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WTC must make reductions, however...

Little known locally about state budget cuts

By Brian Brisendine
SDN Staff Writer

State agencies are beginning the task of slashing at least 7 percent from current budgets to help solve a $1.8 billion shortfall, but it is mostly unknown what affect the cuts could have in Snyder.

Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick — all Republicans — ordered the cuts in a letter sent last week to state agencies with recommendations to consider layoffs and hiring freezes, stopping travel and limiting purchases until Aug. 31.

Agency heads were ordered to trim administrative costs first and cut services last.

Dr. Greg Williams, Western Texas College president, said a letter was received Friday afternoon from the Texas Association of Community Colleges forwarding the bad news.

The college must respond to the governor's office with a plan for how the reductions will be made.

"What I do know at the moment is that the seven percent cut being ordered by the governor's office does include community colleges," he said. "It's going to be tough because Austin wants us to make budget reductions without reducing services."

Dr. Williams said he would meet this week with WTC's administrative staff to search for a solution.

"We've already cut travel so we're going to have to look in other areas," he said. "We're already pretty lean out here."

Larger universities across the state were ordered to strip hundreds of millions of dollars from operating budgets.

Dewhurst said the goal is to trim $500 million to $700 million to ease budget problems facing lawmakers through 2005.

Texas Education Agency employees were told in an e-mail Thursday that Commissioner Felipe Alanis cut $25 million by ordering a hiring freeze, limiting non-essential travel and outside training costs, among other reductions.

The e-mail said the agency's 850 employees must work harder to make sure Texas' 4.1 million students and 1,020 school districts are not hurt by the cuts.

The Foundation School Fund, the main source of public school funding in Texas, was exempted by the order, as were the Children's Health Insurance Program and portions of Medicaid.

Snyder ISD interim Supt. Jim Kirkland said the budget cuts are restricted to higher education, but affects could trickle down.

"I know that they have frozen TIF money, but it is my understanding that those monies haven't been granted yet," he said. "I don't think it will affect current or ongoing grants."

Kirkland said the local school system hasn't received any correspondence from the governor's office or from the TEA.

Ira superintendent Dr. Larry Devitt and Hermleigh interim Supt. James Bible both were attending a conference until Wednesday and were unavailable for comment.

However, both school districts have recently updated computer laboratories with the use of TIF grants.

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs made cuts by instituting a hiring freeze and delaying the purchase of new vehicles for state inspectors. The actions will save $1.8 million.

Health and Human Services Commission spokeswoman Kristie Zamrazil said the agency responsible for 11 other state departments and Medicaid would look first to administrative savings before cutting services to the poor and disabled.

Darla Richardson of the Department of Human Services in Abilene said, "We don't know anything at this time."

Richardson said the department's commissioner had not given specific information as to how cuts will be made.

Texas Department of Transportation spokesman Mike Cox said officials are scrutinizing its budget in an effort to comply with the directive. "It's too early to tell what effect it would have on TxDoT."

Blaire Haynie with the TxDoT regional headquarters in Abilene said he doesn't think the cuts would effect highway projects in Scurry County.

"A lot of the money for these projects is federal money," he said. "The state matches those dollars, but once a project is approved the money is there."

Haynie said current roadwork in the county would continue and construction on College Ave. remains on schedule to begin in April.

Thursday's letter came as no surprise for officials at Texas Tech University, where financial officers have been preparing all week.

"Our goal is to look at nonacademic areas first and look at making funding cuts without effecting students, faculty or patients, or to do so as little as possible," said spokeswoman Cindy Rugeley.

Cuts must be identified by Feb. 6.

Even with $700 million in cuts, the state still will have a shortfall of at least $1.1 billion this fiscal year.

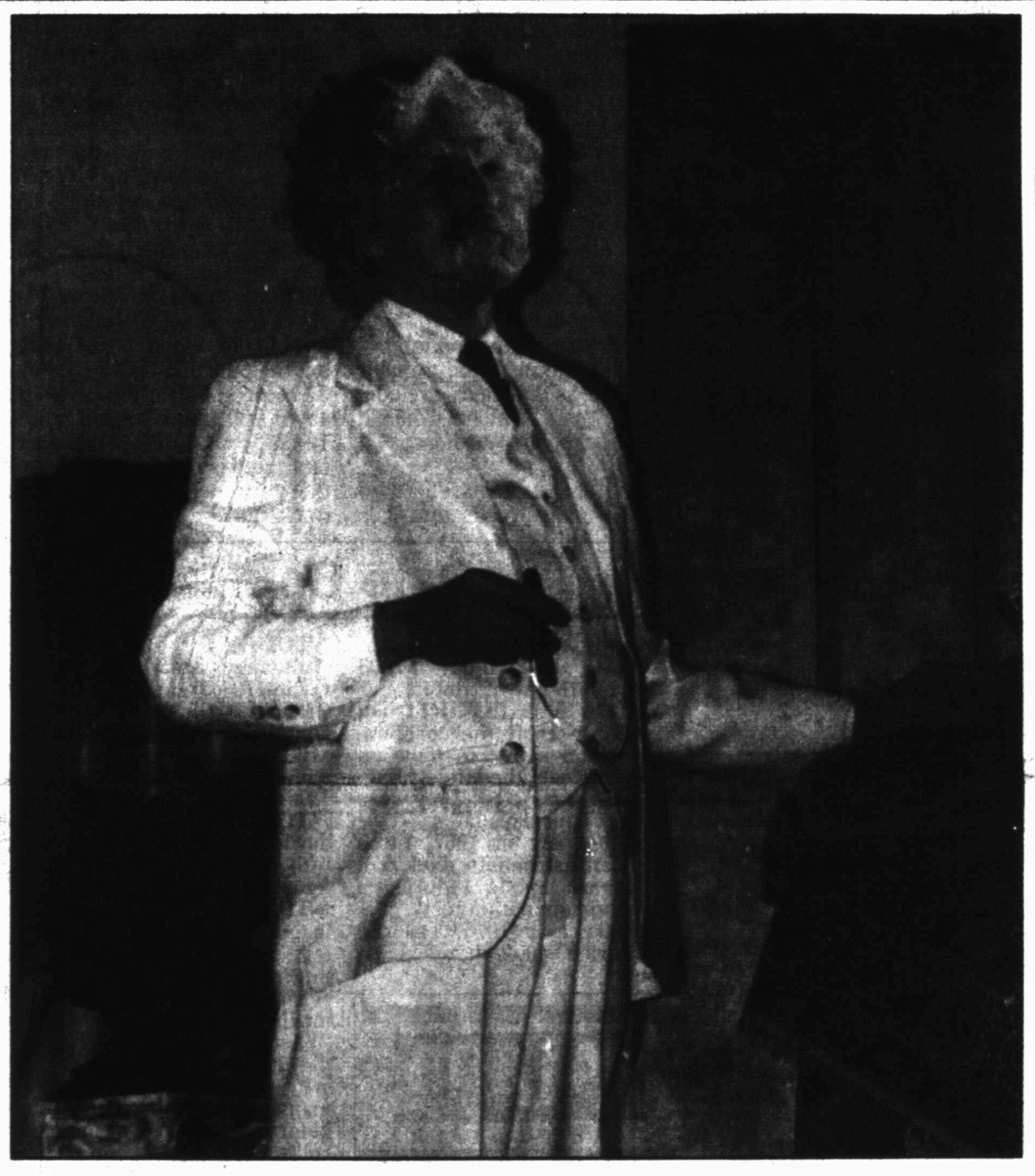
The state constitution requires a balanced budget, so lawmakers will have to find enough savings from cuts or use revenue meant for the next budget to fill the hole for fiscal year 2003, which ends Aug. 31.

Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn, the state's chief financial officer, projects that the $114 billion budget will be $1.8 billion short unless spending is cut or new revenue is found.

She predicts another $8.1 billion shortfall for the next 2004-05 spending plan if lawmakers keep programs and services the way they are now.

On Thursday, she cut 6 percent of her agency's remaining $86 million and said she'll look for more places to save money.

Perry cut his office's budget 14 percent for the remainder of the fiscal year. "I will not ask any agency to do what I am not willing to do myself."



Citizens honored at chamber banquet

BANQUET ENTERTAINMENT — Donald Cowan provided the entertainment at Saturday night's chamber of commerce banquet as he portrayed Mark Twain. Honored at the banquet were Dixie Haggard with the Education Excellence Award; Billy Grimmett with the Chamber's Choice honor; Gayle McDonald, posthumously, with the McLaughlin Award; Max von Roeder with the Vestal Award; Greg Gafford with the Winston Award; and Jeffrey Martin with the Sizemore Award. A picture page from the banquet is on Page 10. (SDN Staff Photos)

Iraq has done little to avert war

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration dismissed Iraq's response to U.N. disarmament demands as inadequate today, saying there is nothing in the report of inspectors that indicated a willingness to comply or that Iraq has done enough to avert war.

"They are not cooperating unconditionally," John Negroponte, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, said in New York.

"In the days ahead, we believe the council and its member governments must face its responsibilities and consider what message council irresolution sends to Iraq and other proliferators," Negroponte said. "It benefits no one to let Saddam Hussein think he can wear us down into the business as usual as he has practiced it over the last 12 years."

Negroponte said the United States has concluded "there is an entire state apparatus in Iraq whose sole purpose is to obstruct the inspections."

While there are some positive elements in the report on two months of searches for hidden weapons, there is no indication that Iraq will comply with the resolution, an administration official said earlier, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Secretary of State Colin Powell planned to respond later today.

The White House also reacted coolly to U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan's plea today for longer weapons inspections in Iraq as the chief inspector said Baghdad must do more "on substance" to prove it is disarming.

Head, Jenkins, Benitez are contest winners

The Tampa Bay Bucaneers were not the only big winners in Sunday's championship football game as three entrants in the Snyder Daily News' "Super Bowl Contest" also cashed in — but not for quite as much.

Kirby Head's name was drawn from among the correct entries to take home the first place prize of $50, while Michele Jenkins captured the second place prize of $25.

Alyssa Benitez is the winner of $10 for third place.

Area sales tax rebates

City	January '03	January '02	+/-	Year '03	Year '02	+/-
Abilene	$1,916,870.68	$1,789,116.37	7.14%	$1,916,870.68	$1,789,116.37	7.14%
Big Spring	$250,107.49	$248,317.85	0.72%	$250,107.49	$248,317.85	0.72%
Colorado City	$27,368.94	$31,004.82	-11.72%	$27,368.94	$31,004.82	-11.72%
Lamesa	$56,329.66	$58,367.84	-3.49%	$56,329.66	$58,367.84	-3.49%
Lubbock	$2,019,661.12	$2,076,018.12	-2.71%	$2,019,661.12	$2,076,018.12	-2.71%
Post	$17,134.79	$18,020.54	-4.91%	$17,134.79	$18,020.54	-4.91%
Roby	$1,001.59	$893.41	12.10%	$1,001.59	$893.41.10	12.10%
Rotan	$7,777.10	$6,725.83	15.63%	$7,777.10	$6,725.83	15.63%
Snyder	$117,996.52	$111,771.67	5.56%	$117,996.52	$111,771.67	5.56%
Sweetwater	$150,012.20	$127,926.33	17.26%	$150,012.20	$127,926.33	17.26%

SALES TAX REBATE — Snyder's sales tax rebate check for January was up more than 5 percent over the same month last year. The city's check was for $117,996.52 as compared to $111,771.67 last January.

Former energy trader with Dynegy arrested

HOUSTON (AP) — A former Dynegy Inc. trader has been indicted on federal charges of wire fraud and reporting false trade information that could have influenced the price of natural gas.

