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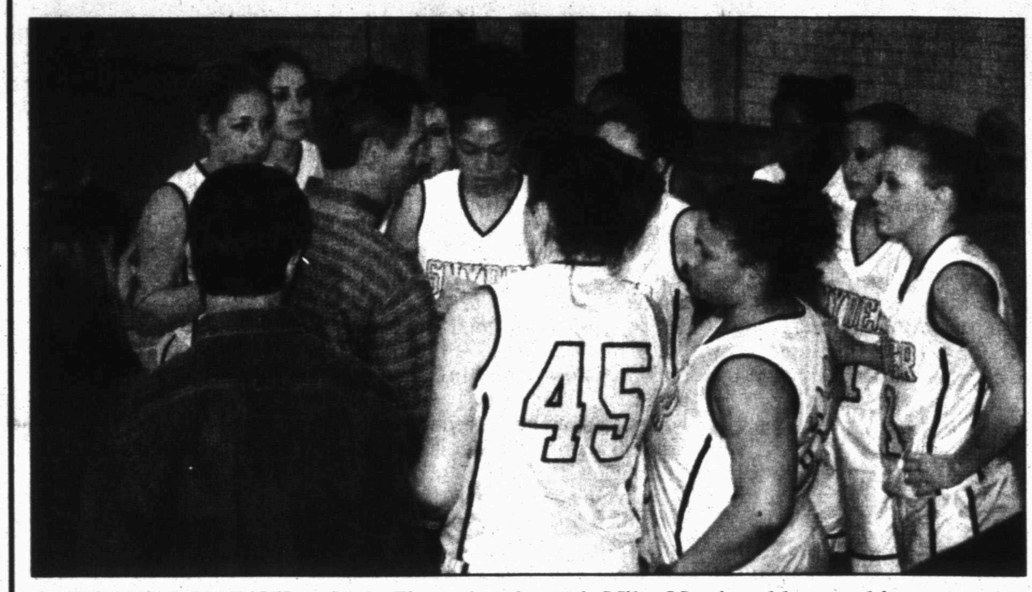


PRE-GAME PEP TALK — Lady Tigers head coach Mike Martin addresses his team prior to the tip-off Friday night against Denver City. The Lady Tigers won their initial district game and in turn, reeled of their sixteenth win in a row. (SDN Staff Photo By Bobby Allen)

Local woman's family portrayed in new movie

By Annie Rowe
SDN Staff Writer

More and more, families are becoming interested in acquiring information about their ancestral backgrounds. Multiple genealogy web sites are available for research, but it isn't often that one can watch their family history portrayed on the big screen.

However, that is exactly what has happened for Snyder resident Neilda Word. The recent motion picture *Cold Mountain*, starring Nicole Kidman and Jude Law, is based upon a character that is one of her ancestors.

A fun, lively woman, Word is glad that her distant cousin, Charles Frazier was motivated to write *Cold Mountain*.

Frazier was inspired by the tale of James Anderson Inman, from whom both Word and Frazier are descended.

"This is all very exciting for me," said Word. "A lot of these people were like a myth, but now I've found family that I'd heard of, but never knew before."

In the story, Ada, played by Kidman, and Inman, played by Jude Law, have fallen in love at their home in the town of Cold Mountain, which in reality is Pigeon Valley in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina.

Inman volunteers to go fight in the Civil War, leaving his beloved Ada behind. Inman is sorely wounded in the fighting at Petersburg, the battle in which the Union army burrowed underground and blew up the Confederate encampment.

He becomes disillusioned about the war and makes the decision to leave it behind and return home.

Inman's journey is long and perilous. He meets an assortment of people, both good and bad. Meanwhile, Ada is faithfully awaiting his return for a number of years on her father's farm. The story interweaves the perils both face while apart.

Word recently had the chance to see the movie in Lubbock.

"I thought it was very good. The hardships that people faced in the south at that time were terrible and it was depicted in the movie. It was very true to life," she said.

In Pigeon Valley, there were six Inman brothers who fought in the Civil War. Five of the brothers were killed, one dying in a Union POW camp. The single survivor, who became the inspiration for the movie, was James Inman who married Mary Kirby Inman, Word's great-grandparents.

According to Word, the small settlement of Pigeon Valley is historically accurate. The town's church, houses and the well are depicted much as the old photographs of the area display.

"The movie set and the actual town are very similar. The buildings are much the same," she said.

Word is very proud of the movie and the family who inspired it.

"I'm very interested in the past. I don't feel that I know much about it," she said.

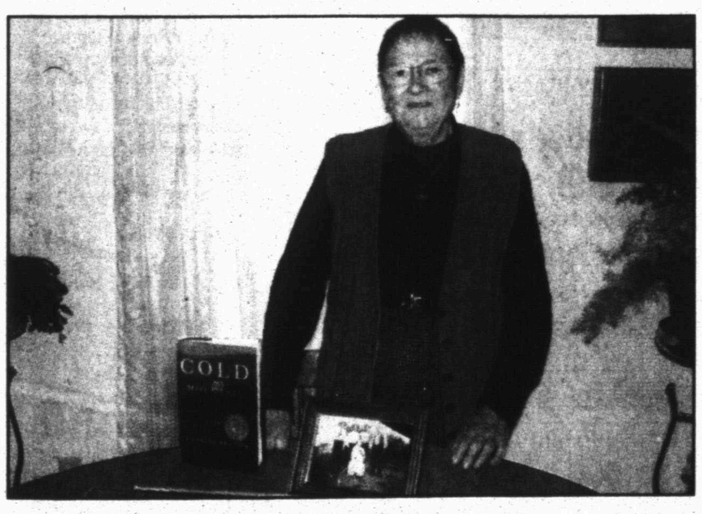
As often is the case, the story of the Inman family has been related with a Hollywood persuasion. Word understands the embellishment.

"In my research and the information that I have, I know the Inman family to be revered, hard-working, land loving people. I sincerely hope that I have inherited a few of those traits too."

In spite of the Hollywood influence, Word believes her search for the past should continue with vigor.

"I feel a need to know. We're getting older and knowing about our families, who we are and where we come from, is a gift for our children and grandchildren. My information has helped make my grandchildren more interested in where they come from."

Along with continuing her search, Word is planning future trips to visit her North Carolina cousins.



Neilda Word

Search begins for clinic practitioner

Present nurse practitioner says she was ready to discuss a new contract, but administration took no action

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Meeting in a called session Friday evening, the Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers agreed to contract with a Waco medical recruiting firm for a mid-level practitioner for the hospital's rural health clinic.

It is hoped the firm, The Lewis Company, can provide an immediate replacement for the clinic's current nurse practitioner, Christine Heady, who is leaving her post Jan. 23.

The hospital also will take resumes separate from the search firm.

Heady will begin work at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Units in Colorado City as an employee of the Texas Tech Health Sciences Department.

