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By city council...

Planned meeting would violate charter

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

A meeting planned by Mayor Francene Noah at noon Monday between the city council and the commissioners' court would be in violation of the city's charter.

Mayor Noah sent a letter dated March 6 to all four county commissioners and County Judge Rod Waller requesting a luncheon meeting at the DCOS offices at American State Bank, to be attended by all court members.

The letter said the purpose of the meeting is to discuss the expired intergovernmental contract.

However, the city's charter says all meetings of the city council must be held at city hall.

The charter futher requies that if city hall is not available, the council may designate another public place for meetings after publishing notice in one issue of the official newspaper of the city.

The planned meeting also was mentioned by Mayor Noah in the Friday night called meeting of the council, and the regular meeting on March 3.

In addition to being a violation of the charter, it would also be a violation of the state laws determining where the commissioners' court can conduct meetings.

The law says commissioners can meet at the courthouse, or elsewhere if the regular place meetings are held is not large enough to accommodate the number of persons expected to attend.

There are five members on the commissioners' court and seven members on the city council, including the mayor.

County Judge Rod Waller said today that the commissioners would not meet as a body outside a county-owned facility.

"If they want to meet with a couple of us, we can do that," the judge said. "The full commissioners' court won't be there as a quorum."

The interlocal agreement went into place Oct. 1, 1993 and expired Sept. 30, 1996.

The pact defines shared services between the city and county with hopes of saving taxpayers of both entities money.

For instance, the document says the city will provide fire suppression services throughout the county at the sole cost and expense to the city, and that it will make solid waste collection service available in the county under specific guidelines.

It also states the county will provide jail and dispatch service to the city, and will operate the emergency medical service.

At Friday's called council meeting, dispatch services of the county came under fire from Mayor Noah, and city councilman Ron Shaw.

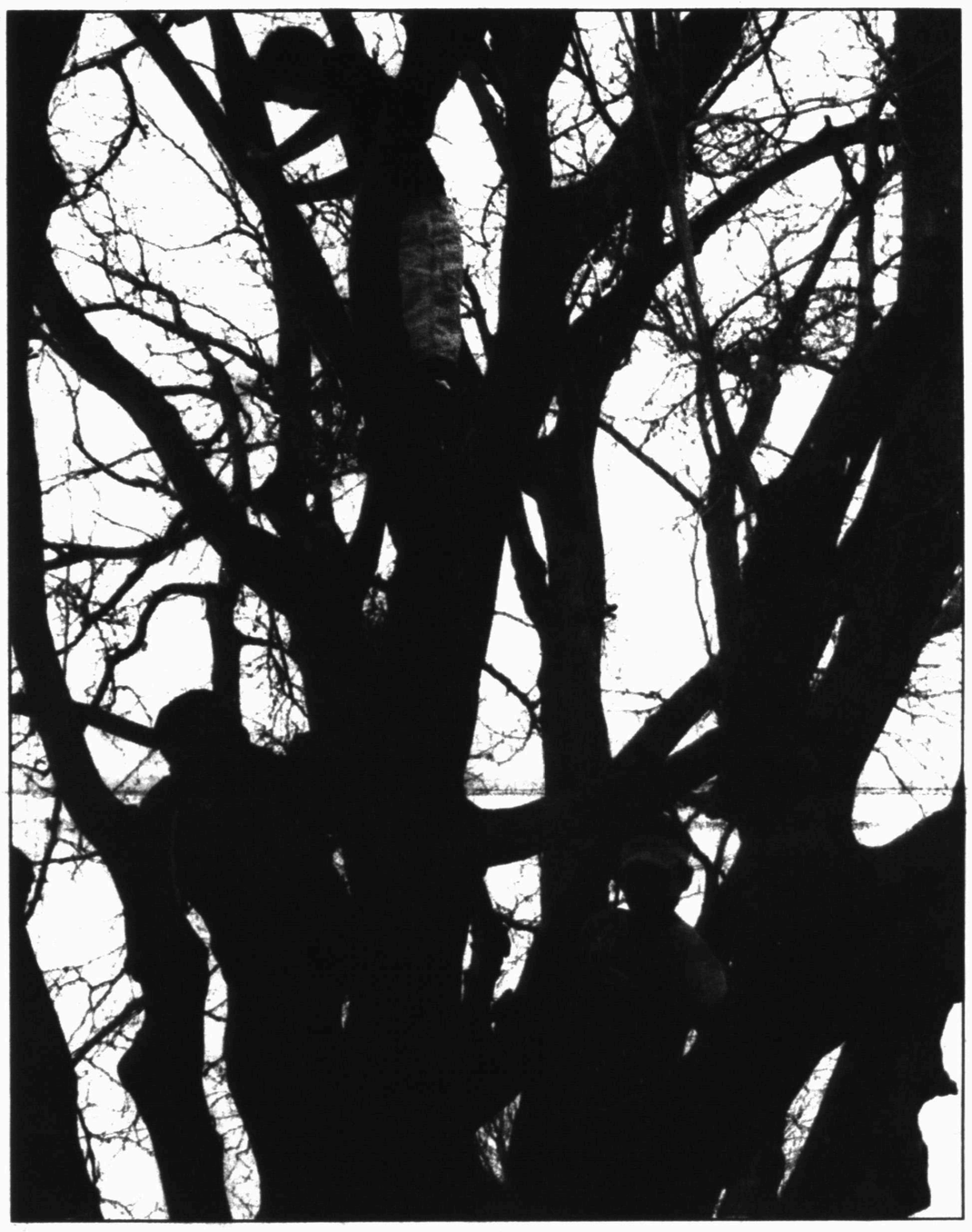
The mayor said she had received complaints about dispatching, and that she had also heard personal calls had taken precedence over calls to the dispatchers.

Sheriff Darren Jackson rebuffed the mayor's remarks Monday, stating she had never complained to him about the service, nor to his knowledge, ever observed the dispatchers at work.

Sheriff Jackson did say that both he and Police Chief Steve Warren agreed that dispatching should be the city's responsibility since 85 to 90 percent of the calls were city-related.

Judge Waller said this morning that he felt the county is for anything to save money for both the city and county.

"However, I feel the contract we have is adequate except it just needs updating," said Judge Waller.



MONKEYING AROUND — Colby Barrera (left) and Tanner Martin try to keep up with Jacob Menges in a tree at Kiddie Park Tuesday. The youngsters were enjoying their time away from school during spring break. (SDN Staff Photo)

FFA barn fire kills one hog

The Snyder Fire Department responded to a small blaze inside the Snyder FFA barn on Hwy. 208 South shortly before 11 a.m. today.

Killed was one Yorkshire hog owned by Skip Craig. Fire Marshal Cy Posey said the hog appeared to have chewed through an electrical extension cord, resulting in the blaze.

Firefighters responded to the fire with two fire trucks.

The fire was extinguished using garden hoses inside the barn. No injuries were reported.

AMR shares drop as bankruptcy is discussed

DALLAS (AP) — AMR Corp., the parent of American Airlines, will be removed from the Standard & Poor's 500 index this week as the company's stock price and market value continue their long slide. Investors sent shares in the company down another 14 percent today.

S&P said it would drop the airline from its index after trading ends Thursday and replace it with Apartment Investment Management Co., a Denver-based real estate firm. The move forces mutual funds modeled on the index to shed the stock, and AMR shares fell 23 cents to $1.36 each in today trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

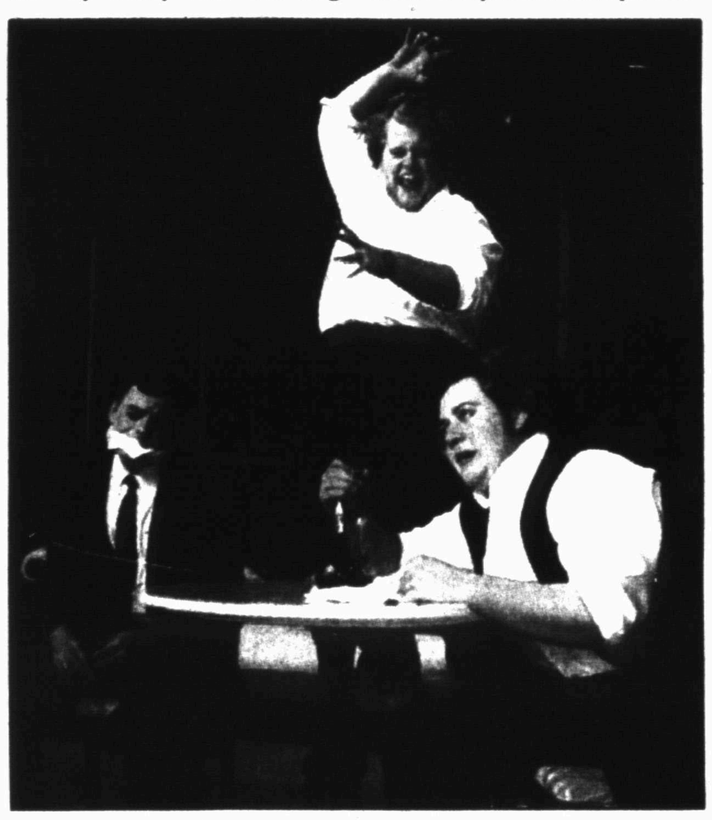
AMR blamed its fall from the S&P 500 index on broader problems in the airline industry. The company's stock has lost more than 90 percent of its value in the past year due to massive losses and sluggish demand for air travel.

Investors, spooked by reports that the world's largest carrier was negotiating financing to operate under bankruptcy protection, had driven shares of the world's largest carrier down more than 43 percent Tuesday to a new 52-week low.

The New York Times reported that American is seeking commitments for up to $2 billion in financing if it files for bankruptcy. The newspaper said the financing would be led by Citigroup, which issues a credit card linked to a mileage-reward program with Fort Worth, Texas-based American. A banker briefed on the plans said the talks are informal and that American is optimistic it can restructure its debts outside of bankruptcy court.

