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Home of Aaron Tate, Michelle Rollins Pankey

Cause of deadly fire said 'undetermined'

By Brian Brisendine
SDN Staff Writer

Cause of a fire that took the lives of four family members in Hermleigh early Thursday officially has been classified as undetermined, according to Kelly Vandygriff, a deputy state fire marshal who led the investigation.

Desiree Flores, 18, her two daughters, Jasmine, 2, and Angela Flores, 1, and her 1-month-old son, Jimmy Luna Jr., died in the blaze.

Vandygriff said an exhaustive six-hour search revealed no evidence of a cause.

"We know the fire started next to a couch on the west side of the living room," Vandygriff said. "But we don't know why or how it started."

Four people made it out of the mobile home, just a block removed from U.S. 84.

Jimmy Luna, 18, Flores' boyfriend and the father of the baby, ran to a neighbor's house to call 9-1-1. His father, Salvador Luna, 41, owner of the home, was transported to Cogdell Hospital for burns suffered to his face and for smoke inhalation.

He attempted to enter the burning home to save the victims, but he was unable to reach them.

Also escaping the home without injury were Salvador Luna's 12-year-old daughter, Ashley, and his wife, Katie Hernandez.

Vandygriff said firefighters and investigators were on the scene more than 12 hours Thursday.

"We ruled out any possibility of foul play because we brought in an accelerant detecting canine which found nothing in the home," he said. "The dog immediately went for the gas tank on the car that was destroyed near the home, so we know he was efficient."

Vandygriff was quick to point out that the undetermined classification "is not just an easy way out for us."

"We spent a lot of time out there and sometimes you just can't find a cause," he said. "It is our policy that if we can't hold something in our hand and say 'this is what started it' we won't call it."

The state fire marshal also complimented Snyder's firefighters in their role in fighting the blaze and in assisting with the investigation.

"The fire department had an excellent response time," he said. "But with the wind and with that structure, there wasn't much that could be done."

The age of the mobile home contributed to the fire's speed, he said.

Donations for the survivors are still needed and are being accepted at the Snyder Chamber of Commerce and at the Hermleigh community center.

An American Red Cross representative said little had been received by noon today.





ONE INJURED — A Dallas truck driver was seriously injured in a one-vehicle accident Thursday shortly before 4 p.m. some five miles south of Hermleigh on U.S. 84. Bobby Ray Harris, who turned 36 today, was airlifted to Lubbock's University Medical Center. He was listed in serious condition in the surgical intensive care unit this morning. Harris was southbound in a 1998 Peterbilt when it overturned after veering off the roadway. (SDN Staff Photos)

Special blood drive planned for Saturday

United Blood Services (UBS) has scheduled a special blood drive from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday in the Wal-Mart parking lot.

"We have a very low supply of O Positive, O Negative and A Negative blood," said Rhonda Teal of UBS.

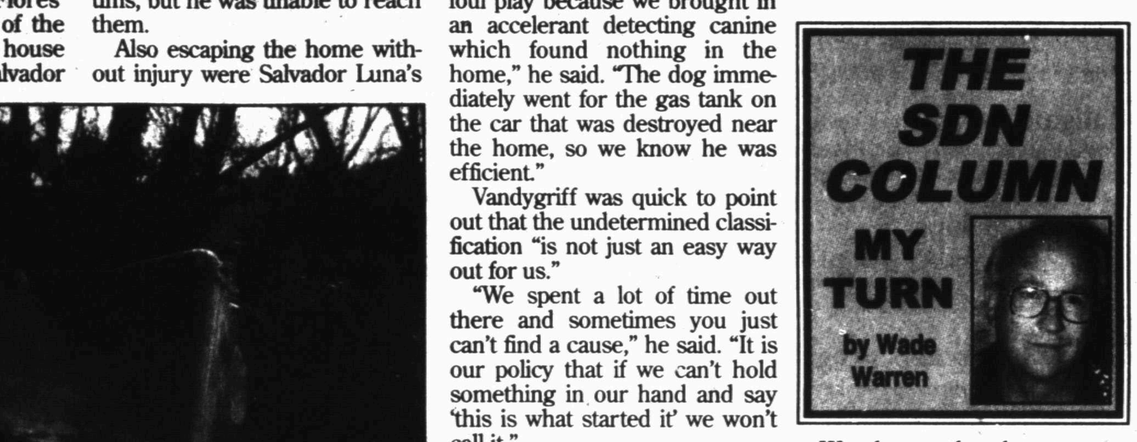
Teal said the shortage is causing some hospital requests for blood to be delayed. "Please make every effort to donate blood on Saturday."

Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in good health.

"We will need proof of identification and the names of any medication you have taken in the last 30 days," said Teal.

"In order to supply the 21 area hospitals, UBS must collect more than 430 units each week." Teal noted the shelf life of blood ranges from five to 42 days.

"We need your help," said Teal, saying the recent drive in Snyder resulted in 75 pints being donated.



We hope the latest news release from PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) does not spoil your Super Bowl weekend.

PETA says football fans all across the country are gearing up for the big game Sunday between Oakland and Tampa Bay, but there's one group that won't be cheering for either team: the cows.

PETA says it took the skin of 3.8 steers to make the 72 footballs that will be used in Sunday's game.

And over the past season, it took the skin of 3,000 cows to whittle the title chase down to the two remaining teams.

PETA is urging the NFL to use non-leather equipment for its games.

This approach could work because pigs apparently have a strong NFL lobby as footballs are no longer made out of pigskin.

And on the subject of the Super Bowl, here's some picks by the ladies in the newspaper office.

We don't suggest you call your bookie and up your bet because of their predictions, however.

News Editor Shirley Gorman said she doesn't even know whose playing, and added, "I don't care."

Joyce Smith, who not only remembers when footballs were made out of pigskin but when the game was invented, said, "the Raiders because Rich Gannon is cute."

Lifestyles editor Jo Ann Nunley asked, "Who's playing? I watched one team that might be playing but I don't remember who they were. I think it is the Redskins."

Debbie Early answers the phone in the office most of the time but don't ask her advice on who's going be wearing a Super Bowl championship ring because she replied that she has no idea.

"I don't like the Raiders but I don't remember who they're playing. I want the ones that have never been to win."

Our classified lady, Donna Browning said probably Oakland.

"But I hope Tampa Bay wins just because they're young."

Bookkeeper Jacalyn Lowrance said "Tampa, because they're young and the others are a bunch of old men."

Do we spot a trend here among some of the women in the office?

Ad rep Carolyn Warren said, "I don't know. It just seems colder today than it was yesterday."

Huh?

At least she didn't say Clemson Tide.

Ace graphic artist Nancy McFatridge replied, "who's playing?"

We really expected Nancy to respond with the point spread and some hot tips because she knows stuff that other women in the office don't know like quinellas, trifectas and other sporting terms.

After thinking on it for awhile, she replied that her pick Sunday is whoever is playing against Tampa Bay. Said Nancy, "My favorite team is still the 1980 Cowboys."

Probation revoked

A five-year-probated sentence was revoked Thursday in 132nd District Court.

Connie Lee Ostrander of Colorado City was serving a five-year probated term for a May 25, 2001 offense of felony DWI.

Ostrander, 40, was convicted of DWI in Mitchell County on Jan. 16, resulting in the motion to revoke probation in Scurry County.

Ostrander has two prior DWI convictions — Taylor County in 1993 and Scurry County in 1995.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong ordered Ostrander to serve five years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Fleischer: Iraq has something to hide

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush considers as "unacceptable" the failure of Iraq to make its scientists fully available for interviews with U.N. weapons inspectors, his spokesman said today.

Amid resistance in some quarters to the use of military force against Baghdad, Ari Fleischer said Saddam's conduct will make "the end of the line come even closer. His refusal is further evidence that Iraq has something to hide."

The presidential spokesman said Saddam "has an obligation to comply" with every provision of last November's United Nations resolution that sent weapons inspectors back to Iraq. The resolution included a requirement that Saddam make scientists available for unfettered interviews.

"This is not a matter for negotiation. This is not a matter for debate. Saddam Hussein has no choice," Fleischer said, saying Bush wants Saddam to fully comply "without delay and without debate."

"President Bush believes that Iraq's refusal to allow Iraqi scientists to submit to private interviews with U.N. inspectors is unacceptable," Fleischer said.

The strong words came as European opposition to an attack on Iraq appeared to be growing despite Secretary of State Colin Powell's offer for a fresh U.N. debate on using force.

Fleischer acknowledged the divisions among European allies.

"The president respects those nations... but Europe is not a monolith. European governments represent many different points of view... The president is confident that, if the call is made, that Europe will answer the call," he said.

Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov said Thursday "we deemed there are no serious reasons for war with Iraq." And he said that Moscow would do all it could to promote diplomacy to deal with Iraq.

ASK US

Q—Will tickets be available at the door for Saturday's chamber of commerce banquet?

A—Probably not as there were only eight tickets available at noon today.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Julie Sentell...

...fine arts secretary at WTC, has lived in Snyder since 1988. This year she took on the added duties of International Student Coordinator. Julie's husband, Marvin, is a retired attorney. Between them they have four children and 9 grandchildren with another one on the way. The Sentells have also hosted eight foreign exchange students. They attend the First Presbyterian Church. Julie loves to read, travel and she enjoys being with her children and grandchildren.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Motivation is what gets you started. Habit is what keeps you going.
—Jim Ryun

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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.

Stanfield Winter Wonderland

Stanfield Elementary's Winter Wonderland will be held from 5-7 p.m. Saturday in the gym and cafeteria. Tickets will be on sale at the door at four for $1. Winter Wonderland is for Stanfield students and families only.

Tailgate party

Residents and staff of Snyder Healthcare Center will have a Super Bowl tailgate supper from 5-5:30 p.m. Sunday.

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.

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 p.m. Monday in the Snyder Junior High auditorium.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday 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.

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.

Book fair

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

Genealogy Society to meet

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

South Pacific set at SHS

Snyder High School's Fire Arts division will present *South Pacific* Thursday and Friday and Feb. 1-2 at 7:30 p.m. at Worsham Auditorium There also will be a 2 .m. performance on Feb. 2. 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.

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.

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.

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. Feb. 5 at the dealership for the signing of scholarship applications. Parents are invited to attend.

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.

WTC adult basic education classes

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

Windbreak trees

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

Choir trip planned

SHS choirs are also planning a trip to Boston on Easter weekend, April 17-21. There are six available positions for anyone who wants to make the trip. For more information, call Ronda Haire, choir director, at 573-6301.



TOP AR STUDENTS — Central Elementary students who earned 75 or more Accelerated Reader points during the fall semester include front row, from left, Kaitlin Stewart, Ana Munoz, Timothy Hagins, Kristy Reyna and Monica Glover; row two, Jentri Driggers, Regan Head, Beto Jaimes, Yesennia Cabrera, Justin Torres, Victor Pena and Megan Smith; row three, Samuel Ashley, Cole Etheredge, Chase Price, Flavio Borrego, Jessica Guarado, Micah Henson, Brady Williams and Caleb Hester; back row, Valentin Medina, Armando Monroy, Timothy Iglehart, Amber Steelman, Miriam Arellano, Kyla Freeman and Taylor Boland. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Judge throws out perjury case against police chief in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — With his perjury charge dismissed and a mob of well-wishers hanging on his every word, Houston Police Chief Clarence Bradford stepped out of the downtown courthouse and back into his old job.

"I need to relax for a few days," Bradford said. "Having a felony hanging over your head is no fun and there's not a single night that you lay down and you rest in comfort with your family."

There may be better days ahead for Bradford, who had his perjury trial thrown out Thursday afternoon after a judge ruled that prosecutors failed to prove their claims.

The decision set off a wild celebration inside and outside the courtroom as family members and about 50 supporters mobbed Bradford, who waded through the crowd to kiss his beaming wife, Dee.

Bradford, who had been suspended with pay and temporarily surrendered his badge and his gun while under indictment, was reinstated a few hours later by Mayor Lee Brown.

"As I have consistently stated, I have the utmost confidence in Chief Bradford," Brown said during a hastily staged press conference at City Hall. "He is still my police chief, he is an excellent chief and I'm glad he'll resume his position at police headquarters."

If convicted of aggravated perjury, a third-degree felony, Bradford had faced a range of punishment from probation to 10 years in prison. He also could have lost his license as a certified Texas peace officer and his license to practice law.

Bradford was indicted Sept. 6 based on discrepancies that surfaced in a disciplinary case involving alleged use of foul language by Houston Police Capt. Mark Aguirre, a 23-year police veteran.

Bradford was the first Houston police chief to be charged with a crime while in office over the city's 166-year history.

At a May 22 hearing, Bradford testified he had never used profanity with subordinates. The testimony later was contradicted by J.L. Breshears, the police department's executive assistant chief.

On Thursday, Breshears testified he had warned Bradford that an officer's hearing to appeal a reprimand for use of foul language would reveal Bradford's own history of using profanity on the job.