Michelle Marie Valencia, 32, was arrested this morning at her Houston home and was to appear later in the day before a U.S. magistrate.

The indictment, unsealed today, alleged Valencia reported 43 fake natural gas trades on three occasions from November 2000 to February 2001 to an industry newsletter, "Inside FERC Gas Market Report."

U.S. Attorney Michael Shelby said Valencia also was charged with four counts of wire fraud.

The newsletter uses such information submitted each month to calculate index prices for the subsequent month and movement in index prices often affects the level of profits traders can generate.

If convicted, Valencia faces up to five years in prison and a fine of $500,000.

ASK US

Q—How much money did the sale following the Scurry County Jr. Livestock Show generate?
A—$160,000.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Betty Nolan...

...librarian at Stanfield Elementary, has lived in Snyder for two years. Her husband Robbie is a musician. He has lived in Snyder all of his life. They have five children, Michael, who is in the ninth grade; Patrick and Sharla, sixth grade; Randy, eighth grade; and Kim, fifth grade. Betty enjoys ceramics, gardening and music.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Conscience takes up more room than all the rest of a person's insides.
—Mark Twain

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Salvador Luna family fund

A special account, #1621181, has been set up at Snyder National Bank for the Salvador Luna family who lost loved ones and all their possession in a fire Thursday morning. Any donations to help the family with expenses will be appreciated.

Support groups

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

Ira Masonic Lodge

Ira Masonic Lodge #934 will meet tonight at 7:30 p.m.

Book fair

Scurry Community Services, 2800 2nd St., will hold its annual book fair from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. today through Friday and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

Shattered dreams program

Parents of SHS junior and seniors who are interested in their children participating in the Shattered Dreams Program are invited to attend a committee meeting at 7 tonight in the Snyder Junior High auditorium.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "The Miracles of the Holy Spirit," followed by "Walking with Jesus."

WTC testing dates

Western Texas College's testing date for LVN ASSET COMPASS QUICKTASP will be Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact the counseling office at 573-8511 ext. 313.

Genealogy Society to meet

The Genealogy Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Scurry County Library. The topic will be the Sultana disaster of 1865.

Cancer board to meet

The Scurry Unit of the American Cancer Society will hold a meeting of the board of directors at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Stanfield Elementary teachers' lounge.

Wednesday night Bible study

Beloved Disciple, a small group study by Beth Moore led by Janeen Patterson, will be starting at 6 p.m. Wednesday at First United Methodist Church. If interested, call Andra at 573-5416.

South Pacific set at SHS

Snyder High School's Fire Arts division will present *South Pacific* Thursday through Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at Worsham Auditorium There also will be a 2 p.m. performance on Sunday. Tickets can be purchased at the door. For reserve seats call, 573-6301. Tickets are $8 for reserved seats, $5 for students and $6 for adults.

Ira picture day

Spring portraits, class group pictures and friendship pictures for be taken at Ira Thursday. Each student will be photographed at no charge, and then orders may be placed from proofs that will be sent within two weeks. There is a required $2 fee per person for the friendship pictures.

Senior class parents meeting

Parents of SHS seniors will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the student center. Discussion will be on upcoming senior class events.

Windbreak trees

Orders for windbreak trees and drip irrigation are being taken at the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation office through Friday. The office is located in the Scurry County USDA office complex at 5309 Big Spring Highway. Call 573-6317, ext. 2.

Scout food drive

A Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts food drive will benefit the Food Cupboard Saturday. Bags donated by United will be handed out around town. If you don't get a bag you may substitute another bag. Place bags so they can be seen before 9 a.m. Saturday. No glass containers or perishable can be accepted. If your donation isn't picked up, call 338-1865.

Senior water aerobics

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

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.

Senior FFA student reception

Wilson Motors will host a reception for senior FFA students from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5, at the dealership for the signing of scholarship applications. Parents are invited to attend.

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.

SHS booster club fundraiser

The SHS drama booster club is collecting old cell phones and used printer cartridges for recycling. Drop off at the sheriff's office. For more information, call Jan Scott at 573-8027.

Tiger's Lair Yearbook deadline

The deadline for orders for the 2003 Tiger's Lair Yearbook is Feb. 3. Balances will have to be paid in full at that time and orders are taken at Snyder High School. Cost is $50 each, with additional options available. Call 574-6138.

2003 Ira annuals available

The 2003 Ira Bulldog annuals may be purchased until Feb. 17. Cost is $26 with name on cover or $22 without. Contact the school to purchase one.

School fund needs change in investment

AUSTIN (AP) — Houston Sen. Rodney Ellis says he has an idea to get more money from the state's $17 billion Permanent School Fund. It's called total return, a different way of investing the stocks and bonds that provide income for Texas schools.

At least one member of the State Board of Education that oversees the fund says it's not the treasure chest that some — including Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst — are searching for as they work around a $9.9 billion budget shortfall.

"I'm not convinced that total return is the panacea that everyone says it is," said Don McLeroy, a member from Bryan.

The school fund, comprised of stocks, bonds and oil and gas royalties from state-owned lands, provides more than $800 million annually for public schools.

Ellis believes that amount could increase if the investment style is changed.

In 2001, lawmakers failed to pass a similar bill that would have required the board to change from an income-based investment style to a total return investment style.

An income-based investment style means any money earned from increased stock value is retained in the main part of the fund. Only interest and dividend income is spent.

In total return, a predetermined percentage of capital gains, or the amount stocks have appreciated, would be spent each year.

The way it's invested now, the fund is expected to pay out about $810 million. If total return were used as Ellis' bill lays it out, the fund would produce about $983 million in income.

But critics warn that a total return style has not been tested in down or flat markets. The strategy is too risky. While it could bring more money now, it could deplete the 150-year-old fund soon, they say.

But proponents, including Republican Gov. Rick Perry and Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn, have said a total return style is safe and could result in more money for the state.

Ellis, a Democrat, said it helped state universities earn more income and that similar funds in other states use the style.

"We have already seen how adopting a total return strategy can help Texas generate additional dollars for higher education. This is not some untested theory. The total return legislation is based on sound financial methodology," Ellis said.

Total return is popular but it's a relative new investment style and the verdict is still out, McLeroy said.

Dewhurst, a Republican, has said he's interested in looking to the school fund as a way to help solve the budget shortfall. He's declined to discuss details.

McLeroy said a down market means the fund will have just enough money to cover textbooks and other education costs, but other than that "there's nothing there."

McLeroy said he sympathizes with officials trying to balance state spending plans in tough times, but said his responsibility is to protect the school fund for future schoolchildren.

"I would love to help the 78th Legislature, but I have a responsibility to help the 87th also," said McLeroy, a Republican. "I'm going to be 74 years old when the 87th meets and if there's nothing in the fund, I haven't done my job."

If lawmakers pass the bill, voters must then give their approval to a constitutional amendment.

The total return bill is SB 206/HJR 13

Billy Joel released from hospital

SAG HARBOR, N.Y. (AP) — "Piano Man" Billy Joel was hospitalized for several hours early Sunday after smashing his car into a tree along a highway on far eastern Long Island.

A hospital spokesman confirmed that the singer was released Sunday morning but would not comment on Joel's injuries.

The 53-year-old Rock and Roll Hall of Famer had swerved into the tree as he was driving his Mercedes Benz in Sag Harbor late Saturday, said Sag Harbor Village Police Chief Thomas Fabiano.

No summonses were issued and Joel was not given a Breathalyzer test, police Officer Hugh Caulfield said Sunday.

Joel was taken to Stony Brook University Hospital, where a hospital spokesman said he arrived around midnight and was released at about 7:30 a.m.

Joel has had more than two dozen Top Ten hits in his career, including his signature 1974 song "Piano Man." His music, including the title song "Movin' Out," is currently the subject of a Broadway musical.

Last summer, he voluntarily checked into a substance abuse and psychiatric center at New Canaan, Conn., reportedly after becoming "very depressed" when a respiratory infection forced him to cut short a tour with fellow piano player Elton John.

He told People magazine in July that he had begun "what I ultimately realized was a prolonged period of overindulgence. I don't want to get any more specific."

Joel was also involved in a motorcycle accident on Long Island in 1983. He and model Christie Brinkley have one daughter, Alexa Ray. The couple divorced in 1994.

Dinosaur tracks discovered

SUNLAND PARK, N.M. (AP) — Researchers are studying more than 500 dinosaur tracks believed to be 100 million years old that were discovered in Dona Ana County last summer.

The property at the base of Mount Cristo Rey — where the tracks are located — is owned by a private company seeking to expand its mining operation, but the company president said he wants the tracks to be preserved where they sit.

Last summer Eric Kappus, a master's student at the University of Texas-El Paso, took off on his own while measuring rocks in the area. Kappus, 28, came across some indentations in the rock and quickly realized he had stumbled across a large bed of dinosaur tracks.

Now Kappus and university professors estimate there are more than 500 tracks in about six sites around the mountain.

"This is going to be a major site as far as dinosaurs are concerned," said William Cornell, Kappus' geology professor at UTEP.

Some of the sites are packed with so many tracks that it is difficult to distinguish one from the other, Cornell said.

The tracks are located on the 394-plus acres owned by American Eagle Brick Co., and president George Cudahy said he would "preserve and protect the tracks into perpetuity."

Cudahy said he intends to allow the scientists to continue their work of preserving, evaluating and perhaps expanding the site.

The discovery rewrites what scientists originally thought was the path of dinosaurs in the North American continent, said Lucas Spencer, the curator of paleontology at the New Mexico Museum of Natural History, in Albuquerque.

Spencer, one of the scientists assisting Kappus, visited the site last month.

Tracks of dinosaurs from about the same age have been discovered close to Farmington in San Juan County, and there are slightly older tracks about 300 miles to the east in Texas, UTEP's Cornell explained when he announced the existence of the dinosaur tracks for the first time Friday.

Date Book

Monday, Jan. 27, 2003

Today is the 27th day of 2003 and the 38th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1606, the conspirators behind a plot to blow up Parliament and the king of England were convicted. They were executed four days later.

On this day in 1967, three American astronauts died in a fire aboard Apollo 1 during a launching simulation test.

On this day in 1976, "Laverne and Shirley" made its television debut.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791), composer; Lewis Carroll (Charles Lutwidge Dodgson) (1832-1898), writer; Mikhail Baryshnikov (1948-), dancer, is 55; Bridget Fonda (1964-), actress, is 39.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1973, Janet Lynn won her fifth consecutive U.S. national figure skating championship.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Alice laughed, 'There is no use trying,' she said, 'one can't believe impossible things.'

'I daresay you haven't had much practice,' said the Queen. 'When I was your age, I always did it for half-an-hour a day. Why, sometimes I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast.'" - Lewis Carroll's "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," Chapter 5 (1865)

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Jan. 25) and new moon (Feb. 1).

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Saturday's Lottery Numbers Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket would have been worth an estimated $4 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 2-9-27-33-42-52.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $5 million.

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(Night)
5-2-4
Cash Five
1-4-6-29-34

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Kent County

Sojourner Drilling Co. will drill the No. 7 J. Godfrey in the Michelle Kay field, 17 miles west of Girard. Planned for a depth of 5,900 feet, drill site is in the J.F. McKay survey.

Nolan County

Cockrell Producing Co. has completed the No. 22 Frymire Waterfood unit in the Lake Trammell field, seven miles southwest of Sweetwater. The well was finaled to produce 10 barrels of oil and 380 barrels of water. Perforations were from 5,252-5,264 feet and location is in Section 80, Block 22, T&P survey.