Board members agreed on the importance of finding a replacement for Heady as soon as possible as over 300 patients use the clinic monthly.

"We don't want the clinic to be closed a day," said board member Terry Williams.

As it turns out, if two hospital administrators had followed up on a conversation they had with Heady in December, the popular nurse practitioner might not be leaving Snyder.

As the meeting was winding down in the hospital boardroom, Heady asked to address the board and stated she had approached the director of the rural health clinic, Nick Blythe, and the acting administrator, Cheryl Chance, about the job offer from Texas Tech.

"I was willing then to negotiate a new contract that would have included paying off my student loans," said Heady. "I like it in Snyder and like my job here."

However, Heady said she was not contacted again about a new contract until Friday morning.

"I would have stayed if this had been taken care of sooner," said Heady.

Heady later said she would have liked to have a two-year contract that would have included paying off student loans totaling $35,000.

Following the meeting's adjournment, Heady told board member Dink Foree that she was told the subject of a contract could not be brought to the board until the January meeting.

Christine Heady

"That was wrong information," said Foree, visibly angry. "No one told us you were contacted about another job. We could have met at any time since this could be deemed a medical emergency."

Heady told Foree that she knew $35,000 was a lot of money to be paid as part of the contract, but both agreed that practice is common in the medical field.

"We'll probably spend more than that looking for your replacement," said Foree.

Heady currently makes $80,000 per year. The compensation package for a new mid-level practitioner is set from $70,000 to $90,000 annually.

"I am really disappointed in having to leave," Heady said Saturday morning.

Heady also said the distance she lives from Snyder was not a factor in her leaving, despite some reports.

"I drive 35 miles to Snyder but before, I was driving 55 miles to Abilene from Roscoe," she said.

"I gave the administration 30 days notice so I feel they had plenty of time to try to do something," said Heady. "I wish they would hurry up and get a new CEO, that's part of the problem."

Board president Carl Williams presided and members present were Foree, Williams, Bill Voss and Charles Church. Bo Robinson was absent.

TORCH Management Services is expected to stop taking resumes for the vacant CEO post on Tuesday, said Larry Krupala who is heading the search for a new chief executive officer.

"We've received some 43 resumes and we'll have a binder with the resumes ready for the transition committee around the 23rd," said Krupala.

Krupala said he expects to pare the applicants down to 20, and then select three for the interviewing process.

"I'm feeling real good about the applicants and there are some that could make a difference in the hospital," said Krupala.

SISD enrollment continues to drop throughout the year

The exodus from Snyder schools continue as the spring semester gets underway.

Snyder schools began the 2003-2004 school year with 2,602 students. The count now stands at 2,578 – a decrease since August of 24 students.

Attendance figures held their own through the first 13 weeks of the school year, with only the 12th week showing a decline. In that week, 2,597 students were enrolled and in the next week, the tally was exactly the same as the start of the year – 2,602.

Since that time, the total has dropped to the present 2,578 students.

This figure is 64 less than the same time in 2003.

While not all the loss in attendance can be attributed to transfers, 127 students have transferred out of the district this school year.

Of the total, 84 have transferred to Ira ISD, while 31 have transferred to Hermleigh.

Other area schools receiving Snyder transfer students include Colorado ISD and Borden County with three each, while Jayton has two and Albany and Post one each.

Other transfers were to private schools far from Snyder.

A total of 29 students have transferred into the district including 24 from Hermleigh and two each from Ira and Borden County. One student has transferred into the district from Colorado City.

Supt. Ronny Collins said Thursday that transfers are normally allowed unless it upsets the racial balance of a district.

"This includes the receiving district as well as the district the student is transferring from," said Dr. Collins.

"If you alter the ethnic groups by one percent, the district will be violating a federal court order," said Dr. Collins.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "It's not necessary to be a millionaire. Many folks are content just to live like one."

At the start of the new year, most folks are wondering what the weather will be like.

We predict more of the same — weather will be unpredictable.

However, the folks at the Old Farmer's Almanac say they don't guess, and their predictions are based on scientific data and analysis. In fact, the annual publication boasts of an 80 percent accuracy.

Here's what they have to say about our neck of the woods:

"Winter temperatures will be near or slightly colder than normal. The coldest will occur in mid to late January. Precipitation and snowfall will be slightly below normal.

"April will be a bit cooler and wetter than normal with May a bit warmer and drier. Expect very warm weather in late May.

"The summer will have near-normal temperatures with near-normal rainfall in most areas...the hottest periods will be in late July and late August, with the greatest threat of a hurricane or tropical storm in mid to late July."

In the fall, expect both temperature and rainfall to be normal.

Like we said, expect the same.

The same publication had some interesting data on where our water goes down the drain.

On a per person basis, a typical person will use 18.9 gallons a day flushing the toilet. Taking a shower consumes 11.6 gallons. A bathtub is more efficient, 1.2 gallons.

Faucet use is 10.9 gallons per person and a washing machine will use 15 gallons while a dishwasher only uses one gallon.

A standard garden hose expends 10 gallons or more per minute. A person could easily flow 199 gallons of water or more during a 10-minute car wash.

A typical commercial car wash take between 15 and 45 gallons of water per car.

Some Almanac predictions:

—The featherless chicken: Chickens without plumage have less body fat and are being promoted as more healthful. Critics are squawking about animal integrity, saying that a chicken in a farmyard should not look identical to a plucked chicken in the fridge.

—The tearless onion: Scientists are fine-tuning the onion enzyme that causes tears. The new onion won't make you weep when you cut it. It said nothing about bad breath.

—The new red meat: Watch for bison to catch on as the new healthy alternative to beef.

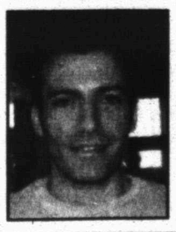
—The heatless jalapeno: It looks like the real thing, but without the sting.

We have to ask, why bother?

ASK US

Q—I noticed February has five Sundays this year, when was the last time that happened?
A—In 1976.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Amit Joe Vinukur...

...has been a resident of Snyder for about six weeks, moving from Philadelphia where he was a pizza chef for 14 years. He is not married, but has a girlfriend, Shimrith Shlenzinger. He is the owner of Joe's Pizza in the Snyder One Stop. Amit's favorite hobbies are sports, drawing, fishing and making pizzas.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

It takes 20 years to make an overnight success.
—Eddie Cantor

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Country and gospel music

There will be country and gospel music played at the Senior Center beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday.

LCU chorus to perform

The Lubbock Christian University Chorus will perform at 1 p.m. Sunday at 37th Street Church of Christ.

Retired teachers meeting

Scurry County retired teachers will meet at noon Monday at The Shack. Volunteer hours will be turned in.

TSA booster club

TSA booster club will meet at 7:15 p.m. in the shop building.

Snyder Chapter Council

Snyder Chapter Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Scurry Masonic Hall.