Breshears told jurors that he was "surprised, shocked even" when Bradford testified he hadn't cursed him and two other officers in late 2000.

"It was clear (Bradford) had not admitted to the use of that word," he said.

Prosecutors wrapped up their case a few hours later, having called a succession of police officers who testified that Bradford had used the vulgarity during a meeting.

Defense attorneys immediately moved to get State District Judge Brian Rains to dismiss the case, claiming the state had not proven the chief had intended to lie about his use of profanity during an administrative hearing. Rains agreed.

"This shows that a failure of memory is not a crime in this country, at least not yet," said Bradford's attorney, Rusty Hardin. "People can remember things in different ways."

Prosecutors said they weren't surprised that Rains threw out the charges against Bradford, the second black police chief in the city's history.

"I knew going in that these perjury cases are tough cases to start with," said Don Smyth, assistant district attorney. "But when you're dealing with a highly placed and very political figure in the community, the road to climb is even higher."

Date Book

Friday, Jan. 24, 2003

Today is the 24th day of 2003 and the 35th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1848, James W. Marshall accidentally discovered gold while building a sawmill near Coloma, Calif. The California Gold Rush soon followed.

On this day in 1935, canned beer went on sale for the first time in Richmond, Va.

On this day in 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt held a press conference in which he stated, "Peace can come to the world only by the total elimination of German and Japanese war power. That means the unconditional surrender of Germany, Italy and Japan."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Edith Wharton (1862-1937), writer; Elisabeth Achelis (1880-1973), calendar reform advocate; Mark Goodson (1915-1992), television producer; Jack Brickhouse (1916-1998), sports announcer; Neil Diamond (1941-), singer, is 62; John Belushi (1949-1982), actor.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1982, the San Francisco 49ers won Super Bowl XVI.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it." — Edith Wharton

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Jan. 18) and last quarter (Jan. 25).

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Military hearing concludes

BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, La. (AP) — A nine-day military hearing into the deadly friendly fire bombing of Canadian troops in Afghanistan ended with two U.S. pilots offering apologies — but insisting they were not at fault.

Majs. Harry Schmidt and William Umbach face weeks or months awaiting the hearing officer's recommendation on whether they should be court-martialed for involuntary manslaughter, aggravated battery and dereliction of duty.

The April 17 bombing occurred as Schmidt and Umbach, in their F-16 fighter jets, were returning from a patrol over Afghanistan. The pilots saw weapons fire from below, and fearing it was from Taliban forces, Schmidt attacked with a 500-pound laser-guided bomb.

The weapon hit Canadian forces conducting live-fire exercises. Four soldiers were killed and eight were wounded.

During the military hearing at 8th Air Force headquarters here, the Air Force called more than a dozen witnesses over eight days, suggesting the pilots could have flown away but instead recklessly disobeyed orders and ignored briefings describing the location of allied troops.

Defense attorneys argued the pilots thought they were under enemy attack and that they were never told allies might be in the area conducting exercises that night. They also suggested Air Force-issued amphetamines may have clouded the pilots' judgment.

In his statement Thursday, Schmidt, who dropped the bomb, called the accident a tragedy committed in the "fog of war."

"I was called upon to make a perfect decision in a rapidly unfolding combat environment," he said in a steady voice. "I had to make that decision with what I now know, with the acuity of 20-20 hindsight, was imperfect information."

Umbach, the mission commander, began his statement by reading the names of the dead and wounded. "Since the seventeenth of April, not a day has passed that I have not thought of that night," he said.

"Maj. Schmidt and I were doing our best to protect ourselves in a situation where we honestly believed we were under attack," he said.

Marley Leger, wife of Sgt. Marc Leger, one of the four Canadian dead, said afterward that she believed the hearing was fair. She would not discuss what she believes should happen to the pilots.

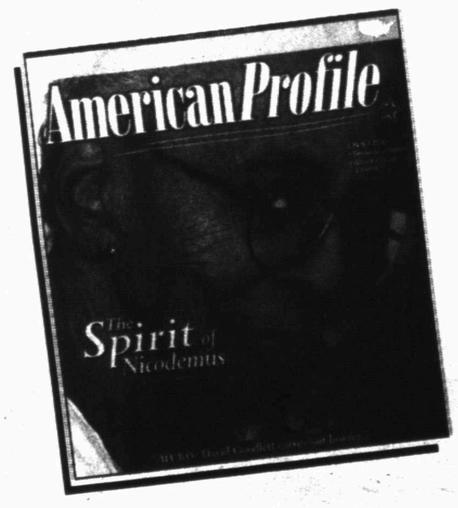
Especially painful, she said, was listening to testimony from survivors of the bombing, who described what they and her son were doing in the moments before the bomb blast.

"Every single time his name was mentioned tore a little piece away from me, every single time," she said. "Specifically in the beginning of the hearing, when the boys were talking about what was happening on the ground was very, very difficult. Because Marc's name was mentioned so often."

In Next Week's American Profile...

A town of their dreams

At the end of the Civil War, 350 freed slaves journeyed from Kentucky to Kansas to establish the town of their dreams. Today, Nicodemus is the last remaining western town founded by African-Americans.



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PERFORMANCES CONTINUE —Performances of *The Nerd* continues at 7:30 tonight and Saturday night and at 2 p.m. Sunday at Western Texas College's Fine Arts Theatre. For reservations contact 573-8511, ext. 234. Students pictured from left are, Corey Knipe, Jacob Brumley, Mandy Mitchell and Brian Ballard. (Staff Photo by Shirley A, Gorman)

Agent Orange, leukemia link will mean compensation for vets

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Veterans Affairs Department will extend benefits to Vietnam vets with a type of leukemia that researchers now say is linked to exposure to herbicides, including Agent Orange.

Vietnam War veterans diagnosed with chronic lymphocytic leukemia, or CLL, would start receiving improved benefits, such as disability compensation and priority health care services, in about a year, VA Secretary Anthony Principi said Thursday.

"It's sad that we have to presume service connection, because we know that (veterans) have cancer that may have been caused by their battlefield service. But it's the right thing to do," Principi said.

The Institute of Medicine, which re-examined past research on cancer rates in agricultural workers and farm community residents, announced Thursday that it had found the link between CLL and Vietnam herbicides.

Veterans Affairs expects to find about 500 new cases of CLL a year among Vietnam veterans, said spokesman Phil Budahn. About 2.6 million people served in Vietnam during the war and most are still alive.

There are 10,000 Vietnam veterans receiving disability pay for other illnesses related to exposure to Agent Orange and other herbicides used during the war, Veterans Affairs said.

"It's just one more indication that service on the battlefield exposes men and women to dangers beyond bullets, shrapnel and missiles," said Principi, who requested the review. "Environmental hazards are as worrisome and deadly as some of the more common forms of battlefield injury."

Although health care is available to nearly all veterans, Principi's decision means that veterans with CLL who were in Vietnam during the war will get disability compensation of about $2,300 a month, they won't have to pay co-payments for health care to treat CLL and will have better access to the agencies' health services. Principi must draft rules and publish them in the Federal Register before the benefits can take effect.

Principi's decision to extend benefits pleased veterans groups who have continued to fight for research on the illnesses suffered by veterans exposed to the defoliants.

But Rick Wiedman, Vietnam Veterans of America government relations director, said the findings are incremental and large scale research should be funded to study problems in veterans.

No clues yet in deadly military helicopter crash over S. Texas

FALCON HEIGHTS (AP) — The fiery collision of two military helicopters that killed four reservists has prompted suspension of the Marines' participation in an interagency drug enforcement operation along the Texas-Mexico border. A crash investigation has not yet yielded clues.

Security was tight today at a remote state park near the Rio Grande where witnesses saw the two helicopters collide. The Marine crews were taking part in a nighttime anti-drug patrol when their crafts crashed and burned late Wednesday night in dusty scrubland.

Family members in four states mourned the crew members' deaths. Wreckage from one of the AH1-W Super Cobra helicopters blocked the sole exit from Falcon State Park, requiring volunteers from a nearby natural gas well to bulldoze a path to allow campers in and out.

The dead were identified as Lt. Col. Robert J. Theilmann, 47, of Suffolk, N.Y.; Maj. John M. Walsh, 36, of Oakland, Mich.; Capt. David C. Cross, 34, of Centre, Pa.; and Maj. Steven G. Palombo, 36, of Sterling Heights, Mich.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of these valiant Marines," said Lt. Gen. Dennis M. McCarthy, commander of the Marine Forces Reserves in New Orleans.

The victims were members of Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 775, based at Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif. The detachment of six helicopters and 53 Marines, deployed to Laredo on Jan. 17, was ordered to return to Camp Pendleton this weekend, the Marine Forces Reserves said.

Carole Palombo, one of the first family members reached for comment late Thursday, said of her brother, "He was (a) pilot, he loved to fly. That was his life, from the time he was a little boy to the time of his death."

Richard Theilmann of Brooklyn described his brother as a "self-sacrificing kind of guy" who was proud to serve his country.

"He'd make sure everyone was comfortable before he was comfortable," Theilmann said.

The Marines were only a week into a mission that sent them flying over Falcon Lake, a binational reservoir that straddles the U.S.-Mexico border and is a known haven for smuggling of drugs and undocumented immigrants.

Under guard overnight were the crash sites, with debris from one copter just inside the park entrance, with burn marks extending about 40 yards, and more wreckage about 300 yards away, with rotors and other charred helicopter parts strewn between them.

Blackened brush and prickly pear cactus surrounded the wreckage. Two other helicopters were involved in the operation but landed safely, officials said.

"We heard a loud boom and all of a sudden the engines in the helicopters quit, so I went outside and looked and there was a ball of fire," said Larry Sholl, 67, who witnessed the crash shortly before 9 p.m. CST.

Military investigators offered no clues what went wrong. Each Super Cobra has a crew of two — a pilot and a co-pilot.

Their Department of Defense mission, known as Joint Task Force Six, comprises volunteer active duty and reserve members of various branches and offers high-tech support and training to federal, state, and local anti-drug agencies. It has been ongoing since 1989 as part of President George H. W. Bush's war on drugs.

This deployment was assisting U.S. Border Patrol agents that patrol parts of the lake and miles of rugged brushland surrounding it.

"These Marines were helping to detect the flow of contraband into the U.S. and maintain the security of our border," McCarthy said.

The lake dates back to 1953, when the U.S. and Mexico agreed to create a 40-mile retention area for Rio Grande waters. Hurricanes filled the basin and created one of South Texas' few recreation areas for boating and fishing.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Friends and family flee when husband shares his feelings

DEAR ABBY: I am writing this for those female readers who wish the men in their lives would share their feelings with them. What I have to say to them is this: **COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS!**

My husband shares all his feelings and thoughts (mostly negative ones) with me all the time. Every night I am forced to sit for hours listening to him verbalize his thoughts and feelings. He has no time to do yard work or household repairs because he's either too busy thinking and feeling or verbalizing his endless criticisms.

He does hold down a steady (sedentary) job, and some of the ways he gets in touch with his feelings — through music and poetry — are positive. However, when I was in a car accident last year and should have been resting and recuperating, my husband "didn't have time" to help with housework because his piano had to be played and his novels had to be read.

When we were first married, we moved to a small rural town hundreds of miles away from our friends and families. It has been hard to make friends in this closed community. Once every few years a family member or friend is willing to come and visit us, but my husband almost always finds a way to alienate our visitors. He will start arguments, tell them what he didn't like about the Christmas presents they gave us, complain about how much money we spend on food while they're at our house, etc.

I'm afraid that soon I'm going to have no one left. I've talked to my husband about this several times, but he doesn't see it as a problem. Help! — **TALKED TO DEATH IN MINNESOTA**

DEAR TALKED TO DEATH: I am all for sharing thoughts and feelings, but the person you have described is one who is self-obsessed, verbally abusive, and thinks no one's feelings are as important as his own.

By "sharing his thoughts and feelings," your husband is chipping away at your self-esteem and isolating you from friends and family. It's important that you give this some thought and not allow yourself to be his scapegoat. Also, I hope you have a job outside the home, because it may be your only way to have meaningful contact with others.

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DEAR ABBY: I bought my wedding dress two months ago. I showed a picture of it to my sister-in-law who is being married a few weeks before me. Yesterday she went out and purchased the exact same dress. Although she is having a small wedding, my fiance and I are still very upset. She and her fiance insist we are being selfish and inconsiderate of their feelings. Do you think we are wrong to be angry? — **P.O. IN N.J.**

DEAR P.O.: No, I do not. You are entitled to your feelings. That said, there is still time for you to return to the shop where you purchased your bridal gown and discuss how to individualize your attire for the wedding. (Consider a different headpiece and veil, adding or deleting gloves or other accessories, adding or subtracting a train.)

And remember, although imitation may be irritating, it's also the sincerest form of flattery. Your sister-in-law is "family," so pleased don't let this cause a permanent rift. And in the future, don't show her any more pictures.