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Opponents of new statewide testing rally at Texas Capitol

AUSTIN (AP) — Concerned educators and parents on Saturday decried the newest state public school tests and called for broader evaluations to measure student progress.

State Rep. Dora Olivo, D-Rosenberg, told nearly 300 people at the Capitol rally that Texas should not base grade promotion on standardized testing because the state does not have standardized education.

"I am not opposed to standardized testing," said Olivo, who has introduced two bills that would alter the use of results on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills, or TAKS. "I'm opposed to using it as the sole criteria in judging whether children should promoted to the next grade or graduate."

Starting in March, third-graders must pass the TAKS reading test to move to the fourth grade. Within the next five years, fifth- and eighth-graders will be required to pass reading and math sections.

Current high school sophomores must pass all portions of the test by their senior year to graduate.

Existing state law gives students three opportunities to pass the test. Students who fail once get extra instruction and two more opportunities to pass.

After three failed attempts, a parent can repeal a student's retention, and a committee made up of the student's parents, teacher and a school administrator would decide whether the child should move to the next grade, said Debbie Ratcliffe, spokeswoman for the Texas Education Agency.

Olivo's bills call for forming the committee after a student fails the test one time, rather then retesting. The committee would then decide whether to advance the student based on TAKS performance, past academic performance and a teacher evaluation.

"A child doesn't understand standardized tests, but he does understand failure," Olivo said.

Gov. Rick Perry on Friday defended the TAKS test, which was adopted in 1999 to replace the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills, or TAAS.

"We are not going to turn back the clock on progress," he said. "We will ask our children to meet certain standards, and we will ask them from time to time to clear a higher hurdle."

He said the state has designed safeguards to ensure struggling students get the assistance they need.

"Those that struggle will have that extra help in the form of after-school programs, weekend programs and academies that occur during the summer," Perry said.

Field tests have indicated that one in six third-graders could fail the TAKS test in March. But Ratcliffe said Saturday that the test has never been given three times, and nobody knows how many students are in danger of being retained.

"But we do know that every time we've done something new and different in our testing programs over the years, students always exceeded our expectations," she said.

Name was omitted

Kassidy Henderson's name was inadvertently left off the AB honor roll for the fourth grade.

Con artist not a stretch for actor

BERLIN (AP) — Playing a con artist in "Catch Me If You Can" wasn't much of a stretch for Leonardo DiCaprio.

"Acting is all about being an impostor," the 28-year-old DiCaprio told reporters Sunday in Berlin. The movie opens in Germany on Thursday.

The movie chronicles the early years of real-life grifter Frank Abagnale, who pursued conventional success and respectability through the unconventional methods of counterfeiting checks and falsifying identities.

By the time he was arrested by FBI agent Carl Hanratty, played by Tom Hanks, Abagnale had written $2.5 million in bad checks and had successfully passed himself off as an airline pilot, a doctor and a lawyer.

"He is a professional actor," said DiCaprio, who met Abagnale to prepare for the role.

Today's chuckle

Collie earns man's best friend title

HAMPSTEAD, N.H. (AP) — A collie named Jarrod has earned the title of man's best friend.



The 11/2-year-old dog pushed his owner away from beneath his snow-covered roof down a stairway seconds before the roof collapsed onto the deck.

"If I was under it I would have been crushed," said David Levesque, who uses a wheelchair. "The way I was leaning over the rail I would have been cut in half, I would have been killed."

The weight of the 12-by-14-foot roof was later estimated at nearly 4,000 pounds.

Levesque, 61, disabled by severe arthritis and spinal problems, said he was leaning against a railing and reaching up with one of his arm crutches to remove some snow when Jarrod started pushing him.

Levesque says he believes Jarrod, who is trained to help him get around, knew exactly what he was doing and saved his life the morning of Jan. 6.

"Dogs and other animals have heightened senses that allow them to hear things we can't hear," said veterinarian Roger G. Wells. "He may have heard the rafters creaking or the timbers starting the break in the roof before it collapsed."

Judge throws out man's guilty plea

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — A judge has thrown out the guilty plea of a man on death row for killing two 8-year-old girls and wounding nine other people in a 1988 shooting spree at an elementary school.

The ruling means the state will have to set a new trial for Jamie Wilson — who pleaded guilty but mentally ill in 1989 — or file an appeal to keep him behind bars.

U.S. District Judge Matthew Perry ruled Jan. 10 that Wilson was not competent to enter the plea and that his lawyers at the time failed to do their jobs.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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♦ 7
♣ A K Q J 10 5

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♥ 9 6 3
♦ Q 6
♣ 9 3

East
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♥ Q 10 8 4 2
♦ K 10 9 5 3
♣ 7 2

South
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♥ J 7
♦ A J 8 4 2
♣ 8 6 4

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
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5 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ??

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Learning from what did not happen

By Phillip Alder

It really is fascinating, the inferences one can draw from what did not happen at the table. First, look only at the West hand — no peeking at the other three! You open with a classic weak two spades. Your left-hand opponent cue-bids three spades, which asks her partner to bid three no-trump with a spade stopper. North should have a long, solid minor and at least eight winners. After your partner passes, South jumps to five clubs, ending the auction. What would you lead?

The three-spade cue-bid isn't perfect for that North hand, because of the singleton diamond. But it is a worthwhile gamble.

North denied a spade stopper, and so did South. So who has the spade ace? Clearly East. This points toward leading a low spade. And that defeats the contract, declarer eventually losing three spades. Note that starting with the spade king is fatal because declarer can establish a spade trick. (A heart lead is also lethal, but how would one find that?)

At the table, West led the club three. The declarer, English world champion Heather Dhondy, took full advantage. She drew a second round of trumps, played a diamond to her ace, and ruffed a diamond in the dummy. Then she called for a low spade, which she knew would lose to East's singleton honor.

What could East do now? She was endplayed. If she led a heart, South would win with her jack. East tried her best, leading the diamond 10, but Dhondy, deciding West hadn't begun with K-Q-6 of diamonds, went up with her jack and discarded dummy's spade six. Nicely done.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Son's new girlfriend makes problematic first impression

DEAR ABBY: Last evening, our 20-year-old son, "Roger," brought a young lady home for us to meet. Her name is "Sally"; they met in a class at the local college.

I know as well as I know my own name that our son is going to ask his dad and me, "Well, what did you think of her?" — and therein lies my problem. My husband and I aren't sure if we should be honest with Roger about our first impression of Sally.

Perhaps we should tell him to let us get better acquainted before passing judgment. We have even considered staying completely neutral. After all, if Roger ends up marrying her and it doesn't work out, we could be accused of trying to influence him.

This is the first time our son has ever brought a female friend home for us to meet. Roger and Sally seem happy together, and that's all that counts. However, his dad and I also know our son is looking for our approval — especially mine. — **MICHIGAN MOM**

DEAR MICHIGAN MOM: Level with your son in a nonconfrontational way. Tell him what you and your husband observed. But make it clear that because first impressions can sometimes be deceiving, you and your husband would like to see more of Sally before making a determination.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband has a serious problem with alcohol and drugs, and I don't know what to do to get him some help. He's tried to stop on his own, but he just can't fight it. It's really gotten bad, Abby. I want to save our marriage, but don't know where to begin. — **NEW JERSEY WIFE**

DEAR WIFE: Nothing will change until your husband can admit the seriousness of his problem and accept help. Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) is a fine organization of men and women who have walked in his shoes, and can be instrumental in your husband's recovery. My readers have told me that AA works.

My advice to you is to discuss your husband's addiction with your family physician. He or she will be able to guide you to appropriate treatment for your husband once he makes a commitment to stop his substance abuse. Al-Anon could also be helpful for you. It provides information and support to family and friends of alcoholics. AA and Al-Anon are as close as your phone book.

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DEAR Abby: Now that the holidays have come and gone, I am once again wondering about the proper etiquette for thanking people for gifts. When I was growing up, my mother insisted that after each Christmas and birthday I write detailed thank-you notes. Of course, notes are in order for gifts received in the mail, but what about presents opened in front of the giver?

When I have children, I imagine Mom will expect thank-you notes from her grandkids. On the other hand, I have friends who say that a sincere, verbal thank-you is sufficient, and sending notes to people who have already been thanked is overkill. Please tell me if a handwritten note is necessary. I don't want to be rude. Thanks, Abby. — **UNSURE IN DALLASTOWN, PA.**

DEAR UNSURE: A verbal thank-you is very nice, but it's not enough. The art of writing a thank-you note is a social grace that every wise parent should pass along to his or her child. The note need not be lengthy or complicated as long as it is sincere.

