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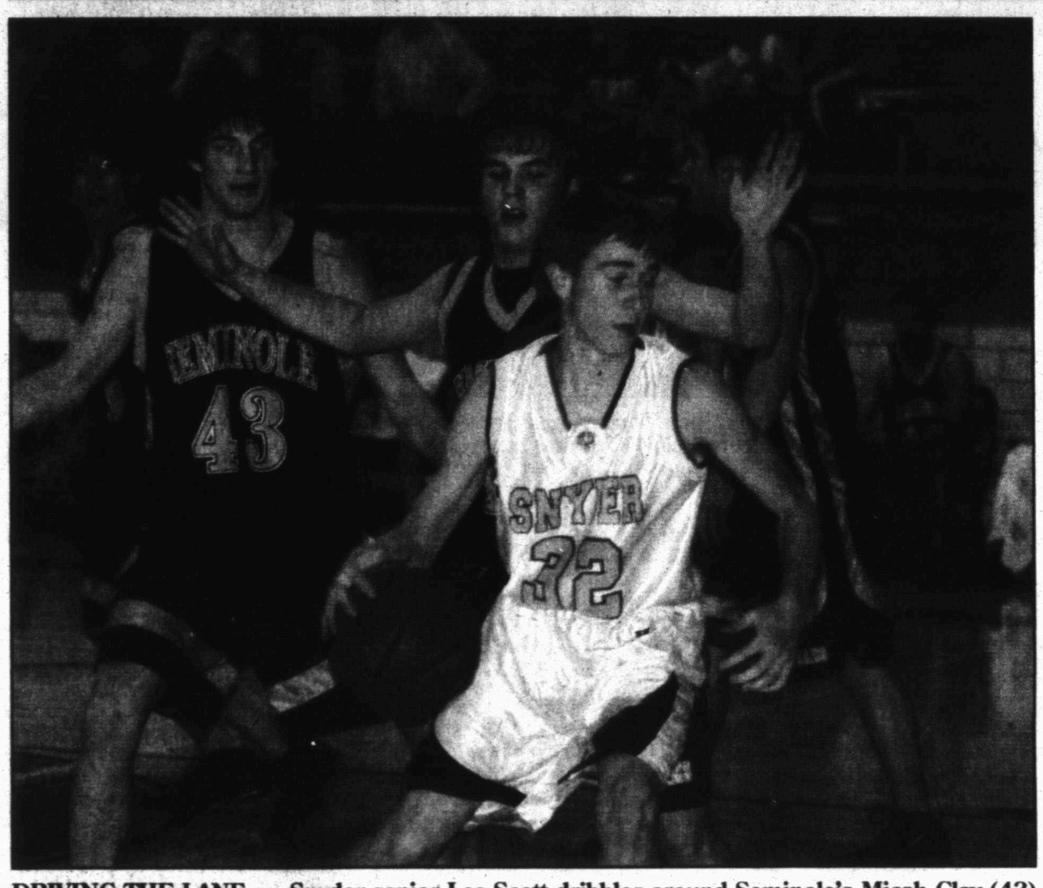


DRIVING THE LANE — Snyder senior Lee Scott dribbles around Seminole's Micah Clay (43) during Tuesday's final district game. The Tigers took the playoff hopeful Indians to overtime in a 54-53 loss. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

Dean to end campaign

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) — Howard Dean will end his campaign for the presidential nomination and launch a new "campaign for change" within the Democratic Party to keep his issues alive and his supporters organized, a key campaign aide said today.

The former Vermont governor does not intend to endorse either John Kerry or John Edwards, the aide said on condition of anonymity. Dean has been impressed with Edwards and suggested on the campaign trail that he would make a better nominee, but Dean has decided to stay out of the Kerry-Edwards contest, the aide said.

Gov. Howard Dean

Dean was planning to call both men before publicly announcing his withdrawal from the race.

"Although the active campaign is over, the movement is going to continue in a form to be announced in coming weeks," Dean said in remarks prepared for an early afternoon appearance. "We're going to continue to campaign for change."

Dean exits the active race certain in the knowledge that he will live on in the annals of U.S. politics for shattering Democratic fund-raising records with $41 million collected in a single year.

The former Vermont governor is the political equivalent of a supernova. Once a long-shot candidate, the Internet phenomenon filled his campaign coffers and attracted thousands of supporters through the spring and summer, pushing him to the head of the crowded Democratic field.

The leader in national polls Dean seemed poised to win the nomination in a runaway. In the end, he never won a single state through 17 contests.

Historians will judge, but Dean and his devoted supporters are convinced that they more than anyone else defined the Democratic debate through his unwavering criticism of President Bush, the Iraq war and Democrats who helped Bush push his agenda through Congress.

"Because of your work, we have already written the Democratic Party platform," Dean declared Monday night at an exuberant Madison rally that harkened to the heady days when he was more focused on a running mate than exiting the race.

For that latter part of 2003 and the early days of this year, Dean seemed untouchable, emerging from miscues and gaffes with yet another fund-raising record or high-profile endorsement.

Nothing could dissuade the 640,000 people who joined his campaign via his Web site. They contributed $41 million last year and then pumped millions more this year into a campaign that was faltering even before Iowans dealt the first blow.

Dean was the most unlikely of heroes for this movement of liberals, disaffected voters and youth. Born to wealth on New York's Park Avenue, his Yale pedigree was much closer to Bush's than the working people to whom he said he was giving voice.

As he left the Vermont governor's office in January 2003 after nearly 12 years, Dean had a presidential campaign staff of a half-dozen and about $157,000 in the bank.

One of those staffers had found a then-obscure Internet organizing site, known as MeetUp.com. Dean became the first political candidate to sign up for it and suddenly thousands of people were finding him, organizing local events and fund-raisers and slowly making him a force.

His blunt speaking style and full-throated opposition to the Iraq war at a time when almost all of the other major contenders were trying to explain their support for it gave him an edge.

Even then he was still little more than an afterthought, but he had raised enough money to begin competing and was relentless in appearing everywhere he could. By February last year, he had begun focusing his criticism not just on Bush but on his fellow Democrats, accusing them of being too timid in fighting for the party's core principles.

GOP retains two Texas Senate seats

By The Associated Press

Republicans' grip on state politics has been reinforced by elections of two Republicans to replace longtime GOP senators Teel Bivins of Amarillo and Bill Ratliff of Mount Pleasant.

The Senate's political balance of 19 Republicans and 12 Democrats will remain the same after former Amarillo Mayor Kel Seliger won Bivins' seat and Tyler Mayor Kevin Eltife won Ratliff's seat.

Kel Seliger

"It's just representative of what's been going on for the last several years ... just part of the general trend toward the Republican Party," said Charles Elliott, a political science professor at Texas A&M University-Commerce.

Seliger won in West Texas, despite being outspent about 3-to-1 by fellow Republican and Odessa businessman Kirk Edwards.

"I'm just almost speechless," Seliger said as he celebrated the returns with a couple hundred supporters in an Amarillo convention center. "In the end it came down to my record in public service, and I think the way I talked about the issues and I think what the public perceived to be my absolute dedication and passion for our area of the state and all its potential."

Seliger had 56 percent of the District 31 vote to 44 percent for Edwards, with all results in.

Ratliff resigned his position after a divisive redistricting battle and Bivins left his post after he was nominated in December by President Bush to serve as ambassador to Sweden.

In the East Texas race, Sadler was not only battling the Republican machine, but Texans for Lawsuit Reform, which spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on ads to criticize Sadler's litigation against asbestos companies and to portray him as antimilitary.

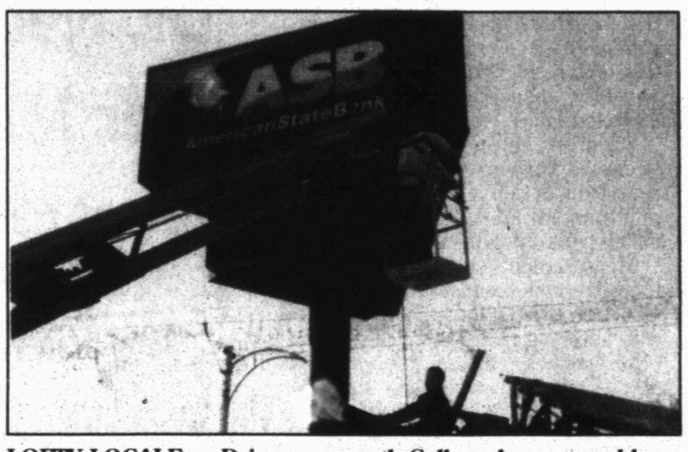
Sadler dismissed the claims as lies. He built his campaign on his experience writing landmark education reforms in the 1990s and his qualifications for dealing with the state's school finance criIn the East Texas race, Eltife used the muscle of the Republican machine to squeak past Democratic former state Rep. Paul Sadler of Henderson. Sadler and the Democratic party had hoped for an upset that would stop the Republican tide.

Eltife had 52 percent of the District 1 vote, while Sadler had 48 percent, with all precinct results reported. Eltife will serve the rest of Ratliff's term, which expires in 2007.

At a downtown Tyler restaurant, Eltife celebrated his victory and the end of a nasty campaign marked by special interest ads and anonymous attacks.

"You can abuse us, you can cuss us, you can smear us, but you can't shake our faith and you can't shake our spirit," Eltife was quoted saying in today's Tyler Morning Telegraph, referring to anonymous hate mailings sent to voters days before the election.

Eltife, a Tyler real estate developer, touted endorsements from Ratliff, Gov. Rick Perry and a record of using the half-cent sales tax to improve streets and buildings in Tyler.



LOFTY LOCALE — Drivers on south College Avenue could see a new look emerging at American State Bank. Bob Newell and Lin Harris of BDC Signs spent Tuesday afternoon installing the sign with new logo. (SDN Staff Photo by Annie Rowe)

Area sales tax rebates

City	Jan. 04	Jan. 03	+/-	Year '04	Year '03	+/-
Abilene	$3,098,584.25	$2,881,254.09	7.54%	$4,970,554.27	$4,798,124.77	3.59%
Big Spring	$439,557.20	$395,012.61	11.27%	$718,781.87	$645,120.10	11.41%
Colorado City	$49,091.62	$47,377.74	3.61%	$78,635.69	$74,746.68	5.20%
Lamesa	$93,795.62	$100,118.29	-6.31%	$153,474.30	$156,447.95	-1.90%
Lubbock	$3,520,467.40	$3,398,742.21	3.58%	$5,708,497.44	$5,418,403.33	5.35%
Post	$57,403.66	$28,250.67	103.19%	$94,215.77	$45,385.46	107.59%
Roby	$2,392.51	$1,983.21	20.63%	$3,875.38	$2,984.80	29.83%
Rotan	$13,309.30	$17,501.20	-23.95%	$22,404.43	$25,278.30	-11.36%
Snyder	$192,748.58	$190,849.48	0.99%	$329,109.73	$308,846.00	6.56%
Sweetwater	$202,366.27	$235,483.39	-14.06%	$351,075.80	$385,495.59	-8.92%

SOLID SALES TAX — The state sales tax rebates for January 2004 to the City of Snyder indicates a steady economy. During January 2003 the rebate was $190,849.48 while January 2004 shows $192,748.58 for sales recorded in December - an increase of .99 percent.

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Jo Ann Nunley

We definitely live in the fast food era.

The decision of which flavor to order, or purchase in the grocery store, takes the longest amount of time involved in dinner.

Not being the culinary expert my husband thought he was marrying, we've learned to appreciate the era we live in.

As a member of Nancy Harris' Sunday school class at Colonial Hill Baptist Church, a meal was planned for a fellow member that had recently undergone surgery. Why I volunteered to take a chocolate cake I still can't figure out.

My cooking has slowed down to a minimum and baking sweets has declined to making doughnuts from canned biscuits fried and dipped in powdered sugar.

The creative juices started flowing as I excitedly started preparing the chocolate cake for a friend.

After finding the flour sifter that had made its way to the back of the top shelf in the kitchen cabinet, all went well with the "scratch" cuisine.

And although the cake looked perfectly delicious, I really felt the need to plug the cake as one does watermelons to test their worthiness.

Everyone recalls that special dish prepared by a relative or friend for special holidays or family gatherings. As you have guessed, I don't fall into this category.

While growing up, for every special meal at my grandparents home, I would make sure my grandmother would make her peach cobbler that she always made in the same slightly dented, round pan.

Now, for special dinners at our house Aunt Carla is requested to bring her "green Jell-O" salad, Aunt Rhonda is known for her tasty casserole. And a positive vote is made — especially by the grandchildren — for great-grandmother Mema's pecan pie.

Her special pie starts out with a homemade crust, then filled with a pinch of this and a pinch of that along with fresh-shelled pecans. The end result is a palette pleasing "blue-ribbon" pie that is a must at every occasion — or even a casual visit.

Her oldest great-grandson, who attends Sam Houston State University, was involved in a conversation with his college friends as to whose family member could make the best pecan pie. At our last family event, he hid back a pie to take back to school with him to enter the contest. "Mema's pie won," he later reported.

One would never guess that I have a compulsion for cookbooks, especially those containing recipes from local citizens sold by clubs and organizations. I don't want to be held accountable for the number of them I have in my possession but I'm still waiting to personally hear the words "Jo Ann, could I please have your recipe for that delectable dish you brought?"

Lubbock man sentenced to 8 years in TDCJ

A 31-year-old Lubbock man will now serve eight years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice following a probation revocation hearing Friday in 132nd District Court.