American spokesman Bruce Hicks declined to comment on the reports.

"These are clearly rumors," Hicks said. "We're not going to be commenting on all the rumors flying around."



COMMUNITY THEATRE PERFORMS —*Arsenic and Old Lace*, by Joseph Resselring, will be performed Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are $7 or $5 for groups of 10 or more. Senior, student and group tickets for $5 are available for the matinee. For reservations, call 573-8880. Three pictured from a cast of 11 from left are Kent Wright, Jacob Brumley and Chris Shoemake. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Shirley A. Gorman

With respect to John Stossel's *Give me a break* commentaries for ABC's *20/20* news magazine, we have come up with three incidents we've filed under *Give us a break.*

TV Guide, the national weekly publication, tops my list. After years of buying the Guide at the grocery store, we decided to subscribe a year or so ago. At first everything went smoothly. The Guides arrived on time so I renewed early, another *mistake.*

Months ago, everything changed and it's been downhill ever since. Either the Guide arrives late — very, very late or not at all.

When the latest renewal notice arrived a few weeks ago, we ripped it up and tossed the pieces into the garbage can. That was that, or so we thought.

Imagine our shock and dismay, when a few days later we received an invoice thanking us for renewing and saying we now owed almost $50.

We could not believe it! We wrote on the invoice in big black letters that we had not renewed. We also sent a letter explaining that we would never, ever renew under any circumstances and detailed our displeasure with the lousy service. We even said cancel whatever might be left of the original subscription.

Doesn't good service mean anything anymore?

So far we have not heard from *TV Guide.*

Give us a break!

When the living room ceiling fan's remote control stopped working months ago, we tried installing a new battery but it still wouldn't work. That would have been way too easy.

We eventually found the service manual so we called the customer service number only to be given another number to call. That number referred us to yet a third number and we were told the call would cost $1.99. We called that number again (another $1.99) to make sure we had correctly written down still another customer service number we were referred to.

But when we called that number the Voice was no help and she wasn't very polite either, so we hung up.

Then, we dialed "O" for operator because back in the dinosaur age we remembered they had been very helpful. But this Voice wasn't. She said that even if she knew the correct number she had no way to dial it. We thought that's what telephone operators do? Maybe we expected too much, but we just wanted someone to give us the right number to call.

Give us a break!

A few weeks ago we called to activate a credit card. This Voice was very polite and courteous. Besides identifying questions, he asked us if we wanted to add some kind of protection service to our new account. We said not at this time.

The following week, we received a packet thanking us for signing up. We got very angry at first. Then we calmed down and called the number provided to find out what had happened. Sure enough that very nice Voice had signed us up even though we had declined.

We had a long conversation with another Voice who canceled the unauthorized membership and said she would look into the matter. Is this a new trend or what? Signing customers up for services or products we don't want.

Give us a break!

ASK US

Q—When do the Lady Tigers and Tigers open district play?

A—The Lady Tigers open Tuesday at Sweetwater and the Tigers on March 21 at Lamesa.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Susan Goswick...

...has lived in Snyder 13 years and is a 1997 Snyder High School graduate. She works at Friendly Flower Shop and her husband, Travis, works at TDCJ Price Daniel Unit. She has a two-year-old stepson, Ethan. Susan loves hanging out with friends and family and meeting new people.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

If I've learned one thing in life, it's that hard work pays off.

—Phil Gramm

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Bible club

Northside Baptist Church is hosting a Bible Club from 11 a.m. until noon this week through Friday for elementary age children. For more information, call 573-7105.

Free income tax help

Free income tax help is available for persons earning low to moderate incomes. There is no age restriction. Assistance is available from 9 a.m.-noon, and 1-3 p.m. each Wednesday at the Senior Center, 2603 Ave. M.

Lenten worship services

The First Presbyterian Church will hold Lenten worship services at 6 p.m. every Wednesday through April 9. Anyone wishing to observe Lent is welcome to attend.

FBC services televised

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

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

Breakfast burritos

Employees at city hall will prepare breakfast burritos from 7-8 a.m. Friday to help raise money for the city's Relay for Life team. All donations will go to the American Cancer Society. Call orders tp 573-9361 or fax to 573-5326 by noon Thursday. Choice of any three ingredients: eggs, potatoes, cheese, bacon or sausage.

Ritz production

The Ritz Community Theatre will present *Arsenic and Old Lace* at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Reservations are required by calling the box office at 573-8880 or stopping by the theatre on the south side of the square from 2 to 5 p.m. on weekdays. Tickets are $7 or $5 for groups of 10 or more. Senior citizens and student tickets are $5 for the matinee only.

UW board meeting

Scurry County United Way board will meet at noon Monday at the offices at 2311 Ave. T.

Community services fair

The community services fair will be Tuesday from 4-6 p.m. at 2800 2nd Street. Free hot dogs, drinks and door prizes are hosted by Scurry Community Services.

GED pre-registration, testing dates

Mandatory pre-registration for the GED test will be Thursday, March 20, at the GED testing center at WTC, Building 7B, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The math segment of the GED will begin at 8 a.m. on Friday, March 21. For more information, call Molly Kattes, 573-2919, or Emily Hataway, 573-8511, ext. 297, or 574-2112.

Parenting seminar

All interested persons are invited to a parenting seminar at Central Elementary at 3 p.m. Thursday, March 20. Chris Bane, Snyder ISD nurse, will present a program on health needs of children and how to encourage good health habits. Child care will be provided.

SHS senior activities

Senior parents need to send in their $20 as soon as possible. Also, the three pictures of your senior student are needed by April 4. Both the money and the pictures can be left at the SHS office.

Withered flowers needed

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

Trees still available

The Soil and Water Conservation office still has several varieties of trees available at $1 each. These include Lace Bark Elm, Sand Plum, Honeylocust, and Aromatic Sumac. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Relay for Life cookbooks

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

Relay for Life teams needed

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

WTC adult basic education classes

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

Murder crime scene yields bizarre evidence

COMFORT (AP) — A suspected killer left behind a bizarre array of evidence at a double-murder crime scene, including a dog, a driver's license and what appeared to be a promotional picture of the suspect from a CD, Kerr County authorities said Tuesday.

Patricia Kutzer and Terry Ingram were found dead Monday in the driveway of Kutzer's home near Comfort. Their deaths appeared to be caused by blunt force trauma and stabbing, Kerr County Sheriff Rusty Hierholzer said.

Hierholzer didn't have a motive for the slayings. Ingram's credit card was the only thing missing from the residence.

"I've been doing this for 24 years in this county, and I'll be honest, this is the most bizarre capital murder case I've ever seen," Hierholzer said.

Justice of the Peace Kari O'Dell issued a warrant for the arrest of Vincent J. Seard, 39.

"It appears this man may be a singer or a musician of some sort," Hierholzer said. He said Seard had lived in Houston and Louisiana and had a Kentucky driver's license, which was found at the scene.

Soldier dies after vehicle rollover in Saudi

BENNETTSVILLE, S.C. (AP) — A soldier from South Carolina has died from injuries suffered when his vehicle rolled over him in Saudi Arabia, the Pentagon said Tuesday.

Army Pfc. Spence A. McNeil, 19, of Bennettsville, died Saturday following the accident March 3 near Riyadh.

McNeil, who was assigned to Fort Bliss, was driving a truck when it was rear-ended in convoy, said his grandfather, Herbert McNeil. "It's a real shock."

His parents flew to Saudi Arabia and were expected to accompany McNeil's body back to his hometown later this week, the grandfather said.

McNeil was known as one of the good guys in his town of about 9,400, Herbert McNeil said.

He was a graduate of Marlboro County High School and played at wide receiver for four years, claiming state championships in 1998 and 2001.

"He was just one of those type of young men you like having around because his enthusiasm and joy for the game — and joy for life actually — spread across the team," Marlboro County football coach Dean Boyd said. "He was one of those happy-go-lucky guys that made things better for everybody."

Boyd said McNeil told him he wanted to join the service early in his high school career.

"He was such a dedicated and committed young man — he was always at practice, he always did things the right way and he was always on time — you just knew he'd be a good service man."

McNeil's grandfather said nobody pressured him to join the military last year. "That's just what he wanted to do."

State Rep. Doug Jennings, D-Bennettsville, remembers McNeil playing tee ball with his son and watched him grow up. He said it was hard for him to realize McNeil was old enough to defend the United States.

"It's sort of a painful reminder that the young men we are sending into this conflict are for the most part like him — 18 years old and recent graduates of high school," Jennings said.

Jennings said McNeil was the kind of child that parents respected.

"He was a very polite and well mannered young man. He was always 'yes ma'am' and 'no sir,'" he said. "The town has been in shock about it."

Police arrest man for beating elderly couple

MALDEN, Mass. (AP) — Police arrested a 46-year-old man Tuesday in connection with the vicious beating of an elderly couple in their home.

Ray Cooke and another man entered the couple's home and attacked them on Sunday, police said. Timothy Twomey, 84, was kicked in the face and his 74-year-old wife Bridget was beaten so badly her eyes were swollen shut.

Investigators don't know a motive for the attack. Police say the couple's home wasn't ransacked and it was unclear whether anything was stolen. There was no sign of forced entry. Authorities were searching for the second suspect.

Malden Police Lt. Tom Swanson said Cooke was known to the Twomeys. It was unclear whether Cooke, a handyman, was working on the couple's home.

Cooke was to be arraigned today on charges including assault with intent to murder and attempted murder.

After the attack, Bridget Twomey managed to walk to a neighbor's house and ask for help.

"She was really messed up," neighbor Mike Murphy said.

Timothy Twomey was found tied up in the basement.

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On this day in 1933, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt delivered his first "fireside chat." He told the American public about the country's economic problems and his plans to deal with them.