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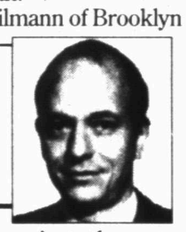
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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North		01 24 03
	♠ Q J 10 8 2		
	♥ 8 2		
	♦ Q 10 8 5 2		
	♣ K		
West		East	
♠ 6 5		♠ K 7 4 3	
♥ K Q 9 5		♥ 7 6	
♦ J 4		♦ 9 6 3	
♣ A Q 10 9 3		♣ J 7 5 2	
	South		
	♠ A 9		
	♥ A J 10 4 3		
	♦ A K 7		
	♣ 8 6 4		

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ??

Friday, Jan. 24, 2003

Sometimes painting costs points

By Phillip Alder

Yesterday, I mentioned that the debate continues about what bidding and defensive-carding methods should be permitted in major bridge events. Sometimes, if a pair has a particularly descriptive convention, it can work well, helping them to get to, for example, a perfect-fit low-point-count slam (or to avoid a high-count misfitting slam). However, sometimes these picture-perfect pattern bids help the opponents.

Look only at the West hand. You have to lead against three no-trump, knowing that the declarer has 15-17 points with exactly two spades, five hearts, three diamonds and three clubs. What is your choice?

North's two-diamond response was game-forcing Stayman, with South's three-heart rebid describing her exact distribution.

Perhaps you selected the club 10, or possibly the three, or maybe the queen (hoping to snuff out a singleton or doubleton jack in the dummy). However, Irina Levitina, partnering her brother Ilya Levitin in the Montreal World Mixed Pairs, selected the club ace — jackpot!

Levitina was hoping that after seeing the dummy, she would know what to do at trick two. The actual result exceeded her original expectations. She and her brother ran off the first five tricks to defeat the contract.

Note that if Levitina had led a lower club, the declarer would have won the initial nine tricks via two spades, one heart, five diamonds and one club.

Ten days later, Levitina, a former Russian world women's chess champion, was part of the U.S. team that won the McConnell Cup, her second world bridge title.

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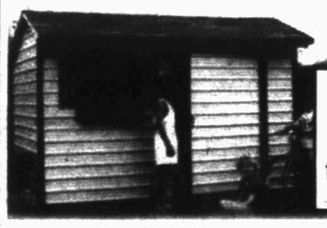
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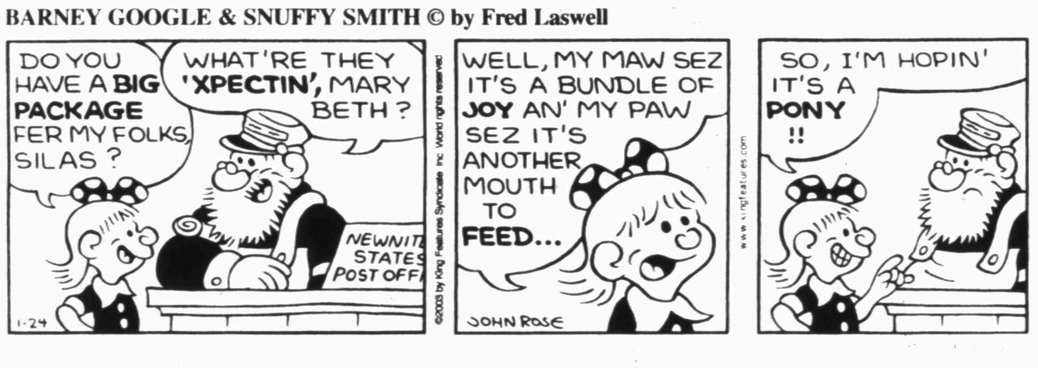
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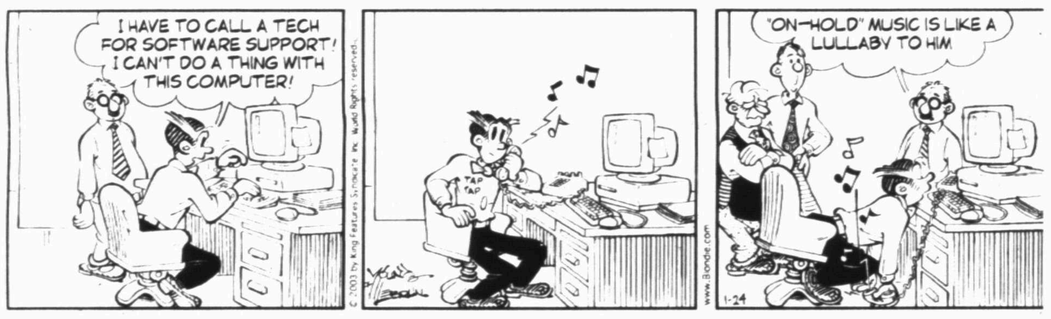
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1 Refreshing
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8 Lyric poem
11 Condor's nest
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20 OPEC vessel
22 Rain forest parrot
24 Rifle
25 Pep
26 By oneself
28 Grant
32 Poisonous snake
33 Two-color cookie
34 Love, to Pedro
35 Alice's restaurant
37 Conclusions
39 Shaggy flower
40 Get ready
41 Movie pig
42 Perry Mason's org.
43 Common vine
45 Leaven
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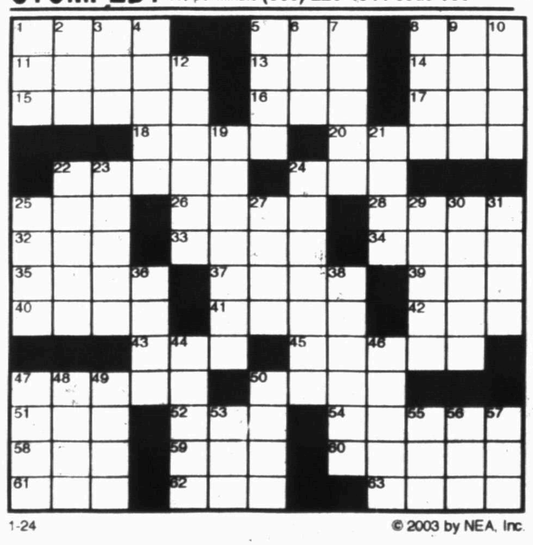
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5 Mocking comment
6 Uproar
7 Cajun's home
8 Gemstone
9 Brubeck of jazz
10 Pitcher in a basin
12 Rio Grande town (2 wds.)
19 Had great faith in
21 Machu Picchu builder
22 Cheapskate
23 Plenty
24 Adieu (hyph.)
25 Seductive woman
27 Olin or Horne
29 Peel and Bovary
30 Question
31 Humorist — Bombeck
36 Hiss
38 Is responsible for (2 wds.)
44 Skirt slits
46 Nile city
47 The chills
48 Goldfish
49 Forearm bone
50 Clonk
53 "— Te Ching"
55 LAX info
56 Always, to Tennyson
57 Put in a kiln

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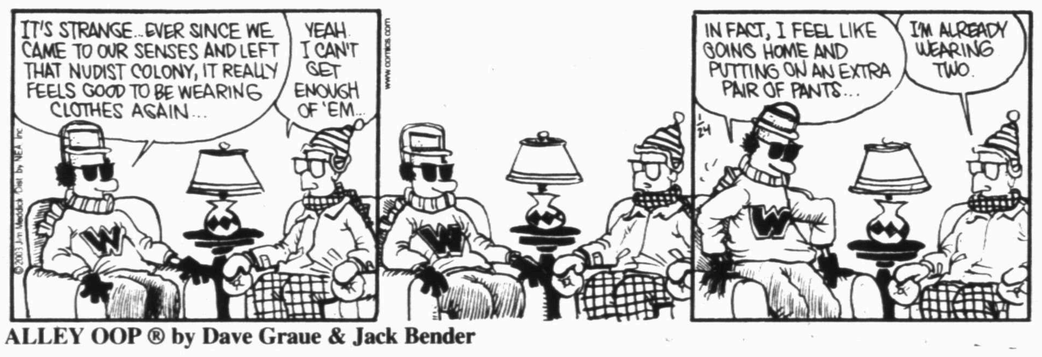
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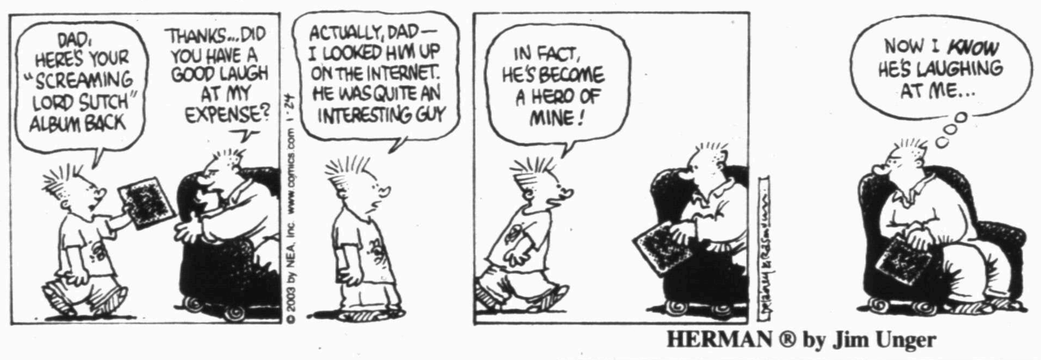
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"OH, NO. IF MARGARET'S GOING TO SEE THIS MOVIE, THERE MUST BE A BUNCH OF MUSHY STUFF IN IT."

SPORTS

Raiders defense, Bucs offense want recognition

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Hey, Super Bowl fans, the Oakland Raiders are not wimps on defense and the Tampa Bay Bucs are not buffoons on offense.

True, neither is ranked at the top of the league the way the Raiders are with the ball and the way the Buccaneers are when the opposition has it. And neither has gotten much credit for lifting its team to a conference title.

"But we've played well," Raiders cornerback Charles Woodson said. "We've been beaten up and we still played well. So we're not concerned about their defense getting all the attention."

Nor are the Bucs offended that they're pretty much ignored while all the recognition goes to Oakland's high-powered attack.

"If we win the Super Bowl, that will change," wide receiver Keyshawn Johnson said. "The Super Bowl puts the stamp and the legacy on what you did in your career. The great players win Super Bowls. The stats don't matter — it's the ring."

Ah, the ring. To win it, the Bucs can't have their offense become bystanders. Same for Oakland's defense.

Tampa Bay ranked 24th in yards gained (27th rushing, 15th passing). The Bucs scored 346 points, but the defense scored five touchdowns, four by NFL defensive player of the year Derrick Brooks, and the special teams had one. The defense also set up a bunch of points by forcing 38 turnovers, including 31 interceptions.

In other words, that all-world D made things far easier for the sometimes-pedestrian offense.

But the Buccaneers have begun to establish an identity offensively, and they've been efficient enough in the playoffs.

"We have attitude," Pro Bowl fullback Mike Alstott said. "We haven't always looked pretty, but we get the job done one way or another. We try to be very physical up front, we have a wide receiver corps that will go downfield and block.

"Remember, we have a new offense, a new O line since Jon (Gruden) was hired as our coach. Ask any player in the NFL when you have gone through dramatic changes like we have, to be asked to be perfect in nine months, it can't happen."

Here's what the stars on the Bucs' stingy defense believe can happen: Their teammates on offense will rise to the challenge of winning a championship. All-Pro defensive tackle Warren Sapp doesn't want people separating Tampa's units.

"We've got an inferno going," he said, "and when that three-headed monster — offense, defense, special teams — raises his head, he is impossible to slay."

Oakland's defenders say they are ready for that monster, regardless of how many heads it has. The Raiders have plenty of big names on defense, from All-Pro safety Rod Woodson to cornerback Charles Woodson to linebacker Bill Romanowski to tackle Sam Adams. Rod Woodson, Romanowski and Adams already have won Super Bowls with other teams, so there is no lack of success, experience or leadership on the squad.

The Raiders ranked 11th in yards allowed and a very impressive third against the run, ahead of the Bucs, who were fifth.

"They might not get the notoriety of Tampa's defense," Raiders coach Bill Callahan said, "but it is a defense that has improved and continues to make plays. The value of our defense was so important to us down the stretch."

Oakland's defense also has injury concerns, most notably Charles Woodson's leg. Although he made the Pro Bowl, he's had a difficult stretch, particularly in the playoffs.

"We overcame a lot of injuries on that side of the ball," Callahan said. "How we stayed together to do that and play at such a high level is astronomical."

The number of points the Raiders usually put up is astronomical. If the game turns into a shootout, the Bucs are done.

However, if Tampa can establish its tempo when it has the ball, how long will league MVP Rich Gannon and his compatriots get to assert themselves?

Adams, a Super Bowl winner two years ago with Baltimore, says not to count on that happening. Besides, it's not what everyone wants.

"Our job is to get off the field as quick as possible and let our guys do their thing on offense," Adams said. "I'd pay to see it, too: No. 1 vs. No. 1."

