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Incumbents file for city, Ira positions

The two incumbent school board members at Ira have filed to have their names on the May 15 ballot.

Dirk Dunn and Keith Clements are both long-time trustees as Dunn has served since 1994, and Clements since 1989.

All present incumbents on the Snyder city council have filed for a new term as Vernest Tippens and Stephanie Ducheneaux have joined fellow councilman Ron Shaw on the May slate.

Ducheneaux is seeking her second term on the council having been elected in 2002, while Tippens was first elected to the board in 1988.

Tippens also serves as the mayor pro-tem.

The District 3 spot is now vacant, as James Ashley has moved to Carlsbad, N.M.

Shaw is seeking his second term representing District 4. He also has served two terms, as an at-large member having first been elected in 1995 and this is his second run for the District 4 position.

Only one incumbent has announced for the Snyder ISD board as Luann Burleson filed last week.

The term of Cathy Peoples, trustee since being appointed in 2001 to fill an unexpired term, also expires this year.

Peoples has indicated she also will seek another term.

At Western Texas College, both incumbent trustees Carolyn Barbee and Dr. Jay Kidd are seeking their third six-year terms on the board. Barbee represents Place 3, while Dr. Kidd represents Place 4.

At Hermleigh, the terms of Sherene Digby and David Higgins will expire. Digby said she is undecided and Higgins said he would not be a candidate for re-election.

The deadline for filing for a school trustee position or a spot on the Snyder city council is March 15.

Early voting in the May 15 election begins April 28 and continues through May 11.

WELCOME WATER — Snyder residents were greeted with some much-needed moisture this morning as shown here on Ave. M. At press time Snyder had received .94 of an inch of rainfall. The showers are expected to continue through Tuesday. (SDN Staff Photo by Annie Rowe)

TAKS testing to start

The new state-mandated Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills test (TAKS) will be administered starting Tuesday at Snyder, Hermleigh and Ira schools.

TAKS writing will be Tuesday for grades 4 and 7, and TAKS reading for grades 9.

The TAKS English Language Arts also will be Tuesday for grades 10 and exit level.

The TAAS writing exit level re-test also will be given Tuesday, while Wednesday, the TAAS exit level math test will be given at Snyder High School, and Thursday, the exit level reading test also will be given at SHS.

Senior students currently enrolled at SHS who have not shown mastery on one or more portions of the TAAS are eligible to take the re-test.

Highly contagious strain of bird flu found in Texas

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A strain of avian influenza found on a Texas chicken farm is far more dangerous to poultry than originally thought and has spread to live bird markets in Houston, federal officials said today.

However, the flu is not the same strain that has killed at least 22 people in Asia, said Dr. Ron DeHaven of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The highly contagious strain, found in Gonzales County in South Texas, poses little threat to people, said Dr. Nancy Cox of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"Nonetheless, as we move forward in this particular situation, we have to keep an open mind," Cox said.

On Friday, state officials said the outbreak was a low-pathogenic version of bird flu, meaning it posed little risk to humans and only low risk to chickens.

However, it was reclassified as high-pathogenic after genetic testing during the weekend, DeHaven said.

It is the first time since 1983-84 that high-pathogenic avian flu has been found in the United States, DeHaven said.

The name and location of the chicken farm wasn't revealed.

The farm's flock was destroyed during the weekend but birds from that flock already had been sent to two live bird markets in Houston, DeHaven said.

Preliminary testing showed that the disease was found in the live-bird markets.

Burglary is interrupted

A decision by two men to work late Sunday evening abruptly halted a pair of burglars who had intended to plunder valuables from businesses on Coliseum Drive.

Bill Driver, owner of Driver's Auto Painting at 300 Coliseum Dr., and his father were working inside the business when two subjects kicked the back door in to gain entry.

However, the subjects were startled when they realized that the workers were inside the shop.

"I'm sure they were very surprised to see Mr. Driver and his father," said Snyder Police Sgt. Terry Luecke. "Obviously it wasn't what they were expecting."

Officers received the report of the intruders at 11:46 p.m. Sunday, and after further investigation of the area, discovered burglaries of the Word is Life Deliverance Church and the Pal-o-Mar Café and Flea Market.

The efforts of the thieves went unrewarded after breaking into the businesses when they were forced to make the hasty exit on foot.

"The good part is that when they ran away they dropped the majority of the property that they had stolen, so it was recovered," said Luecke.

The investigation has brought forth a number of leads that Luecke said are being pursued.

LUCKY WINNER – Big Country Autoland sales associate Ronny Greene, left, present the keys to a 2004 Buick Rendezvous to Melton and Dee Briscoe of Brownfield who won the automobile in the GM "Hot Button" promotion. The inset photo shows Greene, Briscoe and dealership owner Bill Wilson III. (SDN Staff Photos)

Right button pushed at Big Country Auto

Terry County resident wins new Buick Rendezvous in 'Hot Button' promotion

A retired farmer from Terry County did more than just kick a few tires at Bill Wilson's Big Country Autoland.

Melton Briscoe Jr. of Brownfield also pushed the GM "Hot Button" in a designated vehicle and became the winner of a 2004 Buick Rendezvous.

The nationwide promotion is tied to GM's use of the OnStar global positioning system in many of its vehicles. Those pushing the "hot button" have the opportunity to win some 54 different models.

Bill Wilson III said there were 1,000 vehicles scattered around the country that contained the "Hot Button" during the months of January and February. The event ends next Monday.

"I've never won anything in my life," said Briscoe. "When they told me I won, I didn't believe it. I'm just now beginning to believe it."

Briscoe and his wife Dee said they hadn't told anyone — not even their children — about their good luck of winning a new automobile. "They sure will be surprised when they find out."

Briscoe pushed the right button at the Snyder dealership last month, and the winner's information was sent in for verification.

The Briscoes were presented their new car last week by Big Country Autoland.

Ritz auditions set for today

Auditions for the spring production at the Ritz Community Theatre will be held today from 5-7 p.m.

Cast requirements are for four men and two women for *On Golden Pond.*

"The popular comedy is a touching, funny love story of a spirited elderly couple and the relationships with their daughter, her fiancé, and his teenage son," said Elle Dryden, director of the play.

For additional information, call Dryden at 573-9739.

ASK US

Q—When was the last time there were five Sundays in February?

A—In 1976. It happens once every 28 years.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Melody Martin...

...has been a resident of Snyder for 21 years and is the owner of Tiger Health and Fitness. She is married to Lane Martin and they have one son, Logan, 17. She is the daughter of Bob and Rachel Martin, also of Snyder. Hobbies involve the outdoors and she especially enjoys yard work.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Winners believe they are winners because they've learned to act like winners, right down to the smallest detail.

—Bud Grant

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Ritz Theatre tryouts

Auditions for *On Golden Pond*, the spring production at the Ritz Community Theatre, will be held from 5-7 p.m. today at the theatre on the south side of the square. Cast requirements are four men and two women. The popular comedy is a touching, funny love story of spirited elderly couple and the relationships with their daughter, her fiance and his teen-age son. Call Ellie Dryden at 573-9739 for more information.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "Significance of the Resurrection," followed by "He Was in the Beginning with God."

AA meeting

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

Genealogy Society to meet

The genealogy society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the county library. The program will be about Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee – one of the founding members of DAR. Dr. McGee is the great, great aunt of Kathy Nelson who will present the program.

SJHS presents *Oklahoma*

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

MAWC luncheon, game day

Martha Ann Woman's Club will host a luncheon and game day Wednesday. Reservations are needed by 5 p.m. Tuesday by calling 573-3427.

Service of Remembrance

Odyssey Hospice will conduct its annual memorial service at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church in Snyder. The public is invited to the candlelight service in honor of patients who died in 2003.

Relay for Life meeting

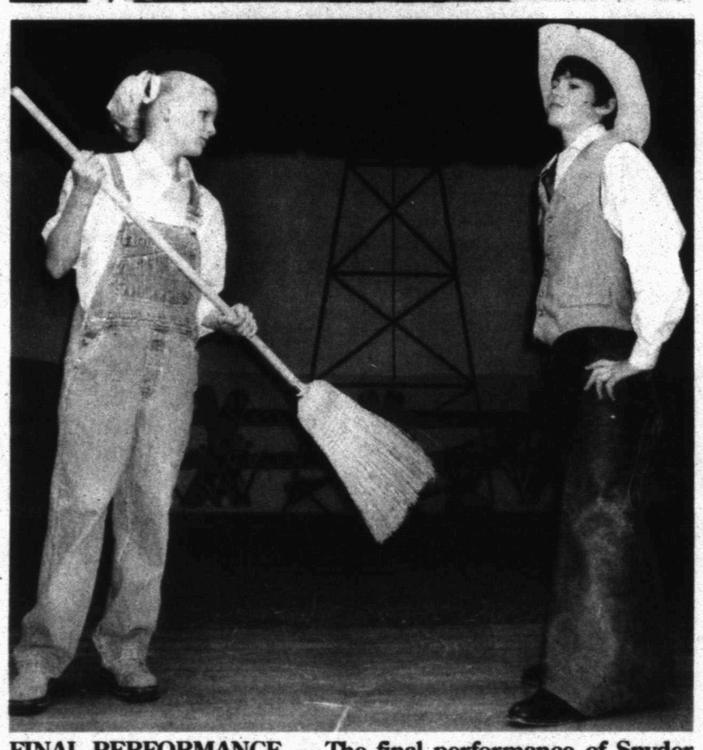
The Scurry Unit of the American Cancer Society will hold a directors and Relay for Life meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Desperado classroom of First Baptist Church. For more information call Terrisu Mann at 573-1031.

Free income tax help

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

What's up guidelines

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



FINAL PERFORMANCE — The final performance of Snyder Junior High School drama and choir departments' *Oklahoma!* will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Tickets are $4 and are on sale at the school office. In the first photo Andrew Carnes, played by Jonathan Speegle, is singing about how the farmers and the cowman should be friends in the new territory of Oklahoma. The girls dancing with him at the barn dance are played by Adrianna Herrera and Stacey Elam. In the bottom photo, Laurey, played by Cayelea Rhodes, tells Curly, portrayed by Craig Robertson, that she has no interest in going to the dance with him and he should get off her land. Marci Dennis is the choir director and Alisa Keller, is the drama teacher. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Oklahoma will try Nichols nearly 10 years after blast

McALESTER, Okla. (AP) — The bombing that killed 168 people in the Oklahoma City federal building may seem like ancient history to many, but not to those touched by the blast — or to state prosecutors who want to put Terry Nichols to death for the crime.

Nearly a decade after the bombing, a state murder trial is set to begin March 1 for Nichols, 48, who already is serving a life prison sentence without chance of parole on a federal conviction.

"I suspect a lot of people have already put this in the history book. But for those who are involved, that history will never end," said Roy Sells, whose wife, Lee, was one of those killed in the April 19, 1995, bombing that destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

Oklahoma County District Attorney Wes Lane has said Nichols should be held accountable for the deaths of victims who were not part of the federal prosecution.

Nichols' 1997 conviction on federal conspiracy and involuntary manslaughter charges involved only the deaths of eight federal law enforcement officers. The state charges involve the other 160 victims and the unborn child of one of those killed.

"I do really feel like we need to go through it again," said Jeanine Gist, whose daughter, Karen Gist Carr, was killed. "I don't feel like we got justice the first time."

However, most Oklahomans feel differently, according to two polls. Many feel the expense and turmoil of another trial is unnecessary, given Nichols' life sentence.

Nichols has offered to plead no contest if prosecutors agree not to seek the death penalty, but Lane has indicated he will not agree to that.

