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Subway fire kills 120 in South Korea

DAEGU, South Korea (AP) — Fire raced through two crowded subway trains in South Korea today after a man ignited a carton filled with flammable material, killing about 120 people and injuring at least 138, officials said.

A suspect police said had a history of mental illness was under interrogation in Daegu, South Korea's third-largest city. Police still did not know what motivated the attack or what substance the attacker used to start the blaze.

Many of the injured were seriously hurt, authorities said.

The fire started in one six-car train at a station, igniting seats and spreading to another train also stopped at the station, officials said.

Lim Dae-yoon, chief of Daegu city's east district municipal government, estimated the number of people killed at about 120. "We believe the death toll will not rise drastically from that," Lim said.

Many bodies were burned beyond recognition. Officials said they would have to wait for DNA tests to determine an exact number of dead, which could take weeks.

Other people died of asphyxiation on the train platform. One man said his missing daughter called by mobile phone to say there was a fire and the subway door wasn't opening.

Firefighters gave horrifying accounts of the scene underground: bodies of victims asphyxiated as they tried to escape up the stairs; on the platform were the ashen bones of those trapped in the flames.

Chung Sook-jae, 54, rushed to the scene after her daughter, 26-year-old Min Shim-eun, called her husband to say she was suffocating. Then the line went dead.

"She never caused any problems. She was a good kid. Why does this have to happen her?" Chung said, crying on the pavement near the scene. "If she's not out by now, she's probably dead. What am I going to do if her body is all burned out of recognition?"



TRAIN FIRE — A subway fire in Daegu, S. Korea killed at least 120 people and injured up to 135. Police said a man ignited a blaze in a subway car with a milk carton of flammable liquid. (AP Photo)

Scurry County okays agreement with WTC

By Brian Brisendine
SDN Staff Writer

Scurry County commissioners' court gave final approval to an agreement with Western Texas College this morning in a meeting that lasted just over half an hour.

The agreement, approved by WTC trustees last week, allows courthouse and sheriff's department employees to play golf on the WTC course for half price and also includes a discount on cart rental.

The county also gets free use of the WTC firing range twice a year, and free access to the WTC health and fitness facilities.

In exchange, the county is to provide man hours and equipment for seal coating on campus, dirt work and hauling as needed for WTC projects and use of the coliseum floor covering and folding chairs at no cost. The document will be renewed annually.

In other business, Sheriff Darren Jackson presented the information on racial profiling required by Senate Bill 1074.

Jackson said the legislation requires breakdowns of traffic stops from the previous calendar year be provided to a law enforcement entity's governing body.

The sheriff said while traffic stops are not a priority for his department, some are made throughout the year and he provide racial breakdowns of the stops.

In 2002, deputies made 35 stops in the county. Sixteen of the stops or 46 percent were Caucasians and the same amount were Hispanics, while three stops, or eight percent, were African Americans.

Citations were issued to only five people for traffic violations during the year, including two Caucasians, two Hispanics and one African American.

The number of consensual searches was evenly split with one each of a Caucasian and a Hispanic.

Of those stops that resulted in arrests, four were Hispanic, two were Caucasian and one was African American.

Jackson said new legislation requires similar reports be made beginning next year on both traffic and pedestrian stops, but his department is exempt from the measure because all Scurry County patrol units are equipped with audio and video cameras.

The court also heard from David Tate, representing Snyder Little League, but took no action. Tate requested funds for a new concession stand and scorer's box at Logan field.

Tate said the current facility is decades old and could become a safety hazard. A new facility could cost more than $15,000.

County Judge Rod Waller said the court would like to help, but no funds are available. He recommended Tate acquire plans and cost estimates for the facility and approach the court during budget work this spring.

Reports also were accepted from the extension office and the county welfare board.

Three budget amendments, totaling $1,278, were approved for the extension service office.

Commissioners present were Chloanne Lindsey, Ralph Trevey and Jerry House. Howard Limmer was absent.

SISD officials ponder vandalism prevention

Snyder school officials were meeting this morning to determine what action to take to possibly prevent future vandalism

Snyder High School was hit by vandals early Sunday, resulting in damage to the building and computer equipment..

"We'll be looking at several options, including installing alarm systems in all the schools," said Jim Kirkland, interim superintendent.

Kirkland said one possible source of funding would be grant money through the safe and drug-free grant program.

"I'm pretty sick of these breakins," added Kirkland.

Vandals broke into the high school and flooded two upstairs classrooms, forcing the temporary closure of two classrooms below. Maintenance director Mike Carter said this morning that the two classrooms would remain closed until the ceilings dried out.

Carter also said he had not reached a final tally on the dollar amount of damage inflicted. "It may be a day or two before we have good figures on that," said Carter.

"It's still devastating to think that people would do things like this," said Carter.

Snyder Police Sgt. Brian Haggard said this morning that while the investigation is continuing, the department has no suspects.

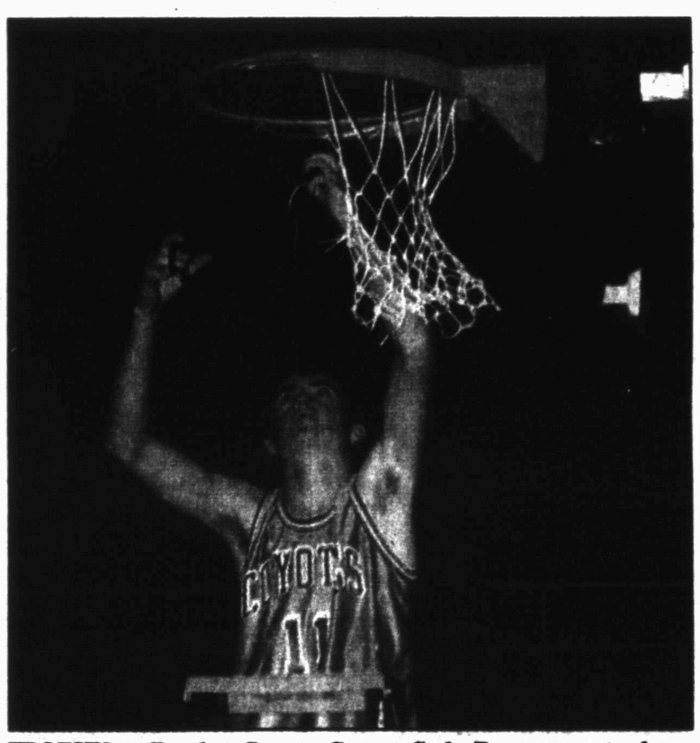


STENHOLM TO SPEAK - U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm (D-Stamford) will speak to Hermleigh school students at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday in the school auditorium. Interim Supt. James Bible said the public is invited. (Contributed Photo)

Area sales tax rebates

City	February '03	February '02	+/-	Year '03	Year '02	+/-
Abilene	$2,881,254.09	$3,143,032.46	-8.32%	$4,798,124.77	$4,932,148.83	-2.71%
Big Spring	$395,012.61	$401,739.09	-1.67%	$645,120.10	$650,056.94	-0.75%
Colorado City	$47,377.74	$50,427.20	-6.04%	$74,746.68	$81,432.02	-8.20%
Lamesa	$100,118.29	$101,781.50	-1.63%	$156,447.95	$160,149.34	-2.31%
Lubbock	$3,398,742.21	$3,374,479.29	0.71%	$5,418,403.33	$5,450,497.41	-0.58%
Post	$28,250.67	$28,875.40	-2.16%	$45,385.46	$46,895.94	-3.22%
Roby	$1,983.21	$3,097.63	-35.97%	$2,984.80	$3,991.04	-25.21%
Rotan	$17,501.20	$16,673.25	4.96%	$25,278.30	$23,399.08	8.03%
Snyder	$190,849.48	$159,896.36	19.35%	$308,846.00	$271,668.03	13.68%
Sweetwater	$235,483.39	$217,521.20	8.25%	$385,495.59	$345,447.53	11.59%

TAX REBATES — Snyder's sales tax rebate check for February was up almost 20 percent over the same month last year. The city's check is for taxes collected in December and reported in January and was $190,849.48 this month compared to $159,896.36 last February.



TROPHY — Borden County Coyote Cade Peterson cuts down the nets following the Coyotes' win Monday night over Aspermont, 61-56. See the game story on Page 7. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The real art of conversation often is, at a tempting moment, to leave things unsaid."

Again we are reminded that people are interested in the history of their home county.

A few days ago, we wrote that Scurry County had many rural schools in the past and we attempted to list them, adding that if we happed to miss any, to give us a ring.

Well, early last week W.J. Fuller, one of our faithful rain reporters at Dunn, called to say we did fail to list Round Top, a school many years ago located south of Snyder, about a half mile before you get to what is now the highway that runs from Ira to Dunn.

At least one student who attended that school still lives in Scurry County. Ferrel Nipp is a current resident of Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Mr. Fuller told us that one of his first cousins, Dessie Cook Day who now lives in Lubbock, was once a teacher at Round Top.

We also told Mr. Fuller that another Snyder Oaks resident, Ruth Eades, stopped us last weekend to tell us she enjoyed reading about all the county schools.

It was then that we learned that Mr. Fuller's wife, Jerri, is related to Mrs. Eades.

Mrs. Eades, despite a vision problem, is one of the most faithful readers of things happening in her hometown.

And John Zalman Jr., who lives east of Snyder, called Monday to report that The German School at Hermleigh, located two miles down CR 1606 on the way to Dunn, was another rural school in Scurry County.

And while on the subject of county history, one of our newer residents asked about "Hell Roaring Holler."

According to Pleasant Hill native Surry Gillum, the name originated when a family was camping on the banks of the small creek.

A storm came up and the creek became a raging torrent, and the man said it was a hell roaring holler.

Surry has observed that when people are told they live in the Independence School District or the Pleasant Hill community, they may not have heard of it. However, he says, most people have heard of Hell Roaring Holler in the eastern part of Scurry County.

And we need some more help with local history.

A caller wants to know the location of the biggest tree in Scurry County.

A couple of possibilities would be the tree south of Snyder on the Smith land or the one on the way to Loyd Mountain on the Greene homeplace.

Give us a shout.

Trial cancelled

Diana Rodriquez Castro, 35, of 2807 Ave. U this morning entered a plea of guilty to misdemeanor driving while intoxicated, canceling her jury trial on a felony charge.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong assessed a $750 fine and $253 in court costs, and sentenced Castro to one year in Scurry County Jail – probated two years.

She also was sentenced to actually serve 72 hours in the county jail and ordered to participate in the Texas Alternative to Incarceration Program.

She was charged with driving while intoxicated on Sept. 7.

District Attorney Dana Cooley was the prosecutor in the case, and Snyder attorney Pete Greene was defense attorney.

ASK US

Q—Has it been determined if the brass piece located in Scurry County was shuttle debris?

A—A photo of the item was sent to NASA, but no response has been received.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Rick Ramsey...