Hermleigh Masonic Lodge

The Hermleigh Masonic Lodge will hold its monthly stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday. A meal will follow and all Master Masons are welcome.

SHS band boosters

Snyder High School band boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the band hall.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "God Has Spoken Through the Prophets," followed by "God's Word Lost and Found."

United Way board meeting

The United Way Board meeting is set for noon Monday at 2311 Avenue T. Dutch treat lunch will be provided.

Relay team captains rally

The 2004 Scurry County Relay for Life kickoff is set from 6-7 p.m. Tuesday at Stanfield's cafeteria. This year's theme is *Anything Goes in 2004*. Team recruitment, luminaria and survivorship lap information and volunteer opportunities will be available. Volunteers bring a friend and join us for food and fun. Call Terrisu at 573-1031 for more information.

Ira School pictures

Spring portraits and friendship pictures for Ira Schools will be taken Tuesday. All students and class groups, K-12, will be photographed. Friendship pictures have a $2 fee for each person. Orders may be placed from proofs that will be sent to the school in a few days.

Central seminar

Central will host its fourth seminar, *Helping Kids Face Today's World*, at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in Room 5. Principal Pam Hart will present ways to help parents and educators understand and deal with pressures, frustrations and challenges children face. Door prizes, childcare and refreshments will be provided. Call 573-8592 for more information.

Gifted/talented parent meeting

A gifted and talented parent meeting for grades 6-12 will begin at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Snyder Junior High School Library.

United Way short of goal

United Way is selling tickets for a Superbowl Prizes project, one for $2 or six for $10. Items include black leather chair-and-a-half, 19-inch TV, two large topping Pizza Hut pizzas. To purchase tickets or for more information call 207-1929, 573-5311, 207-1385 or 574-1931.

WTC adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at WTC are 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.

LVN testing dates

LVN testing dates are Jan. 20 and Jan. 27. To reserve a time, you must contact the WTC counseling office at 573-8511, ext. 313. Limited seating is available.

Concert at Word Is Life

"Moving into Worship," a concert in movement with Randall Bane, is set for 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, at the Word Is Life Church, 312 Coliseum Dr.

What's up guidelines

Effective Feb. 1, items for What's Up will be published twice at no charge, the day before and the day of the event. Events or activities requiring additional publicity will be referred to the advertising department where a special non-profit rate is available.

George Harrison's doctor no longer the head of radiation oncology unit

NEW YORK (AP) — The doctor being sued by ex-Beatle George Harrison's family has been replaced as head of the radiation oncology unit at Staten Island University Hospital, the hospital said.

Dr. Gilbert Lederman's replacement was previously planned as part of a new direction the department was taking, hospital spokesman Christian Preston told The New York Times.

"It's becoming more of a residency and a fellowship program as opposed to just being a care facility," Preston said.

Other reports said hospital spokeswoman Arlene Ryback declined to comment on whether the removal was related to the lawsuit, which accuses Lederman of forcing the ailing Harrison to sign a guitar. Harrison died in November 2001 at age 57.

Lederman's attorney, Wayne Roth, said in a statement released through a spokeswoman that the replacement had "absolutely nothing to do with George Harrison or any issues concerning patient care."

The ex-Beatle's family on Wednesday rejected an offer by the doctor to donate the guitar to charity.

Redistrict challengers seek court stay

AUSTIN (AP) — Opponents of a Republican congressional redistricting plan for Texas on Friday asked the U.S. Supreme Court to stop the use of the new map for the 2004 elections pending their full appeal to the high court.

Congressional Democrats and other Democratic interests that had challenged the plan asked the Supreme Court to stay a lower federal court's ruling approving the map. If that request is not granted, the plaintiffs said, they want an injunction to require previous congressional districts to be used in the election.

The plaintiffs have up to 60 days to appeal Tuesday's approval of the map by a three-judge panel.

The panel listened to trial testimony in Austin in December before ruling that the Democrats and minority groups had failed to prove their claims that the new congressional plan violated the U.S. Constitution or the federal Voting Rights Act.

"It's likely the case will be reversed ultimately by the Supreme Court," said Gerry Hebert, an attorney representing Texas congressional Democrats.

Attorneys for the state have argued the new map was passed by lawmakers in October with political interests in mind, not racial gerrymandering. But Democrats claim minority voting rights were trampled in the new plan.

Attorney General Greg Abbott repeatedly has said he believes the GOP map will withstand court challenges. "As I indicated earlier this week, I do not believe that the United States Supreme Court will grant the plaintiffs' request for (a) stay in the redistricting case," Abbott said through a spokesman Friday.

Ted Royer, spokesman for the Republican Party of Texas, said GOP leaders expect the new redistricting plan to continue to get legal validation.

"We're confident that regardless of whether the Democrats want to waste more of the judiciary's resources that the outcome is going to be the same, and that is fair, new districts for the people of Texas," Royer said.

The Republican-controlled Legislature voted in the new districts in a special session following months of partisan bickering highlighted by two out-of-state walkouts by Democrats. House Democrats fled to Ardmore, Okla., in May to break a quorum. Senate Democrats jetted off to Albuquerque, N.M., during the summer for six weeks to do the same.

"The 2003 Texas congressional redistricting is proof that the redistricting process in this country has gone completely haywire," the Democrats' court filing said.

Attorney Richard Gladden, who represents another group of plaintiffs in the case, said he expects the Supreme Court to review the lower court's decision "because of the interest involved as well as the fact that the majority membership of the next United States Congress is at stake."

Houston teachers feel safe in schools, random poll reports

HOUSTON (AP) — Nearly nine out of ten Houston teachers who participated in a recent survey said they feel safe in their schools, the Houston Independent School District said.

But at least 56 of the 406 Houston teachers surveyed by Market Research Insight said they had been physically assaulted or verbally threatened in school, said Verne Kennedy, president of the Florida-based research company. The company called randomly selected teachers at their homes during the winter break for the survey commissioned by the HISD Foundation.

Eighty-six percent of the teachers who were surveyed said they have not felt threatened by a student this school year. Of the remaining 14 percent, most said they were threatened by profane or abusive language by students or by a physical threat from a student.

The president of Houston's teachers union said 14 percent is too high.

"Even using their figures, that's more than 1,600 teachers out of 12,000 who are threatened, and that's too many," Houston Federation of Teachers president Gayle Fallon told the Houston Chronicle.

Fallon also criticized the district's poll because 55 percent of the teachers surveyed work in elementary schools.

"For the most part, this is not an elementary school problem when you have students 3 feet tall versus 6-foot-3 in high school," Fallon said.

Matt McCormick on ACU Deans' List

Matt McCormick has been named to the Deans' Honor Roll for the fall 2003 semester at Abilene Christian University.

He graduated from Snyder High School in 2003 and is the son of Mark and Janie McCormick.

Grandparents are Bobby and Billie McCormick and Jo Ann Prince.