Nichols was at his home in Herington, Kan., the day the bomb exploded. But prosecutors allege that he and Timothy McVeigh worked side by side to acquire materials and build the 4,000-pound bomb of fuel oil and ammonium nitrate fertilizer. Prosecutors said the bombing was a twisted plot to avenge the FBI siege two years earlier at the Branch Davidian compound at Waco, Texas.

McVeigh was convicted on federal murder charges and executed in June 2001.

The state charges against Nichols were filed in 1999 by former Oklahoma County District Attorney Bob Macy, who said he was not satisfied with the outcome of the federal trial.

Lane, who took over in 2001 after Macy retired, considered dismissing the charges out of concern for the expense of the case and the toll it would take on the victims' families. More than $4 million has been spent on defense, prosecution and security costs.

But after meeting privately with survivors and victims' relatives, Lane announced his decision to proceed on Sept. 5, 2001 — one week before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on New York and Washington. Before those attacks, the Oklahoma City bombing was the worst act of terrorism ever in the United States.

"Accountability to the laws of the state of Oklahoma demands we stay the course," Lane said at the time.

A gag order prevents Lane from commenting further.

A recent Tulsa World poll found that 70 percent of Oklahomans feel the expense of a state trial is unnecessary since Nichols is already serving a life sentence. An earlier poll, for The Oklahoman, found a majority of state residents would prefer a plea bargain to a trial.

Jury selection will begin in fatal church van crash suit

LAREDO (AP) — A 15-passenger Ford Motor Co. van overturned on a Mexican highway two years ago, killing three young missionaries and injuring six others, because of manufacturing defects, according to a lawsuit filed by survivors and victims' relatives.

Bethany Bosarge of Peachtree, Ga., Malori Smith of Highlands Ranch, Colo., and Jonnathan Lomeli of Laredo died in the June 30, 2002 accident. At the time, Bosarge was 16, Smith was 17 and Lomeli was 23.

They were members of Victorious Christian Harvesters church, which owned the 1998 van.

The accident occurred as they returned from a mission to Mexico City when driver Adam Turner lost control and the van overturned on a highway near Monterrey, Mexico.

Jury selection was scheduled to begin today in the case against Ford. According to the lawsuit, the auto maker negligently marketed a vehicle that was unstable and had dangerous window glass and roof components.

Ford spokeswoman Kathleen Vokes said the accident was caused because a tire lost its tread and road conditions were poor.

"Under these severe conditions, any van, pickup, or sport utility vehicle and many passenger cars wold have rolled over," she said. She said that the roof of the van had passed federal strength tests.

Plaintiffs' attorney Jeff Wingington said the trial would show Ford essentially put rows of seats in a work van, creating a minibus that is top heavy and prone to overturn. The plaintiffs are seeking undisclosed monetary damages.

Wingington said more than 300 people have died in 15-passenger van rollover accidents involving the E-350.

"These vans have a horrible track record for safety," he said. "It you will compare the number of people who die in these 15-passenger van rollover accidents it is more than twice the number that have been killed in Ford-Firestone accidents, and everybody's heard about that."

In 2002, the government renewed a safety warning for 15-passenger vans, which often are used by churches, sports teams and other groups.

When carrying 10 or more people, the vans are three times more likely to roll over than lightly loaded vans, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration found.

Last month, a federal judge ordered Ford to turn over safety data on its 15-passenger vans — information the company has claimed doesn't exist.

The lawsuit also names Turner, the church and Sames Motor Co., Inc. of Webb County, where the van was purchased.

Another co-defendant, Michelin North America, reached an out-of-court settlement late Saturday for an undisclosed sum, company spokeswoman Lynn Mann said. The lawsuit alleged that defective tires contributed to the crash.

The lawsuit is the first involving Ford's E-350 Econoline van to go to trial in six years, when a Kentucky jury awarded plaintiffs $20 million in a similar case.

In the Kentucky case, Ford was accused of hiding evidence. Two passengers in one of the large vans died when it flipped on a Kentucky highway in 1996. Thirteen people from Illinois were aboard.

The NHTSA has said the vans have a dramatically higher risk of rollovers when fully loaded and should be operated only by experienced drivers.

Bush's dog Spot is put to sleep for health woes

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's dog Spot, the 15-year-old English springer spaniel who had remained eager to please despite increasing health troubles, died on Saturday.

Bush and his wife, Laura, went along with a veterinarian's recommendation to put Spotty, as the longtime Bush family pet was known, to sleep, according to White House spokesman Allen Abney. She had suffered a series of strokes recently, including one this week, he said.

"The president and Mrs. Bush and the entire Bush family are deeply saddened by the passing of Spot," White House press secretary Scott McClellan said Saturday in a statement. "A loyal and loving companion, Spot was a beloved member of the Bush family for nearly 15 years. She will be missed."

Spot was no stranger to the White House. She was born there to Millie, the well-known dog of Bush's parents, former President George H.W. Bush and his wife, Barbara, in 1989.

The friendly brown-and-white spaniel was regularly seen ambling around the West Wing and the South Lawn alongside the more energetic other Bush dog, Barney, a black 3-year-old Scottish terrier.

The two dogs were routinely brought out to greet the president upon his return to the White House from trips, no matter the hour, and often traveled with the Bushes to Texas or Camp David. Spot was always the more obedient, dutifully clambering onto a helicopter or Air Force One with no prompting while Bush often had to chase Barney down and hand him off to an aide to be carried aboard.

Oil Patch News

Mitchell County

Energen Resources will drill the No. 634W Westbrook southeast field unit, 11 miles west of Colorado City. Planned for a depth of 3,500 feet, drill site is in Section 28, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Energen Resources will drill the No. 2719W Westbrook southeast field unit, 12 miles southwest of Colorado City. Contacted for a depth of 3,500 feet, location is in Section 40, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Energen Resources will drill the No. 1861W Westbrook southeast field unit, 10 miles west of Colorado City. Also planned for 3,500 feet, location is in Section 27, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Energen Resources will drill the No. 1862W Westbrook southeast field unit, 10 miles west of Colorado city. Planned depth is 3,500 feet, and location is in Section 27, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Howard County

Crownquest Operating will drill the No. 2 Newton in the Varel and Would Have field, four miles northwest of Big Spring. Planned for a depth of 5,800 feet, drill site is in Section 17, Block 33, T1N, T&P survey.

Crownquest Operating will drill the No. 1-17 Ward in the Varel and Would Have field, four miles northwest of Big Spring. Also planned for a depth of 5,800 feet, drill site is in Section 17, Block 33, T1N, T&P survey.

World Almanac

Monday, Feb. 23, 2004

Today is the 54th day of 2004 and the 64th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1778, Baron von Steuben joined the U.S. encampment at Valley Forge.

In 1847, U.S. troops under Zachary Taylor defeated the Mexican forces at the Battle of Buena Vista.

In 1945, U.S. Marines raised the American flag on Iwo Jima.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Samuel Pepys (1633-1703), diarist/naval official; George Frideric Handel (1685-1759), composer; W.E.B. DuBois (1868-1963), author/activist; Peter Fonda (1939-), actor, is 65.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1980, U.S. speed skater Eric Heiden became the first person to win five individual gold medals in one Olympics.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I pray God to keep me from being proud." — Samuel Pepys

TODAY'S FACT: A group of buzzards is called a "wake"; a group of finches is called a "charm."

TODAY'S NUMBER: 17 — Percentage of the land in Israel that is arable.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Feb. 20) and first quarter (Feb. 28)

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Saturday's Lottery Numbers
Lotto Texas

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

Winning numbers drawn: 1-21-25-32-43. Bonus Ball: 25.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: $30,965.

Number matching four of five, plus Bonus Ball: 8. Prize: $3,513.

Number matching four of five: 525. Prize: $115.

Number matching three of five, plus Bonus Ball: 461. Prize: $116.

Number matching three of five: 20,783. Prize: $5.

Number matching two of five, plus Bonus Ball: 6,040. Prize: $5.

Number matching one of five, plus Bonus Ball: 28,921. Prize: $3.

Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: $12 million.

Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 9-7-29-6-24.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Matching four of five: 133. Prize: $431.

Matching three of five: 4,589. Prize: $10.

Matching two of five: 45,444. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Monday night.

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By Abigail V

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Depp, Theron take lead-acting honors at Screen Actors awards

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Johnny Depp was a surprise lead actor winner Sunday at the Screen Actors Guild Awards for "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl," while Charlize Theron took the best-actress honor for the serial-killer drama "Monster."

Depp, who did not attend the awards, won for his role as a jittery buccaneer in the summer blockbuster, beating out Sean Penn, who had been considered the favorite for "Mystic River."

Theron won for her portrayal of executed murderer Aileen Wuornos, a role for which the actress gained 30 pounds and obscured her cover-girl beauty behind false teeth, dark contact lenses and a splotchy complexion.

"I'm so honored and proud to be an actor, 'cause God knows, I don't know what else to do," said Theron, a native of South Africa. She thanked her cast mates and director Patty Jenkins, along with "my angel and my date tonight, my mom, who put me on the plane with a one-way ticket to Hollywood when I was 19 years old. Thank you for being so brave and letting me go to make my dreams come true."

The supporting acting awards went to Tim Robbins for the brooding drama "Mystic River" and Renee Zellweger for the Civil War saga "Cold Mountain."

The ensemble acting award, the guild's equivalent of a best-picture prize, went to "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King," the front-runner to win the top honor at next Sunday's Academy Awards.

The SAG wins boost the individual actors' Oscar prospects. Theron, Robbins and Zellweger have been viewed as front-runners through awards season, and guild honors provide one last push among Oscar voters, who must cast their ballots by the end of the day Tuesday.

Robbins won for his role as a man emotionally crippled by childhood trauma and suspected of murder as an adult in "Mystic River."

"Oh, boy. That's so cool. Susan's got one of these," Robbins said, referring to his romantic partner Susan Sarandon, who won the guild's 1996 lead-actress honor for "Dead Man Walking," which Robbins directed. "I'm going to get them alone in a dark room and see what happens."

Zellweger, who won the guild's lead-actress award last year for "Chicago," was honored this time as a salt-of-the-earth Confederate handywoman in "Cold Mountain." She thanked co-stars Nicole Kidman and Jude Law and director Anthony Minghella.

"I was spoiled for riches on this experience," Zellweger said. "It was such an honor to go to work every day beside you."

Among the guild's TV awards, "Sex and the City" won for comedy-acting ensemble on the same night the series ended its six-year run. The cast won the same prize two years ago, while star Sarah Jessica Parker won the comedy-actress honor in 2001.

"You guys have been incredibly generous to us over the course of the show," said co-star Kristin Davis, who accepted the award with cast mates Kim Cattrall and Cynthia Nixon. "And so many of you have come to act with us. We've had more good-looking men on our show. ...

"We will all miss you so much."

Other comedy TV honors went to Megan Mullally for "Will & Grace" and Tony Shalhoub for "Monk."

Greenspan: Household balance sheets generally in 'good shape'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The balance sheets of American households are generally in "good shape" as extra cash from a huge wave of home mortgage refinancing and decades-low interest rates helped consumers better manage their debt, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said today.

The financial health of consumers is important to the economy, which in the second half of last year finally cast off its lethargy and has been growing at a healthy pace. Consumer spending accounts for roughly two-thirds of all economic activity in the United States.

Greenspan, in a speech to a credit union conference meeting here, pointed out that U.S. households own more than $14 trillion in real estate assets.

Home mortgage refinancings and a solid rise in home values helped to bolster consumer spending during economic hard times as well as during the recovery, Greenspan said.

"Over the past two years, significant increases in the value of real estate assets have, for some households, mitigated stock market losses and supported consumption," Greenspan said in his prepared remarks.

Greenspan did not discuss the future direction of short-term interest rates in the United States or the state of the U.S. economy.

Two gauges the Fed likes to use to assess the extent of American household indebtedness and to get a view of the financial health of the overall sector "rose modestly over the 1990s," Greenspan said.