Cameras replace troops for Super Bowl security

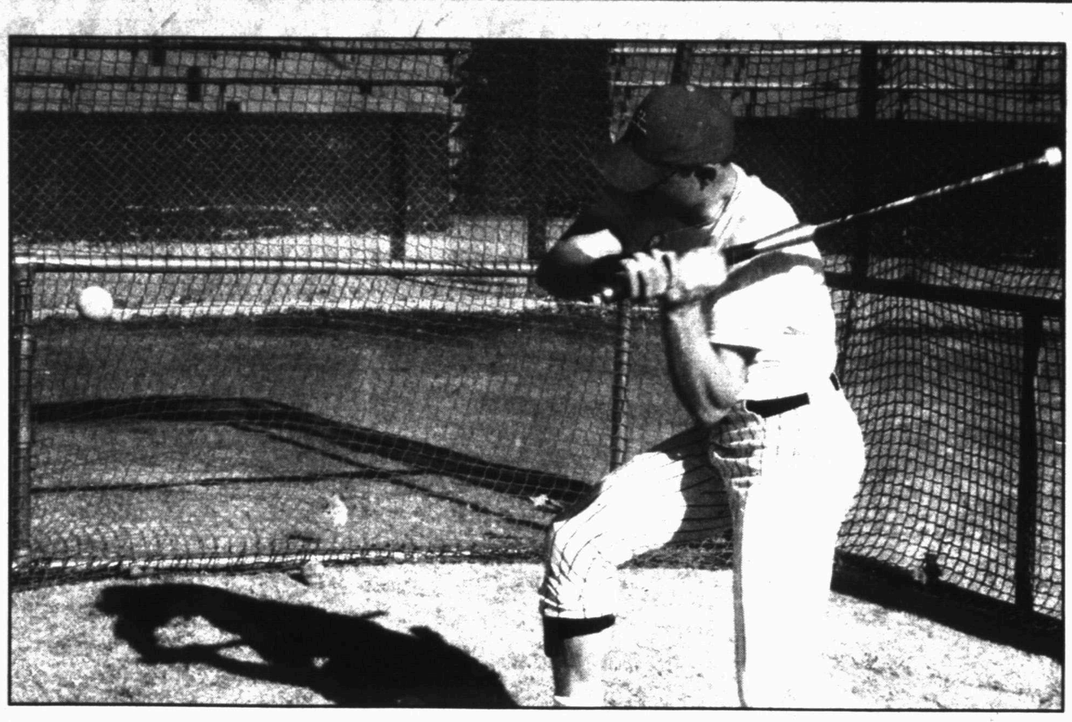
SAN DIEGO (AP) — The Super Bowl will look less like a military staging ground, more like a high-tech surveillance area this year.

Gone from the site of the NFL's biggest game are the armored military trucks and camouflaged soldiers that gave last year's game such a chilling feel.

In their place is a state-of-the-art, 52-camera surveillance system that allows security guards to keep track of every corner of the Super Bowl stadium in real time.

It's part of an intensive, less intrusive effort to ensure safety at Sunday's game.

"Security will be at the exact same level it was last year," NFL security expert Milt Ahlerich said.



EYE ON THE BALL — Snyder baseball player Chance Greenwood practices with a "mule stick" during off-season workouts this week. The "mule stick" helps batters keep eye contact with the ball. Practices begin for the team Monday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Nowitzki, Mavs whip 76ers

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki thinks he has room for improvement. That should keep his opponents awake at night.

Nowitzki had 30 points and 14 rebounds, and Steve Nash added 21 points and 13 assists in the Dallas Mavericks' 107-94 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers on Thursday night.

When the 76ers made a run in the third quarter, Nowitzki scored seven straight points, on a a 3-pointer, a 19-foot jumper, and a driving layup, allowing the Mavs to pull away.

"I still think my post game is not where it should be," Nowitzki said. "I try to take advantage more and more. I should be able to punish the little guys down there a little more. I just have to keep on working at it and I should be fine."

The 76ers had no answer for the 7-foot Nowitzki, or for the rest of the Mavericks.

Michael Finley scored 19 points and Nick Van Exel added 16 for the Mavericks. Dallas improved the NBA's best record to 33-8 with its second straight win after a dismal West Coast trip on which it lost three in a row.

At the halfway point of the season, Dallas is on pace for a franchise-best 66 victories.

"Guys don't care if we win 60 games if we don't win a championship," Nash said.

Allen Iverson and Keith Van Horn each scored 25 for the 76ers, who have lost 12 of 16.

Philadelphia has alternated wins and losses in its last six games after losing nine of 10. The 76ers, who opened the season 10-0 at the First Union Center, are 1-7 in their last eight home games.

Philadelphia, down 18 in the second quarter, closed to 50-47 following a three-point play by Iverson early in the third. But the Mavericks answered with seven straight points and 11 of the next 13.

During the run, Nowitzki displayed all the skills that have made him one of toughest players in the league to defend. His 3-pointer, 19-footer and layup gave the Mavericks a 61-49 lead.

Sports Briefs

NFLPA favors overtime change

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The NFL Players Association announced that it is in favor of a change in overtime, the first major group to support altering the sudden-death system that has been in place since 1974.

NFLPA executive director Gene Upshaw said players favor a system in which both teams would get a chance with the ball.

Philadelphia rated worst NFL field

The NFLPA released its biennial report on turf conditions and, to nobody's surprise, Veterans Stadium in Philadelphia was rated the worst field in the league.

The grass field at Qualcomm Stadium, where the Super Bowl will be played, ranked 10th worst.

Ravens hire Singletary

BALTIMORE (AP) — Hall of Fame linebacker Mike Singletary was hired to coach that position for the Baltimore Ravens.

Holmes, Vick to skip Pro Bowl

NEW YORK (AP) — Add Michael Vick and Priest Holmes to the list of stars who will miss the Pro Bowl.

Vick will stay in Atlanta to have a bunion removed from his right foot. Tampa Bay quarterback Brad Johnson will replace Vick.

Holmes won't make the trip to Honolulu because of the right hip injury that sidelined him for the season's final two games.

IRS puts lien on Rose's condo

CINCINNATI (AP) — Pete Rose owes $151,690 in federal taxes from 1998, prompting the IRS to get a lien on his condominium in Los Angeles, The Cincinnati Enquirer reported.

Tigers on the road tonight

The Snyder Tigers will try to grab their second district win when they travel to Sweetwater tonight to take on the Mustangs.

Sweetwater, undefeated in district, is tied for first with Merkel. The Mustangs defeated the Tigers, 58-47, in the district opener in Snyder Jan. 10.

The teams will square off at 8 o'clock.

The Lady Tigers will look to continue their winning ways against the Lady Mustangs tonight at 6:30 in a rematch from Jan. 10, when Snyder used a punishing defense to record a 43-33 victory.

In other area basketball action, the Ira Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs host Dawson tonight.

The Lady Bulldogs used a three-point shot from Michelle Nettles to post a 29-26 triumph the last time the teams met on Jan. 7.

The Bulldogs need to win out to have a chance at postseason play when they tip off against Dawson at 8.

Also tonight, the Hermleigh squads will play host to the Trent Gorillas, with a 6:30 start slated.

Sideline Views

by Bobby Allen



One thing soldiers, sailors and marines stationed overseas — those lucky enough to be in barracks and not stuck in a GP medium in the desert — can look forward to Monday is a day off.

The Armed Forces Network transmits the Super Bowl live, and troops are encouraged to watch the game when it airs — in the middle of the night.

Monday is a holiday for military personnel, generously given by commanders to keep morale up and productivity at a peak.

Germany is seven hours ahead of us here in West Texas, which means the Super Bowl will kick off at midnight Sunday for those in Frankfurt and Nuremberg and points between.

For perspective, I awoke at my usual time (6:30 a.m.) one October morning in Illesheim, Germany, turned on the television and watched as Dan Gladden rounded third base with his fist raised, as the Twins defeated the Braves in the 10th inning of game seven of the World Series.

It's a weird life for those overseas, but commanders and top sergeants do what they can to give the men and women a semblance of home.

It's not much, but being able to watch the Super Bowl with a cold, frosty one and good buddies without worrying about work the next morning puts a charge in just about everyone's step.

So on Super Sunday, let's raise a toast to those preparing for Bush's fistfight by proxy with Saddam Hussein — those in the field and those about to be deployed.

Godspeed, troops.

This year's match-up in San Diego has all the elements of a classic duel between a high-powered offense and a maniacal defense.

We've always been partial to offense, especially the vertical passing game.

While the Raiders have a horizontal passing game and no real ground attack, they have plenty of playmakers on offense, with Jerry Rice, Rich Gannon, Tim Brown and Charlie Garner.

Another thing working in Oakland's favor is the number of veterans on the team who have played in — and won — Super Bowls.

Rod Woodson, Bill Romanowski and Rice have seven rings between them, while Tampa Bay sends out a group happy to have finally gotten over the hump after years of falling short.

Give Jon Gruden credit building two teams that will meet in Super Bowl, but his old squad will beat his new one.

We say: Raiders 24, Buccaneers 10.

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National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE — Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	28	14	.667	—
Boston	24	18	.571	4
Orlando	23	21	.523	6
Philadelphia	22	21	.512	6½
Washington	21	21	.500	7
New York	17	23	.425	10
Miami	15	27	.357	13
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Indiana	30	12	.714	—
Detroit	27	14	.659	2½
New Orleans	23	20	.535	7½
Milwaukee	20	21	.488	9½
Chicago	15	27	.357	15
Atlanta	14	28	.333	16
Toronto	10	33	.233	20½
Cleveland	8	35	.186	22½
WESTERN CONFERENCE — Midwest Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Dallas	33	8	.805	—
San Antonio	26	15	.634	7
Utah	25	16	.610	8
Houston	23	17	.575	9½
Minnesota	24	18	.571	9½
Memphis	13	29	.310	20½
Denver	10	31	.244	23
Pacific Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Sacramento	32	11	.744	—
Portland	25	15	.625	5½
Phoenix	25	18	.581	7
L.A. Lakers	19	22	.463	12
Golden State	19	23	.452	12½
Seattle	18	22	.450	12½
L.A. Clippers	16	25	.390	15

Wednesday's Games

Milwaukee 106, Boston 97
Indiana 101, Toronto 98
Orlando 94, Chicago 91
Miami 92, Phoenix 85
Portland 112, Atlanta 110, 2OT
New York 97, Denver 88
Philadelphia 92, Detroit 83
Minnesota 96, Seattle 91
Memphis 98, San Antonio 93
L.A. Clippers 96, Utah 89
New Orleans 103, Washington 94
Golden State 114, L.A. Lakers 110

Thursday's Games

Dallas 107, Philadelphia 94
Sacramento 104, Memphis 98
Golden State 105, New Jersey 97

Friday's Games

Phoenix at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Denver at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Chicago, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Utah, 9 p.m.
New Jersey at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Philadelphia at Miami, 3 p.m.
Minnesota at Washington, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Denver at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Sacramento at Toronto, 12:30 p.m.
Orlando at Boston, 1 p.m.
Houston at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Phoenix at New York, 1 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Indiana, 1 p.m.
Portland at Dallas, 2 p.m.

National Hockey League

EASTERN CONFERENCE — Atlantic Division	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	27	11	8	1	63	120	99
New Jersey	28	12	3	3	62	120	92
N.Y. Islanders	21	19	5	2	49	131	140
Pittsburgh	20	20	4	5	49	130	141
N.Y. Rangers	21	23	6	1	49	131	149
Northeast Division	**W**	**L**	**T**	**OL**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Ottawa	31	11	6	1	69	163	107
Toronto	25	18	4	1	55	136	119
Boston	24	18	5	1	54	147	129
Montreal	19	19	6	5	49	129	144
Buffalo	14	23	7	2	37	100	119
Southeast Division	**W**	**L**	**T**	**OL**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Washington	22	18	6	3	53	139	136
Tampa Bay	19	18	7	4	49	133	139
Florida	14	17	9	8	45	109	141
Carolina	16	23	6	4	42	107	137
Atlanta	15	26	3	4	37	128	175
WESTERN CONFERENCE — Central Division	**W**	**L**	**T**	**OL**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
St. Louis	26	14	6	4	62	161	128
Detroit	26	13	7	2	61	141	118
Chicago	21	16	9	3	54	117	116
Nashville	15	21	8	4	42	106	130
Columbus	18	25	4	2	42	138	156
Northwest Division	**W**	**L**	**T**	**OL**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Vancouver	28	15	5	0	61	151	125
Minnesota	25	16	7	1	58	122	105
Edmonton	23	15	5	6	57	137	131
Colorado	18	14	10	5	51	135	122
Calgary	16	23	7	3	42	104	138
Pacific Division	**W**	**L**	**T**	**OL**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Dallas	27	10	11	1	66	151	97
Anaheim	20	17	7	4	51	118	120
Phoenix	17	20	7	4	45	119	133
Los Angeles	18	22	4	4	44	122	137
San Jose	16	20	6	5	43	124	146

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Thursday's Games

Ottawa 3, Atlanta 3, tie
St. Louis 3, Chicago 3, tie
Boston 4, Pittsburgh 1
N.Y. Rangers 4, Nashville 2
Phoenix 7, Calgary 1
Colorado 5, Columbus 0
Minnesota 2, Los Angeles 1

Friday's Games

Toronto at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Florida at Carolina, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Detroit at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
New Jersey at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Atlanta at N.Y. Rangers, 1 p.m.
Washington at Montreal, 2 p.m.
Chicago at Pittsburgh, 3 p.m.
Buffalo at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Boston, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Toronto, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Calgary, 10 p.m.
Minnesota at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

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Boxcutter detainee freed from U.S. detention, arrested again

HYDERABAD, India (AP) — Mohammed Azmath, who was detained in the United States for a year and half after the Sept. 11 attacks, arrived home Friday and was promptly arrested by police in southern India for investigation of filing false information on his passport application.