Word is Life sets concert

Word Is Life Church, 312 Coliseum Dr., will host *Moving Into Worship*, a concert in movement with Randall Bane, at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25.

Bane is a pioneer of arts in worship. He became one of the leaders at the Christian Celebration of the Feast of Tabernacles in Israel. He is the founder of David's House in Kansas City, Mo.

Bane's concert will be a full-evening, one-man presentation that will appeal to young and old. The message of the gospel is spoken and sung for the ear and fully interpreted for the eye as well.

Story songs bring biblical characters to life. Bane uses fabric, flags and other symbolic objects during his presentation.

A love offering will be received at this event. For more information call 325-573-1868 after 5 p.m. Or visit the David's House Web site at www.davidshouse.org

On President's List

LUBBOCK — Jacinda Judah and Leslye Starnes, both of Snyder, has been named to the President's List at Lubbock Christian University for the fall semester of 2003.

Judah is the daughter of Jim and Deborah Judah and Starnes' parents are Rick and Kellye Starnes.

To be eligible for the President's List, students must take a minimum of 12 semester hours and earn a 4.0 or better grade point average.

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Friday's Lottery Numbers Mega Millions

ATLANTA (AP) — The jackpot in the multi-state Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to $26 million Saturday.

None of the tickets sold for Friday's $20 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Tuesday.

There were four second-prize winners in Friday night's drawing. Each won $175,000 by matching the five lotto numbers but did not match the Mega Ball number. Twenty-six players matched four of the five lotto numbers, plus the Mega Ball number. Those tickets are each worth $5,000.

The winning numbers from Friday's drawing were: 24, 32, 38, 47 and 49. The Mega Ball number was 12.

Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 3-4-11-20 (numerical order). Bonus Ball: 23.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Prize: $200,000 (estimate).

Number matching four of four: 4. Prize: $3,032.

Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 24. Prize: $61.

Number matching three of four: 1,182. Prize: $17.

Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 708. Prize: $19.

Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 4,169. Prize: $7.

Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 7,083. Prize: $5.

Estimated jackpot for Tuesday night drawing: $250,000.

Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 21-2-30-20-29.

Number matching five of five: 0. Prize per winner: $0.

Matching four of five: 126. Prize: $555.

Matching three of five: 4,179. Prize: $12.

Matching two of five: 44,817. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

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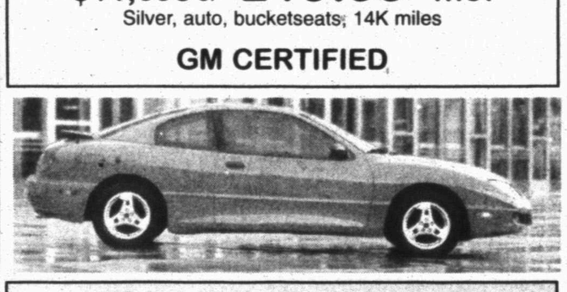

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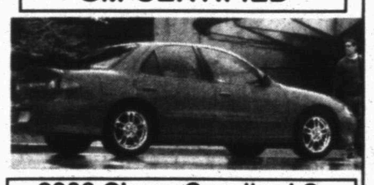

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Whatever happened to...

Crissida Anne Tyler, 2001 graduate of Snyder High School who may well be remembered for her music accomplishments, now lives in Manhattan.

Crissida was in the Tiger Jazz and was a two-year all-state choir member. During her senior year she was cast member of the state third place one-act play, *Taming of the Shrew.*

Crissida Tyler 2001

Crissida Tyler 2004

After graduation at SHS, she attended West Texas A&M University in Canyon for two years and performed in the musical *Texas* in the summer of 2001 and as the principal soloist in *Lone Star Rising* at Lake Meredith Amp hitheater during the 2002 and 2003 seasons.

She is now studying vocal performance with a concentration in opera at Mannes Music Conservatory in New York City. She also sings in a 12-voice chorus under the direction of Conductor Mark Shapiro in NYC.

Crissida is the daughter of Steve and Kathy Tyler and the granddaughter of Bobby Newton, all of Snyder.

(Readers are invited to submit information and pictures for this feature. Bring by the Snyder Daily News or mail to Box 949 in Snyder, 79550.)

Snyder, Ira, Hermleigh and Fluvanna grads...

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Name _____

Year graduated _____

Parent's name _____

Some general high school activities for which they might be remembered _____

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After graduation they (college, military, etc.) _____

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Married to _____

Now live in _____

Children _____

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Professional work or accomplishment _____

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Anything additional _____

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Current picture?

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Public Records

Marriage License

Maximo Corona Cruz and Angelica Garcia Ruiz, both of Snyder.

Steven Gaddis and Sonja Larhea Maxfield, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Citibank (South Dakota) N.A. vs. Jason C. York, suit on debt.

Bhupendrakuman Bhakta vs. Roby Scott Simmons, suit for injuries.

Action in District Court

Jean Chambers vs. Arlene Longbotham, order of dismissal.

In the marriage of Lori Dawn Ridlen and Wesley Scott Ridlen, divorce granted.

Deed Records

Charles Richard McCord, executor of the estate of James R. Patterson Jr., to Robert and Rebecca Whipple, Lot 8 in Block 2 of the Morningside Subdivision of Blocks 9-10, 15-16 and 25-26 of the Adams Addition.

Martha Moore to Treva Moore Hawthorne, 5.273 acres in the northwest one-quarter of Section 207, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Justino Benitez and Veronica Benitez to Ontoniel L. Ramirez, the north 75 feet of the east 90 feet of Lot 4, Block 55 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Blakeney Conger Davenport to the McCall Harvey Davenport Trust, the Hill Cowden Davenport Trust and the Adams Beal Davenport Trust, 12,000 acres commonly known as the Buffalo Creek Ranch or Davenport Ranch located in Scurry and Fisher counties.

Amy Sue Jones to Alfonso M. and Virginia H. Rodriguez, Lot 10 of the Kittrell Heights No. 2, a replat of Block 14 and the north 140 feet of Blocks 27 and 28 of the Adams Addition.

Samuel Todd and Karen Melissa Owens to Christopher B. and Deanna M. Stanfield, the north 70 feet of Lots 4 and 5 in the Scott and Browning replat of Block 75 of the Grayum and Nelson 2nd Addition.

Donnie H. Dunn and Kirk R. Dunn to Walter and Judy Cudd, 3.0 acres in the northeast one-quarter of Section 119, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Aurelio Medina to Maria Carmen Medina, the south 85 feet of the west 85 feet of Lot 3 in Block 39 of the Original Town of Snyder.

More cows linked to infected Holstein ordered to be killed

MABTON, Wash. (AP) — Cattlemen, politicians and residents of this small farming community planned to rally in support of the state's cattle industry, even as officials prepared to kill more cows linked to the nation's first mad cow case.