The debt-service ratio measures the share of income devoted by households for paying interest and principal on their debt. When the debt service ratio is high, households have less money available to buy goods or services, the Fed chief explained. The Fed's second measure, called the general financial obligations ratio, incorporates households' other recurring expenses, such as rents, auto leases, homeowners' insurance and property taxes, he said.

Murray film takes top screenwriting award

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Lost in Translation" and "American Splendor" took top screenwriting honors Saturday from the Writers Guild of America.

Sofia Coppola's "Lost in Translation," about two lonely Americans who strike up an unlikely friendship in Tokyo, was named best original screenplay. She also directed the film, which stars Bill Murray.

Best adapted screenplay honors went to Robert Pulcini and Shari Springer Berman for "American Splendor," which is based on the underground comic books that detail the life of Harvey Pekar and a novel Pekar wrote with his wife, Joyce Brabner.

The 56th annual awards were presented in simultaneous ceremonies in New York and Los Angeles.

Other winners:

TELEVISION:

Animation: "The Dad Who Knew Too Little" (episode of "The Simpsons"); written by Matt Selman; aired on Fox.

Original Long Form: "And Starring Pancho Villas As Himself"; Larry Gelbart; HBO.

Adapted Long Form: "Out of the Ashes"; Anne Meredith, based on the book "I Was a Doctor in Auschwitz" by Dr. Gisella Perl; Showtime.

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Eisner makes surprise visit to Disneyland

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Michael Eisner, the embattled CEO of the Walt Disney Co., made a surprise visit to Disneyland to promote its latest attraction and deflect criticism that the company's parks have declined in recent years.

"The theme parks are in great management hands," Eisner said Saturday while attending the premiere of the new musical "Snow White."

"We have a lot of new attractions, like 'Snow White,' and we have a whole parade of new attractions coming for the 50th" anniversary of Disneyland, he said.

Eisner introduced the show to a crowd that included 250 children dressed in Snow White and dwarf costumes. He said "Snow White" — Disney's first animated feature film — and Mickey Mouse are the bedrock of the company.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Teen's feelings of depression may be legacy from mother

ABBY: My mother died when I was 7. I'm 13 now, and my father just told me Mom suffered from bad depression toward the end of her life. He also said that it would worry him a great deal if I had depression, too.

I'm afraid I do. I get sad easily and I have thought about suicide, but I don't know why. It could be the stress of my family life, but it can't still be about my mother's passing, can it? That was six years ago.

I actually scare myself sometimes, but I don't think my depression is bad enough to see someone about it.

What do you think? — **SCARED IN SOUTH CAROLINA**

DEAR SCARED: It's time to talk to your father. Depression can run in families. You also need to tell a professional exactly what you have told me. Please don't put it off. The sooner you get professional help, the sooner you will feel better.

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DEAR ABBY: I am unemployed right now. I become extremely nervous when I fill out a job application because I have a bankruptcy on my record. Several potential employers have indicated they will check my credit rating as part of their standard background search. I was having terrible money problems when I filed bankruptcy a little over a year ago. But since then I have joined a 12-step group called Debtors Anonymous, and it is helping me a great deal. If I didn't have this bankruptcy on my credit report, I don't think I'd have any trouble at all getting a job.

How should I handle this at a job interview? — **RECOVERING DEBTOR**

DEAR RECOVERING: Tell the truth. The way the economy has been, you won't be the only one with a bankruptcy showing up on your credit report. To admit that you had a problem and are doing something about it is nothing to be ashamed of.

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DEAR ABBY: I was in the parking lot of a shopping center when I noticed an older woman two cars away yelling and hitting a little girl. The girl looked about 6 or 7.

I got into my car, pulled up next to them and called out, "Are you OK?" The little girl was crying and trying to straighten her scarf; the woman snapped back, "Yes, she's OK!"

This kind of behavior really bothers me. I frequently see adults slap, hit, pinch and berate their children — even babies in strollers. These adults seem to be out of control, and everybody ignores them or looks away.

Sometimes I stare at the parent or walk slowly by to let them know that I know what they're doing. One time, I reported a mother who kept slapping and scolding her Down syndrome daughter. The girl was doing nothing wrong and kept repeating, "I'm your FRIEND." It turns out slapping is legal in Virginia where I live. And by the way, I live in one of the wealthiest counties in the nation.

What can I do to help some of these kids? Any suggestions would be appreciated. — **SAD AND DISGUSTED IN VIRGINIA**

DEAR SAD AND DISGUSTED: I checked with several state agencies and found out that although slapping may be legal in Virginia, the state policy is "open to interpretation." The Virginia Department of Social Services operates a 24-hour statewide, child-abuse-reporting hot line. If a report is deemed valid, a local agency will conduct an investigation. The in-state number is (800) 552-7096; from out of state, the number is (804) 786-8536.

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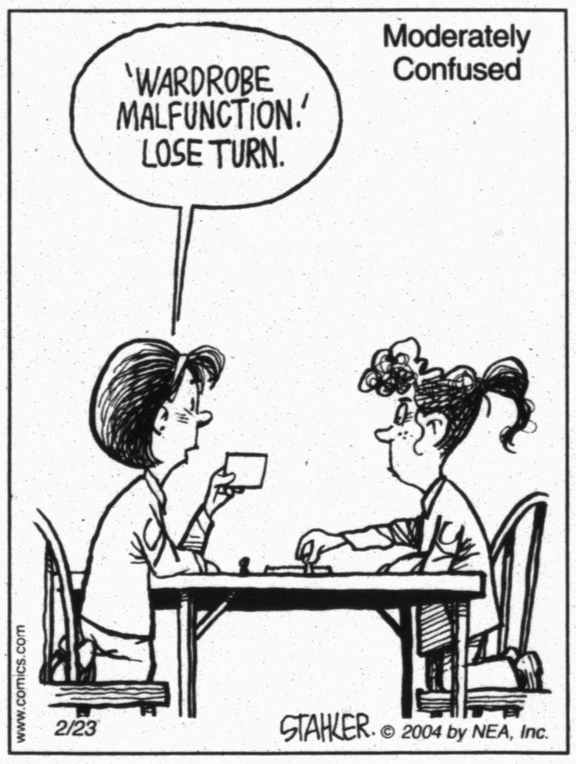

Today's chuckle

Judge makes sure punishment fits crime

SAGINAW, Mich. (AP) — A judge made sure the punishment fit the crime when he sentenced a man to clean 100 toilets at the Saginaw County Jail.

Jonathan F. Naessens, 23, pleaded guilty to stealing a firearm from a Richland Township home, but investigators also found human feces in the basement near the window where the burglar entered the house. Authorities say Naessens soiled the floor.

In addition to the toilet scrubbing, Circuit Judge Fred L. Borchard on Wednesday sentenced Naessens to two years' probation and to pay $389 in restitution to clean the property.

"The sentence is excellent," Sheriff Charles L. Brown said. "What's more disgusting than someone coming into your home and doing this?"

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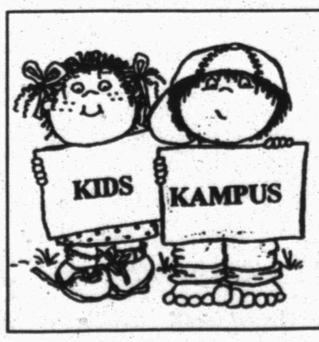

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SPORTS

Tiger baseball...

Pitching depth, versatility key to 2004

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

After losing three of their four pitchers to graduation, the main mystery for the Snyder Tigers heading into the 2004 season would be on the mound.

Bollinger

And with opening day on the horizon Tuesday at Abilene Wylie, head coach Charles Bollinger feels like the team is in prime position to contend for a district title with quiver full of arms and a versatile line-up.

"Right now, I feel pretty good about the team," he said. "Pitching was going to be a question, but we worked a lot of kids and have eight or nine guys who can throw."

Bollinger said the Tigers, who took third in District 3-3A last season and beat Midland Greenwood for the bi-district title, have a line-up of players that can man three different positions and have gotten solid leadership from seniors Blake Grimmett and Bradley Price.

"Blake and Brad have been awesome leaders," he said. "They are taking the young guys under their wing — it's like having assistant coaches on the field."

Grimmett will handle second base again this season, and also will see time on the mound, while Price takes over centerfield this year, moving Marcus Villarreal to right field — maximizing Price's range and Villarreal's strong arm.

"Bradley is quick and gets a good jump on the ball, and I wanted a stronger arm in right field."

Bollinger said he challenged his charges to master three positions to help give the team flexibility in the lineup and the pitching rotation.

"The big key for us this year is there is a lot of depth," Bollinger said.

Losing seniors Chance Greenwood, Tyler Trout and Logan Hill during the offseason left a gaping hole in the rotation, but Bollinger has gotten strong showings on the hill from freshman Ryan Mitchell — who pitched two shutout innings against both Midland Lee and Lubbock High in the final two scrimmages — and sophomore Lico Castillo.

The Tigers gave up just six runs in 12 innings against Lubbock High, which is one of the best 5A clubs in the region.

The emergence of the two from the JV squad, as well as first baseman Jordan Dea, did not surprise the second-year coach.

"I expected them all to compete hard and be successful at this level," he said.

Ty Collier will get the opening day start, and from there, Bollinger has several options to choose from, including Nathan Hernandez and Alex Neal, which also will help the defense.

"Our defense is pretty salty," he said. "Our pitchers can step on the hill full of confidence. They can throw strikes and let the defense make plays."

Sophomore catcher Eric Martinez has been effective behind the plate during the scrimmages, showing quick movement to go with his rifle arm.

"And he's just going to keep getting better," Bollinger stated.

The pitching depth also gives Bollinger more leeway when one of the pitchers is missing his spots or fatigued.

"With so many pitchers, all of them are not going to have to be on every day."

Senior Isaac Ramon returns to third base this season, with Hernandez able to man the hot corner, also.

Marcus Rodriguez, who worked some at third last year, takes over as the full-time shortstop, while Collier, Castillo and Hadley Hunt round out the outfield.

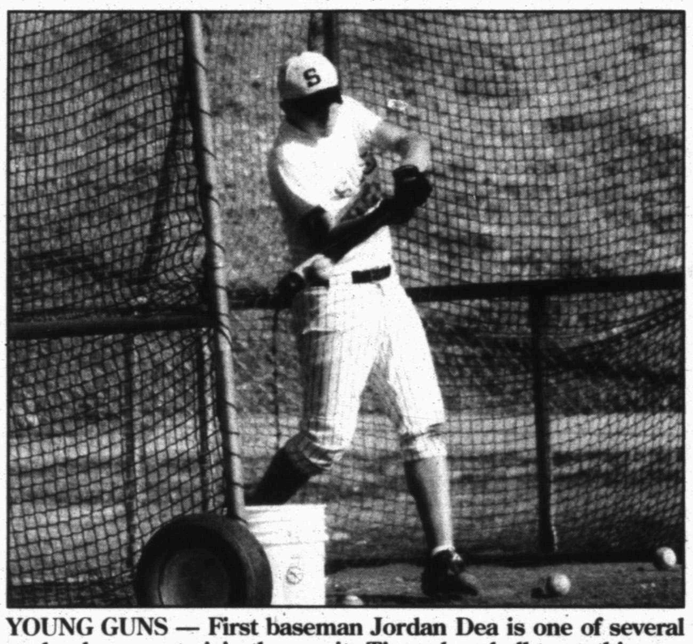
Bollinger said the Tigers will be even more aggressive on the base paths than last year because of their speed.

"We've got guys who can steal and several know they've got the green light once they get on. It gives them a lot more leeway on the base paths," he said.

The team hit well against Midland Greenwood, but was not as effective against the top flight pitching of Midland Lee and Lubbock High.

