noah to James Allen and LeaAnn Shields, Lot 2 in Block 2 of the Park Place Addition.

Sherry Lynn Latta to Sharon Latta, the east 90 feet of Lot 2 in Block 9 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Melissa D. Doty to Darrel R. Doty, Lot 20 in Block 3 of the Park Place Addition.

Shirley Wells Pittman, Fredrick Wells, Chuck Wells, Daniel Wells, Faye Miller, Shellie Diaz and Christy Salazar to Shirley Leftwich, the south 53 feet of Lot 7 in Block 39 of the A.C. Wilmeth Addition.

Harold G. Brackeen to Kenneth W. Brackeen Jr., 160 acres being the northwest one-quarter of Section 149, Block 3, H&TC survey; tract two being 10.16 acres being Block 121 of the Original Town of Hermleigh.

James Raymond and Karen Sue Walker to Jesse and Marian Rebecca Clark, tract one being 2.0 acres in the southwest one-quarter of Section 56, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being 1.0021 acres in the southwest one-quarter of Section 56, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Terry L. and Paula Bowden to Riley Jackson and Cynthia Carolyn Brewster, an 0.94-acre tract in the southeast one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Frances Womack Allen-Noah to Tom and Regina Eller, 160.8 acres being all the northwest one-quarter of Section 50, Block 27, T&P survey.

Clora C. Guynes to Troy D. and Brenda Botts, 2.10 acres south of the Snyder-Gail highway right-of-way that crosses over a 20-acre tract out of the northwest one-half of the northwest one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Donna F. DeGuire to Troy D. and Brenda Botts, 2.10 acres south of the Snyder-Gail highway right-of-way that crosses over a 20-acre tract out of the northwest one-half of the northwest one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Johnny T. Guynes to Troy and Brenda Botts, 2.10 acres south of the Snyder-Gail highway right-of-way that crosses over a 20-acre tract out of the northwest one-half of the northwest one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Rudy E. Hernandez to Annie H. Mena, Lot 20 in Block 3 of the Eastridge Addition.

Laura A. Johnston to John and Wynelle Redman, the west one-half of Block 31 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Dan M. and Betty Jo Copeland to Donald L. Copeland, 10 acres in Tract 54 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands, Section 13, J.P. Smith survey.

Pollution restrictions studied

FORT WORTH (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry wants to exempt most of Ellis County, which is home to large cement kilns, from a plan to curtail pollution in North Texas. Critics say the proposal could weaken clean-air efforts around the nation.

The proposal follows efforts by U.S. Rep. Joe Barton's effort to help the cement makers that produce much of the industrial emissions from the county just south of the Dallas-Fort Worth area avoid stricter permit requirements and possibly much higher pollution-control costs that would come if the county were designated a smog-violation area.

Mike Leavitt, head of the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Republican governor want to group the heavily industrial northwest corner of Ellis County with the DFW Metroplex. Industries there would have to significantly reduce pollution, but the rest of the county would be shielded from severe sanctions, including the loss of millions in federal highway transportation dollars.

Environmental groups worry that exempting parts of counties would set a dangerous precedent and encourage industries to simply move outside the boundary.

Officials in other states have been denied permission to create such "partial designations," with the EPA insisting that entire counties be included in what are known as regional ozone nonattainment zones.

"It's outrageous that it's just one small portion of the county, and it allows the rest of the county to be developed," Tom "Smitty" Smith, director of the Texas office of government watchdog group Public Citizen in Austin, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in Friday's editions. "The state has consistently failed to require Ellis County to do its fair share to clean the air."

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Scurry County Anti-drug Connection

The best things in life are drug free

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

Drug and Alcohol Free!

Life is difficult enough without adding more problems to our already hectic lives. We always want to know what we get out of things. Life is not about what we get out of it but what we make of it.

Our environment and our up bringing don't have to control our lives. What life brings to us can be handled one of two ways; we can either let it make us or break us. We have all ridden the roller coaster long enough. Its time to get off of it and start having control of our lives.

Those who have experienced addiction to drugs and alcohol know the hurt and pain that it brings. We often think that with the use of drugs and alcohol we can escape reality for just a little while. But in reality, it only adds more to our problems. Life is too short to spend it drunk or stoned.

We can never address our problems if we don't admit to them; instead of making excuses, lets make solutions. If you have to be dependent on something, try something healthy like exercise, reading, eating healthy, spending time with family and friends. Each day is what you make it, so make it a good day.

What are some ways of knowing as an adult if you have a problem with alcohol or drugs?

Be Aware:

Failure to show up for work or other important functions.
Less motivation and self-esteem in doing things.
Irritable and not getting along with others.
Sickness and changes jobs frequently.
Resort to stealing and lying to support your addiction.
More prone to causing accidents.
Has mood swings, flare-ups of temper, less regard to fellow workers, poor concentration and poor appearance and hygiene.

Be Alert and Be Informed:

Recognize the signs and symptoms of drug and alcohol usage:

MARIJUANA: Laid back attitude, change in speech and vocabulary patterns, dilated pupils, red eyes, drowsiness, memory loss, rolling papers, roach clips, small homemade pipes, homeostatic clamps.

COCAINE: Performing work tasks longer than is safe or necessary, weight loss, lack of appetite, red and runny nose, damage to the nasal passage, excitability, trembling, straws, nasal spray bottle, small spoon.

OPIATES: Needle marks, dark rings around the eyes, poor hygiene and appearance, slurred speech, vague memory, sleepiness, hypodermic needles, rubber arm band, spoons.

AMPHETAMINES: Excitable state of mind, dry mouth, loss of appetite, impaired coordination, rapid speech, prone to risk-taking, going long periods of time without sleep.

PHENCYCLIDINE (PCP): Severe mood swings from passive to violent, prone to risk-taking, may not recognize and feel bodily pain, feelings of omnipotence.

ALCOHOL: Slurred speech, red eyes, flushed face, alcohol odor from mouth or body, tremors, nervousness, impaired coordination and vision, slow reaction time, impaired judgment.

We all have decisions in life that we have to make. It's what we decide that determines the life that we will lead. Only you can change the way your life is. Many may want that change for you, but it is only when you decide you want to change that change can take place. We often take pathways that lead us to a dead end.

If we spend more time asking ourselves is this the right attitude or the right thing to do, we would spend less time traveling down dead end roads in our journey in life. Life has so much to offer if we will simply learn and grow from our experiences. We need to remember that the decisions we make not only affect us, but also affects those around us.

Make plans for the best and accept no less. Only you can change the outcome of what takes place in your life. Nothing changes if nothing changes. Lets stop making excuses and start living our lives to the fullest. DRUG and ALCOHOL FREE!

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.

Bilano helps seize hashish

FHTNC — Marine Corps Sgt. Joe Bilano Jr., a 1996 graduate of Snyder High School, participated in the seizure of an estimated 2,800 pounds of hashish with an estimated value of $11 million, after intercepting a small Arabian sea vessel in the North Arabian Sea, while assigned to the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), home based in Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Bilano's unit is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment.

MEUs are composed of more than 2,000 personnel and are divided into an infantry battalion, aircraft squadron, support group and command element.

Murder charges filed in silicone death

ATLANTA (AP) — A man accused of injecting industrial-grade silicone into men who were living as women and wanted to look more feminine was charged with murder after one of them died.

In an indictment unsealed Wednesday, Stephen Oneal Thomas, 31, was also charged with practicing medicine without a license.

Thomas, who is living as a woman, had been working Dougherty County for at least a year, holding "pumping parties" where he would inject silicone into cheeks, lips, breasts and buttocks, said prosecutor Ken Hodges.

Industrial-grade silicone is sold in hardware stores as a sealant. It is not sterile and can cause extensive tissue damage when absorbed into the bloodstream.

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Saturday, March 27, 2004

Today is the 87th day of 2004 and the eighth day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1794, the United States Navy was formed.

In 1958, Nikita Khrushchev became premier of the Soviet Union.

In 1964, a 9.2-magnitude earthquake — the strongest earthquake in U.S. history — struck southern Alaska.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Gloria Swanson (1897-1983), actress; Sara Vaughan (1924-1990), jazz singer; Quentin Tarantino (1963-), actor/director/writer, is 41; Mariah Carey (1970-), singer, is 34.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1939, the University of Oregon won the first NCAA basketball championship, defeating Ohio State 46-33.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "When I die, my epitaph should read: She Paid the Bills. That's the story of my private life." — Gloria Swanson

TODAY'S FACT: The rank of Fleet Admiral in the U.S. Navy is reserved for wartime use only.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 9.5 — Richter scale magnitude of the largest recorded earthquake in the world, which occurred on May 22, 1960, in southern Chile.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (March 20) and first quarter (March 28)

Sunday, March 28, 2004

Today is the 88th day of 2004 and the ninth day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1834, President Andrew Jackson was censured for his actions in draining the Second Bank of the United States of its finances.

In 1939, the Spanish Civil War ended when Republicans surrendered to Gen. Francisco Franco's Nationalist forces.

In 1979, the Three Mile Island nuclear plant in Pennsylvania malfunctioned, leaking radiation throughout the plant and causing a near-meltdown.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Maxim Gorky (1868-1936), author; Freddie Bartholomew (1924-1992), actor; Mario Vargas Llosa (1936-), author, is 68; Dianne Wiest (1948-), actress, is 56; Reba McEntire (1955-), actress/singer, is 49.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1989, Southwestern Louisiana softball pitchers threw back-to-back perfect games, beating Southeastern Louisiana both times.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "If you are killed because you are a writer, that's the maximum expression of respect." — Mario Vargas Llosa

TODAY'S FACT: Citigroup Inc., the largest banking company in the United States, boasts more than $1 trillion in total assets.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 41,060,000 — population of Spain (mid-2003 estimate).

TODAY'S MOON: First quarter (March 28)

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Rolling Plains ag meeting set on Wednesday

The Rolling Plains Agricultural Conference will be held Wednesday at the Roscoe Community Center.

Registration will be held from 8-8:30 a.m. Tickets are $10-pre-registered or $15 at the door. The meal is included.

Speakers include Drs. Peter Dotray, Billy Warrick, Chris Sansone, Dale Rollins, Calvin Trostle, Cleve Cleveland, Dr. Jackie Smith and Stephen Biles.

Four CEUs can be earned. Sponsors include Texas Cooperative Extension Offices in Nolan, Jones, Mitchell, and Scurry Counties.

The Lower Rolling Plains Agricultural Conference is a direct result of producers requesting educational programming. The program will feature information on the latest technology for dry land and irrigated production of cotton and sorghum. Producers will have the opportunity to discuss their experiences with experts, specialists and other growers.

Swank to be model

NEW YORK (AP) — Hilary Swank will be the exclusive celebrity model of the upcoming global launch of the Calvin Klein Sensual Support intimate apparel collection, the company announced.

The Oscar-winning actress will be featured in ads for the new collection, including print, outdoor and other media.

"Hilary is the perfect choice for this campaign. She looks absolutely beautiful and easily conveys the sensuality that we want," Kim Vernon, senior vice president of global advertising and communications for Calvin Klein Inc., said in a statement Wednesday.

"I also think that she is not the expected choice for a women's underwear campaign and these pictures will present her in a way that she has not been seen in her professional work so far."

New letter may be from '70s serial killer

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — After 25 years of silence, police have apparently heard again from the BTK Strangler, a serial killer who terrorized the city during the 1970s.

A letter sent last week to The Wichita Eagle contained information on a 1986 killing and included photos that appeared to be of the victim's body. Police are examining the letter for DNA and other evidence.

"The photographs appear to be authentic," said Lt. Ken Landwehr, who has been working the BTK case for 20 years. "I'm 100 percent sure it's BTK."

More than two decades ago, the BTK Strangler claimed responsibility for seven slayings between 1974 and 1979; six victims were strangled, one was stabbed to death. Four were members of one family — two children and their parents.

In his letters claiming responsibility for the murders, the killer used the initials "BTK" to refer to "bind, torture and kill." The claims were sent to the Eagle and TV station KAKE, the last one in 1979.

On March 19, the Eagle received a letter that contained a photocopy of the driver's license of Vicki Wegerle, 28, who was strangled in her home in 1986. Three pictures showed the victim's body in various poses.

Until now, there was no suspicion that the slaying was the work of the BTK Strangler.

Wegerle's relatives said the driver's license was the only thing they know of that was missing from the home.

The letter was mailed in Wichita, Landwehr said Thursday. Since local TV stations aired reports on the letter Wednesday, more than 30 tips have been called in to police.

Landwehr said the new letter contained no suggestion that the killer planned to strike again.

Forensic specialists are re-examining evidence from the crime scene using technology that was not available in 1986. Police plan to run any evidence through national fingerprint and DNA databases.

