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FUTURE OF VOTING — Gary Gandy, regional sales manager of Hart Interactive, demonstrates a computerized voting box to county commissioners court. Pictured are county clerk Joan Bunch and commissioner Howard Limmer (SDN Staff Photo by Annie Rowe)

Snyder heads east in new UIL realignment

Snyder High School remains in Class AAA, but will be in a new district following realignments announced today by the University Interscholastic League.

The Snyder Tigers will anchor the western portion of District 4-3A that will include Abilene Wylie, Clyde, Merkel and Sweetwater.

Wylie and Clyde are new as conference opponents, but Wylie has long been on the Tigers' grid schedule.

Tiger head coach Chad Rogers is excited about the new lineup. "Four of the teams made the playoffs last year," Rogers noted. "Whoever wins this year has a chancé of going all the way."

Wylie stayed in the playoffs for four rounds while Snyder, Sweetwater and Merkel went three rounds. Clyde, the only squad not reaching the playoffs, defeated Wylie during regular season.

Current district foes Lamesa and Seminole will compete in District 3 and will join Fort Stockton, Midland Greenwood, Monahans and Pecos. In basketball, Presidio also will compete in District 3-3A.

The Hermleigh Cardinals, who will jump from six-man football to 11-man competition next fall will be in a seven-team league, District 10-A.

In addition to Hermleigh, the district includes Bronte, Forsan, Roby, Roscoe, Sterling City and Winters.

In basketball, Hermleigh will compete in District 13-A composed of include Ira, Blackwell, Loraine, Roby, Roscoe, Trent and Westbrook.

In six-man football, Ira will compete in District 7 composed of Borden County, Loraine, Highland, Trent and Westbrook.

In basketball District 13 will include Hermleigh, Ira, Blackwell, Loraine, Roby, Highland, Trent and Westbrook.

Also in basketball, Borden County was placed in District 7 that includes Sands, Garden City, Klondike, Grady and Dawson.

Snyder opens the grid season Aug. 27 against Levelland followed by games with Lubbock Estacado, Lubbock Cooper, Midland Greenwood, San Angelo Lake View and Andrews.

District play starts Oct. 8 when the Tigers host Clyde. The Tigers travel to Sweetwater the following week and then hosts Merkel on Oct. 22. Snyder travels to Wylie on Oct. 29.

Computer balloting is eyed by commissioners

By Annie Rowe
SDN Staff Writer

Technology and the future voting process, along with more board appointments, was focus of discussion for the Scurry County commissioners court this morning

The court discussed the possibility of utilizing computerized voting machines during future elections.

Roger Tinner and Gary Gandy, representatives of Hart Interactive demonstrated the InterCivic eSlate Electronic Voting System. Hart is among a number of companies that commissioners will look at before purchasing a new system.

The concept of moving from the traditional to an electronic system is one that will allow voting to be quicker and more accurate.

Once a system is purchased, county clerk Joan Bunch plans to arrange the necessary demonstrations that will allow residents a chance to learn more about its operation in an effort to make voters feel more comfortable using it.

In other business, three members were named to the Scurry County Airport board to replace Mark Graham, Mark Erwin and Darryl Calley – appointing John Davis, Jeff Hollister and Mike Houghett.

The Veteran's Land Board had two openings make available by two members whose terms were completed, Leonard Keller and Billy Longbotham. Doug Scott and John Shirley were approved as replacements.

The Board of County Development had one re-appointment and two new appointees approved.

Ray Myers was re-appointed for his second two-year term. Bill Dryden, a board member since 2000, asked not to be re-appointed for a third term. Jerry Martin was rotated off the board after having served his third term. Keith Hatfield and Forrest Pendleton were named as replacements

Three were chosen to serve on the Scurry County grievance committee. Don Bollinger, James Shearer and Karen Wadleigh were drawn, with Douglas Morris named as an alternate. The court made a motion to approve the names drawn, pending their acceptance.

The court heard the quarterly treasurer's report by Nelda Colvin. During the fourth quarter of 2003, the total of all county accounts was $10, 312, 037.75. The interest earned was $34,964.53. The third quarter comparison was $28,212.88, an increase of $6,751.66. This was a decrease from last year-to-date which was $89,209.39. County investments currently earn 1.0327 percent.

The court approved officer proficiency certificates for retired sheriff's deputies who have 20 or more years of service and approved a petty cash fund in the amount of $50 for the adult probation department.

The lone bid from McCormick Marketing for fuel and bulk oil which was $20 over cost per barrel of oil. The bid for fuel was 6 cents over cost of delivery.

Judge Waller president and commissioners present were Chloanne Lindsey, Howard Limmer, Ralph Trevey and Jerry House.

Cogdell board has emergency meeting

The Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers was to meet in emergency session at 1 p.m. today to consider the appointment of an interim chief executive officer.

The action is necessary as acting administrator Cheryl Chance, who is also the director of nurses, was to relinquish those duties at 5 p.m. today.

In a letter to the board of managers dated Friday, Chance said it was in her best interest and the interest of the hospital that she step down as acting administrator.

In her letter, Chance said last Thursday's action by the board not to compensate her for extra pay as part of a two-tiered salary structure was a vote of no confidence.

"An agreement was made and voted on and the previous chairman of the board felt like I fulfilled the agreement. The actions of the board yesterday was a vote of no confidence," Chance said in the letter.

Actually, the board voted to table action on the reimbursement and make the decision on audited figures as presented by the hospital auditors.

Then chairman Carl Williams also suggested that Chance be paid a percentage of what an interim CEO would cost.

As part of the tabled action, a compensation committee is to be appointed to study all salaries at the hospital.

At last Thursday's meeting, chairman Dink Foree said he had been told by County Attorney Mike Hartman that Chance could not be paid retroactively for acting administrator duties.

No additional pay was discussed when Chance became interim CEO in December when Covenant Health Systems terminated the management agreement with the hospital.

Airline threat said to be over

WASHINGTON (AP) — The "specific and credible" terrorist threats that led to the cancellation of seven flights have passed and there are no plans to ground any more flights, a U.S. official said today.

Six international flights from the United Kingdom and France and Continental Airlines Flight 1519 from Washington to Houston, site of the Super Bowl, were grounded Sunday and today after security concerns were raised by the Homeland Security Department.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said current intelligence does not indicate any more threats against specific flights.

Homeland Security Department spokesman Brian Roehrkasse said there was "specific and credible intelligence information suggesting that al-Qaida would attack these flights on those dates."

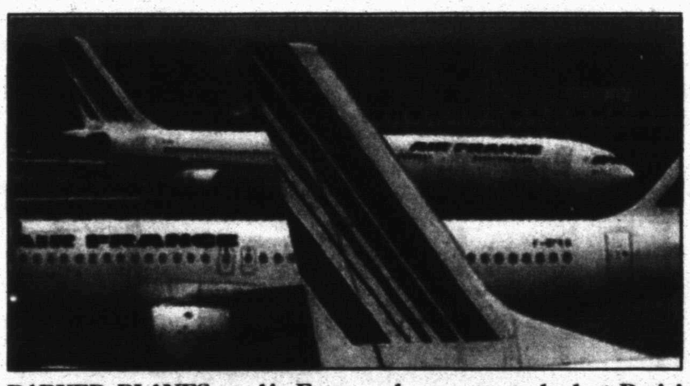
"It wasn't as specific as to method of attack," he said.

The cancellations were the first since December, when the nation's terror alert level was increased from elevated, or yellow, to high, or orange.

The Continental flight was the first domestic flight to be canceled. Roehrkasse declined to provide details about the nature of the threat but said the federal agency and Continental "worked closely on the matter."

The flight was scheduled to take off from Dulles International Airport outside Washington at 5:45 p.m. EST Sunday and arrive at Bush Intercontinental Airport at 8:10 p.m. CST.

The National Football League's Super Bowl was being played Sunday evening at Reliant Stadium, approximately 27 miles from the Houston airport. A U.S. government official who spoke on condition of anonymity said the flight cancellation was not specifically



PARKED PLANES — Air France planes are parked at Paris' Charles De Gaulle airport today after the cancellation of today's direct flight between Paris and Washington's Dulles Airport. (AP Photo)

Bush unveils budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush sent Congress a $2.4 trillion election-year budget today featuring big increases for defense and homeland security but also a record $521 billion deficit. He blamed the soaring deficit on the 2001 recession and the costs of fighting a war on terrorism.

"The reason we are where we are is because we went through a recession, we were attacked and we're fighting a war. Those are high hurdles for a budget and for a country to overcome," Bush told his Cabinet.

He said he was confident he could cut the deficit in half in five years by working with Congress "to bring fiscal discipline to the appropriations process."

Bush proposed squeezing scores of government programs and sought outright spending cuts in seven of 16 Cabinet-level agencies. The Agriculture Department and the Environmental Protection Agency were targeted for the biggest reductions.

The president declared that his spending blueprint advances his three highest priorities — winning the war on terror, strengthening homeland defenses and boosting the economic recovery.

"Our nation remains at war," Bush said in his budget message. "This nation has committed itself to the long war against terror. And we will see that war to its inevitable conclusion: the destruction of the terrorists."

The president's plan for the 2005 budget year, which begins next Oct. 1, proposes spending $2.4 trillion for all government activities, up 3.5 percent from the current year. Revenues will total $2.04 trillion, a sizable 13.2 percent increase that the administration forecasts will occur from growing tax receipts powered by a stronger economy.

The president projects the 2005 deficit will be $364 billion, down from a projected record high deficit in dollar terms of $521 billion this year. He pledged to cut that in half over the next five years.

The president's budget, featuring a line drawing of the White House in forest green on the cover, states that stronger economic growth and reductions in general government spending will produce steady improvements in the deficit, which the administration projects will fall to $237 billion in 2009.

Democrats immediately attacked the spending proposal for what they viewed as harmful reductions in various government programs and the president's insistence on making his 2001 and 2003 tax cuts permanent at a cost projected in the budget of more than $900 billion over 10 years.

City to discuss animal shelter

Snyder city council will hold a closed session tonight to discuss purchasing property for a city-owned animal shelter.

This action will follow a report by the council's animal shelter committee on the feasibility of the city operating its own shelter.

Presently, the city contracts with the West Texas Animal Clinic for shelter services.

In other business this evening, the council will discuss the 2004-2005 budget calendar, and order the general election for May 15.

Every district seat will be up for election. Presently, Vernest Tippens represents District 1 with Stephanie Ducheneaux representing District 2. District 4 representative is Ron Shaw. James Ashley, current District 3 representative, has submitted his letter of resignation from the council as he is moving from the community.

The council will consider his letter of resignation as part of the agenda.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:30 at city hall.

ASK US

Q—Is the public allowed to use the track at Tiger Stadium for evening walks?

A— Yes. The gates on the east side between the stadium and Tiger Drive are always open.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Hector Castillo...

...has lived in Snyder for 15 years and works as a maintenance man for Rip Griffin's Truck Stop. He has three children: Hector Castillo, Jr. of Hondo, Candy Castillo of Roby and Larry Dewayne of Austin. He also has four grandchildren. Hector enjoys spending time at the lake and fishing.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

I don't mind people thinking I'm stupid, but I don't want to give them any proof.
—Bum Phillips

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Central Taste of TAKS night

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

Bible study tapes

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

Drama booster club

The drama booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the foyer of Worsham Auditorium.

AA meeting

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

WTC GED testing dates

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

Tartuffe coming to SHS

Snyder High School department of drama will present *Tartuffe*, a farcical comedy, at 7 p.m. Feb. 12-14 and at 2 p.m. Feb. 15 at Worsham Auditorium. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for students.

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.

Arizona prison drama ends peacefully

BUCKEYE, Ariz. (AP) — Two inmates with a history of violent crime climbed down from a prison guard tower and surrendered after releasing their last captive, peacefully ending the longest U.S. prison hostage standoff in decades.

"In the end, waiting it out paid off," Corrections Department Director Dora Schriro said Sunday following the conclusion of the 15-day drama that left the medium- to high-security Arizona State Prison Complex-Lewis in lockdown.

The final hostage — a female corrections officer who was captured with a male colleague during an apparent botched escape attempt Jan. 18 — was receiving medical care.

"Her voice is exceptionally strong," said Schriro of the guard, whose name was not released. "I would characterize her spirit as being exceptionally strong. To the eyes, she looks well."

Corrections officials declined to immediately say what led to the surrender, but in one concession, one inmate was allowed Thursday to give an interview to a Phoenix radio station, which broadcast the interview after the standoff ended.

"It was initially an escape attempt. We were on our way out. This was a stopping point to get some arms, firearms, to get out of here. Unfortunately, the plan went bad," one of the inmates, Ricky Wassenaar, told KTAR-AM radio in an exclusive interview, which the station said was granted in exchange for the woman's release.

The woman guard later thanked Schriro for not ordering the tower to be stormed. Gov. Janet Napolitano said the guard told the director, "Thank you for not leaving me, thank you for not rushing the tower, they would have killed me."

Negotiators had regular contact with the inmates throughout the standoff, and at times had seen the guard or talked to her by telephone. The male corrections officer was released Jan. 24.

Prison officials on Sunday identified the hostage-takers as Wassenaar, 40, and Steven Coy, 39. Both were taken into custody by the federal Bureau of Prisons and weren't immediately charged.