A metropolitan court later granted bail to Azmath, who was known as one of boxcutter detainees picked up by the FBI a day after the terror attacks in New York and Washington.

Azmath and his co-suspect, Gul Mohammed Shah, were detained in Fort Worth, Texas, after investigators had found them carrying boxcutters and lots of cash on Sept. 12, 2001, and they had been on a flight that was grounded in the wake of the attacks in New York and Washington.

The two Muslim men from the southern Indian city of Hyderabad were cleared of any involvement in the Sept. 11 attacks, but the investigations revealed Azmath had filed false information in his passport application.

"The police officials asked some questions about my passport before I was produced in the court," Azmath told The Associated Press after he was granted bail. Police have booked a case against Azmath for violation of passport rules.

Ask Hollywood by Holly Wood

'Criminal Intent' actor has been around

Q: One of my favorite shows this season is "Law & Order: Criminal Intent." The main actor, Vincent D'Onofrio, looks like the actor who played the Marine who commits suicide in the bathroom in "Full Metal Jacket." Is it the same guy? **— D.Z., Dubuque, Iowa**

A: Yes, it is. D'Onofrio played Leonard "Gomer Pyle" Lawrence in "Full Metal Jacket." Other movies you might have seen him in are "The Dangerous Lives of Altar Boys," "The Cell," "Men in Black" and "Ed Wood."

Q: I'd like to know where I've seen Tom Amandes before. He plays a local doctor on the WB series "Everwood." Did he play Eliot Ness in "The Untouchables" back in the 1980s, or am I mistaken? Do you have a bio on him? — **G.M. Woodville, Calif.**

A: Kevin Costner played Ness in the 1987 movie version of "The Untouchables," but Amandes played the character in the TV series, which ran from 1993 to 1994. Amandes also appeared in the 1999 movie "Brokedown Palace" and has had recurring roles on "JAG" and "The Guardian." He was born in Illinois on March 9, 1956, and is the sixth of 11 children. He studied acting at the Goodman School of Drama at DePaul University and went on to work in theater. He lives in Los Angeles with his wife, actress Nancy Everhard, and their three children.

Q: I love the movie "Edward Scissorhands," starring a very young Johnny Depp and Winona Ryder. Where can I buy it? And at what price? I also love the movie "The Professional," starring Natalie Portman and Jean Reno. Where can I buy it? And at what price? — **R.H., Waynesboro, Pa.**

A: Both movies are well-known, relatively recent releases, so you should be able to order them through your local video store. If you don't have any luck there, contact Movies Unlimited at (800) 668-4344 or through their Web site, www.moviesunlimited.com. "The Professional" (also known as "Leon") costs $9.99 for a VHS copy, and "Edward Scissorhands" costs $13.49 on VHS and $17.99 on DVD.

Q: How long has Victor Garber been acting? He plays Jennifer Garner's father, Jack Bristow, on the TV series "Alias." Did he play a young Jesus, singing "Day By Day," in the movie "Godspell"? Do you have a bio on him? — **V.V., Porterville, Calif.**

A: Garber has been acting, on stage and on screen, for more than 30 years. He did play Jesus in the film version of "Godspell." Some of his other movie roles are in "Legally Blonde," "Titanic," "The First Wives Club" and "Sleepless in Seattle." He was born on March 16, 1949, in London, Canada. Garber was nominated for Emmy Awards for his work on "Alias," "Frasier" and "Life with Judy Garland: Me and My Shadow."

Q: As "Field of Dreams" was made in Dubuque, I would like Kevin Costner's address so I can write to him. — B.B., Dubuque, Iowa

A: You can write to Costner at P.O. Box 275, Montrose, CA 91021.

TRIVIA: Kevin Costner was considered for the lead in "Air Force One" — a role that eventually went to Harrison Ford.

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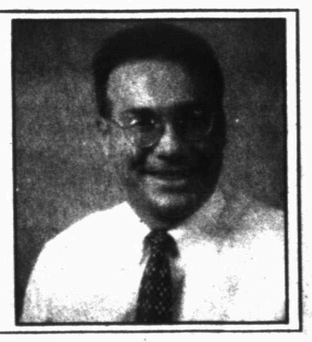
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AOL TimeWrn	14.55	14.18	14.20	—.28
AT&T Corp rs	20.48	19.91	19.99	—.50
Albertsons	22.23	21.95	22.02	—.23
Alltel	49.30	48.05	48.40	—.56
AmEl Pw	26.90	24.40	25.13	—1.76
AndarkPtr	45.71	45.35	45.62	—.08
ATMOS Egy	22.12	21.79	21.94	—.18
Avaall	7.74	7.69	7.69	—.06
BP PLC	36.76	35.92	36.20	—.55
BakerHughes	31.00	29.60	30.32	—.51
Bank of Amer	71.60	70.17	70.53	—1.07
BellSouth	23.69	22.36	22.70	—.85
BurlNoSFe	25.85	25.19	25.41	—.65
Caterpillar	45.48	44.30	44.57	—.91
CenterPoint	7.40	6.98	7.39	—.11
ChevronTex	64.97	63.80	64.08	—.89
Citigroup	37.10	36.00	36.07	—1.07
CocaCola	44.02	43.12	43.52	—.38
ColgatePal	52.40	51.49	51.84	—.53
CmclMetals s	14.91	14.80	14.81	—.10
ConocoPhill	47.44	46.38	46.68	—.87
Cooper Inds	35.75	35.10	35.23	—.68
DaimlrChry	29.42	28.83	29.10	—.08
DeltaAirl	10.73	10.29	10.49	—.26
Dillards Inc	16.70	16.20	16.35	—.23
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DuPont	40.78	40.15	40.24	—.72
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ExxonMobil	33.32	32.79	32.94	—.47
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SprintPCS	4.38	4.18	4.27	—.13
Sunoco Inc	31.79	31.29	31.63	—.07
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Textron	39.75	38.91	39.25	—.31
TrinityInds	17.84	17.60	17.72	—.22
TylerTech	4.00	3.85	3.90	—.07
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Senate passes $390 billion budget bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration and Republicans are claiming victory as the Senate passed a sweeping $390 billion spending bill, boasting that they thwarted Democratic attempts to pump up spending at a time of resurgent federal deficits.

Democrats say the package that majority Republicans muscled through the Senate on Thursday on a 69-29 vote shortchanges domestic security, health and other key programs.

And a look at the measure shows that one way GOP senators held the bill's cost to limits President Bush wanted was with budget contrivances that avoided counting billions in spending toward its price tag.

White House budget chief Mitchell Daniels hailed Republican leaders for completing the bill, saying they "should be commended on behalf of all taxpayers for their work today on the nation's budget."

White House press secretary Ari Fleischer today cast the final Senate product as one that held the line against an array of amendments that he said would have cost an additional $380 billion over 10 years, even though the bill covers just one year of federal spending. "Thanks to the votes in the United States Senate, the taxpayers have been protected," Fleischer said.

Democrats saw the measure differently.

"They once again have failed to address some really critical areas — hospitals, education, homeland security," Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill., said of Republicans.

Homeland Security Dept. starts up today

WASHINGTON (AP) — After drawn-out debate and a nearly unprecedented reshuffling of the federal bureaucracy, the Department of Homeland Security became the government's 15th Cabinet department today.

Conceived after terrorists killed 3,000 people on United States' soil on Sept. 11, 2001, it was created to keep Americans safer from terrorist attack.

The department merges 22 federal agencies with 170,000 employees in the largest reorganization of the federal government since the Defense Department was created in 1947.

White House press secretary Ari Fleischer heralded the agency's first day of existence, saying it was "designed to provide greater protections to the American people as we move forward into a different type of 21st century threat."

It will be led by Tom Ridge, the former Pennsylvania governor who on Wednesday received Senate confirmation as secretary of the new department. His position will be 18th in the line of succession for the presidency, ranking after the Veterans Affairs Department secretary, Anthony Principi.

No stranger to the ways of Washington, Ridge nonetheless faces the daunting task of pulling together a massive new agency while defending the nation against terrorism.

Ridge was being sworn in today at the White House. His undersecretary will be Asa Hutchinson, head of the Drug Enforcement Administration, who won unanimous Senate approval Thursday. His responsibilities will range from border control to aviation security.

The department will have its own analytical unit to examine intelligence gathered by the CIA, FBI and other agencies to look for clues about terrorist plots. It also will coordinate with 2 million police, firefighters, medical personnel and other first responders around the country.

Congress in November passed legislation to create the department after lengthy debate on such issues as whistle-blower protections, maintaining civil liberties, collective bargaining for department employees and the division of labor with the CIA and FBI, which will remain independent.

For the next five weeks, the department will be in a transitional mode. Many of the agencies being folded into homeland security won't actually fall under its authority until March 1.

With a first-year budget expected at about $33 billion, the department will combine the Secret Service, Coast Guard, Customs Service, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Transportation Security Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency and other agencies with security-related functions.

Lawmaker says he will try to undo 1999 utility legislation

FORT WORTH (AP) — Shouldering the blame for what he described as a mistake, a top lawmaker says he will propose legislation that would undo a law that gives near monopoly status to a West Texas utility.

"They talked us into doing that, and the experiment didn't work, and the ones getting abused right now are the customers," said state Sen. Troy Fraser, chairman of the Senate Business and Commerce Committee.

Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay, in 1999 sponsored an amendment to the electric deregulation law that freed Midland's Cap Rock Electric from most rate regulation, while simultaneously giving it protection from would-be competitors. No other investor-owned in Texas enjoys such regulatory treatment.

"That was a mistake," Fraser said Thursday.

Cap Rock's rates are now among the state's highest, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Friday.

Fraser said Cap Rock President David Pruitt approached him in 1999 to request legislation. Under Pruitt's argument, Cap Rock needed extra protection from would-be competitors because it was just starting as an investor-owned utility, Fraser said.

The company had been operating as an electric cooperative and was free from competition from other utilities, but answered to its ratepayers who own the cooperative.

Investor-owned utilities, however, operate for the benefit of stockholders and either face competition or rate regulation.

Under the amendment Fraser sponsored, Cap Rock enjoyed the benefits of not competing against other utilities.

Van in gas drive off stolen

Stolen vehicle

A clerk at Rip Griffin's Truck Stop reported a gas drive off worth $57.14 just after 1 a.m. today. He told officers the vehicle was a green van with handicap license plates and a plate number was provided.

A check on the license number returned the van as stolen from Abilene. The van had a silver stripe down the size and a handicap lift.

Officers checked all local motels, but the vehicle wasn't located in Snyder. The officers got a description of the driver from the clerk and alerted area law enforcement agencies.

Suicide threat

An employee at Cogdell Hospital requested an officer in the emergency room at 2:15 a.m. today because of a belligerent patient. Officers advised an offense report for threatening suicide would be filed.

Close patrol

A woman in the 1800 block of 39th Street requested a close patrol of her alley Thursday morning and reported subjects opening the back gate and looking into the backyard. She also reported some shotgun shells were missing, but requested no report.

At 11:30 p.m. Thursday, a woman requested a close patrol in the 300 block of 20th Street because she was at home alone and her dogs were barking.

Gas drive off

At 4:50 a.m. today, a clerk at Rip Griffin's Truck Stop reported a gas drive off in the amount of $14.01.

SHS to host 2-day speech tournament

Action in Snyder High School's speech tournament kicks off at 4 p.m. today. The TFA state-qualifying competition will continue Saturday, beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Some 500 students from 20 schools, including Snyder Junior High School, will compete.

Other schools include Abilene, Abilene Cooper, Abilene Wylie, Andrews, Big Spring High and Junior High Schools, Brownfield, Forsan, Granbury, Kermit, Merkle, Midland, Midland Lee, Midland Christian, Monahans, Stamford, Lubbock Trinity, Wall, Post and Fort Worth Northwest.

Judges will include faculty members, people in the community and former speech students from SHS and Brownfield High School.

Local speech sponsors include Lynda McCormack and Ron Hester.

Obituaries

J.D. Hinton

1929-2003

Joseph DeShane (J.D.) Hinton, age 73, died Jan. 23, 2003 at his home in Snyder after a long illness.

Bell-Cypert-Seale is in charge of the funeral services to be at 10 a.m. Monday in the First United Methodist Church with The Rev. Buddy Payne officiating, assisted by the Rev. Miller Robinson.



