Best Available Copy

**********FIRM 79903
2410 02-01-10 29P 24S
SOUTHWEST MICRO **C041
2627 E YANDELL DR
EL PASO TX 79903-3724

INSIDE

What's up 2
Lifestyles 3
Sports 5
Midday stocks 7
Weather 10

WT-Int. Crude - $33.62
WTIC Posted - $30.25
Natural Gas - $6.83

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

THURSDAY
Jan. 8, 2004
Vol. 55 No. 217
10 Pages 50¢
Home of Sydney Glass

THE SDN COLUMN



MY TURN
by Annie Rowe

Well gang, once again we're back in the huddle discussing plans and plays for the big game of politics.

The first squirrel to poke her head out of the hole is none other than the Material Girl, Moronna. Ooops, I mean, Madonna.

She recently posted a letter on her official web site endorsing Gen. Wesley Clark in his Democratic bid for the presidency.

I don't know. Maybe Clark would make a fine president.

My problem is why does a person who doesn't feel that the United States is fit to live in get off telling the rest of us who she thinks would make a good president. After all Madonna, you don't live here anymore!

In her letter she says: "The simple truth is that the current administration has squandered incredible opportunities to bring the world together, to promote peace in regions that have only known war…"

Hhmmmm…let's just think about that little statement.

Yea. Wasn't the little message of love we received from Osama bin Laden back on Sept. 11 just too cute.

How about the cookies and lemonade that Saddam made for our troops?

And at the risk of sounding redundant, she doesn't live here anymore!

The little princess also states: "I want my children to grow up with the same opportunities that I had…"

Duuuhhhh, right! In ENGLAND!

Y'all know that I can't stand for people who don't vote to criticize the winning candidates.

The thing that makes me mad enough to wanna chew the front bumper off a Kenworth parked at the Plaza Truck Stop is for some rich dip-stick, know-it-all living in England to mouth off about how we need to run our country!

Madonna is so worried about her kids having opportunities that she packed her Versaces and hooked 'em over to Europe. Now she's there all the time and has even started talking with a fake British accent.

I'll bet she said it all between mouthfuls of tea and crumpets.

BUT she knows who we, the people who live here and love this country on a daily basis, should choose as president.

Yea, honey. Like you're the expert on who has fine moral character.

After all, you're the one who stood on the side of a road naked, with a six-inch cigarette hanging out your mouth letting some photographer make pictures of you so you could put it all in a book titled "Sex."

Sounds like an expert on moral fiber to me.

We Americans have a reputation for being pretty strong folks. We hang in day-to-day dealing with everything from gas prices to hospital districts. The last thing we need is someone like Madonna kicking in her two cents worth.

We are blessed with freedom. The freedom to choose where we want to live, even if it does mean moving to another country.

I've got many friends who went to other countries to work, but they never once called it home.

Madonna now calls England home.

My little message to her is: "If the neighborhood ain't good enough for you, honey, keep your rear out and your mouth shut."

Contract extension expected...

Superintendent's evaluation is on board's agenda

Snyder school trustees will consider a contract extension for Supt. Ronny Collins during this evening's regular board meeting.

The school chief's present contract expires June 30, 2006.

Trustees will have a closed session for the evaluation of Collins prior to discussing the contract extension.

The board also has another closed session scheduled to hear a complaint from a school district auxiliary employee.

Several reports will be given including the annual Safe & Drug Free Performance Report by Karen Waller, executive director for business; and Kenny Burns, school resource officer.

Waller also will present the financial report and lead the discussion on designating a portion of the district's fund balance to pay for portions of the heating and cooling project at Snyder High School.

In personnel matters, the trustees will formalize the contract for Fernando Baeza to teach social studies and coach at the junior high. Baeza is a December graduate of Abilene Christian University.

Also, a list of resignations and/or retirements will be presented by Collins at the meeting that gets underway at 6 o'clock in the administration boardroom.



FUTURE COWBOY — At 19-months-old, Kason Proctor is already following in his father's footsteps. Father, Dade, and Kason enjoyed an afternoon of team roping at the Scurry County rodeo grounds. (SDN Staff Photo)

Counterfeit $20 bill passed at local store

Snyder police are investigating a counterfeit bill that was passed to a clerk at the Snyder One Stop on Wednesday.

"This is an unusual situation, but store clerks need to be made aware of it," said Snyder police Cpl. Dennis Young.

The bill, which was a $1 bill that had been altered to look like a $20, was used as payment for merchandise.

The incident seemed as though it could have come straight from a B comedy movie. Upon closer inspection, it was obvious that the bill had been tampered with.

"The person handing this off simply took a dollar bill, cut the corners off and taped the corners of a twenty in its place."

However, the counterfeit bill passer took advantage of the opportunity when the clerk was busy to hand her the bill. The clerk did not notice that the bill had been altered.

"Business owners need to be aware that someone is trying to do this," Young said. "If they will just take a few extra seconds to look at their bills when exchanging money, they can catch it if the scam is tried on them."

If anyone feels that they have been passed a suspicious bill, they are urged to contact the Snyder police or the Scurry County sheriff's department.



HOME AWAY FROM HOME — Brenda Juarez prepares the Western Texas College dorms for the start of the spring semester. The dorms open for students at 10 a.m. Friday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Gang attacks, kills one tourist in Guatemala

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — Police set up roadblocks and hunted the countryside today for a gang that attacked and robbed a minibus carrying U.S. tourists, killing a Utah man.

Police spokesman Faustino Sanchez said "there is still no one captured."

Thirteen members of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints were traveling from the mountain city of Quetzaltenango to the Mexican border on Wednesday when five men with automatic weapons intercepted their bus about 120 miles west of the capital.

Most of the tourists were from Ogden and Salt Lake City.

Survivors told police that the gunmen opened fire to halt the bus, wounding the driver and Ogden architect Brett Richards, 52, who died en route to a nearby hospital.

The other passengers were taken back from the roadside and were forced to lie face-down while their belongings were stolen.

"It seemed like about a month," said Richards' cousin Ed Allen, who spoke to The Salt Lake Tribune from his hotel Wednesday night. "Most of us felt like we were going to be murdered."

He said the organizer of the tour, Joseph Allen, was kicked in the face several times, but he seemed to be "doing OK."

Sergio Maldonado, president of the Mormon church in Retalhuleu, some 25 miles from the site of the attack, said the tourists spent the night there and would later come to Guatemala City.

Maldonado said the survivors "seem more relaxed, although a little frightened," today.

Police said the group was on vacation, not a formal religious mission.

Many Mormons believe archaeological ruins in Central America were built by people described in the Book of Mormon, which church founder Joseph Smith claimed to have translated from a set of golden plates. Travel agencies arrange tours to visit these sites, focusing on how they might fit in with the scripture.

Family friend Mark DeCaria told the Standard-Examiner in Ogden that Richards and his family often visited Guatemala because his father's wife is from the country.

Also on the tour were Brett Richards' brother Reed Richards, a former chief deputy Utah attorney general.

Richards was a partner in Richards Bott Architects P.C., and had served previously as a bishop, the lay leader of a Mormon congregation.

"We're just all numb," Bernie Allen said. "He is just one of the neatest guys you could be around."

The trip was organized by Book of Mormon Tours of Orem, Utah.

Area sales tax rebates

City	Jan. '04	Jan.'03	+/-	Year '04	Year '03	+/-
Abilene	$1,871,970.02	$1,916,870.68	-2.34%	$1,871,970.02	$1,916,870.68	-2.34%
Big Spring	$279,224.67	$250,107.49	11.64%	$279,224.67	$250,107.49	11.64%
Colorado City	$29,544.07	$27,368.94	7.94%	$29,544.07	$27,368.94	7.94%
Lamesa	$59,678.68	$56,329.66	5.94%	$59,678.68	$56,329.66	5.94%
Lubbock	$2,188,030.04	$2,019,661.12	8.33%	$2,188,030.04	$2,019,661.12	8.33%
Post	$36,812.11	$17,134.79	114.83%	$36,812.11	$17,134.79	114.83%
Roby	$1,482.87	$1,001.59	48.05%	$1,482.87	$1,001.59	48.05%
Rotan	$9,095.13	$7,777.10	16.94%	$9,095.13	$7,777.10	16.94%
Snyder	$136,361.15	$117,996.52	15.56%	$136,361.15	$117,996.52	15.56%
Sweetwater	$148,709.53	$150,012.20	-0.86%	$148,709.53	$150,012.20	-0.86%

REBATES REMAIN STRONG —The state sales tax rebate for the first month of 2004 to the City of Snyder indicates another month of good business locally. In 2003, the rebate was $117.996.52., while the 2004 rebate is $136,361.15 for sales recorded in November.

ASK US

Q—What is the capacity of the Price Daniel Unit?
A—Including the dorm area, 1,350 inmates.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Pete Rasco...

...is 92 and has been a Scurry County resident since 1949. He ran the Ira Grocery until opening Snyder's first pizza parlor. He is married to Flo Rasco and is the father of Carolyn Robinson, Susie White, William Rasco and Kenneth Rasco. Pete doesn't have many hobbies now, but enjoyed his days as a cowboy when he was a calf roper.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

If I had my life to live over, I'd make the same mistakes, only sooner.
—Tallulah Bankhead

JAN 08 2004

Best Available Copy

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

SHS softball

SHS softball players and parents will meet at 7 this evening in the gym.

First Baptist support group

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

Auto theft prevention program

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

Country and gospel music

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

LCU chorus to perform

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

Retired teachers meeting

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

Snyder Chapter Council

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

Hermleigh Masonic Lodge

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

SHS band boosters

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

Ira School pictures

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

Central seminar

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

United Way short of goal

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

WTC adult basic education classes

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

LVN testing dates

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

Concert at Word Is Life

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

Windbreak trees

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

Cancer treatment transportation

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

What's up guidelines

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

Four dead; three girls kidnapped

RANGER, Ga. (AP) — Four people — including a 10-month-old baby — were found shot to death early today in two homes in northwest Georgia, and three young girls were missing and feared kidnapped.

Gordon County Sheriff's spokesman Clent Harris said an arrest warrant for suspicion of murder had been issued for Jerry William Jones, 31, identified as the father of two of the missing girls.

Authorities said they believe Jones has all three girls and that the children are in danger.

Brittany Phelps, 10, Brandy Jones, 4, and Tammy Jones, 3, were last seen Wednesday at a home in Ranger, 55 miles north of Atlanta.

The four victims were killed that day between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., said Vicki Metz, Georgia Bureau of Investigation spokeswoman. It wasn't known if the girls were taken before or after the killings, she said.

Among the dead was a 10-month-old baby and two women, said Georgia Bureau of Investigation spokesman John Bankhead.

The suspect, Jerry William Jones, had been in the county jail before, primarily for minor traffic charges, said Gordon County Sheriff Jerry Davis.

"We've had him in our jail and we're fixin' to put him back in our jail."

Nuclear experts searched for 'dirty bombs'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two days before New Year's Eve, Energy Department nuclear experts detected radiation coming from a storage rental building near downtown Las Vegas. The White House was called. FBI agents secured the site.

Scientists sent a robot into the building, and it retrieved a duffel bag with a stainless steel capsule of radium used for treating cancer. The homeless man who provided them with a key to the storage site said he'd found the capsule a few years earlier. Officials breathed easier.

Government nuclear experts last month began working undercover in major U.S. cities, using high-tech equipment hidden in briefcases and golf bags, to hunt for radiological "dirty" bombs and other weapons terrorists might use, according to three government officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity. So far, the Las Vegas incident is the only one in which any worrisome levels of radiation were found, said one official.

The Energy Department's Nuclear Incident Response Teams were sent to scour Las Vegas, Los Angeles, New York and Washington immediately after the nation's terror alert status was upgraded on Dec. 21 to orange, or high risk. They began working 24 hours a day, and more teams were later sent to other cities, which the officials declined to identify.

The Homeland Security Department also has provided detection equipment for police to use in Chicago, Detroit, Houston, San Diego, San Francisco and Seattle.

Agency spokesman Brian Roehrkasse said Wednesday there was no specific intelligence pointing to a dirty bomb — which authorities believe might use conventional explosives to disperse a plume of radioactive dust over several city blocks — or plots involving chemical, biological or nuclear devices.

But security officials were particularly concerned that cities planning large public events, including holiday gatherings with big crowds, could serve as targets for terrorists.

The teams took readings ahead of New Year's celebrations at New York's Times Square and the Las Vegas strip, and for the Rose Bowl Parade on New Year's Day in the Los Angeles suburb of Pasadena.

The nuclear experts, drawn from the Energy Department's national labs, use detection equipment concealed in briefcases, golf bags and other items. Officials declined to provide specifics, saying much of the information is considered classified.

But among the tools the experts might use is a Palm Pilot with a cadmium-zinc-telluride crystal that can detect radiation, and a handheld advanced nucleic acid analyzer, about the size of a video game, that can identify pathogens based on their DNA within 15 minutes.

The government officials did not disclose how many experts are on the teams.

David Heyman, director of the homeland security program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington think tank, said sending these teams of Energy Department experts to cities for unspecified threats represents a new mission.

"Our teams are typically on call for accidents to react to possible incidences, but we're on new ground when we deploy them for countering unexpected threats," Heyman said.

Unlike a nuclear weapon, a dirty bomb would not ignite an atomic chain reaction and would not require highly enriched uranium or plutonium, which are normally heavily guarded and hard to obtain. The materials could be a lower-grade isotope, like those used in medicine or research.

The al-Qaida terrorist network is known to have sought such a weapon, which experts say would be most effective at spreading fear and panic but probably would not cause many casualties.

According to U.N. documents, a dirty bomb has been used at least once, in 1987, when Iraq tested a one-ton device. Weapons inspectors said Iraq gave up its dirty bomb project because the levels of radiation released were not considered deadly enough.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has said it receives an average of 300 reports a year of small amounts of radioactive materials missing from various users, but has no evidence that anyone is systematically collecting it to use in a dirty bomb.

About 50 soil-testing gauges used for construction and road-building that contain small amounts of highly radioactive Cesium-137 and Americium-241 are reported stolen each year, and many are never recovered, the NRC has said. A dirty bomb could be made from the radioactive material, though it would take hundreds of the gauges to supply enough.

Commission spokesman Dave MacIntyre said there is no evidence the thefts are coordinated.

On the Net:

Homeland Security Department:
http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic

Today's chuckle

Firemen rescue boy stuck in toy machine

SHEBOYGAN, Wis. (AP) — The joystick-operated toy crane used to snare a prize in this supermarket game could've nabbed more than just a cheap stuffed animal — how about a shot at Timmy Novotny?



Authorities said the 7-year-old boy somehow crawled into the glass enclosure and got stuck.

Sheboygan Fire shift commander Mark Zittel said the call came in Saturday from a Piggly Wiggly as a "child stuck in a toy machine." The boy had to be rescued with the help of a locksmith.

"You expect to see an arm or a finger. But here's a 7-year-old boy sitting with the stuffed animals," Zittel said.

He said the boy crawled through about an 8-inch-by-10-inch chute where the toys come out. When he tried to get back out his way was blocked.

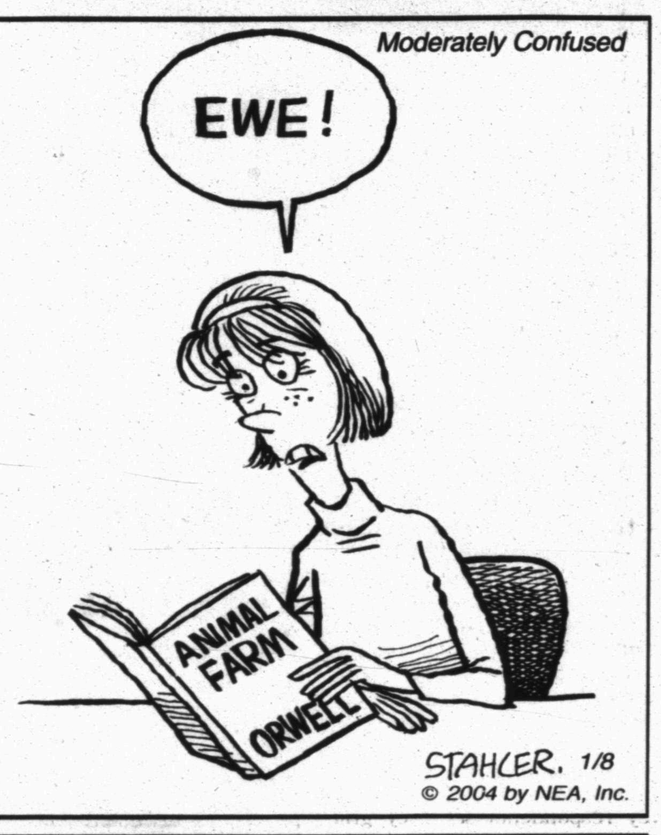
"His dad was three feet away at a pay phone," Zittel said. "He was talking on the phone and he said the next thing he turned around and the kid was in the thing."