Todd Hall earns degree from A&M

COLLEGE STATION — Diplomas were awarded to approximately 3,646 Texas A&M University graduates during fall commencement ceremonies.

Among those recognized was: Todd T. Hall of Snyder, bachelor of arts in history.

CHIP could drop thousands of children for nonpayment

AUSTIN (AP) — About 25,000 Texas children from low-income families could lose health coverage because their families have fallen behind on premium payments, a spokeswoman for the state Health and Human Services Commission said.

The state asked families five months ago to pay more for the Children's Health Insurance Program. The premium hike was one of several tightening measures that have helped shrink the program in response to budget cuts.

Kristie Zamrazil, spokeswoman for the commission, said the state has extended a temporary grace period for the families and no coverage has been cut off for failure to pay premiums.

She declined to say how long the grace period would last.

The program, which enrolled more than a half-million children last summer, covered 388,281 as of March 1. Enrollment has decreased by 119,000 children since Sept. 1, when budget cuts and several new rules took effect.

The commission inserted fliers in many families' January and February premium billings warning that nonpayment would prompt policy termination.

Fast-declining enrollment in CHIP has sparked protests from opponents of cuts and tighter enrollment and eligibility rules. The new rules were imposed as the Legislature and governor grappled with a $9.9 billion budget shortfall.

Commission officials hoped for better compliance so they could avoid knocking more children off the program, said Patti Everitt, executive director of the Children's Defense Fund of Texas.

"If children are without health insurance, the costs shift to local communities, and they understand that is the reality of cuts to CHIP," Zamrazil said in Friday's editions of the Dallas Morning News.

With the higher premiums, health plan executives warn that the state risks reversing some of its savings. They predict that costs per insured child will go up if the state removes the 25,000 children with past-due accounts, about 6 percent of enrollees.

Affected families have incomes between 100 percent and 150 percent of the federal poverty level or for a family of four, annual income of $18,850 to $28,275.

The commission's delay in cutting children from the program angered Republican Rep. Leo Berman of Tyler.

"The notice shouldn't have been sent out in the first place if it wasn't going to be enforced," Berman said.

Rep. Garnet Coleman, D-Houston, said Republicans such as Berman complained last year about families making $35,000 or $40,000 a year qualifying for CHIP.

"But who's suffering? The people who make the least money who are eligible for the CHIP program," Coleman said. "The new policy is cruel and mean."

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Husband's jokes about wife's mother aren't getting laughs

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to "Mel" for 15 years. When Mel's mother became ill with tongue cancer and could no longer speak, we moved her in with us so I could care for her. (I am physically disabled from a job injury and no longer work outside the home.) Mel's mother survived only one more year, but Mel says I did a great job while she was here.

I am now caring for my own mother, who suffers from paranoid schizophrenia. The problem is, Mel constantly makes snide, hateful, sarcastic remarks about her condition. Then he laughs like it's funny.

I have tried to explain that these statements are destroying my love for him. When I tell him, he stops for a day or two and then starts in again. I don't know how much more I can take. I feel like walking out and never looking back. I want a divorce so bad I could scream.

Why is he doing this? It's not a laughing matter. Please help. — **READY TO LEAVE IN FORT WORTH**

DEAR READY TO LEAVE: Why is he doing it? It could be ignorance about mental illness. It could also be selfishness, anger, frustration at having to share your attention — or maybe he's just childish and mean. Whatever the reason, before you give up the ghost, please consider a caregiver support group and marriage counseling. If he refuses to go with you, you will still gain insight if you go without him.

I consider you to be an unsung hero for what you are doing. You can locate a caregiver support group by contacting the National Family Caregivers Association at (800) 896-3650 or www.nfcacares.org. Do it today.

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DEAR ABBY: My 12-year-old daughter is in the sixth grade. She is well-liked and has a lot of friends.

We can't afford gifts for all the birthday parties to which she is invited. I let her go to some, but we can barely pay our bills some months.

When I try to explain why she can't go, she gets upset. I've asked her not to say anything about our money troubles, but she says she can't lie to her friends about why she's not allowed to go to all the parties.

Abby, have you any suggestions on how I can handle this situation when it comes up again? — **INVITED BUT CAN'T ALWAYS GO**

DEAR INVITED: Please rethink your stance on this. Having money troubles is not a sign of bad character or a social disease, so please stop trying to sweep it under the rug. Gifts do not have to be expensive to be thoughtful. If your finances are tight, and you can't come up with a gift — even from a discount store — explain the fact to the mother of the birthday child. Perhaps your daughter could create a gift for her friend.

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DEAR ABBY: A former co-worker recently married for the third time. She remarried her first husband. The wedding was small and many of us received only announcements.

Are we obliged to send gifts? Some of us didn't know how to respond to "just an announcement." — **WONDERING**

DEAR WONDERING: There is no obligation to send a gift. However, a congratulatory card or a small token gift to show your support would be a lovely gesture.

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DEAR ABBY: My girlfriend and I have been a couple for almost two years and have been living together for two months. We rented a house so it would be "our" home, and neither of us would feel that we had moved in on the other.

At first, we split all the chores. She likes to cook, I like to clean; she did the laundry, I did the yardwork. Now she doesn't do anything at all! I find myself doing all the laundry, cooking, etc., which to tell you the truth, I don't really mind. What I DO mind is her constant complaints about the way I do things.

She implies that I am incompetent, yet she won't lift a finger. In the morning before work, if I am busy doing chores and paying bills, she complains that I'm not spending enough time with her. But when I stop, she only wants to watch TV. When I try to talk to her about it, she yells and storms off.

Is it possible to fall out of love with someone over things like this? Or am I just disillusioned? When I look at her, I don't feel that twinge of excitement anymore. — **EXHAUSTED AND FRUSTRATED**

DEAR EXHAUSTED: Yes, it is indeed possible to fall out of love with someone who is lazy, hypercritical and impossible to please. Consider yourself fortunate to have seen this side of your girlfriend before it was too late. Frankly, you deserve better — so don't look back.

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DEAR ABBY: Before I married my husband, I had, shall we say, a "colorful past." None of those encounters gave me much satisfaction. I was up front about it with my husband before we married. He asked how many and I told him.

Last night, I made an off-the-cuff remark that he took the wrong way. He told me later that it reminded him of my past. He felt I was bragging about it and throwing it in his face. He told me that after he learned how experienced I was, he had almost broken up with me.

Abby, I have explained to him repeatedly that the only relationship that has ever given me any pleasure has been with him. I have told him over and over how much I love him and need him. But this hurts. How do I help him get over my past? — **HURTING IN MASSACHUSETTS**

DEAR HURTING: Men who ask the question are often insecure. An emotionally mature man would have respected your privacy and not pushed. The next time he brings up your past, suggest to him that it is healthier and more fruitful to live in the present. Assure him that you love him only and offer to go to counseling together until he has talked it out. The rest is up to him.

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DEAR ABBY: My sister-in-law gave my daughter a beautiful antique desk a few months ago. I was there at the time, and both of us thanked her for the generous gift.

My mother says I was rude for not sending a thank-you card for the gift.

What is the proper etiquette when someone receives a gift and thanks the giver in person? Is an additional written thank-you card called for? — **CONCERNING MANNERS**

DEAR CONCERNING: In addition to thanking the giver in person, a handwritten note is the proper way to show gratitude for a gift. It doesn't have to be long and flowery — only heartfelt. However, the person who receives the gift should write the note — and that's your daughter, not you.

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Omar Burleson interns are named by Stenholm

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Omar Burleson Foundation recently selected college students from West Texas to serve as Omar Burleson interns in Congressman Charlie Stenholm's (TX-17) Capitol Hill office for four weeks this summer.

Natalie Christopher and Deborah Nichols, both of Abilene, will serve as interns in June. Christopher, a junior at Baylor University in Waco, is studying to obtain a degree in political science.

Nichols, a junior at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, is also studying for a degree in political science.

Rebecca Ellis of Brookesmith and Brandon Cox of Stamford will serve as interns in July. Ellis will receive her degree in English from Baylor this spring, and Cox studies International Studies at Baylor where he is a sophomore.

Jeffrey Snyder of Olney, a sophomore at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, was named the alternate.

Jay Scott, son of Larry and Susan Scott of Snyder and a student at Angelo State University, was one of the finalists. Others include Katey Earles of Abilene who is a senior at Abilene Christian University; Geoffrey Heaven of Abilene, a junior at the University of Texas; Avery Majors of Buffalo Gap, a sophomore at Colorado Mountain College; and Troy Sonnenberg of Graham, a junior at Texas A&M University.

In addition to assisting Stenholm and his Washington staff, interns will observe the proceedings of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, attend a distinctive speakers series and tour points of interest in the nation's capital city.

All the students were honored last Saturday at a reception at the Briarstone Manor in Abilene.

The Omar Burleson Intern Foundation is a private, nonprofit organization which makes internships available to individuals who reside or study in the 17th Congressional District of Texas.

The Foundation is named for the late Omar Burleson who represented the 17th District of Texas in Congress for 32 years.

K. Winslet takes to water in film

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kate Winslet thought she knew her way around water after shooting "Titanic."

The actress had spent hours in chilly water while shooting scenes for the Oscar-winning film. So she wasn't concerned about doing a scene in "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" in which she and co-star Jim Carrey are in an oversized kitchen sink.

"Guys, don't talk to me about how long we have to be in water. Hello, been there, done that. I wasn't remotely fazed by it," she told reporters recently, according to AP Radio.

But the water was hot, and after about three hours, Winslet felt lightheaded. "I got out ... and I was like, 'Can I have some water,' and I fainted."

In the film, the characters played by Winslet and Carrey have their memories erased. Winslet said there's nothing she'd like to forget.

"Those are the things that make us stronger and change us as human beings," the 28-year-old actress said. "And there's nothing I'd go back and change."

Clifton attends TCTA meeting

One area educator, Charlotte Clifton, was among the nearly 600 teaching professionals from across the state who gathered in Houston on March 5-6 for the Texas Classroom Teachers Association's 2004 annual convention. The local educator is a member of the Snyder CTA, a local affiliate of TCTA.

Convention participants also attended professional development sessions, where a national expert on bullying prevention, Dr. Dorothy Espelage of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, offered teachers concrete steps to make their classrooms and school safer. Other sessions covered the school finance and reform issues, the federal No Child Left Behind Act and special education.

Honor rolls listed

STEPHENVILLE — Two students from Scurry County have been named to the honor roll for the fall semester at Tarleton State University.

Kellie Jolynn Dodson of Ira was named to the A honor roll and recognized as distinguished student. Terry J. Gonzales of Snyder also was listed as a distinguished student.

Students listed on the A honor roll for the fall semester maintained a 4.0 grade point ratio (GPR) on the 4.0 system while taking a minimum of 12 hours.