On this day in 1938, Germany invaded Austria.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Simon Newcomb (1835-1909), astronomer; Mustafa Kemal Ataturk (1881-1938), the founder of modern Turkey; Jack Kerouac (1922-1969), writer; Edward Albee (1928-), playwright, is 75; Liza Minnelli (1946-), singer and actress, is 57.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1966, Bobby Hull broke the single-season NHL record when he scored his 51st goal.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Whither goest thou, America, in thy shiny car in the night?" — Jack Kerouac

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (March 11) and full moon (March 18).

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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

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(Night) 4-0-3
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3-7-9-13-27

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Army reservist wins Senate seat

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pennsylvania's newest state senator didn't close out his special election victory with a speech from a balloon-filled podium. He wasn't even in the state.

John Pippy, an Army reservist, won the election Tuesday despite being away on active duty. When he will head to Harrisburg, or to his Pittsburgh-area district, is anyone's guess.

Pippy's activation, which began in February and will last up to one year, shifted the focus of the race to the question of whether an active duty soldier could serve if elected to the post.

That question worked its way up to Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz, who issued a waiver letting Pippy run after the Army had said he could not.

"After my opponent was called to active duty, it was solely about the military," said Democrat Paul Gitnik, who lost to Pippy by a 2-to-1 margin. "What I call a traditional campaign was negated from that day forward."

Pippy will fill the Senate seat left vacant when fellow Republican Tim Murphy was elected to Congress. Now Pippy will have to resign as a state Representative, which will bring about another special election.

Pippy commands the Army's 332nd Engineer Company, which is currently in Aberdeen, Md.

Army regulations barred Pippy from actively campaigning, so that duty was taken up by his wife and volunteers.

"We're just really thankful for all the help and really proud that the voters respect what he is doing," Katherine Pippy said Tuesday night.

Lawmakers in several states have been called up by the Reserve, forcing many to miss legislative votes. But Pippy's case was unusual because he was activated in the midst of a political campaign.

Campaign staffers said they were caught off guard by a March 5 ruling by the Army that Pippy could not remain on the ballot while on active duty. The ruling also raised questions about whether Pippy would have to give up his job as a state representative.

Hours after the ruling, Wolfowitz issued the waiver allowing Pippy to run.

The Defense Department also clarified the Army's ruling, saying no elected official would have to give up a seat if called to duty.

Several states are debating new laws that would allow temporary appointees to serve in place of legislators who are called up to serve. A proposal in Ohio would even allow legislators to cast votes from wherever they are stationed in the world.

Bodies are found in van in front yard

DENTON (AP) — Bodies of a man and his mother were found in the front seat of a trashed-out van in the front yard of their Denton residence, and police say they likely died months apart.

No cause of death has been determined, but police say they saw no obvious signs of foul play in the deaths of James Barry Mack, 48, and his mother, Margie Stuckey Mack, 87.

Mack was found dead behind the wheel of the 1993 Dodge van registered to him. His mother was found dead in the passenger seat, buried under a mound of beer cans that filled the entire van up to the head rests.

Mack apparently lived in the van and drove it around town with his mother's body inside, said Denton Detective Sgt. Lenn Carter.

"We had a welfare concern call there in December, and it's possible she was already dead then," Carter said.

A neighbor said the gas had been cut off in the Mack residence for nonpayment and Mack had been staying in the van, running the engine to keep warm. The neighbor said she occasionally brought gasoline to Mack so he could keep the engine running.

Monday afternoon, a neighbor made a 911 call, saying she had not seen Mack recently.

SDN DRAWING WINNER — Mrs. Jim Hill, left, won $25 this month in a new circulation promotion at the Snyder Daily News. Jacalyn Lowrance, bookkeeper, made the presentation. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Teenage girl relishes romance but hesitates before committing

DEAR ABBY: I am a 17-year-old girl. About a month ago, I met a wonderful guy, "Adam," who treats me like a queen. He's 18. My parents like him and so do all my friends. Adam is one of the best things that has ever happened to me. He is a singer in a local band and all the girls are crazy for him. I am amazed that he wants to be with someone like me.

Lately, Adam has been talking about marriage and hinting that it's me he wants to marry. I told him I'd think about it — but the more I do, the more confused I get. I really like him, but I'm not sure I want to be married right out of high school. I only have a few months until I turn 18 and graduate — then I have to decide what I want to do with the rest of my life. The thought is overwhelming. Can you help me? — **TURBULENT TEEN IN WYOMING**

DEAR TURBULENT TEEN: Follow your instincts. You appear to be an intelligent young lady with a lot to offer. I see no reason to rush to the altar. Adam may be a terrific young man with a great future, but do not allow yourself to be talked into anything. Get more training and education. Marry no one until you are self-supporting.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a healthy and attractive 68-year-old widow. For a month last summer, I dated a wonderful 65-year-old man. In that short time, I fell in love with him, but he went back to another woman he had dated before me.

My heart has been broken ever since. I have not been able to get this man off my mind. We attend a number of the same social functions in town, and each time I see him, it destroys me. There are very few single men my age, so finding a new companion is not an easy task.

I am a busy, productive lady, but I carry my thoughts everywhere I go. It feels like an obsession. Never in all my life have I felt like this. I cannot continue in this state of mind. Please help. — **ONE-TRACK MIND SOMEWHERE IN WISCONSIN**

DEAR ONE-TRACK MIND: You have my sympathy. You may need professional counseling to get beyond this, and I hope you'll waste no time in getting it. It would also be helpful if you found (at least temporarily) other social activities where you can meet new people and not be haunted by the ghost of last summer's romance.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a single mom with a 7-year-old son, "Jason." We're new to the neighborhood, but Jason has made friends with three boys from a family who lives across the street. The kids are great, and they all play well together.

However, the boys' mother is irresponsible and cannot be trusted. I know for a fact that she steals from stores and dabbles in illegal substances. I want my son to have friends, but I refuse to allow him to play at their home. Am I wrong? How should I explain this to the boys' mother if she asks why Jason isn't allowed to come over? — **MICHIGAN MOM**

DEAR MICHIGAN MOM: You're not wrong. You're a mother who has her priorities straight. If the woman asks you why you want the children at your home, tell her with a smile that you feel more secure if you are supervising them. It's the truth — but don't be surprised if it's a question she never asks.

More to the point is the question you did NOT ask. If the boys' mother is into drugs and thievery, you would be doing the boys a favor to notify Child Protective Services. You can ask that your name not be used.

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Prince Charles will have hernia surgery

LONDON (AP) — Prince Charles will undergo surgery to treat a hernia injury and will miss his annual skiing holiday, his office said.

St. James' Palace said Tuesday that Charles would have a routine operation, but wouldn't provide any details about how he sustained the injury or when surgery would take place.

Charles had already said he would not go to Klosters in the Swiss Alps to ski this Easter if Britain was at war with Iraq.

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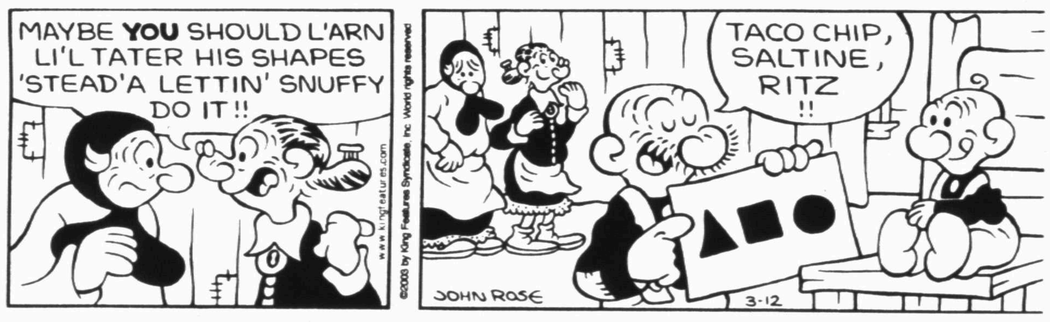

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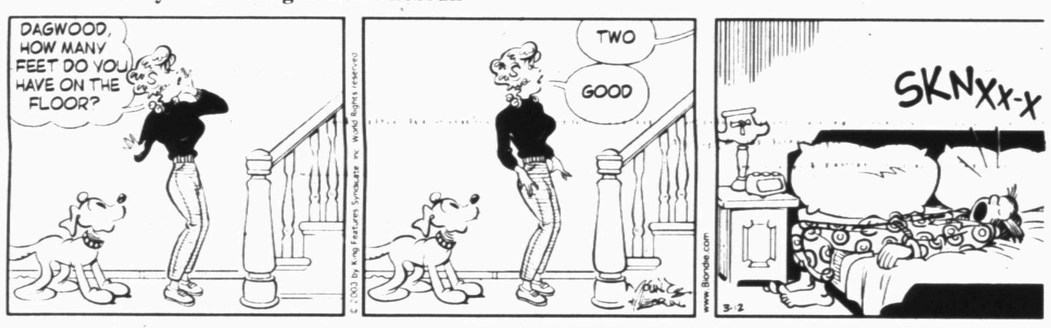

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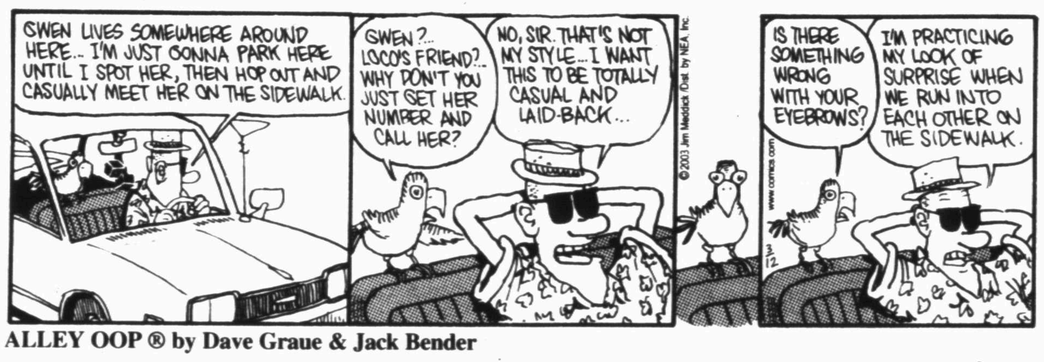