Zittel said the boy stayed calm as firefighters moved the game machine to the back of the store and a locksmith opened the main loading door. The process took about an hour.

"There was no panic," Zittel said. "We could have broke the glass if there was an emergency."

Rescuers haven't figured out how the boy was able to crawl into the game.

Moderately Confused



World Almanac

Thursday, Jan. 8, 2004

Today is the eighth day of 2004 and the 18th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1815, Andrew Jackson defeated the British at the Battle of New Orleans.

In 1877, Crazy Horse fought — and lost — his final battle against the U.S. Cavalry.

In 1916, Allied forces retreated from Turkey's Gallipoli Peninsula after a crushing defeat.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Jose Ferrer (1912-1992), actor; Elvis Presley (1935-1977), singer/actor; Soupy Sales (1926-), TV personality, is 78; Stephen Hawking (1942-), physicist, is 62; David Bowie (1947-), rock star, is 57.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1955, Georgia Tech ended Kentucky's streak of 129 consecutive college basketball home victories with a 59-58 upset.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I don't know anything about music. In my line you don't have to." — Elvis Presley

TODAY'S FACT: More than 600,000 people a year visit Elvis Presley's grave site, in a garden next to his Graceland estate, the biggest tourist attraction in Memphis, Tenn.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 13,000 — Altitude in feet of the Hotel Everest View in Nepal, the world's highest hotel.

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Jan. 7) and last quarter (Jan. 15)

Copyright 2004, Newspaper Enterprise Assn.

Western Texas College
Spring 2004 Registration
Thursday and Friday
January 8 and 9

Registration process begins in the WTC gymnasium

Thursday

Evening Registration (any students)

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Friday

Sophomores (30+ hours)

8:30 a.m. — last names A-F
9:30 a.m. — last names G-O
10:30 a.m. — last names P-Z

Freshmen (0 - 29 hours)

1:30 p.m. — last names A-F
2:30 p.m. — last names G-O
3:30 p.m. — last names P-Z

Western Texas College
WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO?
YOU CAN GET THERE FROM HERE!

events

LOTTO TEXAS™ TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 25-16-11-27-1.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Prize per winner: $0.

Matching four of five: 119. Prize: $494.

Matching three of five: 4,002. Prize: $10.

Matching two of five: 41,188. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

Pick 3
(Day) 2-4-0
(Night) 3-4-2

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Published each Sunday morning and each evening, except Saturday, by Snyder Publishing Co., Inc., 3600 College Ave., Snyder, Texas 79549.

Periodicals postage paid at the post office at Snyder, Texas, Publication Number USPS611-520.

POSTMASTER send change of address to P.O. Box 949, Snyder, Texas, 79550.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES: By carrier in Snyder, $9.25 per month.

By mail in Scurry and adjoining counties, one year $88.80 balance of Texas and out of state $113.85.

Roy McQueen, Publisher
Wade Warren, Managing Editor
MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Associated Press is exclusively entitled to use for republication all news dispatches in this newspaper and also local news published for republication of special dispatches.

Best Avai

Lifestyles

Sadie

Sadie Shifflett
101st birthday
family lunch.
Sadie was bor
Seymour and at
in Masterson an
She married H
on Aug. 26, 19
County and the
Red Mud Com
County to farm
While in the
munity, they h
dren, Ernest Sh
in Snyder; Hora
flett who died in
gie Lue Barnes
recently moved
place in Polar.
Sadie and Ho
Polar in 1933 a
children were b
Stansell, Arvil
Edith Witte all o
The family m
County in 1949.
Sadie told he
wanted to eat
lunch at Long
Seafood Shopp
drinks anything
and raised her
until a few years
and sold turkey
for extra money
Sadie and her
celebrate a
anniversarybefo
Her husband b
Farmall tractor
started. He trade
horses as down
tractor had lug
of the rubber s
World War II.
Sadie lives by
aid of extended

Don't le

From burgers
turkeys and roas
are increasingly
round. When it co
their grilling seaso
grill owners say th
long, an increase
a year ago, accord
survey.
"Thirty-nine per
vey respondents
outside even wh
freezing," said Sha
Weber-Stephen
which sponsored
Weber GrillWatch
backyard cooks
winter shouldn't s
enjoying that ur
seared and smoke
outdoor grilling cr
Whether cooki
Bowl Sunday part
or for a family ho
Chinsky suggests
tips to ensure a su
grilling experienc
Grill in an
Never grill in clos
can trap deadly ca
Use open spaces
the kitchen, whe
safe distance from
mable.
Be Flexible.
grilling is when
more flexible wit
time, since it may
add to the total am
time.
Make Sure It's
use a meat therm
mine the internal
the food you're co
Keep it Simp

Con

THUR
Horseshoe Pit
horseshoe courts
coliseum; every
for further infor
9762.
Deep Creek C
at the coliseum
8:30 p.m.
AA Big Book
meeting; contac
574-1292 or 573-1
FRI
Free blood p
Senior Citizens C
a.m.
Blood pressure
at Cogdell Hospit
Services, 1800
Suite B; 1-2 p.m.
ABCL Open
Bridge; Snyder
1:30 p.m.
Cornelius-Dod
open by appoint
0538 or 573-0770.
Scurry Coun
meeting; Park C
Park; for inform
1292 or 573-9458;
Al-Anon open

Best Available Copy

Sadie Shifflett celebrates 101 years

Sadie Shifflett celebrated her 101st birthday Tuesday with a family lunch.

Sadie was born Jan. 6, 1903 in Seymour and attended schools in Masterson and Hustle.

She married Howard Shifflett on Aug. 26, 1923 in Stephens County and they moved to the Red Mud Community in Kent County to farm and ranch.

While in the Red Mud Community, they had three children, Ernest Shifflett who lives in Snyder; Horace Floyd Shifflett who died in 1979, and Maggie Lue Barnes, a nurse, who recently moved to the family place in Polar.

Sadie and Howard moved to Polar in 1933 and three more children were born there, Vera Stansell, Arvil Shifflett and Edith Witte all of Snyder.

The family moved to Scurry County in 1949.

Sadie told her children she wanted to eat her birthday lunch at Long John Silver's Seafood Shoppe. She never drinks anything with caffeine and raised her own vegetables until a few years ago. She raised and sold turkeys and chickens for extra money for many years.

Sadie and her husband got to celebrate a 60th wedding anniversarybefore his death. Her husband bought his first Farmall tractor after the war started. He traded 100 cows and horses as down payment. The tractor had lug wheels because of the rubber shortage during World War II.

Sadie lives by herself with the aid of extended care visits. During the day she sews quilt blocks together on her sewing machine and does the quilting. She enjoys listening to spiritual cassette tapes and TV programs and attends church, except during the flu season.

A sickly child, Sadie had typhoid fever and suffered with appendicitis as a teenager. She said the "Lord healed her" and she enjoys a healthy life today.



SADIE'S 101 BIRTHDAY — Sadie Shifflett had her 101st birthday Tuesday and had lunch with some of her family members. From left are a son, Earnest Shifflett, and a daughter, Maggie Barnes. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Don't let winter stop you from grilling outdoors

From burgers and fish to turkeys and roasts, Americans are increasingly grilling year-round. When it comes to defining their grilling season, 54 percent of grill owners say they grill all year long, an increase from 49 percent a year ago, according to a recent survey.

"Thirty-nine percent of the survey respondents say they grill outside even when it's below freezing," said Shaun Chinsky, of Weber-Stephen Products Co., which sponsored the 15th Annual Weber GrillWatch Survey. "Savvy backyard cooks recognize that winter shouldn't stop them from enjoying that unique flavor of seared and smoked food that only outdoor grilling creates."

Whether cooking for a Super Bowl Sunday party, on a ski trip, or for a family holiday gathering, Chinsky suggests following these tips to ensure a successful winter grilling experience:

Grill in an Open Space. Never grill in closed quarters that can trap deadly carbon monoxide. Use open spaces like a deck off the kitchen, where the grill is a safe distance from anything flammable.

Be Flexible. Cold weather grilling is when you should be more flexible with your serving time, since it may be necessary to add to the total amount of cooking time.

Make Sure It's Done. Always use a meat thermometer to determine the internal temperature of the food you're cooking.

Keep it Simple. Almost anything is faster when cooked on the grill-best bets for cold weather grilling are foods that don't require much attention. Steaks, burgers or fish that need only one quick flip or large meats that can cook unattended without repeated basting will work well. Not only do you eliminate multiple trips outside to the grill, but you also don't have to keep opening the lid and lose the heat that has built up.

Maintain Consistent Heat. If it's snowing, brush the snow off the grill before cooking. Snow on the grill reduces the temperature in the grill. Try not to lift the lid any more than necessary, because cold gusts blowing into the grill will lower the cooking heat.

Take Advantage of the Hot Grill. Use it for side dishes, like vegetables or potatoes, to get flavor unmatched indoors. Try cooking winter's bounty of squash and root vegetables. Grill them whole or cut in half and always use the indirect grilling method, which intensifies the flavor of the vegetables, caramelizing and browning these hearty winter vegetables.

Use a Heated Platter. It's a good idea to put the grilled food onto a heated platter. Don't put the meat on a cold plate that's been sitting outside next to the grill.



Community Calendar

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.

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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

Joe's Pizza
Philadelphia Style
Our Competition's Pizza is Good...
But Ours is Much Better!
573-8555

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	North	
	♠ 8 4	01-08-04
	♥ J 10 3	
	♦ A K J 5	
	♣ J 7 6 2	
West		**East**
♠ K Q J 3		♠ 10 9 7 6 2
♥ K 5		♥ 7 6 4 2
♦ 9 6 4 3		♦ Q 8
♣ 10 8 3		♣ Q 9
	South	
	♠ A 5	
	♥ A Q 9 8	
	♦ 10 7 2	
	♣ A K 5 4	

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ K

Thursday, Jan. 8, 2004

Bet on many horses for greater profits

By Phillip Alder

If you go to the racetrack and decide to bet, you have choices. You can select one horse, bet it to win, and hope that it does canter home. Alternatively, you can bet win, place or show, hoping your horse will feature in the frame. Of course, second- and third-place finishes reduce your return on investment. You could also bet on more than one horse, improving your chances of a win, but again reducing your total profit (assuming your first-choice horse wins).

At the bridge table, it is the opposite: The more horses you can bet on, the greater your chance of scoring the maximum by making your contract. Look at the North-South hands. How would you try to post three no-trump after West irritatingly — but not surprisingly — leads a spade?

Remember, do not be afraid to open one no-trump with an unstopped suit.

The original declarer ducked one round of spades and won West's spade-jack continuation. He crossed to dummy with a diamond and ran the heart jack. He was looking for these nine tricks: one spade, four hearts, two diamonds and two clubs. However, West won with the heart king, cashed the spade queen, and played his last spade: one down.

The heart finesse should receive the final bet. Instead, South should start with the ace and king of clubs. Here, the queen drops and declarer is up to eight tricks. Then he repeats the strategy, cashing dummy's two top diamonds. Again the queen tumbles, giving declarer 10 tricks without needing to risk the heart finesse. But if a minor-suit queen doesn't obligingly appear, the heart finesse is available for a late run up the rail.

Copyright 2004, Newspaper Enterprise Assn.

On the day the rest of the nation commemorates Columbus Day, the citizens of Berkeley, Calif., celebrate Indigenous People's Day, in honor of those living in American before Columbus.

Video games have potential for both good and bad effects

Always one of the most popular gifts for children, video games will cast a mesmerizing spell on many a child this Christmas Day, but a Texas A&M University professor says there can be negative aspects of all that viewing, button pushing and clicking.

With more money spent annually on video games (at least $7 billion per year) than movie tickets (about $5 billion sold), video games have become a fixture in the culture, replacing the ball and glove as the leisure time activity of choice for any children.

Steve Dorman, professor of health and kinesiology, along with colleagues at the University of Florida, examined kids and video games and concluded that some kids can become dangerously close to being addicted to them, can be affected by them mentally and can even suffer physical ailments requiring medical treatment.

"We wanted to look at the health effects of video and computer games on kids, to see if there were some serious drawbacks to the tremendous amount of time spent using them,"

Dorman explains. "The answer is yes, there are some not-so-good things about video games that can affect kids."

One problem is seizures. Video games can induce seizures in some children. The flashing of lights and the photosensitivity of the images from the screen can trigger a seizure-like occurrence, and more than 50 such cases have been documented.

"They may provoke a seizure more often than watching a television program because of the way the images are projected on the screen, plus children sit closer to a video screen than they do to a television set," Dorman explains. Treatment for such seizures requires avoidance of the video games or anticonvulsant drugs, he says.

"Physicians have a term for a seizure caused by video games. They refer to it as 'dark warrior epilepsy," adds Dorman.

Many video games require repeated clicking and pressing of buttons on a control monitor, adds Dorman. This can lead to an injury called nintendinitis and occurs when there is severe pain in the tendon of the thumb.

"Again, the only cure is to abstain from playing video games for several days," says Dorman. Aggression levels of kids playing video games has been a debated topic, Dorman adds. "Playing a video game seems to lead children to exhibit behaviors similar to those portrayed in the game," he notes.

"Violent video games may arouse children in the same way as violent television cartoons. We need further research in this area, but studies show that children tend to model what they experience in video games." Dorman says there are some positive results from video games.

Video games can enhance certain skills in a child. For example, he cites "spatial visualization" - the ability to rotate mentally and twist two and three-dimensional objects - can improve in children by playing video games. "Students with a high degree of spatial visualization are usually high achievers in math and science," he points out.

Occupations which require mechanical tasks or machinery operation also demand high spatial visualization skills, he says. But one drawback to video games is their affect on how kids learn. Dorman says some evidence exists that kids who view video games want all learning to take a "gaming" approach. In other words, it must be fun. "It has given rise to 'edutainment' media," Dorman says.

"It is software that resembles video-game type learning materials. "Video games are not going away," he adds. "They are here to stay. We should pay attention to the content of these games and their effects on children. It is important for health promoters to understand how this technology can be used to improve health. "

Truman letters displayed

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. (AP) — Wherever life and politics took him, there was one constant for Harry S. Truman: Bess Wallace, the childhood sweetheart who became his wife.

The thousands of letters Truman wrote to Bess throughout their lives are now on display in a permanent exhibition at the Truman Presidential Museum & Library.

"Harry S. Truman: His Life and Times" opened Saturday as the final piece of a $22.5 million museum renovation that began in the 1990s. The exhibition uses original artifacts, photographs, manuscripts and audio-visual programs to tell the story of the 33rd president of the United States.

A Full-Service Source For
Janitorial & Maintenance Supplies
Right Here In Snyder



- Commercial Janitorial Supplies & Equipment
- Brand Name Commercial Chemicals
- Paper Products - Towels & Toilet Paper
- Trash Can Liners & Plastic Bags
- Floor-care Products, Buffing Pads, Floor Sweep
- Degreasers & Cleaning Solvents
- Brooms & Brushes, Mops, Buckets
- Restroom Hygiene Products
- Paper, Plastic & Foam Products
- Soaps & Skin Care, Hand Cleaners
- Sponges, Chamois, Squeegees
- Gates, Industrial Belts & Hoses
- Swimming Pool, Spa Chemicals
- Milwaukee Power Tools

All At Competitive Prices

As part of Commercial Supply Network, Southern True Value is committed to providing the products and service you need to maintain, repair and keep your business running efficiently.

"Large enough to Serve you... near enough to know you."

Call for an on-site consultation
573-4903

Southern True Value
Commercial Supply Network
A Division of True Value
Your Source For Total Facility Maintenance
900 College Ave. 573-4903
OPEN: Mon. - Fri. 7 am to 5:30 pm
Saturday 7 am to Noon

COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

WEEKLY LAKE AND WATER DELIVERY REPORT

LAKE J. B. THOMAS (200,604 ACRE FEET AT ELEVATION 2258.00 FT.)

	ONE YEAR AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
	1-5-03	12-29-03	1-5-04
ELEVATION (FEET)	17.35	17.43	17.31
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	18,404	18,562	18,326
PERCENT FULL	9.17	9.25	9.14
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	0.00
IVIE TO LAKE THOMAS (Gal.)		0	0
SPENCE TO THOMAS (Gal.)		0	0

*RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT BIG SPRING/ODESSA INTAKE.