William Blake Sescil, serving a 10-year probated sentence for the 1995 burglary of a Scurry County home, was ordered to prison by District Judge Ernie Armstrong.

The motion to revoke the probation was based on Sescil's failure to abstain from drugs, failure to report to probation authorities and failure to pay monthly probation fees.

Also on Friday, John Tyler Runnels, 19, of 2212 26th Street, pleaded no contest to a Sept. 6, 2003 charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Runnels was assessed a five-year state jail sentence, probated for five years, and fined $1,000.

ASK US

Q—Will this weekend's powerlifting tourney be held at Snyder High School?
A—No, it will be at Scurry County Coliseum.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Helen Winter...

...has been a resident of Hermleigh since 1958. She has a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Barbara Bowen of Dunn; and a grandson, Craig Bowen, who attends Texas A&M. Helen's hobbies are working in her yard and fishing when the weather is warm.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Count your blessings and let your neighbor count his.
—James Thurber

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Free income tax help

There is free help with income taxes every Wednesday from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-3 p.m. at the senior center at 2603 Ave. M.

Ira booster club

Ira booster club will meet at 8:30 this evening in the Ira Community Center.

SJHS to present Oklahoma

Snyder Junior High School drama and choir students will present Oklahoma at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and Tuesday in the school auditorium. Tickets are $4 per person and may be reserved by calling the junior high office.

Horseshoe pitching club meeting

Snyder Slingers horseshoe pitching club invites anyone interested to its 2004 kickoff meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at 2306 32nd St.

Hermleigh spaghetti supper

The Hermleigh Booster Club will host a spaghetti supper at 7 p.m. Thursday. New coach Jason Brewer will be introduced.

Eastern Star meeting cancelled

Snyder Eastern Star meeting set for Thursday has been cancelled.

Singles night out

Singles Night Out will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday in the building south of First Baptist Church. Learn how to play bridge is for singles over 30. There is no charge. For information call John Fenton at 573-7337 or Bill Johnson at 573-2772.

Masonic Lodge

Scurry Lodge No. 706 will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday with work in the Entered Apprentice degree. Chili will be served at 6:30 p.m. All Masons are invited.

WTC GED testing dates

Western Texas College has scheduled GED testing dates, the next set for Friday and registration is from 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Thursday. The remaining dates are March 12, March 26, April 16 and April 30. To take the test or for more information contact Betty Thompson at 573-2310 or Emily Hataway 573-8511, ext. 297 or 574-2112. It is recommended that candidates receive some preparation before attempting the test.

What's up guidelines

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

NASA orders rover to spin its wheels and create trench

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — While NASA's Spirit rover was slowly picking its way across the martian surface, its twin rover was on the other side of the planet spinning its wheels — literally.

The Opportunity rover spun one of its wheels to dig into Mars, taking just minutes to excavate a 4-inch-deep trench that should open a window into the planet's past, scientists on the NASA mission said Tuesday.

"We dug a nice big hole on Mars," rover planner Jeffrey Biesiadecki told a news conference at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Opportunity sat parked on the gentle slope of a small crater while digging the 20-inch-long trench, an unprecedented maneuver that took six minutes of wheel spinning to complete.

The operation exposed material buried beneath the surface, including clotted chunks that could be seen protruding from the wall of the trench, said deputy main scientist Ray Arvidson, of Washington University.

The six-wheeled rover measured the mineralogy, texture and elemental composition of the trench site before digging and then began a second set of observations once it completed the task. Full results from the before-and-after measurements were expected Thursday.

Scientists chose the dig site because earlier observations revealed it is rich in an iron-bearing mineral called hematite, which typically forms in water.

Measurements should reveal if the mineral is limited to the surface or is present throughout the soil, Arvidson said. The scientific observations could also turn up traces of other minerals that might point to past water activity at the site.

Opportunity and its twin, Spirit, are searching for geologic evidence that Mars was once a wetter place hospitable to life.

Spirit, on the other side of Mars, continued its 1,150-foot trek to an impact crater. As of Tuesday, Spirit had traveled 356 feet, overtaking the 337 feet covered by the far smaller Sojourner rover during 1997's Pathfinder mission, project manager Richard Cook said.

On the Net: http://marsrovers.jpl.nasa.gov

Researchers struggle for new test that does not kill animals

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — When the nation's first case of mad cow disease was discovered on a Washington farm, it took the slaughter of more than 700 healthy cattle to prove the disease had not spread.

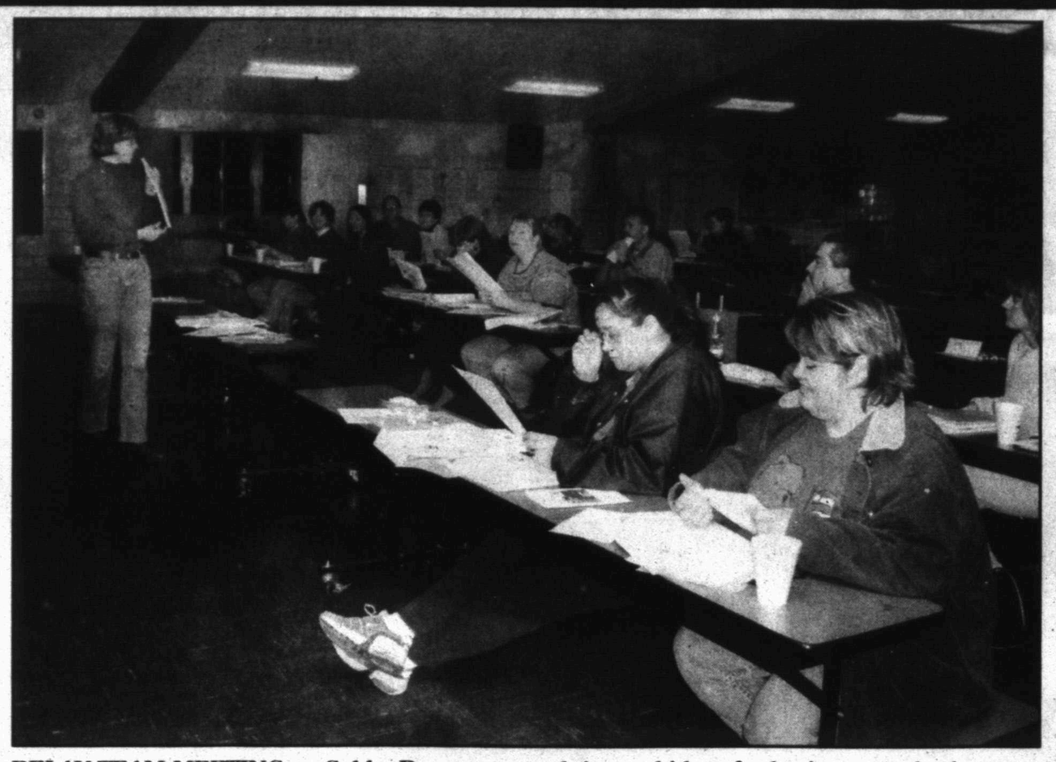
That's because there's no test for mad cow that can be done on live animals, and there may not be one for some time.

"I don't know how far away we are," said Don Knowles, who runs a U.S. Department of Agriculture laboratory in Pullman that is working jointly with Washington State University scientists to develop such a test.

"Data and announcements are coming out all the time," Knowles said. "At this moment, none of these tests has enough validation data behind them."

Being able to diagnose an infection quickly could help keep contaminated beef out of the food chain and also cut the economic loss that comes from slaughtering healthy animals, according to a 2003 report by the National Research Council. The animals killed in Washington state, for example, would have been worth well over half a million dollars at market.

Mad cow disease is a public health concern because scientists believe humans who eat infected beef products can develop a brain-wasting disease called variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, which has killed 153 people worldwide.



RELAY TEAM MEETING — Gabby Pace presented tips and ideas for having a good relay team last Tuesday at Stanfield Elementary. The American Cancer Society's annual fundriaser, Relay For Life, will be held in April. (SDN Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Wal-Mart to build Baytown center; Perry pleased by plan

BAYTOWN (AP) — A new two million square-foot Wal-Mart distribution center in Southeast Texas will help the retailing giant expedite shipments from the Port of Houston and rail lines in a project that Gov. Rick Perry said exemplified the state's strengthening economy.

The center, to be built at a business park in West Chambers County, was expected to bring between 300 and 400 jobs to the area.

A year of negotiations preceded the announcement Tuesday in a letter to Perry from Rollin Ford, Wal-Mart's executive vice president of logistics.

A Perry spokesman, Robert Black, told The Baytown Sun that the governor believes Wal-Mart's decision is "further evidence that Texas' economy is growing stronger by the day."

"When you talk about the top corporation in the world could come in and locate here, it is really, really outstanding," Baytown Mayor Pete Alfaro told the newspaper.

Rollins wrote Perry that the Bentonville, Ark.-based company looked at several communities, but support from the city, county and state made its decision easier to locate the center in Baytown's extraterritorial district.

The project will allow Wal-Mart to offload containers from ships docked at Port of Houston facilities and truck them to the distribution center for storage before shipment by truck or rail to Wal-Mart stores across the nation.

Construction was scheduled to begin this summer on more than 200 acres in the Cedar Crossing Business Park. Wal-Mart officials said the center should be operating by summer 2005.

Under the agreement, the state will purchase the site. When the center is built, the state will own the building and lease the property and building to Wal-Mart for 30 years.

Wal-Mart will be responsible for taxes, insurance and expenses on the property, officials said.

Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson said the General Land Office will provide $800,000 from an escrow investment account of funds from oil and gas leases to purchase the land and build the facility.

The lease is expected to generate $180 million in profits, which will go into the state's Permanent School Fund, Patterson said.

Charles Iupe, the Houston developer who manages the industrial park where the center will be built, said Wal-Mart was expected to sign another agreement giving it the option to purchase another tract of more than 200 acres to expand the center by another million square feet.

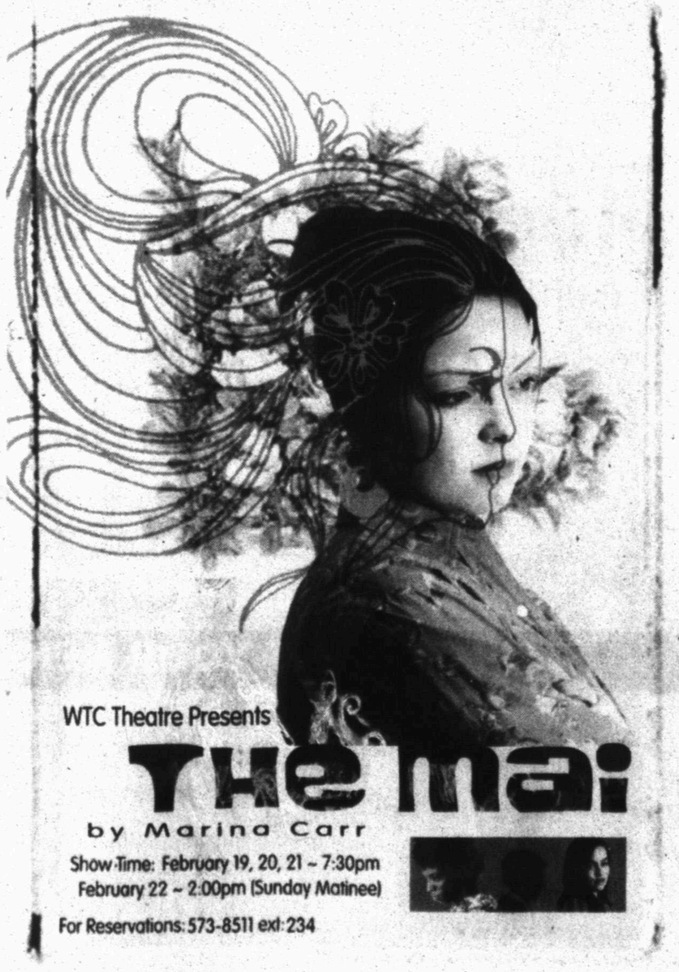
Electronic tracking evidence allowed

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP) — Evidence police gathered using electronic devices that tracked Scott Peterson's movements in the weeks after his pregnant wife disappeared will be allowed in his murder trial, a judge ruled Tuesday.

The global positioning technology "is generally accepted and fundamentally valid," Judge Alfred A. Delucchi said.

Dr. Nelson Brice
Snyder Medical Clinic
will close
Thursday, Feb. 19th at noon.
The office will re-open
Monday, March 8th at 8:30 am

Fine Arts Theatre Western Texas College Snyder, Texas



Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 02-18-04
♠ K Q J 10 9
♥ A
♦ A K Q J 9
♣ J 3

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

East
♠ 7 6 4
♥ 7 3 2
♦ 10 7 5 2
♣ 6 5 2

South
♠ 2
♥ 10 9 5 4
♦ 4
♣ A Q 10 9 8 7 4

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
	1 ♥	2 ♥	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	6 ♣	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ A

Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004

What happens if you bid a minor?

By Phillip Alder

This week, we are looking at two-suited actions. I have mentioned that when you are using Michaels Cue-Bids, if the opener bids one of a major and the next player (the intervenor) immediately overcalls two of that same major, it shows at least 5-5 in the other major and either minor. If the intervenor's partner (the advancer) wishes to ask for the minor, he bids two no-trump. But suppose instead he bids three of either minor. What does that mean?

Now look at the North-South hands. You are in six clubs. West cashes the spade ace, then exits with a diamond. How would you continue?