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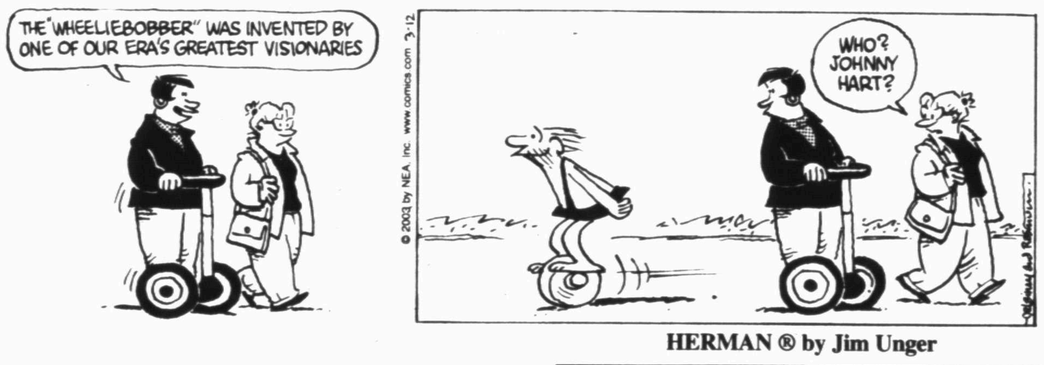

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

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5 Again and again
10 Video store offering
12 Different
13 Weather disturber (2 wds.)
14 Wearing a cow!
15 Standout
16 "—, Humbug!"
18 Unite
19 Troubleshoot
21 Diameter halves
25 A-frame
29 Beside
30 Moe's cohort
32 Dissolves
33 Actress Anouk —
34 Thunderheads
37 Medical photos (hyph.)
38 Concise
40 Ticked off
43 Flying formation
44 Make a cake
48 Dojo activity
50 Type of gasoline
52 Banished
53 Game-show loot
54 Lent a hand
55 Valley

DOWN

1 Cinch
2 Freud's daughter
3 Mingle
4 Chinese dynasty
5 "Double Fantasy" singer
6 Move like lava
7 Ocean motion
8 — out (used thriftily)
9 Beatty or Sparks
10 Legal matter
11 Hoop's place
12 Absent-minded murmur (hyph.)
17 TV network
19 Finds (2 wds.)
20 Milky Way
21 Zodiac beast
22 Actor — Guinness
23 Sweetie pie
24 Fascinated by
26 Cougar's refuge
27 "Cope Book" aunt
28 Card after deuce
31 Da or ja
35 Went in the pool
36 Fr. holy woman
39 Rescue
40 Long dress
41 Very dry
42 Wide valley
44 Bucket handle
45 Woodworking tool
46 Piercing
47 Magazine execs
48 Large green parrot
49 Baseball great — Williams
51 Unit of work

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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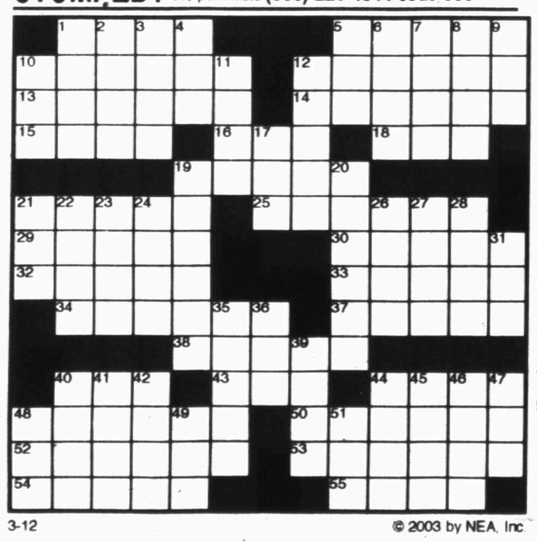

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SPORTS

Luecke records 14 strikeouts...

JV humbles Lake View

SAN ANGELO — Amber Luecke continued her torrid pitching Tuesday, striking out 14 as the junior Lady Tigers stomped Lake View's JV, 10-1.

Luecke allowed just one hit in six innings.

"Pitching makes all the difference," JV coach Laura Moses said.

Snyder (12-5) also pounded the ball Tuesday, with several Lady Tigers enjoying multiple-hit games.

Joshlyn Tovar went two-for-three and Krista Chaidez was three-for-four.

Jessica Calvert and Luecke each drove in two runs, as the Lady Tigers jumped out to an early lead and never dialed back their intensity level.

"We played well, but (Lake View) didn't have any hits, so it's hard to gauge the defense when we don't get any balls hit to us," Moses said. "It's hard to stand out there (on defense) all game. We're trying to get the girls to stay in the game mentally so they will be ready when a ball comes their way."

Moses said the team has remained pretty consistent all season.

"We've been here and there with the bats," Moses said. "We are like the varsity — when one gets a hit, everybody gets into the act."

The JV girls will get the rest of spring vacation off, as Amarillo Tascosa's JV team declined to travel to Snyder Saturday.

The team will open its district schedule Tuesday, when it tackles Sweetwater there at 6:30 p.m.

"Mentally we'll need to be a little tougher," Moses said of district play. "All the teams are on our level, and these games count."

Lady Tigers blanked at San Angelo, 7-0

SAN ANGELO — The Lady Tigers took a rare beating Tuesday, getting blanked by San Angelo Lake View, 7-0, and head coach Shelly Hayes said the reason for the loss is simple.

"We didn't show up," she said. "We didn't hit, we didn't field. We were not up for this game."

Lake View limited Snyder (18-3) to three hits, and the Lady Tigers committed four errors in the contest.

Hayes met with the team after the game, and the team held a players-only meeting after that.

"This loss may ground them a little. I don't know if they were overconfident, but we just didn't get the job done," Hayes said. "I told them to be ready, because there is still a rivalry there (with Lake View). I don't know if it's a pattern, but it seems like when the girls aren't in school they are not into the game."

Kelsi Johnson was charged with all seven runs in two innings on the hill, and Hayes said Johnson gave everything she had.

"Kelsi did the best she could," she said. "The umps didn't give her the outside corner, and that didn't help."

Hayes said Ashley Martinez, who relieved Johnson in the third with the bases loaded, did fine work in settling down a game that had gotten out of control.

"Ashley came in and shut them down," she said.

Martinez gave up two hits in four innings of work.

The team will have plenty of opportunities to get back on track this weekend, as it heads to Eula Friday for a two-day tournament.

The Lady Tigers will play two games in pool play, starting with Bangs at 11 a.m. Friday.

After the Eula tournament, the Lady Tigers will begin district play Tuesday when they trek to Sweetwater for a 5 p.m. tilt.

Tigers gearing up for Burkburnett tourney

The Snyder Tigers are traveling today en route to the Burkburnett baseball tournament.

The team was scheduled to take batting practice today before leaving.

There will be four guaranteed games in pool play in the Burkburnett tournament.

The team will play Wichita Falls Rider at 1 Thursday afternoon to open the tournament, and will take on host Burkburnett at 11:20 a.m. Friday.

The team will square off against Pampa at 2:30 Friday afternoon.

The Tigers will get another crack at Lubbock Cooper, which knocked them from the Snyder tournament last weekend, at 9 a.m. Saturday.

The top four teams of the tournament will play Saturday afternoon, with the championship game scheduled for 6:30.

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	39	25	.609	—
Philadelphia	36	26	.581	2
Boston	36	27	.571	2½
Orlando	33	32	.508	6½
Washington	31	33	.484	8
New York	28	36	.438	11
Miami	21	43	.328	18

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	39	23	.629	—
Indiana	38	26	.594	2
New Orleans	37	28	.569	3½
Milwaukee	32	32	.500	8
Atlanta	25	39	.391	15
Chicago	23	42	.354	17½
Toronto	20	41	.328	18½
Cleveland	11	53	.172	29

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	48	15	.762	—
San Antonio	44	18	.710	3½
Minnesota	42	24	.636	7½
Utah	36	27	.571	12
Houston	32	30	.516	15½
Memphis	22	41	.349	26
Denver	14	51	.215	35

Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	45	19	.703	—
Portland	41	22	.651	3½
L.A. Lakers	35	27	.565	9
Phoenix	33	30	.524	11½
Golden State	31	33	.484	14
Seattle	28	34	.452	16
L.A. Clippers	20	43	.317	24½

Tuesday's Games

Miami 77, Cleveland 75
Washington 106, Orlando 105
New Orleans 81, Indiana 71
Memphis 87, New York 85
San Antonio 105, Milwaukee 102
Chicago 116, L.A. Lakers 99
Denver 95, Toronto 87
Portland 92, Seattle 77
Golden State 113, Phoenix 98

Wednesday's Games

Utah at Orlando, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at Boston, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Memphis, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Toronto at Portland, 10 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Boston at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Seattle, 10 p.m.
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White Sox players want mandatory steroid testing

CHICAGO (AP) — Frank Thomas isn't the only member of the Chicago White Sox who wants mandatory testing for steroids.

Sixteen members of the White Sox were ready to refuse a drug test Tuesday and be counted as having tested positive for steroids in hopes it would lead to more extensive monitoring. The players ultimately decided to take the test after consulting with Gene Orza, the No. 2 official of the players' union.

"I think some of them were saying that they would like an equal playing field," Kelly Wunsch, Chicago's player representative, said in Tucson, Ariz. "But no one turned in an essay on why they weren't going to take it."

Wunsch didn't name the 16 who considered refusing to take the test, and it wasn't clear if Thomas was among them. But the two-time MVP has said repeatedly that baseball needs stronger testing for steroids.