Agriculture officials said they would remove 129 cows on Saturday from the Mabton dairy farm that was the last home to the infected Holstein. The rally also was set for Saturday.

Investigators have determined that nine of the cows came from the same Canadian farm where the sick Holstein was born. They believe it's possible the other 120 animals also came from the same dairy farm, said Dr. Ron DeHaven, chief veterinarian for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

DeHaven said Friday the animals were potentially exposed to the same feed source. Scientists believe contaminated feed is the main transmitter of mad cow disease.

USDA spokesman Nolan Lemon said the animals were to be trucked to a vacant slaughterhouse in Wilbur, about 60 miles west of Spokane, where they would be killed.

"I think I understand why they're doing it — for safety reasons. I probably agree with that, but I think it's unfortunate for the farm involved," said Ildia Jackson, Mabton city administrator. "Here we are having a big support rally, and they're depopulating the herd."

The decision to kill animals from a second quarantined herd with links to the infected cow came as Japanese agriculture and health officials were in Washington, D.C., to discuss safety procedures for American beef after the mad cow scare.

U.S. agriculture officials announced the nation's first case of mad cow disease on Dec. 23. The cow was slaughtered Dec. 9.

Mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy, eats holes in the brains of cattle and is incurable. Humans can develop a brain-wasting illness, variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, from consuming contaminated beef products. Officials have said, however, that the meat supply is safe.

Earlier this week, authorities in Washington state killed a herd of 449 calves, including an offspring of the infected cow.

The Japanese delegation plans to visit Washington state and Canada next week before deciding whether to lift a ban on imports of beef from the United States. Japan is the largest importer of U.S. beef.

The only other case of the disease in North America was discovered in an Angus cow from Alberta in May.

Officials have said they believe both animals probably were infected as calves because they were born before August 1997, the year that the United States and Canada banned cattle feed that contained parts of cattle, sheep or other cud-chewing animals.

The cows to be killed were culled from a herd of 4,000 dairy cows. Investigators were able to rule out killing most of the herd because records showed the cows were born at the farm or arrived there from other locations, DeHaven said.

The killed cows will be tested for mad cow disease. If the tests are negative, they will be buried in a landfill. DeHaven said that if some test positive for mad cow, the carcasses will be incinerated or destroyed with acid.

The cows will not be processed for human or animal consumption even if tests show the cows aren't infected, he said.

The government prohibits the sale of the meat from the herds as a precaution aimed at reassuring Americans and international trading partners about the safety of the food supply.

Two cows from the Canadian farm were traced to a Mattawa, Wash., farm, which remains under a state hold order similar to a quarantine.

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Oil, natural gas prices go up

By The Associated Press

The Commodities Futures Trading Commission and the New York Mercantile Exchange said Friday they have stepped up their surveillance of natural gas trading in the past week and industry sources said traders' telephone records have been subpoenaed as part of that effort.

CFTC officials visited the trading pit this week, an employee of one New York-based trading firm that was subpoenaed said Friday.

"They didn't give any specific indication that they're targeting a specific trade, a specific trader or a specific (trading) house," said the employee, speaking on condition of anonymity.

R. David Gary, a spokesman for the CFTC in Washington, said the agency has increased surveillance because of recent volatility and high prices of natural gas trading activity on Nymex since the start of the month. But, as a matter of policy, he said the agency would neither confirm nor deny the existence of any formal investigation.

Nymex spokeswoman Nachamah Jacobovits said the focus of the scrutiny is to "make sure that futures prices are reflective of what's happening on cash markets and that there's no manipulation."

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LaDonna Halford, Richard, Ricky & Larissa

Woman charged with filing false police report

SOUTH EUCLID, Ohio (AP) — A woman who claimed to have lost a lottery ticket worth $162 million was charged Friday with filing a false police report.

The charges came a day after 40-year-old Elecia Battle all but admitted making up the story. The misdemeanor charge carries 30 days to six months in jail and a $1,000 fine.

Police Lt. Kevin Nietert said police pursued the charge because protecting the lottery's integrity is important.

"I think the general public that's been reviewing this wants to know that the police department is going to do something about this," he said.

Days after the Dec. 30 Mega Millions drawing, Battle filed a police report saying she had bought the winning ticket but had lost it, possibly when she dropped her purse outside the convenience store.

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Senior Center News

Social Security agents from Big Spring have set new business hours for the day they are in Snyder. They will continue to come to the Senior Center on the second Tuesday of each month, but they will only be available from 9:45 a.m.-noon. There will be no afternoon hours. Clients are seen on a first come first serve basis. We do not make appointments.

Volunteers are the backbone of many of the services and activities offered by the Scurry County Senior Center. Meals-on-wheels delivery, the congregate serving line and registration, the quilting program, fabric painting, the Sunshine Choir, the Aubrey Wilson Country Band, the quilting program, the weekly blood pressure readings, game night, the monthly dance, and all games rely on the organizational skills and dedication of volunteers.

If you would like to be involved in an organization interested in adding to the quality of others lives, call 573-4035.

Transportation is available Monday-Friday mornings. Senior citizens are picked up at their homes and transported to the center and returned to their homes after the noon meal. Transportation is also available for those needing rides to therapy, doctor's appointments and errands.

Call the center and ask Valerie for assistance.

There are two treadmills and stationary bikes for exercising at the center, and we do have access to the Travis gym for those who enjoy walking. Contact Valerie in the Senior Center office for admittance.

MONDAY

Party bridge begins at 9:30 a.m. and Skip-Bo at 10 a.m. Dominoes, pool, and quilting are available Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.– 5 p.m.

TUESDAY

Join us for Eighty/Eighty-eight at 10 a.m. Eighty and eighty-eight are played with two sets of dominoes, but both are similar to forty-two. Seniors who play forty-two will easily learn eighty or eighty-eight. The Social Security agents from Big Spring will be at the center from 9:45 a.m.-noon.

WEDNESDAY

Join us for Ladies Pool beginning at 9 a.m., stay for bingo from 10-11:45 a.m., and lunch at noon. Meals are a suggested donation of $2.50 for citizens 60 or over and $4 for guests under 60. Pinochle will begin at 1 p.m. in the bridge room.

THURSDAY

The Senior Center Sunshine Choir will entertain at Snyder Healthcare from 10-11 a.m. Volunteers who help with food service are asked to attend the Food Safety Training at 1 p.m.

Everyone is invited to stay for this program. Senior citizens are a high-risk group and we take every precaution to provide meals that are nutritious and prepared and served in the healthiest way possible. Our kitchen staff continuously scores high marks on our county inspections.

FRIDAY

This is Hat Day, so wear a hat and join us for blood pressure readings, the bridge tournament and eighty/eighty-eight beginning at 9:30 a.m. Seniors interested in the bridge tournament should arrive by 9:15 a.m.