Wassenaar is serving 28 years for armed robbery and assault. Coy, who is serving a life sentence, has spent the better part of two decades in Arizona prisons.

Coy's offenses include theft, burglary, criminal damage and drug possession. He was sentenced to life after a 1993 crime spree in Tucson that included armed robbery, aggravated assault and rape.

Throughout the negotiations, prison officials exchanged food, cigarettes and toiletries for ammunition from the tower and opportunities to talk to or see the guards. Many of the early exchanges were done with a robot.

Schriro said officials will now examine prison policies carefully and work hard to see the inmates prosecuted. "As an agency-wide effort, all of us are going to come together and take a hard look at our policies," she said.

After the end of the stand off, officials released information on how they took over the tower.

In the pre-dawn hours of Jan. 18, Wassenaar and Coy were armed with makeshift knives when they were released from their cells to report for duty as part of a kitchen work crew, officials said. Wassenaar approached a corrections officer and a kitchen worker in the kitchen office and forced the officer to turn over his uniform and equipment, including handcuffs, the department said.

Coy overcame another officer, restraining him in some manner, and bound a Corrections Department kitchen worker with an electrical cord, officials said.

Coy allegedly sexually assaulted the female kitchen worker, according to a state official who spoke to The Associated Press only on the condition of anonymity.

Wassenaar then directed the rest of the inmate work crew into a storage area and locked the door behind them, corrections officials said. He shaved his beard, put on the officer's uniform and headed for the tower.

One of the two officers in the tower let Wassenaar through a gate and into the tower after he buzzed the gate and the guard confused Wassenaar for a fellow officer, according to the Corrections Department.

Wassenaar then overcame the guards and took them hostage. Coy injured another officer as he was chased toward the tower; he reached the building after Wassenaar opened fire from the base of the tower, officials said.

Toxic chemical leak is tainting water on both sides of border

PORT HURON, Mich. (AP) — Authorities gave the go-ahead for residents to resume drinking tap water after tests determined a leak of up to 39,000 gallons of toxic chemicals into the St. Clair River had not contaminated the water supply.

The chemicals leaked Sunday morning across the border near Sarnia, Ontario, forcing the closure of water plants serving tens of thousands of people.

St. Clair County authorities warned residents of six communities not to drink, cook with or bathe in tap water until tests showed the water was safe. The advisory was lifted early local, environmental officials said.

Patricia Spitzley, a spokeswoman for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, said more testing may be performed in downriver communities local, but "we don't anticipate more water advisories for Michigan."

The leak was reported at an Imperial Oil plant south of Sarnia in an area known as Chemical Valley. It was later contained.

The Ontario Ministry of Environment and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality warned communities near the spill to close off water intakes while the water is tested.

Economy still improving

WASHINGTON (AP) —Factories hummed, consumers kept the nation's cash registers busy and construction spending was brisk, says a trio of reports that offered fresh signs the economy's recovery has legs.

The Institute for Supply Management said Monday that its index of manufacturing activity rose to 63.6 in January, up from a reading of 63.4 in December. That's promising news for the nation's manufacturers, which were hardest hit by the 2001 recession and have struggled to get back on firm footing.

The Commerce Department reported that consumers boosted their spending by a healthy 0.4 percent in December, following a brisk 0.5 percent rise in November.

Construction spending in December posted its best month on record.

The total value of building projects under way came in at a seasonally adjusted annualized rate of $933.2 billion, representing a 0.4 percent rise from November's level. The strength shown in December was led by residential projects by private builders, where spending also hit a monthly all-time high.

The latest snapshot of consumers' spending appetite, meanwhile, also showed that 2003 ended on a good note. Consumers spent at a solid clip in both November and December.

Americans' incomes rose by a modest 0.2 percent in December, following a 0.3 percent rise the month before.

The spending and income figures are not adjusted for price changes.

Talent Search set Thursday at SHS

A financial aid workshop and parent night for Talent Search students and parents is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday at Room 16 at Snyder High School. Information on Talent Search, upcoming events, college and ways to pay for college will be presented. Senior students will also receive help in completing their income tax and 2003 (if completed) needs to be supplied for government requested information.

All students in Talent Search grades 6–12 and their parents are encouraged to attend. Refreshments and door prizes will be furnished. For more information, contact the Talent Search office at 573-8511 ext. 377.

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Corrections officer credited with tracking fugitive down

HOUSTON (AP) — An escaped California convict who was on the run for three and one-half decades was tracked to Texas through a corrections officer's persistence.

Donald F. Johnson, a former Tomball resident, had stayed on the loose since 1967 in California, then eluded pursuit again in Florida in 1970.

Officer Judy Foster, who received word that Johnson might be living in a trailer park in Tomball, contacted local police who arrested Johnson on Jan. 9. He was working as a chemical plant foreman.

"There are clues you have to piece together and you have to have a curious mind and be willing to follow up on a lot of dead ends," Foster, a special agent for the California Department of Corrections, told the Houston Chronicle in Monday's online edition.

Tomball police arrested Johnson, 60, on Friday on suspicion that he was the same man who escaped from a California correctional facility located about 65 miles southeast of Sacramento on July 7, 1967.

Johnson escaped from the Sierra Conservation Center in Jamestown, Calif. by walking away from his warehouse job outside of the prison.

Foster, who started a project to catch fugitives missing for more than 20 years, wouldn't reveal how she tracked down Johnson.

Johnson's arrest linked him back to family members who hadn't known of his whereabouts in 40 years and his wife of 28 years.

"This is just a shock," Johnson's sister, Namona Brown of Chickasha, Okla., said after learning of his second prison escape. "It was a surprise to find him, but now this is a bigger shock."

Johnson was sent back to California on Jan. 20. He was transferred Tuesday to Sierra Conservation Center in Jamestown, the same prison facility he escaped from 36 years ago.

Authorities said Johnson spent about five months at the Sierra Conservation Center, near Modesto, before he managed to sneak away on July 7, 1967. Johnson then traveled across the country to Tampa, Fla., where he was arrested March 17, 1969, on charges of aggravated assault and burglary, records show. He received two consecutive five-year terms, with authorities apparently unaware he was a wanted man.

Johnson escaped about 11/2 years later on July 21, 1970, while on outdoor duty at the Lake City facility, said Debra Buchanan, a spokeswoman for Florida's Department of Corrections.

"He asked to go to the bathroom and never came back," Buchanan said.

The district attorney's office in Tuolumne County, Calif., said fugitive charges will be pursued against Johnson.

But Johnson's wife, Doris, and other relatives urged his release.

"I think it happened so many years ago; they should close the book on it," Doris Johnson said.

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AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 16-18-20-38-43. Bonus Ball: 43.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 1. Prize: $70 million

Winning ticket(s) sold in: Houston

Number matching five of five: 9. Prize: $8,331.

Number matching four of five, plus Bonus Ball: 25. Prize: $2,722.

Number matching four of five: 1,321. Prize: $110.

Number matching three of five, plus Bonus Ball: 1,193. Prize: $108.

Number matching three of five: 51,465. Prize: $5.

Number matching two of five, plus Bonus Ball:14,963. Prize: $5.

Number matching one of five, plus Bonus Ball: 70,344. Prize: $3.

Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: $4 million.

Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 5-28-12-11-36.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Matching four of five: 156. Prize: $393.

Matching three of five: 4,557. Prize: $10.

Matching two of five: 45,997. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Monday night.

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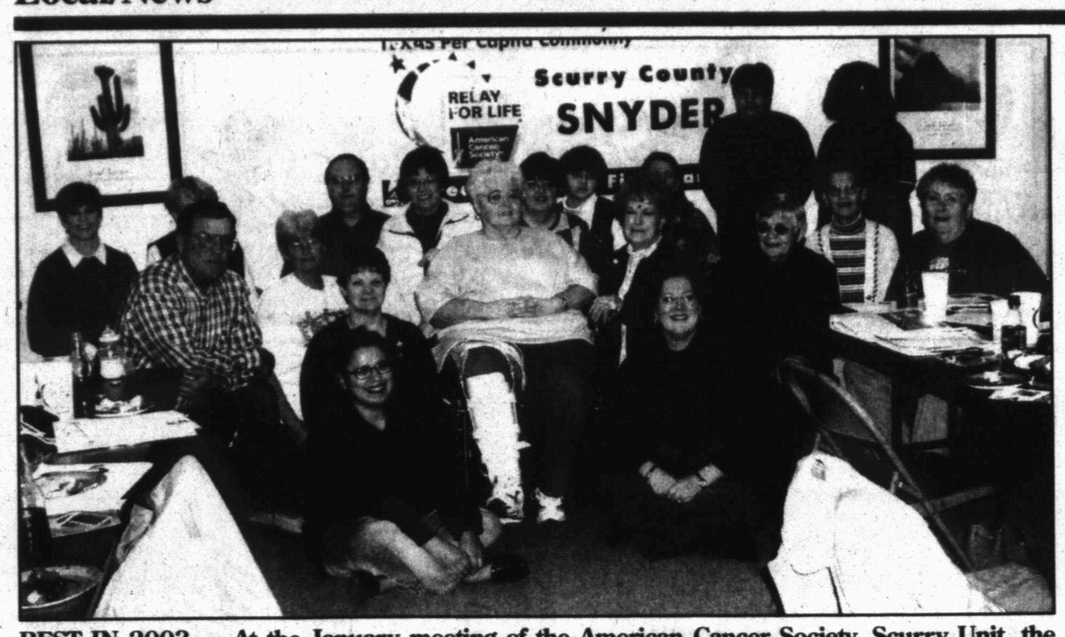
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BEST IN 2003 — At the January meeting of the American Cancer Society, Scurry Unit, the board members planned the Relay for Life 2004. They celebrated being named the 2003 Number 1 Texas Per Capita Community for their fund-raising efforts during Relay for Life 2003. Through the efforts of Scurry County citizens, the Scurry County Relay For Life 2003 raised more money in proportion to its population than any other county in Texas. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Bride has second thoughts about second time around

DEAR ABBY: I am engaged to be married on Valentine's Day. He is a wonderful man; we have been together for three years. It will be the second marriage for both.

I really like this man. He's funny, witty and kind. He loves me and my children, and they love him very much.

My problem is I do not feel that we're soul mates. Is this just a fantasy? What if I'm making another mistake? I don't want to hurt anyone, but I can't help feeling that since I don't feel butterflies after being with him for more than three years, something is missing.

Am I being silly or looking for something that does not exist? — **STILL LONELY IN THE MIDWEST**

DEAR STILL LONELY: The thing about "butterflies" is, if you don't catch them and mount them, they tend to fly away. I often suspect that when people talk about butterflies, they are describing a mixture of anxiety and excitement otherwise known as infatuation which isn't permanent.

However, if you truly feel lonely when you're with this funny, witty, kind and likable man, after three years of dating, then he isn't the life partner for you. Let him go. It wouldn't be much of a marriage if you felt you were in solitary confinement.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm getting married in the summer. Everything is great except for one issue that is about to explode. I have two nieces, 3 and 8, who will be flower girls along with a third girl. My fiancee wants the girls to be taken to another room with a baby sitter after the ceremony and cocktail hour.

I fear an ugly scene because my older niece and I have a special relationship, and she loves weddings. My family would like her to stay for the reception.

It's the bride's day, of course, and I want her to have the wedding of her dreams. How should I handle this? — **GROOM-TO-BE WHO NEEDS HELP**

DEAR GROOM-TO-BE: Handle it firmly. The wedding is not only the bride's day, it is also your day. While I understand the wisdom of the small children being entertained separately, the 8-year-old should be mature enough to behave properly at the celebration. Since you want her there, she should not be excluded.

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DEAR ABBY: My 10-year-old son is extremely sensitive. The kids in his class know it and love to pick on him. I've talked to his teacher, but she can't seem to catch them in the act.

I don't know what else to do. He is becoming depressed and eating less and less. I'm worried about him, but I don't know what to tell him to make him feel better. How can I help him? — **CARING MOTHER IN GEORGIA**

DEAR MOTHER: Get your son involved in outside activities and give him a chance to cultivate new friends who haven't been influenced by his classmates. This will also give him a chance to excel at something that interests him. Being bullied is something that can affect a person's self-image for many years. Some sessions with a counselor to help him build self-esteem may also be in order.

P.S. Most important, notify the school principal, who can and should implement a "zero tolerance" policy toward bullying.

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Centenarian in St. Louis sad after losing husband

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Over 82 years of marriage, George and Amelia Limpert seldom were apart.

As centenarians with grandchildren who themselves are grandparents, they held hands. Folks who marveled at the Limperts got the same response from George: Amelia always was the prettiest gal he'd ever seen.

Since George died last month of complications from pneumonia at age 102, Amelia, 100, has been heartbroken, daughter Mary Ruth Fink says.

"She isn't taking it well, not at all," Fink, 69, said Sunday as her mom rested at Little Sisters of the Poor retirement center.

It's a love story dating to 1919, when George was a machinist in hometown St. Louis at a plant that made paint spray guns and lamp guards. Amelia Kwiatkowski was a teenager from Pennsylvania working the assembly line.

George knew — at least hoped — she would be his wife, though Amelia's family from the get-go had other ideas.