"We need this game to be played on an equal playing field for everyone," Thomas said. "Guys are taking things now that can kill them, so it is a problem."

Under the new collective bargaining agreement, all players on 40-man rosters are given two announced tests for illegal steroids as part of a survey. If more than 5 percent test positive for steroids, "program" testing starts the following year and continues until less than 2.5 percent test positive in two consecutive years combined.

Owners can also conduct up to 240 additional random tests if there is program testing next year.

Players who refuse a test are automatically counted as having tested positive for steroids. By refusing to take the test, the White Sox apparently were trying to force more extensive testing.

"There were some ideas floating around that got shelved quickly. It wouldn't be fair to the union," Wunsch said. "If we do anything to subvert that process then we would be unfair to the union, and what was agreed upon in the agreement.

"I made a few calls to clarify a couple of things, and then I came back (into the clubhouse) and said, 'Let's take the test,'" Wunsch added.

Orza declined comment, saying only, "The operation of the testing program by agreement of the parties is confidential." Rob Manfred, executive vice president of labor relations in the commissioner's office, also declined comment.

Commissioner Bud Selig was angered when he heard some of the White Sox had considered not taking the test, according to a high-ranking baseball official.

"Obviously, there are some players out there using that stuff," Thomas said. "Hopefully, the game won't be embarrassed by it."

Sports Briefs

Babe Ruth sign-ups

Babe Ruth League sign-up swill take place March 26-27 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., and on March 29 from 9 a.m. until noon in front of the baseball field house at the high school.

Any coaches interested contact Dwayne Murdock at 573-2207 or Larry Price at 573-0440.

FBC golf tournament

The First Baptist Church youth ministry will sponsor the "Send a Youth to Camp" golf tournament March 29 at the WTC golf course. Cost is $40 per person, with four people per team. Format is ABCD blind draw scramble. Call the church office at 573-2631 for more information or to register.

Uconn's streak snapped at 70

PISCATAWAY, N.J. (AP) — The longest winning streak in women's Division I history ended at 70 games when No. 18 Villanova handed No. 1 Connecticut its first loss since the end of the 2001 season, 52-48 for the championship of the Big East Conference tournament.

Big Spring softball tourney

The 2nd annual Longhorns Softball Tournament will be played March 22-23 at Cotton Mize Field in Big Spring. Entry fee is $110 per team. Call Oscar Cervantes at 268-9597 or Pano Rodriguez at 267-8307 for more information.

Snyder Bowling Leagues

Men's Commercial League

Team	W	L
Snyder Iron & Metal	91.5	61.5
Snyder Brick & Tile	91	62
The Shack	89	64
WTP Energy	82	71
Anadarko	77.5	75.5
Pin Busters	76.5	76.5
Blue Sunoco	74	79
Timely Finance	71.5	81.5
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High series: Rick Mammolite, scratch, 596; Mark Thompson, handicap, 661.
High game: Russ Robinson, scratch, 233; Michael Hildebrand, handicap, 284.
Splits and special mentions: Gary Kinder, 5-7-9; Wayne Monroney, 4-5; Todd Sorrells, 3-10; Russ Robinson, 3-10; Howard Ziegler, 5-7-9.

Jack-N-Jill

Team	W	L
Quick Auto	21	15
Timely Finance	20	16
Mama's Misfits	20	16
WTP Energy	19	17
Snyder Iron & Metal	19	17
Square Pants	18	17
JB's	18	18
BCEC	18	18
Rogers Backhoe	17	19
Snyder Lanes	9	27

High series: Scratch: Lynn Smith, 633, Dana Stone, 481; **Handicap:** Lynn Smith, 681, Carlene Webster, 632.
High game: Scratch: Lynn Smith, 223, Dana Stone, 172; **Handicap:** Ricky Stahl, 249, Carlene Webster, 229.

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CB Goodrich indicted

DALLAS (AP) — A grand jury indicted former Dallas Cowboys cornerback Dwayne Goodrich on Tuesday in a hit-and-run accident that killed two men.

Goodrich was named on two counts of manslaughter and three counts of failure to stop and render aid as well as aggravated assault. He was accused of driving through a fiery accident scene in the pre-dawn hours of Jan. 14, hitting three men on the side of a highway with his silver BMW.

Goodrich, who remained free on $65,000 bond, said earlier through his attorney that he initially thought he'd struck only debris from an accident on Interstate 35 in northwest Dallas.

Demont Matthews and Joseph Wood, both of Plano, were killed when they were struck by Goodrich.

NOTICE OF GAS RATE INCREASE REQUEST

TXU Gas Distribution (the "Company"), in accordance with the Gas Utility Regulatory Act, hereby gives notice of its intent to implement a new schedule of rates for natural gas service to be charged to all residential, commercial and industrial customers in the unincorporated areas in the vicinity of the West Region Distribution System ("Environs Customers"). The West Region Distribution System includes the following cities: Abilene, Albany, Alvarado, Anson, Avoca, Baird, Ballinger, Bangs, Benjamin, Blackwell, Blanket, Blum, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Carbon, Carlsbad, Cisco, Cleburne, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Covington, DeLeon, Desdemona, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Glen Rose, Godley, Gordon, Goree, Gorman, Granbury, Hamlin, Haskell, Hawley, Hermleigh, Hillsboro, Impact, Itasca, Joshua, Keene, Knox City, Lawn, Lipan, Loraine, Lueders, May, McCaulley, Meridian, Merkel, Miles, Moran, Morgan, Munday, Novice, O'Brien, Olden, Osceola, Ovalo, Putnam, Ranger, Red Springs, Rhineland, Rio Vista, Robert Lee, Roby, Rochester, Roscoe, Rotan, Rowena, Rule, San Angelo, Santa Anna, Santo, Seymour, Snyder, Stamford, Stephenville, Strawn, Sweetwater, Sylvester, Talpa, Throckmorton, Trent, Truscott, Tuscola, Tye, Valera, Vera, Weinert, Whitney, Wingate, and Winters.

The proposed revisions to the respective rate schedules will impact Residential Service, Commercial Service, Industrial Sales, Industrial Transportation, Rate Adjustment Provisions (Gas Cost Adjustment, Tax Adjustment, and Surcharges), and Miscellaneous Service Charges (Connection Charge, Read for Change Charge, Returned Check Charges, Delinquent Notification Charge, Main Line Extension Rate, Excess Flow Valve Charge, and Certain Stand-by Gas Generators). The proposed new schedule of rates will also eliminate the Rate Schedule for Public Schools-N and Commercial Contract Public Schools Rate.

The proposed rates are expected to produce a $357,845 or a 10.27 percent increase in the Company's annual revenues from residential, commercial and industrial environs customers in the West Region Distribution System. The proposed change will affect 3,494 residential, 475 commercial customers and 18 industrial customers. The proposed change may constitute a "major" change as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code. The proposed changes will have differing impacts on individual residential and commercial customers, depending on consumption and current applicable rate schedules. A residential customer receiving a bill for 6 Mcf will see a bill of approximately $50.93, which would constitute a change ranging from a decrease of $6.93 to an increase of approximately $7.60 per month. A commercial customer receiving a bill for 30 Mcf will see a change ranging from a 14.71% decrease to a 15.39% increase. Information on the change in any specific area can be obtained from TXU Gas Distribution.

A complete copy of the Statement of Intent, filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas on January 31, 2003 is available for inspection in the Company business office located at 1601 Bryan St., Dallas, Texas 75201. Persons with questions or who want information about this filing, or a copy, may contact TXU Gas Distribution at 1-800-460-3030. Any affected persons may file written comments or protest concerning the proposed change in environs rates by March 21, 2003, with Docket Services Section of the Legal Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967.

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Military helicopter crashes; 11 killed

FORT DRUM, N.Y. (AP) — The military confirmed today that 11 of the 13 soldiers aboard a Black Hawk helicopter died when their helicopter crashed during training in a remote, wooded area of a post in northern New York.

One of the two survivors was in critical condition today, and the other was in serious condition, a Fort Drum spokesman said.

The soldiers had just completed a "sling loading" exercise, loading and unloading equipment from a sling beneath the helicopter, and were on their way back to Wheeler-Sack Airfield when the helicopter crashed about three miles from the field, said Lt. Col. Bryan Hilferty.

Crews aboard two other helicopters flying in the same training formation did not see the crash, Hilferty said.

"They came back here and that's when they noticed the trail helicopter was missing," Hilferty said.

All 13 soldiers aboard the helicopter were active members of the 10th Mountain Division. The four crew members were from the division's Aviation Brigade. The infantrymen were from the Second Brigade.

Hilferty said officials would not release any of the victims' names until all the families had been contacted.

"Our focus is the families now," Hilferty said.

The accident will be investigated by a team from the Army Safety Center at Fort Rucker, Ala., and personnel from the Criminal Investigation Command, Hilferty said. The military's criminal investigation unit reviews all accidents at military facilities, he said.

Investigators stayed at the scene through the night. Today, heavy snow was falling, making their work more difficult.

Hilferty said there were no indication of problems before the crash.

"The first call I got was that it was missing. It just disappeared," Hilferty said.

"The Black Hawk is a great helicopter. It is the workhorse of the Army. It has a great safety record," Hilferty said.

Maj. Daniel Bohr at Fort Drum said the aircraft last made radio contact shortly before 2 p.m. Rescue crews located the crash site at about 3:30 p.m.

Hilferty said search crews were slowed getting to the scene by several feet of ice-covered snow in the crash area. The crash occurred about 150 yards from a dirt road, he said.

Hazel Seery said she was driving home from work about 2 p.m. when she saw two Army helicopters. After living in the area for 33 years, she has become accustomed to the training flights, but this one was different.

"There was one on the bottom and another helicopter flying on top of it. The one on the bottom's nose was up and the one on the top was tipping down," Seery said.

"I didn't see the crash but I knew something was up with all the commotion outside," she said.