Senior Menu

MONDAY
Beef Stroganoff
Hominy
Spinach
Sliced Peaches
Chocolate Chip Cookie
TUESDAY
Chicken Fried Steak
W/Cream Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Tossed Salad
Coconut Pudding
WEDNESDAY
Chicken Spaghetti
Harvard Beets
Whole Kernel Corn
Broccoli/Cauliflower Salad
Peach Cobbler
THURSDAY
Butter Beans & Ham
Turnip Greens
Fried Okra
Green Onion
White Cake W/Chocolate Frosting
Cornbread
FRIDAY
Fried Fish
Baked Beans
Potato Rounds
Cucumber/Onion Salad
Pineapple Upside-Down Cake

Snyder FFA hosts stock show

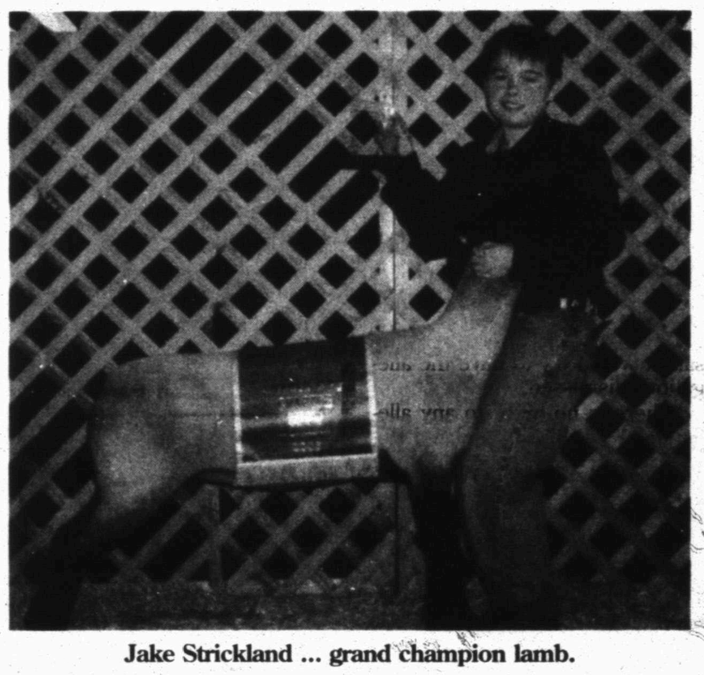
Snyder FFA recently held its 2003-2004 chapter show in the Scurry County Coliseum annex with Brad Bevel of Stamford, serving as the judge.

Throughout the event, students were able to gain some much-needed experience. According to Jessica Colvin, advisor, "Our chapter show is a great chance for first time showers to see what it is like in the show ring. Overall the show was a great success and the students did a wonderful job."

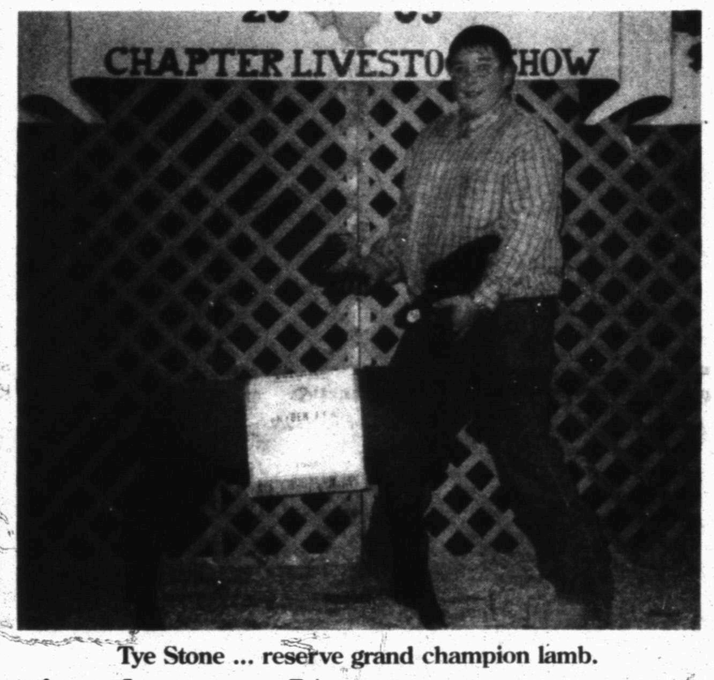
Because of student interest, breeding pigs and goats were added to this year's show. Snyder FFA advisor David Frazier said, "We have many students that show breeding livestock at the major show so we wanted to include them in our chapter show. This is a great project for students and these students will be showing these registered animals throughout the state."

FFA parents and supporters brought baked goods for the silent auction. Ricky Early, Snyder FFA vice president said, "We want to thank everyone who placed bids on the baked goods. This was the first year for this event and the success was awesome."