"It's going to come around once guys get the timing down," he said. "We are going to have nine guys who can produce."

The Tigers open at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Abilene Wylie, and will debut at home at noon Saturday with a doubleheader against Pecos.



YOUNG GUNS — First baseman Jordan Dea is one of several underclassmen to join the varsity Tigers baseball team this season. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

Bulldogs open postseason Tuesday against Hornets

The Ira Bulldogs have played the practice games and have labored in preparation for Tuesday's bi-district showdown with District 8 champion Aspermont.

Now they want to play for high stakes.

"We've had good practice games and good practices," head coach Randy Jones said. "We're ready to go."

The Bulldogs and the Hornets square off at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Post High School, and Ira will have to contend with a big inside presence and a solid perimeter game from fourth-ranked Aspermont.

Jones said the Bulldogs are very comparable to the Hornets.

"They have two good perimeter players and a 6-5 post," he said. "We can match up with their guards and hold their perimeter players in check, and Jake (Barnes) matches up with any post player. I'll put our five against their five, but if they are shooting well from the perimeter, they are going to be tough to beat — but it's hard to live and die on the perimeter."

Ira got a scare during Saturday's practice game with Benjamin, as Barnes sprained his ankle in the second period.

Jones said he expects Barnes to be ready Tuesday, but would lean heavily on post Bryan Proctor in the event Barnes is sidelined.

Both clubs would play sticky man defense, which Jones thinks will ultimately decide the contest.

"There's no question this game will be won or lost on defense," he said. "We're going to try to be in their faces — I don't want them to have any open looks."

Jones said the Bulldogs (12-9, 7-3) have had a good year, overcoming several obstacles along the way.

"It's been a good year," he said. "We've played and worked hard and had a lot of adversity early on."

Jones said the resiliency of his club would determine how far they go in the postseason.

"It's going to come down to how we handle adversity," he said. "We've been through tough times and picked ourselves up off the floor. These kids are competitors and winners, and once you make the playoffs it's all gravy. You get a few breaks and get hot at the right time and anything can happen."

Jones said the Bulldogs are still looking for their best game.

"We haven't peaked," he said. "We haven't had all five players playing their best at the same time. Hopefully that will happen Tuesday."

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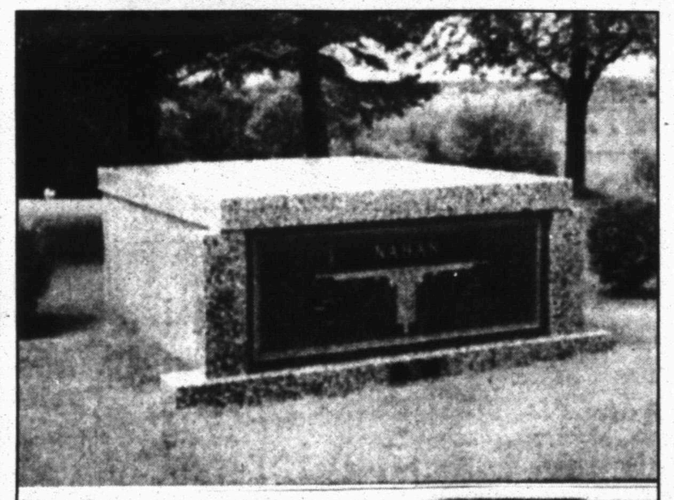

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SPORTS

SHS lifters take sixth

Tony Pena hoisted almost 900 pounds to claim the lone first-place finish for the Tigers at the Snyder High School powerlifting meet Saturday at the Scurry County Coliseum.

Pena earned the top spot in the 130-pound division with a total weight of 880 pounds.

Snyder was seventh in the team standings, placing behind meet champion Lubbock High, runner-up Post and third-place Levelland.

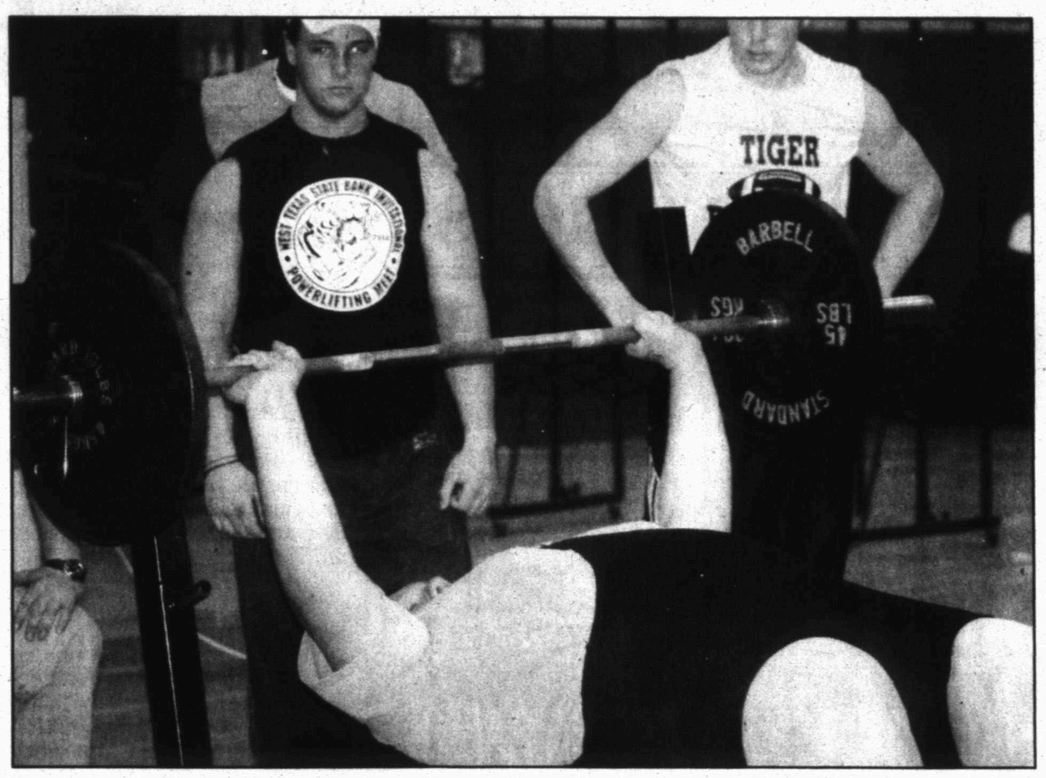
Abernathy was fourth, Sweetwater claimed fifth and Roby took sixth place.

Johnny Vasquez took third in the 185-pound class, Ricky Early was fourth in the super heavyweight division, and Jeffrey Martinez (220) and D'Angelo Davis (165) each came in fifth place.

Courtney Tyrrell was second in her weight class, and Katherine Johnson won her division as the only entrant.

"I thought it went off pretty well," powerlifting coach Armando Martinez said. "I think our guys didn't do as well as they needed to do, though."

Martinez said many of the lifters are juggling powerlifting, track and football (offseason), but said a few competitors have a shot at regional.



SUPER HEAVYWEIGHT — Spotters keep an eye on Snyder super heavyweight Ricky Early during the bench press competition at the SHS powerlifting meet Saturday at Scurry County Coliseum. The powerlifters placed sixth in the meet. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

Andrews slips by varsity girls at Snyder tourney

The Snyder varsity girls finished second in the Snyder Girls Invitational golf tournament, rallying on the back nine in the first round at Scurry County Golf Course before a rough second day at Western Texas College.

Andrews ran away from the field to take the top spot in the tournament, ending three strokes behind Snyder Friday before firing a 329 on Saturday to finish 29 shots ahead of the Lady Tigers.

The girls shot a 343 Friday, following it up with a 361 Saturday.

"Friday's score was close to where we want to be," head coach Ricky Hunter said. "All five of the girls played better on the back nine than on the front."

Hunter said the team recovered at the turn from a slow beginning.

"Coming off the front side, it looked like it could be a disaster, but the girls responded and made it a respectable round."

Saturday saw the team stumble out of the blocks.

"We got off to a slow start and never recovered," Hunter said. "I did not do a very good job of getting the girls ready to play. We were in good position after Friday, but we did not close the deal on Saturday. This should get better with maturity."

Cami Trout paced the ladies with an 88-84 172. Christi Williams carded a 79-97 176 and Brooke Jackson posted an 83-95 178.

Ashley Luecke fired a 93-91 184, and Shannon Mangis stroked a 95-91 186.

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1. Andrews 346-329 675; **2. Snyder 343-361 704**; 3. Permian 351-360 711; 4. Coronado 353-366 719; 5. Monterey 377-361 738; 6. Big Spring 379-378 757; 7. Seminole 402-400 802; 8. Merkel 441-450 891; 8. Wylie 456-436 892; 9. Midland High NS; 10. Lamesa NS.

Dunham, Reed tops at Sweetwater

Snyder netters Andra Dunham and Tanner Reed captured the girls and boys singles title at the Sweetwater Tennis Tournament Saturday.

Dunham topped Abilene Cooper's Bria Camarillo 6-1, 6-4, to finish atop the 16-deep division.

Reed upended Chris Gastelum of Abilene Cooper, 6-3, 6-3, in the finals to take the top spot for the boys.

Stephanie Williams ended the tournament in 10th place in the girls singles, and Will Banks was 13th in the boys group.

Three doubles teams earned a top-10 rank in the tourney, as Joe Ynguanzo and Matt Hale took seventh in the boys doubles, and Kenny Alcala and Wesley Price garnered 10th.

Nikki Timora and Kalli Wesson also placed 10th in their doubles division and Annie Martinez and Megan Crisp placed 11th.

Snyder was joined in the tournament by host Sweetwater, Granbury, Lampasas, Abilene Cooper, Frenship, San Angelo Lake View and Monahans.

Sports Briefs

Little League applications for coaches

Applications are being accepted at the Boys and Girls Club after 4 p.m. until Friday.

Groundhog Open

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

Kenseth claims Subway 400

ROCKINGHAM, N.C. (AP) — Matt Kenseth shrugged off NASCAR's new points system by nipping rookie Kasey Kahne at the finish line of North Carolina Speedway on Sunday to win the Subway 400, his first victory in nearly a year.

Kenseth led a race-high 259 laps, but had to fight furious charges from Kahne and Jamie McMurray over the final 10 laps before edging Kahne by .010 seconds — the nose of the No. 17 Ford.

Boys golf takes third at Burleson Tournament

The varsity Tigers finished third at the Burleson Tournament over the weekend, helped along by solid play from first medalist Jay Weaver.

Weaver shot a 77-73 150 to lead the Tigers' finish with a two-round total of 648.

"This was a great tournament for Jay," head coach Ricky Hunter said. "He was able to put two great days together and win the medalist."

Snyder shot a 325 in the opening round and stroked a 323 on the second day to finish 15 shots behind tournament winner Creekview and 11 behind runner-up Wichita Falls Rider.

Jake Cottrell had a consistent tournament, carding an 83-82 165. Alan Gray posted an 82-85 167, Wyl Wiggins shot an 87-83 170 and Cole Roberson finished the tournament with an 83-91 174.

"We are a very young team and still a long way from having our top five guys with a secure spot," Hunter said." From week to week, our top five and our second five change readily."

Hunter hopes the team will get its top five set soon.

"We are looking for two or three more guys to step up and play more consistent."

The JV boys finished in 12th place at Abilene, firing a 333-337 670.

JV scores: Blake Seale, 82-80 162; Matt Schoolcraft 82-84 166; Syd Wiggins 89-82 171; Tanner Bloom 80-92 172; John Whitworth 97-91 188.

Medalists Ryne Trout shot a 108-97 205 and Jordan Payne stroked a 104-94 198.

Lady Raiders stun top-ranked Texas

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas coach Jody Conradt left Lubbock with a lot of questions about the remainder of her team's season.