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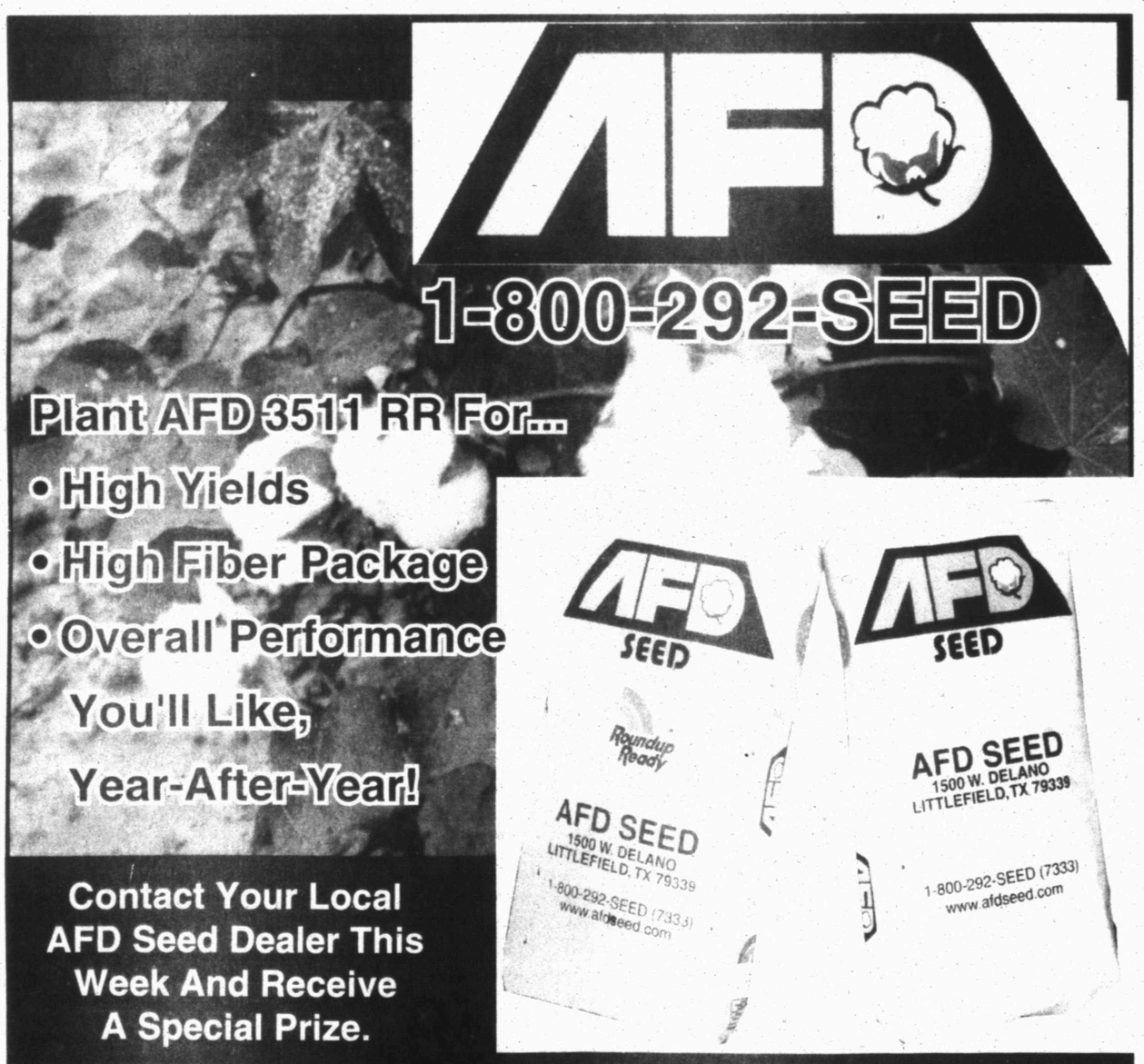
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The year ahead could hold some pleasant surprises for you at the very time when you think events are working against you. Be hopeful, because Lady Luck will be arranging some good breaks for you that were previously denied.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Attitude is everything today and will influence the outcome of your affairs. Do not start out forecasting negative happenings or it would negate potential desirable opportunities at hand.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Be nice to everyone you encounter today, not for what they can do for you, but for what they are. If they think you don't like them or they're being used, they'll work against you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Your goals and desires can be achieved today, but only if you're persistent and tenacious. When you run into opposition or get a "no" signal, it is time to dig in and redouble your efforts.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Others will be taking their cues from you today, so if you judge associates harshly, you can expect the same treatment in return. Conversely, kindness breeds compatibility.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Just about all difficulties with which you may have to contend today can be lessened considerably if you treat things philosophically. Be hopeful, not harried or pessimistic.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You'll have to be a sharp bargainer today if you hope to get past all the negative elements that are introduced in order to negotiate an advantageous agreement. Don't settle for unfair terms.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — If you fail to get an early start today, you will accomplish only a portion of what you set out to do. Keep this in mind when planning your agenda and don't allow yourself to get sidetracked.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Do not try to manipulate others today, because when they start to balk, and they will, the results will be very undesirable. Instead, treat them in the same manner you would wish to be treated.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Stop yourself from making any spur-of-the-moment decisions today that would affect the entire family without first consulting with your mate. He or she could see things that escape your notice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Ease off on taking yourself or events too seriously today. If you encounter any antagonistic people or situations, negative conditions can quickly be improved upon with an upbeat attitude.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Financial trends might be a bit unpredictable today inasmuch as you could lose in areas where you thought gains awaited, then turn around and gain in areas where you thought there would be losses.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Misunderstandings erupting between you and someone dear to you, such as a friend or family member, should be patched up promptly today. An apology eliminates the likelihood of scars.

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Monday, March 29, 2004

A positive attitude will be your partner in the year ahead and revitalize all your efforts. With this added ingredient, you will substantially increase your productivity and potential for success in all your undertakings.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Continue to devote as much time and effort as possible today to your core desires, whether that be your family, job or a personal endeavor. With earnest application, you'll get what you want.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Valuable information can be amassed today through conversations with your colleagues and associates who are in the same field as you. Put your e-mail to good use.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Bargains galore are to be found today through your regular sources, so if you have the time and/or inclination, this is a good day to go shopping for both essential and nonessential items.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Personal interests can be advanced today if you can spend some time on your own affairs. Try to schedule things in ways that free you up and allow you to take care of your concerns.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You're not necessarily one to rely too heavily upon your hunches or intuitive feelings, but if that voice keeps needling you today, pay heed to what it is trying to get through to you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Pal around with friends or associates who are positive and upbeat, because those with whom you hang out today will have a powerful influence over your attitude, objectives and success.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You can achieve what you set your mind to today regardless of the obstacles you may encounter. They might slow you down a bit, but they won't defeat you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Your logical assessments will be seasoned with sensitivity today, making you an excellent person to give advice. Don't hesitate to speak freely if someone seeks your counsel.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Most anything in which you get involved today should eventually work out well for you. This is because you'll know how to use to your advantage the resources you have at your disposal.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Although you are usually more of the lone worker, don't attempt to do on your own things that can be done more effectively with competent allies today. Play the hand that's dealt you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — This should turn out to be a rewarding day for you because you'll be geared to productivity and you're not apt to allow frivolous issues or activities sidetrack you from your goals.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Although this is the start of the workweek, which can depress some people, you'll be in a sociable mood and turn even the most tedious jobs into fun and games. Your attitude is a winner.

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Indonesian police have enough evidence to start probe again

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Indonesian police have enough evidence to bring new charges against jailed militant cleric Abu Bakar Bashir, who is scheduled to be released from prison next month, a senior intelligence official said Friday.

Bashir immediately dismissed the information as "lies concocted by America," saying "I am not afraid. I have God on my side."

Police recently discovered a letter signed by two senior militants of the al-Qaida linked Southeast Asia terror network Jemaah Islamiyah that addresses Bashir as the network's "emir," or leader, the official told The Associated Press on condition that his name not be used.

"Police have confiscated a very important document that proves that Abu Bakar Bashir is the true leader of Jemaah Islamiyah," he said. "It's enough evidence to give Bashir a new trial."

Bashir is set to be released April 30 after serving his 18-month sentence for immigration violations, according to his lawyers. But foreign governments, including Australia and the United States, claim he has no right to go free, and that his release could incite further violence.

Jemaah Islamiyah was blamed for both the October 2002 nightclub bombings on the island of Bali that killed 202 people and the August 2003 bombing of the Jakarta Marriott that killed 12.

The intelligence official said the U.S. and Australian ambassadors met on Friday with Indonesia's security minister to request that the case against Bashir be reopened to prevent his release.

Spokesmen at each embassy confirmed that the meeting took place but declined to provide details. The official said the security minister, Hari Sabarno, promised the case would be reopened if sufficient evidence could be obtained but offered no guarantee.

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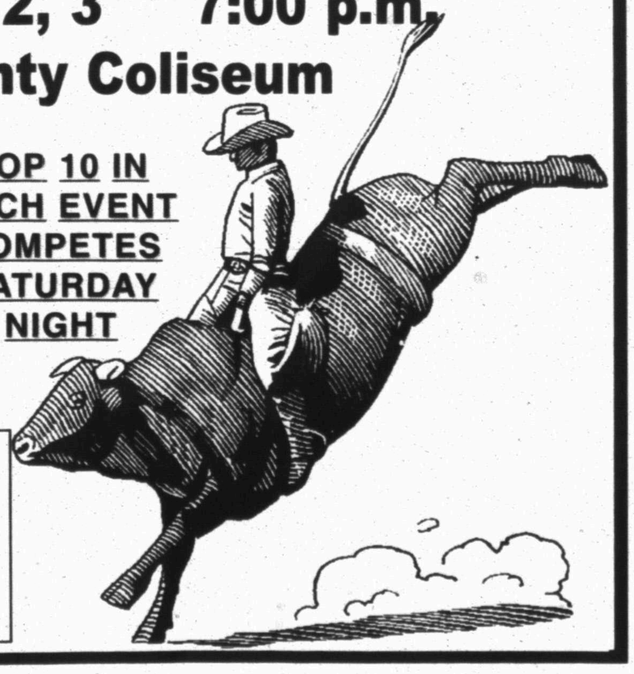
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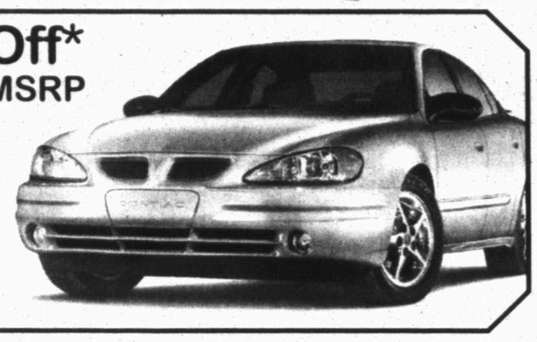
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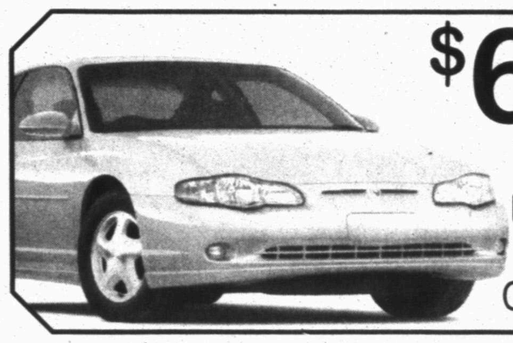
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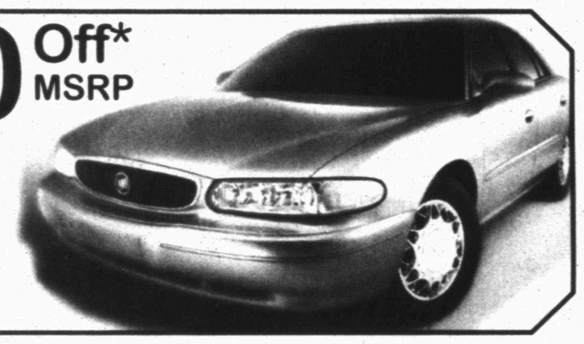
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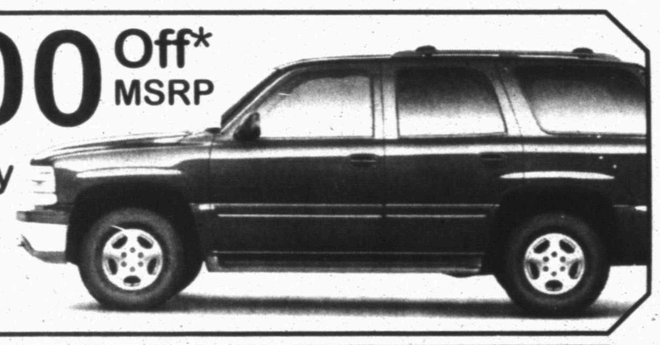
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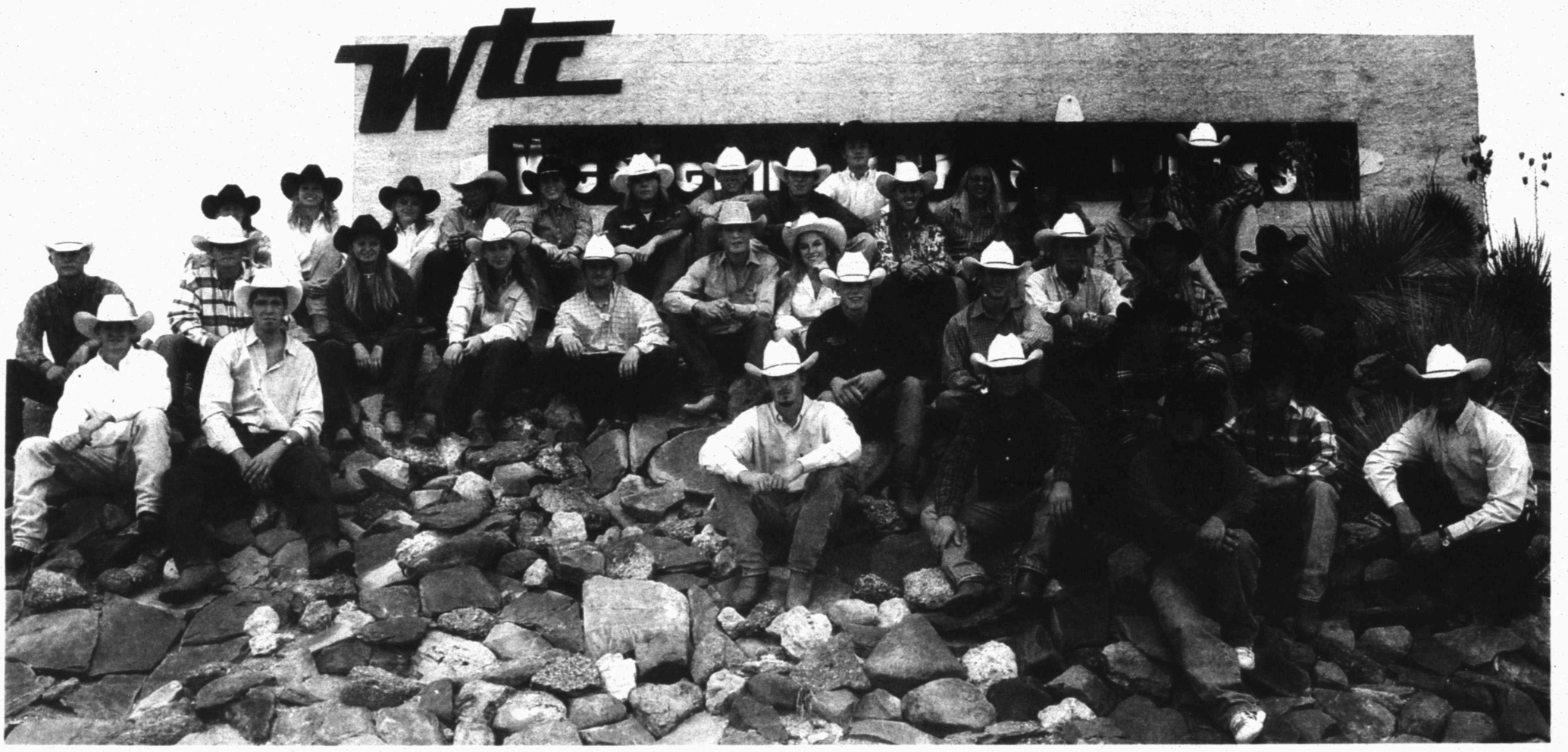
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	PTK Meeting	8 pm
	Movie Night	9 pm
March 30	Baseball Game	3pm
April 1	NIRA Rodeo	7pm
April 2	NIRA Rodeo	7pm
April 3	Softball Field Dedication	11pm
	NIRA Rodeo	7pm
April 5	Last Day to Drop a Class	
April 9	Holiday - Campus Closed	