Three of a minor by the advancer is natural. It says that he knows his partner's two suits, but he wishes to play in his own very long suit. A textbook example would be today's South hand. After North uses a two-heart Michaels Cue-Bid, South knows his partner has a spade-diamond two-suiter. But South wishes to play in his own suit, so bids three clubs. North, with a super hand, launches into Blackwood and bids six clubs. What do you think about North's bidding?

Clearly, North overbid. Slam is well against the odds, given West's opening bid. North should make a slam-try (perhaps a three-heart repeat cue-bid followed by five clubs; perhaps a jump to four hearts), then leave the final decision to South.

Count the points. Dummy has 21 and you have six. That leaves only 13 missing, yet West opened the bidding. So, he must have the club king. After winning trick two, play a club to your ace — and get very lucky!

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Tuesday's Lottery Numbers
Mega Millions

ATLANTA (AP) — The jackpot in the multi-state Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to $215 million Wednesday.

None of the tickets sold for Tuesday's $177 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Friday.

There were 22 second-prize winners from Tuesday night's drawing. Each matched all five lotto numbers but did not match the Mega Ball number. Those tickets are each worth $175,000.

Also, 70 players matched four of the five lotto numbers, plus the Mega Ball number. Those tickets are each worth $5,000.

The winning numbers from Tuesday's drawing were: 2, 8, 34, 36 and 52. The Mega Ball number was 21.

Cash Five
3-9-12-15-18
Texas Two Step
4-12-14-26 BB 20
Pick 3
(Day) 1-2-7
(Night) 8-4-8

Hillary dons smock

YONKERS, N.Y. (AP) — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton donned a white baker's smock, sprinkled some crushed walnuts on a freshly frosted carrot cake and campaigned for the federal programs that have helped make the Greyston Bakery in Yonkers a success story.

The bakery makes the brownies for Ben & Jerry's ice cream.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Move to new school is tough for teen to take

DEAR ABBY: I am 13 years old and in the eighth grade. I just moved from one set of grandparents to my other grandma's house and had to change schools.

At my old school, I had friends. At this new school, I don't have anybody to hang out with. Every once in a while, someone talks to me. But every day I eat lunch alone.

Grandma works, so I have to go to school an hour early and stay an hour later than the other kids. I'm trying to stick it out for this school year, but next year I want to go back to my old school where I have friends and transportation.

I'm afraid my grandma will be heartbroken if I leave her. I love her and don't want to hurt her. If she wanted me to, I could still visit her every weekend like I used to. I don't know how to handle this. Please help me. — **LONELY IN TEXAS**

DEAR LONELY: You have my sympathy. The timing for your move could not have been worse. By eighth grade, cliques and friendships have been well-established, and trying to break in is difficult.

I hope you will be patient and give things in your new community a little more time. In the fall, everyone in your class will be starting high school. Very often the people who were close in grammar/middle school start forming new alliances at that time, and you will be able to find friends and fit in. You will be able to join clubs or go out for sports, if that interests you.

At the end of your freshman year, if your situation has not improved, you should speak to your grandmother about returning to your old community. But if you do go back, don't be surprised if things are not the way you remembered them. As circumstances change and time passes, people also change.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband, daughter and I recently moved from the West Coast to a small town on the East Coast. My husband loves his new job and my daughter is adjusting well, but I am miserable.

I have been commuting back and forth. When I am on the West Coast, I feel I'm myself and all's right with the world. When I return home, I deflate.

Nothing I try makes the move bearable. If I'd truly known what living here would be like, I would never have moved.

Living on the West Coast would be better for me, but I have my husband and daughter to consider. How do I evaluate the trade-off between their well-being and my misery? — **MISERABLE ON THE EAST COAST**

DEAR MISERABLE: I wish you had been more specific about when the move took place. Let me answer you this way: To what extent have you been trying to fit into the new community? Have you joined a church or synagogue? Are you volunteering in the community? Helping at your daughter's school? Have you made a sincere effort to make new friends?

If the answer to each of these questions is yes, then it's possible you are unable to make the transition and you and your husband should consider relocating back to the West Coast.

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DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been on the outs lately because she has a friend, "Dottie," whom I don't like. Dottie told my wife that she hates that we got married. She even tried to introduce her to other guys. Dottie has broken up a few marriages, and now she is trying to break up mine.

My wife lies to me about where she is when I call her cell phone and she's at Dottie's.

Should I tell her it's Dottie or me? I need some advice. — **DOESN'T TRUST DOTTIE**

DEAR D.T.D.: If your wife is lying to you about her whereabouts, your marriage is in big trouble. It would be interesting to know what the basis is for her alliance with this troublemaker. You both could benefit from marriage counseling to clear the air and renew your commitment to each other. Until your wife is able to perceive what Dottie is doing for what it is, your marriage will continue to go downhill.

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Body found may be related to 9 slayings

FORT WORTH (AP) — Law officers are investigating whether the deaths of 10 victims in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Mississippi are linked to a serial killer described by police as a long-haul truck driver preying on women around truck stops.

Next week in Oklahoma City, investigators from across the South are tentatively scheduled to exchange information on a killing in Grapevine, the most recent of the cases suspected to be linked. It is the second such meeting about the slayings.

Most of the victims were prostitutes. Some were strangled; one was raped. In many cases, their nude bodies were dumped in rural areas, often off bridges.

"Oklahoma City seems to be the hot spot," Investigator Jay Hill of the Lafayette County Sheriff's Department in Mississippi told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "Right now, we have to believe that we're dealing with a trucker."

Richard Goss, regional supervisor of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation in Lawton, Okla., said his agency believes that the Oklahoma slayings were committed by one killer.

"Geographically, we could have a serial killer because we have two victims within a short distance from each other," he said. "We just have to keep investigating the others."

Most of the eight women found in Texas and Oklahoma were believed to have been prostitutes involved with drugs. All were found nude with no identification. Six of the victims were found in Oklahoma, one in the Texas Panhandle, and the latest, an Oklahoma teenager, was found Jan. 31 in a Grapevine creek bed.

The seminude body of a woman was found in July on an entrance ramp to Interstate 40 near West Memphis, Ark. The victim was identified as Margaret Gardner of Memphis, Tenn. She had last been seen alive at an Arkansas truck stop. She was killed by a blow to the head, Arkansas authorities said.

"She had been known to frequent the truck stops along the interstate," said Dale Arnold, an investigator with the Arkansas State Police.

Nearly a month later, an Oklahoma City woman with a prostitution arrest record was found dead under a bridge in Mississippi. A railroad engineer found the nude body of Jennifer Hyman, 24, of Oklahoma City on Aug. 20 below a Tallahatchie River railroad bridge near Oxford, Miss.

Hyman, who had been manually strangled, was last seen at a truck stop in Oklahoma City on Aug. 18.

The Texas Panhandle victim, who has not been identified, was last seen in October at a Sayre, Okla., truck stop. Authorities said she was trying to hitch a ride.

Casey Jo Pipestem, 19, of Oklahoma City was last seen Jan. 28 at an Oklahoma City truck stop, Grapevine police said. Her nude body was found Jan. 31 in Big Bear Creek. Pipestem's body had been dropped from a Texas 360 bridge.

Appeals court upholds fed do not call registry

DENVER (AP) — Consumers annoyed with telephone sales won a big victory when a federal appeals court upheld the popular do-not-call registry, but telemarketers refused to concede defeat, predicting the legal wrangling would go all the way to the Supreme Court.

The 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Tuesday dismissed claims the list violates free speech rights and is unfair to business, saying it is a legitimate safeguard against "the danger of telemarketing abuse."

Telemarketing officials promised not to pester people on the list for now — but also vowed to pore over the appeals court ruling for holes that may help them in future appeals.

"We haven't accepted it at face value. We think it is best to move forward, but that does not mean we don't think there are problems. There are problems," said Louis Mastria, spokesman for the Direct Marketing Association.

The appeals court said the registry of more than 56 million phone numbers is a reasonable attempt by government to protect privacy.

"Just as a consumer can avoid door-to-door peddlers by placing a 'No Solicitation' sign in his or her front yard, the do-not-call registry lets consumers avoid unwanted sales pitches that invade the home via telephone," the court said. "We are convinced that the First Amendment does not prevent the government from giving consumers this option."

Telemarketing officials say they expect 2 million of their 6.5 million workers to lose their jobs within two years if the do-not-call rules stand.

World Almanac

Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004

Today is the 49th day of 2004 and the 59th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1885, Mark Twain's "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" was published.

In 1930, astronomer Clyde W. Tombaugh discovered the planet Pluto.

In 1945, the U.S. Marines landed on Iwo Jima.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Jack Palance (1920-), actor, is 84; Toni Morrison (1931-), writer, is 73; John Travolta (1954-), actor, is 50; Vanna White (1957-), TV personality, is 47; Matt Dillon (1964-), actor, is 40.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1990, Dale Earnhardt, after leading for 155 laps, lost the Daytona 500 on the last lap when he got a flat tire.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The ability of writers to imagine what is not the self, to familiarize the strange and mystify the familiar, is the test of their power." — Toni Morrison

TODAY'S FACT: The average surface temperature on Pluto is about 370 degrees Fahrenheit below zero, making it the coldest planet; Venus is the hottest, at about 867 degrees Fahrenheit.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 4.05 — Cost (in dollars and cents) of a fifth of Schenley whiskey in 1948.

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Feb. 13) and new moon (Feb. 20)

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Today's chuckle

Would-be burglar gets stuck in store's vent

CLEVELAND (AP) — Attala Abboushi couldn't believe his eyes when he opened his store and saw legs dangling from the kitchen ceiling.

"I thought I was dreaming for a second," Abboushi said.

Police say a would-be burglar got stuck trying to bypass the small grocery's alarm system by breaking in through the vents over a kitchen stove.

After discovering the man shouting for help Sunday, Abboushi called police and firefighters, who cut the vent apart to free the man. The suspect told police he was stuck for four or five hours.

He was taken to St. Vincent Charity Hospital to be treated for cuts and bruises. He was later taken to the city jail.

The man was expected to be charged with breaking and entering, Sgt. Donna Bell said Tuesday. Police suspect he may have entered through roofs on several burglaries.

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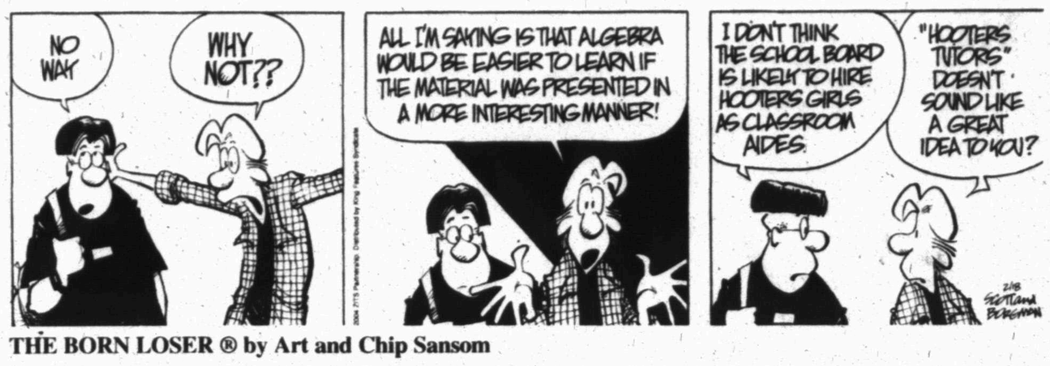

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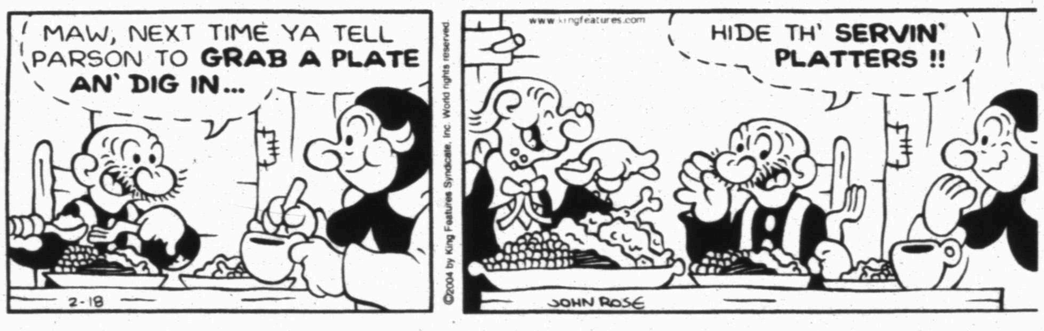

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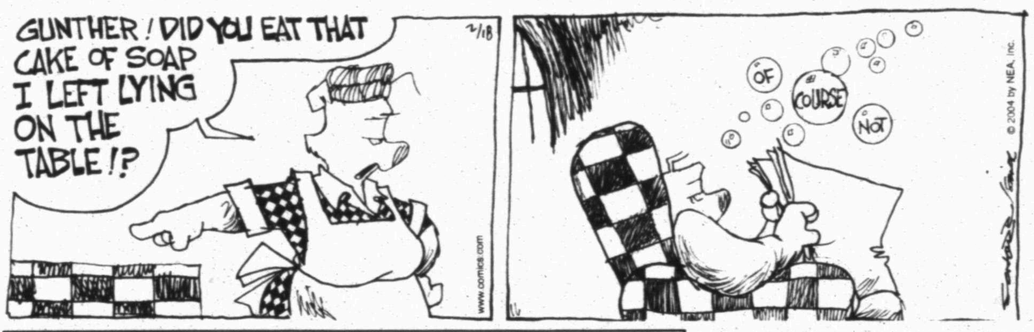