Traditionalists in post-World War I America, her immigrant parents didn't want their Polish daughter marrying George the German, saying he wasn't "from the Old Country," Fink says.

Three times, their engagement was broken off before they finally jumped into his Model T and eloped Sept. 9, 1921, spending $8 on a marriage certificate and a civil ceremony with a justice of the peace in nearby Clayton.

Presidential candidates speak out about guns in America

By The Associated Press

The Associated Press chooses an issue three times a week and asks the presidential candidates a question about it. Today's question and responses:

GUNS: How, if at all, should federal gun laws be changed?

Democrats:

Wesley Clark: "First and foremost, we need to do a better job of enforcing our existing gun laws. I will do better. Next, I will push for a law that closes the 'gun show loophole.' Many states already have laws requiring background checks for gun purchases at gun shows. This is just common sense: If background checks are a good idea at gun stores, then they're a good idea at gun shows. I will make this a federal law. Finally, we ought to make sure that guns are designed with safety as a priority. For example, trigger locks on handguns would prevent a substantial number of the accidental shootings that occur every year. In addition, guns should feature indicators that show when they are loaded."

Howard Dean: "I favor reauthorizing the federal ban on assault weapons and requiring use of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System for all sales at gun shows. I support all other existing federal gun laws and would vigorously enforce them. Beyond that, each state can decide if additional gun laws are needed."

Sen. John Edwards: "I grew up in small towns where gun ownership was a way of life. I have deep respect for that way of life, and I believe the Second Amendment protects it. At the same time, I believe we must support gun safety and keep guns out of the hands of criminals. To achieve these goals, I support modest changes in federal gun laws — closing the gun show loophole and requiring trigger locks on new weapons — which we should take while honoring the right to own guns for hunting, sporting or personal protection."

Sen. John Kerry: "I am a gun owner and hunter, and I believe that law-abiding American adults have the right to own guns. But like all of our rights, gun rights come with responsibilities, and those rights allow for reasonable restrictions to keep guns out of the wrong hands. I strongly support all of the federal gun laws on the books, and I would take steps to ensure that they are vigorously enforced. I will also close the gun show loophole, which is allowing criminals to get access to guns at gun shows without background checks, fix the background check system, which is in a serious state of disrepair, and require that all handguns be sold with a child safety lock."

Rep. Dennis Kucinich: "In this mobile society, national control of guns is necessary, just as it is with pollution. It is the right of Americans to keep and bear arms; however it is not the right of American felons to arm themselves. As president, I would support legislation to require background checks, identical to the background checks currently required for transfers by licensed gun dealers, for firearm transfers by unlicensed gun dealers at gun shows. Sensible laws to prevent guns from winding up in the wrong hands do not infringe on any constitutional rights."

Sen. Joe Lieberman: "I support common-sense gun safety laws — closing the gun show loophole, enforcing the Brady Bill, and providing better protection for our neighborhoods.

U.S. troops watch Super Bowl in style at Saddam's ex-palace

TIKRIT, Iraq (AP) — It was the middle of the night for exhausted members of the Texas-based 4th Infantry Division as they watched the Super Bowl in the relative comfort of one of Saddam Hussein's palaces in the dictator's hometown.

The game kicked off at 2:25 a.m. local Iraqi time. The troops of the 4th had to walk a half-hour from their living quarters in a steady rain to watch the game. Other soldiers watched it in mess halls and recreation centers across the country.

"I'm used to sitting on my La-Z-Boy with a beer, but this will do," said Sgt. Abelardo Gallegos, looking around at the chandeliers, ornately carved ceiling and marble floors in the palace in Tikrit.

The game between the New England Patriots and the Carolina Panthers provided a welcome diversion and a slice of home for many of the more than 100,000 U.S. soldiers stationed in Iraq, where deadly bombings, shootings and mortar attacks are a daily occurrence.

"Come on, let's do it! Let's get something going!" hollered Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Spruill, a native of Elizabeth City, N.C., as the Panthers tried to take the lead in the dying seconds.

The staff at the recreation center laid on platters of cold cuts, pizzas and onion rings. Military regulations prohibit beer on base, so troops had to make do with nonalcoholic beer and soft drinks.

Gallegos, from Vado, N.M., came straight to the game from guard duty at the base's perimeter fence. His M-16 rifle lay at his feet.

World Almanac

Monday, Feb. 2, 2004

Today is the 33rd day of 2004 and the 43rd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1626, Charles I was crowned king of England.

In 1848, the war between the United States and Mexico ended with the signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo.

In 1971, Idi Amin took power in Uganda.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: James Joyce (1882-1941), author; George Halas (1895-1983), football coach, owner; Stan Getz (1927-1991), jazz musician; Farrah Fawcett (1947-), actress, is 57; Christie Brinkley (1954-), model, is 50.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1936, the first voting was held for baseball's Hall of Fame. Ty Cobb got the most votes.

TODAY'S FACT: Since the release of the popular movie "Groundhog Day" (1993), crowds of up to 30,000 have visited Gobbler's Knob in Pennsylvania each year on Feb. 2, to see whether Punxsutawney Phil observes his shadow.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "A man of genius makes no mistakes. His errors are volitional and are the portals of discovery." — James Joyce

TODAY'S NUMBER: 33,426 — The population of Alaska in the first census taken there (1880).

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

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Today's chuckle

People keep asking the wrong Jack for help

PRINCETON, W.Va. (AP) — Jack Whittaker has heard a lot of hard luck tales in the past year from people seeking help from the winner of the largest individual Powerball jackpot in history.



But he can't help them. He's not that Jack.

Ever since the other Jack Whittaker, a millionaire businessman from Scott Depot, won the record $314.9 million Powerball jackpot on Christmas 2002, the Princeton man has been inundated with calls and letters from people across the country asking for money.

"When he first won the money, I was getting thousands of calls and letters," Whittaker said. "They all told me their hard luck stories."

"A lot of people would even cry on the phone," he said.

The calls and letters tapered off for awhile, but they resume every time the Powerball winner makes the news, such as when he was recently arrested on a drunken drive charge.

When Whittaker tells callers they have reached the wrong Jack, some become irate.

"We had one guy call and my daughter answered the phone," he said. "My daughter told him I wasn't that Jack Whittaker and he got pretty wild and started cussing her."

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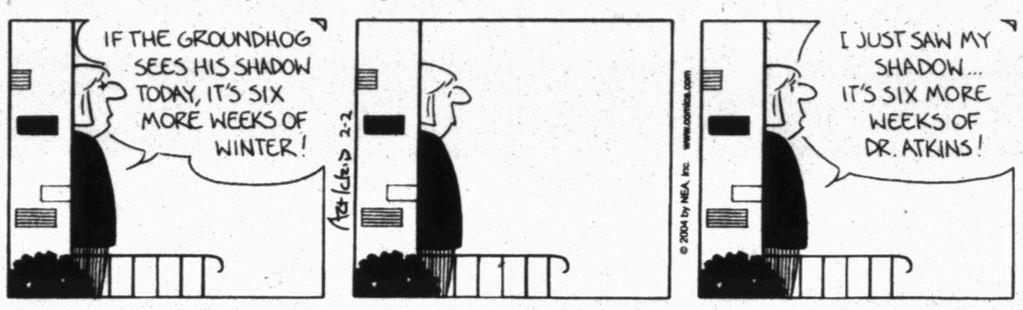
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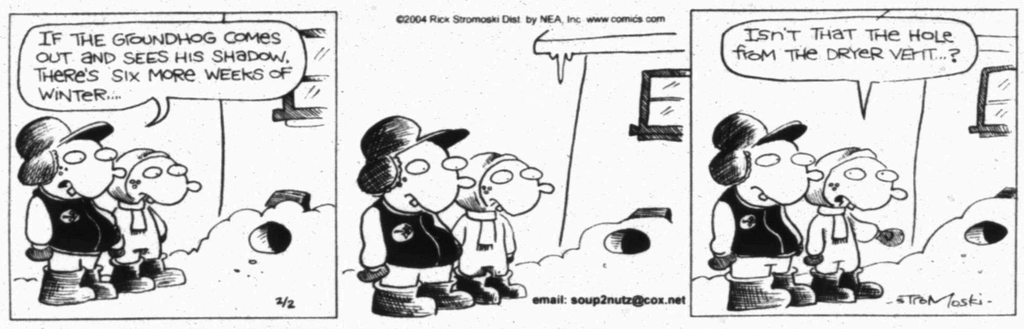
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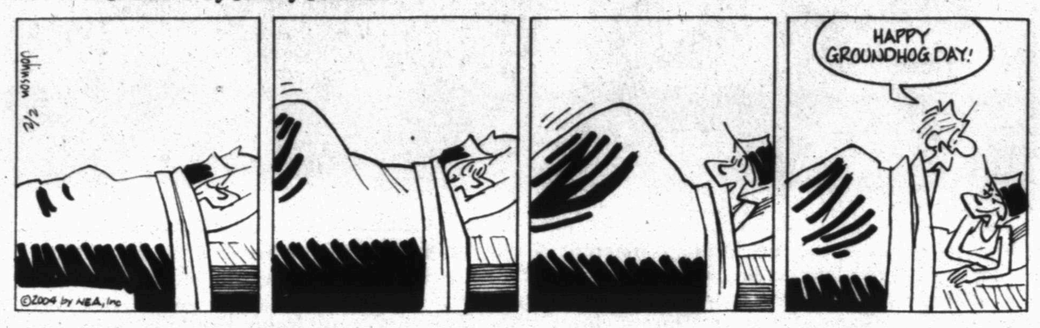
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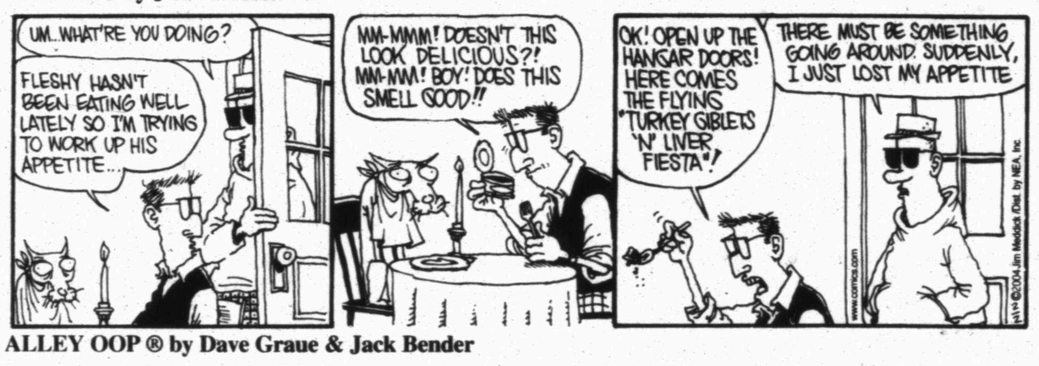
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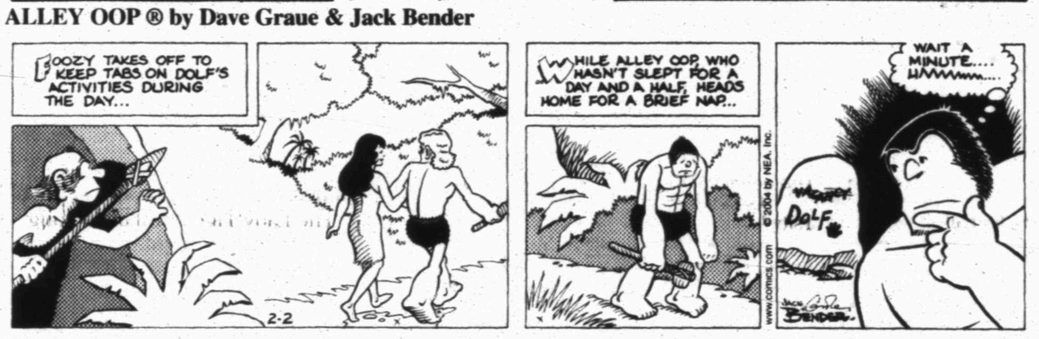
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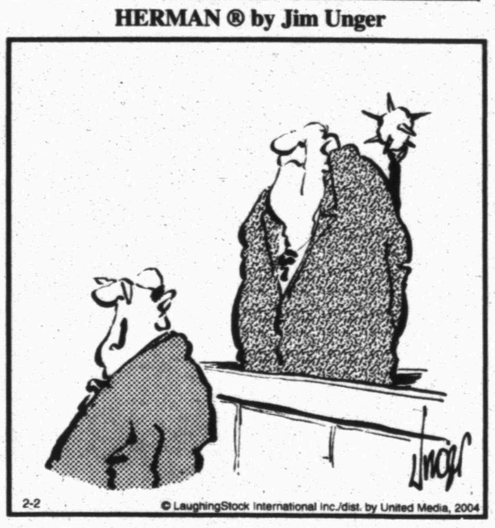
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ACROSS