E.V. SPENCE RESERVOIR (517,262 ACRE-FEET AT ELEVATION 1898.00 FT.)

	ONE YEAR AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
	1-5-03	12-29-03	1-5-04
ELEVATION (FEET)	37.45	38.96	38.77
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	34,650	38,720	38,190
PERCENT FULL	6.70	7.49	7.38
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	0.00

* RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT SPENCE PUMP STATION

O.H. IVIE RESERVOIR (554,340 ACRE-FEET AT ELEVATION 1551.50 FT.)

	ONE YEAR AGO	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
	1-5-03	12-29-03	1-5-04
ELEVATION (FEET)	27.72	26.00	25.94
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	213,338	196,768	196,219
PERCENT FULL	38.48	35.50	35.40
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.00	0.00

* RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT DAM.

INFORMATION BASED ON NEW AREA CAPACITY CURVE DATA

MUNICIPAL WATER DELIVERIES IN GALLONS

	LAST WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE	THIS WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE	THIS WEEKS PEAK DAY
	12-29-03	1-5-04	1-5-04
	12-23-03	12-30-03	12-30-03
BIG SPRING	3,080,000	3,074,286	3,915,000
ODESSA	12,564,857	13,109,171	15,512,900
SNYDER	1,659,143	1,713,857	2,330,000
MIDLAND	15,857,629	16,506,714	20,454,500
SAN ANGELO	11,214,714	11,483,000	12,471,000
STANTON	251,714	264,000	290,000

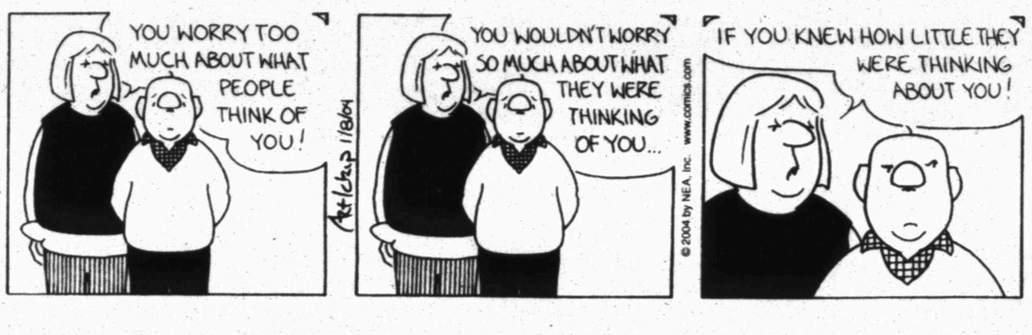
JAN 08 2004

Best Available Copy

ZITS ® by Scott & Borgman



THE BORN LOSER ® by Art and Chip Sansom



SOUP TO NUTZ ® by Rick Stromoski



BARNEY GOOGLE & SNUFFY SMITH © by Fred Laswell



BLONDIE © by Dean Young & Denis Lebrun



THE GRIZZWELLS ® by Bill Schorr



FRANK & ERNEST ® by Bob Thaves



ARLO & JANIS ® by Jimmy Johnson



BIG NATE ® by Lincoln Peirce



MONTY ® by Jim Meddick

Because of the high cost of domestic cartoonists in the new global economy, *MONTY COMICS* has relocated its production facilities overseas to ensure affordable cartoon entertainment for you, the budget-minded consumer.



ALLEY OOP ® by Dave Graue & Jack Bender



BETTY ™ by Delainey & Rasmussen



HERMAN ® by Jim Unger



"Come on! Tell him you're sorry for stepping on him at the top of the stairs."

KIT 'N' CARLYLE ® by Larry Wright



NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Underneath
6 Spooky
11 Novelist — Jong
12 Bauxite giant
13 Parthenon site
15 Most arid
16 Rich
18 Get an eyeful
19 Bout ender
21 Josh
22 Worm, maybe
23 Glided smoothly
25 Longbow wood
28 Dentist's request
30 Amerind
31 Want-ad abbr.
32 Sort
33 Famous mummy
35 Highway alert
37 Double curve
38 Muse of history
40 Rainbow goddess
41 Fin. neighbor
42 As — (united)
43 Journal VIPs
46 High-kicking dance
48 Flower parts
50 Schedule
54 Helen, in Spanish
55 Deplete (2 wds.)
56 Longtime Denver QB
57 Organic compound

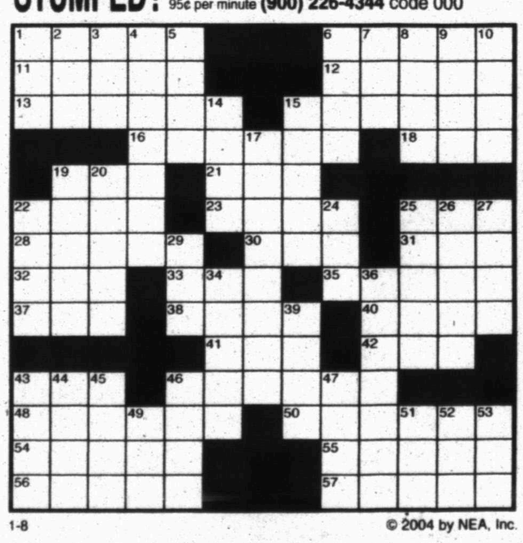
DOWN

1 Plead
2 Blow it
3 Rest
4 Spotted wildcats
5 Baylor University site
6 Guardian's charge
7 Lilly or Wallach
8 Chills the wine
9 Ascended
10 Go steady
14 Fall on deaf —
15 Accounting entry
17 Weakening
19 Comet features
20 Muscle twinges
22 Crusty cheese
24 Rock's — Leppard
25 Pine
26 Creepy
27 Heartaches
29 List shortener
34 Radius neighbors
36 Tawny predator
39 "Free Willy" whale
43 Fencing weapon
44 Wooded valley
45 Ragout
46 Soil component
47 Flu symptom
49 Collection of sayings
51 After deductions
52 Unpaid, as a bill
53 Loan abbr.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

V	E	I	L	S			O	R	A	T	E	S
O	P	T	I	C	S		R	O	B	O	T	S
N	A	S	S	A	U		S	T	A	M	E	N
			T	N	T		O	C	T			
	G	I	S		U	R	N		I	N	S	
H	E	M		A	R	E		S	N	A	P	S
O	O	P		S	E	C		A	G	G	I	E
O	D	O	R	S		E	E	R		G	E	E
P	E	R	O	N		D	N	A		E	L	K
	S	T	Y		S	E	A		M	D	S	
			A	P	T		B	O	A			
M	O	T	L	E	Y		L	A	G	G	E	D
B	R	U	T	A	L		E	R	M	I	N	E
A	R	G	Y	L	E		S	A	N	D	S	

STUMPED? Call for answers ● Touch-tone or rotary phone 95¢ per minute **(900) 226-4344** code 000



1-8 © 2004 by NEA, Inc.

Snyder Daily News Comics

DENNIS THE MENACE ® by Hank Ketcham



Best Available Copy

SPORTS

Sideline Views



by Bobby Allen

Ever since he bought the franchise, Washington Redskins owner Dan Snyder has emulated Jerry Jones, with predictable results.

Now he may have copied Jones' smartest move in a decade.

The Redskins won the NFC East in 1999, and were a bad snap away from the championship game against eventual Super Bowl winner St. Louis.

Snyder blew up the team in the off-season, bringing in Jeff George to replace Brad Johnson, and signing washed-up Deion Sanders and Bruce Smith to ludicrous contracts.

Then he fired Norv Turner and hired Marty Schottenheimer.

But Schottenheimer didn't produce an aerial circus that Snyder wanted, so he canned him after one season, even though Washington won eight of its final 11 games in 2001.

Then along came Steve Spurrier, the "one" guy that Snyder truly wanted, who would bring a Mike Martz-style offense and restore the tradition and pride in Redskins football.

He paid Spurrier, who had never coached in the NFL before (although he did have success as a head coach in the USFL), more money than any coach had ever made in the history of the league.

For that he got a rudderless, underachieving team and a coach way over his head at the professional level.

When he was hired, Spurrier dismissed New Orleans coach Jim Haslett and the idea that NFL coaches need to work long hours to be successful.

Then he spent two years getting outworked and outcoached, before finally deciding he simply did not have the skill sets required to lead pro players, quitting with three years and $15 million left on his excessive contract.

But now Snyder may have finally hit the right note in the same way Jones did when he brought in Bill Parcells then stayed out of his way.

The hiring of Joe Gibbs is still echoing around the league, and almost everyone — including yours truly — thinks this is a major coup for the insufferable Danny.

Gibbs won three Vince Lombardi trophies in 12 seasons in D.C. with three different quarterbacks, none of whom was a Hall of Famer, so finding parts to fit in the salary cap era seems right in Gibbs' wheelhouse.

He brings instant credibility to a franchise that has lost more luster than games since Snyder bought the team, as well as a dogged work ethic needed to keep pace with the other bright minds in his division.

Like most other teams, the Redskins have talent, and have holes that need to be filled.

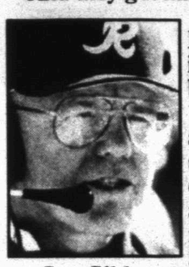
Now they have a (Hall of Fame) head coach with a proven track record of molding talent and plugging holes with the right personnel, and who has an offensive philosophy predicated on keeping the quarterback upright.

In other words, Phase II of the Parcells Project just got a lot harder. Now the Cowboys, and every other team in the East, will face a legitimate opponent when it heads to the nation's capital next year.

Gibbs hired to restore credibility in D.C.

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — After a decade of high-profile Washington Redskins failures, only one name could restore credibility in an instant: Joe Gibbs.

And they got him.



Joe Gibbs

The Hall of Fame coach is coming back after an 11-year absence, a stunning development and a much-needed lift for a franchise that has been to the playoffs only once since he left after the 1992 season.

"Who better to set our strategy and lead the Redskins back to championship glory?" said owner Dan Snyder, who again proved he's the master of the big splash offseason move.

Gibbs agreed to a five-year deal worth approximately $25 million, said a source within the NFL, speaking on condition of anonymity. That would make Gibbs' contract comparable to the NFL-record deal given to his predecessor, Steve Spurrier.

"The desire to coach has always been with me, even after being away from the game for 11 years," said Gibbs, who won three Super Bowls in 12 seasons with the Redskins.

Gibbs also was given the title of Redskins team president, but the protocol for roster decisions will essentially remain the same. Vinny Cerrato continues as director of player personnel, and Snyder will have the final word to settle any disputes, according to the source. Gibbs' track record and work ethic, however, make him certain to have more influence than Spurrier had.

Gibbs was to be introduced at a news conference Thursday, but he already has at least two assistants in place, according to the source. Former Buffalo Bills coach Gregg Williams will be the team's sixth defensive coordinator in six years, a hiring first reported by SportsLine.com.

Joe Bugel returns to coach the offensive line, the same job he held when he oversaw the famed "Hogs" under Gibbs from 1981-89, the source said.

Gibbs, 63, was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1996, based in part on his adamant denials of any intention to coach again. He joins the late Paul Brown as the only coaches to return after being elected to the Hall.

He will find today's NFL different, largely because free agency has made it difficult for teams to keep a group of talented players together for more than a couple of years. Roster stability, particularly along the offensive line, was a hallmark of the Gibbs years.

But the adjustment has been made before. Dick Vermeil left Philadelphia in 1982 and returned with St. Louis in 1997, winning a Super Bowl in his third season with the Rams.

"I appreciated very much where he was when he left and understood completely why he left," said Vermeil, now coaching Kansas City. "And I can understand completely why he's back."

After leaving the Redskins, Gibbs rose to the top in a second sports career as a NASCAR team owner. His racing teams have won two Winston Cup championships in the past four seasons. Gibbs' oldest son, J.D., will remain president of Joe Gibbs Racing.

But Gibbs hasn't strayed far from the NFL. He was involved with a group that attempted to purchase the Redskins after owner Jack Kent Cooke's death in the late 1990s, and he and two partners bought a combined 5 percent of the Atlanta Falcons for $27 million in 2002.

Gibbs had to sell his Falcons stake to coach the Redskins, but he apparently came close to coaching that team. In a statement, the Falcons said Gibbs approached them several weeks ago about their coaching vacancy.

"When the opportunity at the Redskins came up, Joe told us he couldn't turn his back on the history, fans, loyalties and relationships built over time in Washington," the Falcons' statement said. "While we understand his feelings, we are disappointed that he didn't continue his talks with us."

The Redskins began serious talks with Gibbs on New Year's Eve, the day after Spurrier quit with three years left on his contract. His teams went 7-9, then 5-11.

In contrast, the Redskins made the playoffs during eight of Gibbs' 12 seasons, and his .683 winning percentage ranks third in NFL history. His record was 124-60 in the regular season and 16-5 in the playoffs, including Super Bowl victories after the 1982, '87 and '91 seasons — each with a different quarterback.

Since Gibbs' retirement after the 1992 season, the Redskins are 74-101-1 with just one playoff appearance under five different coaches.

Cardinals hire Green to replace McGinnis

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Dennis Green is hoping his no-nonsense approach to coaching turns around the Arizona Cardinals' history of almost no success.



Dennis Green

The former Minnesota Vikings coach agreed to a four-year contract Wednesday night after an extended bargaining session via faxes and telephone calls between San Diego and team headquarters in Tempe.

The club scheduled a news conference for Friday to introduce him.

The Cardinals interviewed four candidates to replace fired coach Dave McGinnis. Green, 54, was the only one interviewed twice, and football operations vice president Rod Graves said he stood out.

"In terms of a specific plan for the development and success of our team, he certainly laid out a detailed plan for us," Graves said. "He also did a great job of analyzing our personnel and so forth, and I think more than anything he was prepared."

The agreement created an odd marriage — one of the winningest NFL coaches in the 1990s paired with a franchise that has had only one winning season since arriving in Arizona in 1988.

Green was 97-62 in 10 seasons with the Vikings, won four division titles and took them into the playoffs eight times and to the NFC championship game twice. But his 4-8 postseason record included an upset loss to Atlanta in the 1998 NFC title game and a 41-0 defeat by the New York Giants for the conference crown two years later.

Gary O'Hagan, Green's agent, said the deal that made him the team's 33rd head coach contains a club option for a fifth season. The Arizona Republic reported the deal as worth $10 million for four years, but Graves declined to discuss contract details.

The contract is a record for a Cardinals coach, in any case.

McGinnis received $900,000 for last season, his third full year at the helm. The Cardinals had a 4-12 record, and McGinnis was fired Dec. 29. The affable Texan was often characterized as too nice for the job — something never viewed as Green's weakness.

Former player sues Bliss

WACO (AP) — A former Baylor University basketball player has filed a lawsuit claiming former coach Dave Bliss broke a promise to help the athlete get into law school and to pay for it.

Chad Elsey is seeking more than $100,000 in damages — including the cost of tuition and books for another law school — from Bliss and Baylor. Elsey, who is representing himself, filed the breach of contract suit Monday in Waco.

Elsey, a law student at the University of Tulsa, graduated from Baylor with a finance degree in December 2001, according to the team's media guide.

The 6-foot-6 forward from Flower Mound transferred to Baylor from SMU in 1999. After sitting out a season because of NCAA Division I transfer rules, Elsey played two seasons at Baylor, averaging 6 points and 2.3 rebounds a game.

He did not return calls Wednesday to the Waco Tribune-Herald. His mother, Lori Elsey, declined comment to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

The suit alleges that during a campus tour, Bliss promised to pay for Elsey's law school tuition. Elsey claims he asked Bliss about possible NCAA penalties.

"Bliss explained that there were ways around NCAA rules," the suit says. "Bliss further promised (Elsey) that he had connections at the law school and gaining admittance for one of his players was 'no problem.'"

Revelations of Baylor's NCAA violations surfaced last summer after basketball player Patrick Dennehy disappeared and was found dead six weeks later. His former teammate, Carlton Dotson, has been charged with murder and is jailed in Waco awaiting trial.

Mavs win behind clutch free throws from injured Nash

DALLAS (AP) — There was no way Steve Nash was going to miss this matchup against his friend and former teammate Nick Van Exel.

Ignoring a back injury sustained two days before, Nash offset a 1-for-9 shooting night by playing hard for 41 minutes, capping it with two free throws that sent the Dallas Mavericks past the Golden State Warriors 105-99 Wednesday night.

Van Exel, though, almost made it a memorable homecoming to the city he never wanted to leave.