The National Weather Service reported winds of 22 mph with gusts up to 30 mph at Wheeler-Sack field around 2 p.m. Steve Burton, a pilot with the air taxi service Adirondack Helicopters Inc. in Remsen, 60 miles south of the post, said there was nothing troubling about Tuesday's weather.

"Visibility is good," he said. "There's some wind but nothing we're not used to coping with this time of year."

Fort Drum, situated along the eastern shore of Lake Ontario about 70 miles northeast of Syracuse, is home to the 10th Mountain Division and has been a major staging area for reserve units taking part in the build-up toward war with Iraq. Nearly 1,000 division soldiers and reservists have left from Fort Drum in recent weeks.

The training mission had no connection with ongoing war exercises at the base, Hilferty said.

Students' anti-war letters get college professor suspended

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A college speech instructor was placed on leave for giving extra credit to students who wrote letters to President Bush opposing a war with Iraq but declining any bonus to students who support war.

Louis Zellers, president of Citrus College in suburban Glendora, said adjunct speech professor Rosalyn Kahn was placed on administrative leave with pay starting this week, pending a review.

"That's inappropriate and we're not going to tolerate it," Zellers said.

Zellers said he would send a letter of apology to the White House.

Kahn did not immediately return phone calls seeking comment.

Adjunct Faculty United, the professors' union, promised to support Kahn.

"We do not believe that the instructor was given due process," said Jean Culp, the union' co-president.

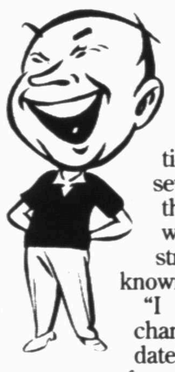
College officials said Kahn also offered students extra credit if they wrote letters to a state senator protesting state budget cuts that would reduce the number of adjunct faculty positions and eliminate some college classes.

"This just demonstrates the level of self-interest involved in the assignment," said Samuel T. Lee, associate dean of language arts and foreign languages at the two-year community college.

Today's chuckle

Scientists searching for outer space signals

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A project using shared home-computing power to search for alien signals from outer space will give a second listen to the most promising radio sources detected in four years of work.



Scientists on the SETI(at)home project will use the giant Arecibo radio telescope in Puerto Rico this month to revisit up to 150 spots identified as potential sources of radio signals from aliens. SETI stands for Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence.

The chosen signals were among billions detected since the project, based at the University of California, Berkeley, began in 1999.

The project harnesses the computing power of more than 4 million volunteers to scan the data collected at Arecibo, the world's largest telescope of its kind. That cuts the cost and time needed to sift through the telescope's data.

Dozens of signals were designated as particularly promising for several reasons, including the number of times they were detected, their strength and proximity to known stars.

"I give it a 1-in-10,000 chance that one of our candidate signals turns out to be from ET," said project scientist Dan Werthimer, a Berkeley physicist.

The results of the second listen should be available in two to three months.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Eyelid contractions are harmless

DEAR DR. GOTT: I enjoy your column. It is informational and sometimes humorous. Perhaps your straightforward approach will help me with my problem.

For the past four months, I have experienced periodic twitching of my eyelids. I work at a computer all day and have allergies. The fluttering is driving me crazy, but my doctor has no advice other than to prescribe sleeping pills, which don't work. Should I see a specialist?

DEAR READER: Eyelid twitching is a common consequence of stress and fatigue. In your case, the stress and fatigue are most likely the result of your excessive exposure to a computer screen.

First off, you should know that your symptom is not serious. It will not affect your health or your career. It is basically a temporary nuisance.

To test my theory of causation, try a simple experiment: take a well-deserved Caribbean holiday — or, if this option isn't in the cards, interrupt your computer activities for five minutes every hour. Get up from your seat, focus on distant workers in another part of your office, gently rub your eyes once or twice, get a drink of water, walk around — in other words, allow your eyes to relax. I suspect that this simple maneuver will reduce your fluttering and may even stop it. If not, see an ophthalmologist.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm male, 50 and anemic. I was prescribed iron supplements that didn't help. I've had one negative test for intestinal bleeding. My mother was also anemic. Could my problem be hereditary?

DEAR READER: Yes, it could.

There are several anemia-causing disorders, including thalassemia and sickle-cell disease. However, in a healthy 50-year-old man, I'd want accurately to define more common causes, such as intestinal bleeding or vitamin/mineral deficiencies. In my opinion, you need further analysis.

As a start, you should have several tests for fecal blood, and — perhaps — a colon study to investigate the possibility of a blood leak originating in your lower intestine. You also need a series of blood tests that will show how your red blood cells appear and the level of iron and vitamins in your system. Finally — if appropriate — a bone marrow examination should be considered.

Diagnosing the cause of anemia can be a challenging task. However, I urge you to work closely with your primary care physician to obtain more information. If the diagnosis remains in doubt, I recommend consultation with a hematologist.

Most causes of anemia are curable, or at least treatable, so don't put off getting suitable professional attention and advice.

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

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 03-12-03
♠ K J 4 2
♥ 6
♦ K Q 5 4
♣ K Q J 3

West
♠ [illegible]
♥ A K 5 3
♦ 10 8 3
♣ 7 6 4

East
♠ 7 5
♥ 10 8 7 4 2
♦ 9 7 6 2
♣ 10 2

South
♠ A 8 6 3
♥ Q J 9
♦ A J
♣ A 9 8 5

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	6 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ A

Wednesday, March 12, 2003

Some are more important than others

By Phillip Alder

In yesterday's deal, Benito Garozzo paid careful attention to the trump spots, knowing that only the five was missing after two rounds of the suit. However, on other deals, some players incorrectly put too much emphasis on the spot-cards. Take the spade suit in today's deal. You must handle it without loss. What is the correct line?

North used Stayman, then, after uncovering the 4-4 spade fit, he launched aggressively into Blackwood before bidding the small slam.

West led the heart ace. Then, for want of something better to do, he continued with the heart king. After ruffing in the dummy, declarer played a spade to his ace and led a second spade. When West followed low, South stopped.

There were two missing spades, the 10 and queen. If either opponent had both of them, declarer was down. He assumed, therefore, that they were split. So, it was apparently 50-50 whether East was looking at the 10 or queen. He took a coin from his pocket, flipped it, and when heads came up, he called for dummy's king, going one down because East produced the 10.

South's thinking was wrong. The three spot-cards are equivalent; it is irrelevant which were played. South assumed West held x-x-x and East Q-x. But West can hold Q-x-x in six different ways: Q-10-9, Q-10-7, Q-10-5, Q-9-7, Q-9-5 and Q-7-5. But there are only four possible x-x-x holdings: 10-9-7, 10-9-5, 10-7-5 and 9-7-5. So, finessing on round two is easily the percentage play.

This is the reason for "eight ever." Tomorrow, we'll move on to "nine never."

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Markets

Midday Stocks

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	1.60	1.25	1.41	—.18
AOL TimeWrn	11.10	10.60	10.71	—.40
AT&T Corp rs	16.20	15.88	16.06	+.05
Albertsons	18.20	17.99	18.00	—.04
Alltel	41.40	40.68	41.10	—.05
AmEl Pw	21.62	21.32	21.37	—.05
AndarkPtr	44.61	43.25	43.33	—1.28
ATMOS Eny	21.12	20.85	21.02	+.07
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BP PLC	37.50	36.87	36.93	—1.32
BakerHughes	29.19	28.31	28.60	—.63
Bank of Amer	65.68	64.46	64.88	—.75
BellSouth	20.30	19.97	20.14	+.09
BurlNoSFe	23.66	23.41	23.47	—.22
Caterpillar	44.63	44.10	44.27	—.23
CenterPoint	6.28	6.07	6.08	
ChevronTex	63.74	62.26	62.40	—1.34
Citigroup	31.89	30.85	30.95	—.60
CocaCola	37.98	37.48	37.86	+.42
ColgatePal	50.41	49.55	50.36	+.51
CmclMetals s	13.07	12.85	12.86	—.16
ConocoPhill	50.71	49.48	49.67	—1.04
Cooper Inds	35.45	34.95	35.01	—.34
DaimlrChry	27.33	26.27	26.38	—1.01
DeltaAirl	7.30	6.56	7.20	+.45
Dillards Inc	12.61	12.39	12.50	—.12
DowChem	25.24	24.88	24.94	—.22
DuPont	35.34	35.02	35.10	—.31
EastmanChem	29.20	28.30	28.33	—.91
EstKodak	28.34	27.39	27.42	—1.28
EDS Corp	14.60	14.42	14.49	+.04
Entergy	45.56	45.19	45.21	—.09
ExxonMobil	34.57	33.40	33.56	—1.01
FootLocker	10.20	9.41	9.55	—.60
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Hanson ADS	23.65	23.35	23.55	+.20
HarteHanks s	17.56	17.26	17.33	—.17
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HoneywellIntl	20.86	20.44	20.52	—.37
IBM	76.29	74.52	74.80	—.55
IntlPaper	33.83	33.33	33.49	—.17
JohnsonJn	54.80	54.28	54.49	+.01
KinderMorg	42.90	42.43	42.61	—.32
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MayDeptStr	18.13	17.85	18.05	+.04
Medtronic	43.85	42.75	43.05	—.65
Motorola	8.03	7.81	8.00	+.06
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Navistar	21.20	20.52	20.92	+.04
PNM Rescs	20.83	20.68	20.73	
Penney JC	18.73	18.40	18.59	
PepBoys	8.15	7.81	7.82	—.25
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Pharmacia	40.20	39.55	39.69	—.42
PhelpDodge	31.08	30.24	30.45	—.64
PilgrmPrd B	7.11	7.04	7.05	—.16
Praxair	50.70	50.15	50.29	—.37
ProctGamb	81.32	80.46	81.18	+.48
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SBC Comm	19.58	19.20	19.37	+.03
SaraLee	19.00	18.67	18.93	+.10
Scripps EW	75.73	74.66	74.91	—.48
SearsRoeb	18.81	18.35	18.49	—.17
SherwinW	24.84	24.52	24.55	—.27
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SprintFON	11.37	11.13	11.24	+.09
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TylerTech	3.46	3.43	3.43	—.08
UnionPacif	51.96	51.25	51.35	—.64
USSteel	10.54	10.01	10.12	—.46
UnitedTech	54.91	53.59	53.88	—.35
Unocal	25.52	25.05	25.09	—.43
VerizonComm	32.78	32.26	32.67	+.26
WalMart	47.30	46.60	47.15	+.35
WellsFargo	44.59	43.73	43.84	—.50
WstnGasRs	32.60	32.06	32.07	—.53
WinnDixie	12.16	11.92	11.93	—.07
Xerox Cp	8.68	8.50	8.59	+.04
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GOP budget writers seek to erase deficits

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairman of the House Budget Committee says he has prepared a plan for balancing the budget in seven years by cutting spending below what President Bush has proposed.