1 Multiplied
5 Gator Bowl st.
8 Element
12 Thunder
13 Fine, to an astronaut (hyph.)
14 Moonshot people
15 Faint glow
16 Meadow sound
17 Hi or bye
18 Swallow up
20 Partner
21 Individual
22 Cable network
23 Palm leaf
26 Chewy candy
29 Off-road vehicles
30 Camper's need
31 CPA's forte
33 Orange pekoe, e.g.
34 Helper
35 Knock — — loop
36 Casual wear
38 Put a strain on
39 Roman dozen
40 Plastic pipe
41 Motel staffer
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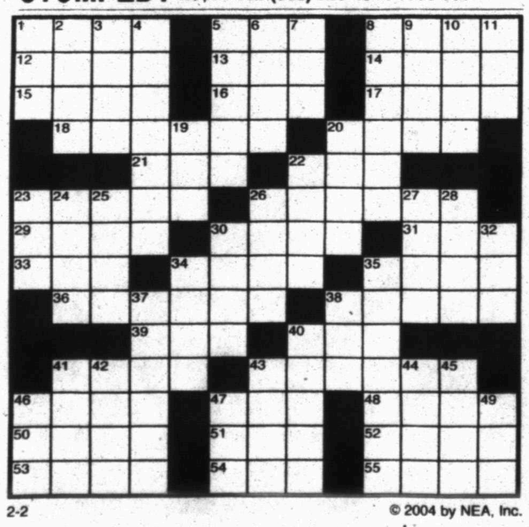
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3 Pull down
4 Fire-breathers
5 Old tale
6 Take it easy
7 FBI acronym
8 Open, as a drain
9 Catch
10 "By Jove!" (2 wds.)
11 "— Te Ching"
19 Conjunction for Hans
20 Lean against
22 Use a whetstone
23 Diet no-no
24 Hwys.
25 Like some bath rugs
26 Beatty and Rorem
27 Strong as — —
28 Ripped apart
30 Hawaiian carving
32 Sorrowful
34 Tart
35 Professors
37 Math statements
38 RCA products
40 Church reading
41 Ration out
42 Hera's son
43 Wading bird
44 Patrick's domain
45 Contract
46 That guy
47 "The Greatest"
49 Strike caller

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SPORTS



TOP TENNIS PLAYER — Lindsey Short, shown here with her father, Kyle, a 1980 SHS grad, will be honored as the top tennis athlete in the Panhandle Sunday. She is the granddaughter of John and Wanda Short of Snyder. (Contributed Photo)

Short named top tennis player

Spearman High School sophomore Lindsey Short, granddaughter of John and Wanda Short of Snyder, will be honored as Tennis Athlete of the Year at the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame ceremonies Sunday in Amarillo.

Short won the state 2A singles title in her first year of eligibilty. She went 28-1 and cruised through the district schedule without losing a game.

She beat Reagan County's Heather Ridgeway, 6-0, 6-0, in the finals.

She and her twin sister, Jordan, were third in the region in doubles.

Area Sports Calendar

TODAY

Basketball: Snyder frosh boys vs. Merkel, 6:30 p.m.
Snyder frosh girls at Merkel, 6:30 p.m.
SJHS boys vs. Merkel, 5 p.m.
SJHS girls at Merkel, 5 p.m.
IJHS at Dawson, 6 p.m.
HJHS vs. Highland, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY

Basketball: Snyder varsity boys at Seminole, 8 p.m.
Snyder varsity girls at Seminole, 6:30 p.m.
Ira varsity girls and boys vs. Klondike, 6:30 p.m.
Hermleigh varsity girls and boys vs. Blackwell, 6:30 p.m.
Snyder JV boys at Seminole, 5 p.m.
Snyder JV girls at Seminole, 5 p.m.
Baseball: WTC vs. UTPB, 2 p.m.

THURSDAY

Basketball: SJHS B boys in Snyder Tournament
SJHS A boys at Lamesa Tournament

FRIDAY

Basketball: Snyder varsity girls vs. Lamesa, 6:30 p.m.
Snyder varsity boys vs. Lamesa, 8 p.m.
Ira varsity girls and boys vs. Sands, 6:30 p.m.
Hermleigh varsity boys and girls at Westbrook, 6:30 p.m.
Snyder JV boys vs. Lamesa, 5 p.m.
Snyder JV girls vs. Lamesa, 5 p.m.
Snyder frosh boys vs. Lamesa, 6:30 p.m.
Snyder frosh girls vs. Lamesa, 8 p.m.
SJHS B boys in Snyder Tournament
SJHS A boys at Lamesa Tournament
Baseball: WTC at NMJC, noon
Softball: WTC at Galveston Tournament
Golf: Snyder boys in Snyder Tournament
Snyder varsity girls at San Angleo

SATURDAY

Basketball: Snyder girls at Frenship Tournament
IJHS at Highland Tournament
Snyder frosh boys at Lamesa Tournament
SJHS B boys in Snyder Tournament
SJHS A boys at Lamesa Tournament
Baseball: WTC at NMJC, noon
Softball: WTC at Galveston Tournament
Golf: Snyder boys in Snyder Tournament
Snyder varsity girls at San Angelo
Taekwondo: Championships, Scurry County Coliseum

Dusters finish tough 1st tournament, 2-6

The Western Texas College Dusters opened the spring season against some of the nation's top softball squads in El Paso over the weekend.

In eight games, the Dusters were victorious in only two, but Coach Rodney McNeill saw promising potential against nationally-ranked squads.

In a 11-5 victory over 8th-ranked Dodge City, errors were eliminated. "We played better defense," McNeill said.

Amber House of Fort Worth was on the hill in both wins. The second was a 6-2 triumph over Arapaho Community College.

WTC's first two games were against Otero Community College, ranked 16th in the nation. The Dusters bowed 4-2 in the opener and then fell 13-5 in the nightcap while committing 13 errors.

Miscue continued to plague the Dusters against defending national champs Central Arizona. The national champs pounded the Dusters 9-1 with the Dusters committing nine errors.

No. 3 ranked Pima Junior College blanked the Dusters 14-0 in a tilt that saw WTC make five errors and allow six free passes.

In the final game of the El Paso tournament, WTC lost a third encounter with Otero, 6-1.

The WTC softball squad travels to Galveston for a tournament Friday and Saturday.

Dave McGinnis hired by Titans

Snyder native Dave McGinnis, fired last month as head coach of the Arizona Cardinals, reportedly will join the staff of the Tennessee Titans as an assistant coach.

McGinnis was head coach for the Cardinals for three season, and had the youngest squad in the National Football League.

Patriots win with 'super boot'

HOUSTON (AP) — It would hardly be a surprise if, filed away on one of the shelves in Bill Belichick's office, there is a game plan that lays it all out it just the way it happened.

Go to the Super Bowl. Take the lead. Stumble back into a tie. March down the field for a game-winning field goal in the final seconds.

And, celebrate. Again.

A mastermind praised for his preparation, Belichick was ready for an all-too-familiar situation Sunday when Carolina tied the Super Bowl with 68 seconds left. Tom Brady moved the ball into field-goal position, and Adam Vinatieri kicked a 41-yarder with 4 seconds left to give New England a 32-29 victory over the Panthers — the Patriots' second NFL title in three years.

"This never gets old. Every one is really special," Belichick said. "It was a terrific football game to watch. It wasn't that terrific to coach. I was having a heart attack out there. I'm sure it was a great spectator game."

Belichick's second win as a head coach puts him in a class with such luminaries as Vince Lombardi, Don Shula and, yes, even Belichick's longtime boss, Bill Parcells. Belichick also won two Super Bowls as the New York Giants' defensive coordinator under Parcells.

Asked about his legacy, Belichick said, "You win 15 in a row and then a Super Bowl championship, that's pretty good. I think it can be talked about up there with some of the other teams that have had good accomplishments.

"Right now, I'm still kind of on Cloud Nine. I don't know if I've had a really good chance to reflect on that. I'm just enjoying the moment," the NFL Coach of the Year said. "This will be an unforgettable season for me."

Chuck Noll won four Super Bowls in Pittsburgh, Joe Gibbs won three in Washington and Bill Walsh won three in San Francisco. Belichick joined eight other coaches who have won two.

"I don't know about legacy, but I know that two out of three years in the modern era is quite an achievement," offensive coordinator Charlie Weis said.

It's hard to believe Belichick is the same man who was run out of Cleveland after five years coaching the Browns. After he was fired, he came to New England as Parcells' assistant and went back to the Super Bowl in 1997 — his only loss in five career trips.

Belichick followed Parcells to the New York Jets and then came back to the Patriots in 2000 as head coach. Two years later, he had them in the Super Bowl again. Fourteen-point underdogs to the St. Louis Rams, they won on Vinatieri's field goal with no time left and Belichick had earned his first championship as the man in charge.

It only gave him a taste for more.

This season, Belichick had to use all of his coaching tricks to get the Patriots back to the top. After he cut Pro Bowl safety Lawyer Milloy five days before the season — and then lost to Milloy and his Buffalo Bills 31-0 in the opener — Belichick barely averted a locker room revolt.

The team was beset by injuries from the beginning — at one point, eight of the 22 opening day starters were out — but everyone Belichick plugged in seemed up to the job. Once the roster was somewhat stabilized, the Patriots went on a winning streak not seen since the 1972 Miami Dolphins played a 17-0 season.

After ending the regular season with 12 straight victories, Belichick noted that winning streaks meant nothing if they didn't win the next game. And the next one. And the next one.

And then came the Super Bowl.

"He preached to us that one week had nothing to do with the next," special teamer Larry Izzo said. "It all just shows why he's the best coach with the best staff in the league."

WTC skipper likes Snyder fan support

Vernon Regional College swept the series against the Western Texas College Westerners last weekend, but WTC Coach Billy Hefflinger is anything but discouraged.

WTC lost to Vernon 14-3 on Friday in the season opener, and bowed 10-1 in the first game Saturday afternoon.

It was in the third tilt that WTC jelled, despite a 3-1 loss in one extra inning.

"In the first two games we gave up 22 runs on 17 walks and errors," Hefflinger said. "We gave up eight walks in the third game, but we pitched our way out of it and started making plays."

Despite an 0-3 start, the WTC skipper remains confident. "We got better and we're going to get better."

The chance to prove that comes at 2 p.m. Tuesday when WTC hosts University of Texas-Permian Basin at 2 p.m.

"Overall, we out-hit Vernon," Hefflinger noted. "In the third game we were having to come from behind."

The coach feels not playing a home game in the fall contributed to the sluggish start.

In the second contest, Cameron Young from Fort Worth worked 7-1/3 innings before being relieved by Galdino Pena from Wall.

Working on the mound in the front-end of the double header were John Bewley of Shallowater, Logan Hill of Snyder and Cody Guzman of Lubbock.

Offensively in Saturday's second tilt, Landon Thompson went two for three at the plate with a double and single. Tanyon Reeves of San Angelo also connected for a double.

Also, the first-year coach is impressed with the fan support.

"Everybody stayed until the end. They didn't leave and I bet we had 200 or more people there." Hefflinger added. "It was a really good college atmosphere. The community support was awesome."

Tiger cagers face Seminole

Snyder High School basketball teams will be in Seminole Tuesday for important District 3-3A games.

The Lady Tigers will be looking for their 23rd straight victory in a 6:30 p.m. tipoff, while the Tigers are still searching for their first district win.

This is the second time the Lady Tigers and Maidens will meet in district action as the first game went to the wire in mid-January. The Lady Tigers pulled away at the end for a 56-48 victory. At the time, it was the Lady Tigers' 17th win in a row.

Friday night, the Lady Tigers defeated Sweetwater, 46-41 in Tiger Gym.

The Snyder Tigers will tip-off at 8 p.m. against the Indians who are two games ahead of the Tigers in the win column.

The Tigers will be looking to record their first district win while Seminole is 2-3.

Friday, the Tigers battled Sweetwater to the end before falling 45-40.

Sports Briefs

Football booster club

The SHS football booster club will meet at 7 tonight at China Dragon.

Golf booster club

The golf booster club will meet at 7 tonight at the student center.

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New Jersey	25	20	.556	—
Boston	22	27	.449	5
New York	22	27	.449	5
Miami	21	27	.438	5½
Philadelphia	20	28	.417	6½
Washington	14	32	.304	11½
Orlando	13	36	.265	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	35	13	.729	—
Detroit	32	16	.667	3
Milwaukee	26	21	.553	8½
New Orleans	26	21	.553	8½
Toronto	21	24	.467	12½
Cleveland	18	29	.383	16½
Atlanta	15	33	.313	20
Chicago	13	35	.271	22

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

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San Antonio	31	18	.633	3½
Dallas	29	18	.617	4½
Denver	28	21	.571	6½
Houston	26	20	.565	7
Memphis	25	21	.543	8
Utah	24	23	.511	9½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	33	12	.733	—
L.A. Lakers	28	16	.636	4½
Seattle	22	23	.489	11
Portland	21	24	.467	12
Golden State	20	25	.444	13
L.A. Clippers	20	25	.444	13
Phoenix	17	32	.347	18

Saturday's Games

Denver 107, Dallas 102
New Jersey 88, Houston 77
Atlanta 93, Milwaukee 83
L.A. Clippers 115, Orlando 106
New York 110, Phoenix 105
Detroit 80, Memphis 78
Indiana 99, Boston 98
Miami 94, New Orleans 70
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Sacramento 110, Seattle 103
Portland 102, Chicago 95, OT

Sunday's Games

Cleveland 104, Washington 100
L.A. Lakers 84, Toronto 83
Minnesota 106, Philadelphia 101

Monday's Games

L.A. Lakers at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Memphis, 8 p.m.
New Jersey at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Utah, 9 p.m.
Houston at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Portland at Denver, 9 p.m.
Chicago at Seattle, 10 p.m.