...moved to Snyder from Arkansas with AHNTECH to work at the remote scoring site at Winston Field. Rick has served in the Navy and has worked for AHNTECH since 1999. He has a 13-year-old son, Chris, who attends Snyder Junior High. Rick said he uses his spare time trying to shave a few strokes off of his golf game.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

I couldn't be two-faced. If I had two faces, I wouldn't wear this one.
—Abraham Lincoln

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Hospice memorial service

A memorial service for families who lost someone during 2002 will be held at 7 this evening in the First Presbyterian Church.

Mesquite Country Emmaus

Mesquite Country Emmaus community meeting will be held at 7 tonight at The Word Is Life Deliverance Church, 312 Coliseum Drive. Babe chicks meet at 6 p.m.

Alzheimer's meeting

An Alzheimer's meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Colonial Hill library. The topic will be financial management for caregivers. For more information, call Kinney Robinson at 573-9377.

Parenting seminar

All parents are invited to a parenting seminar at Central Elementary at 3 p.m. Thursday. Beth Dannheim, Scurry County extension agent, will discuss ways that nutrition can affect the learning of children.

FBC services televised

First Baptist Church services are televised on channel 2 at 3 p.m. each Thursday.

Annual enchilada dinner

The Knights of Columbus, Council 8875, will hold its fourth annual enchilada dinner from 11 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. on Sunday at West Elementary. Adult tickets are $5.

Support groups

Adult family violence support group and children's family violence support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Monday at Gateway Family Service. For information call 573-1822.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "Why Right is Right," followed by "Advice to Those Who Marry."

Snyder Oaks family council

The family council of Snyder Oaks Care Center will meet from 6:30-7:30 Thursday, Feb. 27. The meeting is for resident's family members for a program presented by Brenda Elkins of the Area Agency of Aging.

Chicken spaghetti fundraiser

Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection will host a chicken spaghetti fundraiser Friday, Feb. 28, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Tickets are $6 for adults and $4 for children 6-12 and persons 50 and older. Carry-out orders will be available. Call 573-1141 or 574-1931 to purchase tickets; or come by 2513 College Ave.

Senior water aerobics

Senior water aerobics will be held from 10-11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the WTC pool.

Withered flowers needed

The First Assembly of God youth group is needing withered flowers for a project. Call Camelia Soa at 574-2922 to have them picked up.

Trees still available

The Soil and Water Conservation office still has several varieties of trees available at $1 each. These include Lace Bark Elms, Shumard Oak, Sand Plums, Russian Olive, Honeylocust, Green Ash, American Honeysuckle, Desert Willow and Aromatic Sumac. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Relay for Life cookbooks

The cookbooks of the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Relay for Life teams are now available for a $10 donation. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. Call Becky Craig at 573-2472, Jo Schooler at 573-7807 or 573-6374.

Relay for Life teams needed

Teams are now being recruited for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Scurry County to be held April 25-26 at Tiger Stadium. For more information, contact Margaret Presswood, recruitment chairperson, at 573-4873.

WTC adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at WTC will be 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.

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.

Insurance bill gets preliminary approval

AUSTIN (AP) — The House gave preliminary approval Monday to legislation meant to help lawmakers as they attempt to reform the way the Texas homeowners insurance market is regulated.

The bill requires homeowners insurance companies to release to the Texas Department of Insurance their current and future rates as well as the data the companies use to determine the premiums. The department will then compile a report based on the information.

The legislation is expected to get final House approval today and then be sent back to the Senate. Sen. Troy Fraser, the Senate sponsor of the bill, said he expected the bill could land on the governor's desk by the middle to end of the week.

"We're gathering information at this stage," said Rep. John Smithee, a Republican from Amarillo who carried the legislation in the House. "All I know (is) the system is broken."

The bill comes as homeowners have seen their insurance premiums rise dramatically over the past several months even as some companies reduced their coverage or stopped writing new policies.

Insurance companies blame the increased cost on water and mold claims and other factors.

The state can do little to control the homeowners insurance rates because about 95 percent of the policies in Texas are written by subsidiaries that are exempt from rate regulation.

Jerry Johns, president of the industry group Southwestern Insurance Information Service, said the legislation illuminates the exisiting problem.

"The data will clearly demonstrate that insurers have lost hundreds of millions of dollars in homeowners insurance in Texas," Johns said.

The lawmakers debated an amendment by Rep. Senfronia Thompson, D-Houston, that would have required companies to turn over information about their investments in the stock market and on the cost of reinsurance.

State Rep. Steve Wolens, D-Dallas, said the information seemed relevant to the report because insurance companies can increase rates if they lose money in the stock market.

The amendment failed on a 93-53 vote, after Smithee argued that any information, including stock market losses, that insurance companies used to determine rates had to be turned over to the insurance department under the bill.

Smithee said Thompson's amendment would require that companies turn over quite a bit of information and some of it might not be relevant. He also said some of the amendment was not clear.

"If we are going to do brain surgery blindfolded, it's better to leave it alone," said Smithee.

Later, Fraser said that he was not necessarily opposed to Thompson's amendment but needed time to study it.

The legislation was the first bill the House has taken up this year.

The homeowners insurance bill is SB 310.

New study reveals...

More Medicare funds may not mean better health

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Increased Medicare spending does not necessarily translate into superior quality of care or improved health, according to a new study of the government health insurance program for seniors.

Researchers found dramatic regional differences in Medicare spending, with hospital patients in higher-spending areas receiving 60 percent more care than patients in lower-spending ones.

Yet that didn't result in better medical outcomes, leading the authors to question whether Medicare dollars are being spent efficiently. They said Medicare might be able to reduce spending by 30 percent without jeopardizing beneficiaries' health, adding that more research is needed on how to "safely reduce" spending levels.

"There is a lot of money at stake, but doing something about it will not be particularly easy," said the lead researcher, Dr. Elliott Fisher of Dartmouth Medical School.

Nationwide, Medicare spending grew 7.8 percent to $242 billion in 2001, partly because of increased payments to Medicare providers. Last month, President Bush said he would ask Congress for $400 billion to overhaul the health insurance program that serves 40 million Americans.

The study in today's Annals of Internal Medicine involved 614,500 patients with hip fractures, 195,400 patients with colorectal cancer and 159,400 heart-attack patients hospitalized between 1993 and 1995. Dividing the nation into 306 health care markets, researchers determined how much money the Medicare system spent on the patients in the last six months of life.

Per-capita Medicare spending was $14,644 in the highest-spending markets. Patients in these markets underwent more tests, had more procedures and saw more specialists than ones in the lowest-spending markets, where per-capita spending was $9,074.

But the additional measures did little or nothing to improve survival rates, slow the progression of illness or improve patient satisfaction, the study found. In fact, patients in the high-spending areas were less likely to get preventive care — such as flu and pneumococcal vaccines and Pap smears — than those in low-spending areas.

The authors attributed some of the differences in spending to health care capacity — the number of hospital beds and especially the number of doctors in a given region. The more specialists, the higher the "intensity of care," Fisher said.

The researchers "convincingly demonstrated that excellent outcomes for patients can be achieved in regions that do less, but do it right," Dr. Kenneth Shine of RAND Corp. wrote in an accompanying editorial. "The challenge is to convince the public that this is not about rationing but about better care."

Nancy Foster, a policy analyst at the American Hospital Association, said change is already happening.

The rise of "evidence-based medicine" — using the latest science to determine the most effective treatments — has helped doctors and hospitals become more efficient in recent years, said Foster, adding she suspects the study results might have been different had they been drawn from more recent data.

On the Net:
Annals of Internal Medicine: http://www.annals.org/

Today's chuckle

Spelling error trips up would-be thieves

HICKORY, N.C. (AP) — Two would-be thieves would be $500 wealthier if only they paid more attention to spelling.

Police say two men tried to pass a $498 counterfeit payroll check bearing the name, "Boryhill Furmiture" last week, but they were turned away by a grocery store office assistant who noticed the misspellings. The company's correct name is Broyhill Furniture.



Police were still searching for the suspects, but have arrested Kathy Elaine Gillman, 39, and her daughter Amanda Kaye Gillman, 18. The Ohio women are charged with aiding and abetting the obtaining of property by false pretense and possession of counterfeit checks.

The women followed the men after they left the store, police said. Police found 42 checks for $200 to $400 inside the women's car, along with a software program used to print checks, pages torn from a phone book and a handgun.

The checks were made out to two men, including one police believe is Kathy Gillman's ex-husband and Amanda's father. They were from businesses in Georgia, South Carolina and West Virginia.

Despite the spelling error, Hickory Police Capt. Steve Wright said the overall quality of the checks was impressive.

"There's a good possibility that if the name on the check had been spelled correctly, they would have gotten away with it," Wright said.



Dale Huff, Minister

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What is Sin?

There is a simple answer in the Bible to the question, "What is sin?" I John 3: 4 says, "Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness." James 3: 10 tells us, "For whoever keeps the whole law, and yet stumbles at just one point, is guilty of breaking all of it." Sin is breaking the law of God. We do not have to break many laws in order to sin, nor is sin only concerned with a few certain laws of God. James 3 talks about how favoritism violates the principle of loving our neighbor as we love ourselves. It is just as much sin as is adultery. Sin is violating the will of God, either by what we do or what we do not do.

For some reason we have difficulty recognizing that our own sins are really serious. Psalm 36 is a psalm concerning the sinfulness of the wicked. Concerning the wicked David writes in verse 2, "For in his own eyes he flatters himself too much to detect or hate his sin." Could it be that sometimes we build ourselves up so much that we get to a point where we do not see ourselves as sinners at all. Sometimes it might be the way we look at others that keeps us from recognizing sin in our own life. Jesus talked about how we can have a log in our eye and see the speck in a brother's eye, Matthew 7: 1-4. It is easy to do. Yes, we slander others. Yes, we get angry and hold grudges against others, but at least we are not terrorists. Those are the real sinners. Right? It is easy to get excited and indignant about the wrongs of others, especially those wrongs that we have no problem with in our own lives.

What is sin? It is the human problem. It is the reason that things never go exactly like they should. Most importantly, it is a problem for all of us. It is my problem, my biggest problem. And it is the reason Jesus came and died. Until I see sin as a problem, I can never really see why I need Jesus in my life.

Dale Huff

Date Book

Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2003

Today is the 49th day of 2003 and the 59th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1861, Jefferson Davis was inaugurated as president of the Confederacy.

On this day in 1930, Elm Farm Ollie became the first cow to fly in an airplane.

On this day in 1930, Clyde Tombaugh discovered the planet Pluto at the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: George Peabody (1795-1869), merchant and philanthropist; Louis Comfort Tiffany (1848-1933), artist; Jack Palance (1920-), actor, is 83; Toni Morrison (1931-), writer, is 72; Yoko Ono (1933-), musician, is 70; John Hughes (1950-), producer and director, is 53; Cybill Shepherd (1950-), actress, is 53; John Travolta (1954-), actor, is 49; Matt Dillon (1964-), actor, is 39; Molly Ringwald (1968-), actress, 35.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1990, Derrike Cope, who had never won a NASCAR race and hadn't finished better than 27th in the Daytona 500, won the Daytona 500 in the last lap.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "There is really nothing more to say — except why. But since why is difficult to handle, one must take refuge in how." — Toni Morrison

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Feb. 16) and last quarter (Feb. 23).