Sunday, March 28, 2004 Western Texas College, 6200 College Ave. Snyder, TX 79549

Western Texas College NIRA Rodeo Held April 1, 2 & 3



Western Texas College is sponsoring the NIRA Rodeo April 1, 2 & 3 at the Scurry County Coliseum. The event begins at 7 pm all three nights and will include Team Roping, Tie Down, Steer Wrestling, Break-Away Roping, Goat Tying, Barrel Racing, Saddle Bronc Riding, Bareback Riding, Calf Roping and Bull Riding. There will be a catered Bar-B-Que meal at the coliseum prior to the rodeo on Thursday evening. They will serve from 5:30 pm to 7 pm with the cost being $7 per person.

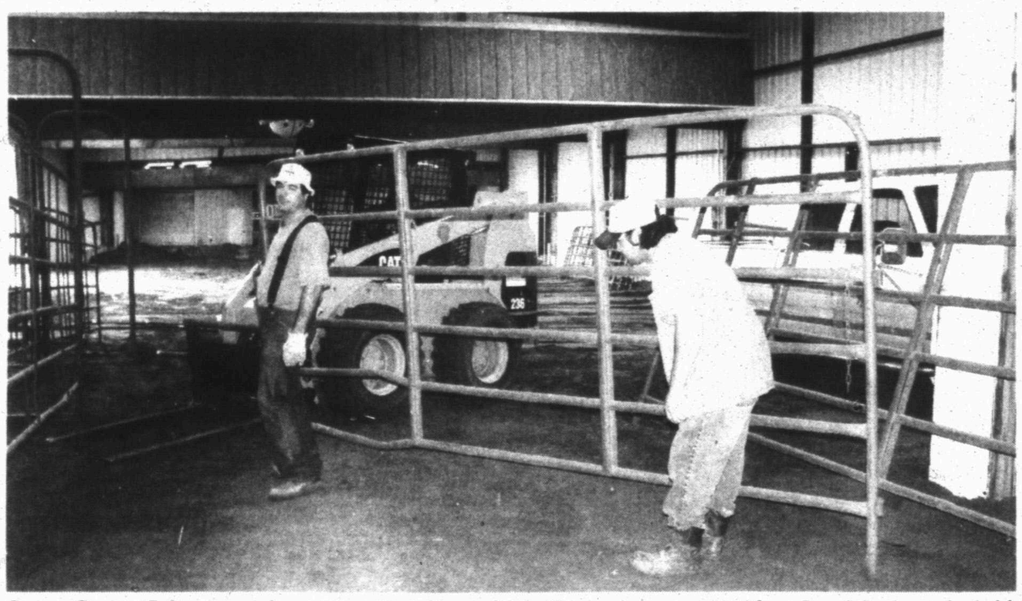
SPRING 2004 RODEO SCHEDULE

SPONSOR	*RODEO LOCATION*	*DATES*
Weatherford College	Weatherford TX	March 11-13
Odessa College	Odessa TX	March 25-27
Western Texas College	Snyder TX	April 1-3
Frank Phillips/Clarendon	Borger TX	April 8-10
Howard College	Big Spring TX	April 15-17
Tarleton State University	Stephenville TX	April 22-24

Western Texas College Rodeo Team Roster

Name	Event	Hometown
Erin Anglin	Break-Away, Goat Tying, Barrel Racing, Team Roping	Windsor, CO
Clay Bunney	Bareback, Saddle Bronc	Alberta, Canada
Courtney Carr	Barrel Racing	San Angelo, TX
Cody Carter	Calf Roping, Team Roping	Cave Creek, AZ
Shawn Childs	Bull Riding	Anson, TX
Trent Cormier	Bull Riding	Houma, LA
Reg Cully	Calf Roping, Team Roping	Athens, TX
Jared Farley	Bull Riding	Kempsey, Australia
Justin Foltyn	Bareback, Bull Riding	El Campo, TX
Ashley Hadley	Break-Away, Barrel Racing, Goat Tying	Plain City, UT
Cody Horwedel	Saddle Bronc	Parkfield, CA
Hadley Hunting	Bareback, Saddle Bronc, Bull Riding	Warren, UT
James Irish	Saddle Bronc	Lewistown, MT
Julie Jones	Break-Away, Goat Tying, Barrel Racing	Bosque, NM
Sabrina Lay	Barrel Racing	Omak, WA
Jake Marshall	Bareback, Saddle Bronc	Moree, Australia
C.R. More	Calf Roping	Frankston, TX
Lane Nixon	Bull Rinding	Freedom, OK
Bruno Paoliello	Steer Wrestling	San Paulo, Brazil
Mario Paoliello	Team Roping	San Paulo, Brazil
Jaymee Roach	Break-Away	Banquet, TX
Tanner Rollins	Saddle Bronc	Albany, TX
Guy Simanton	Saddle Bronc	Malta, MT
Justin Simmons	Bareback, Bull Riding	Grafton, Australia
Sam Spreadborough	Saddle Bronc	Tamworth, Australia
Tate Stratton	Bull Riding	Stanley, NM
Aaron Coster	Saddle Bronc	Alberta,Canada
Cydni Terry	Barrel Racing	Loraine, TX
Hunter Warren	Bull Riding	Hamlin, TX
Jennifer Weeding	Goat Tying, Break-Away	Jordan, MT
Shiloh Whitaker	Barrel Racing	El Paso, TX
Marcie Wienke	Barrel Racing	Omak, WA
Tara Woodall	Barrel Racing, Break-Away	Merkel, TX

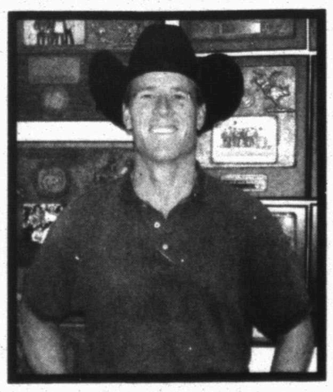
Coliseum Prepares for Ranch Rodeo



Scurry County Coliseum employees Cory Burleson and Toby Zamora are preparing for a Ranch Rodeo to be held at the coliseum this weekend. The Rodeo is sponsored by the WTC Rodeo Booster Club. Times for the event are 7 pm on Saturday and 1 pm on Sunday. Tickets are $5 per person, under 12 is free.

NIRA Rodeo Schedule of Events

Thursday, April 1st,	7 pm -	NIRA Rodeo Performance
		Slack after performance
Friday, April 2nd,	9:30 am -	Exceptional Rodeo
	1 pm -	Friday Slack
	7 pm -	NIRA Rodeo Performance
		Slack after performance
Saturday, April 3rd,	9 am -	Saturday Slack
	7 pm -	NIRA Short Go Performance (Top 10 in each event)



Greg Rhodes

WTC's Rodeo Coach Greg Rhodes was raised in Stamford, TX and was a member of the WTC Rodeo Team from 1982-1985. He continued his college rodeo career at Sul Ross in Alpine, TX before earning his BA in agriculture economics in 1990 from New Mexico State University.

Greg has coached both the men's and women's team for 7 years. Including team and individual efforts in that time, WTC has produced 25 regional champions and 6 national champions. WTC has grown not only into one of the largest rodeo programs in the Southwest Region, but also the nation. For the year 2000, WTC had the National Champion Women's Team and the men's and women's teams finished 1st for the Southwest Region, making them the 3rd school since the late 70's to accomplish this feat. This team also won 6 of the 9 events, along with an All-Around Champion for the Southwest Region.

In 2001, WTC had the Reserve National Champion Men's Team.

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WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE

Pruitt Community Room Dedication
April 18, 2 to 4 pm
Western Texas College

Sunday, March 28, 2004 Western Texas College, 6200 College Ave. Snyder, TX 79549

Lady Dusters Field Dedication Ceremony



The WTC softball field is being named for United Supermarkets during the field dedication ceremonies on Saturday, April 3. The newly constructed "United Field" sign will be unveiled prior to the game.

The Snyder Chamber Gold Coaters will have a ribbon cutting on the field at 11 am preceded by an introduction of the WTC Board Members. There will be a tailgate party immediately following at which Great Western Dining will be serving a Hamburger meal for $5 a plate until 1 pm.

The Lady Dusters will be introduced as well as the WTC softball coaching staff. The National Anthem will be sung by Shelly Englert Bradberry, daughter of Jerry and Linda Englert. The official first pitch will be thrown by a United Supermarkets family member.

The Lady Dusters will go up against Howard College in a double header at 1 pm and at 3 pm.

As with the baseball field opening ceremonies, the day has been declared "Spirit Day" so everyone is asked to wear WTC colors to the event. The community is invited to the event to support the Lady Dusters. There will be drawings during the game for WTC Softball T-shirts, a Texas Book Company Gift Certificate and a $300 WTC scholarship.