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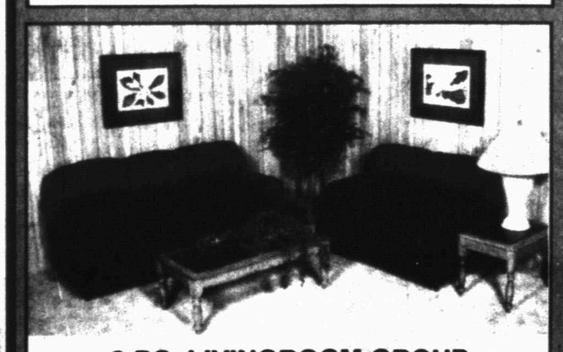
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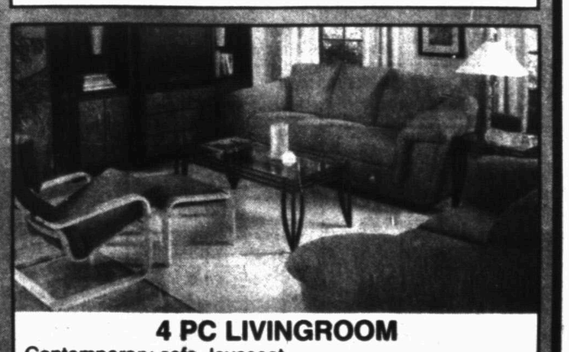
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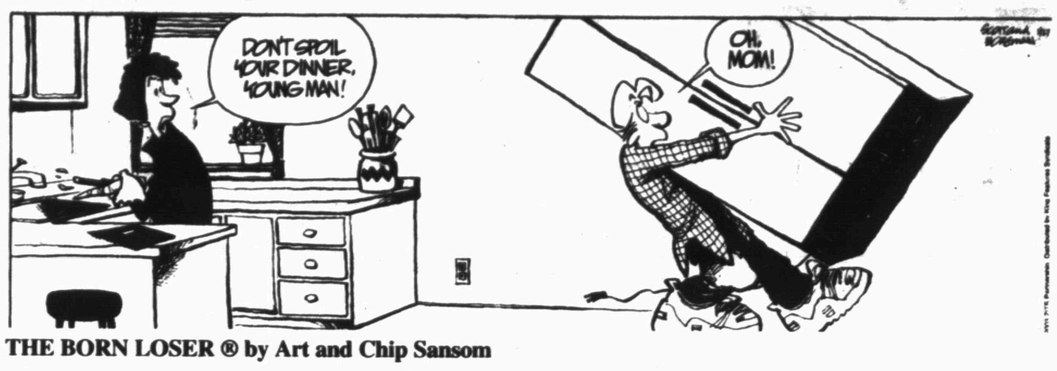
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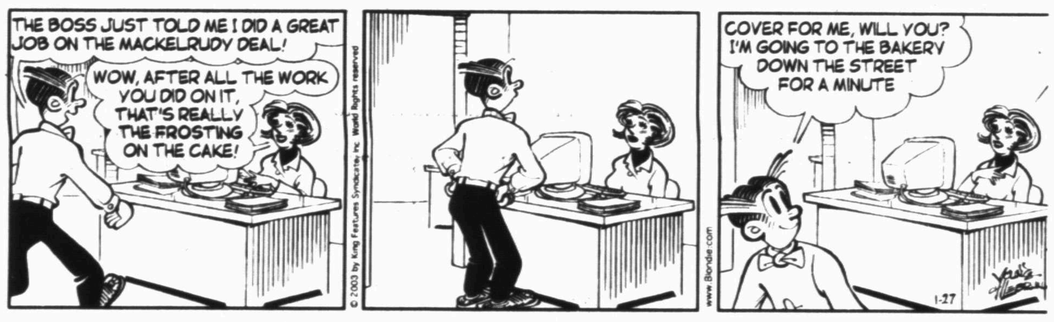
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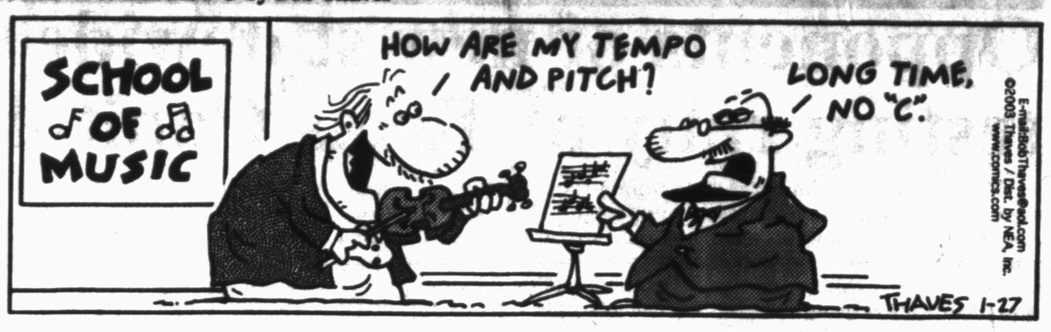
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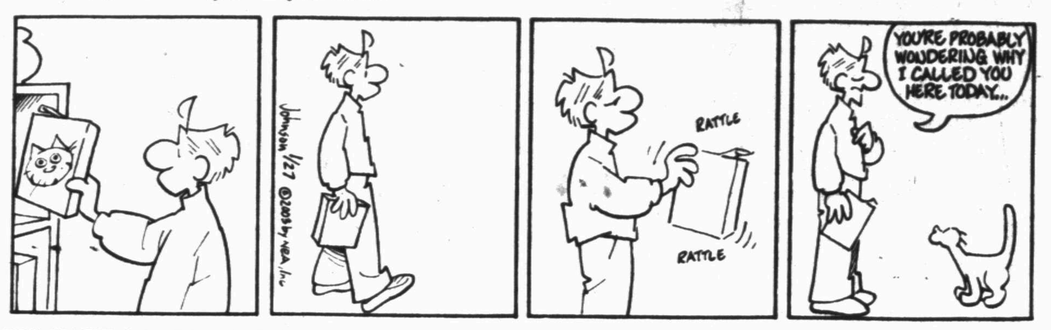
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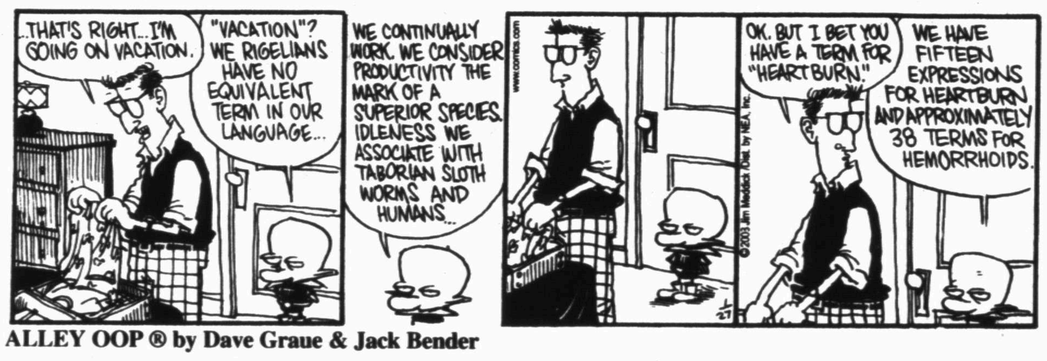
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12 Roof overhang
13 Blvd.
14 This, to Jose
15 Cry of woe
16 Hamm of soccer
17 Glamorous wraps
18 Fled to wed
20 Football play
21 Web link addr.
22 Hubbies
23 Conjecture
26 Servant
29 Smooth-pated
30 Blanc and Gibson
31 Sawbones
33 Pen contents
34 Jet route
35 Flying prefix
36 Casual wear (hyph.)
38 Bought
39 Pro vote
40 Geologic division
41 Secluded valley
43 Egging on
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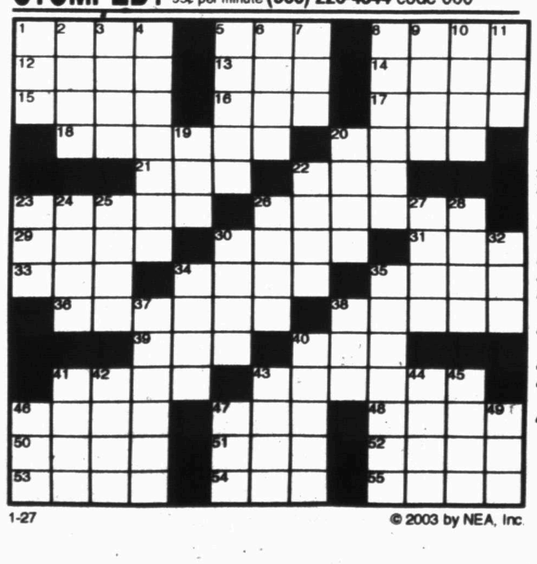
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19 Before, in combos
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22 Uncle or grandpa
23 Kimono sash
24 Huff and puff
25 Kinds
26 Mardi Gras follower
27 Paradise
28 Time past
30 Scratches
32 — liver oil
34 Legal claim
35 Was in store for
37 Doglike scavengers
38 Asen.
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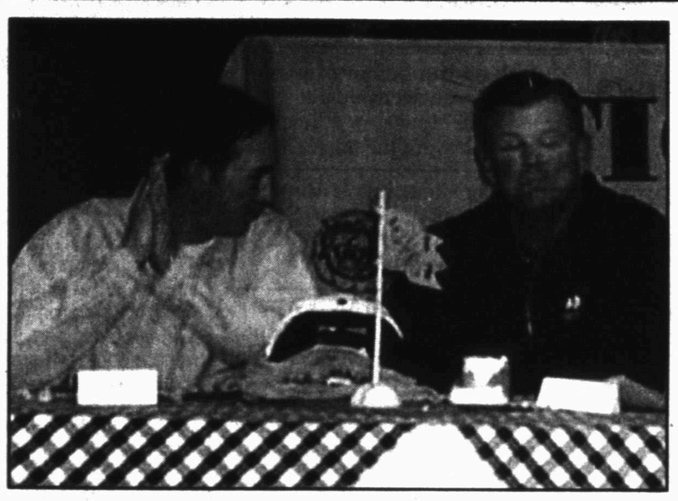


"DON'T WORRY ABOUT OL' RUFF STAYIN' WARM. I FOUND OUT HE AND DAD WEAR THE SAME SIZE."

SPORTS

Meet the Tigers...







BASEBALL CELEBRATION — Scurry County Coliseum was host to 'Meet the Tigers' Saturday night. The event drew a large crowd of players, parents and baseball supporters, who came for food, games and the reunion of the 1983 state championship team. At the top, members of the state champs in attendence were, front, from left, Roger Pavlik, Bobby Velasquez, Chad Peterson, William Cotton, Britt Vincent, Casey Peterson and Charles Bollinger. Back, from left, are, Johnny Overton, Barry Davis, Monte Gambol, Brent Roemisch, David Nicholson, Curtis Gafford, Eddie McClure and Jay Mayo.
In the middle, assistant baseball coach Reagan Key talks with keynote speaker Larry Hardy, a former major league player and coach, who most recently was the bullpen coach for the Texas Rangers. At bottom, Bollinger hands Daisy Lewis the jersey of Hall of Fame coach Albert Lewis, who skippered the state championship team. Bollinger retired Lewis' number 22 during the ceremony. (SDN Staff Photos)

Buccaneers transform from laughingstocks to champs

SAN DIEGO (AP) — They were the laughingstocks of the NFL, maybe of all pro sports.

They had garish orange uniforms with a winking pirate on the helmet. Losing 10 games came automatically. Wasting high draft picks was a given.

Those Tampa Bay Buccaneers were buried Sunday with a flourish. Led by a fearsome defense, a suddenly dynamic offense and a coach who brought the final fiery touch, the Bucs routed the Oakland Raiders 48-21 in the Super Bowl.

Laughingstock? Try champions.

"For all this franchise has been through, nothing could be sweeter," veteran safety John Lynch said. "Super Bowl champs. Wow!"

Yep, wow. As in five interceptions of league MVP Rich Gannon, three of them returned for touchdowns — two by nickel back Dwight Smith, a Super Bowl record, and one by NFL defensive player of the year Derrick Brooks. The other two pickoffs went to Super Bowl MVP Dexter Jackson.

As in holding the game's No. 1 offense to 62 yards and three first downs in the first half, which ended 20-3.

As in staging consecutive touchdown drives of 77 and 89 yards, both concluding with passes to Keenan McCardell, a 5-yard score and an 8-yarder.

Whatever the Bucs tried seemed to work. It was as if coach Jon Gruden, acquired from the Raiders last February for four high draft picks and $8 million, had drawn up the game plan for both teams.

In a way, he had.

"Jon Gruden was Gannon," said Bucs defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin, whose unit also had five sacks and yielded all of 19 yards rushing. "Nobody can be like Gannon like Gruden can. He taught Gannon. He was in Gannon's head."

But Gruden played down that apparent advantage.

"That was all overrated," he said. "I stayed away from the defense. That's a credit to our players. We've got a great defensive club."

So great that All-Pro tackle Warren Sapp was willing to proclaim it the best ever. Before he attempted to light a foot-long victory cigar, Sapp compared the unit that allowed only 196 points this season — and just two touchdowns in the playoffs that were not tainted by special teams gaffes — to the legendary defenses.

"We had to have that championship before we could say anything," Sapp said. "Now you can put us in the same sentence as the Ravens and the Steel Curtain.

"But I don't think any of them faced the kind of offense like we did. None of them went into the Super Bowl and played the No. 1 offense. And we put a stranglehold on them."

Almost from the very start. Brad Johnson was hit as he threw on Tampa Bay's third play from scrimmage. The ball fluttered short of a wide-open McCardell to cornerback Charles Woodson.

Just like that, the vaunted Oakland attack was at the Bucs 36. But Tampa Bay held the Raiders to Sebastian Janikowski's 40-yard field goal.

The next 34 points belonged to the Bucs.

Martin Gramatica tied it with a 31-yarder, and Jackson got his first interception near the end of the opening quarter. That led to Gramatica's 43-yarder.

While Jackson's second interception on the next series did not lead to points, the defense had fully asserted itself.

"Give them a lot of credit," Gannon said. "They performed exceptionally well on defense."

Gruden the top story of Super Bowl week

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Jon Gruden wanted his story to be a sidebar buried in the sports section. Guess what, Coach? You were the Super Bowl headliner.

Gruden knew so much about his former team and its quarterback that he designed a perfect game plan that his Tampa Bay Buccaneers used to rout the Oakland Raiders 48-21 in the Super Bowl on Sunday.