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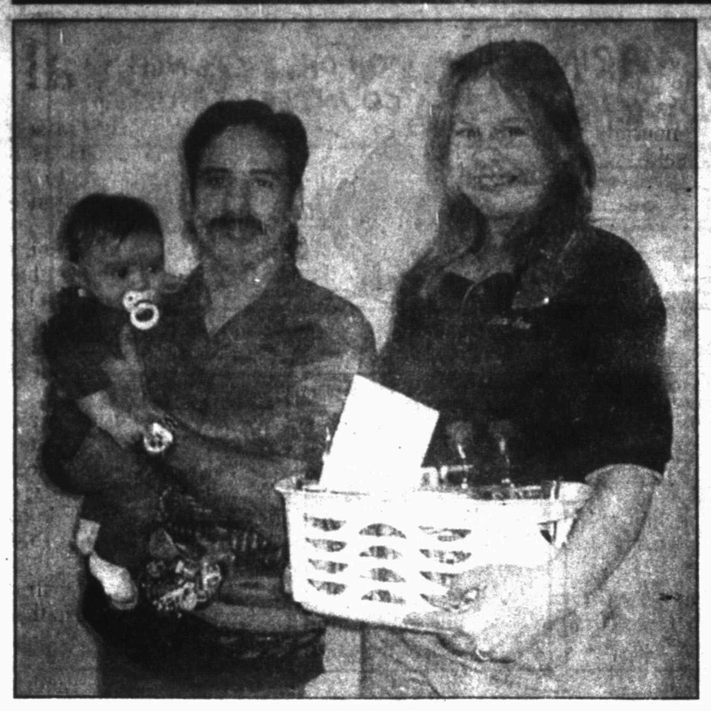
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GARCIA WINS DRAWING — Kinder Morgan employee **Mario Garcia won a family dinner to Pizza Inn and a family activity pack from the Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection. The drawing was part of the Connection's new project entitled "The Big Payoff." A local company or group of businesses will be selected each month to receive flyers that promote family time. Employees are encouraged to turn in their favorite family time activity. A winner is drawn from those entries. Garcia is pictured with his granddaughter Emily Bredemeyer and Pizza Inn representative Kara Smith.** (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 02-18-03
♠ A K 7 4 3
♥ A K J 5
♦ 4
♣ 8 6 5

West
♠ Q 8 5
♥ Q 6 2
♦ Q 9 5
♣ K J 4 3

East
♠ J 10 9 6
♥ 10 9 8 3
♦ J 2
♣ A Q 9

South
♠ 2
♥ 7 4
♦ A K 10 8 7 6 3
♣ 10 7 2

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
		1 ♠	Pass
1 NT	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ 3

Tuesday Feb. 18

Highlighting a key defensive principle

By Phillip Alder

British author Aldous Huxley wrote, "Facts are ventriloquists' dummies. Sitting on a wise man's knee, they may be made to utter words of wisdom; elsewhere, they say nothing ...."

If you learned bridge on a relative's knee, listening to words of wisdom, you were lucky. Most of us had to wait until later in life, and many received poor tuition.

This deal, though, features a principle that should be known by all, good or bad — but probably isn't. How should East-West defend to defeat three diamonds?

South must respond one no-trump; he is not strong enough for a two-over-one. Then, when he rebids three diamonds, he shows some 6-9 points with a long diamond suit. North, with no diamond fit, should pass quickly — even thinking about it would be an overbid.

Playing in Jupiter, Fla., Stella Willett (West) and her husband Jack found the killing defense. Stella led her fourth-highest club. Jack won with his ace and returned the club queen. In case her partner had started with a doubleton, Stella overtook with her king and cashed the jack. Now Stella paused for thought.

South was known to have three clubs and at least six diamonds. So, she had at most four major-suit cards. Therefore, the defense couldn't get a trick in either of those suits.

Since the defenders had taken all possible side-suit tricks, Stella led her last club. This apparently conceded a ruff-and-discard, but when Jack ruffed with the diamond jack, it effected an uppercut. South overruffed with the king and cashed the diamond ace, but Stella then collected two trump tricks to defeat the contract.

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David Prowse—who played Darth Vader in the original Star Wars film—and James Earl Jones, who voiced the character, never met.

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We are all in the gutter, but some of us are looking at the stars.

—Oscar Wilde

SHS Class of 1951 held a mini reunion recently

The Snyder High School class of 1951 had a mini reunion in the home of Patsy Williams.

Attending from out-of-town were Bush Hedges of Ashland, Ore.; Max Coffee of Big Spring, Iralyn Newby Ryan of Midland and Grant Teaff of Waco.

From Snyder were Jo Ann and Billy McCormick, Ann Richardson von Roeder, Shirley Miller Newton, Patsy Woolever Sitton, Billy Huddleston, Betty Yarborough Prince, Don Head and Patsy Pogue Williams, hostess.

Members of other classes attending included Eloise Pruitt, Max von Roeder and Ned and Polly Underwood.

The 1951 class members meet the first and second Tuesday of each month at a local restaurant for coffee. Those interested in joining them should call Williams at 573-5252, McCormick at 573-2433 or Sitton at 573-4359 for the time and location.

The class of 1953 will meet in Dallas on May 2 at the DFW Marriott for its 50th reunion and those planning to attend should contact Polly or Ned Underwood at 573-2175.

Births

'Chrystal Stewart announces the birth of a son, Isaiah Marcos Stewart, born at 1:33 p.m. Feb. 16, 2003 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed 5 lbs., 14 ozs. Maternal grandparents are Cindy Glasco of Snyder and Don Clark of Austin.

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Seven-pound Katlyn Daytona Burton was born at 6:12 a.m. on Feb. 15 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital to Cristi and James Burton of Snyder. She has a sister, ZaZanna Karie Burton.

Paternal grandparents are Danny and Marita Burton and maternal grandparents are Tommy and Elaine Buchanan. All are of Snyder.

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You never know what is enough unless you know what is more than enough.

—William Blake

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Cosmorama Study Club, Martha Ann Woman's Club; Hospice Care, by Betsy Armstrong; hostesses, Charlotte Smith and Jo Flynn; 4 p.m.

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

THURSDAY

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; board room, all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

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

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

AA Big Book Study; closed meeting; contact numbers are 574-8015, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th Street; 7:30 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.

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

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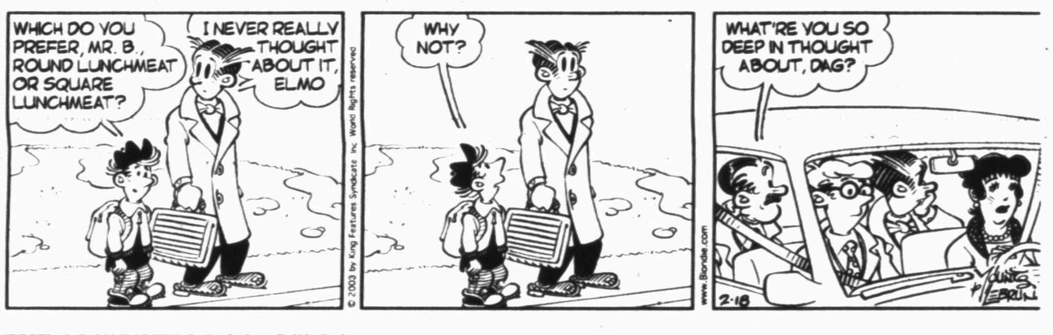
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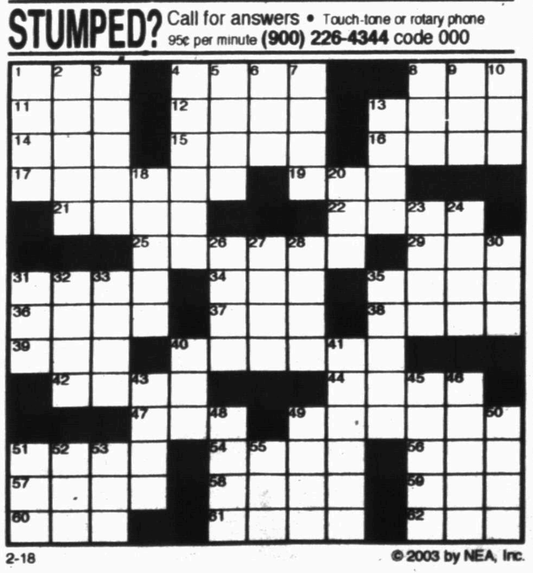
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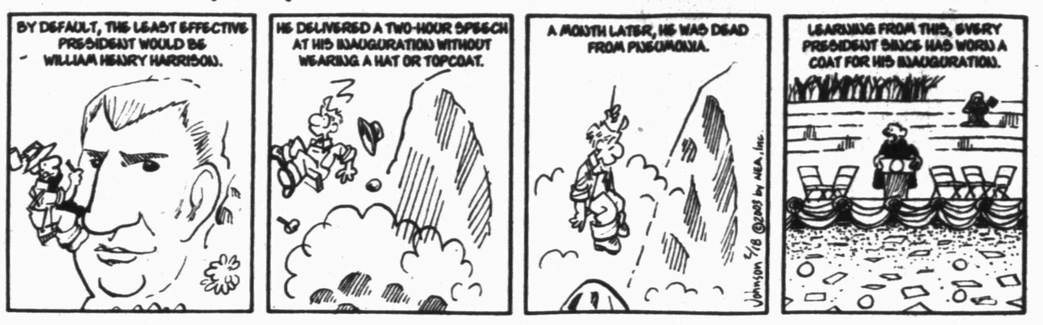


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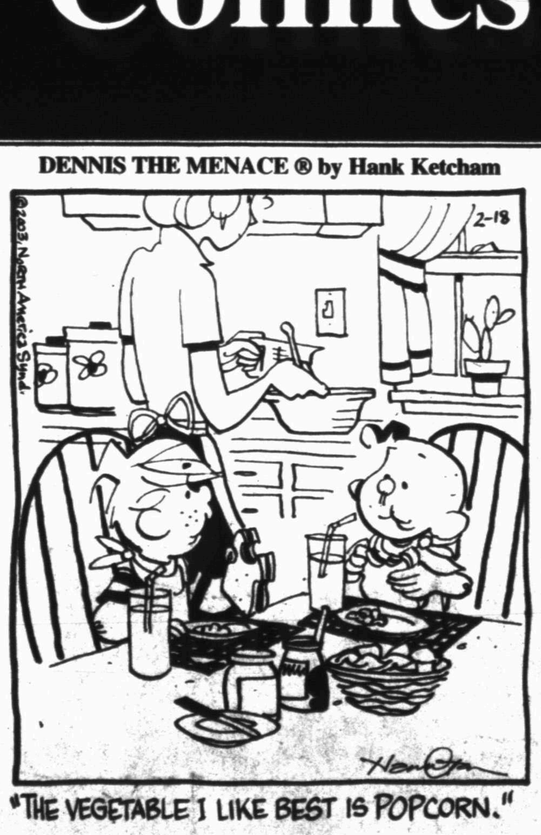
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SPORTS

New look Tigers open season

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

It won't take long to see where Snyder Tigers stand in Class 3A.