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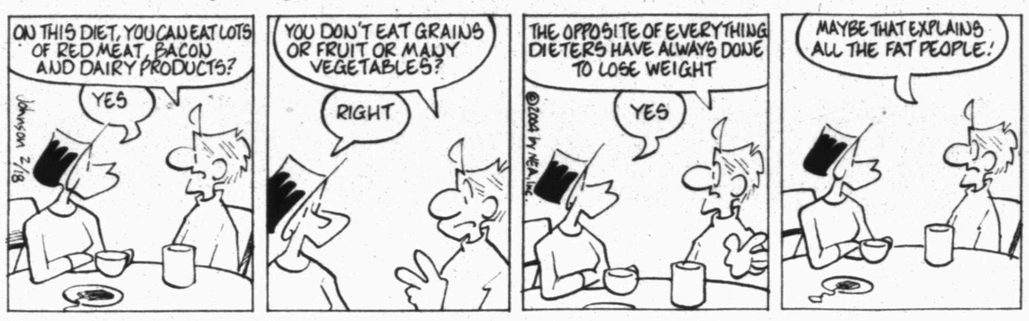

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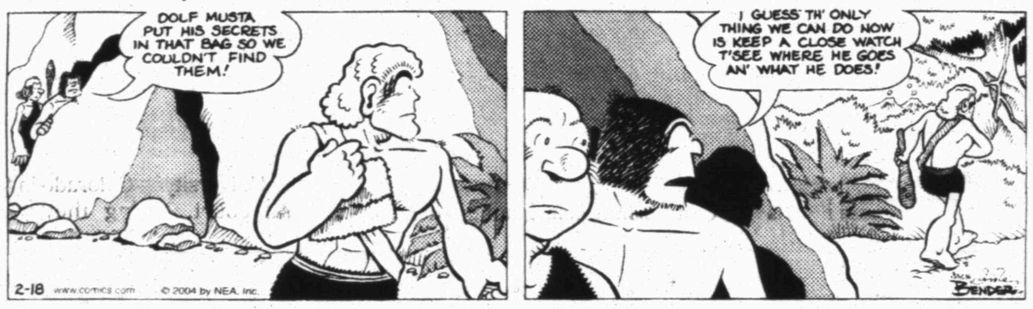

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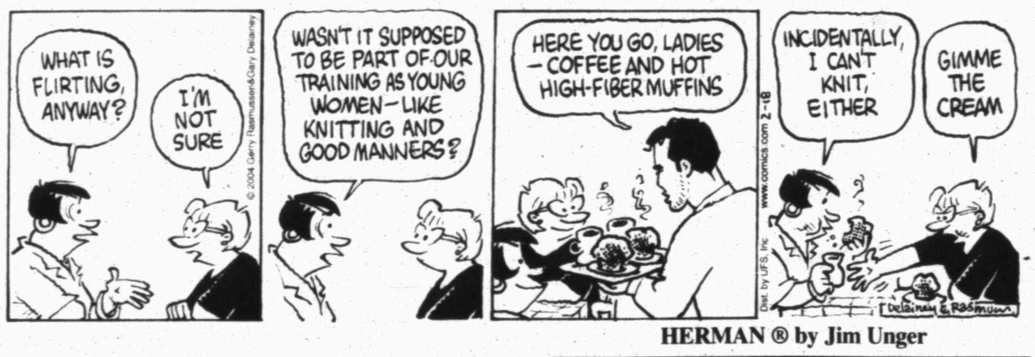

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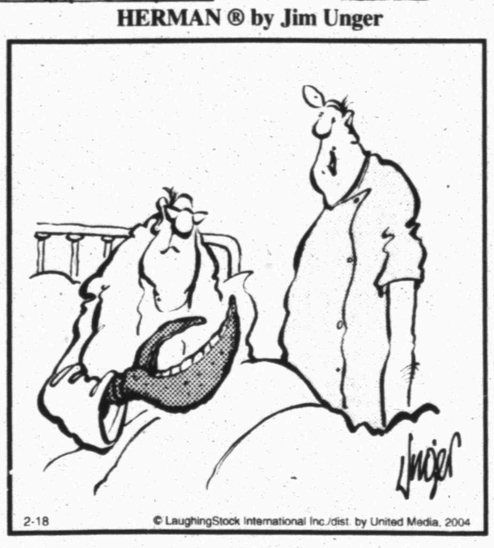

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6 Not so many
11 Boxing venues
13 Weather modifier (2 wds.)
14 Carry off
15 Fell behind
16 Give the thumbs-down
17 Baronet's title
18 Food additive
21 Additional
23 I've been —!
26 Dinghy's need
27 Gossett or Gehrig
28 Compete at Indy
29 Quenching
31 Pizarro foe
32 Give as a reference
33 Uncovered
36 Kitchen appliance
37 Mexican Mrs.
38 Cockney's optimism?
39 Roll of bills
40 Silver or gold
42 Natural elev.
43 DC initials
44 Waiter's check
46 Rub against
49 Chopin pieces
53 Rug, humorously
54 Coy
55 "Psycho" setting
56 Future fern

DOWN

1 Taxi
2 Ill temper
3 Garnet or ruby
4 Shortly
5 Pasta dish
6 Knack
7 Cal Tech grad
8 Fashion accessory
9 Pilot's dir.
10 Retina cell
12 Bell ringer
13 Failing that
18 Kremlin locale
19 Enzyme secretion
20 Prepared slaw
22 Most immense
23 Horse-drawn cab
24 Take willingly
25 Make numb
28 Big carnival locale
30 Author — Follett
34 For adults only (hyph.)
35 Tastes
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41 Fencer's blade
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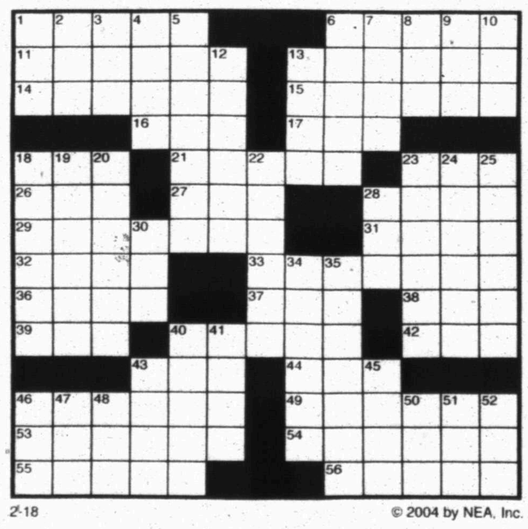

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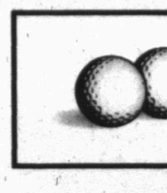

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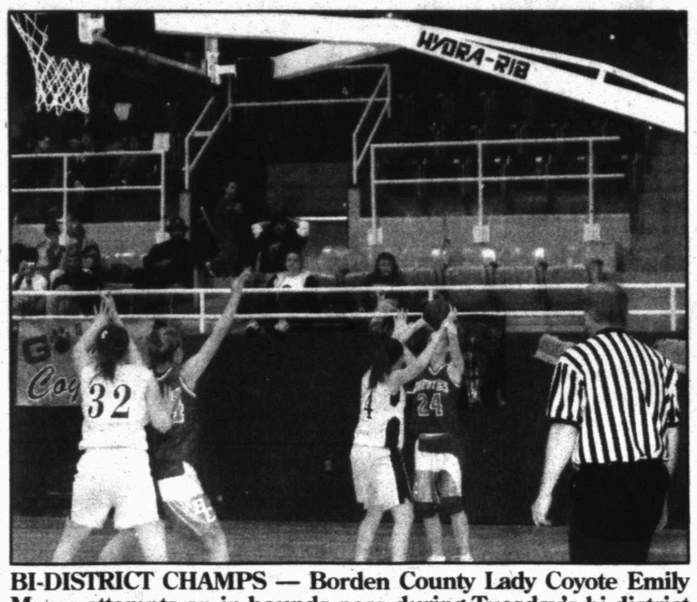

BI-DISTRICT CHAMPS — Borden County Lady Coyote Emily Mayes attempts an in-bounds pass during Tuesday's bi-district playoff game against Rule at Scurry County Coliseum. Borden County took the bi-district trophy with a 51-40 victory, setting up an area showdown with Whitharral, which topped New Home, 64-34. (SDN Staff Photo by Annie Rowe)

Tigers go down fighting

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

The Tigers went down swinging Tuesday, leaving everything on the court in the final district game of the season.

Snyder matched a Seminole team fighting for a playoff spot shot-for-shot, only to fall shy in overtime, 54-53.

"We came out and fought and competed and never gave up," head coach Bud Birks said. "We outplayed them, but at the end we just didn't get the calls."

The teams played to a 10-10 tie in the first quarter, with Lee Scott setting the offensive tone for the night on the first score of the game.

After Seminole took a 2-0 lead, Scott nailed a long three-pointer on the Tigers' next possession for the first of 11 lead changes throughout the game.

Scott finished his senior campaign with a game-high 18 against the Indians, who moved into a three-way tie for the final postseason spot in District 3-3A.

After the Tigers took a 20-18 lead into the intermission, Seminole responded with a 6-0 run to start the third quarter, ultimately taking an eight-point edge midway through the period.

Garrett Pinson scored five of his seven points in the third, getting the Tigers to within one with a three-pointer, before Austin Hatfield — who canned 12 — gave the Tigers another temporary lead with a lay-up to make it, 33-32.

After a Ty Caffey lay-up gave the Indians a three-point advantage to start the fourth quarter, Lico Castillo reeled off two consecutive shots from behind the arc to give the Tigers a 39-36 lead.

Seminole again took the lead before Scott hit a two and three to get Snyder ahead, 44-43. Seminole then went on a 5-0 run to take a 48-44 lead as time ran down.

Scott banked in another lay-up to make it a two-point game, and Castillo sank a pair of clutch free throws to tie it at 48.

Castillo's shot at the buzzer missed to send the game into overtime, where Seminole took advantage of a succession of Snyder fouls to get the win.

Seminole shot 10 free throws in the four-minute overtime frame.

"Tonight we came out fighting and got after it," Birks said. "We played as hard as we could, but nothing's perfect. They got all the calls at the end."

The Tigers finished the season on an 11-game slide, but played as if they, and not Seminole, were clinging to a tournament bid.

"We didn't have much to lose," senior Isaac Ramon said. "We tried and gave it all the effort we had, but sometimes things don't go your way."

Birks said several factors contributed to the late-season swoon, but praised the work ethic and attitude of his team.

"Lots of things happened this year," he said. "But there's something to be said for these kids in this situation — it says a lot about their character."

Lamesa fell to Denver City, 54-44, and Merkel crushed Sweetwater, 52-28. The Badgers outscored Sweetwater, 16-0, in the second quarter, and went on a 24-0 run that began in the first period and ended in the third.

That left Sweetwater, Seminole and Lamesa in a three-way tie for the third spot in district.

Seminole won the coin flip at the district meeting this morning in Snyder to get a bye in the district play-in. Lamesa and Sweetwater will play at 7 p.m. Thursday at Post in the first round, with the winner slated to play Seminole at 2 p.m. Saturday in Post.

Foreman agrees to one more bout for $20 million

MIAMI (AP) — Seven years after walking away from the ring, George Foreman might put on his boxing gloves for one more comeback.

The Texan agreed to a tentative $20 million deal to return for a fight celebrating the 30th anniversary of his epic bout with Muhammad Ali, Don King said Tuesday.

"George said he wants to come back to fight again, so what I'm doing is calling him out," King said. "He has the power, boy, he's rewriting history books."

King said he talked with the 55-year-old Foreman last week about the prospects of a fight.

"We've got a verbal deal," King said. "He said, 'I'm willing to fight one more time.'"

King said no opponent, date or location have been set, although Foreman said last week he'd like any fight to be in his hometown of Houston.

He announced his interest in a comeback last week in Texas, but said he wasn't getting into the ring until he gets his weight down to 225 pounds. Foreman didn't have a timetable for his return.

Foreman has said he's interested in fighting again to show young people that there's no reason to fear getting older. He hasn't fought since 1997, when he lost his heavyweight title to Shannon Briggs. He has spent his time since as a TV pitchman and boxing commentator.

Foreman did not immediately return calls seeking comment Tuesday.

Foreman would have to get himself into shape, King said, but he didn't expect the former heavyweight champion to have a problem finding a state that would license him to fight.

Vasquez reaches Trials semifinals

Anthony Vasquez advanced to the semifinals at the 2004 Olympic Team Boxing Trials, winning a decision over Hector Ramos of Converse, 16-10, in the quarterfinals.

Vasquez

Vasquez will tangle with Vicente Escobedo of Woodland, Calif., whom Vasquez topped in the semifinals of the U.S. National Championships.

Vasquez will advance to the finals with a win over Escobedo tonight.

Colorado slapped with another rape allegation

DENVER (AP) — The University of Colorado said it planned to hire a special administrator to oversee its athletic department and scandal-plagued football program after a female placekicker said she was raped by a teammate four years ago.

Katie Hnida said in the upcoming edition of Sports Illustrated that she was assaulted in the summer of 2000. Now at the University of New Mexico, she last year became the first woman ever to score points in a Division I-A college football game.

Three other women have sued the University of Colorado in federal court, saying they were raped by players or recruits at or after an off-campus party in December 2001.

No assault charges have been filed in those cases, but Boulder County prosecutor Mary Keenan said in a deposition for one of the lawsuits that she believes the football program uses alcohol and sex to entice recruits. Keenan did not return a call seeking comment Tuesday.