After coaching the Raiders for four seasons, Gruden was effectively traded by Al Davis to the Buccaneers last February for two first-round draft picks, two second-round picks and $8 million.

The deal proved to be worth every penny — and pickoff — to the Bucs.

Because when the Raiders and Buccaneers made it to the Super Bowl, it was advantage, Gruden. The best pirates on the field were the ones dressed in red and pewter, not silver and black.

NFL MVP Rich Gannon, one of Gruden's best friends on the Raiders, was intercepted a season-high five times. And Gruden's bunch returned three of those picks for touchdowns.

"Every play they've run, we've run in practice," Tampa Bay strong safety John Lynch, who was miked for TV, said on the sideline before halftime.

In Thursday's practice, Gruden even took over as quarterback on the scout team and ran several plays.

"The film illustrates that I did complete two or three passes. I was very intimidating under center," Gruden joked after the game, surrounded by his wife and three young boys.

"I've got great respect for Rich Gannon as a quarterback. I wanted our team to just get a feel for what it was going to be like with him in command. He's a special guy."

Blazers roll over Mavs

DALLAS (AP) — With one big guy after another fighting his way to the basket, the Portland Trail Blazers showed the Dallas Mavericks a gritty way to win.

Zach Randolph typified Portland's inside success in the second half by scoring all 16 of his points in the final two quarters, leading the Trail Blazers past the Mavericks 100-93 Sunday.

Portland erased an early 14-point deficit by working the ball low and pounding away. The Trail Blazers scored 52 points in the paint and scored another 22 on free throws. They also had 16 more rebounds than Dallas, which lost at home for the first time since Dec. 30 against Milwaukee.

"They did a good job taking us to the basket," Mavericks guard Steve Nash said. "They did a good job of penetrating and getting inside our defense."

Dallas' finesse style worked early when the outside shots were falling. Then the Blazers made some halftime adjustments and the Mavs couldn't recover.

Portland held Dallas to 13 third-quarter points and forced Dirk Nowitzki to go nearly 20 minutes between baskets. The Blazers also pestered the Mavericks into making nine second-half turnovers.

Ira jr. high girls down Westbrook

The Ira jr. high Lady Bulldogs put a 37-16 whipping on Westbrook Saturday to claim the consolation bracket of the Highland tourney this weekend.

Kelbi Pitner knocked in 22 points to lead all players.

Rebecca Juarez added eight, and Jessica Odom posted four in the victory.

Aryn Calley and Kate Wall also scored for the team, which will close out its season tonight at 6 p.m. at Dawson.

Beck wins bingo

Keith Beck of Hermleigh won the Cow Chip Bingo Saturday.

The game was held at Scurry County Coliseum after the "Meet the Tigers" ceremony.

Beck claimed a cash prize of $6,000 for winning the bingo, which was sponsored by the baseball booster club.

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Frosh Tigers take one of three games at tourney

The Snyder freshmen Tigers dropped two of three games this weekend at the district tournament in Sweetwater and Lamesa.

The first game, played against the freshmen Mustangs in Sweetwater, saw Snyder rally from an early deficit before falling, 53-45.

The Mustangs rolled to a 14-8 lead early in the first quarter, before the Tigers closed the gap to 25-21 at halftime.

Garrett Pinson led all scorers with 14 points — 13 of those from the field — in a losing effort.

Blake Scott drilled five field goals to post 11 points on the night.

Dustin Williams notched eight and Cade Simpson added four.

The team then traveled to Lamesa for two games, stopping Denver City, 38-32.

Scott and Pinson each scored 13 points in the victory.

Simpson notched six and Chris Smith added five.

The final game of the tourney saw Snyder and Seminole locked in a pitched battle, with the Indians claiming a hard-fought, 52-51, victory.

The Tigers pounced out to an early 16-10 advantage behind 7 first quarter points from Scott, who finished with 13.

Seminole narrowed the gap to 26-25 at halftime by virtue of a 15-point second period.

The teams traded blows in the second half, with Seminole outscoring the freshmen 27-25.

Pinson paced the Tigers with 14 points, with eight coming in the second half.

Williams canned 10, Smith added eight and Simpson posted four.

Jason Cave also nailed a field goal for the freshmen squad, which travels to Merkel tonight to face the Badgers at 6:30.

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	29	14	.674	—
Boston	26	18	.591	3½
Philadelphia	23	21	.523	6½
Orlando	23	23	.500	7½
Washington	21	23	.477	8½
New York	18	24	.429	10½
Miami	15	28	.349	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	32	12	.727	—
Detroit	28	15	.651	3½
New Orleans	23	21	.523	9
Milwaukee	21	21	.500	10
Chicago	17	27	.386	15
Atlanta	16	28	.364	16
Toronto	11	33	.250	21
Cleveland	8	36	.182	24

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	34	9	.791	—
San Antonio	28	15	.651	6
Minnesota	26	18	.591	8½
Utah	25	18	.581	9
Houston	23	19	.548	10½
Memphis	13	30	.302	21
Denver	10	33	.233	24

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	32	13	.711	—
Portland	27	15	.643	3½
Phoenix	26	19	.578	6
Golden State	20	23	.465	11
L.A. Lakers	19	23	.452	11½
Seattle	19	23	.452	11½
L.A. Clippers	16	27	.372	15

Saturday's Games
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Minnesota 97, Washington 89
Atlanta 102, Cleveland 101, OT
Seattle 95, Memphis 83
Milwaukee 88, Denver 75
San Antonio 108, Detroit 76
Golden State 108, Utah 95

Sunday's Games
Toronto 101, Sacramento 97
Boston 91, Orlando 83
Chicago 100, Houston 98
New York 106, Phoenix 98
Indiana 108, L.A. Clippers 101
Portland 100, Dallas 93

Monday's Games
Phoenix at Washington, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Memphis, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m.
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College freshmen: Worst study habits in years but less likely to drink, study finds

By The Associated Press

Although American freshmen arrived at college last fall with the worst study habits in 15 years, it didn't hurt their high school grade point averages, according to an annual study based on a survey of the first-year students.

The study, released Monday, found only 33.4 percent of college freshmen reported spending six hours per week or more studying or doing homework during their senior year in high school. It was the lowest percentage since the survey question was first posed by the Higher Education Research Institute at the University of California, Los Angeles in 1987.

More than 45 percent of freshmen said they managed to graduate high school with an "A" average. Alexander Astin, who started the survey in 1966, attributed the high grade point averages to a single factor.

"The best interpretation we can make is that grade inflation has been increasing because of all the pressure on teachers from students and parents to help them become more competitive for college," said Astin.

"Each year we think it can't inflate anymore. And then it does again. The C-grade is almost a thing of the past." Last year, 44.1 percent of respondents reported carrying an "A" average in high school.

Freshman Abby Shutter learned almost immediately that her relatively lax high school study habits wouldn't cut it at the University of Delaware.

"I took a lot of (advanced placement) courses in high school and I thought I was prepared for college. I didn't know how difficult it was going to be," she said. "Not only do you have to focus on the tests, but every project is more important than high school."

The number of "distractions" in college make hitting the books in college even more difficult, Shutter said.

According to the survey, Shutter's class doesn't drink anywhere near as much as its predecessors.

The study said an all-time low of 46.5 percent of freshmen — compared to a high of 73.7 percent in 1982 — reported drinking beer either frequently or occasionally over the past 12 months. Furthermore, 35.8 percent of freshmen said they don't attend a single party during a typical week.

With the decline in partying has come increased focus on politics — at least for now. "We don't know whether it's a 9-11 blip or part of a trend," Astin said.

Among freshmen entering college in 2001, 31.4 percent said they kept abreast of political affairs. In 2002, the number increased to 32.9 percent as the first class of freshmen entered school following the terrorist attacks.

The all-time low in political interest, 28.1 percent, was recorded in 2000 and the all-time high, 60.3 percent, in 1966.

The report, conducted with the American Council on Education, was based on responses from 282,549 students at 437 public and private colleges and universities to a written survey. A total of 1.2 million students are currently enrolled in four-year schools.

Super Bowl advertisers use humor in ads

NEW YORK (AP) — Out with the artsy, moody advertising montages.

Super Bowl advertisers hewed to humor for the most part Sunday night, offering viewers plenty of ridiculous reasons to giggle between plays on the field.

The game's biggest ad buyer, Anheuser-Busch Inc., tweaked pro football's review rule and the league's troubled officiating this season with a zebra as referee during a game between Budweiser Clydesdales. (The ad aired, coincidentally, right before the Tampa Bay Buccaneers got a successful review of a turnover call.)

Reebok had "Terrible Terry Tate, the office linebacker," as a corporate motivator who tackles workers needing instruction and then loudly berates their conduct.

When one man takes the last cup of coffee from the break room, Tate pounces. "You killed the joe, you make some mo!" he screams at the office drone, who cowers on the floor.

Super Bowl commercials are traditionally among the most coveted and prestigious in the advertising world, with a U.S. TV audience topping 100 million and few channel surfers. The game offers advertisers a forum for exhibiting their skills to a huge, diverse group of people — some who watch solely for the ads.

This year's 30-second slots sold for between $2.1 million and $2.2 million, about 10 percent more than last year. For the second consecutive year, Anheuser-Busch was the game's largest advertiser, with 11 spots.

About 40 percent of the game's commercial spots were bought by four advertising behemoths: Anheuser-Busch, General Motors Corp., Sony Corp. and PepsiCo.

When the ads weren't on the screen, Tampa Bay was winning its first Super Bowl, 48-21.

Michael Jordan showed up in two ad campaigns.

In Gatorade's Super Bowl debut, Jordan of today plays against his younger self, the No. 23 icon of the Chicago Bulls. In a spot for Hanes, Jordan smirks as actor Jackie Chan scratches at the shirt tag irritating his neck. The ad shows off Hanes' new tagless T-shirts.

Big-budget movies played their usual role, with Arnold Schwarzenegger on hand to tout his summer action flick, "Terminator 3," and Warner Bros. offering many viewers their first peeks of the two new "Matrix" movies scheduled to be released this year.

Budweiser offered the "never-gonna-happen" scenario of a man attracted to his girlfriend's roommate. The girlfriend tells him to "just date both of us."

A Bud Lite ad featured a man sneaking into a no-pets bar by putting his Hungarian Puli on his head and pretending it's dreadlocks.

McDonald's offered a humorous twist on the bad day of a bedraggled dad: his equally frazzled young son forced to contend with a flat bike tire and a surprise math quiz. Then mom offers McDonald's, to which the precocious boy replies, "That's what I love about that woman."

Pepsi hired Ozzy Osbourne's prominent clan to push Pepsi Twist. The rock legend finds himself in a nightmare house where his kids turn out to be Donny and Marie Osmond.

James Veltri, a real estate manager watching the game in Jersey City, N.J., gave advertisers a generally positive review. The notable failures, he said, were Pepsi's Sierra Mist spots, which showed a monkey catapulted into a swimming pool and another where a poodle kicks off a fire hydrant cover, drenching the dog's owner on a sweltering day.

"I guess the point was that it was supposed to be refreshing," Veltri said.

Images of death camp exhibited in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Photographs of 30 Nazi concentration camps taken over a dozen years are on display for the first time in the United States at Houston's Holocaust Museum, where photographer Michael Kenna hopes his images will be "Impossible to Forget."

Kenna first visited a concentration camp in France during the early 1980s and later began photographing camps throughout Europe in an attempt to preserve and share images of the historical sites, many of which had been abandoned. His donated photographs have been exhibited in France, Spain, Italy, Germany and Switzerland. A book of his photography and the Houston exhibit are titled: "Impossible to Forget: The Nazi Camps Fifty Years After."