The Tigers open the 2003 baseball campaign tonight against third ranked Wylie, and first-year head coach Charles Bollinger has been busy this off-season changing the mindset of the Snyder nine.

With new uniforms, new equipment and a new practice routine, the Tigers are taking on the personality of their coaching staff, which wants to instill team harmony and unity.

Practices are designed to be crisper this year.

During batting practices, the team works on base running and fielding in an integrated routine that keeps everyone alert and part of the action.

"In two hours, we get more done than some programs do in three hours," Bollinger said. "We get everyone involved."

It also helps create versatile players able to play almost anywhere on the diamond.

Assistant coach Reagan Key said the idea is to put the players in every situation they will encounter in a game, so they can make informed decisions based on the factors in the game.

"We are going to be more baseball savvy," Key said. "The kids are gaining knowledge of the game. Sometimes, high school coaches forget to teach fundamentals."

Bollinger said he wants all the teams in the program to feel as one, which is why he said he likes to make the JV feel like they are part of the varsity.

"These are the kids that are going to be playing up here in the future, and it's important for them to feel like they are part of this," he said. "They know the drills, and all the kids are anxious to learn."

The Tigers built some confidence last weekend in overcoming Midland Lee, and Bollinger said everyone involved with the baseball program is excited to get the season started.

"It's coming along good. Our guys are doing a great job," he said. "We're ready to get after it."

Senior right hander Logan Hill will take the mound tonight. The Tigers have four pitchers on their roster: two righties in Hill and Ty Collier, and two southpaws with Tyler Trout and Chance Greenwood.

Bollinger said he would use every hurler in any situation.

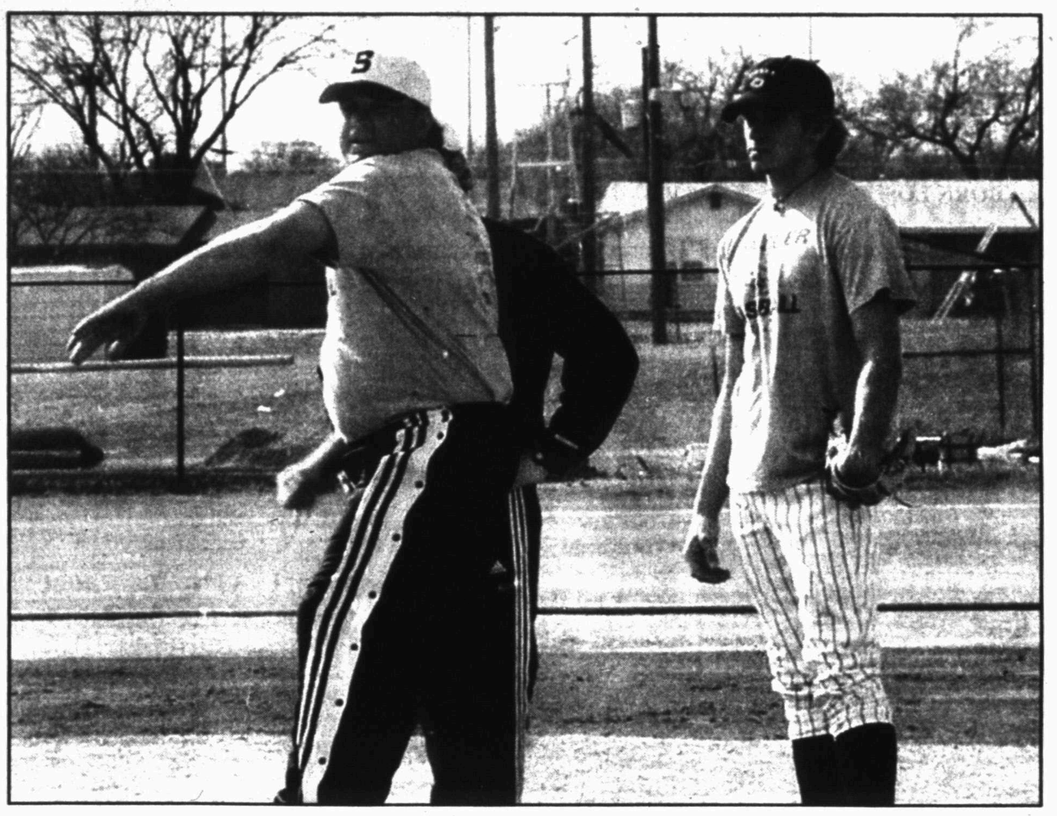
"Any one of those four can get the job done," he said.

Junior second baseman Blake Grimmett will leadoff when the Tigers come to the plate tonight, with Collier batting second and playing right field.

Isaac Ramon will hold down the hot corner and bat third, while Greenwood will play first and hit cleanup.

Shortstop Billy Pena will protect Greenwood in the five spot, catcher Shawn Roemisch bats sixth, Hill swings seventh, left fielder Bradley Price hits eighth and center fielder Marcus Villarreal rounds out the batting order.

The first pitch is scheduled for 7 at Moffett Field. Admission is $2 for adults and $1 for students.



DIAMOND DAYS — Snyder head baseball coach Charles Bollinger demonstrates a pick-off technique to pitcher Logan Hill during the team's practice Monday. The Tigers open the season tonight at 7 against 3A powerhouse Wylie at Moffett Field. (SDN Staff Photo)

Orioles' prospect died of heat stroke

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — A medical examiner will sort out the circumstances that caused the death of Steve Bechler, a newlywed, expectant father and pitching prospect for the Baltimore Orioles.

Bechler died of heatstroke Monday, less than 24 hours after a spring training workout that sent his temperature to 108 degrees.

He was an overweight athlete pushing himself in warm, humid weather much different from the climate in his native Oregon. And he may have been taking a dietary supplement that has been linked to heatstroke and heart attacks.

Broward County medical examiner Dr. Joshua Perper acknowledged a published report that a bottle of a supplement containing ephedrine was found in Bechler's locker.

Regarding the bottle, Perper said: "My understanding is it exists, but we don't have it."

Perper said his office planned to begin an autopsy Tuesday, and that it could be two or three weeks before the final results are known.

A workout Sunday left Bechler pale and dizzy. When his condition deteriorated, he was carried from the clubhouse to an ambulance on a stretcher. He spent the night in intensive care and died at 10:10 a.m. Monday at Northridge Medical Center.

Bechler, 23, died of "multi-organ failure due to heatstroke," said William Goldiner, the Orioles' team physician.

"He would rebound at times," Goldiner said. "They thought they were getting ahead of it, and then another organ system would fail."

Bechler's wife, Kiley, due to deliver their first child in April, was at his bedside. They married last year.

At 6-foot-2 and 239 pounds, Bechler had battled weight for much of his five-year professional career. Asked about the pitcher's conditioning, manager Mike Hargrove was quoted as saying it was "not good."

Tyson fight off

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Mike Tyson's comeback is on hold, and so is his boxing future.

Tyson's handlers have to figure out when — and if — the former heavyweight champion can fight again after he pulled out of a comeback bout with Clifford Etienne that could cost him millions.

After waiting days for Tyson to give them some sort of signal on his willingness to fight, Tyson's handlers finally pulled the plug on the scheduled Saturday fight after the boxer missed a flight to Memphis for the second day in a row Monday.

The official word was that Tyson was too sick to fight. But even before he became ill Friday, Tyson had left his trainer waiting for him at the gym for three straight days and had gotten a large tattoo on the left side of his face.

Coyotes claim bi-district title

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

As players streamed onto the court and took turns cutting down the net, Borden County head coach Trey Richey stood at center court and took in the sight.

"I'm at a loss for words," he said. "These kids willed themselves to a win. They did things I didn't know they could do."

The Coyotes (20-10) erased a four-year playoff drought with a tenacious defense and fundamentally sound basketball, topping Aspermont, 61-56, Monday at Scurry County Coliseum.

Nursing a six-point lead at the start of the fourth quarter, the Coyotes harassed Aspermont into turnovers and poor shot selection to keep the Hornets off the scoreboard for the first five minutes of the quarter, as Borden County pushed the lead to 11.

Richey said the Coyotes brought their best to bear against Aspermont.

"We played the best game we have played in our lives," he said. "It's as well as I've ever seen us play."

He said the leadership of his seniors, and their experiences the last four years, pushed the Coyotes to only their second 20-win season in 42 years.

"When the kids believe in what you do it makes it easier," he said. "Our seniors have endured a lot of heartache as basketball players. They were the leaders of this bunch and wanted to prove some people wrong. They were basically starters the whole time, and they had some hard years, but they stuck with it."

Senior Talin Pepper converted eight of 10 from the free throw line in scoring 13 points, and senior T.J. Sharp dropped in 11 points.

Sophomore Ben Griffin knocked in four three-pointers and led the Coyotes with 18 points.

The Coyotes controlled the game from the outset, as Griffin put in eight of his game-high total in the first quarter, and Sharp scored six in the opening stanza.

Aspermont trailed, 26-20, at halftime, but Aspermont junior post player Tim Hagg canned six in the third to pull the Hornets to within three, before Griffin's three at the buzzer put the Coyotes up 39-33, and Aspermont never got closer.

At the end of the quarter, as Borden County players and fans milled about the court, Richey said his team would enjoy the moment.

"These kids deserve every hug, every smile and every steak they are going to get tonight," he said.

The Coyotes now await the winner of New Home and Ropes, which will be decided tonight at 7 at the Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock.

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
New Jersey	35	18	.660	—
Boston	30	23	.566	5
Philadelphia	28	24	.538	6½
Washington	25	27	.481	9½
Orlando	25	29	.463	10½
New York	23	29	.442	11½
Miami	18	35	.340	17
Central Division				
Indiana	37	16	.698	—
Detroit	36	16	.692	½
Milwaukee	27	24	.529	9
New Orleans	28	26	.519	9½
Atlanta	20	33	.377	17
Chicago	18	35	.340	19
Toronto	16	35	.314	20
Cleveland	10	43	.189	27
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Dallas	40	12	.769	—
San Antonio	36	16	.692	4
Minnesota	33	21	.611	8
Utah	32	21	.604	8½
Houston	27	24	.529	12½
Memphis	15	36	.294	24½
Denver	12	41	.226	28½
Pacific Division				
Sacramento	36	18	.667	—
Portland	34	18	.654	1
Phoenix	30	23	.566	5½
L.A. Lakers	26	25	.510	8½
Golden State	24	28	.462	11
Seattle	21	30	.412	13½
L.A. Clippers	18	34	.346	17

Monday's Games
Toronto at Washington, ppd., snow
Detroit 93, Miami 62
Utah 109, Minnesota 97
Portland 99, New York 91

Tuesday's Games
Chicago at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Miami at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Denver at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Boston at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Detroit at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Washington at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Utah, 9 p.m.
Houston at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Denver, 9 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chicago, 9:30 p.m.
New York at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Golden State at Portland, 10 p.m.
Milwaukee at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Area Sports Calendar

TODAY

Baseball: Snyder varsity boys vs. Wylie, season opener, 7 p.m.
Softball: Snyder varsity at Midland High, 4 p.m.
Snyder JV at Midland High, 4 p.m.
WTC vs. Odessa College, DH, 3 p.m.
Basketball: Borden County girls vs. Happy, Lubbock Monterey, 7: 30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Baseball: Snyder JV in Snyder tournament.