SHS netters shine in weekend dual match

Snyder High School's tennis team captured a dual match against Fort Stockton and Midland Christian Saturday by the identical scores of 13-6.

Against Fort Stockton, the girls team did not lose a match.

In single's action, Andra Dunham defeated Casey McKenzie, 6-3, 6-2; Stephanie Williams defeated Jessica Fierro, 5-7, 6-1, 6-0; Nikki Timora won over Leigh Hampton, 6-2, 6-1; Megan Crisp defeated Darcy Ripley, 6-4, 6-0; Kallie Wesson defeated Rebecca Ramirez, 6-3, 6-2; and Kristi Dorsett defeated Melissa Fuentez, 6-2, 6-2.

In girls doubles, Dunham-Williams defeated McKenzie-Fierro, 6-1, 6-1; Wesson-Timora shut out Ripley-Ramierez, 6-0,6-0; and Phillips-Beccue defeated Fuentez-Burgess, 6-2,6-3.

In boys singles, Tanner Reed defeated Bryan Rainwater, 6-2, 6-2; while Joe Yngunazo lost to Vishal Chapra, 6-7, 5-7, 6-4, 4-6; Matt Hale lost to Robby Barriga, 2-6, 3-6; Kenny Alcala lost to Brian Frierro, 0-6, 1-6; Austin Lyle lost to Alex Marquez, 6-4, 4-6, 4-6; and Wesley Price defeated Daniel Hernandez, 7-6, 6-1.

In boys doubles, Yngunazo-Hale lost to Rainwater-Chapra, 3-6, 1-6; Reed-Lyle defeated Fierro-Barriga, 6-3; 4-6, 7-5; and Alcala-Price lost to Marquez-Hernandez 4-6, 6-1, 6-1.

In mixed doubles, Banks-Crisp defeated E. Fierro-Hampton, 6-3, 6-0.

Against Midland Christian in boys singles, Reed defeated Matt Helm, 6-0, 6-3; Yngunazo fell to Jonathan Burkes, 4-6, 0-6; Hale defeated Matt Smith, 6-1, 6-3; Alcola defeated N. Bradshaw, 6-3, 7-5; Lyle fell to Nick Harrison, 6-1, 6-3; and Price defeated Parker Riley, 7-5, 7-6.

In boys doubles, Yngunazo-Hale fell to J. Burkes-Helm, 4-6, 5-7; Reed-Lyle defeated Burke-Sullivan, 6-1,6-4; and Alcala-Price defeated W. Burkes-N. Bradshaw, 6-3, 1-6, 6-3.

In girls singles, the team just lost one match to Midland.

Dunham defeated Megan Fitzgibbons, 6-2, 6-1; Williams defeated Kelly Thompson, 6-1, 4-6, 6-4; Timora defeated C. Lichenstein, 8-1; Crisp defeated Jaelyn Shackelford, 6-2, 6-1; Wesson fell to Ashlee Thane, 9-7; and Dorsett defeated Meghan Hill, 7-5, 6-1.

In girls doubles, Dunham-Williams defeated Stretcher-Oden, 4-6, 6-2,6-1; Wesson-Timora defeated Thane-Lichenstein, 6-7, 7-5, 6-1; and Phillips-Beccue fell to Shackelford-Fitzgibbons, 1-6, 2-6.

In mixed doubles against Midland Christian, Banks and Crisp lost to Riley-Nunez, 4-6,3-6.

The matches were played at Midland Lee.

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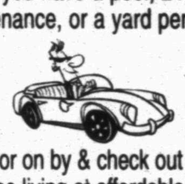
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Groundhog predicts more wintry weather

PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa. (AP) — If you're tired of winter, Punxsutawney Phil had a message for you today — get used to it.

After a rap on an oak stump roused him from his home on Gobbler's Knob, the world's most famous furry forecaster "saw" his shadow this chilly Groundhog Day morning, which according to tradition means six more weeks of winter.

Phil even included a topical reference in his proclamation — to the capture of Saddam Hussein.

"I'm glad I live in this luxurious burrow on the knob, and not in a dirty, smelly, spider hole like a slob," said the proclamation read aloud by one of the organizers. "When I come out, I don't want to negotiate; but to just do my job and prognosticate."

The prediction drew boos from thousands who gathered in 17-degree weather for the 118th annual festivity run by the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club.

The spirited crowd, some clad in furry groundhog hats or even full-length costumes, chanted "Phil! Phil! Phil!" after fireworks and a long night of rock music drew to an end and the hour of the ceremony neared.

Including today's prediction, the groundhog is reported to have seen his shadow 104 times since the tradition began in Punxsutawney. It is rooted in a German superstition that if a hibernating animal casts a shadow Feb. 2 winter will last another six weeks. If no shadow is seen, legend says spring will come early.

People from as far away as England descended on this small town to shake the winter doldrums.

Mike and Anne Castledine, a retired couple from Derbyshire, England, caught groundhog fever after seeing the Bill Murray movie "Groundhog Day," and just wanted to experience it for themselves.

"We were quite hooked once we'd seen the movie," Anne Castledine said Sunday.

What Groundhog Day entails is a lot of revelry, although alcohol has been banned from Gobbler's Knob, the site just outside town where Punxsutawney Phil appears.

"We couldn't care less if he sees his shadow," said Bill Cooper, president of the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club. "It's a people holiday."

Punxsutawney Phil is perhaps the most watched on Groundhog Day, but he certainly isn't alone among marmot meteorologists. More than a dozen states celebrate the day with their own critters, including Dixie Dan in Mississippi, Buckeye Chuck in Ohio and Gen. Beauregard Lee in Georgia.

Even Pennsylvania has a competing ceremony. About 165 miles to the southeast, the Slumbering Groundhog Lodge of Quarryville has been forecasting with the animals since 1908.

Arrests for various charges reported

Arrests

A number of arrests were made Saturday and Sunday.

A 23-year-old man was arrested at 9:55 a.m. Saturday near the intersection of Hwy. 84 and Hwy. 208 charged with driving while license suspended.

A 22-year-old woman was taken into custody in the 1900 block of Avenue M at 5:32 p.m. Saturday on a city warrant for unrestrained child under four years of age and violation of promise to appear.

At 6:38 p.m. Saturday, a 24-year-old man was arrested in the 400 block of 33rd Street on a capias warrant for no liability insurance and an expired operators license.

State troopers arrested a 38-year-old man on Hwy. 350 near Ira at 7:55 p.m. Saturday for misdemeanor DWI.

A 25-year-old man was taken into custody in the Beacon Lodge parking lot at 1:17 a.m. Sunday charged with public intoxication.

At 1:38 a.m. Sunday a state trooper arrested Patricia Reyes Jalamos, 31, of 2702 N. 1st, San Angelo for felony DWI with a child under 15. She was taken into custody in the 2200 block of College Avenue.

An 18-year-old man was arrested at 28th and Ave. X at 2:38 a.m. Sunday for public intoxication.

A caller reported at 3:34 a.m. Sunday hearing some gunshots in the 1700 block of Eighth Street. The call led to the arrest of an 18-year-old man for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

A 28-year-old woman was arrested in the 900 block of 13th at 4:17 a.m. Sunday for misdemeanor DWI.

A report of a possible fight at 2:55 a.m. Sunday led to the arrest of a 19-year-old man for public intoxication in the 400 block of 24th Street.

A 20-year-old man was arrested in the same location at 3:16 a.m. Sunday charged with Class B DWI.

A 24-year-old man was taken into custody in the 200 block of 26th at 11:47 a.m. on Sunday on capias warrants for speeding, violation of promise to appear and no liability insurance.

A report of family violence at 3:18 p.m. Sunday led to the arrest of a 57-year-old man charged with assault.

A report of a man and a woman arguing at the pond in Towle Park at 3:51 p.m. Sunday led to the arrest of the couple, a 19-year-old man charged with public intoxication and a 17-year-old woman charged with assault, family violence.

A 27-year-old woman was taken into custody at 6:58 p.m. Sunday in the 2700 block of Ave. O on eight city warrants.

A report of a couple fighting in the 1900 block of Coleman at 10:41 p.m. Sunday led to the arrest of a 23-year-old man for public intoxication.

Fire

A fire was reported at the Coleman Apartments, #3, 1917 Coleman Ave. at 6:47 p.m. Saturday. Little damage was done to an apartment occupied by Fred Lujan. The fire apparently started from a leaking gas line in a wall. Four fire trucks and 21 firefighters responded to the fire.

A purse was reported stolen from a vehicle at 513 N. 20th at 3:59 a.m. Sunday.

A caller reported at 4:59 a.m. Sunday that two vehicles at 1802 Scott has been broken into, but nothing had been stolen.

A stereo was stolen from a vehicle parked at 1710 Scott at 7:48 a.m. Sunday.

A caller reported a purse stolen from a vehicle at 1601 Ave. E at 7:52 a.m. Sunday.

A caller at 2501 26th reported at 1:39 p.m. Sunday that a lunchbox, overalls, wallet and an H2S monitor had been stolen from his girlfriend's vehicle.

A stereo was reported stolen from a vehicle at 1909 Scott at 1:50 p.m. Sunday.

Theft

A caller reported from the 2000 block of O'Neill at 12:09 p.m. that some money had been taken from her purse.

Gas drive-off

A clerk at Town and Country east reported a gas drive off at 11:30 p.m. Sunday in the amount of $10.

Some see deer as pets others as pests

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A plan to kill and process the meat of up to 300 deer for donation to the Salvation Army has upset some Central Texas residents who are determined to save the animals that roam freely in neighborhoods and have been viewed as both pests and pets.

The trapping program began last week in Hollywood Park under a permit allowing the suburban enclave to kill and process the deer.

"Our intent is to move the deer, if we can," Hollywood Park Mayor Sean Martinez told the San Antonio Express-News, adding that initial plans are to put at least 140 in Camp Bullis.

U.S. District Judge Xavier Rodriguez last month refused to interfere with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's interpretation of a new state wildlife management law. The judge ruled that residents who sued to stop the trapping don't own the deer and therefore cannot claim that the trapping amounts to taking their property without compensation.

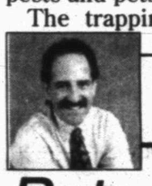
But a lawyer for the Hollywood Park Humane Society is appealing that ruling.

"We don't think that the statute has any language authorizing the city to take those actions to kill deer," said lawyer Richard Sommer.

State Sen. Jeff Wentworth, who wrote the law, said it was designed to give cities such as Hollywood Park an alternative to deer relocation. "I was trying to solve an urban deer problem," said Wentworth, R-San Antonio. "If deer are transferred to a place where there already are a lot of deer, that's not humane."

City officials continued with their plans to move or destroy at least half of the herd, estimated at between 400 and 600 animals, after Rodriguez' ruling.

Trapper James Bond began last Monday using 50-foot-square drop nets to capture the animals. City officials hope to snare about 30 deer for testing, which must be done before anything else happens.



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DEAR DR. BLONZ: I have a question about potassium. We have a bottle of potassium gluconate tablets (550 milligrams each). The label says that each tablet contains 90 milligrams of K but supplies 3 percent of the Daily Value. Does this mean we need 33 tablets to get 100 percent of our needs? There's something screwy here. — **T.W., Berkeley, Calif.**

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I wouldn't count on getting 100 percent of your potassium from supplements. It is abundant in fresh, whole foods such as legumes and citrus fruit. Specific food sources include:

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Raisins, seedless, 2/3 cup: 751 mg
Lentils, 1 cup boiled: 731 mg
Avocado, 1 cup: 563 mg
Orange juice, 8 fl. oz.: 450 mg
Banana, 1 medium: 451 mg
Artichoke, 1 medium: 425 mg
Pomegranate, 1 small: 399 mg
Milk, 1 percent fat, 8 fl. oz.: 381 mg
Turkey, light meat, without skin, roasted, 3.5 oz.: 305 mg
Spinach, frozen, 1/2 cup boiled: 283 mg
Cabbage, 1 cup: 219 mg
Peanuts, dry roasted, 1 oz.: 184 mg
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Get the Daily Value, but avoid getting too much potassium. Supplementation is not usually needed unless there is a specific health problem or you are taking medication that drains your body's supply of the mineral. Check with your physician before taking a supplement if you have kidney problems or are taking diuretics that might prevent potassium from being eliminated through the urine.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: What is cocoa butter made from? Is it high in trans fats or does it contain any cholesterol? Does it contain butter? — **S.B., Glassboro, N.J.**

DEAR S.B.: Cocoa butter comes from the edible fats found in the cocoa bean. The butter gets extracted from the beans during the making of cocoa powder, and it is used during the making of chocolate. Higher-quality chocolates tend to have higher percentages of cocoa butter. It resembles dairy butter in that they are both fatty, spreadable substances, but the similarity ends there.