"Eventually it came to the time where it really needed to be shown in the United States," Kenna said of the exhibit, which opened this month and will remain on display through March 23.

"We are capable of barbaric and industrialized slaughter," Kenna said. "It is still something that is very difficult for me to get my mind around. It's not just a story about Germans and Jews, but all of us in humanity and what we are capable of doing."

Holocaust survivor Benjamin Waserman helped bring the exhibit to the Houston museum and says it is an important record he hopes others will take the time to view.

"Some of it is extremely difficult for those of us who were there," Waserman said. "It evokes a lot of bad memories. But on the other side of the coin, we want this to be recreated because we want people to know and understand how terrible that time in history was."

Kenna said he visited the camps for a chance to process up close what occurred during the Holocaust. It grew into a journey to also help others see what he saw during his visits.

"The project just began to take hold of me," he said. "It was so powerful. It is the most profound project I have worked on."

And the work still is not done, says Kenna, who plans to continue visiting concentration camps and photographing them in future years.

"I photographed what I saw, and it's inevitable that emotion will come into the images because it's impossible not to," he said. "My hope is that it provides a catalyst, as it did for me, to want to know more about what took place. This is not just an aberration in history, it is a constant possibility."

Waserman, who was arrested when he was 13 and spent three years in a concentration camp before he was liberated by the Russian Army, said Kenna's photography triggered a lot of memories and emotions. Before Waserman's arrest, he along with his mother and siblings were forced into hiding following their father's arrest and death in a concentration camp.

"The world has a very difficult time learning a lesson," Waserman said. "We don't want this to happen again and in order to teach tolerance and to teach what hate and discrimination can do to people, we want people to see this and to feel it."

The subject matter of the photographs included in the exhibit ranges from landscapes to piles of shoes to the railroad tracks leading into the camps. Kenna hopes the first exhibition in Houston will lead to others throughout the United States. In 2005, his photographs are set to be displayed at the De Saisset Art Museum in Santa Clara, Calif.

"Potentially this exhibition will travel to about eight to 10 venues because the tour is going for a four-year period," said Robin McCarthy, a spokeswoman for Curatorial Assistance Traveling Exhibitions, which is scheduling the tour. "We just announced it, so we are in that in-between stage."

Kenna said a glimpse at his photographs doesn't tell the whole story of what went on at the camps. He said a picture of a serene pool of water may be beautiful, but there is much more to it than meets the eye.

"When you are there, you know that it is composed of the ashes of thousands and thousands of bodies," he said. "If you put your hand in it, it is gray and all you pick up is bone."

Collin Keel, the exhibit's director at the Houston museum, said Kenna's photographs communicate a message of peace.

"A lot of photographers will try to show the horror of the Holocaust," Keel said. "He really tried to focus on contemplation. There is nothing brutal or gruesome about it that will make people turn away so they can't deny what really happened."

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Albertsons	21.80	21.30	21.38	—.42
Alltel	48.55	47.34	47.94	+.28
AmEl Pw	24.95	23.50	24.33	—1.32
AndarkPtr	45.03	44.57	44.95	—.45
ATMOS Egy	22.00	21.72	21.73	—.20
Aviall	7.72	7.60	7.69	+.07
BP PLC	35.84	34.93	35.50	—.50
BakerHughes	29.77	29.32	29.69	—.25
Bank of Amer	70.00	68.63	69.52	—.10
BellSouth	23.15	22.60	22.85	+.22
BurlNoSFe	25.33	24.96	25.25	+.15
Caterpillar	44.19	43.26	43.60	—.32
CenterPoint	7.50	7.26	7.28	—.32
ChevronTex	63.65	62.73	63.06	—.48
Citigroup	35.96	34.85	35.65	—.14
CocaCola	42.76	42.01	42.20	—.63
ColgatePal	51.56	50.66	51.00	—.61
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ConocoPhill	46.45	45.90	46.15	—.22
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Dillards Inc	16.25	15.80	16.08	—.01
DowChem	29.51	29.05	29.23	—.27
DuPont	39.93	39.32	39.75	—.17
EastmanChem	35.30	34.54	34.66	—.63
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EDS Corp	17.12	16.40	16.87	—.08
Entergy	45.00	44.40	44.45	—1.35
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IBM	79.50	77.50	78.73	—.26
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KinderMorg	45.55	45.10	45.12	—.63
Kroger Co	15.76	15.47	15.72	—.04
LockheedM	51.65	50.65	50.84	—.06
Lowes Cos	34.90	34.00	34.90	+.78
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LucentTech	1.94	1.81	1.89	—.09
MarathonOil	20.81	20.35	20.41	—.27
MayDeptStr	21.65	21.07	21.29	+.18
Medtronic	44.70	43.85	44.31	—.55
Motorola	8.58	8.01	8.45	—.22
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Navistar	24.49	23.75	24.10	+.10
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Sunoco Inc	31.27	30.73	30.80	—.42
TXU Corp	18.24	17.75	18.16	—.38
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Texind	24.10	23.93	23.97	—.08
Texasinst	15.97	15.00	15.65	—.21
Textron	38.50	37.87	38.28	—.78
TrinityInds	17.43	17.10	17.33	—.08
TylerTech	3.98	3.83	3.97	+.02
UnionPacif	56.86	56.21	56.67	+.21
USSteel	15.81	15.40	15.55	+.03
UnitedTech	63.72	62.82	63.40	—.50
Unocal	28.03	27.59	27.71	—.29
VerizonComm	35.90	34.80	35.27	+.27
WalMart	48.31	46.86	47.64	+.34
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By Peter Gott, M.D.



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

DEAR DR. GOTT: On occasion, my right ear will ache but, more often, I experience a stabbing pain, followed by an itching. I have no hearing loss, tinnitus, discharge or jaw pain. After seeing several doctors, I am now undergoing physical therapy for a slipped disc in my neck. Are the physicians on the right track?

DEAR READER: I don't know. I cannot believe that discogenic disease in your neck could cause a painful and itchy ear. But, even at my age, I can still learn a thing or two. I recommend a consultation with an otolaryngologist. If everything in your ear is normal, at least you can be assured that the ear itself is not to blame.

DEAR DR. GOTT: How great, exactly, are the benefits of "statin" drugs in people who do not have coronary artery disease?

DEAR READER: This excellent question seems disarmingly simple, but it is really complex. Experts estimate that about 11.5 million adults (5.4 percent of the United States adult population) are currently taking cholesterol-lowering statin drugs, the most notable being atorvastatin (Lipitor), which has become the most widely prescribed medication in the world.

Medical studies have clearly demonstrated that patients with coronary artery disease achieve significant benefits from this therapy. However, what about people (with high cholesterol levels) who do not have signs or symptoms of arteriosclerotic heart disease? In this huge group of consumers, the picture is far less clear.

According to an editorial in the June 2002 British Medical Journal/USA, at least one study has failed to show significant benefits from statins. In the west of Scotland coronary prevention study, 10,000 people (without heart disease) were treated for five years. The authors concluded that of the 10,000 subjects, 9,755 received no benefits whatsoever.

Given the fact that statin drugs do have a side effect profile (primarily liver inflammation) and are expensive, many authorities now question whether treating healthy adults with statins is advisable, prudent, realistic, necessary or financially responsible.

Therefore, in answer to your question, I'd have to say the jury is still out. Some studies show negligible benefits, but the final word is not yet in.

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Six music retailers join to offer digital music downloads in stores

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Six retail record store chains — hurting from competition from CD burning, online music and large discount stores — are teaming to offer consumers digital music downloads in their stores and over the Internet.

The stores have formed a joint venture called Echo that will provide technology and allow them to offer individual tracks for downloading to portable devices and computers.

The stores are Best Buy, Tower Records, Virgin Entertainment Group, Wherehouse Music, Hastings Entertainment Inc. and Trans World Entertainment Corp., operator of FYE, Strawberries and Coconuts stores.

"We're trying to make digital music work in a mass market way, for millions of people," said Dan Hart, chief executive of Echo. "That hasn't happened yet."

Last year, the major record labels formed their own, competing subscription-based online music services, but those legal alternatives to unauthorized file-swapping services such as Napster and Kazaa have yet to catch on with consumers.

The record labels have blamed the popularity of such illegal services for the decline in music sales in recent years.

The retail music stores also are suffering. Wherehouse Inc. recently filed for bankruptcy protection, citing illegal downloads as well as competition from discount stores such as Wal-Mart. Tower Records hopes to avoid bankruptcy by closing stores and dropping CD prices.

The Echo consortium members hope to leverage their existing relationships with customers and the record labels to package off-line and online music.

Individual retailers will decide how to use the technology and music provided by Echo, Hart said. For example, stores could offer digital music tracks on a handout CD, allowing customers to access some of them for free and charging a fee to listen to the rest. Portable players could come pre-loaded with music that customers could listen to for a fee.

Retailers also could allow customers to download tracks at in-store kiosks or over Internet sites, such as Radio Free Virgin.

Hart said he believes the Echo model can work where the recording industry-sponsored services have not.

"I think consumers will pay, but you have to provide the greater level of value," he said. "We're the traditional trading partner of the labels. We understand marketing and how to provide value to consumers."

On Friday, national magazine distributor Anderson Merchandisers bought the technology and some other assets of defunct Internet music company Liquid Audio. The company said it hopes to offer music through the Internet sites of retailers such as Wal-Mart, although no deals have yet been made.

Search for girl taken by grandparents has ended

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Thirteen years after she was taken from her mother and father by grandparents who were convinced she was being sexually abused, Kaylee Nicole Lopez has come out of hiding.

Lopez, now 18 and living in Southern California, recently spoke to her father by telephone for the first time since she was bundled into a travel trailer and driven away from Florida on a steamy August day in 1989.

"I couldn't really understand anything, because he was crying and I was crying — everybody was crying," Lopez told the Los Angeles Times in a story published Saturday. "I guess I could describe it as an out-of-body experience. You're going through it, but you don't believe it."

Kaylee Lopez said she wants to meet with her father and her mother, Lora Coleman of Miami.

"I was so very nervous, and I was wondering, what can I say to my daughter after so many years except to tell her I love her?" said Raul Lopez Jr. of Miami.

Her odyssey began when her grandparents, Raul and Irene Lopez, fled with her and turned to Children of the Underground, a network established at the height of a national scare over child abuse to help youngsters escape allegedly abusive parents.

The Lopezes said that with the help of a Georgia woman they lived for a year in trailer parks around the country before using phony identities to settle in Southern California.

At one point, they appeared on a talk show, disguised in wigs and sunglasses, to allege their son molested their granddaughter and that she had talked about "the cult and the human sacrifice and the blood that she'd been drinking."