FRIDAY

Baseball: WTC at El Paso CC, DH, noon.
Snyder JV in Snyder tournament.
Softball: Snyder varsity at Abilene tourney.
WTC at Cowtown Classic, Ft. Worth.
Snyder JV at Abilene tourney.
Golf:: Snyder varsity boys at Midland.
Snyder JV girls at Sweetwater.
Tennis: Snyder varsity and JV at Odessa tourney.

SATURDAY

Baseball: Snyder varsity at Pecos, DH, 1 p.m.
WTC at El Paso CC, DH, noon.
Snyder JV in Snyder tournament.
Softball: Snyder varsity and JV at Abilene tourney.
WTC at Cowtown Classic, Ft. Worth.
Tennis: Snyder and JV at Odessa tourney.
Golf:: Snyder varsity boys at Midland.

Sports Briefs

Baseball booster club

The baseball booster club will meet Wednesday night at 7:30 in the film room.

Babe Ruth League

There will be a meeting for Babe Ruth League summer baseball league Thursday night at 7 in the SHS film room.

Groundhog Open

The Scurry County golf course will host the Groundhog Open Saturday and Sunday. The format will be two-man scramble with a 1 p.m. shotgun start both days. Entry fee is $80 per team. Call Rick Mammolite at the pro shop at 573-7101 for more information.

Maddux, Braves reach deal

ATLANTA (AP) — Four-time Cy Young Award winner Greg Maddux agreed to a $14.75 million contract with the Braves — the largest one-year deal in baseball history.

Shaq may sit against Yao

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (AP) — Shaq-Yao II might not come off as scheduled.

Los Angeles Lakers star Shaquille O'Neal is listed as questionable for tonight's game against Yao Ming and the Houston Rockets at Staples Center because of a sore left knee and right big toe.

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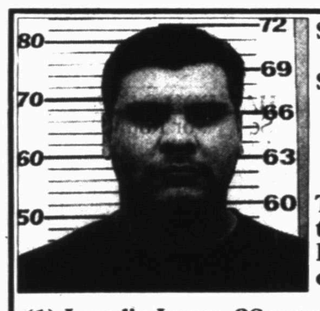
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The following person has registered with the Snyder Police Department as a convicted sex offender.

(1) Locadio Luera, 28 years of age, male, 1607 13th Street, Snyder, Texas 79549, convicted of "Sexual Assault". Victim was a female child 15 years old.

NOTIFICATION

El siguiente persona se a registrado con el Departamento de Policia de Snyder, y fue convicto de una offensa sexual.
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EU seeks to patch up Iraq rift

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — European Union leaders seeking to close a deep rift over Iraq agreed that force should only be used as a last resort, but could not completely resolve their differences on the prospect of war.

Painfully aware that their prolonged and acrimonious split is crippling the drive to give Europe a strong, united voice in world affairs, EU leaders held an emergency summit Monday and passed a joint declaration that was a balancing act between the two sides.

France and Germany continued to oppose any imminent military action against Baghdad. French President Jacques Chirac signaled he would use his veto on the U.N. Security Council to bloc a resolution authorizing war.

"There is no need for a second resolution today, which France would have no choice but to oppose," said Chirac.

Still, today, French Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin downplayed the talk that France might use its veto power at the U.N. Security Council to block a resolution authorizing war.

Raffarin said the veto was a "very strategic element" for France that allows Paris to act independently on the world stage. But he said that the current strategy on dealing with the Iraq crisis "consisted of maintaining the unity of the international community."

Britain, the chief U.S. ally in Europe, stood by its call for a resolute threat of military action if Saddam Hussein fails to cooperate fully with U.N. weapons inspections.

"We cannot be in a situation where Iraq refuses to comply and we do nothing," British Prime Minister Tony Blair said.

In the joint statement, those who support the U.S. stance went along with France and Germany's insistence that the U.N. weapons inspectors "must be given the time and resources that the U.N. Security Council believes they need."

However, in language likely to please Washington, they acknowledged that "inspections cannot continue indefinitely."

The EU statement also stressed that "war is not inevitable." But Germany, which has fiercely opposed any talk of military action, agreed that force could be "a last resort" and went along with a strong warning on the failure to disarm and cooperate with the U.N. inspectors.

"Iraq has a final opportunity to resolve this crisis peacefully," the declaration said. "The Iraqi regime alone will be responsible for the consequences if it continues to flout the will of the international community."

France and Germany have mustered support from Belgium, Sweden, Finland, Austria, Greece, Ireland and Luxembourg, while Spain, Italy, Denmark, Portugal and the Netherlands back Britain's hawkish line.

Concerned about the impact of the United Nations if Washington decides to invade Iraq without backing from the Security Council, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan also cranked up pressure on Baghdad.

"It is imperative that the Iraqi leadership understand the urgency and the gravity of the situation," Annan told reporters after addressing the EU summit.

If Iraq continues to defy demands for complete cooperation with the weapons inspectors, Annan warned "members of the Security Council will have to make a grim choice."

The EU leaders are under pressure from strong anti-war sentiment among voters who turned out in the millions to demonstrate around the continent at the weekend.

Belgium, an outspoken supporter of the European peace camp, drew heart from the protests.

"I salute the millions of citizens who have calmly protested, the best allies of our cause are those people," said Foreign Minister Louis Michel. "Europe of the people, of the citizens is not divided, it is united."

The divisions among EU members and nations joining the group were stark, however. The 13 mostly eastern European candidates for admission to the group met today to consider endorsing the EU stance. They were excluded from the talks Monday.

Some EU candidates, including Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic, have backed the United States. In an extraordinary outburst Monday, Chirac publicly lambasted eastern European nations for their support for Washington over the Iraq crisis.

"It is not really responsible behavior, it is not well brought-up behavior. They missed a good opportunity to keep quiet," he told reporters.

Investigators blame blaze at constable's office on arsonist

LINDALE (AP) — An East Texas constable's office was torched in what investigators believed was retaliation on the law officer and other officials in his precinct.

At least one attacker kicked in the door to Precinct 5 Constable Dennis Taylor's office late Sunday or early Monday, destroying personal and county-owned property. A fire was started near the officer's desk.

Firefighters arriving at the office complex found a back door kicked in and the interior of Taylor's office charred and smoldering.

"It does seem to be personal against him, based on the actions of the perpetrator," Jim Seaton, Smith County fire marshal, said. "No accidental sources have been located."

An adjoining tax office, judge's chambers and office sustained smoke damage. The building housing the precinct's courts and offices also received fire damage, law enforcement officers said Monday.

No damage estimate was given. Law officers do not yet have suspects.

"It's still under investigation," said Lindale Fire Marshal Charles West.

Investigators in Lindale were working with the Smith County Fire Marshal's Office to solve the arson, which may have been fueled by a flammable liquid.

Assistant Smith County Fire Marshal Oren Hale collected samples of burned materials for analysis.

Investigators said samples of some drugs, assorted paraphernalia and other items used for student education in schools were taken along with other drug-related items. Pry marks were also found on the door leading to an evidence closet, officials said.

But the evidence locker was not breached, officers said.

Constable's officers were the first to discover "Hawaiian Ice," a supercharged version of methamphetamine not seen in East Texas since the early 1990s. But no case files were taken or investigations compromised by the blaze, investigators said.

A businessman who spotted smoke and the open office door after arriving for work on Monday called firefighters.

Officers arrest two people on Monday

Arrests

Snyder officers arrested a 19-year-old man in the 2700 block of Ave. H Monday morning on city warrants for consuming alcohol as a minor and violating a promise to appear before a judge.

At 2:15 p.m. Monday, a 21-year-old man was taken into custody at Taco Bell on warrants for failure to display a driver's license and violating a promise to appear before a judge.

Criminal mischief

Rev. Raymond Dunkins reported several windows broken at New Hope Baptist Church on Ave. L. An offense report for the Class B misdemeanor offense was submitted.

Juveniles

A man reported several juveniles destroying a mattress inside a vacant home in the 100 block of 20th Place. Officers located the juveniles and contacted their parents, then required them to clean up the mess.

Fire report

Snyder firefighters responded to FM 2763 near Western Texas College at noon Monday to a hay bale on fire in the ditch. Cause of the fire was a hot brake on a trailer and the small blaze was quickly extinguished. Ten firefighters responded with two trucks.

Harassment

At noon Monday, officers submitted a report for harassing phone calls after a man in the 3400 block of 43rd Street reported receiving several calls.

Gas drive off

A clerk at Town and Country North reported a gas drive off worth $19.38 at 7:15 a.m. Monday.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
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AOL TimeWrn	11.02	10.60	10.92	+.41
AT&T Corp rs	18.07	17.58	17.63	—.24
Albertsons	19.70	19.40	19.58	—.03
Alltel	45.36	44.80	45.17	+.29
AmEl Pw	21.15	20.55	20.72	+.12
AndarkPtr	43.60	42.91	43.40	+.52
ATMOS Egy	22.17	22.00	22.16	+.21
Aviall	7.06	6.95	6.98	—.02
BP PLC	39.19	38.65	39.04	+.49
BakerHughes	29.63	29.05	29.55	+.15
Bank of Amer	69.71	68.87	69.61	+.74
BellSouth	23.15	22.90	23.08	+.38
BurlNoSFe	25.65	25.26	25.53	+.33
Caterpillar	44.76	43.35	44.69	+1.44
CenterPoint	5.26	5.06	5.12	+.07
ChevronTex	64.77	63.95	64.63	+.90
Citigroup	33.37	32.85	33.25	+.71
CocaCola	41.52	40.94	41.17	+.37
ColgatePal	51.15	50.79	50.98	+.25
CmclMetals s	14.34	14.23	14.26	+.12
ConocoPhill	49.30	48.48	49.26	+.94
Cooper Inds	37.67	36.90	37.67	+.72
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DeltaAirl	9.25	9.05	9.19	+.09
Dillards Inc	14.76	14.46	14.75	+.29
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Navistar	24.30	23.58	24.13	+.50
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PilgrmPrd B	7.70	7.37	7.70	+.28
Praxair	54.55	53.78	54.27	+1.09
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RadioShack	20.58	19.70	20.58	+.82
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Studies give mixed message on Alzheimer's risk

CHICAGO (AP) — Some dietary fats might help prevent Alzheimer's disease, others may increase the risk and — contrary to some reports — antioxidant vitamins may have no effect on the mind-robbing ailment, two studies suggest.

The study on fats adds to growing evidence that the same type of diet that protects the heart may benefit the brain.

Data are more mixed on effects on Alzheimer's of antioxidants such as vitamins C and E and beta-carotene, although recent studies have suggested a potential benefit, and scientists say a link makes biological sense.