Meanwhile, The Denver Post reported today that a fifth woman told police more than a year ago that she was raped by a football player. That woman did not want to press charges.

"If and when she decides to come forward, I will support her in doing so, but I respect people's privacy," Keenan told the newspaper.

Hnida, 22, issued a statement Tuesday through the University of New Mexico, saying she was "healing" from "horrors endured" at Colorado. The statement does not mention rape, and she says she does not plan to press charges.

Hnida's statement, however, was intended to confirm the account in Sports Illustrated, New Mexico athletics spokesman Greg Remington said. Attempts to locate Hnida were not immediately successful.

7th-graders end season

The SJHS seventh-grade Gold team closed out its season Monday, falling to Denver City, 48-35.

Jared Cave led the team with 12 points and Jesse Conner scored 10.

Riley Davis cashed in with six, all in the second half, while Bubba Perales and Gregory Williams added three each.

Emmanuel Hernandez hit a free throw for the junior high Tigers.

Lady Tigers will face Perryton

The 10th-ranked Lady Tigers will play Perryton in the area round Friday, after the Lady Rangers topped Littlefield, 54-50, in overtime Tuesday.

Head coach Mike Martin said Perryton, the third-place team in District 1, will try to use its size to its advantage.

He said Perryton is comparable to Sweetwater, and relies on a pressure zone defense.

"They will try to use their height," he said. "They rebound extremely well. We will have to do a great job on the boards."

The teams will square off at 7 p.m. Friday at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

Sweetwater and third-ranked Muleshoe battle at 6:30 p.m. Friday in Post, while Denver City and number one Canyon are set to play Thursday at Lubbock Christian (time to be determined) in a match-up between potential quarterfinals opponents for the Lady Tigers.

Junior varsity girls start out softball season with blow out

The Snyder JV softball team got a good start to the season Tuesday, rolling over Kermit, 30-2, in three innings.

Snyder banged out 11 hits and took advantage of 27 walks and numerous passed balls by Kermit.

Tara Sullenger got the start, going all three innings while striking out three and walking two.

Amber Luecke smashed a triple and a single and Jessica Calvert, Kendra Birks and Joshlyn Tovar each added a pir of base knocks.

Tera Robertson and Kassey Nurney each smacked a single.

JV coach Laura Moses said the team got a chance to work on base running, plate discipline and several other areas in the blowout win.

"It was a good outing," she said.

The varsity Lady Tigers get their season underway Friday in the Copperas Cove Tournament.

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	31	20	.608	—
New York	26	29	.473	7
Boston	23	32	.418	10
Miami	23	32	.418	10
Philadelphia	22	32	.407	10½
Washington	16	35	.314	15
Orlando	13	42	.236	20

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	39	15	.722	—
Detroit	33	22	.600	6½
New Orleans	29	24	.547	9½
Milwaukee	28	24	.538	10
Toronto	25	27	.481	13
Cleveland	20	33	.377	18½
Atlanta	18	35	.340	20½
Chicago	16	38	.296	23

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	38	15	.717	—
San Antonio	35	18	.660	3
Dallas	33	20	.623	5
Houston	31	22	.585	7
Memphis	31	22	.585	7
Denver	32	23	.582	7
Utah	26	28	.481	12½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	38	13	.745	—
L.A. Lakers	32	19	.627	6
Seattle	25	27	.481	13½
Portland	24	28	.462	14½
Golden State	23	28	.451	15
L.A. Clippers	22	29	.431	16
Phoenix	18	38	.321	22½

Tuesday's Games

New Orleans 89, Indiana 75
Miami 97, Utah 85
New York 92, Detroit 88
Memphis 109, Dallas 92
Milwaukee 127, Orlando 104
Minnesota 110, Phoenix 95
Chicago 75, Toronto 73
Houston 107, Washington 81
Denver 106, Philadelphia 85
Sacramento 127, Boston 111
L.A. Lakers 89, Portland 86

Today's Games

Utah at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Dallas at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
San Antonio at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Milwaukee at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Atlanta at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Portland, 9 p.m.

National Hockey League

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	31	14	11	5	78	174	137
New Jersey	30	16	11	1	72	136	114
N.Y. Islanders	27	21	8	2	64	164	143
N.Y. Rangers	21	27	7	4	53	150	170
Pittsburgh	11	39	5	4	31	119	229

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	32	15	8	4	76	196	127
Toronto	32	16	9	3	76	174	151
Boston	29	14	11	6	75	156	138
Montreal	28	24	6	2	64	146	139
Buffalo	27	26	5	1	60	155	151

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	31	17	7	3	72	164	130
Atlanta	23	30	6	2	54	163	189
Florida	20	25	11	3	54	132	158
Carolina	18	27	11	2	49	112	146
Washington	18	32	7	2	45	139	182

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	33	16	8	2	76	189	139
St. Louis	28	22	7	1	64	137	145
Nashville	27	22	7	2	63	141	155
Columbus	17	29	8	4	46	121	163
Chicago	16	30	7	5	44	132	170

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	32	12	10	4	78	177	127
Vancouver	32	18	7	3	74	173	136
Calgary	30	20	5	3	68	144	129
Minnesota	20	22	16	2	58	132	134
Edmonton	23	26	9	1	56	149	152

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	28	15	11	5	72	148	120
Los Angeles	22	16	14	7	65	156	155
Dallas	27	22	10	0	64	125	132
Anaheim	20	24	8	7	55	130	155
Phoenix	19	22	14	3	55	146	164

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Tuesday's Games

Ottawa 1, Washington 1, tie
Tampa Bay 5, Philadelphia 2
Atlanta 4, Montreal 1
Boston 5, Toronto 2
Minnesota 4, New Jersey 4, tie

Today's Games

Florida at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Phoenix at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
San Jose at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Colorado, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Football booster club

The SHS football booster club will meet at 5 today in the film room.

Groundhog Open

Scurry County Golf Course will host the Groundhog Open Feb. 28-29. Format is two-man scramble and cost is $80 per team, with a 1 p.m. shotgun start both days. Contact the pro shop at 573-7101 for more information or to register.

Bonds' trainer admits to giving steroids to players

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Barry Bonds' personal trainer told federal agents he gave steroids to several baseball players, according to documents released.

No players were identified in the documents and it was unclear whether the trainer, Greg Anderson, gave specific names to the federal agents.

Anderson was one of four men charged last week in a steroid-distribution ring that allegedly supplied athletes with banned substances. All four pleaded innocent. No athletes have been charged.

Cubs ink Maddux

MESA, Ariz. (AP) — Greg Maddux is going back where he started, deciding to sign with the Chicago Cubs, The Associated Press learned.

The four-time Cy Young winner agreed to a $24 million, three-year deal with the Cubs, rejoining the team that gave him his start in the majors, a source close to the negotiations said on condition of anonymity.

The Cubs can void the final year of the deal if Maddux doesn't pitch a preset number of innings in 2005.

The deal is pending a physical, but the 37-year-old Maddux is expected to report today with the rest of the Cubs pitchers and catchers.

Maddux, who spent the last 11 years with the Atlanta Braves, was the last major free agent to agree to a deal.

UW cited for 'lack of institutional control'

SEATTLE (AP) — The NCAA cited the University of Washington for lack of institutional control in the gambling flap that led to the firing of former football coach Rick Neuheisel.

The finding is a first step toward what could be major sanctions for Washington.

Area Sports Calendar

TODAY	
Baseball:	WTC at Abilene Christian, 2 p.m.
Softball:	WTC at Odessa College, DH, 1:30 p.m.
THURSDAY	
Baseball:	Snyder varsity at Lubbock High, scrimmage, 4 p.m.
	Snyder JV vs. Lubbock High, scrimmage, 4 p.m.
FRIDAY	
Basketball:	Lady Tigers vs. Perryton, area playoff, Plainview, 7 p.m.
Baseball:	WTC at EPCC, DH, noon.
Softball:	Snyder varsity at Copperas Cove Tournament
	WTC at Cowtown Classic, Ft. Worth
Golf:	SHS varsity and JV girls in Snyder Tournament
	SHS varsity boys at Burleson
	SHS JV boys at Abilene
Tennis:	Snyder varsity at Sweetwater Tournament
SATURDAY	
Baseball:	WTC at EPCC, DH, noon.
Softball:	Snyder varsity at Copperas Cove Tournament
	WTC at Cowtown Classic, Ft. Worth
Golf:	SHS varsity and JV girls in Snyder Tournament
	SHS varsity boys at Burleson
	SHS JV boys at Abilene
Tennis:	Snyder varsity at Sweetwater Tournament
Powerlifting:	SHS at Snyder meet, Scurry County Coliseum
Baseball:	Snyder varsity vs. Midland Lee, scrimmage, 1 p.m.

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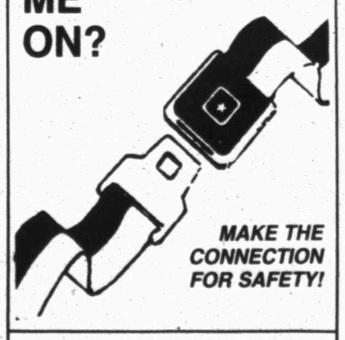
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Disney to buy Muppets from Henson Co.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Walt Disney Co. said Tuesday it will buy the "Muppets" characters, including Kermit, Miss Piggy and others, from The Jim Henson Co.

Financial terms of the deal, which also includes Henson's "Bear in the Big Blue House" franchise, were not disclosed.

The deal, which is expected to close in about two months, culminates a decades-long pursuit of the Muppets by Disney, which came close to acquiring the characters in 1990. The deal fell apart shortly after the death of company founder Jim Henson.

The company then was bought by German media company EM.TV, which sold it back to the Henson family last year.

The deal does not include the Sesame Street characters, such as Big Bird and Oscar the Grouch, who were sold earlier by EM.TV to the Sesame Workshop.

Negotiations between Disney and the Henson family continued about six months.

The Muppet characters already exist in Disney theme parks in a 3D film, while "Bear in the Big Blue House" is a long-running show on the Disney cable television channel.

Disney plans to make new television shows, video games, movies and other products with the existing characters as well as develop new characters in the coming years.

"We have been very impressed by how the Disney company treats its own characters," said Lisa Henson, who, with her brother Brian, is co-chair and co-chief executive of The Jim Henson Co. "We feel if the Muppets are treated with as much care in the long term as Walt Disney's characters are, we will have properly served the legacy."

The deal includes a four-year consulting arrangement with the Henson company to provide strategic advice on the use of the characters and a three-year production deal to develop movies, television shows and other projects using the characters.

The Henson company will retain its "Creature Shop," which builds the puppet characters and provides special effects for other studios, as well as the rights to its film and television library, including "Fraggle Rock" and "Farscape."

The announcement is a much-needed boost for Disney, which has been under attack for weeks from ex-board members and is the subject of a hostile takeover bid from cable television giant Comcast Corp.

It is also a coup for Disney chief executive Michael Eisner, who has been attacked by some who claim he lacks management skills.

Father executed for setting fire that killed his three daughters

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Convicted killer Cameron Willingham angrily spouted a stream of obscenities at his former wife as she stood a few feet away before he was put to death for setting a fire that claimed the lives of their three small daughters at their home in Corsicana more than 12 years ago.

"I hope you rot in hell," Willingham barked at his ex-wife, Stacy Kuykendall, lacing his final comments with repeated profanity after insisting he was innocent of setting the blaze that killed their children — 2-year-old Amber and 1-year-old twins Karmon and Kameron — two days before Christmas 1991.

"I have been persecuted for 12 years for something I did not do," he said.

Kuykendall showed no reaction, standing next to a prison official and watching through a window Tuesday evening about 8 feet from her former husband, who was strapped to the death chamber gurney.

The inmate greeted her with an obscenity as she entered the chamber witness area, ended his comments with a similar reference and at one point tried to wiggle his right hand — fastened by a leather belt to the gurney — so his fingers could make an obscene gesture.

Seven minutes later, after a gasp and a couple of sputters as the lethal drugs took effect, he was pronounced dead.

Willingham's execution was the seventh in Texas this year and the third in seven days. It came less than an hour after the U.S. Supreme Court rejected an appeal that contended Willingham was innocent and that false evidence was used to convict him.

"This was a monstrous psycopath responsible for the deaths of his three infant children," said John Jackson, who prosecuted the case and is now a state district judge in Navarro County. "That's the only thing that's left in my mind — that horrible image. It's one of the most emotionally disturbing cases I've been involved in."

Willingham was the lone survivor of the blaze Dec. 23, 1991, and was outside the Corsicana home when firefighters arrived. At his trial, neighbors said he was outdoors even before flames engulfed the place and was concerned about his car getting scorched. Prosecutors contended he just wanted to get rid of the children.

Evidence at his trial showed an accelerant, believed to be charcoal lighter fluid, was used to ignite the blaze. A fire marshal testified the placement of the accelerant was designed to impede any rescue efforts.

"Dude's a liar," Willingham said in a recent interview on death row. "It's all a farce ... They just didn't want to pursue what really happened."

Willingham suggested a lantern lamp dumped fluid when a shelf collapsed inside the house and caught fire, or his oldest daughter accidentally set off the blaze or someone else showed up to kill him and his kids.

The Ardmore, Okla., native said his wife went shopping and left him with the children that morning as he slept in. He was awakened by the cries of his 2-year-old, saw smoke, jumped out of bed and told her to get out of the house, he said. Willingham said he tried to get to the twins' room, couldn't get past the flames and ran to get help. His house had no phone.

Trial testimony showed he expressed no grief over the loss of the children. Willingham, who did not testify in his own defense, disputed the comments.