No. 9 Texas Tech beat the top-ranked Longhorns 62-49 on Sunday. With three games left in Big 12 play — all against opponents ranked in the Top 25 — and the conference and NCAA tournaments ahead, Conradt wondered how her team would respond.

"We may be so exhausted and beat up that we can't make a run," she said. "All those questions have answers, but they don't have answers now. We see those answers as we move down the line."

One answer she's presumed is that the team's No. 1 ranking — its first since 1987 — will drop when the new Associated Press poll comes out today.

"It's one game. We're not going to talk about it and belabor it in negative ways," Conradt said.

The Longhorns (23-3, 11-2), who took over the top spot in the rankings Feb. 9, are sure to drop. They also host No. 19 Baylor on Wednesday and face No. 8 Kansas State and No. 24 Oklahoma in the next nine days.

Tech, which lost 82-73 to Texas on Feb. 1, shot 41 percent from the field in the win. In the earlier matchup, the Lady Raiders shot 43 percent, but Texas shot 55 percent. This time, the Longhorns hit just 31 percent.

LaToya Davis matched her career high with 15 points and Jolee Ayers-Curry added a season-high 14 for Texas Tech (23-4, 9-4 Big 12).

Heather Schreiber and Nina Norman each scored 14 points for Texas, which had its nine-game winning streak snapped and was held to its lowest point total of the season.

Texas had a week off between its 51-45 win at Colorado on Feb. 14 and Sunday's loss.

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	34	20	.630	—
New York	26	31	.456	9½
Miami	25	32	.439	10½
Philadelphia	23	33	.411	12
Boston	23	35	.397	13
Washington	16	38	.296	18
Orlando	16	42	.276	20
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	41	15	.732	—
Detroit	34	24	.586	8
New Orleans	30	25	.545	10½
Milwaukee	29	26	.527	11½
Toronto	25	30	.455	15½
Cleveland	22	34	.393	19
Atlanta	18	38	.321	23
Chicago	16	40	.286	25
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	40	16	.714	—
San Antonio	37	19	.661	3
Dallas	35	20	.636	4½
Memphis	33	22	.600	6½
Houston	32	23	.582	7½
Denver	32	25	.561	8½
Utah	27	30	.474	13½
Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	40	14	.741	—
L.A. Lakers	35	19	.648	5
Portland	27	28	.491	13½
Seattle	26	29	.473	14½
Golden State	24	30	.444	16
L.A. Clippers	24	30	.444	16
Phoenix	18	40	.310	24

Sunday's Games

Sacramento 96, Toronto 81
Cleveland 92, New York 86
Indiana 94, Utah 80
San Antonio 94, Minnesota 92
Milwaukee 113, Washington 85
Orlando 87, Detroit 86
L.A. Lakers 104, Phoenix 92
Seattle 108, Boston 87
Houston 123, Atlanta 121, 3OT

Today's Games

Detroit at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
New Orleans at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Portland at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Denver at Memphis, 7 p.m.

Area Sports Calendar

TODAY

Baseball: SHS JV at Wylie, 4 p.m.

TUESDAY

Basketball: Lady Tigers vs. Canyon, Plainview, 6 p.m.
Ira vs. Aspermont, bi-district, Post, 7 p.m.
Baseball: SHS varsity at Wylie, season opener, 4 p.m.
WTC at Hardin-Simmons, 3 p.m.
Softball: SHS varsity vs. Pecos, 5 p.m.
SHS JV vs. Pecos, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Softball: WTC at Odessa College, DH, 1:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Softball: Snyder varsity at Midland Tournament
Baseball: Snyder JV in Snyder tourney

FRIDAY

Baseball: WTC at Howard, DH, noon
Softball: Snyder varsity at Midland Tournament
Golf: SHS varsity and JV boys at Midland
SHS JV girls at Sweetwater
Track: SHS at Frenship meet

SATURDAY

Baseball: SHS varsity vs. Pecos, DH, 2 p.m.
WTC at Howard, DH, noon
Softball: Snyder varsity at Midland Tournament
WTC vs. Howard, DH, 1:30 p.m.
Golf: SHS varsity and JV boys at Midland
SHS JV girls at Sweetwater
Track: SHS at Frenship meet

National Hockey League

EASTERN CONFERENCE							
Atlantic Division	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	32	15	11	5	80	182	145
New Jersey	32	17	11	1	76	147	121
N.Y. Islanders	29	22	8	2	68	174	153
N.Y. Rangers	22	28	7	4	55	159	179
Pittsburgh	11	42	5	4	31	125	241
Northeast Division	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	34	15	8	5	81	206	134
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Montreal	29	25	6	2	66	154	145
Buffalo	28	27	6	1	63	161	159
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Tampa Bay	31	17	7	5	74	170	138
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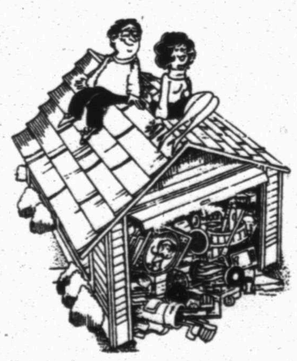

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Controversial terror research continues

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is still financing research to create powerful tools that could mine millions of public and private records for information about terrorists despite an uproar last year over fears it might ensnare innocent Americans.

Congress eliminated a Pentagon office developing the terrorist tracking technology because of the outcry over privacy implications. But some of those projects from retired Adm. John Poindexter's Total Information Awareness effort were transferred to U.S. intelligence offices, congressional, federal and research officials told The Associated Press.

In addition, Congress left undisturbed a separate but similar $64 million research program run by a little-known office called the Advanced Research and Development Activity (ARDA) that has used some of the same researchers as Poindexter's program.

"The whole congressional action looks like a shell game," said Steve Aftergood of the Federation of American Scientists, which tracks work by U.S. intelligence agencies. "There may be enough of a difference for them to claim TIA was terminated while for all practical purposes the identical work is continuing."

Poindexter's goal was to predict terrorist attacks by looking for telltale patterns of activity in passport applications, visas, work permits, driver's licenses, car rentals, airline ticket purchases and arrests, as well as credit transactions and education, medical and housing records.

But the research created a political uproar because such reviews of millions of transactions could put innocent Americans under suspicion. One of Poindexter's own researchers, David D. Jensen at the University of Massachusetts, has acknowledged that "high numbers of false positives can result."

Disturbed by the privacy implications, Congress last fall closed Poindexter's office, part of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, and barred the agency from continuing nearly all his research. Poindexter quit government, claiming his work was misunderstood.

But the work didn't die.

In killing Poindexter's office, Congress agreed to continue paying to develop highly specialized software to gather foreign intelligence on terrorists.

In a classified section summarized publicly, Congress gave money to the "National Foreign Intelligence Program," without openly identifying which intelligence agency would do the work.

It said the product of the research could only be used overseas or against non-U.S. citizens in this country, not against Americans on U.S. soil.

Congressional officials declined to say which Poindexter programs were killed and which were transferred, but people with direct knowledge of contracts told AP that the surviving programs included some of 18 data-mining projects known as Evidence Extraction and Link Discovery in Poindexter's research.

Poindexter's office described that research as "technology not only for 'connecting the dots' that enable the U.S. to predict and pre-empt attacks, but also for deciding which dots to connect." It was among the government's most controversial research programs.

Ted Senator, who managed that research for Poindexter, told government contractors that mining data to identify terrorists "is much harder than simply finding needles in a haystack."

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Are we affected by the moon?

DEAR DR. GOTT: For several years, I have noticed that, at the time of full moons, I tend to feel edgy, tense and irritable. I experience a strange taste and a lack of focus that interfere with my work. Is this related to the lunar cycle?

DEAR READER: For centuries, people have believed that the lunar cycle plays a huge role in how we feel; in fact, the words "lunacy" and "lunatic" were derived from this superstition. In the days before scientists discovered that altered brain biochemistry is the cause of many psychiatric disorders, it was all too easy for unsophisticated practitioners to blame the moon, a cold and uninhabited entity whose major effect is gravitational pull that causes tides on Earth.

I will admit that some folks, through unscientific and anecdotal evidence, do seem to be affected by lunar cycles and might be called lunatics (just kidding), but there is no scientific proof that I know of to confirm such a relation. You, like others, may be experiencing cycles of depression that are not moon-governed. Ask your doctor about this.

Unless I miss my guess, he will shrug his shoulders, look heavenward and mumble a request to be transported out of the office that afternoon. This is not the kind of problem the average primary care physician welcomes because it is scientifically unsound and is, basically, a no-win situation. Can your doctor, for example, alter the lunar cycles? Pray for resolution? Prescribe anti-lunar medication? (None exists.) So what he or she will probably do is refer you to a psychiatrist who is an expert in the new field of psychopharmacology. Such a specialist will interview you — not because you need psychiatric help, quite the opposite — to determine if 1) You need drug intervention for cyclic depression, and 2) Which medication would be the most appropriate for your needs.

Of course, another option is to be tough and accept your monthly symptoms as part of your normal lifestyle. Your health will probably not suffer, but, since no one can change the lunar cycle, you may be further ahead than those patients who expect and demand lunar miracles or, worse yet, an exorcism.

To a large degree, we are victims of our environments. In such situations, we must judge whether the outside world can be changed (for the better), or whether the environmental characteristics are, quite simply, beyond our control. The moon, in my opinion, fits into this category. Consequently, acceptance or treatment are the two choices you have to make.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Help — mental/substance abuse." 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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Grounded jetliner may need more than $1M in repairs

FORT WORTH (AP) — A jetliner grounded for years at a North Texas airport could require more than $1 million in repair bills to fly again, while a court battle rages over ownership claims that have included a prince and princess.

Equipped with a whirlpool tub and kitchens, the Boeing 727 hasn't flown since 1997. Executives of a Panamanian company claim to own the $16 million plane, but a trial scheduled for this month on the issue has been indefinitely postponed by state District Judge Don Cosby pending other court rulings.

Dallas lawyer Robert Knebel, who represents Layale Enterprises, was disappointed that Cosby did not proceed with the trial.

"I haven't been involved in anything this lengthy," Knebel told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

The gray and blue jetliner landed in Fort Worth in December 1996 for a multimillion-dollar retrofit. But the plane sits on the tarmac at Meacham Airport while the international struggle over its title continues.

Court documents show the cost of returning the plane to airworthy condition is expected to be at least $1.4 million. The engines may be locked up and the seals broken from going unused for so long, according to the records.

"This plane just sits out there and deteriorates," Knebel has said in court. "The best use of that plane may just be to scrap it."

Layale officials contend they purchased the plane in 1987, registering it in the Cayman Islands. Layale is headed by Somar Al Assad, the nephew of former Syrian President Hafez Al Assad, who died in 2000, court records show.

Awaiting $2 million in service and repairs, the plane sat at an airport in Amman, Jordan, for several years under the control of the Royal Jordanian Airlines Corp, Jordanian officials said in court. Al Assad gave the plane to Prince Talal bin Mohammad and Princess Ghida Talal, members of the Jordanian royal family, according to court documents.

The records show that diplomats in the United States, the prince and the princess planned to use the plane in the course of their duties. A company linked to Jordan, HMS Aviation, apparently leased the plane in 1996, agreeing to install an entertainment system, satellite telephones and new upholstery.