The discrepancy may be explained by different study characteristics, say authors of the latest antioxidant research, from Columbia University. Their study, which found no effect from consuming antioxidants, involved older people who might have been less susceptible to the vitamins' purported benefits, and subjects were followed for a shorter period.

Longer-lasting earlier research may "have allowed for a better opportunity to find an association," said Columbia's Dr. Jose Luchsinger, the lead author.

It's possible that there truly is no association, although more research is needed to determine that, Luchsinger said.

His study and the fats research are published in February's Archives of Neurology.

The fats study, led by researcher Martha Clare Morris at Chicago's Rush-Presbyterian-St.Luke's Medical Center, involved 815 Chicago residents ages 65 and older who were asked about their eating habits. Followup tests nearly four years later found that 131 participants had developed Alzheimer's.

People who reported consuming relatively large quantities of saturated fats, found in many animal-based products including meat and butter, faced double the risk of having Alzheimer's compared with people who ate very small amounts. That risk was found for people who ate on average 25 grams of saturated fats daily; one tablespoon of butter has about 7 grams. Lower but still elevated risks were linked with smaller amounts of saturated fat.

Those who consumed large quantities of polyunsaturated fats (14.5 grams daily), found in vegetables and nuts, faced a 70 percent reduction in Alzheimer's risk, compared to those who ate small amounts of these fats.

Morris said the benefits could be gained from regularly eating foods like toast with polyunsaturated margarine, peanut butter, nuts and safflower-oil salad dressing.

The findings are "really consistent with other data that has been developing that suggests anything that raises your risk of vascular disease is associated with more Alzheimer's disease," said William Thies, vice president of medical and scientific affairs for the Alzheimer's Association.

Eating unhealthy fats promotes the buildup of "bad" cholesterol, which can narrow arteries. Researchers think it may also promote the formation of protein deposits called beta amyloid in the brain — a hallmark of Alzheimer's.

The study of antioxidants involved 980 Medicare patients in New York, averaging age 75, who were asked about their food intake during the first year of the four-year study.

Alzheimer's was diagnosed during the study in 242 people.

Participants reported eating varying amounts of foods rich in antioxidants, such as oranges, corn-oil margarine and carrots. Some also took supplements, but no amount of antioxidants was associated with a decreased risk of Alzheimer's.

Gainesville home leveled by explosion

GAINESVILLE (AP) — Crews were checking gas pipelines in the area where an explosion leveled a residence and caused enough damage that several houses nearby were condemned, officials said.

No one was at home at the time of the explosion Monday afternoon. The cause of the blast is still under investigation.

An adult and two children were injured by flying glass that struck a passing car in which they were riding. They were treated and released from Gainesville Memorial Hospital, said hospital spokeswoman Gayla Blanton.

Susan Case, communications director for the Gainesville Fire Department, said no other injuries had been reported.

Fire Chief Steve Boone said the explosion was the worst he has seen in 27 years as a firefighter.

A Gainesville police officer called dispatch after he heard the blast about 4:40 p.m. while on patrol and tracked down the scene, Case said.

She said the force of the explosion damaged windows and doors at several nearby homes. The blast also scattered wood across the neighborhood. Debris from the home fluttered in the breeze from the tops of trees.

Henry Kessler, who lives two homes away, said the explosion startled him.

"I've never heard nothing that loud," Kessler said.

"I really thought it was in my house it was so loud ... The first thing I thought was: 'My gas furnace exploded.' I really did and then I walked out, came out and that's when I seen the debris all over the road, ya know, and my windows in here it was all knocked out," Kessler said.

At the J&R Food Mart No. 2, store manager George Chaij said the explosion shook the store and sounded "like a sonic boom."

"It was unbelievable," said Chaij, whose store is about two miles away from the explosion. "We looked outside to see if it was an accident and somebody came in and said a house just blew up."

The demolished home is in an older Gainesville neighborhood, just south of Texas 82 and east of Interstate 35.

Gainesville is 60 miles northwest of Dallas.

Hotel official fired day after testifying in trial

HOUSTON (AP) — A man who witnessed dentist Clara Harris running over her husband in a hotel parking lot was fired the day after he testified in her murder trial, his attorney says.

Evangelos Smiros was food and beverage director at the Nassau Bay Hilton, where he had worked since May 2000, said Smiros' attorney, Chip Lewis.

The lawyer told the Houston Chronicle in today's editions that the hotel fired Smiros, 43, on Jan. 24 because it fears possible legal action from the Harris family.

Debra Thomas, corporate lawyer for the hotel, said the termination "has nothing to do with his testimony" but said she was not at liberty to say why he was fired or to discuss other details.

Smiros was one of the first witnesses in the trial of Harris, who was sentenced Friday to 20 years in prison for killing her husband, David.

Smiros testified about escorting Clara Harris out of the hotel and to her car on the night of July 24, shortly before she got into her silver Mercedes-Benz and repeatedly ran over her orthodontist husband in the parking lot. Minutes earlier, she had confronted her husband and his mistress in the hotel lobby.

He told jurors that David Harris yelled, "It's over! It's over!" at his wife before she got into her car and "peeled rubber."

Smiros said he chased the car, calling for Clara Harris to stop, but he heard a "thump" and saw her run over her husband three times.

Lewis said his client complied with the hotel's request to have a hotel lawyer accompany him when he gave his statement. He later talked with reporters, however, calling the fatality one of the "most horrific" events he had ever seen, Lewis said.

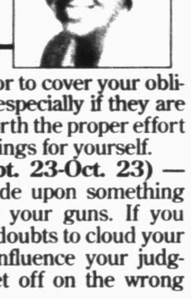
"He (Smiros) just told the truth and he was fired. This is an abridgment of his First Amendment rights and offensive to be punished for doing his duty," Lewis said.

Smiros said hotel officials indicated he was fired because they believed his moonlighting with an independent catering company was a conflict of interest.

"Other employees before and since then have done the same and they have not been fired," Lewis said.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Thursday, Feb. 20, 2003

There may be a number of enterprises you could get into in the year ahead, but one in particular will stand out above the rest. Although it might be the most ambitious, it'll offer the largest rewards as well.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Be fair today in situations where you are dividing up the mutual resources of a group involvement. If it looks like your pile of goodies is larger than the rest, it'll make you look greedy.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Because you might not be too fond of the source, you could turn a deaf ear to some wise advice today. Being closed-minded is not the way to serve your best interests.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You could neglect an important job that should be taken care of today just because it's not designed neatly enough for your tastes. Neglect will put you in a bad light.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Instead of judging someone solely on one past unpleasant incident, give this person a second chance today to redeem himself or herself. We all do something dumb from time to time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Dictatorial methods will not achieve desirable results today when dealing with those in your charge. Conversely, respect, consideration and kindness work wonders.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — If your attitude is a trifle too negative today, it is apt to make your demeanor appear tougher than you really are and may make you look unattractive. Lighten up and relax.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Do not expect others to pick up the pieces for you or to cover your obligations today, especially if they are financial. Put forth the proper effort and manage things for yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Once you decide upon something today, stick to your guns. If you allow negative doubts to cloud your thinking and influence your judgment, you'll get off on the wrong track.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Should you be unduly put upon by a close friend today, you can lighten the situation and your feelings by remembering what kind of person she or he normally is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — An associate might introduce you to someone today who can be a good contact for helping you advance your goals. Don't shoot yourself in the foot because you don't happen to like this person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Should you have to take on a bit more responsibilities than usual today, both domestically and where your career is concerned, don't allow disruptive conditions to overwhelm you.

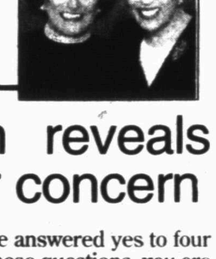
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Lighten up your attitude today or you could make people with whom you'll be involved socially feel uncomfortable. Don't take yourself or a topic of conversation too seriously.

Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker wheel can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2 to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Quiz on alcoholism reveals sobering reasons for concern

DEAR ABBY: Yesterday my column was composed of letters I received in just one day about alcoholism. Today, for readers who may be concerned about their drinking, I am printing a wake-up call:

ARE YOU AN ALCOHOLIC?

1. Have you ever decided to stop drinking for a week or so, but lasted only a couple of days?

2. Do you wish people would stop nagging you about your drinking?

3. Have you ever switched from one kind of drink to another hoping that would keep you from getting drunk?

4. Have you had a drink in the morning during the past year?

5. Do you envy people who can drink without getting into trouble?

6. Have you had problems connected with drinking during the past year?

7. Has your drinking caused you trouble at home?

8. Do you ever try to get extra drinks at a party because you did not get enough to drink?

9. Do you tell yourself you can stop drinking any time you want, even though you keep getting drunk?

10. Have you missed days at work because of the drinking?

11. Do you have blackouts?

12. Have you ever felt that your life would be better if you did not drink?

13. When you take one or two drinks, can you stop and walk away?

14. Have you ever embarrassed yourself or someone else when drinking?

15. Do you drink every day?

16. How many times in the last month have you awakened with a hangover?

17. Do you spend money you don't have on alcohol?

18. Has this affected your sleeping habits? (Do you pass out, get a drink in the middle of the night, or wet the bed when you sleep because of alcohol?)

If you have answered yes to four or more of these questions, you are either an alcoholic or on your way to becoming one.

So, now what do you do? For openers, go to your telephone directory and look up the listing for Alcoholics Anonymous. It is listed under "A." They charge no dues and you need not identify yourself unless you want to.

Another excellent group, Women for Sobriety Inc., was mentioned in my column yesterday. If a 12-step program is not for you, talk to your doctor about a referral for other treatment options.

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DEAR ABBY: I work in an office with 10 people. One of my co-workers is being married next month. He invited the president of our small company and the vice president, but excluded everyone else, even though we all work shoulder-to-shoulder and have been exposed to every nauseating detail about the wedding.

Should the rest of us feel obligated to buy a gift for him? — **UNINVITED COLLEAGUE IN CHICAGO**

DEAR UNINVITED: Certainly not. Shower him with good wishes, but a wedding gift is required only if one is attending the wedding, so you're all off the hook.