It started with a pregame ovation that left him with "a warm feeling on the inside," included a move to fifth on the career 3-point list and ended with two layups in the final 36 seconds, the second one putting Golden State within two with 7.3 seconds left.

But Nash — who started ahead of Van Exel during the 1½ seasons they were together and often played alongside him during crunch time — was fouled on the inbounds play and put the score out of reach by hitting both foul shots.

"What a gutsy game," Mavs coach Don Nelson said. "We didn't know if he would be able to do anything. Maybe he should have taken the game off, but you could see that he really couldn't shoot the ball. He found a way to will the free throws in. We certainly wouldn't have won the game without him."

NFL Playoffs

Saturday

Carolina at St. Louis, 3:30 p.m. (FOX)
Tennessee at New England, 7:15 p.m. (CBS)

Sunday

Indianapolis at Kansas City, noon (CBS)
Green Bay at Philadelphia, 3:45 p.m. (FOX)

Sunday, Jan. 18

AFC Championship Game, 2 p.m. (CBS)
NFC Championship Game, 5:45 p.m. (FOX)

Sunday, Feb. 1

Super Bowl at Houston, 5:25 p.m. (CBS)

Sunday, Feb. 8

Pro Bowl, 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Area Sports Calendar

TODAY

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

FRIDAY

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

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	20	14	.588	—
Boston	18	19	.486	3½
Philadelphia	16	19	.457	4½
Miami	15	20	.429	5½
New York	14	22	.389	7
Washington	9	24	.273	10½
Orlando	8	28	.222	13

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	27	10	.730	—
Detroit	23	13	.639	3½
New Orleans	22	13	.629	4
Toronto	18	15	.545	7
Milwaukee	19	16	.543	7
Chicago	11	24	.314	15
Cleveland	11	24	.314	15
Atlanta	10	26	.278	16½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	24	11	.686	—
Minnesota	22	11	.667	1
Dallas	20	14	.588	3½
Denver	21	15	.583	3½
Houston	19	15	.559	4½
Utah	18	16	.529	5½
Memphis	17	17	.500	6½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	24	9	.727	—
L.A. Lakers	21	11	.656	2½
Seattle	18	15	.545	6
Portland	15	17	.469	8½
L.A. Clippers	14	18	.438	9½
Golden State	14	20	.412	10½
Phoenix	12	24	.333	13½

Wednesday's Games

Boston 101, Orlando 93
Toronto 75, Cleveland 69
Philadelphia 100, L.A. Clippers 80
Miami 102, Chicago 95
Detroit 85, Houston 66
Milwaukee 95, Phoenix 87
New Orleans 97, Washington 87
Memphis at Utah, ppd., weather
Denver 113, L.A. Lakers 91
Dallas 105, Golden State 99
Seattle 104, Sacramento 93

Today's Games

Houston at New York, 6 p.m.
Portland at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.

Pizza Inn.
The Best Pizza You Remember!
$3.99 Lunch Buffet
Mon.-Sat. 11 am - 2 pm

National Hockey League

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	20	7	10	4	54	114	89
New Jersey	20	9	9	1	50	95	70
N.Y. Islanders	19	17	3	1	42	115	102
N.Y. Rangers	16	15	5	3	40	107	105
Pittsburgh	10	23	5	3	28	82	146

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	23	8	8	3	57	122	99
Ottawa	21	10	5	3	50	124	80
Montreal	20	15	5	2	47	100	92
Boston	16	11	10	4	46	100	101
Buffalo	16	20	5	1	38	97	109

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Atlanta	19	17	3	2	43	121	126
Tampa Bay	16	15	6	1	39	87	85
Florida	13	17	9	2	37	86	107
Carolina	13	17	8	2	36	70	91
Washington	11	26	4	1	27	101	137

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	26	13	4	1	57	145	100
St. Louis	22	11	5	1	50	98	89
Nashville	18	16	4	2	42	95	105
Chicago	10	21	7	4	31	82	118
Columbus	10	23	4	3	27	76	110

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	22	11	6	2	52	117	94
Colorado	21	10	7	1	50	116	84
Calgary	21	12	3	3	48	92	77
Minnesota	15	16	11	0	41	93	90
Edmonton	15	17	7	1	38	102	112

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	17	10	11	3	48	100	89
Los Angeles	16	13	7	4	43	107	105
Phoenix	15	12	11	2	43	104	105
Dallas	17	17	8	0	42	83	94
Anaheim	13	17	6	5	37	86	106

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

Wednesday's Games

Philadelphia 1, Buffalo 1, tie
Phoenix 3, Washington 0
Boston 3, Detroit 0
Pittsburgh 4, New Jersey 2
Minnesota 7, Chicago 4
Los Angeles 4, Anaheim 4, tie

Today's Games

Pittsburgh at Boston, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Florida at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Edmonton at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
Ottawa at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Colorado at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Calgary at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Columbus at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Football banquet

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

Volleyball tournament

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

Yankees plead innocent in bullpen brawl

BOSTON (AP) — Former Yankees Jeff Nelson and Karim Garcia and a Fenway Park groundskeeper pleaded innocent to charges they brawled in New York's bullpen during the AL championship series.

USC defensive end will enter draft

LOS ANGELES (AP) — All-American defensive end Kenechi Udeze will skip his senior year at Southern California to enter the NFL draft.

PUBLIC FAX SERVICE
Fax Number
573-0044
Sending: $1.95 First Page
$1 Thereafter
Receiving: 75¢ Per Page
Snyder Daily News
3600 College Ave.
573-5486

JAN 08 2004

Best Available Copy

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS CLASSIFIEDS
ALWAYS A WINNER

BUSINESS DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

Air Duct Cleaning

Our Service Provides CLEAN AIR!!
10 years experience
CARPET CLEANING EXPRESS
573-2661

Auto Service/ Oil Changes

AUTO CLINIC
We Do All Major & Minor Repairs & Complete Custom Exhaust Systems
Let us save you money!!
405 26th St. (Behind Skinny's on E. Hwy.)
(W) 325-573-0495 (H) 325-573-4028
Robbie & Sarah Jamison, Owners

JOHN'S MACHINE & RADIATOR
1604 College Ave, Snyder
(325) 573-9710
Your complete automotive machine shop!!
• Radiator Service: repair & rebuild
• New Radiator Sales • Rebuilt Engines
• Engine Kits & Parts
• Machine Work: blocks, heads, etc...
Your business is greatly appreciated.
New Owners: Randy & Christy James

Carpet/Cleaning

KING CARPET
•Cleaning •Floor Coverings & Air Duct Cleaning
24-HR Fire & Water Restoration
Free Estimates On All Jobs
Carpet - Tile - Laminate - Linoleum
Residential & Commercial Installation
Minor Remodeling & Repairs
3707 COLLEGE AVE.
325-573-3032

CARPET CLEANING EXPRESS
Your Local Carpet Cleaning Specialist
*Water, *Fire & *Smoke Damage
24 Hour Emergency Services
573-2661

Superior Carpet Cleaning
SPECIAL $15 per room
Using state of the art equipment
Leaves carpet cleaner & dryer!!
573-1780

Catering

DUNN-RIGHT BBQ
CATERING
Specializing in Briskets & Ribs Homemade Sauce
•Weddings •Anniversaries
•Reunions • Private Parties
Call Kerry Clay
(325) 573-8349
(325) 207-2934 (mobile)

Construction

NEED A CARPENTER?
Repair - Remodel
Paint - Build
James Mills
573-0081

Lee's Construction
"No Job Too Small"
Residential
Remodeling & Repair
STEVE LEE
Snyder, Texas
79549
325/573-2709
Mobile
325/207-1879

SPARLIN CONSTRUCTION
Welding *Fabrication* *Fencing*
Metal Buildings *Carpentry* *Painting*
Bud Sparlin
574-2206 573-9752
or 575-4182
2701 48th St.
Snyder, TX
79549

CIRCLE M WELDING & Services Inc.
• Welding • Fabrication
• Residential • Roustabout • Concrete Work
• Backhoe Services
Office: 325-573-8005
Fax: 325-573-8047
7393 West Hwy 180 Snyder, TX 79549

Electric

DALE'S ELECTRIC
403 33rd St.
Commercial or Residential
573-5330
James c# 207-1228
Dale c# 207-1227

Fitness

Tiger Health & Fitness
3409B Snyder Shopping Center
573-3414
Membership includes:
*24 hr access 7 days/wk *Group classes
*Over 5000 lbs of free weights *Circuit weights
*Cardio equip. *6000 sq.ft. facility
Also available:
*Certified personal trainers
*Supplements *Sports drinks
*Wolff sunbeds *Lotions *Herbal body wraps

Elite Fitness
912 25th St.
• Nautilus • Cybex
• Precor • Tuff-Stuff
Health -
It's your best investment.
575-2942

Insurance

Stewart Insurance Services
• GREAT RATES
• GREAT SERVICE
All Lines of Insurance
904 26th St. Snyder, TX
573-8401

A PROUD PAST WITH A SOLID FUTURE
GERMANIA SINCE 1896
Property • Auto • Life Insurance
KUBENA INSURANCE AGENCY
325-863-2754
Marsha Kubena, Agent

ALLSTATE INSURANCE
•Best Rates In Town•
All Lines of Insurance
Yo vendo Seguros para México
3201 College Ave.
573-4076

Masonry

Straight Line Masonry
*Brick *Block *Stone
*Custom Fireplaces
Residential/Commercial
Repairs - Houses
Retaining Walls
Free Estimates
Paul Dickerhoff
573-0258 436-9143 (C#)

Plumbing

Plumbing Repair Service
Telephone
(325) 573-3085
Coventry Plumbing
M-19955
1311 College Ave. Snyder, Texas 79549
Jim Coventry Owner

Storage Rentals

North Ave. E Storage Buildings
10' x 20'
Fenced Boat & Trailer Storage
DAVID HOLT
573-3255

Tree & Lawn Service

M M TREEMASTERS
• Tree & Shrub Trimming, Pruning & Shaping
• Deep Root Fertilization Injection
• Bucket Truck for those high to reach spots
• Trees & Shrubs Planted & more
21 yrs. experience. References available.
325-573-4937

Complete Field, Lawn & Irrigation Service
** Fertilizer Available **
Foliar feed or Granular
For a healthy lawn call
HINTON C & S
(325) 573-0878
TX Commercial Lic. #284642 Floral Certificate #298929
TX Irrigation Lic. #6312

Internet Service

Dell Computer Dealer
Local support if you buy from us
Internet Business Consulting
Now affiliated with
#1 Internet Consulting Corp.
Free Internet Business Analysis
Internet Access Provider
Dialup and Broadband Wireless
If you have Internet problems, we fix them for free.
Networking, Repairs, Upgrades
In house technician.
Bullard's Computer Solutions, Inc.
3405 College Ave.
573-4801
dbullard@snydertex.com

Let SDN help keep your business in the public eye!
Advertise Your Business Right Here!!

Let Us Spotlight Your Business Right Here!!
Just call 573-5486
Mon. – Fri. 8 - 5:30

FOR AS LOW AS $2.50 PER DAY
($65 per month)
You Can Advertise Your Services In The
BUSINESS DIRECTORY
Call 573-5486

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

KINDER MORGAN PRODUCTION COMPANY LP, 4632 W. Hwy. 180, Snyder, Texas 79549, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject water, CO2 with H2S & hydrocarbon gas into the Canyon Reef formation, SACROC Unit Lease, Well No(s). 148-3, 151-1 & 153-1. Proposed injection wells are located approximately 4.5 to 6.0 Miles NW from Snyder, Texas in the Kelly-Snyder Field, in Scurry County. Water, CO2 with H2S & Hydrocarbon gas will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth intervals from 6350' to 7250'.
LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

Lost & Found

REWARD
Lost on West 180, male Chihuahua/Dachshund mix. Brown/black w/small white patches, black tipped tail. 817-281-8870 call collect, or c#817-819-1498

Vehicles

1994 Chevrolet Suburban Good condition! $4,000 573-3662 or 728-2582

Business Services

BAR-R-DOZER
-Raygene Shipp-
•Brush control
•Road blading & repair
•Cleaning & building tanks
Free Estimates
No charge for road time!
325-338-5656 325-962-2416

Chimney Cleaning & Repairs
Walter Banks or Darrell Craig
573-4736 573-2472
Leave Message

Duke and Son
Concrete, Masonry, House Leveling, Patchwork (brick & concrete). 573-5911, 573-2477

HANDYMAN
Home Repair, Remodeling, Painting, Fencing, Flooring, Tile, Roofing, Yard, Trees, Etc.
Free Estimates
Wade 207-1514

Tilling–Leveling
Front-end loader, Walk-behind tiller, Tractor tiller, Small acreage plowed. 325-573-8264

Employment

BEACON LODGE
now taking applications for housekeepers. Apply in person. No phone calls please.

Experienced mechanic needed at gas plant NE of Big Spring. Fax resume to 432-399-4290 or mail to 11703 E. FM 846, Coahoma, TX 79511.

Any time is the right time to use the classified ads. Call today!

Employment

SELL AVON
$10 to start, up to 50% earnings. Start immediately. 573-1271 Ind. Rep.

Farm Manager - Responsible for entire farm operation; tractor driving, maintenance, spraying, planting & harvest. Must be responsible & trustworthy. Work history resume required. 325-338-8719

Full-time Secretary
First Baptist Church. Looking for a multi-tasked person with strong organizational skills and strong computer skills. Pick up application at 1701 27th St.

CHURCH ORGANIST
wanted to play for Sunday morning services, special evening services, & Wednesday evening choir practice. First Presbyterian Church, Snyder. Call church office at 573-6915, leave message.

HIRING IMMEDIATELY!
Truck drivers needed with oil-field experience. Must be able to travel. No need to relocate. 2 years truck driving experience required. Class A CDL, good driving record a must.
Call 1-800-588-2669
Mon.–Fri., 8a.m.–5p.m.

NEEDED
OTR flatbed truck driver. Minimum 4 years experience, clean driving record. Come by 3707 College Ave. or call 573-3032, ask for Rudy.

PART-TIME NURSERY WORKER
for First Baptist Church. Must be able to work during Sunday Worship Services. If interested, please pick up an application at 1701 27th St.

PIZZA INN
now hiring cook for day shift, wait-staff for evenings & weekends. Also accepting applications for management positions. Must have experience. Apply in person.

Prep cook needed, part-time dishwasher. Apply in person, Jaramillo's 102 E Coliseum.

Taking applications for Certified Nurses Aides. Vacation, sick time, holidays, retirement, health insurance. Contact April Velasquez, DON, 325-728-2634.

Instructions

Defensive Driving Classes
Saturday Jan. 10th 8a.m.–3p.m.
2619 College Ave. 573-2850

Sporting Goods

WANTED
Quail lease for 2004-2005 season. Call 915-497-7777.

Merchandise

2002 med. duty utility trailer w/12,000 lb. axle. Made out of pipe, 18' w/ ramps. $1700 817-825-1129 or 573-4882

CONVALESCENT NEEDS
Wheel Chairs, Walkers, Canes, Home Blood Pressure Kits, etc.
Sales & Rentals
3706 College **573-7582**

Firewood!! Mesquite & Oak
Local cutter. Part seasoned. 24"-22"-20"-18". Some split. Delivered
573-1216, leave message

Good used Maytag washer, good used GE dryer. Set $225 cash. 325-573-2359

GUARANTEED USED APPLIANCES
Washers, Dryers, Refrigerators, Ranges & Freezers
WESTERN AUTO 2510 Ave. R

Best Available Copy

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS CLASSIFIEDS
ALWAYS A WINNER

Merchandise

Jasmine guitar, $75. Dusty Strings Hammered Dulcimer, 12/11 includes stand and case, $300. Oscar Schmidt Autoharp, $225. Mountain Dulcimer, $75. 325-573-7674

Mesquite Firewood
1/2 cord, cord. Custom cut any size. Split & delivered.
573-7683 after 7p.m.

Newspaper End Rolls
$1.00 & Up
Call 573-5486 or come by Snyder Daily News today!

Building Materials

Metal doors.....$40.00
3/8" sheetrock.....$3.95
1/4" sheetrock.....$4.50
Concrete wire.....$35.00
Molding.....25¢ per ft.
Come by 409 25th St. in Snyder
Cell: 518-9219 Home: 235-2490

Dogs, Pets, Etc.

Loveable 8mo. purebred Dachshund. Red, short hair, house trained. Great companion. $50 573-3115 8a.m.-1p.m.

Garage Sales

NOAH'S ATTIC
1503 26th St.
Thursdays & Fridays
10a.m. – 5:30p.m.