Cocoa butter is a vegetable substance, which means that it contains absolutely no cholesterol. Cocoa butter is primarily made up of oleic acid, the same fatty acid found in olive and canola oils, nuts and seeds. There are no trans fats. Cocoa, also called cacao, grows in tropical climates, which makes the oils more susceptible to oxidation by the sun. Cocoa butter and powder contain a number of antioxidants that help keep the oils fresh and available for the cocoa bean. This is useful for us, but it's really there for the plant to help assure that the cocoa bean can make use of its stored energy to successfully develop into a new tree.

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FDA conducts hearing on antidepressants

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is trying to determine if popular adult antidepressants sometimes increase the risk of suicide when they're given to children, an emotionally charged controversy that escalated months ago when British authorities sounded an alarm.

A series of public hearings by the Food and Drug Administration beginning today focuses on a difficult question, in which parents who blame the drugs for children's deaths are expected to face families who credit the same pills for saving lives.

Depression occurs in about 10 percent of youth and can lead to suicide, especially if untreated. Some 1,883 10- to 19-year-olds killed themselves in 2001, and specialists say there are 10 to 20 attempts for every suicide.

For adults, antidepressants clearly alleviate major depression, the FDA stresses.

But medicines can work differently in children. The agency has approved only one treatment — Prozac, the best known of a family of popular antidepressants called SSRIs — to alleviate pediatric depression, saying its benefits outweigh side effects.

Still, it is legal for doctors to prescribe adult medicines to children even if the FDA has not formally approved pediatric use, and child antidepressant prescriptions rose dramatically in the 1990s. The FDA ordered other manufacturers to submit research on how their drugs affect children and teenagers.

Last summer, British health authorities acted on the first of those findings, declaring that no depressed patient should use the SSRI drug Paxil, sold in Britain under the name Seroxat.

In October, the FDA warned that doctors should use a list of SSRIs and closely related competitors only with great caution in depressed children. Studies don't clearly prove a link with suicide, but it was impossible to rule out, the agency said.

In December, Britain went much farther, declaring an entire list of antidepressants unsuitable for children. Prozac was the only exception.

No suicides have occurred in studies encompassing 4,000 children. Preliminary data, however, suggest that suicidal behavior and attempts, while infrequent, might be at least twice as frequent among some antidepressant users.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	16.70	16.02	16.06	—.34
AT&T Corp	19.61	19.46	19.56	+.10
Albertsons	23.18	22.68	22.97	—.39
Alltel	49.22	48.60	48.98	+.30
AmEl Pw	32.73	32.35	32.63	—.02
AndarkPtr	51.10	50.03	50.28	+.38
ATMOS Egy	25.58	25.28	25.32	—.28
Aviall	15.39	15.15	15.25	—.15
BP PLC	47.45	47.12	47.20	—.40
BakerHughes	35.47	34.80	35.08	
Bank of Amer	81.55	81.15	81.39	—.07
BellSouth	29.65	29.22	29.61	+.38
BurlNoSFe	32.25	31.83	31.83	—.30
Caterpillar	78.55	77.32	77.32	—.81
CenterPoint	10.59	10.26	10.27	—.23
ChevronTex	86.32	85.59	85.64	—.71
Citigroup	49.60	49.19	49.32	—.16
CocaCola	49.46	48.92	49.29	+.05
ColgatePal	51.33	50.61	50.65	—.62
CmclMetals	28.50	28.05	28.08	—.36
ConocoPhill	66.03	65.60	65.99	+.11
Cooper Inds	56.78	56.17	56.24	—.06
DaimlrChry	47.91	47.40	47.41	—.12
DeltaAirLines	10.67	10.43	10.43	—.07
Dillards Inc	17.18	16.50	16.51	—.45
DowChem	41.95	41.50	41.78	—.17
DuPont	44.13	43.80	43.85	—.05
EastmanChem	40.03	39.62	39.68	—.21
EstKodak	28.62	28.15	28.42	+.01
EDS Corp	23.88	23.20	23.23	—.73
Entergy	58.98	58.02	58.78	+.30
ExxonMobil	41.26	40.39	40.45	—.34
FootLocker	25.15	24.59	24.59	—.16
GenDynam	92.40	91.38	91.50	+.07
GenlElec	33.88	33.32	33.37	—.26
GenMills	45.45	45.18	45.36	—.07
GenMotors	49.85	47.81	47.92	—1.76
GaPacific	28.22	27.72	27.92	—.18
Goodrich	31.00	30.49	30.58	—.27
Goodyear	11.60	9.50	9.52	+.02
GtAtlPac	8.10	8.01	8.04	+.12
Halliburtn	30.49	29.74	29.75	—.40
Hanson PLC	37.80	37.66	37.66	+.46
HarteHanks	21.86	21.63	21.67	—.03
HomeDepot	35.62	35.05	35.09	—.38
HoneywellIntl	36.25	35.53	35.53	—.59
IBM	99.23	98.54	98.60	—.63
IntlPaper	42.75	41.29	42.53	+.26
JohnsonJn	53.49	53.05	53.28	—.14
KinderMorg	59.91	59.20	59.48	+.48
Kroger Co	18.60	18.35	18.50	—.03
LockheedM	49.22	48.62	48.78	+.16
Lowes Cos	54.07	53.00	53.20	—.35
Lubys	3.69	3.68	3.69	
LucentTech	4.55	4.44	4.48	
MarathonOil	32.50	32.13	32.34	—.14
MayDeptStr	33.41	32.82	32.85	—.05
Medtronic	49.90	49.30	49.86	+.64
Motorola	16.69	16.45	16.49	—.09
NCR Corp	41.42	41.11	41.38	—.17
Navistar	48.04	45.75	45.82	—1.73
PNM Rescs	30.29	30.06	30.06	—.04
Penney JC	26.71	26.25	26.48	+.30
PepBoys	22.15	21.50	21.52	—.52
PepsiCo	47.96	47.45	47.88	+.62
PhelpDodge	76.59	73.29	73.50	—2.17
PilgrimsPride	19.98	19.50	19.52	—.40
Praxair s	35.68	35.30	35.45	+.04
ProctGamb	101.39	100.81	101.01	—.07
RadioShack	32.66	32.10	32.13	—.45
RoyalDut	47.38	46.96	47.02	—.38
SBC Comm	25.90	25.45	25.87	+.37
SaraLee	21.32	21.10	21.26	—.06
Scripps EW	95.45	95.11	95.19	+.08
SearsRoeb	44.48	43.91	44.08	—.17
SherwinW	33.70	33.20	33.26	—.48
SouthernCo	29.87	29.65	29.76	—.04
SwstAirl	15.04	14.81	14.82	—.13
SprintFON	17.57	17.11	17.50	+.09
SprintPCS	8.28	8.13	8.14	+.01
Sunoco Inc	56.00	55.32	55.57	+.12
TXU Corp	24.02	23.73	23.75	—.25
TempleInland	63.17	60.40	61.82	+2.77
TexInd	35.02	34.58	34.71	—.20
TexasInst	31.60	30.86	30.93	—.42
Textron	53.90	53.00	53.09	—.19
TimeWarner	17.72	17.27	17.28	—.29
TrinityInds	32.29	31.44	31.45	—.65
TylerTech	10.00	9.79	9.98	—.02
UnionPacif	64.35	63.64	64.03	—.37
USSteel	34.96	33.50	33.69	—.36
UnitedTech	96.00	95.10	95.44	—.10
Unocal	37.15	36.82	36.91	+.09
VerizonComm	37.10	36.62	36.95	+.09
WalMart	54.68	54.10	54.50	+.65
WellsFargo	57.86	57.54	57.58	+.17
WstnGasRs	46.46	46.18	46.18	—.22
WinnDixie	6.60	6.10	6.40	—.16
Xerox Cp	14.80	14.59	14.61	—.03
YumBrands	34.12	33.30	33.30	—.61

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Shuttle workers, families pause to remember Columbia tragedy

HEMPHILL (AP) — A prodigious rumble shook this East Texas town a year ago as Columbia broke apart on re-entry, killing the seven astronauts on board.

On Sunday, there was silence.

The husbands of the shuttle's two female astronauts joined hundreds of searchers to pay a solemn tribute to Columbia's crew on the first anniversary of the tragedy.

"It was extremely important to be where my wife was a year ago and to be with the people that were with her," said Jonathan Clark, a NASA neurologist and husband of astronaut Laurel Clark. "Coming back to East Texas is like coming home. This is where the crew came home and this is where I wanted to be."

Jean-Pierre Harrison, husband of astronaut Kalpana Chawla, also spent the anniversary in Sabine County, where the shuttle's nose cone and remains from the seven astronauts were recovered.

"It is real hard for us, the families, to comprehend the scope of ... the effort you put forward," Harrison told more than 500 people who filled the Sabine County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post. "You are among the best America has to offer."

The moment of silence shortly past 9 a.m. Sunday coincided with the instant on Feb. 1, 2003, that residents heard the shuttle's rumble as it disintegrated.

During the tribute, the Rev. Fred Raney asked those who helped with the search to stand and raise their hand. Almost every hand in the hall went up.

"One year ago, almost to the minute, my life changed, as did the lives of many of you," he said. "In honesty, I stand here trembling thinking of the time we are remembering one year ago."

Each time an astronauts' remains were found, Raney was called out to officiate.

"Within the first four or five hours, we were recovering the first of the heroes," he said. "At each scene, we had a memorial service. My personal wish was that everyone could have been there to see the dignity and respect and honor that was paid."

The aim was to return each of the astronauts home. Raney said 12 days after the tragedy, it was a goal fulfilled.

"You moved mountains to help us," said astronaut Piers Sellers. "You were understanding toward us during this dreadful time."

At a memorial Sunday morning at Cape Canaveral, Fla., Kennedy Space Center director Jim Kennedy quietly recited the names of the Columbia astronauts, carved into the black granite monument behind him: Commander Rick Husband, copilot William McCool, Michael Anderson, David Brown, Chawla, Clark and Israel's first astronaut, Ilan Ramon.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 02-02-04
♠ K 6 5
♥ J 9 6
♦ Q 10 7 4
♣ K 7 6

West
♠ 10 8 3
♥ A K 7 4
♦ J 8 3
♣ 9 5 4

East
♠ 7 2
♥ Q 8 2
♦ 9 6 5 2
♣ A Q J 3

South
♠ A Q J 9 4
♥ 10 5 3
♦ A K
♣ 10 8 2

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ A

Monday, Feb. 2, 2004

The deuce can send messages too

By Phillip Alder

Which is the most important card in a suit? Obviously, the ace. But all cards are useful. The virtue of the two — especially on 02/02 — is its lack of ambiguity.

On today's deal, look at the West hand. South, on your right, opens one spade, and North raises to two spades, ending the auction. You lead the heart ace and inspect the dummy (North). What would you do at trick two if partner signals with (a) the heart eight, or (b) the heart two?

Some authorities dictate that if your opponents stop at the two-level in a known eight-card or better fit, you must balance. That advice is usually sound, but this West hand is so unappealing that only a knight or a lemming — the choice of noun being dependent upon the result — would balance with a takeout double.

If East plays the heart eight, it is high and encouraging. Continue with the heart king and another heart.

But when partner drops the discouraging two, he is asking you to shift. Clearly, clubs look much more promising than diamonds. So, switch to the club nine, the high card denying an honor in the suit.

Here, partner wins with the jack, puts you back in with the heart king, and you play another club to generate six defensive tricks: three hearts and three clubs. (Note that if you continue hearts at trick two, declarer makes his contract in spades and diamonds.)

Of course, you must be able to trust your partner to signal correctly. On this deal, if he would drop the heart two at trick one, keep him. If he would play the eight, think about visiting the transfer market.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2004

In the year ahead, Lady Luck will be working hard to get you those things you desire that have been denied you so far. With her as your teammate, your chances for acquiring your heart's desires are possible.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — A project that you've believed would yield you a reasonable return could turn out to be far bigger than you thought, as today's events might reveal.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Friends and companions will find you a delightful person to be around today, so get out and spread your sunshine around. Find time to be with those whose company you enjoy.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — An important personal objective can be achieved today with the help of a little luck. Not that you won't have to do your share, but with this added ingredient, your path will be much easier.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You'll be well-received by all you encounter today, but it's apt to be members of the opposite gender who'll find you the most attractive. Keep your eye open for Cupid's arrows.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — If there is something profitable you'd like to achieve, go after it today. You're likely to be far luckier at this time than you will be tomorrow, so don't delay your input on the matter.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Because you're apt to view life today from a positive perspective, things will run much smoother for you at this time. Your attitude will encourage others to jump on your bandwagon.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — This could be a red-letter day for you where money is concerned. If you're working on something big that could add to your holdings, give it all your attention today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Concentrate on important assignments or personal objectives today. Under your direction, and with your special touch, all your undertakings should be very successful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Events could work out far better for you today if you take a backseat and flow with the tide. Lady Luck is trying to make good things occur for you, but you might have to get out of her way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Be sure to get out and mingle today and accept all and any invitations to social events you might receive, because something particularly lucky could happen for you at one of the gatherings.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — It's too bad you can't see yourself through the eyes of others today, because you would be well pleased by the image you project. They're not handicapped by your limited view of yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Any requests you make of others today have better than average chances of being fulfilled. This is because, when you turn on the charm, you'll be impossible to resist.