"They were great kids," he said.

Willingham, a 10th grade dropout, had a history of violence and a record of felony and misdemeanor convictions both as an adult and juvenile. He said he got hooked on inhalants as a young teenager and was in and out of treatment centers beginning at age 14. He also spent time at a boot camp in Oklahoma. Evidence at his trial showed he was abusive to his family and once beat his pregnant wife with a telephone to try to force a miscarriage.

"I was a sorry husband, a piece of crap as husbands go," he acknowledged from death row. "I was so full of myself and so dumb."

Willingham's ex-wife, who declined to speak with reporters after Tuesday night's injection, initially supported him and testified on his behalf at his 1992 trial. She told the Corsicana Daily Sun earlier this month that after reviewing the case and meeting with her former husband in prison recently, she didn't buy his version of the events that day.

Phoenix bishop convicted in hit-and-run accident

PHOENIX (AP) — Authorities say Bishop Thomas O'Brien would be a free man had he simply stopped and waited for police after striking and killing a jaywalking pedestrian with his car.

But O'Brien sped away instead, and a jury on Tuesday found him guilty of leaving the scene of a fatal accident — **believed to be the first-ever felony** conviction for a U.S. Roman Catholic bishop.

The 68-year-old bishop said he thought his car hit a dog or was struck by a rock on the night of June 14, when he slammed into 43-year-old Jim Reed, who had been drinking and was not in a crosswalk.

Now, O'Brien could receive from probation to three years and nine months in prison. No sentencing date has been set.

O'Brien, who appeared in court each day wearing his clerical attire, showed no emotion after the verdict was read Tuesday. He and his attorney left the courtroom without comment.

"I'm telling you guys it's wrong; this verdict is wrong," said Mary Anne McKome, 66, a longtime friend of O'Brien. "He's not the kind of man who would do this."

Monsignor Dale Fushek, the diocese's co-vicar general, said the verdict was a no-win situation. "We respect the work the jury did, and now we just pray everyone heals."

Family members of both Reed and the bishop cried after the verdict.

O'Brien's sister, Jeanne Dearing, said she was devastated by the verdict. "He's innocent and God knows that."

Reed's family said the decision was just. The verdict "was what we wanted," said Flora Mendoza, who had two sons with the victim.

O'Brien led the Phoenix diocese's nearly 480,000 Catholics for 21 years, but stepped down in June after he was charged in the crash.

"I'm saddened by the tragedy that this is and I feel ... a great deal of empathy with Bishop O'Brien," said Bishop Thomas Olmsted, O'Brien's successor.

The chief facts surrounding the accident that killed Reed were not in dispute.

Reed was drunk and jaywalking when O'Brien hit him on his way home from celebrating Mass, leaving a giant spider-web crack in the windshield and Reed lying in the street. O'Brien then drove the two miles back to his house and parked the Buick in his garage.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Is this heart disease?

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a woman, 70, in excellent health. No heart disease, high cholesterol or overweight. I exercise regularly, climb stairs and feel great.

Imagine my surprise, therefore, when my primary care physician told me that I have a weak heart, based on an ultrasound showing an ejection fraction of 60 percent. Subsequently, I had a normal stress test. The cardiologist is also puzzled and cannot explain the cause of the heart damage. Should I obtain yet another opinion?

DEAR READER: Without a doubt. While an ejection fraction of 60 is — depending on the lab — either abnormal or low-normal, I sense that your very real concern needs to be resolved. You should see another cardiologist.

Remember that no medical test is 100 percent accurate, so I suspect that your ultrasound is what is known as a "false positive": an abnormal (or equivocal) value in the presence of no heart disease.

While I cannot speak for your cardiologist, I predict that he will either reassure you that nothing is wrong, or will recommend further tests, especially a coronary artery angiogram. This test is ordinarily part of a heart catheterization procedure and will indicate, without a doubt, whether you have unsuspected arterial blockage.

Do I, based on your extensive and normal medical history, believe that you have a heart disorder? No. But you wouldn't have written me if you weren't concerned, so I take your story seriously.

In my view, the 60 percent ejection fraction is probably incorrect; this is something the (second) cardiologist can sort out. In any case, the 60 percent is borderline, so you can proceed at your own rate.

Would I, an active man in his 60s, choose to have a heart catheterization to follow up on an ultrasound exam (by the way, why did your doctor order the test in the first place)? Emphatically, no. But now that the test results are a matter of record, they probably should be addressed.

Let me know how this fascinating scenario plays out.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I was recently prescribed Vicodin to treat my low back pain. The information provided on the prescription says that the drug may cause "drowsiness, lightheadedness, and dizziness. Alcohol may intensify these effects." Is this a warning or a suggestion?

DEAR READER: A warning. The side effects of narcotic pain relievers such as Vicodin may be accentuated by alcohol consumption. While not an unequivocal contraindication, the use of alcoholic beverages should be avoided in the presence of such drugs.

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

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Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	16.64	15.43	15.44	—.33
AT&T Corp	20.02	19.85	19.87	—.11
Albertsons	23.89	23.76	23.78	—.07
Alltel	51.48	51.10	51.26	+.07
AmEl Pw	34.45	34.10	34.41	+.21
AncarkPtr	51.90	51.34	51.51	—.29
ATMOS Egy	26.40	26.24	26.36	—.08
Avaya	15.49	15.33	15.48	—.01
BP PLC	48.45	48.22	48.29	+.02
BakerHughes	36.92	36.31	36.74	+.26
Bank of Amer	81.99	81.46	81.66	—.20
BellSouth	28.82	28.44	28.59	—.47
BurlNoSFe	32.72	32.30	32.59	+.21
Caterpillar	79.55	78.57	78.98	—.54
CenterPoint	10.53	10.44	10.48	+.03
ChevronTex	87.40	87.00	87.24	—.08
Citigroup	50.00	49.63	49.89	—.01
CocaCola	51.20	50.91	51.03	—.11
ColgatePal	55.60	55.34	55.44	+.09
CmclMetals	30.81	30.36	30.46	+.20
ConocoPhill	68.90	66.94	68.48	—.46
Cooper Inds	57.49	57.12	57.27	—.13
DaimlrChry	47.42	47.00	47.37	+.37
DeltaAirLines	10.18	9.82	9.90	—.27
Dillards Inc	17.49	17.31	17.35	—.02
DowChem	43.42	43.00	43.42	+.29
DuPont	45.19	44.96	45.18	+.22
EastmanChem	42.90	42.38	42.46	—.39
EstKodak	29.00	28.74	28.94	—.13
EDS Corp	20.81	20.59	20.68	—.12
Entergy	59.30	58.50	59.20	+.86
ExxonMobil	42.28	42.04	42.19	—.04
FootLocker	25.50	25.08	25.28	—.21
GenDynam	96.57	95.34	95.98	—.57
GenElec	33.24	33.05	33.15	+.10
GenMills	44.79	44.44	44.78	—.11
GenMotors	49.88	49.27	49.47	—.01
GaPacific	30.31	29.88	30.09	—.16
Goodrich	30.69	30.32	30.41	—.28
Goodyear	8.34	8.15	8.16	—.20
GtAtlPac	8.03	7.89	8.03	+.23
Halliburtn	31.87	31.42	31.50	—.29
Hanson PLC	41.90	41.80	41.82	+.26
HarteHanks	22.53	22.41	22.41	—.10
HomeDepot	36.66	35.75	35.75	—.55
HoneywellIntl	36.45	35.95	35.99	—.28
IBM	99.77	99.22	99.40	+.03
IntlPaper	43.41	43.08	43.15	—.11
JohnsonJn	54.22	53.85	53.89	—.52
KinderMorg	61.30	60.75	61.19	+.44
Kroger Co	18.99	18.85	18.87	—.04
LockheedM	49.35	48.96	49.13	+.12
Lowes Cos	58.50	57.45	57.54	—.63
Lubys	3.69	3.58	3.66	+.06
LucentTech	4.32	4.13	4.15	—.13
MarathonOil	34.20	33.87	34.03	+.27
MayDeptStr	35.79	35.47	35.56	+.07
Medtronic	48.39	48.10	48.30	+.30
Motorola	17.25	17.07	17.14	—.01
NCR Corp	45.35	44.77	44.94	—.60
Navistar	49.56	48.80	48.85	—.35
PNM Rescs	31.80	31.67	31.74	
Penney JC	28.50	28.10	28.20	—.34
PepBoys	22.44	22.00	22.09	—.33
PepsiCo	51.31	50.76	51.31	+.31
PhelpDodge	84.90	83.13	83.35	—.45
PilgrimsPride	21.35	20.83	21.34	+.54
Praxair s	36.50	35.82	36.44	+.46
ProctGamb	103.49	102.97	103.07	—.05
RadioShack	33.68	33.14	33.14	—.67
RoyalDut	48.38	48.16	48.26	—.21
SBC Comm	24.52	24.25	24.42	—.45
SaraLee	21.74	21.56	21.57	—.13
Scripps EW	100.20	99.10	99.81	+.45
SearsRoeb	46.10	45.52	45.52	—.25
SherwinW	35.85	35.72	35.85	+.08
SouthernCo	29.98	29.63	29.90	+.31
SwstAirl	14.95	14.72	14.77	—.15
SprintFON	18.60	18.41	18.41	—.20
SprintPCS	10.20	9.72	9.77	—.18
Sunoco Inc	59.49	58.66	58.85	—.45
TXU Corp	24.96	24.67	24.90	+.28
TempleInland	63.70	63.45	63.51	—.10
TexInd	36.90	36.80	36.81	—.02
TexasInst	31.60	31.21	31.26	+.09
Textron	56.82	55.80	55.83	—.70
TimeWarner	17.72	17.44	17.58	+.08
TrinityInds	33.05	32.60	32.61	—.49
TylerTech	9.35	9.25	9.26	—.01
UnionPacif	64.61	63.70	64.55	+.55
USSteel	36.82	36.09	36.23	—.18
UnitedTech	97.25	95.70	96.82	+1.64
Unocal	37.42	36.93	37.10	—.32
VerizonComm	38.80	38.18	38.22	—.98
WalMart	57.65	57.10	57.11	—.41
WellsFargo	57.60	57.34	57.38	—.02
WstnGasRs	49.22	48.98	49.05	—.20
WinnDixie	6.67	6.53	6.55	—.12
Xerox Cp	15.37	15.21	15.24	—.06
YumBrands	35.60	35.25	35.45	—.09

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Scurry County Country

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

While fungus gnats are not generally viewed as key pests, their immature stages can cause severe damage to plant cuttings and seedlings.

Fungus gnats are small flies *(Sciaridae)* that resemble mosquitoes (Figure 1). Adult fungus gnats are gray to black, 1/8-inch long, slender and very delicate. They have long legs and one pair of clear wings.

Adult fungus gnats are generally seen flying close to the potting media. Immature gnats are white legless larvae with a shiny black head capsule and may reach ¼ inch in length before pupation (Figure 2). Pupae occur in silk-like cocoons in the soil.

Fungus gnats lay their eggs on the soil surface or on plant tissue in contact with the soil. However, they generally lay more eggs on decomposing plant tissue than on healthy tissue. Females may lay up to 100 to 300 eggs in their 7-10 day lifetime.

Larvae hatch from eggs 3 to 5 days after oviposition. Several generations may overlap during a growing season. Larvae feed on organic matter in the potting medium but may also feed on small plant roots and root hairs.

The larvae are capable of burrowing into the plant stem at or bellow the soil line. Fungus gnats are especially damaging to seedlings where they can cause the destruction of the entire root system. Direct damage to roots may cause wilting even when plants are being properly watered.

In addition to their feeding damage, fungus gnats are capable of introducing and spreading plant pathogens that cause damping off, Verticillium and Fusarium wilt, and root and stem rots. Large populations of fungus gnat adults can also be a nuisance.

Managing fungus gnats starts with good sanitation practices and prevention tactics.

- It is important to remove plant debris, old potting media, and any diseased plants from growing areas. These may become the source of future problems.
- Avoid using potting media containing organic matter that has not been completely composted as it creates ideal conditions for fungus gnat development and population buildup.
- Keep growing areas well drained and avoid over-watering; moist conditions are required for fungus gnat survival.
- Eliminating algae from underneath benches or other surfaces may also help reduce populations.

Fungus gnat damage may be prevented with timely detection and regular scouting efforts.

A good monitoring program will help detect fungus gnat populations when they are at low levels, and will help in assessing control effectiveness.

Adults may be monitored using yellow sticky cards near the surface of the potting medium. Sticky cards need to be checked and replaced weekly.

Larvae may be monitored using potato disks (1 inch diameter, ½ inch thick). Press a potato disk into the medium and check for larvae on the underside of the disk the next day.

There are several biological and chemical control options available to manage fungus gnats. Commercially available *Steinernema* nematodes, the predatory mite *Hyposaspis miles* and the biological insecticide *Bacillus thuringiensis* subspecies *israelensis* provide effective control of larvae.

Insecticide applications may be warranted under heavy fungus gnat infestations and usually involve surface sprays against adults and drench applications to the media against larvae.

Always read and follow directions on product label.

Variety of seedlings for sale at UCSWC

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District has extra hardwood and evergreen seedling for sale. The extra seedlings are afghan pines, Austrian pines, Italian Stone pine, Green ash, Bur oak, Shumard Oak, Russian Olive, Catalpa, Walnut, Osage Orange, Sand cherry, Sand plum, Mulberry and Nanking cherry.