Child welfare workers determined years ago that the sexual abuse concerns were unfounded. But the grandparents still refused to come forward to return the girl to her parents.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2003

You'll have ample opportunities in the year ahead to expand your horizons and further yourself in today's world. Both your social interests and career affairs can be advanced and produce benefits.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Dissenting factions within your peer group could cause a ruckus today. However, no matter what happens, don't allow them to draw you into their petty politics.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — You must be able to muster the fortitude today to regroup your forces should you suffer some kind of setback. Otherwise, it'll be a long time before you can clear things up again.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Instead of focusing a lot of valuable time on rehashing a problematic issue, concentrate on seeking feasible solutions for resolving it. Results are important, not ranting.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Do not resist helping someone to whom you owe a great deal just because it doesn't fit into your game plan today. It will damage your reputation in ways that would be difficult to repair.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Persons important to your plans could lose respect for you today and find another with whom to expand their cause if you display wishy-washy tendencies. Show positive, firm behavior.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Wasting time on nonessential jobs today while postponing important tasks could cause you to mess up everybody else's schedule. They won't appreciate it, and will let you know it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Trying to impress others with lavish spending today will be a total waste of time and money. No one will really take any notice and all you'll gain is a thinner wallet.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Those in high places are keeping a sharp eye on things today. Unless you satisfactorily complete tasks or projects assigned to you, you'll end up being the focus of their ire.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Rushing to judgment or not even bothering to think anything through will cause you to arrive at conclusions or solutions that are neither practical nor helpful. More problems and headaches will result.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Putting yourself in a financial position today where your lifestyle would be governed by excessive obligation would tie you up for a much longer time than you can imagine. Be frugal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Your companions or associates are not apt to consider your priorities too important today, so don't count on them to come through for you. Be prepared to operate independently.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Things that you have allowed to pile up will monopolize your time and attention today and delay other important jobs that need to be tended to. You could have a mess on your hands.

Major changes are ahead for Aquarius in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167.

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Daughters of Confederacy and historical society battle over flag

TYLER (AP) — A local chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Smith County Historical Society are wrapped up in legal battle over the rights to an 1863 Confederate battle flag.

Both groups claim the rights to the 17th Texas Cavalry flag, one of two Confederate banners restored by Tyler historian Mike Sabota.

The flag was donated in Smith County by Col. C.E. Parker to the UDC. But Historical Society members claim Parker's donation came with a caveat that the UDC place the flag in an Austin museum.

"That never happened, so he reclaimed it and gave it to the Historical Society in 1963 or '62," Historical Society president Randy Gilbert said in Sunday editions of the Tyler Morning Telegraph.

But Charles Herbst, husband of local UDC president Maxine Herbst, calls the lawsuit "ridiculous" and said it's recorded that the colonel donated the "Parker Flag" in 1923 to the local UDC chapter.

"It's in the meeting minutes so there is no reason for it to be sued about," said Charles Herbst, also named as a defendant in the suit, pending in county court at law. "This is an absolute waste of time."

The Parker Flag and the other Civil War flag were displayed at the Historical Society museum near downtown Tyler until November 2000, when Sabota reclaimed the flags for the UDC to restore them.

The two flags are at Sabota's antebellum-style home south of Tyler. He also is named as a defendant in the lawsuit.

"I'm a historian and collector, and I saw them deteriorating a long time ago," Sabota said. "They were in horrible shape."

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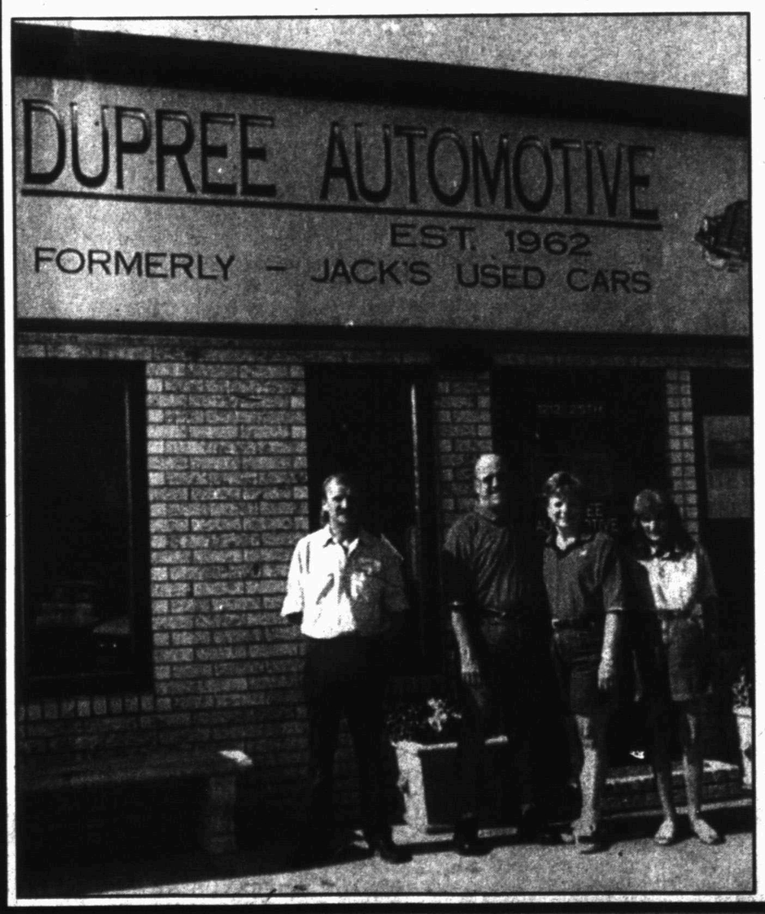
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Jury seated for espionage trial

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — Twelve jurors and four alternates were selected today for the first espionage trial in 50 years that could lead to a death sentence.

Lawyers for both sides used more than half of their challenges as they selected the jury that will determine the fate of Brian Patrick Regan, a retired Air Force master sergeant charged with offering secrets to Iraq, Libya and China for $13 million.

The all-white jury includes seven women.

Opening statements were expected to be completed today.

If convicted, Regan could be the first American executed for spying since Julius and Ethel Rosenberg in June 1953. The Rosenbergs were convicted of conspiring to steal U.S. atomic secrets for the Soviet Union.

Regan's trial is being held in the same federal courthouse where John Walker Lindh was sentenced to 20 years in prison last year for fighting with the Taliban militia in Afghanistan.

It's rare for a spy case to go to trial. The government usually would rather cut a deal than run the risk of revealing in open court the ways it tracks spies.

Even when information provided by the CIA's Aldrich Ames or the FBI's Robert Hanssen led to the execution of U.S. agents overseas, the government avoided a trial and agreed to plea bargains where both men were sentenced to life without parole.

Regan is charged with three counts of attempted espionage and one of illegally gathering national security information.

World Forum seeks to rebuild public's trust

DAVOS, Switzerland (AP) — Corporate leaders at the World Economic Forum turned their attention today to the official theme of the conference — how to restore public confidence in business.

"We are dealing with this issue head on," J.T. Battenberg III, chief executive of U.S. auto supplier Delphi, told the forum, an annual meeting of 2,300 government and business leaders.

The crisis of confidence was brought on by scandals like the collapse of U.S. energy trader Enron. Several at the forum called for a new commitment to old-fashioned business ethics instead of relying completely on the laws and rules affecting corporate governance.

"We no longer live in a world where business can say, 'Trust us. We'll do it right,' but one where the public will say, 'Show me you'll do it right,'" said Jaap Winter, former legal adviser to Unilever.

"Business must not only do the right thing but be seen to do the right thing," said Winter, who led a group of experts on corporate governance and accounting issues for EU finance ministers last year.

Existing-home sales rise 5.2 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sales of previously owned homes rose briskly in December, helping to make all of 2002 the best-ever year for sales as home buyers took advantage of the lowest mortgage rates in decades and opted to make a big-ticket financial commitment despite the lackluster economy.

The National Association of Realtors reported today that existing-home sales rose to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.86 million last month, representing a 5.2 percent increase from November's level.

The annualized rate reflects how many homes would sell if the same number of sales in a month continued for all 12 months.

For all of 2002, sales set a new annual record of 5.56 million, shattering the previous record of 5.30 million reached in 2001.

The housing market has been one of the few bright spots for an economy struggling to regain its footing after being knocked down by the 2001 recession.

"Exceptionally low mortgage interest rates are the primary factor in record levels of home sales," said David Lereah, the association's chief economist.

On Wall Street, stocks sagged on fears about a possible war with Iraq. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 72 points and the Nasdaq was off 7 points in morning trading.

The average interest rate on a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage was 6.05 percent in December, a record monthly low, the association said. For 2002, the average rate on a 30-year mortgage was 6.95 percent, the lowest annual average since Freddie Mac, the mortgage giant, began tracking them in 1971.

Births

Michael and Shelly Pigg of Snyder announce the birth of their son, Jonah Michael Pigg, at 6:06 p.m. Jan. 25, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Jonah weighed seven pounds, two ounces and was 20 inches long. He was welcomed by a sister, Faith Pigg.

Grandparents are Harold and Quita Pigg and Wayne and Faye Gray, all of Levelland.

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Banyan and Vanessa Winkler of Cotton Center announce the birth of their daughter, Victoria Danielle Winkler, at 2:57 p.m. on Jan. 2 in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Victoria weighed four pounds, 10 ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Becky and Benny Polston of Lawn and Michael Winkler of Midland. Maternal grandparents are Danny Ray and Vicki Williams of Snyder. Paternal great-grandparents are Dale and Virginia Johnston of Snyder and Pat Winkler of Rockwall. Maternal great-grandparents are Bobby and Barbara Burney of Snyder and Ruth Williams of Post. Her great-great-grandmother is Joy Richardson of Snyder.

Supreme Court rejects ugly fight over Barbie Doll's image

WASHINGTON (AP) — Toymaker Mattel lost a Supreme Court appeal today over a mocking pop song that called the iconic fashion doll Barbie a "blonde bimbo."

The high court did not comment in turning down Mattel's request to reopen a trademark fight over the 1997 dance hit "Barbie Girl." Mattel claims the preteen girls who buy Barbie dolls were duped into thinking the song was an advertisement for the doll or part of Mattel's official line of Barbie products.

The song, by a Danish group called Aqua, includes the lyrics, "I'm a blonde bimbo in a fantasy world/Dress me up, make it tight, I'm your dolly."

Mattel Inc., which gets $1.5 billion or more annually in Barbie sales, complained that an advertisement for the song ran during Saturday morning cartoons and that MCA Records Inc. even wanted to sell the recording at toy stores.

Ad materials for the song used the same electric pink that Mattel has used to package Barbie dolls for decades, lawyers for Mattel claimed.

MCA sold an estimated 1.4 million copies of the recording. The music company calls the song a parody protected by the First Amendment.

Mattel lost in lower courts, and the five-year tussle has gotten ugly. MCA sued Mattel for defamation after the toymaker likened the record firm to a bank robber.

Last year the California-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected the notion that consumers were misled by the song, noting that a pop art painting of a can of Campbell's Soup does not make viewers think Campbell's "has branched into the art business."

Appeals Judge Alex Kozinski, known for colorful language, toyed with the two companies a bit. He noted that the original 1950s Barbie resembled a "German street walker," but was gradually transformed into a long-legged American with a "fictitious figure."

"With fame often comes unwanted attention," Kozinski wrote for a three-judge appeals panel. He closed his written opinion with a warning to both companies to play nice. "The parties are advised to chill," he wrote.

Mattel contended the appeals court rejected the reasoning of other courts in similar cases and ignored evidence that consumers were confused.

Law enforcement makes several arrests

Arrests

Snyder officers located a 21-year-old man in the secured area behind the county jail, but the subject evaded the officers. He was later taken into custody in the 2700 block of Ave. Q and booked into the jail for criminal trespass and evading arrest.

Officers arrested a 33-year-old man in the 4400 block of Ave. U at 8:45 p.m. Saturday on a warrant for failure to appear before a judge.

DPS troopers took a 19-year-old man into custody at 10 p.m. Saturday on an Ector County warrant for harassment by telephone.

A 31-year-old man was arrested at 1:10 a.m. Sunday for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

At 3:40 a.m. Sunday, officers arrested an 18-year-old man in the 1400 block of 25th Street on a warrant for driving with a suspended license.