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New sonar sparks debate over protecting whales

ABOARD THE RV NEW HORIZON (AP) — In a boat off the central California coast, scientists huddle around a computer screen sprinkled with slow-moving white dots, each one representing a migrating whale detected with sonar.

The researchers are testing an experimental sonar system, designed to detect any Pacific Gray Whales within a one-mile radius using high-frequency sound waves that are believed to work above their normal hearing range.

Researchers at Scientific Solutions Inc., the New Hampshire firm that developed the system, say the sonar appears to work, detecting marine mammals more reliably than other methods without causing the whales to break away from their migratory path or otherwise show signs of injury.

Still, some environmentalists worry that the sonar's impact on whales isn't fully understood — that despite the findings of an environmental assessment that enabled the testing to proceed, the sonar could distress the whales, drive them from their habitat or separate migrating calves from their mothers.

"There's no way to know what the long-term effects on the whales will be," said Robin Mankey of San Francisco-based Sea Sanctuary, one of five environmental groups whose request for an injunction was denied by a federal judge. "There's no way to know if they're washing up dead on the beach or sinking in the ocean."

Supporters say a reliable high-frequency sonar could help protect whales from a variety of ocean hazards: long-range military sonar; collisions with ships; underwater demolitions; Navy battle simulations involving live explosives; and seismic mapping by oil and gas companies.

"Nobody wants to go out and kill whales," said Bob Gisiner, who manages the marine mammal program of the Defense Department's Office of Naval Research, which has funded most of the $2 million project. "I don't understand how any group that's interested in the conservation of marine mammals would not be interested in seeing this sonar developed."

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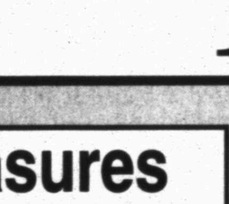
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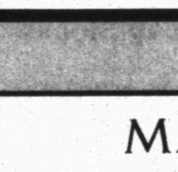
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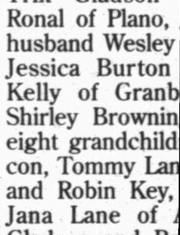
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Gaza Strip settlements to be dismantled

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon told his stunned Likud Party today he plans to dismantle the Israeli settlements in the Gaza Strip, participants in the meeting said.

Sharon spoke to Likud lawmakers just hours after telling the Haaretz daily he has "given an order to plan for the evacuation" of the 17 Gaza settlements, which are home to about 7,500 Israelis.

"I don't know if it will be done in one go, or gradually, but over the course of time, it will not be right to continue Jewish settlement in Gaza," a Likud official quoted Sharon as telling the legislators. Sharon referred to Jewish settlement in Gaza as "a security burden and a source of continuous friction," said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Sharon has said recently he would take unilateral steps, including removing some settlements and imposing a boundary on the Palestinians, if there is no progress in stalled peace efforts by summer.

In the Gaza refugee camp of Rafah, Israeli soldiers killed four Palestinian militants in an intense gun battle.

Sharon's plan was met by widespread skepticism in Israel and the Palestinian areas. Moderate and ultra-nationalist Israeli legislators alike said they found it difficult to believe Sharon, a patron of the Jewish settlement movement for years, would take action against a core constituency and risk the fall of his center-right coalition. Some suggested Sharon was trying to deflect attention from corruption investigations of him.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat also expressed disbelief. "Seventeen trailers (settlements)? What, so they can replace them with another 170?" he said.

Sharon told Likud legislators that his "disengagement program" from the Palestinians is not yet complete. He said he has asked Israel's National Security Council to "examine options and to begin with the Gaza Strip," according to the Likud official.

Outrage continues following nudity in halftime program

NEW YORK (AP) — The chief federal regulator of broadcasting said today he is outraged by the Super Bowl halftime show which wound up with singer Justin Timberlake tearing off part of Janet Jackson's costume, exposing her breast.

Timberlake blamed a "wardrobe malfunction," but Federal Communications Commission chief Michael Powell called it "a classless, crass and deplorable stunt."

MTV, which produced the show, and CBS, which broadcast it, both said they had no idea that their halftime show Sunday night would include such a display.

"CBS deeply regrets the incident," spokeswoman LeslieAnne Wade said.

The two singers were performing a flirtatious duet to end the halftime show, with Timberlake singing, "Rock Your Body," and the lines he sang at the moment of truth were: "I'm gonna have you naked by the end of this song."

With that, Timberlake reached across Jackson's leather gladiator outfit and pulled off the covering to her right breast, which was partially obscured by a sun-shaped, metal nipple decoration.

The network quickly cut away from the shot, and did not mention the exposure on the air.

In a statement, FCC Chairman Michael Powell said, "I am outraged at what I saw during the halftime show of the Super Bowl. Like millions of Americans, my family and I gathered around the television for a celebration. Instead, that celebration was tainted by a classless, crass and deplorable stunt. Our nation's children, parents and citizens deserve better."

"I have instructed the commission to open an immediate investigation into last night's broadcast," he said, vowing it would be "thorough and swift." Earlier, an FCC spokeswoman, Suzanne Tetreault, said it was launching a routine investigation because it had received complaints.

Messages left with Jackson's record company and her personal publicist were not returned this morning.

MTV, CBS' corporate cousin in Viacom, issued a contrite statement in which it also apologized, saying the incident was "unrehearsed, unplanned, completely unintentional and was inconsistent with assurances we had about the content of the performance."

Timberlake said he did not intend to expose Jackson's breast.

"I am sorry that anyone was offended by the wardrobe malfunction during the halftime performance of the Super Bowl," Timberlake said in a statement. "

Obituaries

Mrs. McMullan

1931-2004

Jo Alyce McMullan, longtime Snyder educator, died this morning in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Service for Mrs. McMullan, 73, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the First United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Buddy Payne, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.



Mrs. McMullan

Born Jan. 5, 1931 in Coleman, she married Billy Bob McMullan on Aug. 25, 1950 in Snyder.

Mrs. McMullan retired after teaching 30 years in elementary grades in Snyder and Ira. A member of the First United Methodist Church, she also was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, the Scurry County Historical Commission and was a Sunday school teacher for many years.

Mrs. McMullan was a graduate of Snyder High School and Texas Tech University.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Shelly McMullan on Dec. 15, 2003; and a brother, Thomas Clarence Goss.

Survivors include her husband, Billy Bob McMullan of Snyder; three daughters, La Trix Gladson and husband Ronal of Plano, Janis Key and husband Wesley of Snyder and Jessica Burton and husband Kelly of Granbury; a sister, Shirley Browning of Amarillo; eight grandchildren, Pam Alarcon, Tommy Lane, Reagan Key and Robin Key, all of Snyder, Jana Lane of Amarillo, Reis Gladson and Brooke Gladson, both of Dallas, and Aaron Burton of College Station; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Louise Stevens

1932-2004

Lela Louise Stevens, 71, died Sunday, Feb. 1, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.



Louise Stevens

Funeral service for Mrs. Stevens is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Dave Phillips, pastor of Northside Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Born July 21, 1932 in Belton, she married Harvey Stevens on Feb. 14, 1976 in Snyder.

A longtime resident of Snyder, Mrs. Stevens was a homemaker and a member of Northside Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Bessie McCauley; and two brothers, Leslie and James Gill.

Survivors include her husband, Harvey Stevens of Snyder; a daughter, Lela Stevens of Snyder; a sister and brother-in-law, Cherry and Clint Hembree of Snyder; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held from 7 to 8 this evening at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. DeLaCruz

1926-2004

Serapio DeLaCruz of Snyder died Saturday, Jan. 31, in Snyder.

Services for Mr. DeLaCruz, 77, are pending at Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Born on March 14, 1926 in Villa Union, Mexico, he was preceded in death by his parents, Juan Sr. and Isabel DeLaCruz; two brothers, Jose Isabel DeLaCruz and Miguel DeLaCruz.



Mr. DeLaCruz

Survivors include two daughters, Cirila Molina and Guadalupe Munoz, both of San Angelo; three sons, Juan I. and Artemio DeLaCruz, both of San Angelo, and Mike DeLaCruz of Elgin; two brothers, Juan DeLaCruz Jr. of Madera, Calif., and Felix DeLaCruz of Hobb, N.M.; two sisters, Rosa Elva Vasquez and Esperanza Aguilar, both of Mexico; 16 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Bo Burk

1915-2004

KRESS — B.O. "Bo" Burk, the brother of Roy Burk of Snyder, died Friday, Jan. 30, at his home in Kress.

Funeral service for Mr. Burk, 88, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Harvest Christian Fellowship Church in Plainview with the Rev. Paul Cypert officiating. Burial was to follow in the Kress Cemetery under the direction of Lemons Funeral Home.

Born April 5, 1915 in Hollis, Okla., he married Katherine Riemer on Nov. 26, 1937 in Clarendon.

They moved to Kress in 1944 and farmed for 10 years before serving as postmaster for 10 years, a rural route carrier for 10 years and a postmaster trainer for several years.

A former mayor of Kress, Mr. Burk also served on the Kress school board and was a member of the Christian Fellowship Church.

Survivors also include his wife, Katherine Burk of the home; three daughters, Sherry Phillips of Kress, Dee Ann McGuire of Plainview and Carol Blount of Broken Arrow, Okla.; two sons, Bradley Burk of Dallas and Kelly Burk of Kress; two sisters, Burnice McNabb of Lubbock and Ruth Erickensen of Weatherford; 15 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Pearl Leslie

1920-2004

ODESSA — Esther "Pearl" Leslie, 83, died Friday, Jan. 30, at Hospice House in Odessa after suffering with Parkinson's for more than 30 years.

Funeral service for Mrs. Leslie was set for 9 a.m. today in the Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors Chapel with the Rev. Dick Brown officiating. Interment was to follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Born May 13, 1920 near Four Corners, N.M., she was married to Woodrow Leslie who died in 1987. Mrs. Leslie was a homemaker and also worked as a realtor. She lived in El Paso for 30 years and was recognized as a top sales person in real estate. She was a member of the Lutheran Church and had been a resident of Avalon Nursing Center for the past eight years.

Survivors include two sons, Bob Leslie of Odessa and Bill Leslie of Dallas; a daughter, Wanda Harman of San Antonio; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

The family suggests memorials to the Hospice House in Odessa, 903 N. Houston, 79761.

Frances Harty

1924-2004

ALBANY — Funeral service for Frances Ann Cauble Harty 79, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the First United Methodist Church with the Revs. John Tunnel and Kay Reed officiating. Burial will follow in the Albany Cemetery under the direction of Morehart Mortuary.

Mrs. Harty died Sunday, Feb. 1, at Care Inn Nursing Home in Abilene.

Born June 3, 1924 in Albany she was a lifelong Texan and moved back to Albany from Snyder in 1981.

Mrs. Harty was a homemaker and beautician and a member of the First United Methodist Church in Albany.

She married Herman Harty in 1946 and he died in 1995.

Survivors include one son, John Harty and wife Janice of Midland; two daughters, Carolyn Howard of Huntsville and Sherry Baker of Albany; one nephew, Ross Cauble of Albany; eight grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

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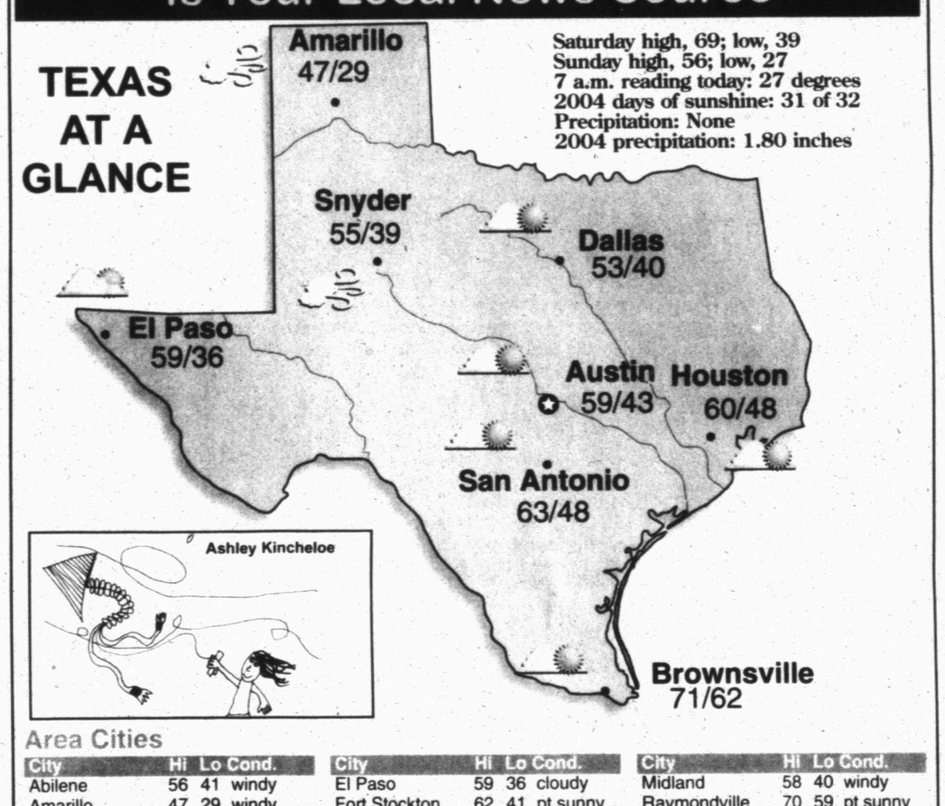
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55/39	51/31	39/23
Windy. Mostly cloudy skies will become partly cloudy in the afternoon.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the low 30s.	Snow showers at times. Highs in the upper 30s and lows in the low 20s.
Sunrise 7:37 AM Sunset 6:18 PM	Sunrise 7:37 AM Sunset 6:19 PM	Sunrise 7:36 AM Sunset 6:20 PM