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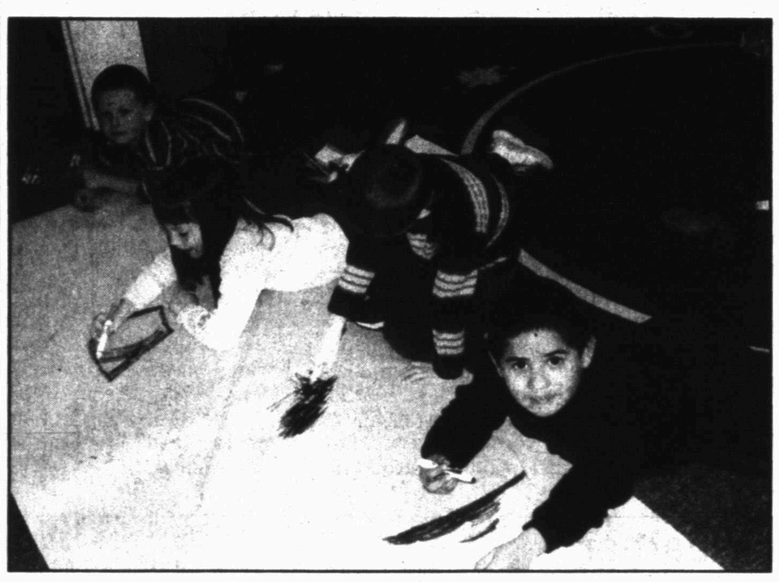


LONG SNAKE — Kim Krueger's students drew a snake 100 inches long. From left front row are Collin Wager, Evelyn Egen, Myesha Taylor, Victoria Diaz, Adrian Gutierrez, Hunter Key, Logan Morris, David Gonzales, Mattison Pittman, Megan Jaramillo, Kaven Dillard, Malory Hunter and Brantley Stephens. On the back row are Chase Scott, Hannah Smith and Daniel Gonzales.



PROJECTS — Neoma Harlin's students drew pictures and counted various items until they reached 100. Front circle from left, Tim Martin, Moesha Taylor, Isaiah Pittman, Xavier Vasquez, Max Westlund, Jacee Hand, Jashea Flores, Alyssa Sosa, Lennon Nichols and Christian Harty; back circle from left, Zachery Digby, Kandyce Freeman and Daniel Miller.

CELEBRATING 100 DAYS — Stanfield Elementary kindergarten students made several projects involving the number 100 to celebrate the 100th day of school in 2002-2003.



ONE HUNDRED — Lisa Hartzog's students drew pictures and counted blocks and snacks to reach 100. Students drawing in photo at left are from left Cameron Horton, Caitlyn Cribbs, Patrick Haggard and Randall Alarcon.



Two of Hartzog's students counting blocks, are Nathan Rodriguez, left, and Elias Ramirez.

Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman

Dr. Gott



By Peter Gott, M.D.

A fever of unknown origin is challenging

DEAR DR. GOTT: My brother, 60, has been plagued for two years with "fever of unknown origin." All food tastes terrible, and he feels weak. He has been through the mill with testing at your alma mater Tulane, but no solutions or remedies have been discovered or suggested. I would appreciate your advice.

DEAR READER: FUO is one of the most difficult disorders to diagnose. Recurring fever can reflect hidden infection, cancer, autoimmune diseases and so forth. In my experience, the cause of most FUOs can be identified by thorough testing by an internist or primary care physician. However, in certain circumstances, when the tests are normal, we general physicians need help. Your brother has apparently been referred to a teaching institution for assistance.

I know from experience that Tulane is an excellent medical center, but even the best resource can be challenged. Therefore, I recommend that you and your brother meet with his doctors to plan a strategy. This may mean a re-referral to a diagnostic or infectious disease clinic at Tulane — or to an appropriate medical center outside of New Orleans. I am sure that your concerns can be alleviated if you work closely with the specialists.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a 79-year-old widow with osteoporosis. Until this year, I was treated with Evista. Ten months ago, my gynecologist ordered a bone density study and, because the calcium level hadn't changed, he added Fosamax. Do I need to take both medications?

DEAR READER: No. The Fosamax should suffice.

Evista will, in some women, arrest the development of osteoporosis. However, unlike Fosamax or Actonel, it will not correct the problem. In your case, you apparently need the stronger medication; therefore, you can discontinue the Evista and save a significant amount of money.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: Could my periodic low blood sugar be caused by food allergies? A glucose test showed episodes of hypoglycemia, and I'm fatigued and miserable. Should I seek answers from an allergist or try to control the sugar problem on my own?

DEAR READER: Low blood sugar can be related to food allergies, but this reaction is rare. Hypoglycemia is more commonly associated with other conditions, such as repeated sugary meals, consequences of certain drugs (notably alcohol and quinine), malignancies, liver disorders, fever, pregnancy and strenuous activity. Low blood sugar may precede diabetes by several years. Finally, some patients may exhibit the syndrome without obvious cause. Called "functional" or "reactive" hypoglycemia, it is treated with low-sugar, frequent feedings.

The cheapest and safest way to approach this problem is through experimentation in your dietary habits, after more serious causes have been ruled out. Try a high-protein/low-carbohydrate combination, which any dietician or physician can teach you. If it works, fine; if not, your doctor will have to test you further.

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Attorneys wants lawsuit thrown out

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Michael Jackson's attorneys say they will ask a judge to throw out a lawsuit by the singer's former business manager who claims Jackson owes him $13 million.

According to court documents, Jackson alleges someone forged his name on an agreement to pay Myung Ho Lee for business advice.

Lee sued last April alleging Jackson backed out of a deal he signed on Sept. 14, 2001.

In an affidavit Jackson said, "This is untrue ... I was not even in Los Angeles" on that day."

Rocket launch said first step toward commercial spaceport

RAYMONDVILLE (AP) — Even nearby grain elevators dwarfed "la pulga" (the flea), a sounding rocket launched Monday before a swarm of media in rural Willacy County.

Nevertheless, state and county leaders along with U.S. Rep. Solomon Ortiz touted the six seconds the 10-foot-long rocket was in the air as a significant step on the path to the first commercial "spaceport" in the continental United States.

"I think that this is a very historic moment, especially in this part of the world," Ortiz said. "It's China, it's France, it's some other countries that are taking advantage of putting into space commercial vehicles. We can do it here. We can bring jobs that pay decent salaries."

Envisioned is a three-mile square hub of flat remoteness that can accommodate private sector launches of everything from cell phone satellites to express mail missiles to tourists wanting to experience upper atmospheres.

"You're talking about runways coming in, hotels ... a clustering of space industries," said Steve Ray, the spaceport's promoter.

Startup space ventures across the nation need a place to test their technology, Rio Grande Valley Partnership President Bill Summers said. He said they are spending money renting space in foreign fields, such as one the European Union co-sponsored in Guyana. While there is a facility in Alaska, it's advantageous for space facilities to be launched near the equator.

"A lot of this technology, a lot of these satellites, are being sent up into orbit in other countries, our American businesses are going on their sites," Summers said.

Officials in Willacy County, a patchwork of dryland farms and scrubby ranches sprawling west from the Gulf of Mexico and as close to the equator as one can get in the continental U.S., fits the bill.

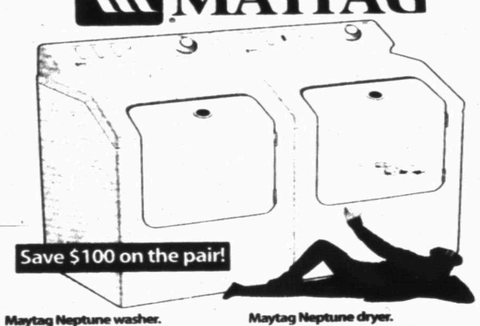
After a decade of drought, county commissioners are hoping it and a new prison will reverse what has been a dead-end economy.

The county's youth need reasons to stay, County Commissioner Mary Gutierrez said. "With a lot of job opportunities, they'll stay here, they'll buy their houses here."

Not everyone is happy about the idea.

Lillian Garcia, 55, said the community of Santa Monica, where the rocket was launched, was made up of families who have owned their farms and ranches six or more generations and want it to stay remote and sparsely populated.

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Bush won't be deterred by global protests

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush declared today that he wouldn't be deterred by global protests against war with Iraq, saying "I respectfully disagree" with those who doubt that Saddam Hussein is a threat to peace.

He said such a war remains a final resort, but "the risk of doing nothing is even a worse option as far as I'm concerned."

Amid heavy opposition at the United Nations and protests around the world, the Bush administration faced a decision whether to push ahead with Britain for a new Security Council resolution to support war to disarm Iraq.

Senior Bush advisers are considering whether it was worth risking defeat in the council and how to phrase a new resolution in a bid for support, a U.S. official told The Associated Press.

Bush said that the size of the protests against a possible U.S.-led war against Iraq was irrelevant.

"Size of protest, it's like deciding, 'Well I'm going to decide policy based up on a focus group.' The role of a leader is to decide policy based upon the security — in this case — security of the people."

Millions of people around the world took to the streets over the weekend to protest such a war.

"Democracy is a beautiful thing, and that people are allowed to express their opinion," Bush said.

"Some in the world don't view Saddam Hussein as a risk to peace," he added. "I respectfully disagree."

Bush said that Saddam Hussein continued to pose a very real threat to Americans and to the world.

The president expressed confidence that the United States would come up with an acceptable aid package for Turkey, a close U.S. ally in the region who will play a vital role if there is military action against Baghdad.

Bush said Turkey has "no better friend than the American government" and that Washington and Ankara were still working out details of an aid package.

The U.S. military plans to use bases in Turkey both for aircraft and for ground forces in the event of an attack on Turkey's neighbor to the south.

Bush indicated that he was running out of patience. Asked if he planned to set an ultimatum for Saddam's compliance, Bush suggested that would be pointless, like extending "another, another, another last chance."

"He knows my feelings, and that is, he needs to disarm — completely and totally disarm. He's a fellow that likes to buy time and buy it through deception and delay."

The global anti-war protests have put the White House on the defensive. Presidential spokesman Ari Fleischer began his daily briefing by reading newspaper clips about demonstrations against the staging of missiles in Germany in the early 1980s, and said, "This is not the first time there have been mass protests and in a previous instance America stood on principle ... and as a result the Berlin Wall came down."

Infant found in apartment

LEBANON, Ind. (AP) — A 2-month-old boy was found in an apartment next to his mother's corpse, police said.

The child was in critical condition.

The baby and the body of Melissa York, 29, were found in their apartment Monday, when a friend checked on them at the request of family members. Police said York had been dead for three to four days.

The infant was in a crib crying when the two were found. The apartment was warm, which may have helped the child survive, said Dr. Tom White, a pediatrician at Witham Memorial Hospital.

Northeastern states try to dig out of heavy snowstorm

By The Associated Press

Snowplow crews struggled to clear roads and airport runways in the Northeast for millions of commuters and other travelers today after one of the worst storms in decades buried in the region in as much as 4 feet of snow.

Schools were closed from West Virginia to Connecticut, although for some it already was a school vacation week. Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney told all nonessential state workers to stay home today. Officials in Washington ordered federal offices to remain closed today.

"It's no man's land out there," said Paul McIntyre, state highway supervisor for Maryland's mountainous Garrett County, which received 49 inches of snow, on top of 120 inches it already had from previous storms. "It looks more like Siberia than Maryland."

At least 35 deaths had been blamed on the storm since it charged out of the Plains during the weekend, and more than 250,000 homes and businesses were without power.

Snowdrifts were piled high from the Ohio Valley to New England, mudslides and floods wreaked havoc in the southern Appalachians, and layers of ice snapped trees and power lines.

"All the trees are down," Mark Caudill, 21, said in Lexington, Ky. "It looks like an avalanche just came through here and destroyed everything."