J.D. Hinton

The family will be at home at 2804 32nd Street, a home that he built for his family in 1962.

He was born December 18, 1929 in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, the first child of Joseph and Verna Hinton. In 1942 he moved to Abilene where his father was a special services officer at Camp Barkeley. He attended Abilene High School where he lettered in football, basketball and track and graduated in 1947. During his sophomore year he met and fell in love with his future wife Jane.

In the fall of 1947 he enrolled at Texas A&M College. During his years at A&M he was selected best drilled sophomore, first sergeant of his battery his junior year and was a major on the regimental staff his senior year. He was a distinguished military student and on the dean's list several times. In January, 1952 he completed his five-year course with a bachelor of architecture degree and an officer's commission in the U.S. Army.

He served in the Korean War as a first lieutenant in the field artillery. He was a battery officer and forward observer and later became an air observer and received the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters.

At the end of the war he returned home and married Jane Ann Brightman in Fort Worth on October, 24, 1953. They returned to Abilene where he worked for Tucker and Lindberg, Architects and Engineers. After he became a registered architect he was made a partner in the firm.

In 1958 he and Jane moved to Snyder with their young sons, Mike and Mark, and opened his architectural office. His youngest son Greg was born in Snyder the following year. During his 25 years of practice he designed many projects including homes, churches, country clubs, courthouses, medical clinics and numerous colleges and school buildings.

He served two terms on the Snyder City Council, including one term as mayor pro tem and two terms on the Snyder school board, including one year as president. He also served as president of the Scurry County Heart Association and president of the Snyder Quarterback Club. He retired in 1980 and enjoyed working in the yard and playing golf.

He is survived by his loving life partner, Jane; three sons, Mike of Snyder, Mark of Portland, Oregon, and Greg of Austin; a sister Deidra Massey of Fort Worth; and 12 wonderful grandchildren.

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Janie Winkle

1951-2003

WORTHAM — Janie Fay "Little Red" Winkle, a former Snyder resident, died Thursday, Jan. 23, in Wortham.

Service for Mrs. Winkle, 50, is set for 4 p.m. Saturday in the Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home in Corsicana. Burial will follow in the Santa Fe National Cemetery in Sante Fe, N.M.

Born Dec. 23, 1952 in Grandview, she moved to Snyder in 1992 and then to Wortham in 1998. She had worked at the Plaza Truck Stop and Rip Griffin's in Snyder.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Winkle.

Survivors include two daughters, Suzanne Todd of Lexington, Okla., and Deborah Michaels of Wortham; two sisters, Betty Sanford of Longview and Beverly Heim of Wortham; two brothers, James Miles of Dallas and Frederick Miles of Dallas; four grandchildren, Candice Todd, Amanda Todd, Stormie Hughes of Lexington, Okla., and Tristian Paul Michaels of Wortham.

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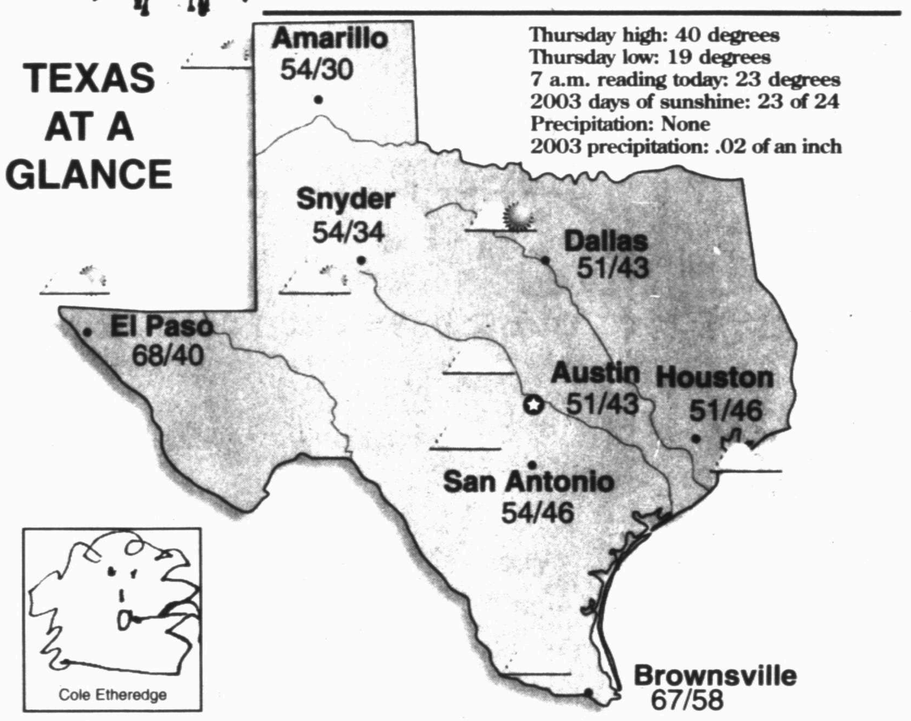
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Sat 1/25	Sun 1/26	Mon 1/27
54/34	58/27	65/32
Sunshine along with some passing clouds. High near 55F.	Mostly cloudy. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the low 20s.	Overcast. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the mid 20s.
Sunrise 7:43 AM / Sunset 6:10 PM	Sunrise 7:42 AM / Sunset 6:10 PM	Sunrise 7:42 AM / Sunset 6:11 PM

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Thursday high: 40 degrees
Thursday low: 19 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 23 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 23 of 24
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: .02 of an inch

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	53	40	pt sunny	El Paso	68	40	pt sunny	Midland	60	39	pt sunny
Amarillo	54	30	pt sunny	Fort Stockton	64	41	mst sunny	Raymondville	64	52	cloudy
Austin	51	43	cloudy	Gainesville	47	34	pt sunny	Rosenberg	51	46	cloudy
Beaumont	49	43	cloudy	Greenville	46	36	cloudy	San Antonio	54	46	cloudy
Brownsville	67	58	cloudy	Houston	51	46	cloudy	San Marcos	51	45	cloudy
Brownwood	53	39	pt sunny	Kingsville	60	51	cloudy	Sulphur Springs	47	37	cloudy
Corpus Christi	57	51	cloudy	Livingston	48	41	cloudy	Sweetwater	54	36	pt sunny
Corsicana	49	41	cloudy	Longview	46	38	cloudy	Tyler	48	42	cloudy
Dallas	51	43	cloudy	Lubbock	58	34	pt sunny	Weatherford	49	35	pt sunny
Del Rio	62	47	pt sunny	Lufkin	48	43	cloudy	Wichita Falls	52	36	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	40	25	pt sunny	Houston	51	46	cloudy	Phoenix	77	53	pt sunny
Boston	29	23	mst sunny	Los Angeles	80	57	mst sunny	San Francisco	60	53	cloudy
Chicago	32	13	cloudy	Miami	68	56	pt sunny	Seattle	53	48	rain
Dallas	51	43	cloudy	Minneapolis	19	-3	sn shower	St. Louis	40	26	cloudy
Denver	54	24	pt sunny	New York	29	23	mst sunny	Washington, DC	35	25	pt sunny

Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
Jan 18	Jan 25	Feb 1	Feb 9

UV Index

Sat 1/25	Sun 1/26	Mon 1/27
4	4	4
Low	Low	Low

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

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Microsoft pledges better software security

WASHINGTON (AP) — Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates is pledging to continue improvements to security in his company's products, part of a high-stakes campaign to convince large customers that Windows software is safe.

"New security risks have emerged on a scale that few in our industry fully anticipated," Gates wrote in a 1,500-word e-mail distributed late Thursday to about 1 million people. He cited figures showing corporate losses to hackers and other types of electronic attacks exceeded $455 million in 2001.

Gates acknowledged that the technology industry must make significant improvements, adding that, "Microsoft has a responsibility to help its customers address these concerns, so they no longer have to choose between security and usability."

As part of the effort, Gates promised that Microsoft will improve support for "smart cards," devices that can replace or augment passwords. A single computer user may need dozens of passwords for e-mail, Web sites and connecting to office systems. Most passwords are easy to guess or difficult to remember.

In his e-mail, Gates called passwords "the weak link."

Smart cards can help authenticate a person's identity when plugged into a computer slot or swiped through an attached reader device. Some cards display random numbers that an employee must type accurately before they're given approval to log on.

Gates said Microsoft now requires all its employees use smart cards to access the company's computers from home or while traveling.

He did not note that the smart-card policy went into effect after an embarrassing break-in by hackers to Microsoft's internal computer systems in October 2000. Investigators believe hackers remotely took control over an employee's unprotected home computer, then used it to breach Microsoft's corporate systems.

Gates did not mention in his e-mail improving support in Microsoft's products for fingerprint or retinal-scan technology. "Over time we expect that most businesses will go to smart card ID systems," he wrote.

Microsoft's products, especially earlier versions of its Windows operating system and Internet server software, have been long derided by experts for problems that put consumers' information at risk from hackers and viruses.

As sensitive transactions — from banking to medical filings — increasingly take place online, there has been a new focus on such risks. The Bush administration also has raised concerns that terrorists or foreign governments could launch cyber-attacks against the private networks that operate U.S. water and power systems.

Last year, in response to rising concerns, Gates announced a "trustworthy computing" drive at Microsoft and shut down software development for 10 weeks of security training for employees.

Gates wrote in his e-mail that the training "taught program managers, architects and testers to think like attackers," and that it helped identify an unspecified number of vulnerabilities in Windows software.

Gates also pledged that an upcoming version of Microsoft's flagship server software, called Windows Server 2003, will have many advanced features turned off automatically to improve security. Such features, if used improperly, could make computers vulnerable.

Businesses use server software to operate their internal company networks and to publish Web sites.

Brain cancer patient files suit after being arrested at Walgreens

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — A woman with a brain tumor filed a lawsuit against Walgreens Advance Care Inc., saying when she arrived to pick up her painkiller prescription one day, a pharmacist had her arrested.

In a lawsuit filed Thursday in Pierce County Superior Court, Shannon O'Brien, 35, said she went to the drive-up window at a Walgreen Drug Store two blocks from her home last July 7. The pharmacist on duty thought she had faked her Percocet prescription and called police, the lawsuit stated.

"I was in hysterics — crying, very upset and very embarrassed," O'Brien told The Associated Press on Thursday. "They could have checked my records. I've had the same medicine every month."

A woman who answered the phone at the pharmacy Thursday directed inquiries to the Walgreen's regional office in Bellevue, where a telephone message was not immediately returned. A spokesman based at Walgreen Co. headquarters in Deerfield, Ill., could not immediately be reached for comment Thursday evening.

Walgreens Advance Care is a subsidiary of Walgreen Co.

O'Brien's lawyer, Mike Withey, said he didn't know what led the pharmacist to suspect O'Brien of faking her prescription. According to the lawsuit, when the pharmacist called the University of Washington Medical Center's neurosurgery department to ask about it, he was told O'Brien's doctor, Alexander Spence, was unavailable, so the prescription couldn't be confirmed right away.

That's when the pharmacist called Tacoma police, the lawsuit said. O'Brien was still sitting in her car at the drive-up window when they arrived.

O'Brien, who was first diagnosed with a brain tumor in 1994, said she told the officer who handcuffed her that he could call her doctor or her nurse to verify the prescription.

"I told him I had brain cancer, and I had a medical information card inside my wallet," she said. "It didn't matter to him. He didn't believe anything I was telling him."

O'Brien's family posted bail that night, but she was still without her medicine. She was arraigned the next day; as a condition of her release, she was required to attend a session at a drug treatment facility.

Her lawyer eventually succeeded in getting the felony prescription fraud charge dropped — after her doctor provided confirming information to the Pierce County prosecutor's office.

The pharmacist was not immediately reachable by telephone for comment Thursday evening.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Inhaled tobacco tars are permanent

DEAR DR. GOTT: How long does it take for the lungs to become completely clear of nicotine and tar once smoking has stopped in a 20-year user of cigarettes? I say it takes five years; my friend says three weeks.

DEAR READER: Nicotine is cleared from the lungs in a matter of days. Tobacco tars are a different matter, however, because these dangerous substances are retained in pulmonary tissue for years, perhaps indefinitely.

Most smokers are addicted to nicotine. Therefore, after stopping smoking, their physical craving for cigarettes usually disappears in about two weeks. (Any continuing craving is probably the result of emotional factors — such as, the act of smoking tends to reduce tension and stress.)

In contrast, the harmful effects of the tars, such as emphysema and lung cancer, persist much longer.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please discuss the male hormone testosterone. I understand that it prevents bone weakness, but may also be a cause of prostate cancer. Would calcium tablets provide the proper nutrition for bones in the absence of testosterone?

DEAR READER: Testosterone is a naturally occurring male hormone, manufactured primarily by the testicles but also, to a lesser extent, by the adrenal glands. Aside from the obvious consequences of testosterone (such as facial hair, deep voice and increased sex drive), the hormone also strengthens bones and muscles by its so-called anabolic effect. Testosterone is probably the primary reason that men do not develop osteoporosis as early and as rapidly as do their female counterparts.