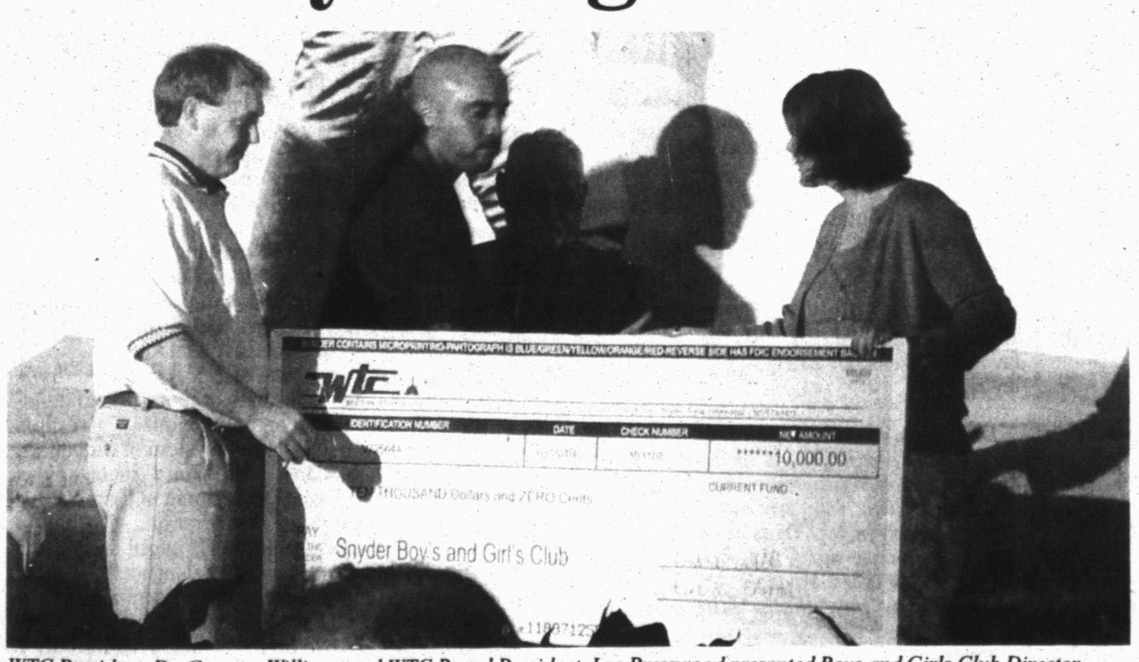
2003 - 2004 Roster

Name	Class	Home Town	Position
Alvarez, Jacque	FR	Snyder, Texas	P
Chambers, Dara	FR	Snyder, Texas	3B
Chester, Katy	FR	Midland, Texas	OF
Culver, Theresa	FR	Red Oak, Texas	1B
Davis, Lindsey	FR	Red Oak, Texas	OF
Del Bosque, Jacqueline	FR	Fort Worth, Texas	SS
Fisk, Shelley	FR	Snyder, Texas	SS
Gonzales, Patricia	SO	Los Angeles, California	P
Guidry, Brooke	FR	Granbury, Texas	3B/C
House, Amber	SO	Watauga, Texas	P
Jones, Michelle	FR	Arlington, Texas	P
Jordan, Brandy	SO	Chino, California	1B/OF
Kearbey, Eryn	FR	Ovila, Texas	P
Patterson, Heather	So	Greenville, Texas	C
Picazo, Tori	FR	McKinney, Texas	C/OF
Prewitt, Jessica	FR	Duncanville, Texas	OF
Quick, Tiffany	FR	Bangs, Texas	2B
Rodriguez, Tabitha	SO	Heath, Texas	2B/SS
Sirman, Ashley	FR	Sugar Land, Texas	OF
Taylor, Amber	SO	Mansfield, Texas	OF
Wardlaw, Stephanie	SO	Midland, Texas	3B/OF

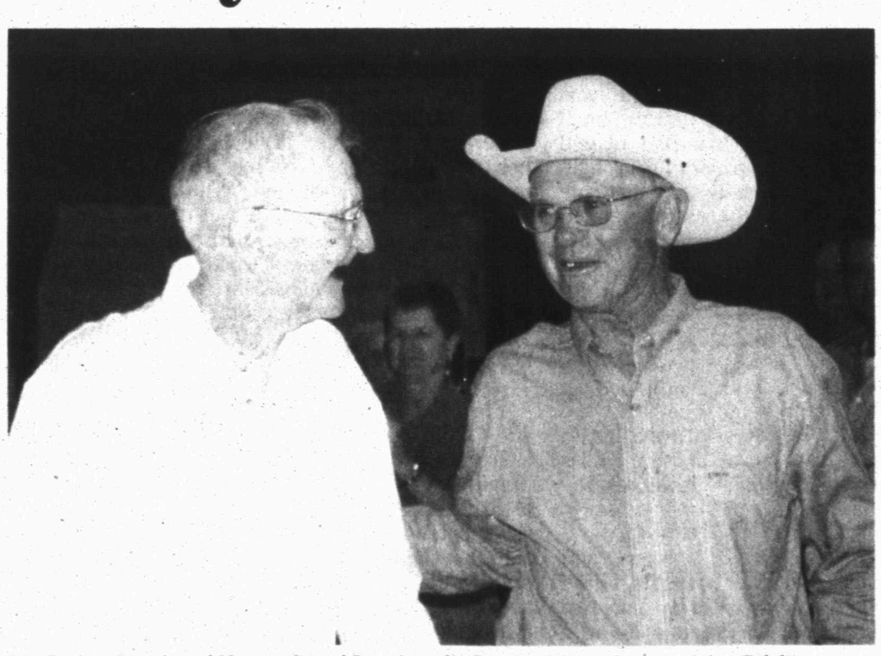
Western Texas College Lady Dusters 2004 Schedule

March			
6th	El Paso College	Snyder, TX.	1 & 3
7th	El Paso College	Snyder, TX.	1 & 3
9th	Clarendon College	Clarendon, TX.	1 & 3
10th	Clarendon College	Clarendon, TX.	1 & 3
20th	Midland College	Snyder, TX.	1 & 3
21st	Midland College	Snyder, TX.	1 & 3
27th	Odessa College	Snyder, TX.	2 & 4
28th	Odessa College	Snyder, TX.	2 & 4
31st	El Paso College	Snyder, TX.	2 & 4
April			
1st	El Paso College	Snyder, TX.	2 & 4
3rd	Howard College	Snyder, TX.	1 & 3
4th	Howard College	Snyder, TX.	1 & 3
9th	El Paso College	El Paso, TX.	1 & 3
10th	El Paso College	El Paso, TX.	1 & 3
17th	Clarendon College	Snyder, TX.	2 & 4
18th	Clarendon College	Snyder, TX.	1 & 3
22nd	Midland College	Midland, TX.	4 & 6
23rd	Midland College	Midland, TX.	4 & 6
May			
April 29th - May 2nd	Regional Tournament	TBA	TBA
12th - 16th	Junior College World Series	Orlando, FL.	TBA

Sammy Baugh's 90th Birthday Celebration



WTC President, Dr. Gregory Williams and WTC Board President, Lee Presswood presented Boys and Girls Club Director, Chad Welsh and Boy and Girls Club Board President, Jeanine Wilburn with a check for ten thousand dollars for the Boys and Girls Club. The money was raised by WTC during the Sammy Baugh, 90th Birthday Celebration held last weekend at the Scurry County Coliseum.



Mr. Sammy Baugh and His son David Baugh at the Sammy Baugh, 90th Birthday Celebration where the crowd of over 300 sang "Happy Birthday" to Sammy. The proceeds of the event went to The Boys and Girls Club of Snyder and the WTC Athletic Department.

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Letters to the editor

Freeze taxes

Dear Editor:

City and college to freeze senior's homestead taxes in next meeting?

Chris Kyker, speaker for the Texas Silver-Haired Legislators, listened and worked hard for several years for the senior citizens severely squeezed financially by the huge growth of living costs during the retirement years.

Seniors don't want to be a burden to anyone and especially to the younger generations. However, seniors are hurt more than any other sector of our population.

In the last 10 years, all items have gone up 193.5 percent; medical care services 304 percent; hospital and related services 385 .7 percent; and they're still rising.

Seniors and other citizens have seen all items rise at the same rate so we are all in the same boat. However, look at the medical services older people start to pay from fixed income as age increases. All of these are spent locally by the senior and disabled of our community. Our local seniors see cost rises at the grocery store, utilities for their homes and yearly spiraling taxes.

They don't go out of town shopping. They spend their incomes in Snyder. Sales taxes on consumption items hit them hard. They will pay their homestead taxes even if the city and college do freeze the amount. It will be the future tax increases they won't pay when and if they are frozen.

Is this tax freeze that complies with the already changed Texas Constitution really asking too much to give to the seniors and disabled? The county court did not think so.

I know the city council and college trustees are thinking of the money aspect quite seriously; however, money is the tip of the iceberg.

Can you imagine a world of isolation, loneliness, fatigue and depression? Can you imagine loosing interest in everyday activities like shopping, socializing and attending church? Of the frustration of having to move from your hometown, losing touch with your friends and family?

Now, imagine something much worse like being forced to lose your home because of future tax increases you can no longer afford. A last straw to fall when it arrives in the mail.

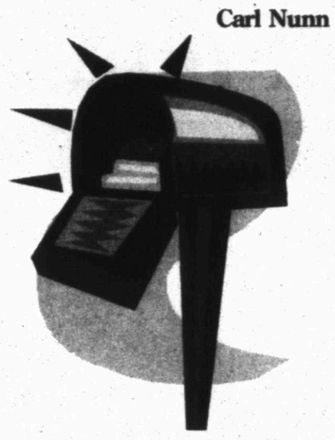
Some seniors are facing these harsh realities that you clutch in your hands. Ask the Silver-Haired Legislators, to send you their hearings on these realities. Print them in the senior citizen's newsletter, or this paper.

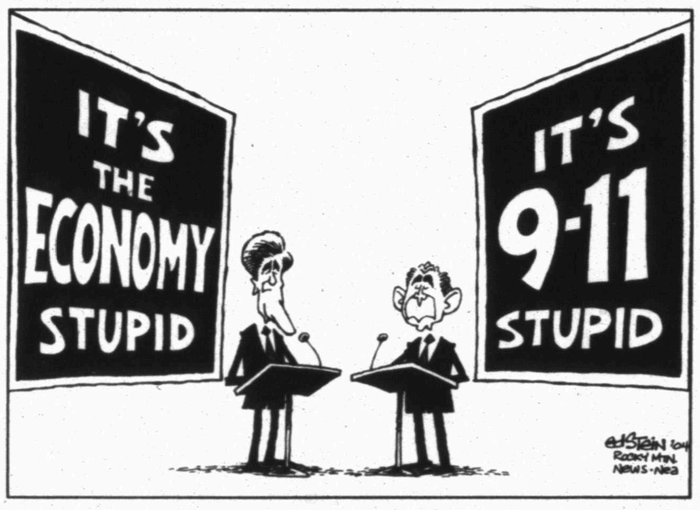
In Scurry County 81 percent have already voted, yes.

Goodbye Golden "K," Snyder will miss your fish fries, but as you said last Sunday it became too expensive to sponsor as well as the $1,000 a year to be a member of the national organization.

Can you hear us now?

Carl Nunn





Open Government Barometer

Number of Executive Sessions held by public entities in 2004.

Cogdell Hospital	8
Snyder ISD	3
DCOS	3
Ira ISD	2
Hermleigh ISD	1
City of Snyder	1
WTC	0
Scurry County	0



Letter Policy

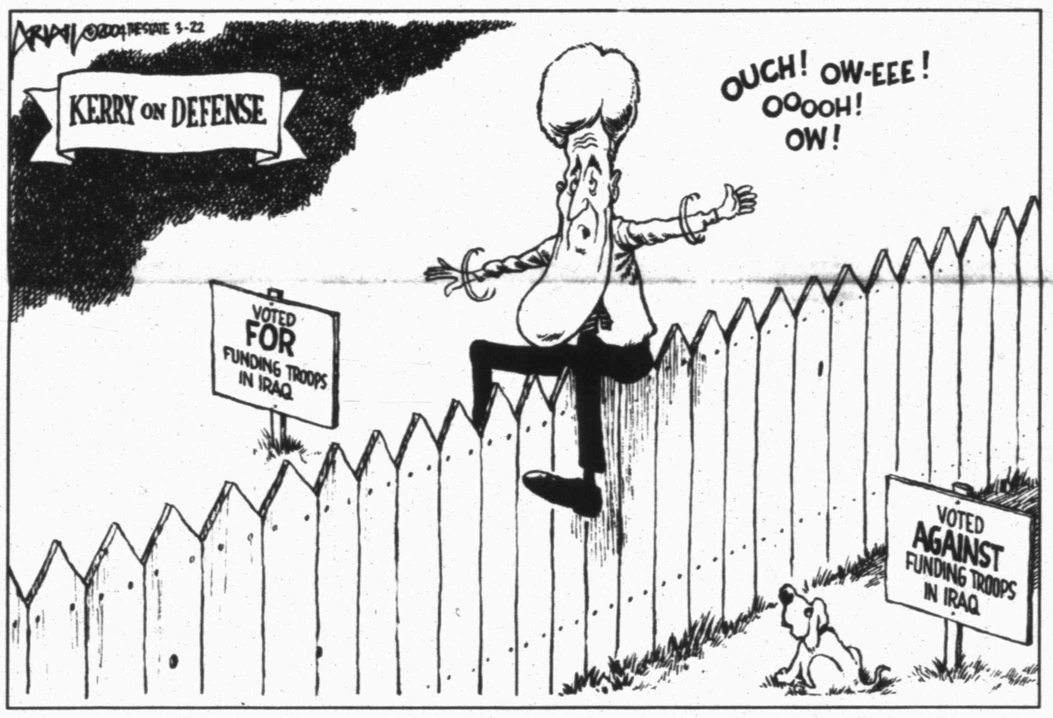
Letters to the editor must be signed and must give the address of the writer. Letters should be of reasonable length.

The newspaper reserves the right to refuse letters if they contain libelous material or information deemed in poor taste.

Following a long-standing policy and practice, Snyder Daily News does not publish letters pertaining to a candidate or issue once an election has been called.