Breeding Goats
Class 1
1. Aryn May
Class 2
1. Aryn May; 2. Annie Stribling
Class 3
1. Aryn May; 2. Annie Stribling
Grand Champion Breeding Goat — Aryn May
Reserved Grand Champion Breeding Goat — Aryn May
Breeding Swine
Champion Berk — Stanley Forbes; **Reserve Champion Berk**, Dylan Early; **Champion Duroc**, Sydney Glass; **Reserve Champion Duroc**, Dylan Early; **Champion Spot**, Ricky Early; **Champion Yorkshire**, Ricky Early; **Reserve Champion Yorkshire**, Dylan Early; **Grand Champion Breeding Gilt**, Ricky Early with Yorkshire; **Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Gilt**, Sydney Glass with Duroc.
Steers
Grand Champion — Kinsey Guynes
Reserved Grand Champion — Jadon Guynes
Market Lambs
Southdown
Light Weight Class
1. Jake Strickland; 2. Cassie Cochran
Heavy Weight Class
1. Rainie Moore
Champion Southdown — Jake Strickland
Reserve Champion Southdown — Cassie Cochran
Fine Wool Cross
Light Weight
1. Stetson Kincheloe; 2. Maranda Pierce
Heavy Weight
1. Pasha Porysev; 2. Stetson Kincheloe; 3. Rainie Moore
Champion Finewool Cross — Pasha Porysev
Reserve Champion Finewool Cross — Stetson Kincheloe
Medium Wools
Light Weight
1. Callan Lee; 2. Tye Holley; 3. Tye Holley.
Medium Weight
1. Jake Strickland; 2. Tye Stone; 3. Tana Holley.
Heavy Weight
1. Cassie Cochran; 2. Kelly Moore.
Champion Medium Wool — Jake Strickland.
Reserve Champion Medium Wool — Tye Stone.
Grand Champion Lamb — Jake Strickland with Medium Wool.
Reserve Grand Champion Lamb — Tye Stone with Medium Wool.
Goats
Class 1
1. Brance Scott; 2. Paige Anderson; 3. Autumn Castillo.
Class 2
1. Brance Scott; 2. Paige Anderson; 3. Tye Stone.
Class 3
1. Rainie Moore; 2. Kelly Moore; 3. Pasha Porysev
Class 4
1. Paige Anderson; 2. Kelly Moore; 3. Annie Stribling.
Class 5
1. Annie Stribling; 2. Rainie Moore; 3. Aryn May.
Grand Champion Goat — Brance Scott with Class 2 winner.
Reserve Grand Champion Goat — Rainie Moore with Class 3 winner.
Pigs
Berkshire
1. Stanley Forbes; 2. Ashton Wall; 3. Pasha Porysev.
Champion Berkshire — Stanley Forbes.
Reserve Champion Berkshire — Ashton Wall.
Chester White
Light Weight
1. Remington Bloom; 2. Tanner Bloom; 3. Jake Strickland.
Heavy Weight
1. Cody Wall; 2. Remington Bloom; 3. Ty Burton.
Champion Chester — Cody Wall.
Reserve Champion Chester — Remington Bloom.
Durocs
Light Weight
1. Xalee Northcutt; 2. Randy Loveall; 3. Jonathan Browning.
Medium Weight
1. Michael Zajicek; 2. Stetson Kincheloe; 3. Alan Zajicek.
Light Heavy
1. Tye Stone; 2. Cailey Young; 3. Sydney Glass.
Medium Heavy
1. Ralston Loveall; 2. Sydney Glass; 3. Sydney Glass.
Heavy Weight
1. Ruben DeLoera; 2. Dylan Early; 3. Ricky Early.
Champion Duroc — Tye Stone with Light Heavy Weight.
Reserve Champion Duroc — Michael Zajicek with Medium Weight.
Hampshire
Light Weight
1. Ashton Burton; 2. Jake Strickland; 3. Amy Sauceda.
Medium Weight
1. Kacee Westlund; 2. Pasha Porysev; 3. Logan West.
Light Heavy
1. Courtney Pollard; 2. Kellie Sanders; 3. Kendra Tidwell.
Heavy Weight
1. Logan West; 2. Conor Johnson; 3. Chance Young.
Champion Hampshire — Kaycee Westlund.
Reserve Champion Hampshire — Pasha Porysev.
Landrace
1. Pasha Porysev; 2. Chelsea Young; 3. Micah Henson.
Champion Landrace — Pasha Porysev.
Reserve Champion Landrace — Chelsea Young.
Poland China
1. Trevor Kubena; 2. Kade Kruger; 3. Kendall Tidwell.
Champion Poland — Trevor Kubena.
Reserve Champion Poland — Kade Kruger.
Spot
Light Weight
1. Pasha Porysev; 2. Johnathan Browning; 3. Ricky Early.
Heavy Weight
1. Tye Stone; 2. Megan Thompson; 3. Randy Loveall.
York
Light Weight
1. Logan West; 2. Emma Nunley; 3. Colton West.
Medium Weight
1. Ricky Early; 2. Tana Holley; 3. Sydney Glass.
Heavy Weight
1. Dylan Early; 2. Conor Johnson; 3. Kellie Sanders.
Cross
Light
1. Allison Swigert; 2. Alan Zajicek; 3. Tye Stone.
Medium Weight
1. Ralston Loveall; 2. Chance Young; 3. Ashley Swigert.
Light Heavy Weight
1. Kaycee Loveall; 2. Rusty Smith; 3. Jackie Thompson.
Medium Heavy Weight
1. Remington Bloom; 2. Chance Tatum; 3. Tyler Thompson.
Heavy Weight
1. Pasha Porysev; 2. Cody Wall; 3. Colton West.
Champion Cross — Remington Bloom.
Reserve Champion Cross — Kaycee Loveall.
Grand Champion Pig — Ricky Early with the York.
Reserve Grand Champion Pig — Remington Bloom with the Cross.



Jake Strickland ... grand champion lamb.



Tye Stone ... reserve grand champion lamb.

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Financial Focus

Using Margin Accounts for "Hot" Stocks? Don't Get Burned

Baseball Hall of Famer Yogi Berra is credited with saying: "It's déjà vu all over again." This particular saying may have particular relevance to today's investment scene — with some potentially unfortunate consequences.

Over the past several months, investors enjoyed the appreciation of many stock prices — just as they did in the months before the stock market "bubble" burst in 2000. And some of these investors are buying these risky, volatile "hot" stocks on the margin; that is, they are borrowing money from their brokers to pay for these stocks. Margin account balances grew rapidly this year — similar to the way they did back in 1999 and early 2000.

Why does this recent investment history seem to be repeating itself? Let's look back to the technology stock boom in the late 1990s. When prices soared, investors learned that they could make money over a relatively short period of time. As we now know, many of these investors got burned. Yet, some of these same people believe they learned from the experience, and they believe they can make money trading "hot" stocks. They are so confident that stock prices will rise that they are willing to buy these stocks on the margin.

Of course, margin trading is risky, because it frequently involves the trading of volatile stocks. For margin transactions to be profitable, stock prices have to rise high enough to cover the commissions charged on the purchase, the commissions charged at the sale and the interest the borrower is charged on the loan. If not sold at its high, the profit is quickly eroded by these charges.

As an investor, can you pick the right "hot" stock? Can you control the impulse to "ride a stock up" in an effort to wring out every possible dollar of profit? Can you tell the difference between a temporary "dip" and the beginning of a significant price drop?

And, perhaps the most important question is: Can you come up with the funds immediately to meet a "margin call"? You might face a margin call if the value of your collateral — the stock in your brokerage account — no longer meets the requirement for the amount of money that you borrowed. Typically, a brokerage firm will lend you 50 percent of the value of stock that your purchase. If the price of the margined securities falls too far, and the equity in your brokerage account slips below a certain level — generally, 30 to 35 percent of the value of the account — then you may get a "margin call" from your brokerage firm.

To meet this margin call, you may have to liquidate some investments - but if the market is declining, it's a bad time to be selling stocks. So, if you're going to be a margin trader, you need to have reserve funds available to ride out a drop in stock prices. And you need to know when to cut your losses.

Margin trading has its rewards — but it certainly comes with some hazards. To trade on the margin, you need patience, discipline and the right disposition — and, as we've seen, you need to have enough liquidity to face the unpleasant margin calls. In short, margin trading is not a good strategy for those people who think they can make money quickly on "hot" stocks.

Ultimately, you need to ask yourself this: "Are you an investor or just a trader?" There's a big difference between the two.

AP poll shows Bush in stronger position

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bolstered by lopsided backing from core supporters, President Bush is in a stronger position with voters than his father or Bill Clinton were at the same stage of their re-election bids, an Associated Press poll found.

Men, evangelicals and rural voters are supporting Bush by big margins at the start of this election year, while traditionally Democratic-leaning groups such as women have more divided loyalties, according to the poll. The public's growing confidence in the economy is helping boost Bush's standing as well.