In court papers, Layale contends that it never surrendered ownership or control of the plane, which disappeared from Amman in 1992. The company sued in 1997 for the plane's return, persuading the Tarrant County Sheriff's Department to take control of the jet.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

Bridge divorces and marriages

Monday, Feb. 23, 2004
By Phillip Alder

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♥ K 10 8 6 5
♦ 10 7 4
♣ A 10 9 3

West
♠ J 10 4 2
♥ A
♦ A K Q 9 6 2
♣ Q 5

East
♠ 9 3
♥ Q J 7 4 3
♦ J 8 3
♣ 7 6 2

South
♠ A K Q 8 7 6
♥ 9 2
♦ 5
♣ K J 8 4

Dealer: West
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South	West	North	East
	1 ♦	Pass	Pass
2 ♠	3 ♦	Pass	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ A

Bridge has caused a lot of divorces. Once, Mr. A returned to his hotel room during a tournament to find a note from his wife, saying that she was leaving him for Mr. B, who was — and still is! — Mr. A's bridge partner.

There have also been bridge marriages. Last December, a widow, Judy Kay, married a widower, Bobby Wolff. Judy's late husband, Norman, is a member of the Hall of Fame. Bobby, also in the Hall of Fame, holds 12 world titles.

On this deal, Judy Kay, as she was then, located the club queen to make her four-spade contract.

A balancing jump overcall shows a good six-card suit and some 14-16 high-card points. Kay (South) upgraded because of her extra distributional values. When West contested with three diamonds, Kay bid one more time. Then, North should have passed, but if she had, there wouldn't have been a good story.

Declarer ruffed the second diamond and drew three rounds of trumps, getting the bad news. Now a heart went to West's ace. He cashed the spade jack, then led another diamond to force out South's last trump. Declarer played a heart to dummy's king, seeing West discard a diamond. Now Kay cashed the club ace and played a club to her king, collecting West's queen. Why did she play that way?

West was known to have started with two clubs. And East was known to have the queen-jack of hearts and diamond jack. With the club queen as well, he would have responded on the first round.

Track the missing points from the bidding.

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Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	15.34	14.99	15.00	—.15
AT&T Corp	20.07	19.77	19.85	—.15
Albertsons	24.58	24.41	24.47	+.19
Alltel	51.43	51.13	51.21	+.16
AmEl Pw	33.67	33.40	33.57	+.03
AndarkPtr	51.49	51.02	51.27	+.09
ATMOS Egy	26.25	26.10	26.21	+.12
Aviall	15.28	15.02	15.17	+.15
BP PLC	48.64	48.32	48.35	—.14
BakerHughes	36.17	35.75	36.05	+.05
Bank of Amer	81.95	81.34	81.78	+.44
BellSouth	27.88	27.45	27.65	—.22
BurlNoSFe	32.20	31.91	32.03	—.12
Caterpillar	77.82	76.56	77.02	+.20
CenterPoint	10.48	10.35	10.38	+.08
ChevronTex	87.58	86.85	87.51	+.90
Citigroup	49.47	49.00	49.22	+.33
CocaCola	51.10	50.55	50.95	+.01
ColgatePal	56.17	55.73	55.94	—.11
CmclMetals	29.55	29.33	29.41	—.14
ConocoPhill	68.75	68.35	68.62	+.49
Cooper Inds	55.06	54.50	54.87	+.38
DaimlrChry	45.85	45.49	45.78	+.51
DeltaAirLines	9.68	9.21	9.23	—.17
Dillards Inc	17.29	16.90	17.02	—.14
DowChem	43.04	42.86	42.98	+.16
DuPont	45.64	44.80	45.42	+.14
EastmanChem	42.99	42.75	42.89	+.31
EstKodak	28.85	28.64	28.64	—.11
EDS Corp	19.72	19.34	19.36	—.66
Entergy	58.03	57.70	57.87	—.03
ExxonMobil	42.45	42.15	42.43	+.40
FootLocker	26.04	25.85	25.88	+.01
GenDynam	94.85	92.27	92.58	—1.85
GenElec	33.00	32.71	32.97	+.27
GenMills	45.22	45.00	45.10	+.01
GenMotors	48.52	47.74	47.94	—.57
GaPacific	31.30	30.89	31.16	—.01
Goodrich	30.00	28.94	29.10	—.66
Goodyear	8.35	8.05	8.14	—.01
GtAtlPac	7.91	7.75	7.81	+.10
Halliburtn	31.06	30.76	30.85	—.06
Hanson PLC	41.74	41.57	41.67	—.23
HarteHanks	22.50	22.20	22.25	—.21
HomeDepot	36.00	35.36	35.54	—.16
HoneywellIntl	35.61	35.01	35.06	—.52
IBM	97.51	96.38	96.57	—.74
IntlPaper	44.12	43.77	43.91	+.14
JohnsonJn	53.49	52.95	53.01	—.29
KinderMorg	59.95	59.63	59.95	+.28
Kroger Co	19.58	19.35	19.57	+.23
LockheedM	48.69	47.51	47.65	—.85
Lowes Cos	58.37	56.06	56.55	—1.83
Lubys	3.82	3.73	3.80	+.05
LucentTech	4.12	4.03	4.04	+.03
MarathonOil	34.12	33.89	34.02	+.13
MayDeptStr	35.86	35.41	35.57	—.03
Medtronic	48.32	47.90	48.29	+.16
Motorola	18.06	17.51	17.70	+.03
NCR Corp	45.04	43.99	44.25	—.99
Navistar	49.05	47.20	47.88	+.22
PNM Rescs	30.50	30.23	30.31	—.17
Penney JC	29.01	28.70	28.96	+.55
PepBoys	22.35	22.01	22.20	
PepsiCo	51.72	51.48	51.71	—.04
PhelpDodge	82.90	81.00	81.91	+1.04
PilgrimsPride	21.45	20.88	20.89	+.26
Praxair s	36.49	35.71	35.91	—.58
ProctGamb	103.20	102.55	102.88	+.38
RadioShack	34.56	34.30	34.49	—.26
RoyalDut	48.99	48.80	48.86	+.46
SBC Comm	23.96	23.78	23.88	
SaraLee	21.69	21.48	21.53	—.08
Scripps EW	100.10	99.00	99.00	—.77
SearsRoeb	46.01	45.60	45.81	—.20
SherwinW	35.21	34.88	34.92	—.18
SouthernCo	29.86	29.73	29.76	—.07
SwstAirl	14.73	14.55	14.62	—.03
SprintFON	18.55	18.42	18.50	+.20
SprintPCS	9.66	9.41	9.51	+.05
Sunoco Inc	58.17	57.80	57.93	—.24
TXU Corp	26.70	26.20	26.47	+1.64
TempleInland	64.80	64.38	64.69	+.31
TexInd	35.75	35.11	35.11	—.57
TexasInst	30.89	30.16	30.56	—.06
Textron	55.85	54.95	55.12	—.32
TimeWarner	17.70	17.50	17.62	—.06
TrinityInds	30.99	30.42	30.47	—.40
TylerTech	9.44	9.20	9.22	—.16
UnionPacif	64.25	64.07	64.21	+.05
USSteel	35.41	34.76	35.32	+.27
UnitedTech	96.73	93.42	93.85	—2.77
Unocal	37.36	37.05	37.12	—.01
VerizonComm	37.29	37.03	37.05	—.13
WalMart	59.86	59.22	59.83	+.40
WellsFargo	57.33	57.00	57.14	+.25
WstnGasRs	48.75	48.44	48.54	—.32
WinnDixie	6.26	6.12	6.18	—.11
Xerox Cp	14.50	14.30	14.34	—.07
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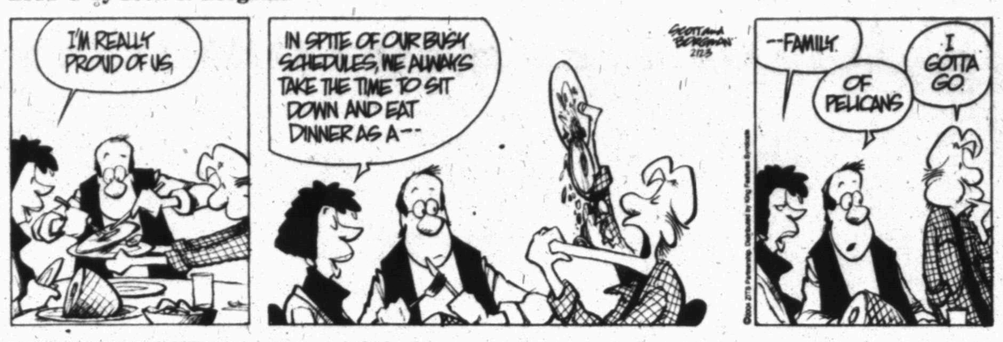

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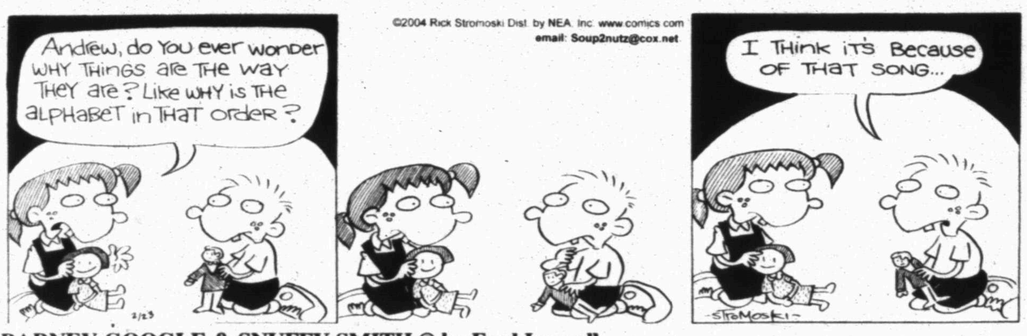

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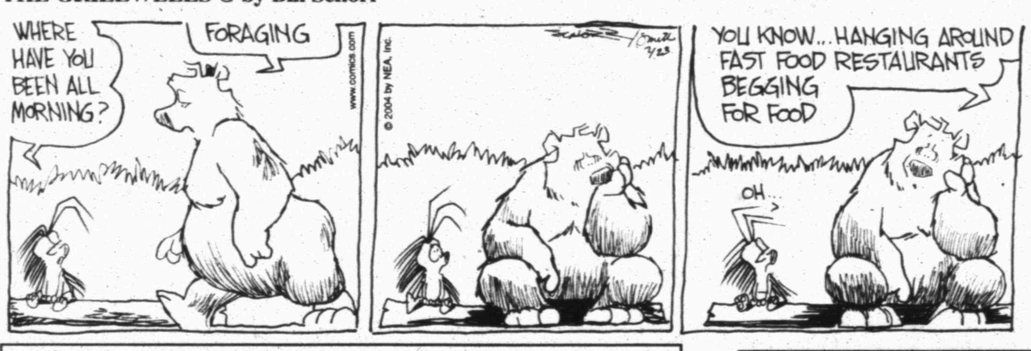

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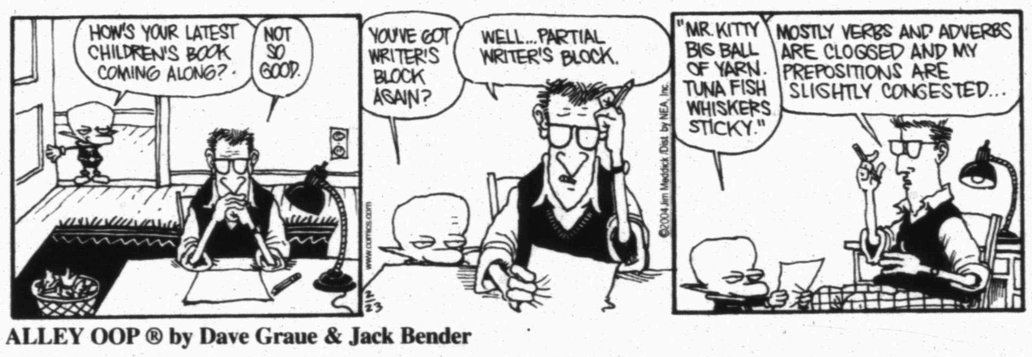