Apartments For Rent

College Park Apartments
4503 College
2 bedroom apartment available in clean, quiet, 16-unit complex.
Locally owned.
575-3084 573-0340

Small efficiency apartment in Hermleigh. Water & electric paid. $200/mo., $100/dep.
863-2284

Fieldcrest Apartments
1 bedroom/1 bath - $325 (very big bedroom)
2 bedroom/1+ bath - $350
***We pay water**
***You pay electricity**
700 E. 37th
(across from coliseum)
573-3519 573-1681

January Move In Special
Call for Details
Western Crest & Windridge Village
3901 Ave. O
Snyder, TX
573-1488
1 Bedroom, 1 Bath, Pool
2 Bedrooms, 2 bath
W/D Connections, Pool & Playground

No item is too small to sell!

Houses For Rent

***2-1 212** 35th St. $250/mo, $100/dep. References required. 1-888-596-6218 1-325-669-1501

3-1, near high school. $450/mo., $250/dep. 573-9368

3-1 1/2, stove & refrigerator, fenced backyard, 2803 Ave. X 573-4454

For Rent
3766 Dalton 2-1 house, CH/A, carport. $400/mo., $200/dep.
(325)573-9567

Commercial Buildings for Sale or Lease

2 office/shop buildings, 1 w/fenced yard, North College. 573-0972, 575-2901, 573-2461

Business building for rent. 1900 37th St. 573-5285

Real Estate

For Sale By Owner
Owner financing provided. Low down, low monthly. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 133 Milburn. Call Kelly 432-425-9994.

For Sale By Owner
Owner financing provided. Low down payment, low monthly. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 living areas, fenced backyard, close to schools. 418 29th St. Call Kelly 432-425-9994.

Owner Will Finance
*2811 Ave. X 3-1
*3115 Ave. T Large 2-1, w/attached 1-1 apartment
Low down payment, low monthly payment.
Call Milton, 806-790-0827.

JACK & JACK Realtors
611 Coliseum Dr
Ford Spikes, Owner/Broker
573-8571 573-3452

REDUCED! Lrg 2 story 4-3-2, pool, 6.44 Acres
3-1¾-2cp, 2 storage areas, 220 35th...$35T
Fluvanna 3-2, den on .34 A's water well Bargain
REDUCED! 600 29th 2-1-1, office, den...$18T
Owner Finance Lrg. Mobile Home 2-2, 302 24th Nice.....$20T
3773 Dalton 3-1¾-1cp, den, dining..$35T
REDUCED! 1.7 UNDER CONTRACT $65T
111 Peach 2 or 3-1.....$9.5T
80 acres 5 mi. SE of Hermleigh, 3-2-2 + office + shop & out building.....Call
Good Shop Bldg. or Garage 1802 College $16T
Commercial Property for Sale or Lease
Stonewall Co. 1,315 acre cattle operation. Water well + 6 earth tanks. Deer, quail, turkey & hogs.....Call
We Will Work For YOU! We Need Listings
Doris Spikes.....573-6602

THIS IS WHERE ALL THE ACTION IS! The Snyder Daily News 573-5486

GREAT PLACE TO BUY, SELL, TRADE OR RENT 573-5486

Fastow negotiating plea deal

HOUSTON (AP) — A central figure in Enron Corp.'s scandalous implosion, former finance chief Andrew S. Fastow, is negotiating a plea deal with prosecutors that could send him to prison and force him to pay $20 million, people close to the case said.

Those talks were to continue today as more than 200 potential jurors were summoned to answer questionnaires for the upcoming trial of his wife, former Enron assistant treasurer Lea Fastow.

A source familiar with the matter said Andrew Fastow's deal is contingent upon whether a separate plea deal also is reached for Lea Fastow.

Andrew Fastow could nix a plea agreement for himself and proceed to trial if no deal is reached for his wife, the source said on condition of anonymity.

U.S. District Judge David Hittner, who is presiding over Lea Fastow's case, on Wednesday rejected a plea deal involving a five-month prison term, saying it did not allow him sufficient leeway on her sentence. Attorneys could still revise a plea deal for Lea Fastow; her trial is scheduled to begin Feb. 10.

A different jurist, U.S. District Judge Kenneth Hoyt, would have to approve a deal for Andrew Fastow, which had included a 10-year prison sentence, sources close to the case said. If attorneys and judges agree on a deal, the former executive could appear in court to change his plea to guilty as early as today, the sources said.

Authorities also were preparing criminal charges against Enron's former chief accountant, Richard A. Causey, but backed off plans for him to surrender as early as today, sources with knowledge of the matter told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. Causey could surrender Friday instead, the sources said.

The exact nature of a complaint against Causey was not immediately clear.

Andrew Fastow would be the highest-ranking executive to plead guilty in the criminal investigation of Enron. The company's collapse into bankruptcy in late 2001 was the first in a series of scandals that rattled corporate America and shook investors' confidence in the stock market.

Andrew Fastow allegedly masterminded a complex web of schemes that hid Enron's debt, inflated profits and allowed him to skim millions of dollars for himself, his family and selected friends and colleagues. Prosecutors say Fastow reaped an estimated $30 million from the web of partnerships he set up.

The potential plea deal raises the possibility that prosecutors are closer to bringing a case against Enron's former top executives, Kenneth Lay and Jeffrey Skilling. Plea deals often involve agreements to testify against others, but there was no immediate indication whether that was happening in this case.

Enron whistleblower Sherron Watkins, who worked with Andrew Fastow and warned Lay of the financial improprieties, said today that a Fastow plea deal could shed light on Skilling's role.

"Sometimes I liken Jeff Skilling to a Mafia boss who used particular words. He never said, 'Go whack Joey;' he said, 'Go take care of Joey.' And now that there have been corporate problems, he tries to say that 'I just meant send Joey on vacation.' Andy's almost like the assassin who can now tell the government what his orders were or were not," Watkins told ABC's "Good Morning America."

When Andrew Fastow was indicted in October 2002, his lawyers said Skilling and Lay approved his work.

Skilling and Lay have not been charged and both maintain their innocence in Enron's demise.

Andrew Fastow, 42, is charged with fraud, money laundering, insider trading and other charges. He is free on $5 million bond pending trial scheduled for April. If convicted, the maximum penalties for the charges against him include 20 years in prison for money laundering, 10 years for securities fraud and five years each on the mail fraud and conspiracy charges.

Attorneys for the Fastows did not return calls Wednesday seeking comment. The family's spokesman, Gordon Andrew, declined comment.

Lea Fastow, 42, is charged with six counts of conspiracy and filing false tax forms for allegedly participating in some of her husband's deals.

Causey, 43, was fired Feb. 14, 2002, after a board of directors report noted his failure to properly monitor a partnership that became a focal point of the fraud investigation. The partnership, called LJM, was devised by Andrew Fastow, and prosecutors say it was used to conduct sham transactions to fraudulently improve Enron's books and enrich Andrew Fastow and others.

His attorney, Reid Weingarten, did not return calls.

Media access eyed in Michael Jackson trial

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The judge presiding over the Michael Jackson child molestation case faces new decisions regarding media access — with prosecutors calling for a rigid publicity gag order and six news organizations asking that court documents be unsealed.

In a case that instantly became fodder for 24-hour cable news networks and gossip columns because of the celebrity at its center, two separate court filings turned the focus back on the media.

The district attorney's office sought a seven-point order that would prohibit Jackson, his attorney Mark Geragos and virtually every person with any connection to the case from talking to the news media.

The gag order would be similar to one in effect at the Scott Peterson murder trial. Peterson is also defended by Geragos, who called the prosecution's motion on Wednesday "outrageous" and said he would file an answer opposing it by next week.

Meanwhile, news organizations asked Superior Court Judge Clifford Anderson to unseal records related to the search of Jackson's Neverland Ranch, saying the public was not properly notified of a request last month that the documents remain sealed until the singer's Jan. 16 arraignment.

The documents include the search warrant, an affidavit in which authorities explained their reasons for seeking the warrant, and a list of items seized.

The records were initially sealed for 45 days on Nov. 17, the day before authorities searched the estate for evidence involving the boy Jackson is accused of molesting. Jackson has denied the allegations.

The records were to become public Dec. 31, but Santa Barbara County District Attorney Thomas Sneddon and Geragos requested before then that they remain sealed.

Theodore Boutrous Jr., representing NBC, CBS, CNN, ABC, Fox News Network and The New York Times, on Wednesday requested that a hearing on unsealing the search records be held on the day of the arraignment.

In the prosecution's gag order request, Jackson's attorney was singled out for his willingness to speak with reporters and on television and radio.

"Attorney Geragos has not been shy about offering his own opinion about the supposed 'financial motive' of the boy identified as the victim in this case and the boy's family for reporting their concerns to the authorities," the motion said.

The 58-page filing predicted that publicity would abate and frequency of news reports on the case would lessen if Geragos was unavailable to talk.

"It is certainly true that there will be ongoing coverage of the instant case, just as there is of the Peterson matter," said the motion. "But experience has shown that when the 'talking heads' on what could be called 'tabloid television' do not have Mr. Geragos or other lawyers and principals to interview, they interview one another and indulge in speculation. That gets old in a hurry."

The filing also accused Geragos of attempting to taint the potential jury pool with his comments and suggested he was possibly violating the State Bar's rules of professional responsibility regarding public comments on behalf of a client.

Geragos responded that his statements have been responses to the prosecutors, and noted the several public appearances by law enforcement.

"When I first read it, I wondered if the district attorney's office was suffering from short-term memory loss," Geragos said. "I was not the one conducting multiple press conferences with audio and visual displays."

100 charged in black bear trafficking

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — More than 100 people have been charged in the illegal trafficking of black bear parts following a sting in which authorities set up a sporting goods store as a front to peddle the items poached in Virginia.

Agents found that whole bears, gall bladders, paws and other parts were trafficked to Washington, D.C., Maryland, West Virginia, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, and California, as well as overseas, primarily to South Korea.

Each gall bladder alone can fetch up to $3,000 on the black market. The organs are believed in some Asian cultures to treat a variety of ailments, including high blood pressure, impotence and rheumatism.

"We've learned over the years what the impact of commercialization is. The temptation is to overharvest," said Col. Herb Foster of Virginia's Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. "Wildlife species generally can't sustain a commercial market."

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Lipomas are harmless

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a light bulge in my groin that was diagnosed as a fatty tumor, not a hernia. It causes me no discomfort. Can I leave well enough alone or should I be concerned?

DEAR READER: Lipomas (benign fatty tumors) can occur anywhere on the body and are harmless. However, they can easily be removed if they are in a location that leads to irritation, such as on belt lines or under bra straps.

If your doctor has confirmed (by examination) that your groin bulge is, in fact, a lipoma, you can leave it alone. Remember, however, that hernias are common in the groin and, if small, may masquerade as lipomas. This distinction is important because hernias should be surgically repaired. Therefore, make absolutely certain that your doctor is correct. If you're not, you should get a second opinion from a surgeon.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am 16 and very embarrassed because my penis is so small. I've convinced my parents not to send me for routine exams because I don't want my doctor to know. I smoked for two years in my early teens. Could this have prevented the growth of my sex organ? If so, can anything be done now?

DEAR READER: Mens' and boys' penises vary greatly in size and shape, due to genetic factors and growth patterns. I doubt that your brief experimentation with cigarettes played any role whatsoever.

I strongly urge you to see your family doctor for an examination and advice. For example, if you have a deficiency of male hormone (testosterone), your penile size could reflect this. In such an instance, hormone supplements would solve your problem.

Conversely, if your penis is, in fact, normal size (which is a function of blood flow), no therapy (other than reassurance) may be required.

Although you may feel embarrassed by your perceived condition, you probably won't find a solution until you ask for help. Your doctor is the logical resource. Believe me, he's probably seen and heard it all, and is the last person in the world to make a value judgment. Rather, he will become your advocate, keep your problem confidential and help you in whatever way he can.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 15-year-old diabetic on insulin. Lately, I've been extremely thirsty. Could this be caused by a kidney problem?

DEAR READER: Possibly. But your increased thirst is more likely secondary to your diabetes. When the disease is not adequately controlled (with diet and/or drugs), the level of blood sugar rises, captures water with it and spills into the urine, where it is excreted leading to dehydration and thirst.

You should address this problem with your doctor and get blood tests for sugar levels and kidney function. In my opinion, your (uncontrolled) diabetes is the probable culprit and needs better regulation.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Living with Diabetes Mellitus." 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.

Copyright 2004, Newspaper Enterprise Assn.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	14.09	13.55	13.64	—.31
AT&T Corp	21.87	20.29	21.79	+.53
Albertsons	23.62	23.38	23.51	+.03
Alltel	49.18	48.61	49.12	+.28
AmEl Pw	30.94	30.60	30.89	+.13
AndarkPtr	52.22	51.70	52.13	+.01
ATMOS Egy	24.58	24.42	24.52	+.05
Aviall	15.29	15.21	15.25	
BP PLC	49.20	48.65	49.04	+.02
BakerHughes	32.41	31.85	32.41	+.41
Bank of Amer	79.14	78.75	78.78	—.23
BellSouth	29.49	29.14	29.47	+.19
BurlNoSFe	32.08	31.88	31.93	—.15
Caterpillar	83.19	82.53	82.79	+.30
CenterPoint	10.10	9.90	10.00	+.02
ChevronTex	86.00	85.09	85.19	—.77
Citigroup	50.16	49.70	49.90	—.01
CocaCola	49.98	49.66	49.92	+.04
ColgatePal	50.93	50.66	50.74	+.09
CmclMetals	30.81	30.50	30.50	—.10
ConocoPhill	65.62	64.75	65.35	—.82
Cooper Inds	58.30	57.82	58.29	+.29
DaimlrChry	47.19	46.48	46.67	—.45
DeltaAirLines	13.00	12.54	12.57	—.46
Dillards Inc	16.36	15.98	15.99	—.48
DowChem	41.99	41.46	41.96	+.44
DuPont	45.66	45.25	45.56	+.47
EastmanChem	40.66	40.18	40.59	+.28
EstKodak	26.73	26.37	26.43	+.09
EDS Corp	24.43	23.82	23.87	—.13
Entergy	57.11	56.86	56.97	+.02
ExxonMobil	40.91	40.31	40.58	—.42
FootLocker	23.45	23.08	23.26	—.29
GenDynam	91.94	90.20	91.71	+.71
GenElec	31.96	31.67	31.94	+.26
GenMills	45.50	45.25	45.48	+.40
GenMotors	55.19	54.51	54.67	—.33
GaPacific	31.29	30.80	30.81	—.34
Goodrich	29.00	28.92	28.99	
Goodyear	8.25	7.99	8.24	+.29
GtAtlPac	7.74	7.41	7.70	+.31
Halliburtn	26.69	26.40	26.65	+.12
Hanson PLC	38.24	37.34	37.34	—.32
HarteHanks	21.80	21.70	21.77	+.03
HomeDepot	36.50	35.17	35.30	—.60
Honeywellintl	35.44	34.51	34.84	+1.11
IBM	93.21	92.03	92.29	—.49
IntlPaper	44.54	44.15	44.40	+.14
JohnsonJn	51.90	51.61	51.86	+.11
KinderMorg	60.00	59.72	59.92	+.03
Kroger Co	18.94	18.60	18.87	+.09
LockheedM	50.86	49.80	50.67	+.57
Lowes,Cos	55.31	53.65	53.98	—1.32
Lubys	3.67	3.58	3.62	—.12
LucentTech	3.78	3.57	3.69	+.18
MarathonOil	34.20	33.70	33.85	—.10
MayDeptStr	30.50	29.29	29.53	—.21
Medtronic	48.21	47.80	47.87	—.43
Motorola	15.74	15.40	15.51	+.45
NCR Corp	40.53	40.09	40.43	+.24
Navistar	50.00	49.53	49.77	—.23
PNM Rescs	28.58	28.42	28.44	—.04
Penney JC	26.50	26.16	26.36	—.14
PepBoys	23.90	23.47	23.47	—.11
PepsiCo	46.94	46.30	46.30	—.64
PhelpDodge	77.60	76.89	77.00	+.08
PilgrimsPride	17.38	17.00	17.01	—.06
Praxair s	38.38	37.87	38.37	+.28
ProctGamb	99.99	98.85	98.87	+.77
RadioShack	29.64	29.09	29.43	+.04
RoyalDut	52.75	52.34	52.36	—.29
SBC Comm	27.45	27.07	27.29	+.19
SaraLee	21.59	21.43	21.45	—.14
Scripps EW	95.08	94.80	94.83	—.12
SearsRoeb	46.88	45.50	46.44	+1.46
SherwinW	35.83	35.53	35.60	
SouthernCo	30.11	29.98	30.06	+.06
SwstAirl	16.55	16.02	16.16	—.40
SprintFON	17.62	17.50	17.53	+.08
SprintPCS	6.05	5.98	6.02	+.05
Sunoco Inc	52.81	52.16	52.70	—.07
TXU Corp	24.15	23.82	23.92	—.28
TempleInland	62.65	62.05	62.58	+.28
TexInd	37.60	37.50	37.56	—.02
TexasInst	30.99	30.30	30.88	+.93
Textron	58.15	57.12	57.97	+.99
TimeWarner	18.40	18.14	18.22	+.05
TrinityInds	32.02	31.60	31.60	—.45
TylerTech	9.95	9.80	9.85	—.05
UnionPacif	67.49	66.80	67.43	+.30
USSteel	36.35	35.25	35.40	—.10
UnitedTech	95.02	94.43	94.63	—.37
Unocal	37.45	36.65	37.23	+.12
VerizonComm	36.99	36.62	36.84	+.28
WalMart	54.33	53.55	53.99	+.51
WellsFargo	57.83	57.32	57.49	—.18
WstnGasRs	47.60	47.09	47.44	+.02
WinnDixie	9.85	9.66	9.76	+.02
Xerox Cp	14.29	13.95	14.04	—.08
YumBrands	34.53	34.30	34.43	—.01

JAN 08 2004

Best Available Copy

Explorer drivers can't rent U-Haul trailers

DETROIT (AP) — U-Haul is forbidding its stores from renting trailers to customers driving Ford Explorers, citing product liability lawsuits involving the popular sport utility vehicle, a newspaper reported.