Thefts

Amy Bollinger requested a deputy on CR 1613 and reported two tractors missing. A deputy advised an offense report would be submitted for felony theft.

Disturbance

A woman on Ave. N reported a disturbance with her 17-year-old daughter at 2:50 p.m. Saturday. Officers found that no assault had occurred, but warned the teenager of the consequences if they had to return.

Criminal mischief

A woman reported damage to her vehicle Sunday afternoon. Officers said the vehicle, parked in the 1500 block of 39th Street, had been keyed and an offense report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

Juveniles

A woman in the 500 block of 25th Street reported a juvenile female in her backyard at 4:30 p.m. Sunday. Officers took the juvenile to the sheriff's office where she was released to a boot camp instructor.

Close patrols

An employee at Snyder Oaks requested an officer at 2:22 a.m. Sunday and reported an individual standing in the nursing home's circle drive and causing the motion sensor lights to activate.

Wal-Mart employees reported a woman in the parking lot asking drivers for money. Officers could not locate the woman, but initiated a close patrol.

A man on Brick Plant Rd. reported damage to his residence. The man later reported threats written on his windows and left on his motorcycle. He requested a close patrol.

At 10:52 p.m. Sunday, a woman in the 2200 block of Sunset reported possible prowlers in the area and requested a close patrol.

Obituaries

Mark Roddy

1958-2003

LUBBOCK — A memorial service for Mark Owen Roddy, great-nephew of John and Juanita Roddy of Snyder, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Ford Memorial Chapel at First Baptist Church in Lubbock.

Mr. Roddy, 44, died Thursday, Jan. 23, in University Medical Center.

Born on Aug. 23, 1958 in Lubbock, he was a lifelong resident of Lubbock, graduating from Monterey High School and Texas Tech University. He was employed at Garrison Geriatric Center.

Survivors include his wife, Marion Roddy of Lubbock; a stepdaughter, Wendi Whitley of McKinney; his parents, Harold and Mary Roddy of Lubbock and formerly of Ira; a brother, Mike Roddy of Garland; an aunt, Janie Roddy of Austin and formerly of Ira; a grandmother, Ophelia Roddy of Austin and formerly of Ira; and one grandchild.

The family suggests memorials to the Alzheimers Association, Greater Austin Chapter, 3420 Executive Center Drive, Austin, 78731.

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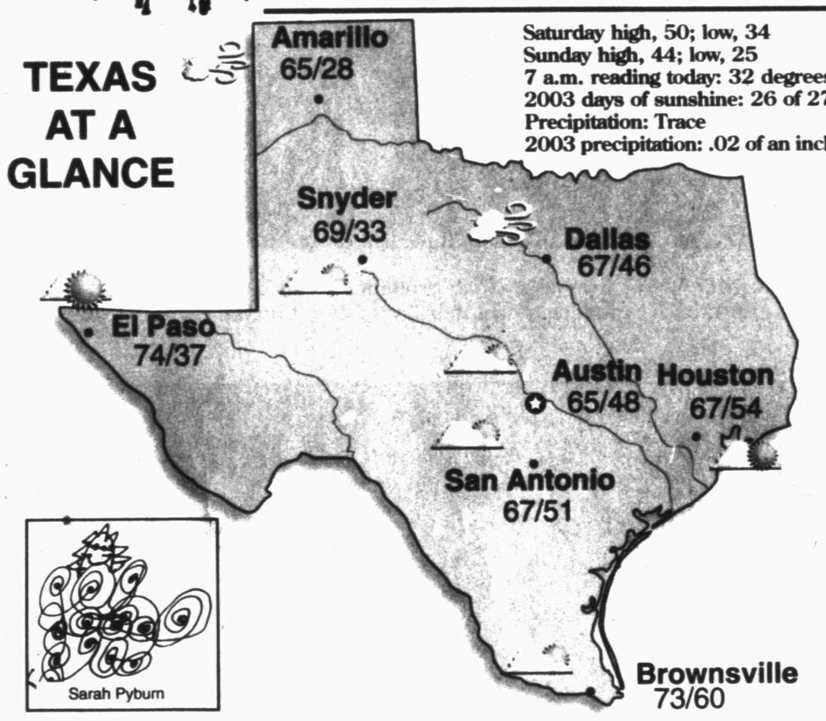
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Tue 1/28	Wed 1/29	Thu 1/30
69/33	55/27	61/30
Partly cloudy skies. High 69F. Winds SW at 15 to 25 mph.	Partial sunshine. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the upper 20s.	Partial sunshine. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 30s.
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Precipitation: Trace
2003 precipitation: .02 of an inch

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	70	39	windy	El Paso	74	37	mst sunny	Midland	70	38	sunny
Amarillo	65	28	windy	Fort Stockton	72	39	sunny	Raymondville	71	55	pt sunny
Austin	65	48	pt sunny	Gainesville	63	38	windy	Rosenberg	67	54	cloudy
Beaumont	66	53	cloudy	Greenville	61	41	windy	San Antonio	67	51	pt sunny
Brownsville	73	60	pt sunny	Houston	67	54	cloudy	San Marcos	66	50	pt sunny
Brownwood	69	42	pt sunny	Kingsville	70	54	cloudy	Sulphur Springs	62	43	windy
Corpus Christi	67	55	cloudy	Livingston	66	51	cloudy	Sweetwater	70	36	pt sunny
Corsicana	65	46	windy	Longview	64	49	cloudy	Tyler	65	52	windy
Dallas	67	46	windy	Lubbock	70	32	mst sunny	Weatherford	65	38	windy
Del Rio	71	51	pt sunny	Lufkin	67	55	cloudy	Wichita Falls	67	37	windy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	50	39	pt sunny	Houston	67	54	cloudy	Phoenix	78	50	pt sunny
Boston	25	21	pt sunny	Los Angeles	74	55	pt sunny	San Francisco	59	49	pt sunny
Chicago	33	21	mixed	Miami	70	58	pt sunny	Seattle	50	41	rain
Dallas	67	46	windy	Minneapolis	32	5	cloudy	St. Louis	47	30	cloudy
Denver	50	23	pt sunny	New York	28	25	pt sunny	Washington, DC	37	30	cloudy

Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
Jan 25	Feb 1	Feb 9	Feb 16

UV Index

Tue 1/28	Wed 1/29	Thu 1/30
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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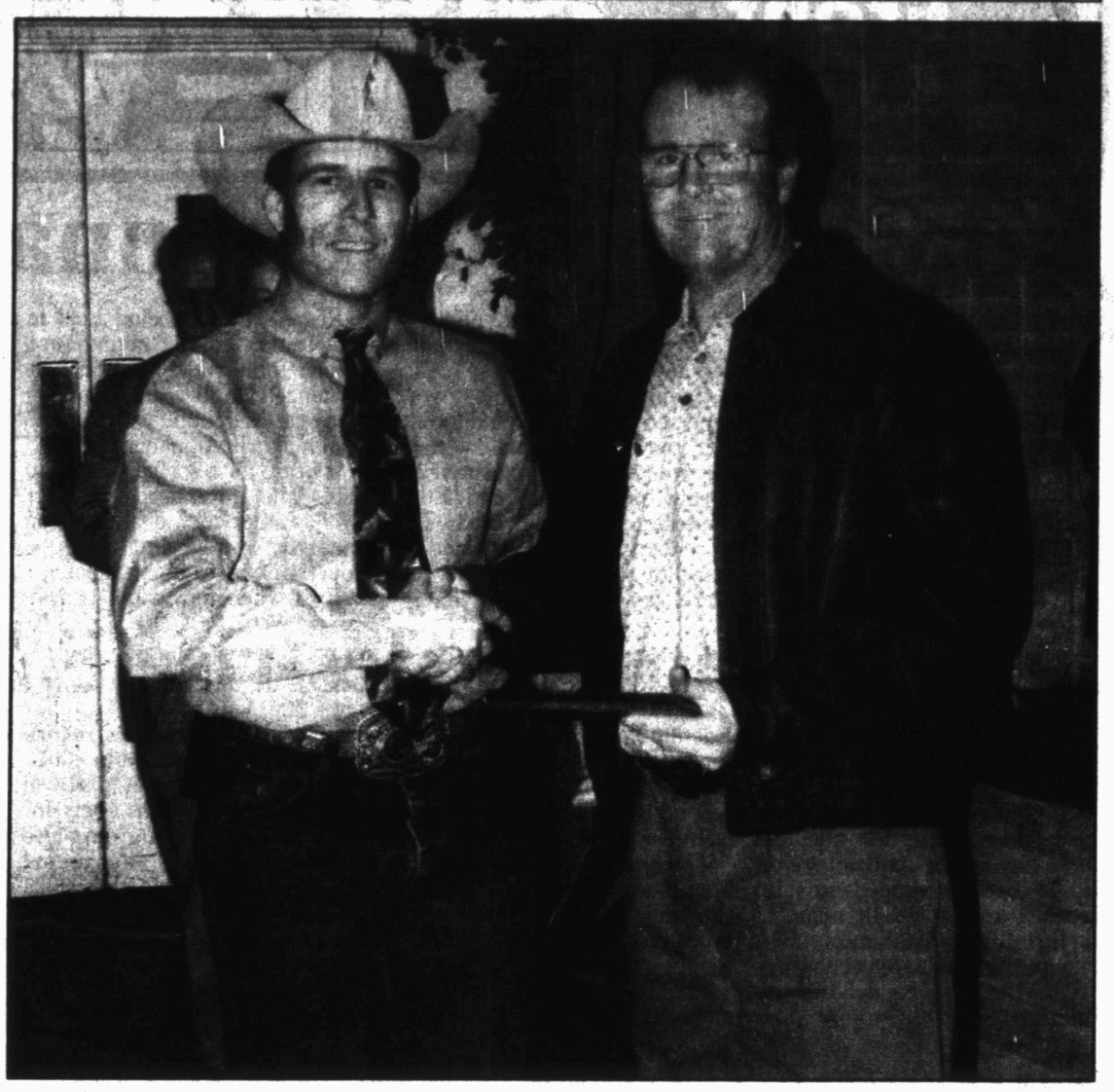
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2003 Snyder Chamber of Commerce Banquet



SIZEMORE AWARD — Jeffrey Martin, left, accepted the Sizemore Award at Saturday's chamber banquet for his work as a Snyder Goldcoater. Presenting Martin with the award was Ann Smartt. (SDN Staff Photo)



WINSTON AWARD — Scurry County producer Greg Gafford, right, was presented the Winston Award at Saturday's chamber banquet for his contribution to local agriculture. Presenting the award was Greg Rhodes, Western Texas College rodeo coach. (SDN Staff Photo)



VESTAL AWARD — Snyder Mayor Francene Noah presented longtime Snyder resident Max von Roeder with the Vestal Award at Saturday's chamber banquet at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. (SDN Staff Photo)



MCLAUGHLIN AWARD — Gayle McDonald was posthumously honored with the McLaughlin Award at Saturday's chamber banquet for his work in the oil industry. McDonald's son, Jack, right, accepted the award. Presenter was last year's recipient, Troy Botts.



CHAMBER'S CHOICE AWARD — Billy Grimmett was honored at Saturday's chamber banquet with the Chamber's Choice Award, presented by chamber employee Sandra Salinas. Accepting the honor for Grimmett was his sister, Sandy Hodges, right. (SDN Staff Photo)



EDUCATION EXCELLENCE AWARD — Longtime educator Dixie Haggard, right, accepted the Education Excellence Award at Saturday's chamber banquet. Presenting the award was Snyder ISD trustee Richard Chambers. (SDN Staff Photo)