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Long hair
5 IRA investments
8 Planet, poetically
11 Lions' prey
12 — Ericson
14 Ocean
15 Sunset colors
16 Nowhere near
17 Hack
18 Puts on
20 Milord's spouse
22 Puppy's cry
23 Like horror flicks
24 Uncaged
27 Hardware item
29 Over and over
30 Vendors
34 Garment repairers
37 Part of TGIF
38 Space preceder
39 Stephen Vincent —
41 Ice-cream treat
43 Taro paste
44 Submarines' concerns
46 Really bad
49 Made in the —
50 Asian mountains
52 Wave down
54 Sidekick
55 Resolve
56 New Age singer
57 Speaker's pauses
58 Bad-mouth, slangily
59 Laird's daughter

DOWN

1 Exec
2 Once more
3 Art-class model
4 Term papers
5 Firm grip
6 Rock's — Leppard
7 Yul's film realm
8 Famed statuette
9 Prepared
10 Overindulge
13 Below zero
19 Charlotte —of "Bananas"
21 Recline lazily
24 Hack off
25 Two — — kind
26 Mel — in Cooperstown
27 First-century emperor
28 Classified section
30 — annum
31 One, to Fritz
32 Country addr.
33 Droop-nosed flier
35 Bevel
36 Donkey's bray
39 Salaam
40 Paris tower
41 Composer — Franck
42 Fiery gems
43 Buckets
44 Fall guy
45 Declined
47 Humerus neighbor
48 Puts
51 Spinks defeater
53 Oil alternative

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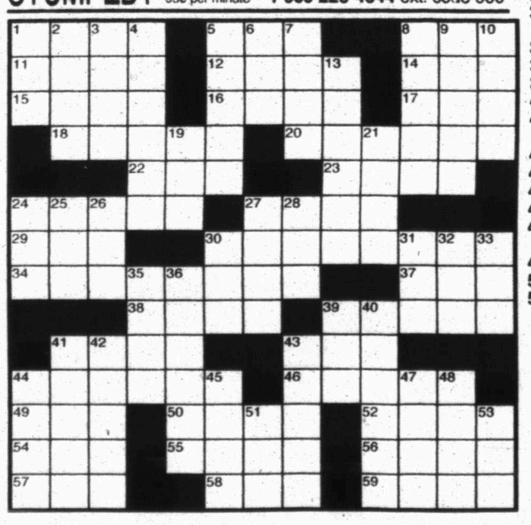

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Governors seek consenus, help from Bush

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite the rising tensions and rhetoric of a presidential race, the nation's governors are looking to President Bush and his administration for more support on education, health care and job-producing road spending.

Bush was to sit down today with governors, along with his Cabinet officials, for a wide-ranging discussion on the most pressing issues facing the states.

Republican and Democratic leaders of the National Governors Association, at their annual four-day annual meeting here, urged consensus. But others said that was unlikely.

"I don't think you can count on the national governors as being an effective lobbying force. It's an election year," said Democratic New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson. "I suspect the meeting with the president will be a little contentious. Respectful, but contentious."

Bush welcomed the governors and their spouses to a formal dinner at the White House Sunday night, sitting himself at a table with California GOP Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and others. He thanked the governors for their efforts on homeland security.

"We're still at war," Bush said. "The war on terror is a new kind of war in which every American is threatened and every level of government must work together."

Earlier in the day, governors met privately with the top National Guard general and Homeland Security chief Tom Ridge to express their concerns about the increasing demands on Guard units in the fight against terrorism.

"It's not that we're not supportive of the war on terrorism and the war in Iraq," said Republican Gov. Mike Huckabee of Arkansas. "We have to kind of step back and rethink the whole picture." Like other governors, he said part-time soldiery has seen a transformation in recent years.

Guard and Reserve soldiers make up about 22 percent of the forces in Iraq. That level is expected to rise to nearly 40 percent as a result of force rotations in the coming months.

The military demands in Iraq and Afghanistan give governors, who technically are commanders in chief of their state units, a heightened interest in the development of U.S. foreign policy. The reliance on the part-time soldiers will have a ripple effect, governors said.

"We've got a real retention issue," said Republican Mark Sanford of South Carolina, a member of the Air Force Reserve.

"You're going to see just an emptying, when people's tickets are up, ... of Guardsmen not stepping up to the plate," he said.

States rely on their Air and Army Guard units to help in emergencies such as hurricanes, earthquakes or riots. In the past two years, their roles have expanded even more as they assist in homeland security patrols.

The part-time soldiers are brought under federal control for missions such as those in Afghanistan and Iraq. There are roughly 500,000 members of the Guard. With the reserves, there are over 1 million civilian soldiers.

Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum, chief of the National Guard Bureau, which oversees all reserve forces, said his goal was to change the Guard so governors could have a predictable number of troops to rely on.

According to a document obtained by The Associated Press, Blum told governors that the goal was to manage deployment so half of each state's units would remain at home and be available for state needs; one-quarter would be deployed for federal needs.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2004

Your managerial skills will be heightened in the year ahead and recognized by the powers that be. You could be asked to handle a situation that would earn you much esteem and merit handsomely in the process.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Although your ideas and concepts could contain great merit, if your attitude is negative and sour today, you will fail to appreciate their worth and not use them to your benefit.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Don't ignore an opportunity for adding to your resources today just because it came about through someone you don't like. Jump at the chance immediately because it will be fleeting.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Try to keep your conversations on the light and breezy side today in your involvements with friends. Neither you nor they will profit from emotionally heated discussions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — There will be ample opportunities that pop up today where your career or goals are concerned. However, if you react in a ho-hum fashion, they could evaporate right before your eyes.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Should a friend or associate come to you today for help, offer this person lots of ideas and suggestions, but it wouldn't be a good idea to assist monetarily. Things could turn sour.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Under no circumstances should you allow others to poke their noses in your affairs today in which they are not directly involved. They may mean well, but could muddy the waters even further.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Avoid basing your judgments on emotional contingencies today, because they will greatly distort your common sense or any instinctual reactions that might be trying to guide you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Don't get yourself all in a dither today over confusing conditions at work, because, rather than setting you back, they could serve to awaken your ingenuity for creating further growth.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Make it a point to devise occasional breaks in your routines today, so that you won't get stuck in a monotonous rut. If you feel tied down, it could make you despondent and ineffective.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Instead of rationalizing or making excuses today as to why you shouldn't do something, do what needs doing as each job pops up and you'll end the day with a sense of real accomplishment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Once you decide to shelve some activity until another day in order to participate in a fun involvement today, let it go and don't think about it again. Enjoy yourself without guilt.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Don't toss in the towel too prematurely today in any of your business dealings or money-making transactions. Something that looks like a loser could make a turnaround to your advantage.

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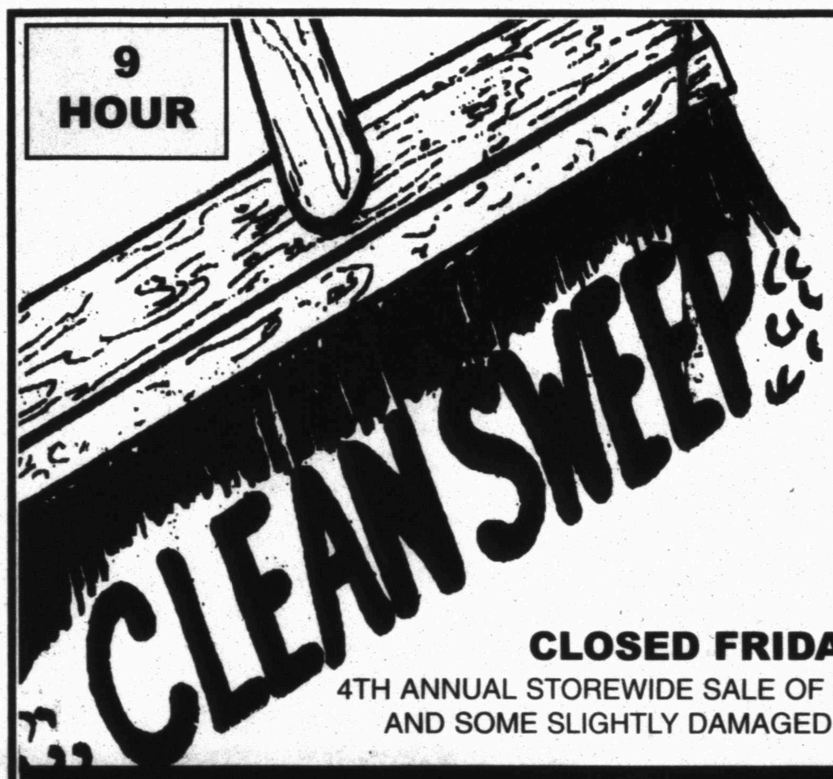

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

U.S. Marines to protect embassy in Haiti

CAP-HAITIEN, Haiti (AP) — Fifty U.S. Marines were headed to Haiti today to protect the American Embassy and diplomats after rebels overran Haiti's second-largest city and began detaining supporters of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

Western diplomats, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Marines were requested after rebels threatened to attack the capital, Port-au-Prince, soon.

Two police stations outside Port-au-Prince were attacked Sunday, independent Radio Kiskeya reported, and Aristide supporters began building barricades to protect the city.

The Marines are sending a Fleet Anti-Terrorist Security Team, which usually consists of about 50 troops trained in anti-terrorism techniques, a Defense Department official said on condition of anonymity in Washington. The team is used to secure embassies and other facilities or ships.

In Cap-Haitien, where rebels celebrated their biggest victory of a bloody uprising, a rampage of looting continued today as supposed Aristide militants were detained.

"I am a brick mason, I didn't do anything wrong!" Jean-Bernard Prevalis, 33, pleaded as he was dragged away, his head bleeding. Residents alleged he was an Aristide activist and a drug trafficker.

"We're going to clean the city of all 'chimere,'" said rebel Dieusauver Magustin, 26, using the Creole word "ghost" to describe pro-government militants.

It was not clear what would happen to those who were detained. One rebel said they were saving them from lynching. Another, Claudy Philippe, said: "The people show us the (chimere) houses. If they are there, we execute them."

The looting began Sunday, when rebel leader Guy Philippe predicted a quick victory over Aristide's partisans, who had erected flaming barricades on the highway into Port-au-Prince.

Court will not hear challenge to case of government secrecy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme court said today it will not hear a challenge to government secrecy in the case of a former waiter who may have served some of the Sept. 11 hijackers.

The court did not comment in turning down an appeal over public and media access to sealed court documents in the case, which has been prosecuted in near total secrecy.

Lawyers for Mohamed Kamel Bellahouel asked the justices to consider whether lower federal courts acted improperly in keeping the government's case against their client so secret that its mere existence was revealed only by accident.

"In an extraordinary set of secret cases, the courts below sealed an entire habeas corpus proceeding and appeal," including every court filing and ruling, with no public order giving any reason for the secrecy and without making any distinction between information that should be public and that which might justifiably be secret, the lawyers wrote.

"This petition raises the common law and First Amendment rights of the public and the news media, who are oblivious to the proceedings below and cannot be heard themselves," Bellahouel's lawyers wrote.

Bellahouel was one of hundreds of foreigners rounded up after the hijackings in 2001. The government has refused to release names and information about the detentions, arguing that a blanket secrecy policy is needed to protect national security.

Bellahouel, an Algerian who worked as a waiter in South Florida, came under FBI scrutiny because Sept. 11 hijackers Mohamed Atta and Marwan al Shehhi dined where he worked in the weeks before the attacks.

It is not clear whether Bellahouel knows anything about the hijackers or their plans, but he was never charged with any terrorism crime.