Chairman Jim Nussle, R-Iowa, planned to seek approval today for his proposed reductions from fellow House Republicans, who participants said might force him to ease some cuts. His plan includes more than $400 billion in savings over the next decade that Congress would cull from a wide range of benefit programs, said one Republican familiar with the plan.

Across the Capitol, Senate Budget Committee Chairman Don Nickles, R-Okla., was also finding it hard to eliminate annual deficits over the next decade in a way his colleagues would support. To limit red ink, he was discussing a fiscal blueprint that would include only about $1.3 trillion of the $1.57 trillion in new tax cuts over the next 10 years that Bush wants.

Nussle planned to push his proposal through his panel today over expected solid Democratic opposition. The Senate Budget Committee planned to debate Nickles' plan today, and Nickles was struggling to find enough votes.

Nussle's plan would propose about $10 billion less than the $786 billion Bush wants for next year for the part of the budget that Congress must approve annually that covers federal agencies' budgets, said a Republican who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The House budget chairman said his proposed savings would exempt only Social Security, unemployment benefits, the military and domestic security.

"We have to look at the spending side of the ledger," Nussle told reporters Tuesday. "We can't just assume we'll grow our way out of this circumstance."

Congress' budget sets overall revenue and spending targets, with later bills making actual changes in tax law and program expenditures.

Senate rejects expanded health care for low-income women

WASHINGTON (AP) — Losing a procedural vote to make contraceptives more widely available, Senate Democrats continued attempts to chip away at a bill that would outlaw a medical procedure that critics call partial birth abortion.

Conceding that the bill will pass, Democrats nonetheless demanded an upcoming vote on an amendment to create an exemption when two doctors certify that the woman's health would be at risk without the procedure.

Democrats' efforts to amend the bill to expand government health care for low-income women failed Tuesday on a procedural vote. A majority in the 49-47 vote expressed a willingness to add the provision, but that was short of the 60 votes needed to waive Senate rules requiring a supermajority if a measure would force government spending higher than what has been budgeted.

The same vote also turned back proposals to make emergency contraceptives available in hospital emergency rooms for rape victims and require insurance companies to include birth control pills in their prescription drug coverage.

The underlying abortion measure is expected to clear the Senate later this week, and House passage is assured.

President Bush has said he would sign the legislation.

Residential burglary reported

Theft

Ector Barboza at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday reported a break-in at his home in the 600 block of 16th Street. A report for burglary of a residence was submitted.

Dog bite

A woman in the 1600 block of Keller Ave. reported at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday that a neighbor's dog attacked her husband. Officers advised an offense report for dog bite would be submitted.

Vandalism

Bill Jones reported vandalism at West Side 66 on 25th Street Tuesday morning. Officers submitted a report for Class B criminal mischief.

Damaged Mailboxes

Several residents reported Tuesday morning that their mailboxes were damaged.

Reports came from the 300 block of 34th Street, the 3100 block of Beaumont and the 2300 block of 28th Street. Close patrols were initiated at each location.

Noise complaint

An anonymous caller reported loud music in the 1200 block of 25th Street at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. Officers contacted a subject who agreed to lower the volume.

Close patrols

A woman in the 1100 block of 25th Street reported at 7:50 p.m. Tuesday that an unknown subject walked into her home through the back door and ran out the front. A close patrol was initiated.

Barring high court reprieve, Texas may have 300th execution

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — In the 22 years since convicted killer Delma Banks arrived on Texas death row, he's watched 299 prisoners be taken away for execution. Barring a U.S. Supreme Court reprieve, he'll be No. 300 tonight.

"You're talking to men, one day they move them out and they don't return," Banks, 44, condemned for a fatal shooting near Texarkana, recently said.

In spending more than half of his life awaiting lethal injection, Banks has been on death row longer than the 16-year-old victim in his case, Richard Wayne Whitehead, was alive.

"I'm terribly upset it's gone on for this long period of time," says Larry Whitehead, whose son was gunned down and had his car stolen in 1980. "It's very frustrating and very hard on us and has been for the fact this keeps coming back up."

The 299th execution since Texas resumed carrying out capital punishment in 1982 — and 10th this year — occurred Tuesday night when Bobby Glen Cook received lethal injection for killing Edwin Holder, 42, a fisherman who was robbed and shot in the head Feb. 6, 1993, while he slept along the Trinity River in Anderson County in East Texas.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals earlier this week refused to block Banks' execution and the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles dismissed a petition for commutation and reprieve because it was filed too late.

"Texas is more concerned with compiling execution statistics than pursuing justice," said Rick Halperin, president of the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty.

Texas accounts for more than one-third of the 835 executions in the United States since 1976, when the death penalty resumed under a Supreme Court ruling. No other state is even close. Virginia is second with 87.

"We are confident that the United States Supreme Court will intervene and prevent Mr. Banks' execution," said one of Banks' lawyers, George Kendall, whose appeal has drawn support of three former federal judges, including William Sessions, a former FBI director.

Banks' lawyers argued his trial attorney did a lousy job, prosecutors improperly disqualified blacks from his jury and two witnesses against Banks were shaky in a case where Banks should have been found innocent.

"Mr. Banks' case is fraught with the kind of unreliability that we know leads to wrongful convictions," said Kendall, an attorney for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund.

Births

Scott and Alicia Trevey of Lubbock announce the birth of their daughter, Kayton Nicole, at 6:49 p.m. on March 3 in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Kayton weighed six pounds, seven ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Terry and Sandie Drum of Lubbock. Paternal grandparents are Ralph and Virginia Trevey of Snyder.

M.B. and Martha Bolden of Groom and Lewis and Ruth Drum of Boys Ranch are maternal great-grandparents. S.W. Trevey of Snyder and Joyce Odom of Cross Plains are paternal great-grandparents.

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Kyle and Toni Cox of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter, Kyla Jo Cox. She was born, weighing seven pounds, two ounces, at 12:39 p.m. on March 7 in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

She was also welcomed by two brothers, Justin and Braden, and one sister, Lindsey.

Maternal grandparents are Billy and Wenona Evans and paternal grandparents are Odell and Carolyn Cox. Great-grandparents are Billy and Merle Evans. All are of Snyder.

Obituaries

Minnie Clark

1920-2003

Graveside service for Minnie Laura "Me-Maw" Clark is set for 11 a.m. Thursday in the Snyder Cemetery with Bill Love officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Mrs. Clark, 82, died Monday, March 10, in Riverside Nursing Home in San Angelo.

Minnie Clark

Born May 4, 1920 in Hale Center, she married O.E. Clark on Dec. 21, 1946 in Plainview. He preceded her in death. Mrs. Clark moved from Snyder to San Angelo in 1989.

She also was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas Dowell and Clara Webb McMennamy; and two brothers, Wilson and T.D. McMennamy.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Lauren and Gary Floyd of San Angelo; two sisters, Sylbia Norman of Fort Worth and Jean Warren of Amarillo; three grandchildren, Laurie Gavigan of Green Pond, S.C., Kristina Alexander and Kerri Floyd, both of San Angelo; and three great-grandchildren.

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Lee Weigel

1928-2003

SEGUIN — Lee Allen Weigel Jr., a retired Sun Company employee, died Saturday, March 8.

A memorial service for Mr. Weigel, 75, was set for 3 p.m. today in the Palmer Mortuary Chapel in Seguin.

Born Feb. 13, 1928 in Choate, he attended high school in Alice, leaving before graduation to join the Merchant Marines, serving in the Pacific theater during World War II.

In 1948, Mr. Weigel began work for Sun Company, starting as a roughneck and retiring as production foreman of natural gas in 1984. He moved from Robert Lee to Seguin and for the past 17 years he provided guidance to those seeking a new start in life through the Seguin Tri-Party Club.

Survivors include two sons, Tommy Weigel of Austin and Paul Weigel of Seguin; a daughter, Lisa Ann Weigel of New Braunfels; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Guadalupe Valley Hospital Hospice or to the American Cancer Society.

Joyce Childs

1942-2003

LORAINE — Joyce Graham Childs, a former resident of Snyder and Ira, died Saturday, March 8, in a Midland hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Childs, 61, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Loraine First Baptist Church. The Rev. Ronnie Skaggs and the Rev. Bryan Waddell will officiate. Burial will follow in the Loraine Cemetery.

Born March 1, 1942 in Loraine, she married Wayne Childs on March 1, 1984 in Big Spring where she had lived before returning to live in Loraine.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Pamela Martin; and a grandson, Reno James Martin.

Survivors include her husband, Wayne Childs of Loraine; her parents, Elwood and Mable Graham of Loraine; a daughter, Tammy Morrison of Knoxville, Tenn.; two sons, Steve Fortenberry of Sand Springs and James Martin of San Angelo; three stepsons, John Childs of Midland, James Childs of Houston and Jereld Childs of Seminole, Okla.; a stepdaughter, Tabitha Wilson of Conroe; two sisters, Leona Loyce Franklin of Colorado City and Jean Graham of Lancaster; three brothers, James Graham of Tucson, Ariz., Carl Graham of Colorado City and Tom Graham of Abilene; 11 grandchildren; 12 step-grandchildren.