Opinions in favor or in opposition to an issue or candidate may be published in paid political advertisements.

Letters to be published in the weekend edition must be submitted no later than noon Thursday.





Speaker for all seasons

by Don Newbury

They were a team for 53 years — Woody and Fern Woodall — and when he died, she seemed ready to cancel the rest of the schedule.

Thankfully, a doggedly determined daughter was convinced there was some fire left, and she called on the Dallas Mavericks to fan the flame.

Why the Mavericks? Some background may help.

As community leaders for several decades, the couple was interested in whatever went on in their towns. They had owned weekly newspapers in a half-dozen communities. Both wrote columns, took pictures, handled complaints, covered events (and non-events) and jointly crusaded for community betterment. Both had been cited as "citizen of the year," and Woody had served as Grand Saline mayor. When emphysema's grip tightened on Woody in the mid-'90s, the Woodall's interests dwindled to just two — travel and the Dallas Mavericks. Finally, it was just the Mavericks.

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What a pair they were in Grand Saline and Tyler hospitals. That's where Woody spent the final two months of his life, and his wife was ever present. Breathing wasn't coming easily, but if the Mavericks were on TV, he perked up.

Caregivers and loved ones smiled to see Fern and Woody, scrunched together on his hospital bed. They held hands while watching the Mavericks. The phone was unanswered, medication was delayed and visitors could come back later.

The Woodalls were caught up in the games. Woody made it a few weeks into post-season, dying June 17, 2002.

The Woodall children —sons Bill and Bert and daughter Lisa — didn't know what to do about their mom. Fern was listless and generally disinterested in living; her quick gait had become a mope. She rarely watched TV; her life had faded to black.

When the next season started, her kids and grandkids urged her to resume watching Mavs' TV games. She saw a few on the tube, but still was very much in low gear.

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Then, Lisa had an idea. She and daughters Meagan and Kelsey decided to take Fern to a Maverick game. They found four ideal tickets on the Internet a few rows behind the Dallas bench and cheerfully paid a four-figure price. Utilizing the mail, phone and e-mail, Lisa contacted the Mavericks' PR office, pleading for her mom to have the chance to meet coaches and/or players. Fern particularly wanted to meet Michael Finley.

Front office people promptly responded, offering cautious optimism that she might get to meet a Dallas coach for a "meet/greet" howdy a few minutes before game time.

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It was sweaty palm time for the Woodall bunch. Fern re-discovered her smile when she learned of the evening's "maybes." She clutched her homemade sign, ready to wave it in the air. It read: "I'll be Michael Finley's Grandma."

A few minutes before game time, the foursome was escorted to the court to meet Coach Don Nelson.

He was convivial and relaxed. (The stats show that he hugged Fern twice!) They talked for a few minutes. It was as casual as all get-out, like friends do in the post office lobby. A photographer snapped a picture.

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Finley didn't play that night. He sat behind the bench in a suit and tie, laughing out loud a time or two when his friends yelled and pointed to Mrs. Woodall's sign. She continued to wave it enthusiastically.

The Mavericks won. Coach Nelson looked her way, flashing his biggest NBA smile. Finley saluted her and his wink sealed the deal that he had a new grandma.

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It was a good news day at the *Grand Saline Sun.* Fern's and Nellie's photo took up a full quarter of the front page, and there was a happy story accompanying.

The upshot is that Fern is back. She is happily at home in Grand Saline, active in First United Methodist Church and in community affairs. She's moving briskly about, her green eyes brightened, and her smile — well, if she were pitted in a smiling contest with Nellie, there'd be co-champions.

She welcomes calls from friends — but not during a Mavs' game. Call then, and you'll get voice mail. Visit, and she'll show you her picture with Coach Nelson, who inscribed, "To Fern, Our Best Fan." And beside her favorite chair is her Michael Finley sign.

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Dr. Newbury, former president of Western Texas College, is an author/speaker/columnist in the Metroplex. The Idle American appears weekly in 100 Texas newspapers. He's never met Coach Don Nelson, but if Fern Woodall says he's an okay guy, that's quite enough! (Dr. Newbury welcomes comments at 817.447.3872 or by e-mail, newbury@speakerdoc.com)

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Nuclear preparedness

Serious questions are being raised as to whether America's nuclear facilities have adequate security programs in place to thwart terrorist attacks.

Security operations are being weakened by deteriorating training programs, personnel shortages and employee fatigue resulting from excessive overtime work, according to federal inspectors and a public watchdog group.

Ten nuclear weapons facilities, including the Pantex site near Amarillo, have reduced or eliminated key elements of a training curriculum designed in part to fend off terrorists, the Department of Energy's inspector general reported Tuesday. Pantex, the nation's only facility where nuclear weapons are assembled, drew dubious attention in January after disclosures that workers taped together broken pieces of a high explosive being removed from the plutonium trigger of an old warhead. A federal oversight agency said the incident risked a "violent reaction."

The Washington-based Project On Government Oversight, or POGO, charged last week that the nation's 65 nuclear power plants are "not even close" to being prepared against terrorist threats. Most plants would have to quadruple their security to adequately deal with a terrorist strike, said POGO Executive Director Danielle Brian.

The admonitions should cause operators of nuclear facilities to at least re-examine their training programs and staffing levels to ensure that safeguards are adequate. The closest nuclear facility to Tarrant County is the Comanche Peak power plant at Glen Rose, 45 miles southwest of Fort Worth. Officials of Dallas-based TXU, owner and operator of Comanche Peak, previously have stressed that they significantly enhanced security after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and have taken "appropriate measures" to guard against hostile actions.

Strong training programs and adequately staffed security teams are crucial to ensuring that terrorists will fail if they attack a nuclear facility. Everyone must remember that complacency is among America's deadliest enemies in its effort to foil future terrorist acts on American soil.

El Paso Times

Federal courts swamped

Red flags should be going up in both the judicial and legislative branches after a group of federal judges noted Tuesday that federal courts are becoming swamped.

Carolyn Dineen King, Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals judge and chairwoman of the policy-setting Judicial Conference of the United States, said, "Our criminal caseloads keep going up, but our resources go down every year."

Federal District Court Judge Philip Martinez of El Paso said things have remained pretty steady in El Paso for him. "In terms of my caseload, things have been steady," he said. "I don't know that legislation has increased the burden on courts." Martinez said that as long as drugs are illegal and borders closed, we will always have significant numbers of narcotics and immigration cases in El Paso.

Dineen, however, is concerned that President Bush's increasingly tough policies on crime, and measures such as Attorney General John Ashcroft's 2003 memo that U.S. attorneys should use plea bargains only in limited circumstances, are resulting in more cases going to trial. That in turn could cause lengthy trials that could have been avoided with plea bargains, according to the judges.

One of the ways to cope with that is to keep the federal judiciary fully staffed. There are a number of judicial nominees awaiting confirmation by the Senate. The battle for confirmation is well-documented. It would help for the Senate to expedite the approval of these nominees so they could get to work and take part of the caseload.

If the Democrats could put aside partisan politics for a bit and work for the good of the court system (and the American people), at least part of the problem could be alleviated. Ashcroft last year ordered federal prosecutors to seek the severest charges and penalties. Nothing wrong with that. As the saying goes, do the crime, do the time.

But Judge King said that federal spending isn't keeping up with increased pace of cases generated by such decisions. And that's a concern. The choice seems clear: Either don't pursue the harshest charges and penalties (which shouldn't be an option), or find the resources to keep teeth in the judicial system.

More money? More judges? More courtrooms? Those are possibilities, but softening the judicial system isn't wise. Increasing drug problems, expanding immigration concerns, national security concerns, toughening laws and penalties — and the ever-increasing national population — all spell a growing number of federal cases. King's concerns must be heeded, and the resources found to keep up with the federal courts' expanding responsibilities.

Austin American-Statesman

Costly prison system

It's not as if people didn't — or couldn't — see this coming. It's just that they wouldn't.

In the 1990s, legislators eager to out-tough one another and everyone else on crime, engaged in a massive, expensive construction program that tripled the size of the Texas prison system.

Before long, all the new capacity was swallowed up by the numbers of people being sent to prison by prosecutors, judges and juries who were just as determined to prove just how tough they were on crime and criminals. Some of us pointed out that adding prison capacity to fight crime was like using a teaspoon to drain a swamp — not the most efficient way of going about it.

"When it comes to corrections, the state needs to start thinking outside the concrete box," we suggested in an editorial published in November 1997. An ever-growing prison population that created a demand for more prison construction in turn created a demand for even more prison construction. Prison beds never stay empty for long.

We suggested alternatives and diversions to incarceration, with prison space reserved for the most dangerous or the most incorrigible.

Fast forward to 2004, when legislators wrestling with the age-old policy problem of meeting increasing volume of demand with relatively static volume of dollars. Though "lock 'em up and throw away the key" rhetoric has long been politically popular, Texas policy-makers now are acknowledging just how expensive that key is.

"I don't think there's anyone in the state of Texas now who thinks that the smart thing to do is build thousands of more prison units," said Ray Allen, R-Grand Prairie, chairman of the House Corrections Committee. "We need to have a better-funded system of probation." Additionally, the American-Statesman's Mike Ward reported last week that the committee quizzed Texas Department of Criminal Justice officials closely about alternatives to incarceration.

Like all shifts in policy thinking, the shift was brought on more by economic interests than moral ones. The criminal justice bureaucracy currently supervises 659,840 people. And that total includes 148,700 incarcerated in prison units scattered throughout the state, another 434,512 on parole and 76,628 on probation. That number is only slightly lower than the 678,198 Austinites counted in the most recent Census. Imagine the entire city of Austin under supervision of the criminal justice agency.

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GREETINGS!

St. Patrick's Day marked my four month anniversary as chamber director. It is a honor to work with this community and for this board of directors. The Chamber Board is committed to making Snyder a more prosperous and better place to live. The directors will be introduced April 21st at the annual banquet with speaker Bobby Knight of Texas Tech University. The chamber is proud of all our athletic teams and this year we will honor the Lady Tiger Basketball team and Coach Mike Martin. Tickets are on sale now for $25.00 each to members first and then we will start selling to the general public on April 1st - come and join us for fun and fellowship. (Aggies, Horn Frogs, Longhorns, etc. are especially invited).

A few weeks ago I met with Jackie Greene and Jim Palmer of WTC to discuss starting again the leadership classes that help motivate young adults to become involved in the community. This class targets men and women in the 30 year old range to become leaders in civic and community affairs. Businesses will be contacted to select someone this summer to start the program in September. To make this a strong community for years to come we need to start the promotion of our future leaders today.

When the chamber became involved in the Snyder Clean Up Campaign I realized that we needed "younger people" to help in many of the projects. Chad Welsh of the Snyder Boys & Girls Club called and asked if he could bring six young men last Saturday to work with us -I said YES of course. What a great group of kids. I am so pleased that the WTC / Sammy Baugh dinner was able to donate $10,000.00 to this organization. Please join us each Saturday morning at 8:00 AM for coffee and we leave at 8:30AM for our location. We need your help!!

The Chamber staff has been busy with several projects including the Circus that will be here Friday, April 9th at the Coliseum. This will be a fun all day event starting in the morning with the police and fire departments participating. A couple of weeks ago as we were working on this project all of us had family members rushed to Lubbock for emergency bypass surgery. Terry Holt, Kerry's father was the first one to have his surgery, then my sister-in-law Jackie was the next one, and then Sandra's mother had her surgery. I made a quick trip up on Thursday night and saw all three in ICU. This has to be a record of some kind but we are blessed because all are doing well at this time.

Last night we had Business After Hours and John DeLille spoke on Economic Development issues for our area. This was an interesting program - we have so many assets to work with - Thanks John!!!

Take care until next time.