Regrettably, as men age, their testosterone levels fall, leading to predictable results called "feminization" — sparse beards, less interest in sex (and more difficulty performing), loss of muscle mass and reduction in bone calcium.

(As a side note, women also produce testosterone in their adrenal glands. But, during the reproductive years, this is neutralized by the much larger quantities of female hormone secreted by the ovaries. After menopause, when the ovaries shut off, the small amounts of testosterone are no longer balanced and begin to make a difference. Thus, old women often grow facial hair and have deep gravelly voices. Now, where was I?)

Ideally, were old men to take supplemental testosterone, their health would probably improve. For one thing, their tendency to osteoporosis could be slowed or even arrested; some of their earlier strength would be maintained; their sex lives would not necessarily grind to a halt; they might feel better.

However, as you pointed out, such hormone supplements appear to be associated with an increased risk of prostatic cancer, an unacceptable trade-off.

Therefore, I assert that most men my age will have to be content with maintaining an active exercise schedule, take 1,500 to 2,000 milligrams of extra calcium a day, stopping smoking and losing weight (if necessary). Viagra, now and then, may also help such gentlemen retain the misperception that they are still young and virile. A low cholesterol diet may be in order. Other than that for healthy seniors, good luck.

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Royal letter to be sold

LONDON (AP) — A 1991 letter from Prince Charles and Princess Diana thanking a paramedic who treated their elder son after he was hit on the head with a golf club is to be sold, auctioneers said.

The typewritten letter is expected to fetch up to $2,400 when it goes on sale Jan. 29, Dominic Winter Book Auctions of Swindon in southern England said Wednesday. It is signed by both royal parents.

"There is plenty of Charles and Diana memorabilia, but to get a letter of Charles and Diana talking about William is quite rare," said Richard Westwood-Brookes, documents expert at Dominic Winter.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Saturday, Jan. 25, 2003

Enterprises you tackle in the year ahead that are independent of others have excellent chances to succeed. On the other hand, a partnership arrangement could have drawbacks, so be careful before teaming up.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Someone could be looking for the cracks in your armor today rather than things to admire. Rise above it and don't give him or her anything to crow over. Be your wonderful, amicable self.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Be tolerant at all times with the views of others today. You're not going to ever agree with all their viewpoints, so don't attempt to counter unresponsive listeners with your opinions.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — In any financial arrangement you make with others today, be certain that the heavy end of the burden doesn't fall to you. Don't fall for any sob stories.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Take time to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of an agreement before entering into one with someone who is pressuring you to do so today. The details could be a bit shaky.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Should you take on a job today that is way over your head, check to see if someone can come to your aid. You'll find just the right person to bail you out.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Don't let a person who likes to lord it over you threaten your feelings of self-worth today. Listen to others who are telling you that you're just as good as this person, if not better.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Heavy handedness in dealing with family members will be met with bitter reactions and altercations.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Although you may view your rebuttals to someone's views today as debate, your opponent could see it as a form of warfare. Present your arguments in soft tones and sugar-coat your words.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Decisions that affect your personal finances should be made by you today and not forced on you, no matter who the person is or for what reason they give. It'll be your loss.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You and your mate are likely to work at cross-purposes today unless you can work things out beforehand. Unfortunately, under those conditions neither of you will have your desires fulfilled.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Difficult problems you may encounter today could be of your own making. This can easily be avoided if you take time first to think things through before you act.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Should a member of your family invite a particular group of people into the home with whom you do not feel comfortable, find a reason to excuse yourself rather than have to put up with being uneasy.

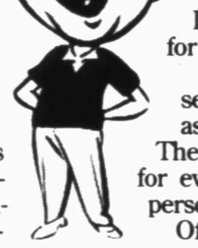
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Today's chuckle

Man tries to get even with AOL

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — When America Online wouldn't stop billing a man's credit card for services he wasn't getting, he didn't just get mad, he got even.



Artist Tom Dukich, 56, took aim at AOL's aggressive marketing and promises by making metal garbage can lid versions of the company's ubiquitous free promotional discs. The 21-inch discs are on display through Jan. 31 at the Spokane Art School.

"Version 7 says you get 1,025 hours for free if you use the time within 45 days of signing up," Dukich said. "There are 1,080 hours in 45 days. So to make use of their offer, you'd have to be on the Internet around the clock for 43 days."

His discs say buyers get service free for life as long as they use it in 45 days. The discs cost $76, a dollar for every year of an average person's life span.

Officials at AOL headquarters did not return telephone messages seeking comment.

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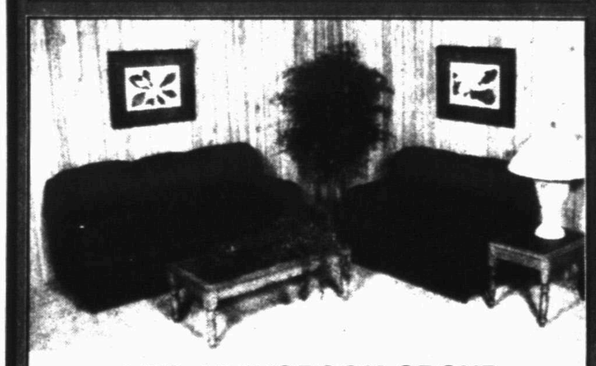
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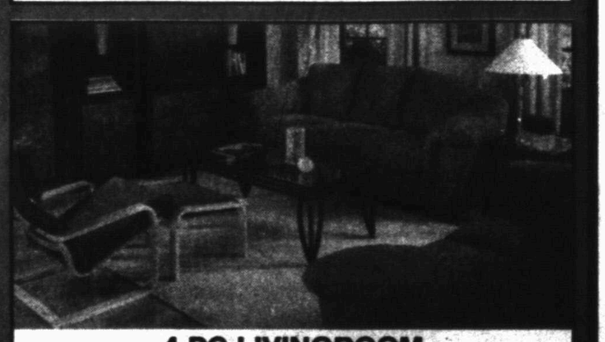
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The Snyder Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet

Saturday, January 25, 2003

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Banquet Program

WELCOME

Master of Ceremonies ..... **Mike Thornton**
Invocation ..... **Mike Thornton**
Introduction of Special Guests ..... **Mike Thornton**
President's Remarks ..... **Mike Thornton, 2003 President of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce**
Introduction of Chamber Board Members and Chamber Staff ..... **Mike Thornton**

AWARDS PRESENTATION

Chamber's Choice ..... **Donna Fowler**
Sizemore Award ..... **Ann Smartt**
Vestal Award ..... **Francene Noah, Mayor**
Winston Award ..... **Greg Rhodes**
Education Excellence Award ..... **Dr. Ronny Collins**
McLaughlin Award ..... **Troy Botts**
Entertainment ..... **Donald Cowan "Meet Mark Twain"**
Closing Remarks and Prayer ..... **Mike Thornton**

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Executive Director



Sandra Salinas
Administrative Assistant
Office Manager

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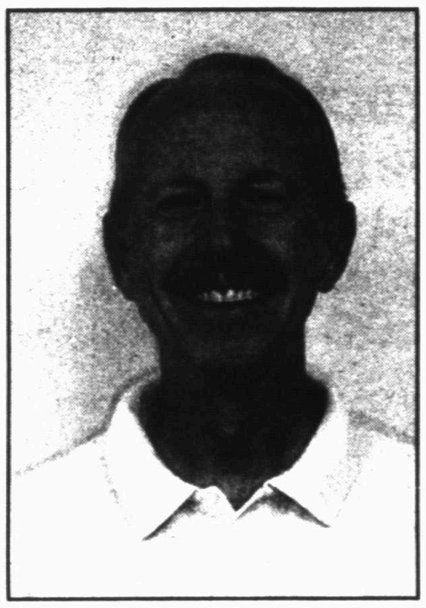
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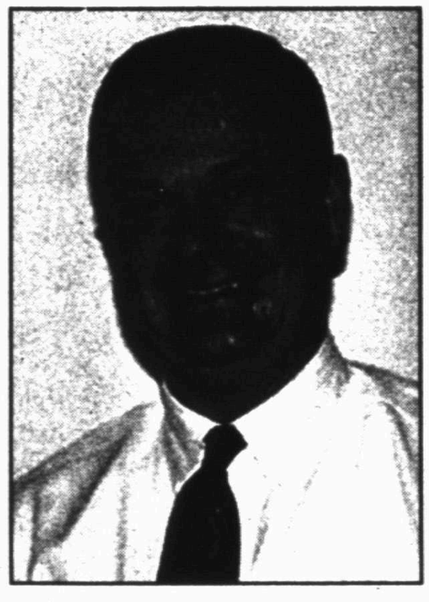
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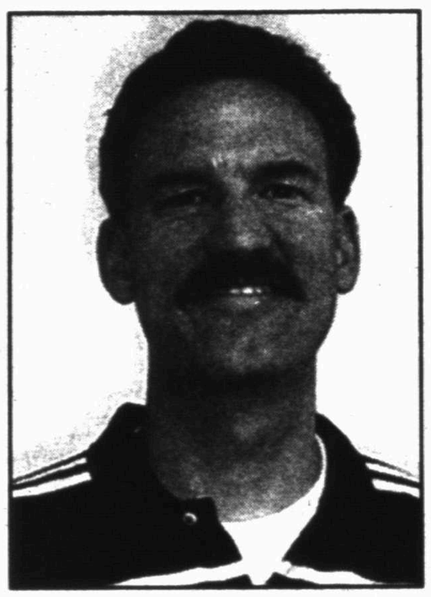
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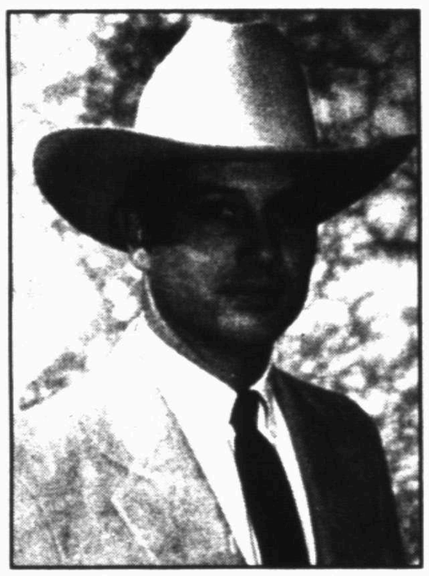
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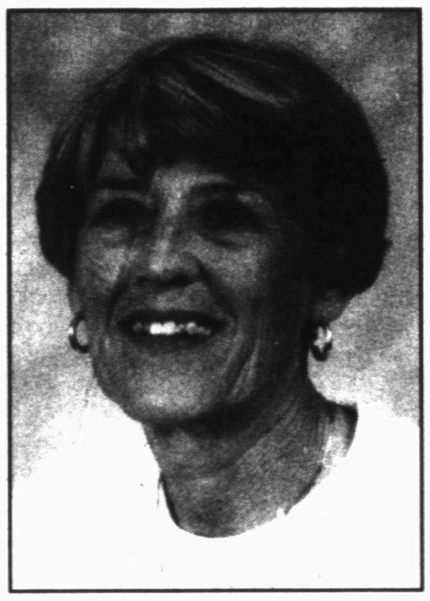
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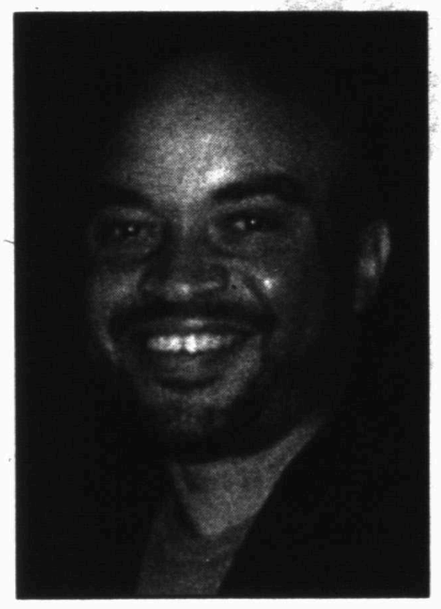
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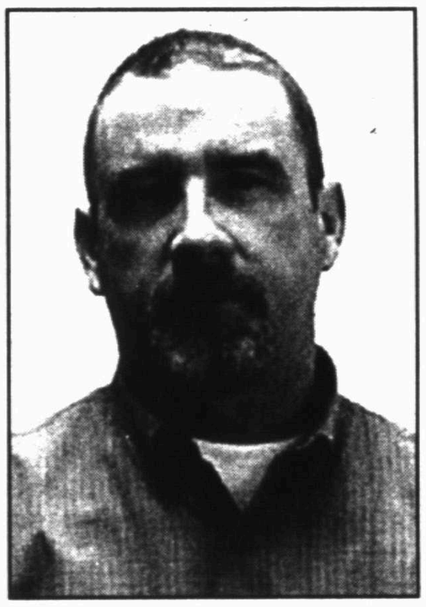
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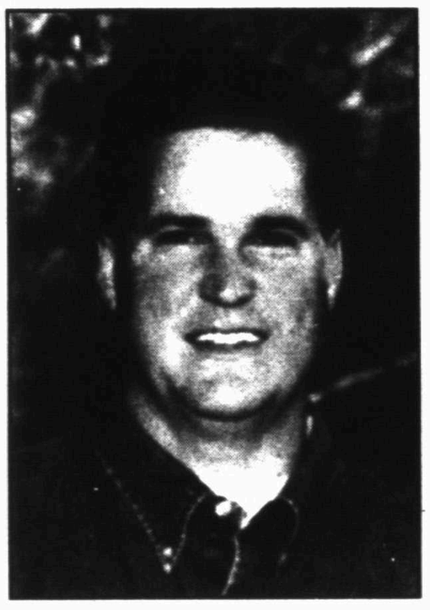
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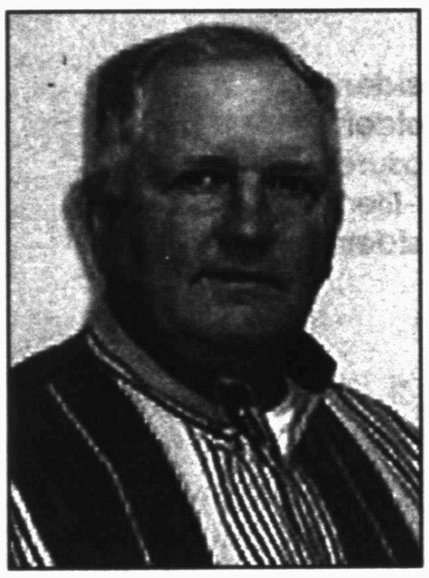
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Sizemore Award

The Sizemore Award — formerly known as the Goldcoater of the Year Award — was renamed in 1984 in honor of the late Paul Sizemore.