We also are still taking orders for the large container trees. Some of the large trees that we can get are Afghan pines, Crape Myrtles, Golden Raintree, Multi-trunk Live oaks and Bur oaks. To place orders come by the USDA/NRCS building at 5305 Big Spring Hwy.

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Eat Smart: How to Fill Up, Not Out!

This article "Eat Smart: How to Fill Up, Not Out!" is the last in my series of three. For the next four weeks, I will be recouping from a surgery and will not write my weekly column. Please look for my return, the week of March 22.

5. Step to It!

The National Weight Control Registry (NWCR) studies successful weight control strategies of people age 18 years and older who have lost at least 30 pounds and kept it off for at least one year. The average person listed with NWCR expends about 400 calories a day in physical exercise, with walking the most frequently cited activity.

Health experts recommend walking around 10,000 steps/day (about 5 miles) on most days for cardiovascular health. It's possible more steps may be needed for weight loss.

The average person gets less than 6,000 steps per day. Many people need to include some type of daily walking program for about a half-hour to one hour to get to 10,000 steps. If you can't get to 10,000 steps, becoming more active than you were before is still better than not being active at all.

As a general guideline, a person will burn about 100 calories walking a mile. Fitness, weight and age will affect how many calories each person burns.

Investing in an inexpensive pedometer is a good way to begin and stay motivated with walking. Determine your current number of steps for a couple of days and gradually build up.

Some pedometers can be adjusted to calculate miles, speed and approximate calories burned, but simply monitoring the number of steps is enough and may be more accurate than some of the other measurements.

Shoes are the most important equipment. They should be flexible with good support and allow the foot to expand while walking. The more often a person walks, the more frequently shoes need to be replaced. If you walk daily, you may need new shoes every six months. If you only plan to walk, buy walking shoes. If you might progress to a little jogging, buy running shoes. Comfortable, well-fitting socks are important to prevent blisters.

To help stay on track, track your steps — keeping a record of how we're doing can help us stay on target.

6. Sleep On It!

Too little sleep may lead to weight gain. Studies in *The Journal of the American Medical Association* (Aug. 16, 2000) and *The Lancet* ((Oct. 23, 1999) suggest chronic sleep loss can make it harder to maintain or lose weight by affecting various components of metabolism that influence hunger and weight gain.

The National Sleep Foundation's (NSF) 2002 "Sleep in America" poll found "over one-half (58%) of adults experience symptoms of insomnia a few nights a week or more." The number getting eight or more hours of sleep each night in the 2002 poll appears fewer than compared to one year ago (38% vs. 30%). While past surveys, since 1998, have shown overall consistent sleep habits, the 2002 survey showed a trend toward less sleep.

Though most healthy adults generally need an average of eight hours of sleep nightly, some people can function on less while others may need more, according to NSF. Here are general tips from NSF that may help you sleep better.

- Drink less fluids before bedtime.
- Avoid heavy meals shortly before bedtime.
- Don't smoke.
- Go to bed and get up at the same time daily, including weekends.
- Exercise regularly, but at least three hours before going to bed.
- Avoid napping during the day if you have trouble sleeping at night.
- Avoid caffeine and alcohol in the late afternoon and evening. While caffeine may keep you awake, alcohol may cause you to awake later in the night.

If you continue to have sleep problems, check with your physician.

?Weather Whys?

Topic: Worst Weather

Q: What place in the United States has the worst weather?

A: A lot of people might have different answers, but one hard to argue against is Mount Washington in New Hampshire, says Kelsey Curtiss of Texas A&M University. "In fact, Mount Washington State Park, located in the White Mountains, brags that it is home 'to the worst weather in the U.S.' and that might be true.

"Some people even consider it the worst weather in the world," says Curtiss. "Mount Washington is 6,288 feet above sea level, the highest mountain in New England, and it is known for its high winds. A large sign there reads 'The highest wind ever observed by man was recorded here' on April 12, 1934. That day, the winds registered an incredible 231 miles per hour. But high winds are routine — on average, winds exceeding hurricane force (75 miles per hour or more) occur every three days."

Q: Why are the winds so high there?

A: In addition to its high altitude, Mount Washington stretches across major air masses that often affect the Northeast.

"The mountain's topography and the way it is situated creates a sort of whiplash affect on the winds in the area," Curtiss adds. "Add to that the frequent snows and the results can be killers. The mountain gets about 250 inches of snow every year, so the wind chill affects can be lethal. In fact, more than 100 people have died on the mountain, some from falls but most from being improperly dressed and developing hypothermia.

"That's why the park rangers tell hikers and visitors that proper clothing is a must — not wearing the right clothing can kill in minutes on the mountain, even in summer. The park is home to Mount Washington Observatory, a non-profit corporation that conducts weather research."

ABOUT WEATHER WHYS

"Weather Whys" is a service of Texas A&M University's Department of Atmospheric Sciences. Past and current topics can be viewed via the web at http://rev.tamu.edu/weatherwhys/.

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Markets

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc had a run of 400 head of livestock for the Thursday, Feb. 12, sale. Bulls and cows were $2 better. Calves and yearlings were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows:
(High dressing, cutters, utility) 43-50.50
Canners and low cutters: 32-43
Slaughter bulls: 58-69.50
Feeder steers:
300-400: 105-120
400-500: 90-108
500-600: 90-100
600-700: 85-92
700-800: 78-86
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 92-110
400-500: 85-105
500-600: 80-88
600-700: 77-85
700-800: 72-80
Feeder bulls – Good and choice
500-600: 82-92.50
700-800: 75-82
Cow and Calf Pairs
Good: 650-800
Grade: 450-600
Springers: 425-725
Baby Calves: 100-210
Doodlers: 200-275

Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 1,349 head of cattle for the Wednesday, Feb. 11, sale.

Market was active and demand good. Feeder and stocker steers and heifers 600 lbs. and up were $2 to $4 lower. Light calves 200 lbs. to 430 lbs. were steady. Bred cows and pairs were steady to $25 higher. Packer cows and bulls were $2 to $3 higher.

Feeder Steers:
200-300: 125-140
300-400: 109-129
400-500: 98-113
500-600: 88-96.50
600 to 700: 75-85.50
Feeder Heifers:
200-300: 114-121
300-400: 100-110
400-500: 88-102
500-600: 78-87.75
600-700: 68-83
Replacement cows:
Bred cows: 735-1,030
Middle aged: 575-770
Pairs: 750-975
Packer cows: 42-54
Packer bulls: 58-68.75

Boll weevil eradication continues toward goal

The Rolling Plains Central Eradication Zone continues to make progress toward its goal of completely eliminating the boll weevil from the zone's cotton fields.

This progress has been made despite serious migration problems in 2002 and 2003, area growers learned at a recent steering committee meeting in Rotan. The steering committee is composed of cotton-producer representatives from across the 22-county zone.

The zone was declared functionally eradicated in February 2002, but weevils migrated into the western part of the zone later that year from an area where cotton producers have not begun an eradication program. The migration continued during the 2003 crop season.

The foundation intensified trapping and treatments, and its actions brought weevil numbers back down.

Two districts, Snyder and Colorado City, accounted for 98 percent of the weevils caught in the zone and 95 percent of the treatments to control them.

Growers also learned that progress had been made in reducing the zone's debt, but the cost to treat those migrating weevils had prevented further reductions. In the early years of an eradication program, expenses exceed income, so loans are obtained to cover operating costs and to keep assessments low over time.

Foundation officials said the program debt could be paid off if the migration were brought under control and if additional cost-share funds from state or federal source were available.

The officials said they were in discussions with the producers in the areas outside eradication and efforts would be made to obtain additional funding.

At a subsequent board of directors meeting, an additional $5.5 million in cost-share funding was approved to help ensure the zone would pay off program expenses on schedule this year.

Growers from the St. Lawrence zone, which lies to the southwest of Snyder and Colorado City, met with the board and discussed a proposed eradication plan for the area. After the board meeting, the St. Lawrence growers requested the commissioner of agriculture hold a referendum to initiate an eradication program in the zone.

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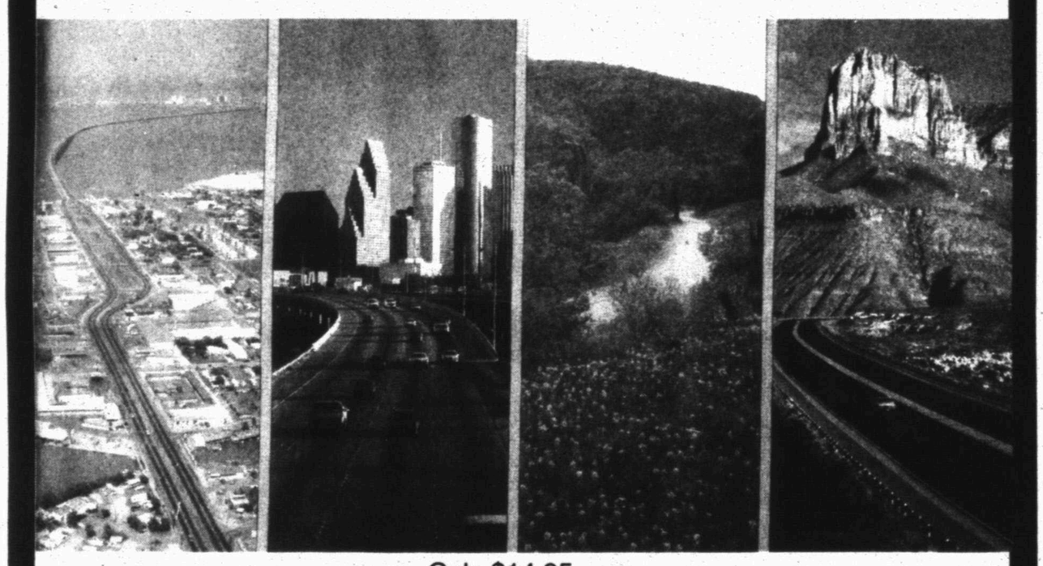

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By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, Feb. 19, 2004

Your sensitivities for projects or ventures that are of an artistic nature will be heightened in the year ahead, and anything of this ilk can be extremely fortunate for you. If you're not the supplier of talent, you'll team up with those who are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — You have an aura about you today that others will find both commanding and appealing. All are likely to be responsive to the charming, considerate demeanor you so readily display.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) —Your instincts for the needs and concerns of others are extremely acute today, and you'll be readily responsive. It won't be uncommon for others to automatically gravitate to you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Goals that may appear unrealistic to others can hold possibilities for success for you today. If you pick up on tides that could channel the trend of events toward your shores, get ready to sail.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — There are strong possibilities that you could get what you want today when properly motivated to do so. Revving yourself up and achieving your objectives shouldn't be too difficult to accomplish.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Selecting the right companions with whom to share your day could lead to collective beneficial happenings. Positive types can serve to stimulate and inspire you to do bigger and better things.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Although it may be necessary for you to draw upon the resources of others today in order to achieve your goals, it won't be improper. What you gain you'll share proportionately with them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — One of your greatest assets is your ability to put everyone around you at ease, and today this quality could bring a harmonious balance to all your involvements with others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Make a list of all those personal tasks you've been desirous of accomplishing but have put aside in order to do for others. For once, today is designated just for you and your wants.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Without too much effort on your part, you'll be able to charm the birds out of the trees today. This is because you sincerely care about the needs and cares of others, and they'll know it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Try to strike a balance today where you can use both your logic and your sensitivity, especially in areas where your resources are involved. It'll create a harmonious blend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — In order to feel fulfilled today, you may require some pleasant kind of diversion, but that's OK. It is never a waste of time to participate with friends in activities that lift the spirits of all.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Something profitable may develop for you today through the generosity of one who thinks a great deal of you. Be sure to acknowledge your benefactor with a proper thank you.

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Motorist charged

DETROIT (AP) — A motorist pulled over in the middle of the night for a seemingly routine traffic stop was charged Tuesday with murder in the shooting deaths of two police officers who stopped him.

A judge entered an innocent plea on behalf of Eric Marshall, who fell to his knees as the charges were read and had to be pulled up by officers holding him. He does not yet have an attorney.

Marshall, 23, faces a mandatory penalty of life in prison without parole if convicted. He's accused in the deaths of Officers Jennifer Fettig and Matthew Bowens, who were shot early Monday, becoming the 18th and 19th Detroit officers killed in the line of duty since 1990.

The traffic stop had not been called in to police dispatchers. "We don't know what they stopped him for. It's hard to say," said Cmdr. Craig Schwartz of the Major Crimes Division.

After making the stop, Bowens and Fettig returned to their cruiser with Marshall's license.

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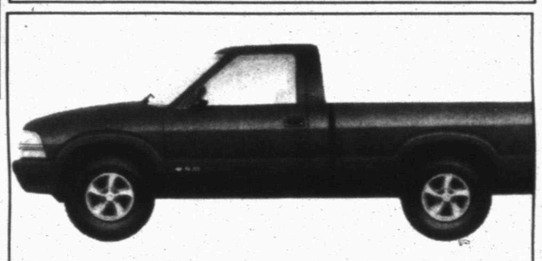

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Train explodes in Iran; more than 200 die

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Runaway train cars carrying fuel, fertilizer and industrial chemicals derailed and exploded in northeastern Iran today, killing more than 200 people, injuring hundreds more and devastating five nearby villages, the government news agency said.

Officials in the city of Neyshabur were among the dead, along with 182 fire and rescue workers. At least 400 people were reported injured.

"The scale of the devastation is very great, and the damage appears more than initially thought," said Vahid Bakechi, a senior official at Khorasan Province's Emergency Headquarters.