VICKI SHROYER

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB CITY CLEANUP



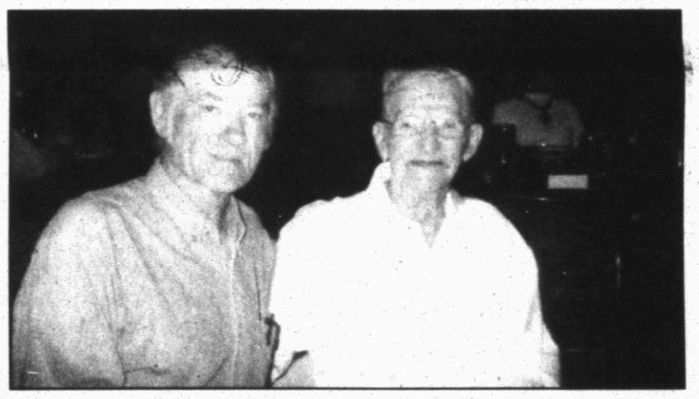


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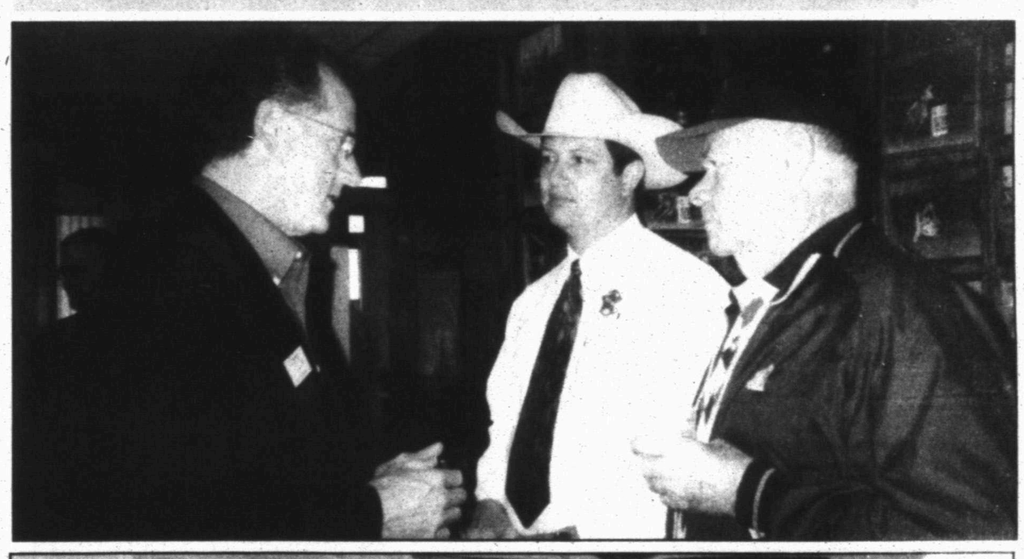
CASH & PAY RIBBON CUTTING— from left Nancy Smith, Nancy Stansell, D'Ann Grimmett, Jacky Grimmett and Donna Gray.

BAUGH 90th BIRTHDAY



BAUGH 90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION — Don Maynard and Sammy Baugh visit at Sammy's 90th birthday celebration.

EDWARD JONES RECEPTION





EDWARD JONES RECEPTION — Top photo from left Mike Conaway, Sheriff Darren Jackson and James Northcott. Bottom photo from left Trent Driggers, D'Ann Preston, Diana Riggan, Tim Riggan, Barbara Eicke, Mike Conaway and Suzanne Conaway.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL

1-3 - WTC Rodeo - Scurry County Coliseum Call 325 573-8511, extension 250

9 - Outdoor circus at Scurry County Coliseum

17 - Snyder High School prom - Scurry County Coliseum

17 - Gateway Golf Classic Fundraiser Tournament - WTC Golf Course

17 - Fish-A-Thon -Towle Park Pond

21 - Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet - Coliseum

22 - Business After Hours - 5-7 p.m. - Scurry County Museum

23-24 - Relay for Life

30-May 1 - Snyder Wheels car show (For information call 325 573-2171 or 573-3579)

MAY

8 - Senior Center May Day - Scurry County Coliseum Call 325 573-4035 for information

15 - Oxy Permian/Nalco Annual Golf Tournament

20 - Business After Hours -5-7 p.m.

28 - Snyder High School graduation - Coliseum

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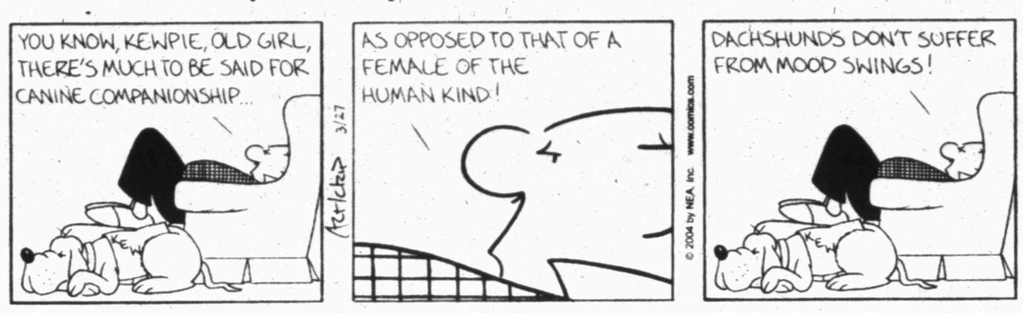
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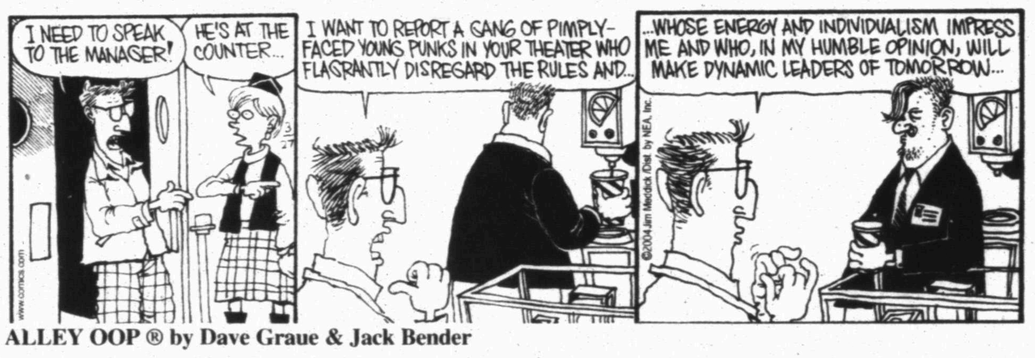
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ACROSS

1 Fluctuate
5 Fringe benefit
9 — time now
12 Asian mountains
13 Elvis, to some
14 Murmur
15 Way
16 Pop's — Tennille
17 Sunrise to sunset
18 Quaker State burg
20 Cheesy snack
22 Verdi heroine
23 Cartoon shriek
24 Weighs, as evidence
27 Not certain
31 Parapsychology topic
34 What fans do
35 Cleopatra's river
36 Every
38 Iowa city
40 Greet formally
41 Pink
42 Get onto the freeway
44 Wages
46 Unlikely to bite
49 Type of bee
52 Beset
54 Web addr.
55 Faucet problem
58 Famous 500
59 Turkish honorific
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61 Bank holding
62 Ginza money
63 Run-in
64 Adventure tale

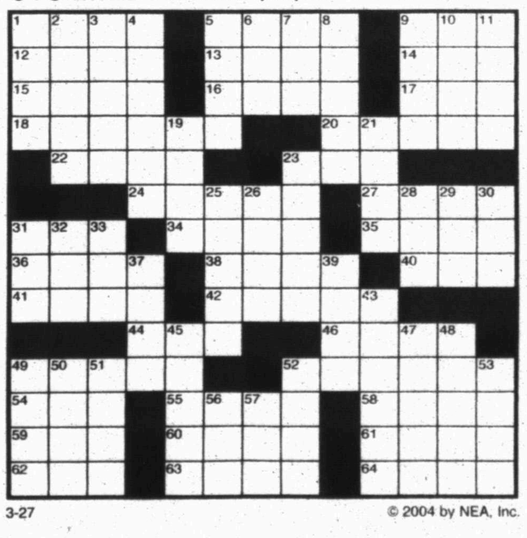
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1 Shoe part
2 Oahu welcome
3 Pie-chart lines
4 Harvests
5 Feel for
6 Tokyo, once
7 Reagan
8 Actor Kevin — nickname
9 Heavy metal band
10 Ark builder
11 Seesaw (hyph.)
19 Hideout
21 Quite similar
23 Aromatic chemical
25 Sudsy
26 Heavy reading
28 Small untruth
29 Ziegfeld nickname
30 Somber evergreen
31 Always, to Poe
32 — Paulo
33 Desktops
37 Media excess
39 Bilko and Preston
43 Without strain
45 Alpaca habitat
47 Craze
48 Downy quilt
49 Pier
50 Natural impulse
51 Panache
52 Dr.'s visit
53 Vanessa's sister
56 Chat
57 A Gershwin

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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British cavers held in Mexico

CUETZALAN DEL PROGRESO, Mexico (AP) — Six British explorers surfaced after more than a week trapped in an underground cavern, but they faced captivity by Mexican immigration authorities amid questions about whether they had permission for their expedition.

The explorers, who emerged unharmed from the flooded cavern in central Mexico on Thursday, will be sent to an immigration detention center in the capital along with the six others in their team, Assistant Interior Secretary Armando Salinas said.

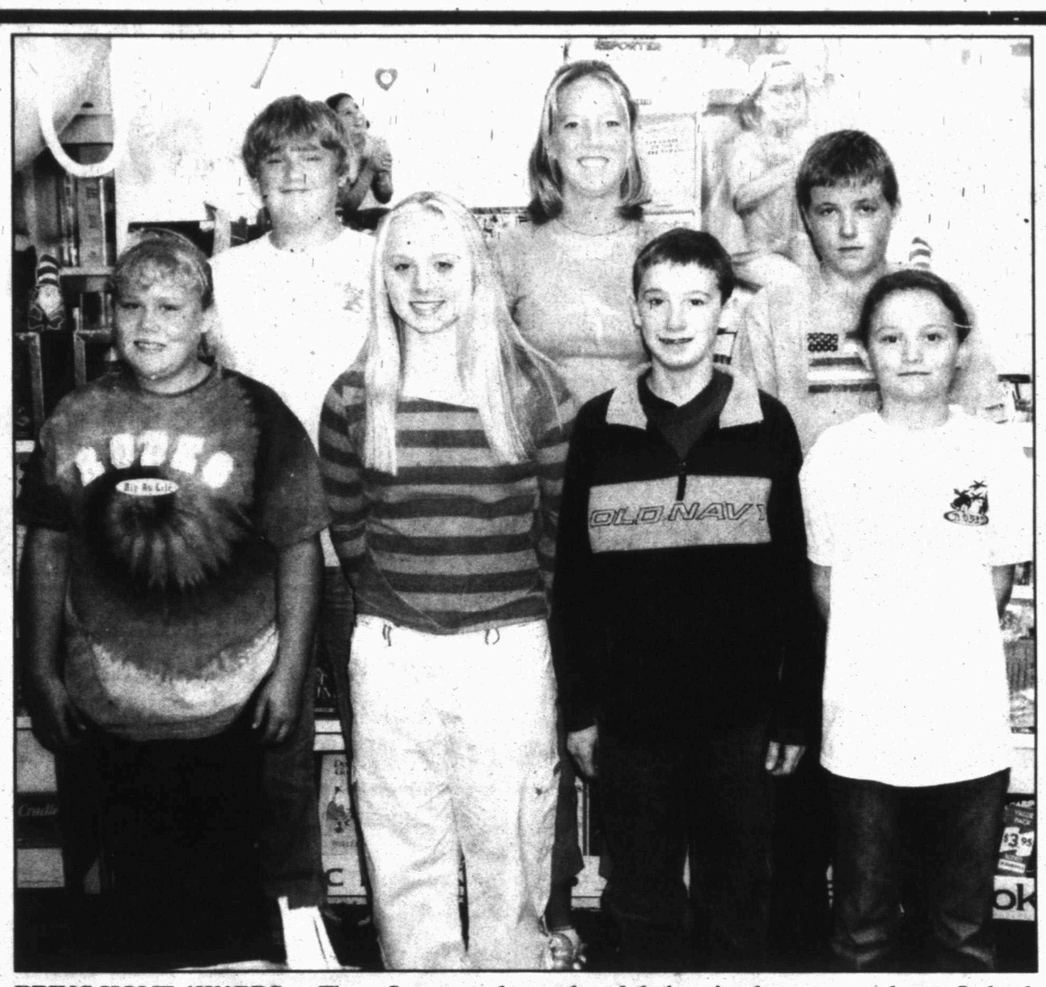
The men were trapped deep underground on March 17 when rising water flooded the entrance to the Alpazat cavern system in the state of Puebla. The explorers rationed their food, fashioned maps into playing cards and kept in radio contact with team members on the surface.

But the explorers, who included four members of Britain's military, inflamed Mexican sensitivities by refusing help from local rescuers — prompting suspicions that the team was involved in an unauthorized military or scientific expedition.

"We have reason to suppose that their actions could touch on our immigration law," Salinas said in Mexico City. "Their stay was legal as tourists, but there are indications that their activities were not of this type."

British authorities on Friday denied that the men violated the terms of their tourist vistas.

"We undertook the trip in good faith as we have done for 20 years without any problems using the same visa that we have always used," a Ministry of Defense spokesman said.