U-Haul International Inc., North America's largest trailer rental company with more than 17,000 outlets, implemented the policy Dec. 22, saying it can no longer afford to defend the lawsuits, The Detroit News reported.

"U-Haul has chosen not to rent behind this tow vehicle based on our history of excessive costs in defending lawsuits involving Ford Explorer towing combinations," the company told the newspaper, adding that the move is "not related to safety issues."

Joanne Fried, a U-Haul spokeswoman, declined to disclose how much the Phoenix-based company has spent defending lawsuits involving Explorers.

"The decision is not based on one accident," she said. "It's based on several different lawsuits going on for several years."

Ford Motor Co. spokesman Jon Harmon called U-Haul's decision "surprising and disappointing."

"This is all about runaway litigation and trial lawyers forcing businesses to make unfortunate decisions for fear of lawsuits," he said.

U-Haul was involved in a lawsuit that Bridgestone/Firestone settled out of court in September. It involved three college students who were injured when their Firestone-equipped Explorer overturned while pulling a U-Haul trailer.

Bridgestone/Firestone is currently trying to reach an agreement on a $149 million settlement of 30 class-action lawsuits because of defective tires.

Although federal regulators have said there isn't enough evidence to show that the Explorer model contributed to the tire defects, many of the problem tires were equipped on Explorers.

A bulletin issued to U-Haul dealers last month said the company's decision was "based on the negative perceptions of Ford Explorers ... we are separating ourselves from the negative public perception and its potential consequences."

Ford has maintained the Explorer is safe. In 2002, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration traced Explorer tire failures and resulting rollovers to tire manufacturing flaws.

Fried said the rental ban applies to all model years, even though the Explorer was redesigned in 2002, improving its rollover rating. It was voted "tow vehicle of the year" by Trailer Boats magazine the same year.

Ford launched the Explorer 14 years ago and this month will deliver its 5 millionth unit.

Bush raises campaign money in two states

WASHINGTON (AP) — With $99 million in the bank, President Bush is on an aggressive search for more money for his re-election campaign.

Returning to the fund-raising trail today, Bush was heading to Knoxville, Tenn., and Palm Beach, Fla., to build up his record bankroll.

Also while in Knoxville, the president was visiting an elementary school to celebrate the second anniversary of a landmark education bill. Education was the signature domestic issue of Bush's 2000 campaign, and he has been eager to tout the passage of the "No Child Left Behind Act" as a key achievement of his presidency as he seeks re-election this November.

The law aims to improve teaching and student performance and close the education gap between rich and poor students by relying on required testing and penalties for schools whose students fail to meet goals. Schools may be required to let students transfer to other schools, provide private tutoring, or in cases of repeated failures, let the state take over.

Bush visited a school in north St. Louis on Monday to tout the law on its two-year anniversary.

But Democrats complained ahead of Bush's trip that the anniversary was no time for celebrating, as it marks two years of Republicans selling short the bipartisan achievement that produced the new law. They and other critics say Republicans have failed to approve as much money as the law authorizes.

"For Republicans, that agreement was an empty promise," House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi said.

"Two years ago, it was right for President Bush to celebrate the promise of the No Child Left Behind Act. Today, it's disingenuous," said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., who formed an unlikely alliance with Bush to pass the law in 2001 but has since become one of the president's strongest critics on the topic. "It's way too soon for the 'Mission Accomplished' banner on 'No Child Left Behind.'"

It was Bush's 18th trip as president to Florida, the state that put him in the White House, and his eighth trip to Tennessee, where he won by a small margin over Al Gore in the former vice president's homestate.

With no challenger for the Republican presidential nomination, Bush plans to raise $150 million to $170 million in all. He raised a record $130 million last year and, after campaign expenses, closed 2003 with $99 million.

Much of Bush's money came thanks to a network of more than 300 business executives, lobbyists, attorneys and other volunteer campaign fund-raisers who gathered at least $100,000 or $200,000 in donations to become Bush "pioneers" or "rangers."

In the last fund-raising quarter, from October through December, Bush raised $47 million — $32 million in fund-raisers, $14 million through direct mail, and $1 million over the Internet.

Bush's 2003 fund raising rivals that raised by all the Democratic candidates put together. They have raised at least $120.5 million, with John Kerry, John Edwards, Dick Gephardt, Joe Lieberman and Al Sharpton yet to release fourth-quarter totals. Unlike Bush, they have spent most of their money campaigning in the upcoming primaries.

Bush's nearest challenger in the money chase, Democratic front-runner Howard Dean, raised about $40 million last year.

Elvis tribute to mark birthday

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Filmmaker Ken Vrana will mark the 69th anniversary of Elvis Presley's birth Thursday by working on his own "Tribute."

Vrana has traveled 250,000 miles over the past 31/2 years to collect 570 interviews for a documentary about Presley, who died at his Graceland home in Memphis, Tenn., on Aug. 16, 1977.

As fans mark Presley's birthday, Vrana will be editing his footage.

"Officially, we've completed the interviews," Vrana says. "Unofficially, I still have a wish list of about a dozen 'big' people like Paul McCartney I'll continue to chase, to insert later if I can get them."

He plans to release "Tribute" as an 11-hour DVD box set, with a companion coffee-table book. It's not a profit-making venture: Vrana has spent $280,000 on the project so far and says any proceeds will go to charity.

Venue change sought in trial of S. Peterson

MODESTO, Calif. (AP) — Prosecutors seeking the death penalty against Scott Peterson in the death of his wife and unborn son say news coverage of the case is so widespread there is no point in moving the trial. Peterson's attorney claims a "lynch mob atmosphere" prevents him from getting a fair trial in Stanislaus County.

Judge Al Girolami was scheduled to hear arguments today on the defense's request to move the trial. Girolami can keep the case in Modesto, order it moved out of the county or select a jury in another county and bus members to the courthouse each day of the trial.

The judge has suggested jurors could be selected in neighboring San Joaquin County and transported 30 miles each day from Stockton.

Peterson, 31, is charged with two counts of murder in the killings of his pregnant wife, Laci, and unborn son. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

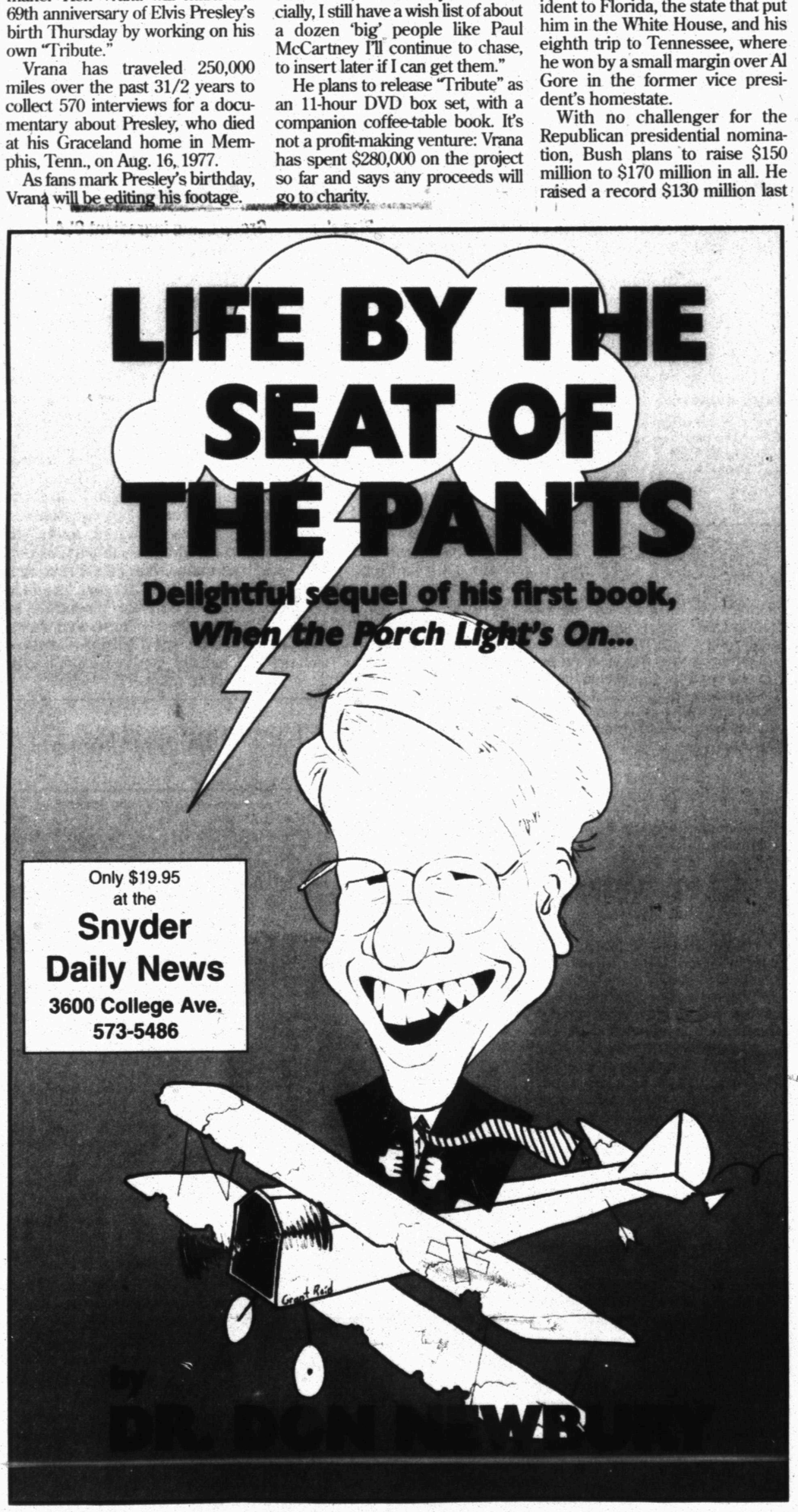
The trial is scheduled Jan. 26, but would most likely be postponed if there is a change in location.

In documents filed with the court last month, Geragos said surveys showed there was less bias against Peterson in Los Angeles, Sacramento, Alameda and Santa Clara counties.

He cited many examples of the hostility Scott Peterson has faced since he was arrested in April after the remains of his wife and her fetus washed ashore in San Francisco Bay. The remains were found near where Peterson said he was fishing when his wife disappeared from their home on Christmas Eve 2002.

A crowd of more than 100 people waited outside the jail when Peterson was brought in for booking, some shouting "murderer," and Peterson's house was vandalized twice. Geragos also said that T-shirts have been sold with Peterson's likeness and the motto: "Modesto, a killer place to live."

Prosecutors said fair jurors could be found in the county of more than 480,000 people. They blamed much of the publicity on Geragos' "media grandstanding" and said he was trying to inflame the court by hurling invective and accusations.



Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Husband's salon tan is sign that he's cheating

DEAR ABBY: A while back you listed clues to look for if you suspected your husband of being unfaithful. I'd like to add to that list: a bronzed body from a tanning salon.

My husband, "Jerry," and I are called the "ideal" couple. We're both physically active and in good condition. We've been married 46 years.

Jerry brings me coffee, fruit and the newspaper in bed every morning. He has also seduced, or tried to seduce, my sisters, some of my closest friends and business associates.

When I confront him, he tells me that I have a problem and that I need help not him! I am in therapy in order to decide what to do with the rest of my life.

Please print this list again for those who might have missed it. — **SUSPICIOUS NO MORE**

DEAR SUSPICIOUS NO MORE: You are a strong lady. I'm sure you'll make the right decisions about your future. I'm also pleased you're getting professional support, because therapy can be helpful regardless of age.

And now, the list:

(1) A sudden change in manner of dress and grooming.

(2) Secretiveness.

(3) Unexplained absences.

(4) Unfamiliar charges on credit card or phone bills.

(5) Hang-ups on your home phone.

(6) More business trips than usual.

(7) Stops confiding in you or asking your advice.

(8) Sets up a new e-mail account and doesn't tell you.

(9) Mutual friends start acting strangely toward you. (They either knew about the cheating or have been told stories about what a horrible wife or girlfriend you are.)

(10) Refuses to let you take him to the airport when he's leaving town.

(11) Carries condoms even though you are on the pill.

(12) Deletes incoming phone numbers from caller ID.

(13) Leaves the house in the morning smelling like Irish Spring and returns in the evening smelling like Speedstick.

(14) Becomes accusatory, asking if you are being true to him, usually out of guilt.

(15) Raises hypothetical questions such as, "Do you think it's possible to love more than one person at a time?"

(16) Buys himself new underwear.

(17) Insists that the child seat, toys, etc., are kept out of his car.

(18) Stops wearing his wedding ring.

(19) Supposedly works a lot of overtime, but it never shows up on the pay stub.

(20) Suddenly wants to try new love techniques.

(21) Has unexplained scratches or bruises on his neck or back.

(22) Has a sudden desire to be helpful with the laundry.

(23) Picks fights in order to stomp out of the house.

(24) Shows a sudden interest in a different type of music.

(25) Has a sudden preoccupation with his appearance.

(26) Spends an excessive amount of time on the computer, especially after you have gone to bed.

(27) Works long hours on weekends, but is never at his desk to answer the phone. Then calls back later with a reason, such as, "I was working in the conference room where there is more space."

(28) Has lots of "emergency errands." Then comes home empty-handed, saying, "They didn't have what I needed."

(29) And the telltale sign of a cheating spouse? Having to ask the question in the first place. Listen to your gut!

**

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

**

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $5 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

COPYRIGHT 2004 UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, Jan. 9, 2004

The year ahead could be one of exceptional promise for you, especially in areas where you are able to utilize your creative talents. Put your keen imagination to work for you in ways that will generate growth and development.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Something big could be in the offing for you today. There will be other people involved, but the key to achieving success will be primarily in your ballpark, with you being the winner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — There is a possibility that you could benefit today from a situation that is not of your making. Chances are it will come about through several mysterious happenings screened from your view.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Partnership situations will work out quite fortunately for you today because they will involve individuals of mutual sincerity. Each will protect the other and cause joint interests to mushroom.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — In work situations today, be both hopeful and positive regarding your talents and ability to achieve. What you believe is what you will make happen, what you think you can do, you'll do.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You can fare far better than usual in competitive situations, whether they are work-related or are in the sport's arena, so don't hesitate today to take on all competitors. You may surprise yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Favorable changes are stirring today that may not necessarily be of your making, yet you could greatly benefit from them. The alterations may come from two separate directions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — There are dollar signs associated today with your commercial ideas that are connected to a group endeavor of some kind. You can benefit as well as show others how to turn a sweet profit.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — If you've been hoping to put together a lucrative arrangement, this could be the very day you've been waiting for where all the pieces finally fall into place. Vigorously pursue your plans.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — It may appear to be dumb luck to onlookers, but in reality it'll be your optimistic outlook that has you acting with more foresight and consideration than usual and brings good things about today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Your greatest hours of happiness today will be the time you spend with your loved ones and family. Take a much deserved break from the hectic world around you and bask in their love.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Today could be a day of both endings and new beginnings. An old problem may finally be resolved through a fortuitous happening, while at the same time awakening fresh hopes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Circumstances look extremely hopeful and encouraging for you today regarding your career and financial affairs. Conditions could loosen up and provide you with an extra means of income.