The 51 freight train cars caught fire and blew up outside Neyshabur, 400 miles east of Tehran, IRNA reported.

The villages that were badly damaged were made up of mud brick structures and sat within what officials said was a 12-mile diameter blast zone.

"The whole city is shocked by this accident. Official vehicles mounted with loudspeakers are roaming the city, calling for volunteers to donate blood," Saeed Kaviani, editor of Sobh-e-Neyshabur, a newspaper that comes out three times a week, told The Associated Press by telephone.

Dozens of people remain buried under the rubble of their homes in the villages, Kaviani said.

The freight cars were waiting at the Abu Muslim train station near Neyshabur when they were set in motion by "some vibrations."

According to Mohammad Maqdouri, head of the local emergency operations headquarters, the cars rolled out of the station at 4 a.m.

The train cars, picking up speed and moving without an engine or anyone in control, overturned when they reached Khayyam, the next stop, starting a blaze.

Suicide attack at Polish base kills at least eight civilians

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Two trucks packed with explosives blew up today outside a Polish-run base south of Baghdad after coalition forces opened fire on the suicide bombers racing toward them. Eight Iraqi civilians were killed and at least 65 people were wounded.

The two drivers also were killed, according to the U.S. military, but no information about their identities was available.

The Polish commander of the region, Gen. Mieczyslaw Bieniek, called the bombings near the base in Hillah, 60 miles south of Baghdad, a "well-coordinated attack." They came a week after two suicide car bombings killed more than 100 people.

U.S. officials have predicted an increase in attacks as the June 30 date for the transfer of sovereignty to Iraq approaches. Some insurgents fear their campaign could lose steam once power is returned to Iraqis, U.S. officials believe. Major differences remain on how to choose a new government.

"The enemy's strategy is fairly clear," coalition military commander Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez told reporters today in Tikrit. "They plan to isolate us from the Iraqi people."

The bombing happened after 7:15 a.m. when two trucks loaded with explosives approached the front of the coalition base known as Camp Charlie. Guards fired at the vehicles, causing one to explode, said Lt. Col. Robert Strzelecki. The other struck a concrete barrier and exploded.

Eleven homes near the base collapsed in the blast and others were damaged, entire sides blown off. Debris littered the area.

Mohyee Mokheef, a 50-year-old cafe owner, who lives near the camp, said he was having breakfast with his family when he heard a faint first explosion and a second, louder one that shattered the windows in his home.

"I went out and walked toward the base, and I saw about eight damaged houses," he told The Associated Press. "I saw dead and injured Iraqis lying on the ground."

Men, women and children were among the dead. The wounded included at least 32 Iraqis, 12 Filipinos, 10 Poles and 10 Hungarians, officials said. One American soldier was hurt. The wounded Poles and Hungarians were all coalition soldiers; the wounded Filipinos included seven soldiers, two police officers and three civilian health workers.

Poland leads a multinational force of about 9,500 soldiers in south-central Iraq.

Two arrested on variety of charges

• Arrests

Two subjects were taken into custody in Snyder on Tuesday and early this morning.

At 5:36 p.m. Tuesday, a 19-year-old man was arrested at the Law Enforcement Center on a warrant for misdemeanor theft by check.

A report of a possible intoxicated driver at 21st St. and College Ave. at 12:30 a.m. today led to the arrest of a 27-year-old man on a Grimes County and a Montgomery County warrant for misdemeanor theft by check. He was also charged with misdemeanor DWI and driving while license suspended.

• Recovered stolen boat

A Sears aluminum boat reported stolen from Lubbock Street last Saturday was recovered at 3 p.m. Tuesday.

• Forgery

A representative of West Texas State Bank at 12:17 p.m. Tuesday reported a forgery.

• Theft

At 12:56 p.m. Tuesday, a caller reported the theft of a vent-a-hood from behind the Polynesian Gardens restaurant in the Snyder Shopping Center.

• Criminal mischief

An officer was requested at 8:31 a.m. Tuesday to a home in the 3900 block of Ave. O reporting a damage to a door.

• Harassment

At 7:21 p.m. Tuesday a woman in the 100 block of 37th St. reported being harassed by her ex-husband.

A caller from the 2900 block of Ave. V reported at 7:37 p.m. Tuesday receiving several harassing telephone calls from a juvenile.

• Close patrol

Snyder Fire Department requested a close patrol every two hours of a burned house at 207 30th St. that was being cleared when another fire started.

Gas drive off

At 11 p.m. Tuesday a clerk from Town and Country north reported the theft of $5 worth of gas.

U.S. not considering sending troops to Haiti for uprising

WASHINGTON (AP) — A decade ago, President Clinton dispatched 20,000 troops to help restore democracy in Haiti during a political crisis there. A repeat performance is highly unlikely this year, officials say, even though Haiti is once again bordering on chaos.

For one thing, in 1994 there was an elected president-in-waiting, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, ready to replace the military junta that had deposed him three years earlier.

Haitians were eager to have him back, and there was joy on the streets when Aristide flew back to Port-au-Prince a month after the U.S. military forced out the coup regime.

Aristide is president again but much of his support has frittered away in the face of accusations that elections were rigged in 2000 and that he has violently suppressed dissent and allowed corruption to flourish while the populace suffers.

If the United States orchestrated his removal it would be a matter of replacing an elected president with someone who had no claim at all to lead the country. This, officials note, would hardly qualify as striking a blow for democracy.

Obituaries

Ruby Mixon

1915-2004

Ruby Raye Mason Mixon, longtime Snyder resident, died Sunday, Feb. 15, at her home after a sudden illness.

Service for Mrs. Mixon, 88, will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Mike Henson, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Ruby Mixon

Born Aug. 27, 1915 in Edgerly, La., she married Jim H. Mixon on Nov. 8, 1938 in Sweetwater. He died on Nov. 5, 1980.

Mrs. Mixon, a graduate of Ranger High School, moved to Snyder in 1948 when her husband was manager for J.C. Penney. They later purchased Mixon Tire and Supply which they operated for 24 years.

She had also worked for Gulf Oil in Odessa, J.C. Penney in Breckenridge, the Graham Brown Shoe Co. in Sherman and for Wes-T-Go Conoco in Snyder. Mrs. Mixon was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church.

She also was preceded in death by her parents, Ruby Ray (Doc) and Clara Skillern Mason; a sister, Anita Mansker; and a brother, Milton Mason.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Stuart Long of Houston and Janice and Chuck Galloway of Snyder; a sister, Tera Crook of Arlington; a brother-in-law, Toke Mansker of Fort Worth; four grandchildren, Jim Cole of Midland, Meredith Long Angelico and husband Scott of San Antonio, Garret Long of Ann Arbor, Mich., and Brittany Long of Austin.

Visitation will be held from 6-8 this evening at the funeral home.

Emma Vasquez

1975-2004

Emma Vasquez, a former Snyder resident, died Monday, Feb. 16, in Methodist Hospital in Houston.

Rosary for Miss Vasquez, 28, is set for 7 this evening at the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with Deacon Frank Ortegon officiating.

Funeral Mass will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday in the St. Elizabeth Catholic Church. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

She was born Dec. 17, 1975 in Hobbs, N.M., and was a resident of Odessa.

Survivors include her parents, Johnny and Hope Vasquez of Snyder; three brothers, Gabriel Vasquez, Anthony Vasquez and Johnny Vasquez Jr., all of Snyder; two sisters, Estella Gutierrez and Erica Rodriguez, both of Snyder; her fiancé, Richard "Ricky" Sauceda of Odessa; three nephews, Fabian, Arian and Avian Gutierrez; and two nieces, Alyssa Marie Sosa and Sierra Vasquez.

Patricia Burgess

1941-2004

Patricia Turner Burgess, a former Snyder resident, died Sunday, Feb. 15, at her home in Wichita Falls after a sudden illness.

Graveside service for Mrs. Burgess, 63, is set for 10 a.m. Thursday at Hillside Memorial Gardens. Dale Huff, minister of 37th Street Church of Christ, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale.

Born on Feb. 3, 1941 in Snyder, Mrs. Burgess was an auditor for the U.S. Government.

Survivors include one son, Jeffrey Wayne Turner of Abilene; one brother, Gordon Witherspoon of Georgetown; her step-parents, Pat and Margaret Johnston of Snyder; and three grandchildren, Michael Turner, Jeffrey Wayne Turner and Rachel René Turner.

Betty Morgan

1952-2004

Betty Jean Morgan, a former Snyder resident, died Tuesday, Feb. 17, at her home in Dallas.

Services for Mrs. Morgan, 51, are pending at Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 1, 1952, Mrs. Morgan was a homemaker and had lived in Snyder for 16 years. She was a Jehovah Witness.

Survivors include five daughters, Theresa Ann Morgan of Snyder, Audrey Jean Echols of Wichita Falls, Latommie Michelle Morgan, Lashada Faye Morgan and Karen Denise Lane, all of Dallas; three brothers, Runnell Morgan and Tommy Lee Morgan, both of Dallas and Bud M. Morgan of Denver; six sisters, Rosenna Morgan, Carolyn Morgan, Jessie Mae Morgan, Lanette Morgan, Samamtha Morgan, Mary Ann Morgan and Billie Gene Morgan, all of Dallas; and 10 grandchildren.

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74/46	61/31	61/40
Windy with a few clouds from time to time. Warm. High 74F.	Windy with times of sun and clouds.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 40s.
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

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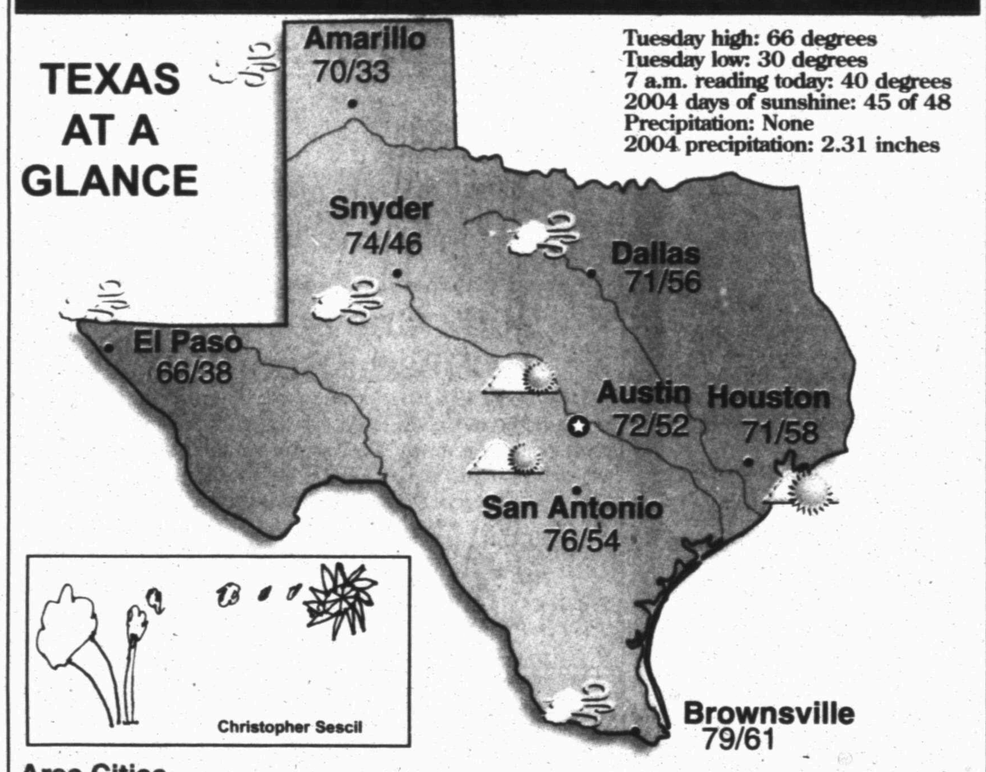
2004 days of sunshine: 45 of 48
Precipitation: None
2004 precipitation: 2.31 inches



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	74	51	windy	El Paso	66	38	windy	Midland	77	45	windy
Amarillo	70	33	windy	Fort Stockton	80	46	windy	Raymondville	80	57	windy
Austin	72	52	pt sunny	Gainesville	68	51	windy	Rosenberg	71	57	mst sunny
Beaumont	72	57	mst sunny	Greenville	69	53	pt sunny	San Antonio	76	54	pt sunny
Brownsville	79	61	windy	Houston	71	58	mst sunny	San Marcos	73	52	windy
Brownwood	74	52	windy	Kingsville	79	57	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	69	54	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	75	58	mst sunny	Livingston	73	53	pt sunny	Sweetwater	75	49	windy
Corsicana	71	55	windy	Longview	72	54	pt sunny	Tyler	71	54	windy
Dallas	71	56	windy	Lubbock	73	38	windy	Weatherford	71	51	windy
Del Rio	77	54	windy	Lufkin	73	54	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	73	49	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	63	38	sunny	Houston	71	58	mst sunny	Phoenix	65	43	pt sunny
Boston	40	27	mst sunny	Los Angeles	62	47	mst sunny	San Francisco	57	47	pt sunny
Chicago	44	38	cloudy	Miami	71	60	mst sunny	Seattle	50	40	cloudy
Dallas	71	56	windy	Minneapolis	36	27	rain	St. Louis	61	45	pt sunny
Denver	45	22	mixed	New York	44	31	pt sunny	Washington, DC	54	34	pt sunny

Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
Feb 13	Feb 20	Feb 28	Mar 6

UV Index

Thu 2/19	Fri 2/20	Sat 2/21
5	5	5
Moderate	Moderate	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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