BRING HOME AWARDS — These Ira ag students placed their animals at recent shows. In back from left are Chad Nickerson, Kelbi Pitner and Rance Dunn. Front row from left are Baily Nickerson, Kaci Waller, Tyrelle Gilbert and Laramie Gilbert. Not pictured are Bailey Minor and Jessica Odom. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Ira FFA animals garner awards

Students in Ira School' Future Farmers of America chapter have successfully exhibited animals at recent shows.

At the San Angelo goat show, Baily Nickerson's entries placed third and seventh in the meat goat division. Chad Nickerson exhibited the first place meat goat.

Three students' animals were recognized at the San Antonio lamb and hog show. Baily Minor's light weight Southdown lamb placed ninth. Second place went to Rance Dunn for his heavy weight Duroc hog.

Kaci Waller, showed the champion crossbreed and reserve grand champion.

At the Houston Stock Show, three students received awards. Kelbi Pitner's fine wool heavy weight placed twelfth. Jessica Odom's heavy weight fine wool cross was ranked fifteenth. Kaci Waller placed ninth with her heavy weight fine wool cross and seventh place with her heavy weight goat.

At the Star of Texas in Austin, Kaci Waller's heavy weight fine wool cross placed sixth.

At the San Angelo steer show, Tyrelle Gilbert's entry placed eighth.

Laramie Gilbert's steer placed eleventh place at the Houston Show.

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DeLay may need to raise legal defense funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Majority Leader Tom DeLay told supporters this month that a legal defense fund typically is needed for investigations such as the one in Texas regarding a political fund-raising group he founded, an aide said Friday.

"Even with things that are politically motivated, they are expensive," said Stuart Roy, an aide to the Sugar Land Republican.

The Houston Chronicle reported that DeLay briefly discussed legal defense in connection with the Texas investigation at a private gathering in Houston on March 8, then had an aide discuss the possible need to raise money.

But Roy told The Associated Press that DeLay only discussed his legal defense fundraising in relation to another case, a 2000 racketeering lawsuit filed against him by Democrats that never went to trial.

In the current case, Texas prosecutors are examining whether corporate contributions from Texans for a Republican Majority, a political action committee formed in 2001 by DeLay, ultimately went to GOP state House candidates. That would be a violation of Texas campaign finance laws.

Two people at the gathering told the Chronicle on condition of anonymity that DeLay said he might need to pay for legal defense in connection with the new Texas investigation.

The Texas grand jury on the case finished Thursday without handing up any indictments. Gregg Cox, the chief prosecutor in Travis County District Attorney Earle's office, said a new grand jury would be impaneled next month to continue the investigation.



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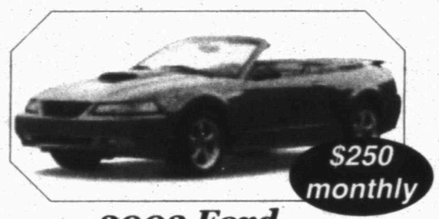
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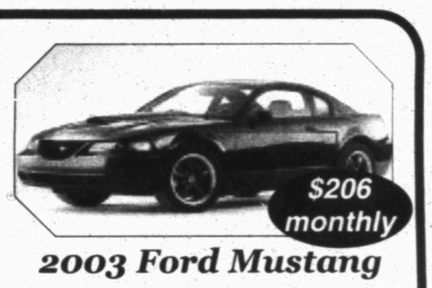
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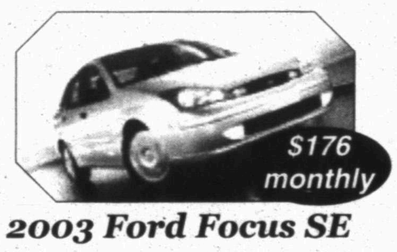
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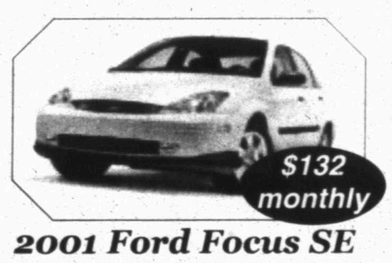
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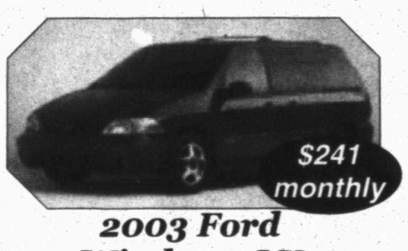
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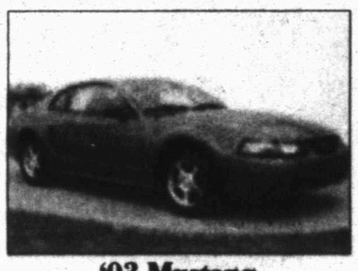
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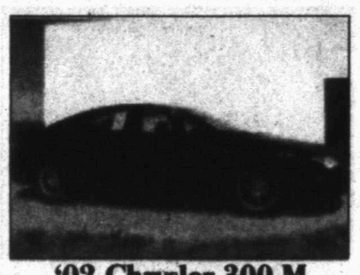
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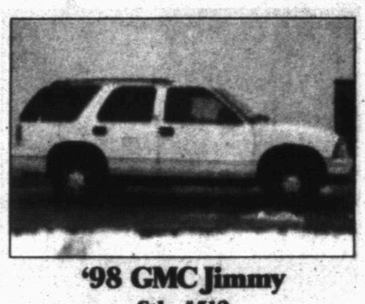
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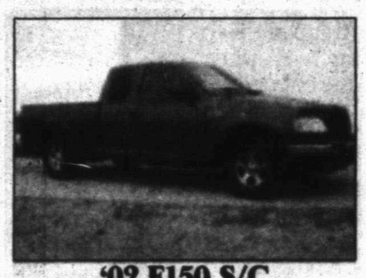
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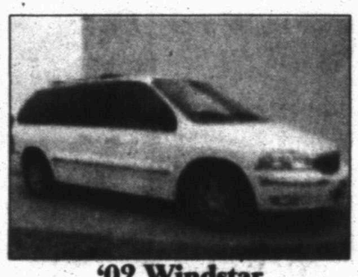
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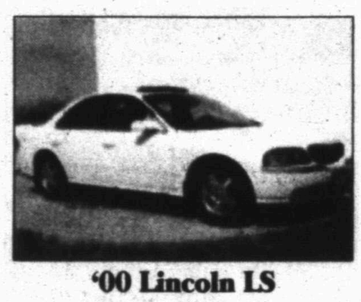
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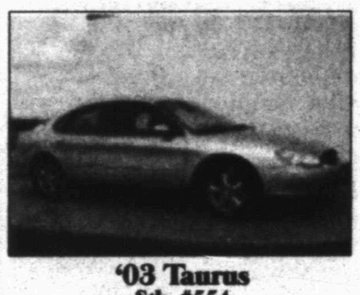
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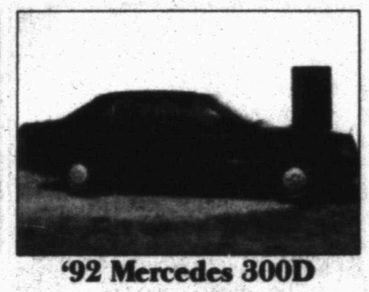
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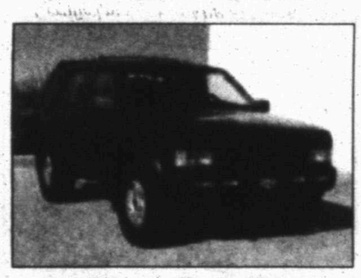
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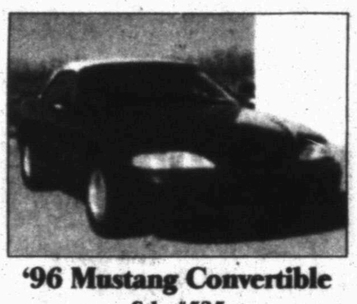
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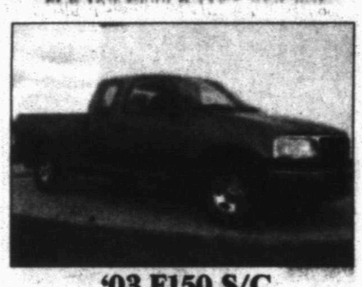
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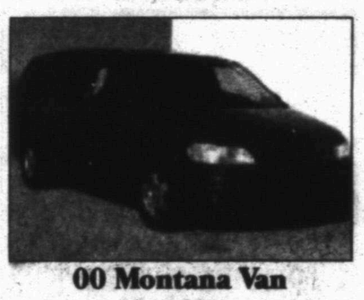
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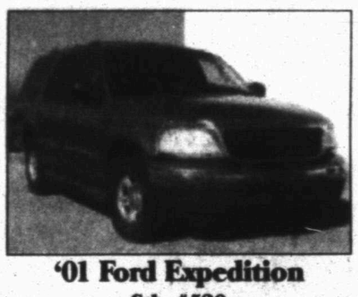
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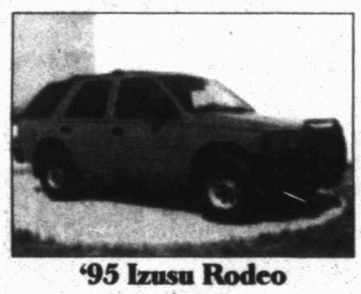
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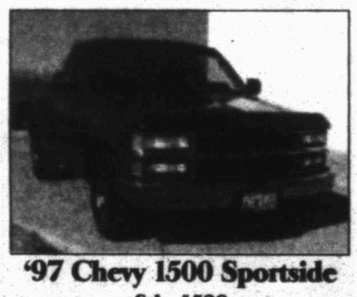
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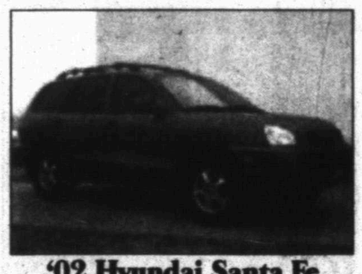
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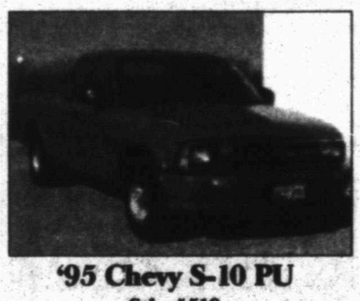
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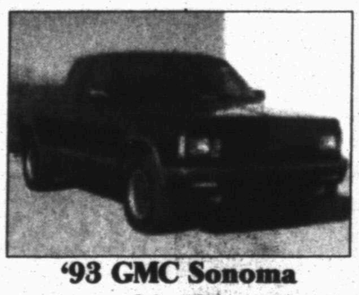
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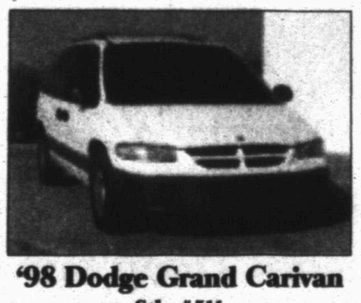
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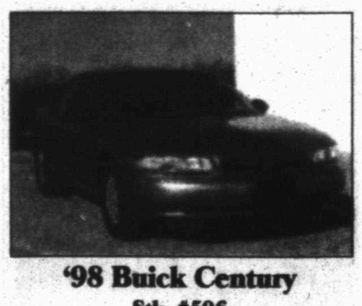
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Stk. #510
$73/wkly
**$5,997



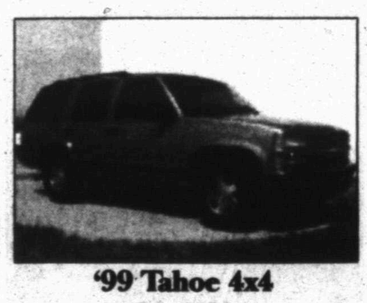
'98 Dodge Grand Carivan
Stk. #511
$190/mo
***$7,497



'00 GMC Z71 Ext
Stk. #516
$319/mo
*$16,997



'98 Buick Century
Stk. #506
$149/mo
***$5,997



'99 Tahoe 4x4
Stk. #534
$350/mo
***$13,997

NO MATTER WHAT•

No Matter What You Owe on Your Trade!
No Matter What Your Credit Is!
No Matter What Your Budget Is!
Your Trade Is Worth a Minimum* of $1000.
- No Matter What!

* Drivers License, $1500 Monthly Income, & Have Access to Phone at Residence

*** 10% Down & TTL, 42 months, 9.9% WAC
** 20% Down & TTL, 130 weeks, 15 add on rate WAC
* 10% Down & TTL, 60 months, 9.9% WAC

One trade towards purchase of vehicle. One trade per purchase. Some Restrictions Apply.