The case does not concern Bellahouel's actual treatment at the hands of the government, which arrested and detained him on immigration violation charges, but ultimately released him on $10,000 bond.

Bellahouel, identified in court documents only by his initials M.K.B., is married to an American and is trying to stay in the United States. His lawyers describe him as one of "countless innocent Middle Eastern men" secretly detained after the attacks.

8 arrests occur over weekend

Arrests

Eight arrests were made in Scurry County last weekend.

At 7:34 a.m. Saturday, a caller reported seeing a suspicious vehicle with four people in it in the alley behind 24th St. Officers took a 19-year-old man into custody for public intoxication.

A 20-year-old man and a 20-year-old woman were arrested in the 500 block of 25th St. at 7:50 a.m. Saturday. The man was taken into custody on three capias warrants and the woman was charged with public intoxication.

At 6 p.m. Saturday, a woman reported that her husband had followed her to her mother's house on 8th St. after an argument. Officers took a 40-year-old man into custody for class A family violence.

A report of a fight led to the arrest of a 19-year-old man charged with public intoxication at Dorsey and Ave. Q at 10:51 p.m. Saturday.

A report of an intoxicated person in the 1200 block of 26th St. at 3 a.m. Saturday led to the arrest of a 22-year-old man charged with public intoxication.

DPS troopers arrested a 19-year-old man at FM 1605 and College Ave. at 3 a.m. Saturday for possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

At 3:10 a.m. Saturday, DPS troopers took a 21-year-old man into custody on U.S. 84 at Dermott for misdemeanor DWI.

Accident

A two-vehicle minor accident was reported at 9:29 a.m. Saturday at the intersection of 30th St. and Ave. T. The mishap involved a 1994 Oldsmobile 88 driven by Sandra Woodward, 55, 5200 Trinity Blvd. and a Pontiac Montana van driven by Dale E. Neves, 51, 3100 Beaumont.

Burglary

At 4:44 p.m. Saturday, a caller reported some tools and other items missing from his home at 3106 Ave. B after some workers with a roofing company had finished work on his home.

Theft

At 1:37 p.m. Sunday, a caller reported the theft of a 20-foot utility trailer from 5401 Hwy. 350.

Disturbance

At 10:12 a.m. Saturday, an officer was requested at a home on 31st St. in reference to a man at that location who had struck the caller's sister. The subject had left the home when officers arrived.

Officers were requested to a home on Ave. U reporting a fight between a man and a woman. Officers contacted a woman who stated that she had been assaulted. An offense report for assault family violence was submitted.

At 1:21 a.m. Sunday, a caller reported several subjects involved in a disturbance at Wagon Wheel Ranch.

A caller requested officers at 2:25 a.m. Sunday to a home on 30th St. reporting a family member refusing to leave the residence.

At 10:10 p.m. Sunday, a caller reported an argument between family members at a home on Gilmore St.

Criminal mischief

At 10:40 a.m. Saturday, graffiti was reported on the gray building in the Kiddie Park.

A resident at the corner of Ave. X and 27th St. reported at 12:11 p.m. Saturday several juveniles throwing rocks at his house.

At 8:41 a.m. Sunday a caller reported an oilfield doghouse being vandalized on CR 3119.

A resident in the 3600 block of 41st St. reported at 11:24 p.m. Sunday his car being shot by paint balls.

A caller reported at noon Sunday from the 2000 block of Peyton that two juveniles were shooting BB guns at her residence.

At 8:52 a.m. Sunday, a caller reported to police that some eggs has been thrown at his residence in the 100 block of Chestnut.

Shoplifter

A representative of Wal-Mart requested an officer at 11:45 a.m. Sunday to report a juvenile shoplifter.

Gas drive offs

A clerk at Town and Country east reported at 9:19 a.m. Sunday the theft of $58 in gas.

At 6:52 p.m. Sunday a clerk from Skinny's on Coliseum Dr. reported the theft of $11.99 worth of gas.

A clerk at Rip Griffins reported at 7:14 p.m. Sunday the theft of $9.03 in Gas.

At 9:21 p.m. Sunday a clerk from United Supermarket reported the theft of $10 worth of gas.

Obituaries

John Sneed

1919-2004

John A. Sneed of Fluvanna died Friday, Feb. 20, in Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Funeral service for Mr. Sneed, 84, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Don Campbell of Lubbock, former minister of the Fluvanna Church of Christ, was to officiate. Burial was to follow in the Fluvanna Cemetery.

Born July 26, 1919 in Wingate, he married Hazel White Morris on July 19, 1984 in Roby.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Claude and Louie Holder Sneed; three brothers; and two sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Hazel Sneed of Fluvanna; a daughter and son-in-law, Jan and Tip Baker of Fluvanna; two sons and daughters-in-law, Ron and Barb White of Arlington and J.B. and Patty White of Capitan, N.M.; a stepdaughter, Betty Bullock of Mexia; a brother, Hassie Sneed of Dermott; a sister, Ione Baughn of Snyder; four grandchildren, Melanie Hoover of Arlington, Jay Martin of Bastrop, Mark Martin of San Angelo and Jason White of Capitan; seven great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

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Curlie Daniels

1930-2004

Curlie Daniels, longtime Snyder resident, died Sunday, Feb. 22, in Snyder Healthcare Center.

Graveside service for Mrs. Daniels, 73, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Snyder Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Walter Johnson

1931-2004

COLEMAN — Walter Johnson Jr., the brother-in-law of Faye Harrell of Snyder, died Friday, Feb. 20.

Funeral service for Mr. Johnson, 72, was set for 2 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. John Stanislaw, minister, officiating. Burial was to follow in the City of Coleman Cemetery.

Born April 18, 1931 in Fayette County, Texas. He married Elaine Lloyd on May 11, 1973 in Sonora.

A resident of Fort Stockton from 1972-98, Mr. Johnson retired as an oil field driller and tool pusher and moved to Lampasas. He was a Korean War veteran and a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Elaine Johnson of Lampasas; his mother-in-law, Oleta Harrell of Lampasas; a son, Othie Lloyd of Shawnee, Okla.; a brother, Robert Johnson of Flatonia; two sisters, Evelyn Reese of Houston and Wilma Christian of Weimer; three aunts, Minnie Seeburger of Flatonia, Pauline Brown of El Paso and Gladys Susen of Smithville; several nephews, including David Harrell of Snyder; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Jesse Martinez

1941-2004

AMARILLO – Jesus "Jesse" Martinez, the brother of Eudelia Armendariz of Snyder, died Saturday, Feb. 21.

Rosary for Mr. Martinez, 62, is set for 7 this evening in the Schooler Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Schooler Chapel with Monsignor Rex Nicholl officiating. Burial will follow in the Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Born in Coahuila, Mexico, he married Lucy Kennedy in Amarillo in 1993. A resident of Amarillo for 37 years, he retired from Pantex after 31 years of service.

He was preceded in death by his twin brother, Guillermo Martinez, in 1988; and a sister, Elisa Zamora, in 1994.

Survivors include his wife, Lucy Martinez of Amarillo; four sons, Jessie Martinez Jr. of Houston, Willie Martinez and Dickie Martinez, both of Brownwood, and Mark Martinez of Haskell; two daughters, Darcy Neill and Sara Kennedy, both of Amarillo; another sister, Elinda Martinez of Amarillo; two brothers, Noe Martinez of Plainview and Enrique Martinez of Cresthill, Ill.; 14 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Tue 2/24	Wed 2/25	Thu 2/26
48/32	**46/23**	**58/33**
Rain showers in the morning becoming steady in the afternoon. High 48F.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the low 20s.	Sunny. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the low 30s.
Sunrise 7:18 AM, Sunset 6:37 PM	Sunrise 7:17 AM, Sunset 6:37 PM	Sunrise 7:16 AM, Sunset 6:38 PM

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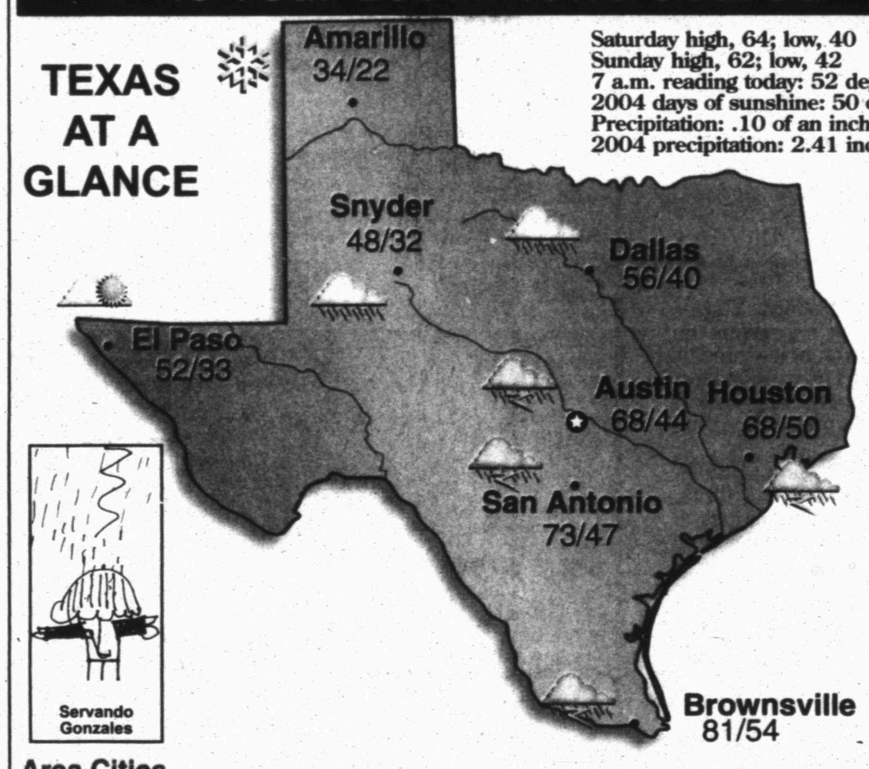

Saturday high, 64; low, 40
Sunday high, 62; low, 42
7 a.m. reading today: 52 degrees
2004 days of sunshine: 50 of 53 days
Precipitation: .10 of an inch
2004 precipitation: 2.41 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	53	35	rain	El Paso	52	33	pt sunny	Midland	53	33	rain
Amarillo	34	22	snow	Fort Stockton	57	34	rain	Raymondville	81	51	t-storm
Austin	68	44	t-storm	Gainesville	53	35	rain	Rosenberg	67	49	t-storm
Beaumont	67	49	t-storm	Greenville	55	37	rain	San Antonio	73	47	t-storm
Brownsville	81	54	t-storm	Houston	68	50	t-storm	San Marcos	69	45	t-storm
Brownwood	61	39	rain	Kingsville	79	51	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	55	38	rain
Corpus Christi	75	52	t-storm	Livingston	65	45	t-storm	Sweetwater	52	34	rain
Corsicana	57	41	rain	Longview	58	42	rain	Tyler	57	41	rain
Dallas	56	40	rain	Lubbock	38	26	mixed	Weatherford	55	36	rain
Del Rio	72	45	t-storm	Lufkin	63	46	rain	Wichita Falls	48	33	rain

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	51	41	rain	Houston	68	50	t-storm	Phoenix	62	46	pt sunny
Boston	37	21	mst sunny	Los Angeles	62	50	pt sunny	San Francisco	56	51	rain
Chicago	39	28	pt sunny	Miami	82	71	pt sunny	Seattle	53	43	rain
Dallas	56	40	rain	Minneapolis	35	26	pt sunny	St. Louis	45	30	pt sunny
Denver	42	25	cloudy	New York	37	25	sn shower	Washington, DC	45	26	rain

Moon Phases

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

UV Index

Tue 2/24	Wed 2/25	Thu 2/26
5	5	6
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

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

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