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Partly cloudy. High around 80F. Winds E at 5 to 10 mph.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	Partial sunshine. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 50s.
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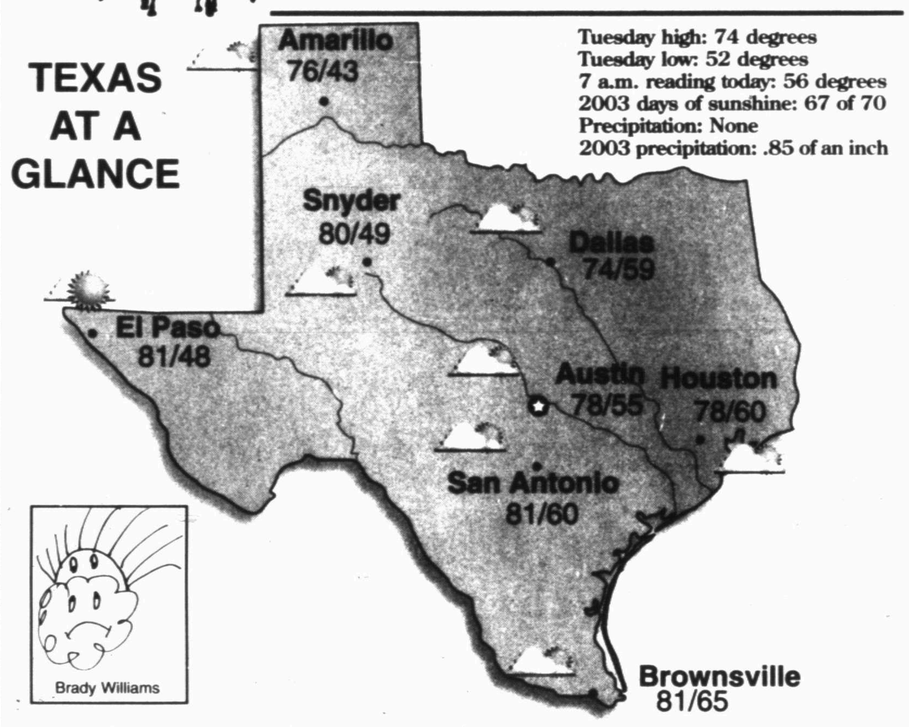

Tuesday high: 74 degrees
Tuesday low: 52 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 56 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 67 of 70
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: .85 of an inch

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	79	56	pt sunny	El Paso	81	48	mst sunny	Midland	83	52	pt sunny
Amarillo	76	43	pt sunny	Fort Stockton	85	52	pt sunny	Raymondville	82	62	pt sunny
Austin	78	55	pt sunny	Gainesville	74	53	pt sunny	Rosenberg	78	59	pt sunny
Beaumont	77	58	pt sunny	Greenville	72	54	pt sunny	San Antonio	81	60	pt sunny
Brownsville	81	65	pt sunny	Houston	78	60	pt sunny	San Marcos	79	56	pt sunny
Brownwood	81	55	pt sunny	Kingsville	82	61	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	73	54	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	78	62	pt sunny	Livingston	77	54	t-storm	Sweetwater	81	53	pt sunny
Corsicana	73	56	t-storm	Longview	75	55	t-storm	Tyler	75	59	t-storm
Dallas	74	59	pt sunny	Lubbock	80	46	pt sunny	Weatherford	75	53	pt sunny
Del Rio	88	64	pt sunny	Lufkin	77	57	t-storm	Wichita Falls	78	53	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	71	48	t-storm	Houston	78	60	pt sunny	Phoenix	84	60	mst sunny
Boston	31	21	sn shower	Los Angeles	71	53	pt sunny	San Francisco	62	56	rain
Chicago	43	31	pt sunny	Miami	86	74	pt sunny	Seattle	54	45	rain
Dallas	74	59	pt sunny	Minneapolis	44	31	pt sunny	St. Louis	63	40	pt sunny
Denver	71	39	mst sunny	New York	40	26	mixed	Washington, DC	50	35	rain

Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
Mar 11	Mar 18	Mar 25	Apr 1

UV Index

Thu 3/13	Fri 3/14	Sat 3/15
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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, March 13, 2003

It looks like the year ahead will be a better one for you than usual. Some exciting happenings will stimulate your well-being and give you much courage to take on several projects that can improve your lifestyle.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — You could be a bit luckier today in ventures that have some elements of chance. However, this doesn't mean you should get reckless and put your money down on foolish long shots.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Being in the company of persons with whom you have close personal bonds will make your day today. If your calendar is packed with outside interests, change some plans in order to be with a loved one.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Continue to search all your venues for new developments or opportunities that can help you acquire one of your fondest wishes. You have a good chance of finding a means today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Capitalize on your opportunities at this time and you'll continue to have excellent potential for material growth. Don't let any advantage or opening to add to your resources slip by.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — There are indications today that you may be exposed to some type of inspirational stimulation. Listen well and digest what is said, because it could have a profound effect on your outlook.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — There is some kind of activity stirring behind the scenes today of which you're totally unaware. Once it surfaces, however, you'll be pleased by it, because it's being done on your behalf.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Have faith in your thinking today, because your judgment is better than you think. Once you decide upon something, make every effort to see it through to completion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — It would behoove you today to raise your sights a bit higher where your career or aspirations are concerned. Challenges will awaken your better qualities and urge you on to success.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Friends have a sincere appreciation for your organizing abilities and may draft you today into making the arrangements for a social event. You'll justify their faith in you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Something you've been unable to acquire through your usual sources may finally be attained through an untapped channel an associate finds. It'll make your day.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Making time to take a short excursion could satisfy your restless spirit today. You won't have to put too many miles on your car; simply get out and move about a bit with a couple of pals.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Your financial aspects look especially encouraging today, particularly in situations where you are earning income through your acquired talents and skills. Keep plugging.

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VISIT FIRE STATION — Firefighter Ben Poe recently took Ira Cub Scouts on a tour of the fire station. Standing in back from left are Clay Johnson, Kole King, Brady Ledbetter, Poe, Conner Smith, Travis Hartman and Grant Flowers; front row, Jared Smith, Caleb Martin and Kaleb Derryberry. (Contributed Photo)

Husband of Columbia victim urges teachers to use article

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — At first the special Scholastic News issue featuring space shuttle Columbia astronaut Laurel Clark seemed too tragic to be used in the classroom.

After the Columbia accident, the editors at the newspaper for school children quickly wrote teachers advising them not to use their newest issue.

The four-page edition featured was a spread titled "My Mom Is an Astronaut," including photos of Clark and her 8-year-old son Iain.

When he learned of the publication's reticence, the astronaut's husband, Jonathan Clark, urged the opposite. He asked Scholastic News to encourage teachers to use the issue, saying it's what his wife would have wanted.

Laurel Clark, one of seven astronauts killed in the Feb. 1 disaster, was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on Monday.

Her husband, a NASA flight surgeon, said she loved children and teaching. Once he had asked her what she would do if she didn't become an astronaut.

"And she said, 'I'll be a stay-at-home mom.' It shows her perspective, (she) could stay at home and be a mom and be just as happy as being an astronaut. She relished both of those equally."

In a letter to teachers on Scholastic's Web site, Jon Clark wrote:

"Although this was a terrible loss for my son and me, as well as the rest of the Columbia families, and the nation and the world, we felt extremely proud that Laurel was an astronaut whose mission was to help make new discoveries to help humankind.

"So many emotions and issues are tied with this article now: sadness and hope, exploration and discovery, challenge and risk, to name a few. It is now up to the educators and parents to pass this spirit on to our legacy and future, our children."

Southwest flight attendants protest more work with no breaks, meals

WASHINGTON (AP) — Southwest Airlines flight attendants say the prospect of no meal breaks at the nation's most profitable airline is no picnic.

So, picnic baskets in hand and passing out boxed lunches to their co-workers, the flight attendants plan to protest Wednesday at airports in Baltimore, Chicago and Oakland, Calif.

The demonstrations are aimed at a management proposal to increase working hours without providing breaks or meals.

The airline's 7,500 flight attendants are represented by the Transport Workers Union, which has been negotiating a new contract for nine months.

Southwest, the nation's only major airline posting profits in an industry struggling for survival, wants its flight attendants to add 2.5 hours to their 10.5-hour days, and to cut their time off.

While other airlines have laid off thousands of workers and slashed operations since the terrorist attacks, Southwest has not.

"We really want to keep the Southwest spirit that is so well known, as it is or even better," said Portia Reddick, a Baltimore-based flight attendant. But the flight attendants also want their customers to know about the "quality of life" issues that could affect the upbeat image the low-cost carrier presents, Reddick said.

The flight attendants are the airline's only unresolved labor contract. About 85 percent of Southwest's employees are represented by a union.

Ed Stewart, spokesman for Dallas-based Southwest, said talks are continuing. "We think negotiations are proceeding quite productively," he said. "Make no mistake, we know beyond a shadow of a doubt that we do have the best flight attendants in the industry."

Southwest flight attendants have tried repeatedly to successfully negotiate a 15-minute per day break. Reddick said she often eats lunch on the plane standing over a trash can, if she gets to eat at all. Southwest's flight attendants and pilots clean the airplanes between flights, unlike other airlines that have cleaning crews.

"There are some small steps we need to take, some quality of life issues we're speaking to," Reddick said.

Major airlines lost $7.7 billion in 2001 and more than $10 billion in 2002. In that climate, Southwest now is being forced to examine ways to cut costs and improve operations. Southwest's earnings plummeted 53 percent last year.

Since the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, major airlines have cut 100,000 jobs, slashed in-flight food service, hedged fuel costs, closed reservation centers, installed automatic check-in kiosks and changed flight schedules at hubs to use planes more efficiently.

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