For the region as a whole, it was the worst snowstorm since the blizzard of 1996, when at least 80 deaths were blamed on the weather. Boston picked up a record 27.5 inches, the largest accumulation since record-keeping started in 1892, but without the heavy drifting and coastal flooding of the devastating Blizzard of '78. Boston expected a couple of more inches today.

Washington Dulles International Airport received 24.2 inches, and New York City's Central Park recorded 19.8 inches — its fourth heaviest on record.

Elsewhere, 37 inches fell in West Virginia's Berkeley County, the National Weather Service said. The Seven Springs ski resort area in western Pennsylvania had 40 inches.

Berkeley Springs, W.Va., asked for National Guard help in digging people out.

"Our concern is not only moving the snow as quickly as possible for the welfare of our citizens, but the real fear of flooding that a melt of this magnitude will bring," said Berkeley Springs Mayor Susan Webster.

Southern West Virginia already had flooding from heavy rain delivered by the same storm system.

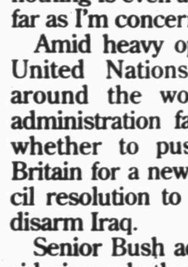
Obituaries

Ron Young

1943-2003

James Ronald "Ron" Young, 59, died Saturday, Feb. 15, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Young was held at 10 a.m. today in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Walter McCall, Odyssey Healthcare chaplain, officiated. Burial was in the Hermleigh Cemetery.



Ron Young

Born April 18, 1943 in Dublin, he married Vicki Allen on June 12, 1970 in Snyder. Mr. Young served in the National Guard for six years and was a retired salesman and truck driver.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Marie Bean Walton; his adoptive parents, Raymond Carson and Bella Tate Young; and a half-sister, Judy Walton.

Survivors include his wife, Vicki Young of Hermleigh; a daughter and son-in-law, Melissa and Jason Burney of Snyder; a son, Ron Young of Snyder; his father, John Vernon Walton of San Angelo; two sisters, Brenda Sharpe and husband Dwight of Granbury and Jeanette Barnett of Amarillo; a half-sister, Sue Manning of San Angelo; five half-brothers, Johnny Walton, Charles Walton, Jimmy Walton and Joe Walton, all of San Angelo, and Gary Walton of Bangs; two grandchildren, Lauren Sullivan and Nathan Burney, both of Snyder.

Walter Nix

1950-2003

FORT STOCKTON — Walter Nix of Brownwood, the brother of Linda Englert of Snyder, died Sunday, Feb. 16, in Brownwood.

Funeral service for Mr. Nix, 53, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Morris Beene officiating, assisted by the Rev. Mike Nix. Interment will follow in the East Hill Cemetery under the direction of Fort Stockton Funeral Home.

Born July 29, 1950 in Akron, Ohio, he married Donna Flynt on Jan. 31, 1970 in Pampa.

A longtime resident of Fort Stockton, he had lived in Brownwood the past six years and was part owner of Kirkland Docks.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Nix of Brownwood; a son, Daniel Walter Nix of Lubbock; two daughters, Lisa Cranfill of Frisco and Leslie Anne Nix of Lubbock; his parents, C.W. and Nancy Nix of Fort Stockton; two other sisters, Cheryl Dickinson of Brownwood and Audra Lawson of Pearland; two brothers, Wayne Nix of Fort Stockton and Mike Nix of Tomball; and three grandchildren.

Kenneth Head

1924-2003

COLEMAN — Kenneth Aldon Head, a native of Scurry County, died Sunday, Feb. 16, in the VA Medical Center in Big Spring.

Funeral service for Mr. Head, 78, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Rough Creek Cemetery Pavilion at Novice. Arrangements were under the direction of Walker Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 5, 1924 in Snyder, he married Marian Fitzgibbons on March 18, 1984 and she died on Nov. 5, 1991.

A U.S. Army veteran of World Ward II, he served in the field artillery in the Central Pacific, India and Burma and was awarded the Asiatic Pacific Theater Medal, Good Conduct Medal and the Victory Medal.

A Methodist, Mr. Head was a farmer, oilfield worker and truck driver.

He also was preceded in death by his parents, William E. and Gladys Head; a brother, Sam Head; and a sister, Gwen Stievater.

Survivors include a son, Bill Moore of Novice; a daughter, Marcia Brown of Odessa; two brothers, Bob Head of Snyder and Jack Head of Stephenville; three sisters, Billie Starnes of Fort Worth, Jean Kennedy and Gail Hargrove, both of Arlington; a special friend, Flo Nobles; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Novice Baptist Church, Box 26 in Novice, 79538; or to the Rough Creek Cemetery Association in Novice, 79538.

Hugh Bonham

1918-2003

SAN ANGELO — Hugh W. Bonham, the great-grandfather of Kendra Martinez of Snyder, died Monday, Feb. 17.

Funeral service for Mr. Bonham, 84, is set for 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Robert Massie Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

Born Oct. 29, 1918 in McKinney, he married Nancy Pauline Bratton on Dec. 25, 1941 in San Angelo.

Mr. Bonham retired from J.C. Penney's in 1973 after 22 years of service.

A Scottish Rite Mason, he was recipient of the King York Cross of Honor in 1973 and a member of Immanuel Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Bonham of San Angelo; a daughter Nancy Lay of Brownwood; a sister, Wanda Curtiss of Everett, Wash.; a brother, Joe Bonham of McKinney; three grandchildren; and six other great-grandchildren.

Carol Watts

1931-2003

EARLY — Carol Ann Watts, a former resident of Snyder, died Sunday, Feb. 16, at her home in Early.

Funeral service for Mrs. Watts, 71, was set for 4 p.m. today in the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Brownwood with the Rev. Barry L. McLean and Monsignor Benedict Zientek officiating. Burial was to follow in the Eastland Memorial Park under the direction of Heartland Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 25, 1931 in Grindstone, Pa., she married George R. Watts Sr. on Oct. 31, 1951 in San Rafael, Calif.

She moved from Snyder to Brown County 30 years ago and worked at East Elementary school cafeteria and delivered Meals on Wheels. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Ladies Altar Society.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Esther Tressit Williams; and two sisters, Marie Williams and Rose Ann Williams.

Survivors include her husband, George R. Watts of Early; a son, George Watts Jr. of Phoenix; two daughters, Marion Box of Arlington and Beverly Smith of Burkeville, Tex.; two brothers, Dominic Williams of Indiana and Carl Williams Jr. of Pennsylvania; five grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

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Today's Weather

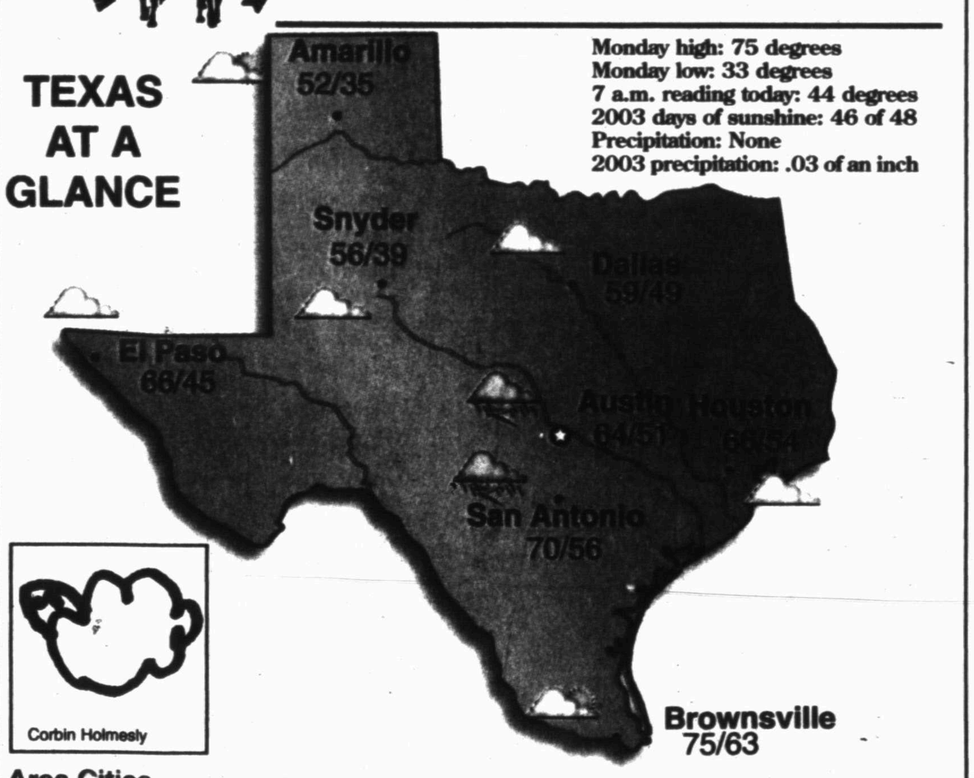
Local 3-Day Forecast

Wed 2/19	Thu 2/20	Fri 2/21
56/39	49/35	61/28
Cloudy. High 56F. Winds NE at 10 to 15 mph.	Thunderstorms likely. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the mid 30s.	Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.
Sunrise 7:23 AM Sunset 6:32 PM	Sunrise 7:22 AM Sunset 6:33 PM	Sunrise 7:21 AM Sunset 6:34 PM

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TEXAS AT A GLANCE

Monday high: 75 degrees
Monday low: 33 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 44 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 46 of 48
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: .03 of an inch



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Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	58	45	cloudy	El Paso	66	45	cloudy	Midland	60	44	cloudy
Amarillo	52	35	pt sunny	Fort Stockton	64	49	cloudy	Raymondville	77	58	pt sunny
Austin	64	51	t-storm	Gainesville	55	41	cloudy	Rosenberg	66	53	cloudy
Beaumont	65	52	cloudy	Greenville	56	43	cloudy	San Antonio	70	56	t-storm
Brownsville	75	63	pt sunny	Houston	66	54	cloudy	San Marcos	65	52	t-storm
Brownwood	62	46	cloudy	Kingsville	76	57	cloudy	Sulphur Springs	57	45	rain
Corpus Christi	72	58	cloudy	Livingston	63	48	t-storm	Sweetwater	59	42	cloudy
Corsicana	58	49	cloudy	Longview	60	48	t-storm	Tyler	61	51	rain
Dallas	59	49	cloudy	Lubbock	57	39	cloudy	Weatherford	57	42	cloudy
Del Rio	71	59	cloudy	Lufkin	63	54	t-storm	Wichita Falls	58	40	cloudy

National Cities

Atlanta	59	41	cloudy	Houston	66	54	cloudy	Phoenix	72	51	cloudy
Boston	39	28	pt sunny	Los Angeles	67	48	pt sunny	San Francisco	54	44	rain
Chicago	40	26	pt sunny	Miami	80	69	pt sunny	Seattle	49	40	rain
Dallas	59	49	cloudy	Minneapolis	33	21	mst sunny	St. Louis	47	33	mixed
Denver	48	27	mst sunny	New York	40	27	cloudy	Washington, DC	44	33	cloudy

Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
Feb 16	Feb 23	Mar 3	Mar 11

UV Index

Wed 2/19	Thu 2/20	Fri 2/21
Minimal	Low	Moderate

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

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