Copyright 2004, NEA

Top Ten stars named

NEW YORK (AP) — Jim Carrey tops the list in a poll of the Top Ten Money-Making Stars of 2003 by Quigley Publishing Co., which conducts an annual survey of motion picture exhibitors.

Nicole Kidman finished second, followed by Jack Nicholson, Tom Cruise, Julia Roberts, Johnny Depp, Russell Crowe, Tom Hanks, Will Ferrell and Renee Zellweger.

The Quigley Poll, conducted every year since 1932, asks motion picture exhibitors to vote for the 10 stars who generated the most box-office revenue for their theaters.

Exhibitors also were asked to name the Stars of Tomorrow for 2003 — one actor and one actress who they feel will be top money-makers in the years to come.

Best Available Copy

©2003 Media Services S-5348 OF9459R-1 Advertisement

MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH

New pill targets fat and water in the abdomen that cause the pot belly

Developed from studies at the Universities of Yale, Pittsburgh, UCLA, and California

You can say good-bye to your pot belly

By John Whitehead, Media Services

A major new breakthrough pill with ingredients that target abdominal fat and water that cause the pot belly has been announced by BioTech Research®.

The brand name of this pill is AbGONE™. It is now available to the public.

AbGONE™ was developed from concepts in research conducted at the Universities of Yale, Pittsburgh, UCLA, and California. It was found in this research that fat in the abdomen is different than the rest of your body. And, there are 2 types of abdominal fat, outer fat and intestinal fat.

Certain factors cause fat to collect in the abdominal area in excess.

But what makes abdominal fat different from the rest of the fat in the body also provided researchers with a way to reduce it with a number of natural substances which reduce both types of abdominal fat. They also found a way to reduce excess abdominal water.

The lead developer of this remarkable new pill, AbGONE™, with these ingredients that reduce abdominal fat and water, was Rehan Jalali, nationally recognized nutritionist and author for BioTech Research®.

Here is my eye-opening interview with Mr. Jalali. Research studies are noted and referenced in this interview.*

Q. Mr. Jalali, how did you develop this remarkable AbGONE™ pill with ingredients that target fat and water in the abdomen?

A. It took five years to develop the AbGONE™ pill.

We started out by reviewing large volumes of research that had been done on why so much fat is disproportionately stored in the abdomen. This research was conducted at Yale University.[2]

This research found that abdominal fat was different than in the rest of the body.[1]

From this initial research, we knew we could develop a pill to reduce abdominal fat.

We also found that there were harmful effects of abdominal excess fat and excess retained water. These included the fact that people with a pot belly had a greater tendency to certain health problems.[2] We also found that they had social difficulties and had greater rates of unemployment and divorce.[3]

Q. It has always been thought in the scientific community that you could not spot reduce fat. Is that not true?

A. The ingredients in AbGONE™ do not spot reduce ordinary fat. They help reduce ordinary fat uniformly over the entire body. The ingredients in AbGONE™ enable the body to reduce excess water and fat in the abdomen that the body could not reduce before. And they help inhibit the excess collection of abdominal fat in the future. Therefore, the abdomen is reduced in size much better than before.

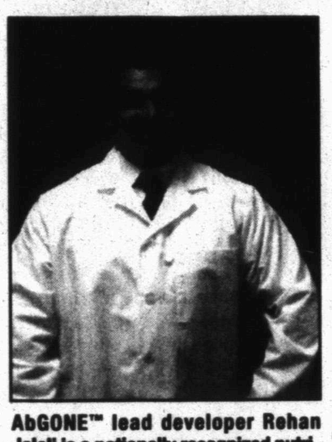
Q. How is abdominal fat different from other fat in the body?

A. Abdominal fat is much more sensitive to a certain hormone which enlarges the fat. I will elaborate shortly.

There are basically two different types of fat in the body. The first is outer fat found under the skin surface. The second is intestinal fat which is deep in the abdomen.

Now, this is important.

It is possible to reduce the surface fat in the body but still have significant abdominal intestinal fat.



AbGONE™ lead developer Rehan Jalali is a nationally recognized nutritionist and author who has appeared in NEWSWEEK, Muscle & Fitness, Oxygen, Men's Fitness, Muscle Media and many other magazines and scientific journals. He has developed over 100 cutting edge products for the nutritional supplement industry.

That is why, even when people become super thin and have no visible fat on their body, they often still have a pot belly. That is because the intestinal fat is still collected deep in the abdomen.

Q. How do the ingredients in AbGONE™ help reduce abdominal surface and intestinal fat?

A. We found in a number of research studies on laboratory animals, later confirmed in human studies, a substance called Conjugated Linoleic Acid (CLA). Studies of CLA suggest that CLA decreases body fat in three ways: 1.) CLA decreases body fat mass by decreasing the amount of fat that is stored after eating; 2.) CLA increases the rate of fat breakdown in fat cells; and 3.) CLA increases the rate of fat metabolism which decreases the total number of fat cells. You can think of CLA as a match that lights the fuse in fat. This fuse increases the metabolic rate of fat that can result in subsequent fat loss.

Studies have shown that you can reduce abdominal fat within 4 weeks.[7] AbGONE™ contains a good dose of CLA.

There are also a number of other beneficial effects to CLA that help decrease the future storage of fat.

Q. How can CLA help decrease the future storage of fat?

A. CLA interferes with an enzyme called lipoprotein lipase (LPL). LPL is an enzyme that helps store fat in the body[16]. So, by inhibiting this fat-storing enzyme LPL, CLA can help reduce the re-accumulation of fat.

CLA also helps the body use its existing fat for energy, thereby increasing fat oxidation and energy expenditure.

Q. What is the hormone that causes fat to accumulate disproportionately in the body?

A. The hormone Cortisol has been found in studies at UCLA, Yale and many other universities to directly contribute to the collection of fat in the abdomen.[8] Cortisol is a catabolic hormone that breaks down dead or damaged tissues so they can be eliminated by the body. Lower levels of Cortisol have some functional effects. Higher levels of Cortisol are harmful.

These university studies found that stress directly increases Cortisol levels to the point of being harmful.[9]

These stress-induced Cortisol level increases have been linked to increasing abdominal fat.[9] The reason for this is that there are 4 times more Cortisol receptors in abdominal fat than there are in fat in the rest of the body.[10] This is why abdominal fat is much more sensitive to the fat accumulating effects of Cortisol.

Abdominal fat responds to circulating Cortisol levels by further increasing in size.[10] And, these large central fat deposits in the abdomen can contribute to problems and promote other risk factors like high cholesterol levels.[10]

According to research at the University of California in San Francisco, higher levels of Cortisol and stress can actually increase appetite, especially cravings for sweet foods.[11] So it's a cascading effect causing people to get fatter and fatter.

Therefore it is imperative to stop high levels of Cortisol in its tracks if you want to reduce abdominal fat.

Q. So how do you control Cortisol levels?

A. The simplest way is to eliminate stress in your life. However, with modern life, eliminating stress is virtually impossible. The alternative is to use nutriceuticals that studies indicate reduce Cortisol levels. We also put these all natural nutriceuticals in AbGONE™.

Q. Can you tell me more about these nutriceuticals in AbGONE™ shown to reduce Cortisol?

A. Yes I can. There are certain vitamins and minerals that have been shown to reduce Cortisol levels in high stress situations.[12] But you can't just take a multiple vitamin to reduce Cortisol because there's a lot of other things that you need to have in order for them to work.

One of these critical nutrients that you need is Phosphatidylserine (PS). Several studies at the University of Naples in Italy and at Cal State University in the U.S. indicate that PS can lower cortisol levels. PS has another good side effect in that it is also a brain power booster. The stopping of excessive Cortisol is also important for your psychological condition. It may help improve mood and reduce anxiety.[13+14]

These synergistic nutrients in AbGONE™ helps reduce abdominal fat as aforementioned. Fat in the abdomen also has more Cortisol receptors than does fat in the rest of the body as aforementioned. So lowering Cortisol levels can help reduce fat in the abdomen.

Eating too much sugars also affect abdominal fat which is also addressed in the AbGONE™ ingredients.

Q. How are blood sugars addressed in the AbGONE™ ingredients?

A. AbGONE™ contains a highly absorbable form of chromium, a trace mineral shown to have powerful benefits in regulating blood sugar levels. Chromium works by helping the body store less sugars as fat.

Q. Are there any other benefits to the AbGONE™ ingredients?

A. The answer to the question is a yes. Not only do the ingredients gradually help reduce abdominal fat, but they also have a multitude of health and other benefits. These include anti-oxidant effects, supporting healthy blood sugar levels, neurological boosting effects, preserving lean body mass, and supporting optimal water balance.

A lot of the excess pounds that people carry is excess water which is not needed by the body and can be harmful.

AbGONE™ also contains an exotic herb, Dandelion Root, that studies have shown can help decrease excess water in the body.[15] This can really help reduce and show a firm abdomen because large amounts of the excess water is in the abdomen. Men can show the "six pack" and women can get that smooth, firm, flat abdomen.

Therefore, AbGONE™ has triple action ingredients that helps support abdominal fat loss and a healthy body.

Q. Can you summarize these 3 components of the AbGONE™ ingredients?

A. Yes, I would like to preface that by the fact that you need all 3 of these components working to properly reduce abdominal fat, reduce the overall size of the abdomen and maximize the appearance of the abdomen. These 3 mechanisms of action are:

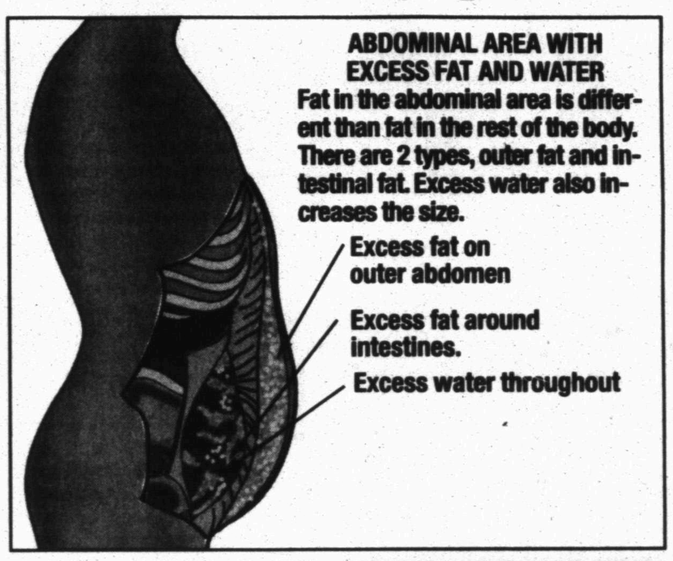
1. The AbGONE™ ingredients increase the rate of fat metabolism, which reduces both surface and intestinal abdominal fat and helps inhibit future formation of these abdominal fats.

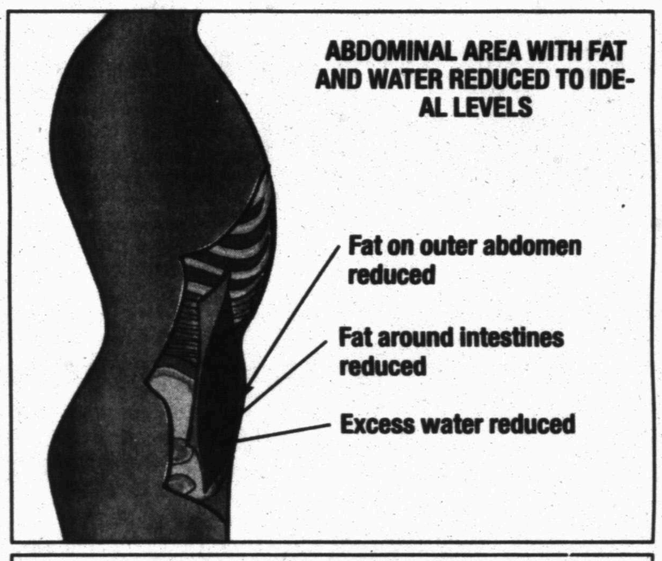
2. AbGONE™ ingredients help lower harmful high Cortisol levels which have been linked to increasing both surface and intestinal abdominal fat and causing binge eating. Therefore, they help reduce both surface and intestinal abdominal fat.

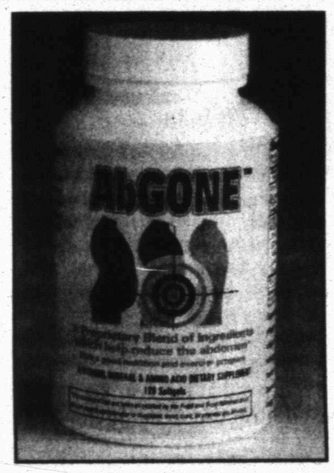
3. AbGONE™ ingredients help support optimal body water balance. Therefore, you are not carrying all of those excess pounds caused by excess body water. Excess body water can increase the size of the abdomen and hide your abdominal muscles as well as other muscles and make you look puffy and flabby.

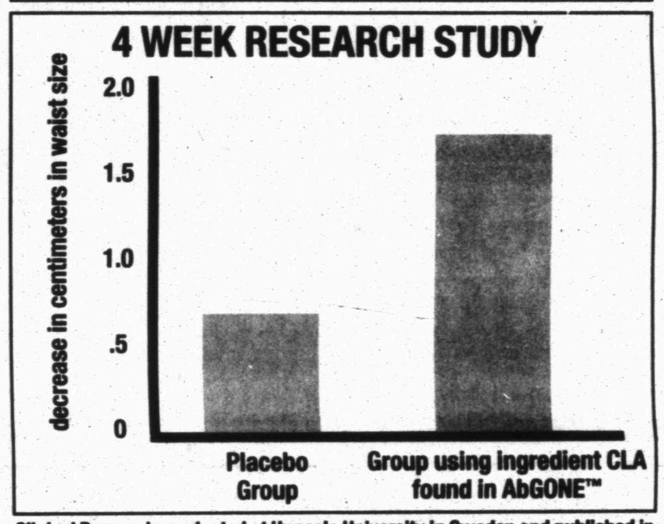
Q. Does AbGONE™ contain Ephedra or other harmful stimulants?

A. Absolutely not. The ingredients in AbGONE™ are non-stimulant. The only side effects of the ingredients you should see in AbGONE™ are a better appearance, better mental function, and better health.









Clinical Research conducted at Uppsala University in Sweden and published in the prestigious International Journal of Obesity clearly shows that using the ingredient CLA in AbGONE™ had a stunning 2.14 times greater reduction in waist circumference and a significant lowering of abdominal adipose tissue (abdominal outer and intestinal fat) as compared to a placebo.

Proper eating and exercise can further potentiate the effects of AbGONE™.

AbGONE™ pills come in a 30-day supply bottle. University studies show people can reduce their abdominal fat in 30 days. AbGONE™ will not be in stores for an extended period until we can get enough AbGONE™ ingredients, which are costly and time consuming to produce, in high quantity for store inventories. In the meantime, readers can order direct from BioTech Research®.

End of interview.

Today readers of the publication can get AbGONE™ at a major discount if they order in 10 days from the date of this publication. The price of a 30-day supply of AbGONE™ is $39 plus $3.95 shipping and handling for a total of $42.95. But, for this 10 day sale, readers can get a $10 discount and pay only $29. For readers who want to obtain a 30-day supply of AbGONE™ at this 10 day sale price please see the Readers Discount Coupon on this page. There is a strict limit of 3 bottles at this discount price - no exceptions please. Those readers ordering after 10 days from the date of this publication must pay regular price.

SPECIAL READER'S DISCOUNT COUPON

The price of a 30-day supply of AbGONE™ is $39 plus $3.95 shipping and handling. People reading this publication get a $10 discount and pay only $29 delivered get free shipping and handling with this coupon if you order within 10 days. There is a strict limit of 3 bottles at this discount price with no additional shipping and handling.

- To order by phone, call TOLL FREE **1-800-585-0920 Ext. ABF467**. Place your order by using your credit card. Operators are on duty 24 hours, 7 days.
- To order by mail, fill out and mail in this coupon.

This product carries a one year guarantee. If you are not totally satisfied, your purchase price will be refunded. No questions asked.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Number of bottles you want: _____

Check Below to get discount:

☐ I am ordering within 10 days of the date of this publication, therefore I get a $10 discount and free shipping and handling and my price is only $29.