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Saturday high, 69; low, 39
Sunday high, 56; low, 27
7 a.m. reading today: 27 degrees
2004 days of sunshine: 31 of 32
Precipitation: None
2004 precipitation: 1.80 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	56	41	windy	El Paso	59	36	cloudy	Midland	58	40	windy
Amarillo	47	29	windy	Fort Stockton	62	41	pt sunny	Raymondville	70	59	pt sunny
Austin	59	43	pt sunny	Gainesville	50	36	pt sunny	Rosenberg	60	47	pt sunny
Beaumont	59	46	mst sunny	Greenville	52	36	pt sunny	San Antonio	63	48	pt sunny
Brownsville	71	62	pt sunny	Houston	60	48	pt sunny	San Marcos	60	44	pt sunny
Brownwood	57	41	pt sunny	Kingsville	68	57	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	53	36	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	64	56	pt sunny	Livingston	59	41	mst sunny	Sweetwater	57	42	windy
Corsicana	55	39	pt sunny	Longview	56	37	mst sunny	Tyler	55	37	pt sunny
Dallas	53	40	pt sunny	Lubbock	54	34	windy	Weatherford	53	37	pt sunny
Del Rio	62	50	windy	Lufkin	59	40	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	52	37	cloudy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	51	28	pt sunny	Houston	60	48	pt sunny	Phoenix	56	42	rain
Boston	39	32	sn shower	Los Angeles	58	46	rain	San Francisco	54	46	rain
Chicago	31	9	sn shower	Miami	80	63	mst sunny	Seattle	47	39	rain
Dallas	53	40	pt sunny	Minneapolis	13	-12	mst sunny	St. Louis	32	17	pt sunny
Denver	42	22	mixed	New York	41	32	mixed	Washington, DC	39	29	frz rain

Moon Phases

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

UV Index

Tue 2/3	Wed 2/4	Thu 2/5
4	4	4
Low	Low	Low

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

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Bush studies proposed intelligence commission

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House is considering endorsing the creation of an independent commission that would investigate whether the United States used faulty intelligence information when it decided to go to war in Iraq, government sources said Saturday.

They said a statement of support from the White House could come this week.

Until now, President Bush has reacted coolly toward the idea of a new commission, refusing to endorse it publicly. But his administration is under mounting election-year pressure to agree to an independent inquiry about Iraq's alleged arsenal of banned destruction.

Vice President Dick Cheney has broached the possibility of a commission in conversations with members of Congress, according to government sources familiar with the conversations. These sources spoke on condition of anonymity.

Despite months of searching, U.S. inspectors have found no forbidden weapons in Iraq. Bush had cited the suspected weapons as a rationale for the war.

Bush, asked point-blank on Friday about a commission, declined to answer directly.

"I want the American people to know that I, too, want to know the facts," the president said.

He reaffirmed the administration's position that the Iraq Survey Group, which is searching for weapons of mass destruction, should complete its work and then compare its results with the administration's prewar intelligence.

Bush was asked about that intelligence Saturday by a senator from his own party, at a meeting in Philadelphia of congressional Republicans.

In response to the question from Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., Bush responded much the same as he did to reporters on Friday, saying he wants to get to the bottom of how accurate U.S. intelligence was about Saddam's weapons before the war, an administration official said on condition of anonymity.

The Pentagon's second-in-command said Saturday flawed prewar intelligence should be investigated, but that inspectors' inability to find banned weapons did not mean the war was unnecessary.

"You have to make decisions based on the intelligence you have, not on the intelligence you can discover later," Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said during a visit in Germany to the headquarters of the Army's 1st Infantry Division.

David Kay, the former head of the inspection team, has said the administration's intelligence on Iraq was "almost all wrong" and that the information on which Bush's war decision was based was erroneous.

The Senate Intelligence Committee chairman cited "a world intelligence community failure" for the inability to find banned weapons so far.

GOP Sen. Pat Roberts of Kansas, whose committee will release in March its report on prewar intelligence gathering, said in an Associated Press interview that he has concluded intelligence officers who had been cautious in assessing potential threats before the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, became more likely to pass on speculative information afterward.

Kay has urged an independent look at the intelligence. That idea has won the support from Democrats in Congress and on the presidential campaign trail. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., also supports the idea.

But with Republicans in control of Congress and the White House, it is unlikely an independent commission would be created without the president's blessing.

A full-blown investigation of Iraq intelligence failures could pose election-year risks for Bush. No one could be certain where it would lead, who it would touch or what it would uncover.

But resisting an investigation has hazards, too, many political analysts believe, because that could give Democratic presidential rivals an opening to keep the issue alive and question what the White House might be hiding.

Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, in a debate Thursday night, criticized Cheney for allegedly berating CIA operatives because he did not like their intelligence reports.

"It seems to me that the vice president of the United States therefore influenced the very reports that the president then used to decide to go to war and to ask Congress for permission to go to war," Dean said.

North Carolina Sen. John Edwards said his support for the Iraq war was based on years of intelligence briefings and evidence of Saddam's atrocities against his own people. He supports an independent commission "that will have credibility and that the American people will trust, about why there is this discrepancy about what we were told and what's actually been found there."

Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry, who also supports a commission, said whether Cheney influenced CIA officials to shape the intelligence he wanted is "a very legitimate question. ... There's an enormous question about the exaggeration by this administration."

Convenience store's lucky streak continues

HOUSTON (AP) — A convenience store where three winning lottery tickets were sold in less than six months is credited with the sale that netted the latest $70 million Lotto Texas jackpot.

A clerk at an independent Corner Stop said he learned Sunday morning that the winning Lotto ticket was sold at Javed Panjwani's store.

Panjwani had spent Friday afternoon hanging certificates from two winning Cash 5 lottery tickets he sold last year at the southwest Houston convenience store. He stood back, admired his work and told a clerk, "We have room for more. We have to sell a winner for a big jackpot this year."

Saturday's win, with the Texas Lottery Commission's promise of a 1 percent cut of $700,000, eclipsed the past successes.

"I put those certificates up and two days later we have more to celebrate," Panjwani told the Houston Chronicle. "It's really unbelievable."

Panjwani, 40, said the other winning tickets were for Cash 5 jackpots of about $25,000.

The latest winning Lotto ticket's owner remained a mystery today. Rehan Siddiqui, a store clerk, said the ticket was sold Saturday and he hoped that it was to one of the Chimney Rock Road store's regular customers.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



An unusual pattern of intimacy

DEAR DR. GOTT: I was married for 24 years, during which time my husband refused to kiss me or show any affection, but demanded sex four times a day. I finally did get a divorce; however, I miss him. What do you think was his problem? He worked and supported me and three children, but couldn't talk about anything.

DEAR READER: While I'm not a psychologist or a counselor on sexual relationships, this is a disconcertingly complex problem that, on the surface, sounds simple.

First, if your former husband held down a regular job and supported the family for years, I can't see how he could have possibly squeezed sex into his tight schedule four times a day. I don't know any man who could function at that level for very long — unless there were vacation time and periods away from the children — and, even so, sex approximately every four hours (assuming he slept 8 hours) is an enormous commitment that is way beyond what men enjoy and accept. (Notice here that I use the word "function," because women are different — biologically able to have sex, usually without orgasm, on many occasions several times a day. I do not choose to pursue this tack.)

Second, I agree that kissing and closeness are a vital part of any intimate relationship. I don't know why your ex-husband had difficulty in this area. Perhaps, as you implied, he was simply unable to share his feelings for fear of being hurt. I'm just hypothesizing.

Third, I encourage you to disregard his "problem" and focus on your own. From the sound of your letter (which I have edited), you seem to be a mature, well-rounded, sensitive, intelligent mother, who for years put up with a situation that you found distasteful. Why? For the children? Did you consider counseling? Did you ever put your foot down? Then you tell me you miss your ex-husband? C'mon, you need to add some perspective to your life. Maybe you're simply lonely, but this doesn't mean that you have to yearn for what could be considered to be an abusive relationship. You are not a victim now; you have choices, one of which is to put the hurt behind you and move on, expand your life, get a job, become active in your community and church, establish other friendships — perhaps even intimate ones with a man who is willing to let down his guard.

So, rather than emphasizing your former husband's difficulty with meaningful communication, look at your situation as an opportunity to grow. To me, you sound like "a keeper." Use your unpleasant experience to make positive changes. If you need counseling to do so, all the better. The important consideration is for you to move ahead and not remain stagnant in a pool of uncertainty and self-incrimination. The same would hold true for your ex-spouse, who may need some professional guidance about how to be a more caring partner. But that is his decision.

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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Oil Patch News

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Howard County

Sharp Image Energy will drill the No. 1-5 Vincent, a 7,000-foot wildcat located 14 miles northeast of Big Spring. Location is in Section 15, Block 25, H&TC survey.

Crownquest Operating will drill the No. 1 Newton in the Varel field, four miles northwest of Big Spring. Planned for a depth of 5,800 feet, location is in Section 17, Block 33, T1N, T&P survey.

Mitchell County

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Energen Resources Corp. will drill the No. 2509 Westbrook southeast field unit. Planned for a depth of 3,500 feet, location is in Section 34, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

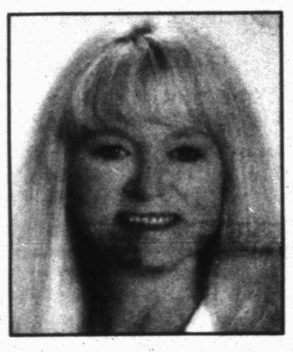
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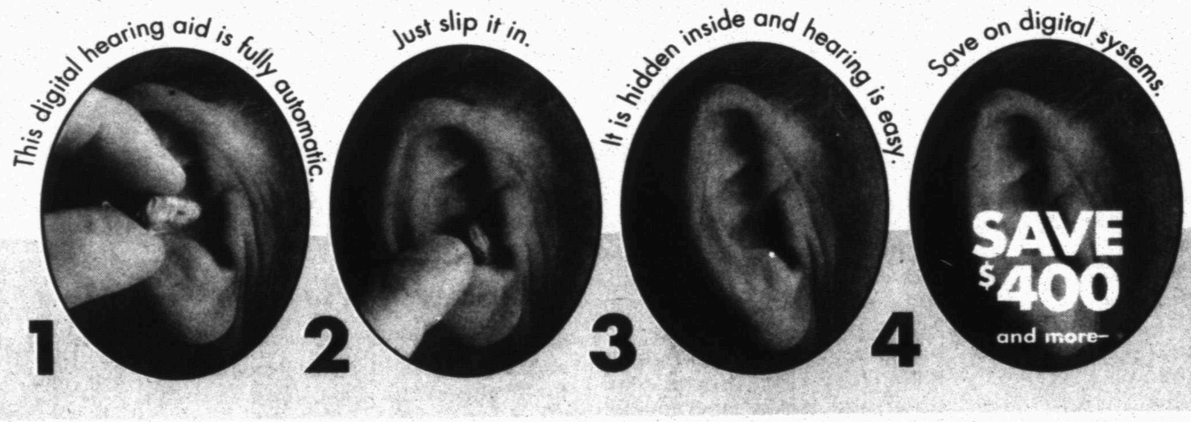
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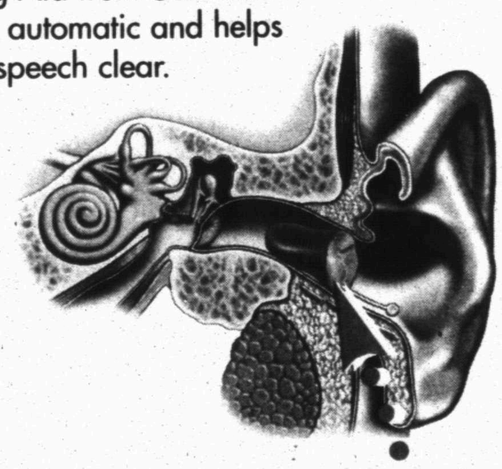


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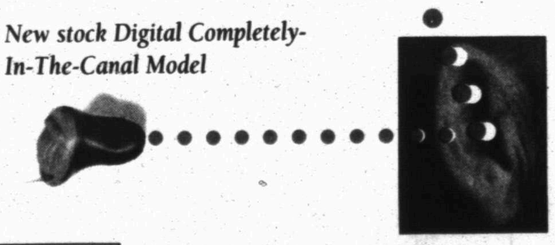
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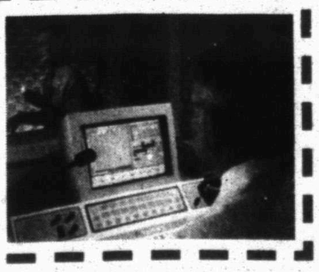


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