He died on Oct. 4, 1983, at the age of 76.

Sizemore was a four-time recipient of the Goldcoater of the Year Award. It is presented to the Goldcoater who tallies the most points according to a Goldcoat bylaw point system.

Points are given based on participation in Goldcoat functions, community service and chamber support.

Sizemore had also served as president of both the chamber of commerce and the Scurry County Industrial Foundation.

In 1969, he was among the group of local citizens which presented Snyder as an "All American City" to the panel of judges in New Orleans — an honor the city won.

He was also active in the local Lions Club and the Scurry County Historical Commission.

He was the owner of Arrow Construction, which he sold in August of 1972 upon his retirement.

As the Goldcoater of the Year Award, winners date to 1976, when Sizemore was its first recipient. Others have been R.C. Patton, 1981; and Wedge Turner, 1983.

As the Sizemore Award, its first recipient in 1984 was Jack McGlaun. In 1985, Jim Tully was honored, with McGlaun again receiving this award in 1986. In 1986, Bob Hawes was the winner and in 1988, Bill Davies was honored. Sam Robertson and Phil Ragland were the 1989 Sizemore Award winners. Ragland was chosen again in 1990 and Bill Dryden in 1991.

Patton won the award a second time in 1992 and a third time in 1993. In 1994, the winner was Donna Gray, Ragland won the award for a third time in 1995.

Daryl Thomas accepted the award in 1996 and Mrs. Gray received it for a second time in 1997. Ragland won the award for the fourth time in 1998. In 1999, the winner was again Mrs. Gray. Nancy Smith won the award in 2000. Elois Pruitt received the award in 2001. Ann Smartt was the recipient in 2002.

Education Award

The Educational Excellence Career Achievement Award was added to the chamber banquet's annual honors in 1988 as a way to recognize lifetime achievement in the field of teaching.

The Education Award is presented by the Council for Educational Excellence, a local group pledged to support academic activities for Snyder ISD.

The award is given to recognize "an educator's career-long commitment" to Snyder public schools.

Nominations for the honor are solicited by the group through its newsletter and by individual contacts within the school system. The first recipient was high school instructor Ollie Peek.

Other winners have included Florence Lewis in 1989, Bobbie Combest in 1990, Sue Gressett in 1991, Martha Floyd in 1992, Theresa Vest in 1993, Ned Moore in 1994 and Jerry Worsham in 1995.

Accepting the award in 1996 was Janet Wesson. The 1997 recipient was Elizabeth Jenkins and 1998's winner was Caddye Claborn. The winner for 1999 was Carole Haynes. The 2000 award was presented posthumously to Bill Moss. In 2001, the award was presented to Margaret Corkran. The award was presented to Rita Wolf in 2002.

Business of the Year

This award was first presented in 1995. The first award was presented to Jack's Roadboring. In 1996, it went to Midwest Electric Cooperative. In 1997 Lawrence's IGA #400 was the winner. The Wagon Wheel Ranch received the award in 1998 and Lawrence's IGA #400 was the winner again in 1999. The Spanish Inn received the award in 2000. In 2001, the award went to Patterson UTI.

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Vestal Award

The City of Snyder established the Vestal Award, dedicated to the memory of William A. Vestal, in December of 1976.

The award is also known as the Mayor's Award.

The honor was created two months after Vestal died on Oct. 12, 1976 at the age of 56 while serving his second term as the city's mayor.

The award's purpose is to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the total development of Snyder through cultural, economic or government activities.

Vestal was elected mayor on April 2, 1974 after serving two terms as councilman.

He was a 25-year resident of Snyder, first as a petroleum engineer and later as the owner of his own independent oil consulting firm.

He is credited with being the first to calculate when Scurry County would produce its billionth barrel of oil. He later served as one of the planners for the "Billionth Barrel of Oil" celebration here in 1973.

Past recipients of the Vestal Award include Roger Mize in 1977, H.W. Cargile in 1978, Henry Clark in 1979, R.C. Patton in 1980, Ernie Sears in 1981, Elizabeth Potts in 1982, Don Newbury in 1983, John Jarrell in 1984, Bill J. Hood in 1985, Bill and Evelyn Davies in 1986, Donna Fowler in 1987, Miller Robinson in 1988, Jack Smartt in 1989, Sam Robertson in 1990, Dr. Harry Krenek in 1991, John Fagin in 1992 and John Jarrell posthumously in 1993. His wife Sammie, son Lee Allen and daughter Melanie accepted.

Frankie Grimmett received the award in 1994 and in 1995, the recipient was Roy Baze.

The Vestal Award was presented to Russell Yorgesen in 1996 and to Ted Crenwelge in 1997. In 1998 Martha Schiebel won the award. In 1999, Ollie Peek received the award. Jack Denman received the award in 2000. In 2001 the award went to Frank Miller. The Vestal Award was presented to Roy McQueen in 2002.

President's Award

The President's Award was an honor initiated in 1985, changed to the Exemplary Service Award in 1988, and was discontinued the following year.

The first recipient of the President's Award was Gene Thomas, then superintendent for SACROC and a member of the chamber board of directors, Ralph Miller was honored in 1986 and H.W. Cargile was the recipient in 1987.

In 1988, the Exemplary Service Award was given out instead of the President's Award. The recipient was Roy Baze.

Chamber's Choice

The Chamber's Choice Award recognizes a volunteer who gives of himself or herself throughout the year without being asked. The award was begun in 1995, with R.C. Patton as the first recipient. In 1996, the award went to Judy Hays and in 1997, Jeffrey Martin; and in 1998 Tammy Valentine was the recipient.

Betty House was the winner of the Chamber's Choice Award in 1999. In 2000, the award went to the TDCJ Price Daniel Unit. The award went to Jim and Jean Summers of Midland in 2001. The 2002 Chamber's Choice award was given to Sandra Salinas.

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McLaughlin Award

The McLaughlin Award — originally known as the McLaughlin Oil Award and named for C.T. McLaughlin — was begun in 1977 by the family of the Scurry County oil man, rancher, political figure, art collector and philanthropist,

The criteria for the award's presentation has been the individual's significant contribution to the oil industry in Snyder and Scurry County — characteristics attributed to the award's namesake.

McLaughlin died July 29, 1975 at the age of 78. He was originally from Pennsylvania and had adopted Texas as his home state for 40 years prior to his death.

He developed oil field producing properties under his Diamond M emblem which was the trademark for his ranching interests and the Diamond M Foundation.

During his life, he held high posts in both state and national Democratic Party organizations to include serving as chairman of the Texas Department of Public Safety Commission.

His philanthropic interests were as varied as his business ones. At the time of his death he was serving as vice president of the board of directors of the National Cowboy Hall of Fame.

The annual chamber banquet was an important time for McLaughlin as he hosted a range of distinguished guests to appear as the principal speaker.

Past recipients of the award named in his honor include: Edith McKanna in 1977, Ike Dolen Jr. in 1978, C.W. Lantrip in 1979, Dalton Walton in 1980, John Fagin in 1981, M.L. Duke in 1982, David Hines in 1983, E.D. Walton in 1984, Ed Mlcak in 1985, Harold Lacik in 1986, Jimmy Thompson in 1987, M. Derald Lambert in 1988, Mairl McFaul in 1989, Cloyce Talbott in 1990, Billy Calley and Horace Fowler in 1991, Ted Zeck in 1992, Jack Greene Sr. in 1993, R.L. Grimmett and Bill Grimmett in 1994 and Glenn Patterson in 1995.

In 1996, the award was presented to David Holt. The 1997 McLaughlin Award went to Mike Post. In 1998, the award was given to Don Burt and in 1999 Pete Hagist was the recipient. The 2000 winner of the McGlaughlin Award was Rickey Daniell. The 2001 award recipient was Treva Moore Hawthorne. In 2002, the award was presented toTroy Botts.

Winston Award

The annual Snyder Chamber of Commerce award which rewards achievement in agriculture was begun in 1974 to honor Scurry County rancher Harrie Winston.

Winston died on Jan. 19, 1974 — only some two weeks prior to the annual spring banquet for that year. On Jan. 27, chamber officials announced the first annual Harrie Winston Memorial Award.

Winston and his brother, Wade, were two of the early benefactors for Scurry County facilities. Winston Field airport, formally dedicated here on Sept. 27, 1953, was named after them.

During Harrie Winston's life, he was an active chamber supporter, serving as its second president. Overall, his work with the chamber dated more than a half century.

On Feb. 2, 1974, the first memorial award was presented to Snyder High School FFA sponsor and ag teacher Billy Bob McMullan. He repeated as a winner at his retirement in 1986.

Criteria for the honor includes persons engaged in agriculture — who demonstrate leadership and progressiveness.

Since 1974, those who have received the award include Bentley Baize, 1975; Don Gray and Morris Light, 1977; Carl Williams, 1978; Milton Stephens, 1979; Johnny Richardson, 1980; Tommy Pate, 1981; Billy Earl Roach, 1982; David Kattes, 1983; Donald Tate, 1984; Fred Cross, 1985; Billy Bob McMullan 1986; Charlie Henderson, 1987; Harold (Pete) Hester, 1988; Terry "Butch" Nachlinger, 1989; Max von Roeder, 1990 and Deanna Holladay, county entomologist, 1991.

In 1992, Opal Key accepted the award on behalf of her late husband, Marvin Key. In 1993, the award went to W.C. Hart; in 1994, it went to Bill Eiland; and in 1995 the recipient was Jess Everett.

The 1996 Winston Award was presented to David Frazier. In 1997, the award was presented to Joe and Terry Hefnér. The 1998 winner was Keith Collier and in 1999 the winner was Ralph Miller. S.D. and Judy Hays were the award winners in 2000. In 2001 Ted Crenwelge was the recipient The 2002 recipient was Greg Rhodes.

2002 Chamber Awards

Chamber's Choice	*Sandra Salinas*
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Vestal Award	*Roy McQueen*
McLaughlin Award	*Troy Botts*
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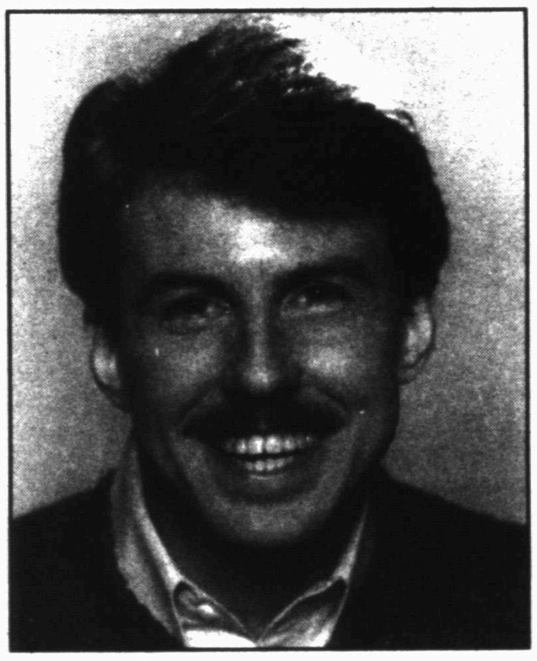


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