☐ I am ordering past 10 days of the date of this publication, therefore I pay full price of $39 plus $3.95 shipping and handling.

Enclosed is $_____ in: ☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ Money Order
(Make check payable to BioTech Research)

Or charge my: ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard
☐ Am. Exp./Optima ☐ Discover/Novus

Account No. _____ Exp. Date ___/___

Signature _____

MAIL TO: BioTech Research Dept. ABF467
7800 Whipple Ave. N.W.
Canton, OH 44767
www.abgone.com

[1]Eur J Pharmacol 2002, 440(2-3) : 99-107.
[2]Obes Research 1999, 7.1 : 9-15.
[3]Psychosomatic Med. 2000, 62 : 623-632.
[4]Arch Biochem Biophys 2003, 412:142-146.
[5]Am J Physiol Regul Integr Comp Physiol 2002, 282(6) : R1789-1797.
[6]Comp Biochem Physiol B Biochem Mol 2002, 133.3 : 395-404.
[7]Int J Obesity 2001, 25 : 1129-1135.
[8]Psychosomatic Med. 2000, 62 : 623-632.
[9]Obes Research 1999, 7.1 : 9-15.
[10]Psychosomatic Med. 2000, 62 : 623-632.
[11]Psychoneuroendocrinology 2001, 26 : 37-49.
[12]Int J Sports Med 2001, 22: 537-543.
[13]Neuroendocrinology 1990, 52 : 243-248.
[14]Biology of Sport 1998, 15 : 135-144.
[15]Therapeutic Guide to Herbal Medicines 1990.
[16]LLP (Lipoprotein Lipase) reference : Lipids. 1997 Aug 32(8) : 853-858.
[17]Chromium reference : Curr Opi Clin Nutr Metab Care. 1998 Nov 1 (6) : 509-512.

*These statements have not been evaluated by the FDA. This product is not intended to diagnose, treat, cure or prevent any disease.
*Diet and exercise are important in achieving fitness goals.

JAN 08 2004

Best Available Copy

2nd Front Page

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

U.S. helicopter crashes near Fallujah

FALLUJAH, Iraq (AP) — A U.S. Black Hawk medivac helicopter crashed today near this stronghold of the anti-American insurgency, killing all nine soldiers aboard, the U.S. military said. A witness said the helicopter was hit in the tail by a rocket.

The military also said a U.S. soldier died Wednesday of injuries suffered in a mortar attack that wounded 33 other troops and a civilian west of Baghdad.

Hundreds of angry Iraqis, meanwhile, waited outside Baghdad's infamous Abu Ghraib prison for a much-publicized release of detainees that did not occur by late afternoon.

There were no survivors among the nine American soldiers aboard the medical evacuation helicopter that crashed about 2:20 p.m. while making an "emergency landing" near Fallujah, said Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt in Baghdad. The cause of the crash was unknown, he said.

Mohammed Ahmed al-Jamali, a farmer who lives close to the crash site, said he heard the whoosh of a rocket, saw it hit the helicopter in the tail and watched the chopper crash in flames.

Al-Jamali, 27, said he rushed to the scene but found all aboard dead.

"I was in the farm, I heard the sound, looked up and I saw the rocket hit. It hit it in the tail," al-Jamali said.

He said there were two helicopters in the air, both with the distinctive red crosses of medical evacuation craft, and that the second one was hit.

The helicopter was a medical evacuation aircraft but it was unclear if it was carrying patients, a military official said on condition of anonymity.

Student Waleed Kurdi, 23, said he heard "a loud explosion and I saw the fire in the air." He said the aircraft exploded in two before it hit the ground.

American troops arrived about an hour later, while a helicopter patrolled above, al-Jamali said.

Fallujah, west of Baghdad, is a flash point of the resistance against the U.S. occupation where rebels previously have shot down U.S. helicopters.

A U.S. helicopter was shot down Jan. 2 in the same area, killing one soldier, and military officials said it almost certainly was shot down by rebels.

In the deadliest single attack on U.S. forces since the Iraq invasion began in March, 17 soldiers were killed Nov. 15 when two Black Hawk helicopters collided above Mosul in what the military called a likely grenade attack.

On Nov. 2, a Chinook helicopter was shot down near Fallujah, killing 16 American soldiers and injuring 26. The military believes a SA-7 shoulder-fired missile slammed into one of the chopper's rear-mounted engines.

Wednesday's mortar attack occurred at Logistical Base Seitz about 12 miles west of Baghdad in the tense "Sunni Triangle" that is home to hard-line supporters of ousted leader Saddam Hussein.

Ousted justice seeks return to his office

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Roy Moore, who was ousted as Alabama's chief justice for refusing to remove a Ten Commandments monument from the state judicial building, asked the state Supreme Court today to return him to office.

Moore argued in legal briefs that his expulsion sets a "dangerous precedent" and requires judges to deny their oath of office and religious faith. He said he lost his post because he failed a "religious test" that forced him to choose between his job and his allegiance to God.

The former chief justice was appealing the Nov. 13 decision of the Alabama Court of the Judiciary to oust him for refusing a federal court order to move the 5,300-pound monument from the Alabama Judicial Building's rotunda.

Moore says the commandments are the moral foundation of American law. Civil-liberties activists say the stone tablets promoted religion in violation of the constitutional separation of church and state.

Moore's appeal will be decided by seven retired judges chosen at random to form a stand-in Supreme Court after the elected justices disqualified themselves from hearing the former chief justice's case.

Attorney General Bill Pryor, who prosecuted Moore before the Court of the Judiciary, has 20 days to file a response to Moore's brief.

Suzanne Webb, a spokesman for Pryor, said he needs to study the papers before making any comment.

Moore and his attorneys argue that the Court of the Judiciary made a mistake by not considering whether U.S. District Judge Myron Thompson's order to move the monument was legal.

"The Court of the Judiciary's crucial failure to distinguish between lawful and unlawful orders sets a dangerous precedent for all judicial officials in that ... it requires obedience to all court orders including those that are illegal and unethical," the brief argues.

Moore's attorneys also filed a motion todayc objecting to the way the replacement justices were chosen.

Moore, known as the "Ten Commandments judge," designed the granite monument and moved it into the rotunda one night in July 2001. After a seven-day trial in 2002, U.S. District Judge Myron Thompson found the monument to be an unconstitutional promotion of religion by government.

Thompson's order was upheld by a federal appeals court, and the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear Moore's appeal.

After Thompson missed Moore's deadline to remove the monument, the Judicial Inquiry Commission suspended Moore from office and brought ethics charges against him before the Court of the Judiciary.

Insiders give 'outsider' Dean first lead in '04 delegate chase

WASHINGTON (AP) — Self-styled outsider Howard Dean holds the first lead in the chase for delegates for the Democratic presidential nomination, and he can thank party insiders for the early advantage, according to an Associated Press survey.

The former Vermont governor holds endorsements or pledges of support from 86 Democratic "superdelegates" — elected officials and other Democratic leaders who will help nominate a candidate at this summer's convention.

Rival Dick Gephardt, the former House Democratic leader who has served as Missouri congressman for 28 years, has the backing of 58 superdelegates. Four-term Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts has the support of 54.

Among the remaining candidates, three-term Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut, the 2000 vice presidential nominee, has 25 superdelegates, while Wesley Clark, the retired general who has never held elected office, has 24. First-term Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina has 15.

The long-shot hopefuls — Al Sharpton (3), Carol Moseley Braun (3) and Rep. Dennis Kucinich of Ohio (2) — were in single digits.

Dean's campaign has generated buzz over the Internet and grass-roots support, boosting him to the top of most polls. However, Dean's frequent railings against Washington politicians haven't been popular with many party insiders.

Campaign manager Joe Trippi contends the early superdelegate lead is proof that even long-time Democratic stalwarts are warming to Dean.

"They are all good candidates, but Dean right now is the front-runner, and you always want to ride 'Seabiscuit' whenever you can," said Oscar Soliz, a superdelegate from Corpus Christ who backs Dean, referring to the champion thoroughbred from the 1930s that started as an underdog.

"It is not surprising that Dean has picked up momentum" given his lead in state and national polls, said Elaine Kamarck, a superdelegate who has not endorsed a candidate. Kamarck teaches public policy at Harvard University and was an adviser to Al Gore in the 2000 campaign.

One arrested in Snyder

Arrest

Law enforcement officers made one arrest Wednesday.

At 2:47 p.m., a 35-year-old woman was taken into custody in the 2800 block of Ave. U on a warrant from Midland for child support.

Prowler

A caller reported a possible prowler at 9:59 p.m. Wednesday in the alley of the 4000 block of Eastridge. Officers made a search of the area, but did not locate anyone.

Criminal mischief

Police are investigating a report made at 12:17 p.m. Wednesday of a storage building being shot at 3412 N. Bus. 84.

A caller reported at 2:47 p.m. Wednesday a fence that had been knocked down at CR 2173 and CR 2126.

Damage to a vacant house in the 1400 block of Ave. M was reported at 3:42 p.m. Wednesday.

Theft

A resident in the 2800 block of Ave. Q at 3:42 Wednesday reported the theft of a pit bull dog.

Fire

A 9-1-1 call was received at 1:23 p.m. Wednesday reporting a pick-up on fire in the 2800 block of Ave. M. Firemen were dispatched, but the driver of the vehicle had already put the fire out upon arrival.

Firemen responded to a grass fire at 2:27 p.m. Wednesday on FM 1606 southwest of Snyder on the Anadarko lease. A broken power line had sparked the blaze.

Gas drive-off

A caller from West-T-Go, 4201 College Ave., reported gas drive-off at 10:56 a.m. Wednesday.

Obituaries

Dick Browning

1935-2004

Ellis Mack "Dick" Browning, a life-long Scurry County resident, died Wednesday, Jan. 7, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock after a brief illness.

Graveside service for Mr. Browning, 68, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Fluvanna Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 19, 1935 in Dermott, he married Jane Duncan on March 10, 1961 in Snyder.

Mr. Browning had spent most of his life in the grocery business, working for Furr's, IGA, Piggly Wiggly and Everybody's Thriftway. At the time of his death he was employed at the Handi-Mart and was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Jane Browning of Snyder; two sons, Dicky Wayne Browning of Abilene and Michael Lane Browning of Snyder; three brothers, Rusty Browning and Timp Browning, both of Post, and Billy Ray Browning of Snyder; two sisters, M. J. Merritt of Snyder and Pat Kelley of Rotan; and one granddaughter, Amanda Nicole Browning of Snyder.

Visitation will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. Friday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Lucy Todd

1917-2004

Lucy Ann Todd died Monday, Jan. 5, in Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Funeral service for Mrs. Todd, 86, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Crestview Baptist Church in Lamesa. The Rev. Pat Githens, pastor of the church and a former Snyder resident, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Lamesa Memorial Park under the direction of Branon Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 26, 1917 in Tipton, Okla., she married Melvin Joe Todd on July 23, 1952 in Austwell, Texas. He died Dec. 11, 1990.

A resident of Snyder Oaks Care Center for about two months, Mrs. Todd was a member of Crestview Baptist Church in Lamesa.

She was a homemaker and was also preceded in death by one sister, Zettie Rainy; and two brothers, J.W. Boen and Hubert Boen.

Survivors include a sister, Mildred Turpin of Hagerman, N.M.; and several nieces and nephews.

Personal, Professional Service
BELL CYPERT-SEALE FUNERAL HOME
3101 College Ave. 573-5454

Comfort Keepers
325-573-9999
Matt & Becky Cross, owners
www.comfortkeepers.com
Non-Medical, In-Home Care
• In-home Companionship
• Meal Preparation
• Grocery shopping
• Transportation
• Light Housekeeping & more
Screened, Bonded & Insured

WCFH
Independently Owned & Operated
WRIGHT COLONIAL FUNERAL HOME
200 East 37th St.
Snyder, Texas
325-573-6200

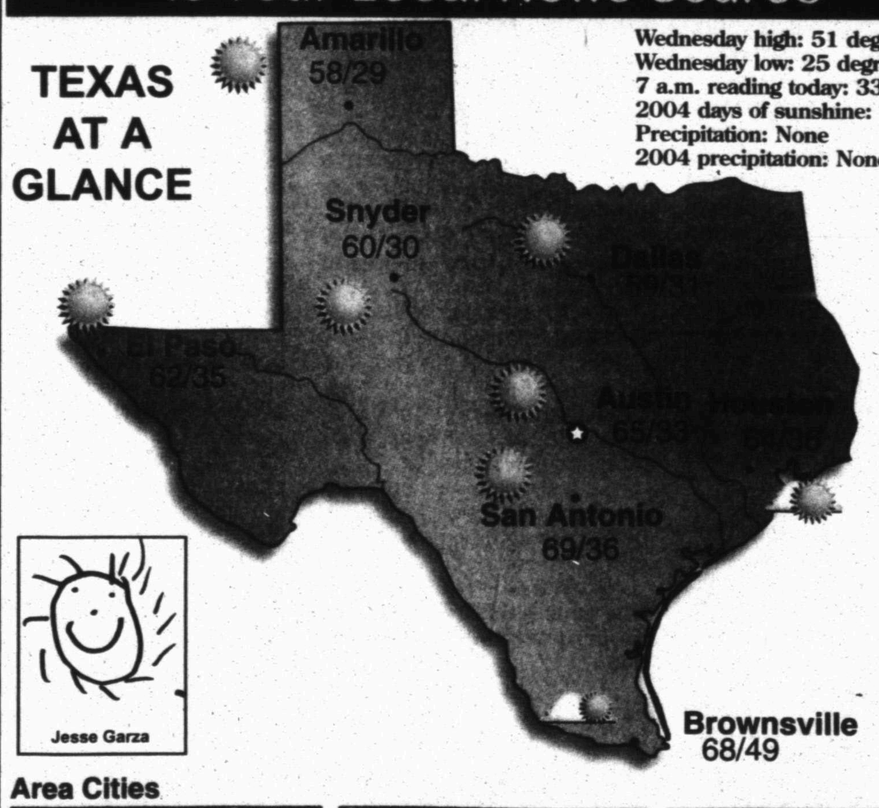
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Fri 1/9	Sat 1/10	Sun 1/11
60/30	62/40	63/39
Mainly sunny. High near 60F. Winds WNW at 5 to 10 mph.	Sunshine. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 40s.	A few clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.
Sunrise 7:47 AM Sunset 5:55 PM	Sunrise 7:47 AM Sunset 5:56 PM	Sunrise 7:47 AM Sunset 5:57 PM

–Come Rain or Shine–
THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS
Is Your Local News Source

TEXAS AT A GLANCE



Wednesday high: 51 degrees
Wednesday low: 25 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 33 degrees
2004 days of sunshine: 7 of 7
Precipitation: None
2004 precipitation: None

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	61	33	sunny	El Paso	62	35	sunny	Midland	63	31	sunny
Amarillo	58	29	sunny	Fort Stockton	63	37	sunny	Raymondville	68	45	pt sunny
Austin	65	33	sunny	Gainesville	56	26	sunny	Rosenberg	64	36	mst sunny
Beaumont	63	35	mst sunny	Greenville	56	27	sunny	San Antonio	69	36	sunny
Brownsville	68	49	pt sunny	Houston	64	36	mst sunny	San Marcos	66	34	sunny
Brownwood	63	31	sunny	Kingsville	70	44	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	56	28	sunny
Corpus Christi	67	44	mst sunny	Livingston	62	31	mst sunny	Sweetwater	62	33	sunny
Corsicana	60	30	sunny	Longview	58	29	sunny	Tyler	58	29	sunny
Dallas	59	31	sunny	Lubbock	62	27	sunny	Weatherford	58	27	sunny
Del Rio	67	36	sunny	Lufkin	62	31	sunny	Wichita Falls	59	28	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	42	28	rain	Houston	64	36	mst sunny	Phoenix	76	51	pt sunny
Boston	17	2	mst sunny	Los Angeles	71	54	cloudy	San Francisco	58	49	rain
Chicago	29	14	cloudy	Miami	75	62	pt sunny	Seattle	51	40	rain
Dallas	59	31	sunny	Minneapolis	19	10	pt sunny	St. Louis	35	22	cloudy
Denver	51	29	mst sunny	New York	24	11	pt sunny	Washington, DC	32	19	sn shower

Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
Jan 7	Jan 15	Jan 21	Jan 29

UV Index

Fri 1/9	Sat 1/10	Sun 1/11
Low	Low	Low

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

©2003 American Profile Hometown Content Service