More people say they will definitely vote for Bush's re-election, 41 percent, than say they will definitely vote against him, 33 percent, according to the poll conducted for the AP by Ipsos-Public Affairs. An additional 24 percent said they would consider voting for someone else.

"I can't imagine not voting for Bush," said William Miller, a 66-year-old retiree from Hartsville, S.C., who calls himself a political independent. "I'm very glad he was in office on 9-11. I feel like he's got a good handle on what we have to do in the international arena, and his economic polices seem to be coming around."

On the question of re-electing Bush or definitely voting for someone else, men were for Bush by 49 percent to 26 percent. And rural voters were for him by an equally lopsided margin. White evangelicals said they would support Bush rather than vote for someone else by an even wider margin.

Bush is in significantly better shape with the public than either Clinton or the first President Bush were at this stage in their re-election bids and about the same as Ronald Reagan before his landslide re-election victory in 1984.

People were about evenly divided on Clinton and the elder Bush at this stage of their presidencies.

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Kinsey Guynes ... trophy.

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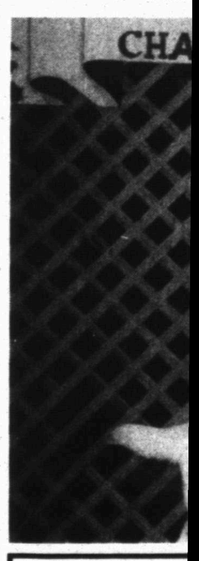

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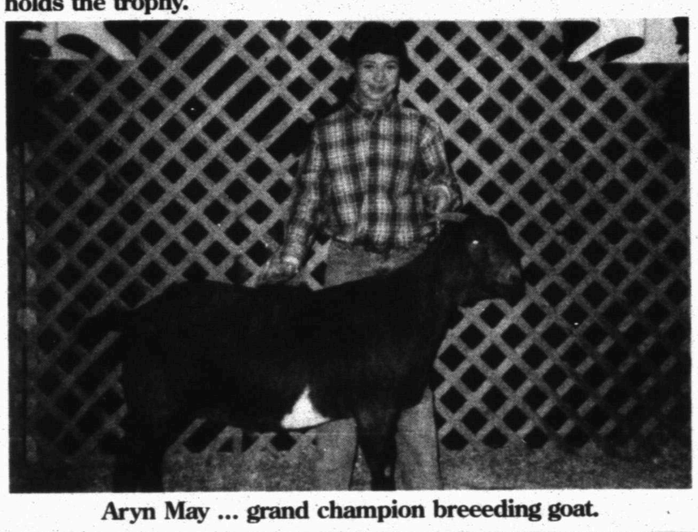
Jadon Guynes ... reserve grand champion steer. Sister Kinsey holds the trophy.



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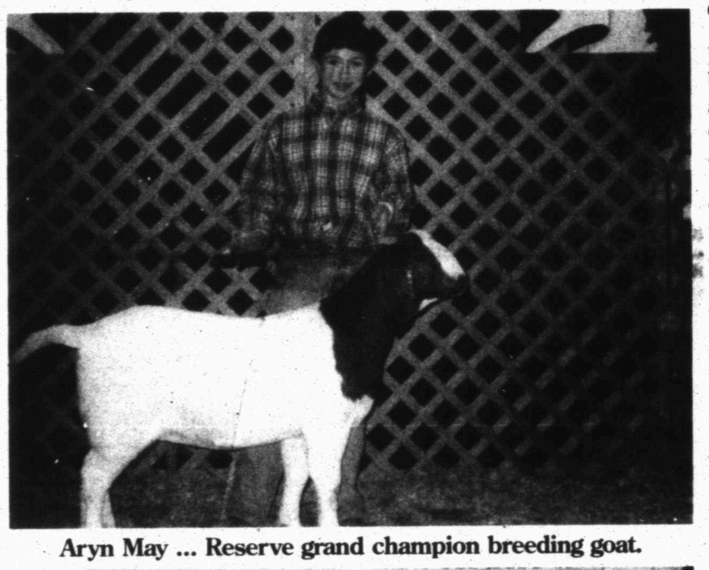
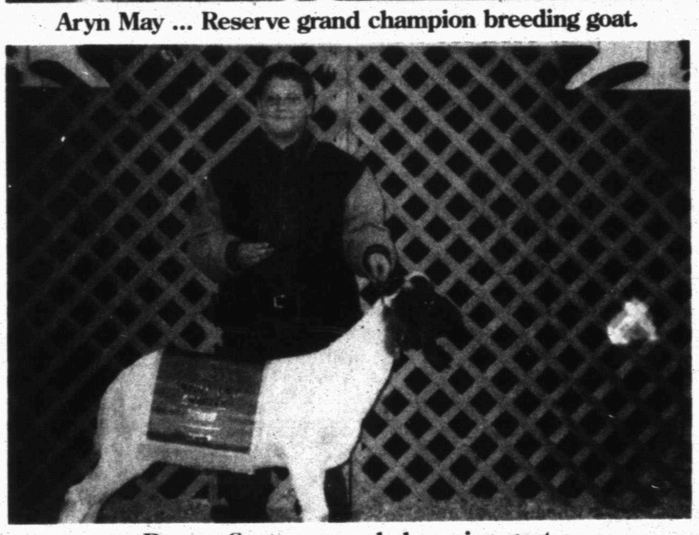
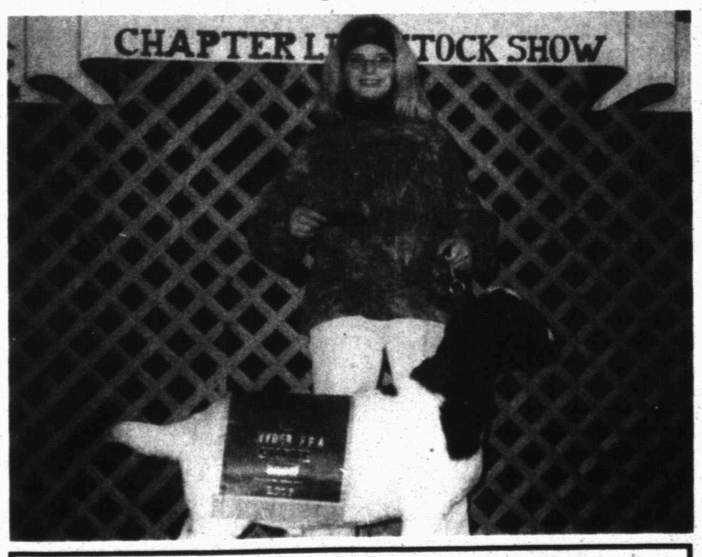


Aryn May ... Reserve grand champion breeding goat.



Brance Scott ... grand champion goat.



Rainie Moore ... Reserve grand champion goat.

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New names added to Enron suit

HOUSTON (AP) — The University of California, the lead plaintiff in a massive conglomerate of shareholder lawsuits filed in the aftermath of Enron's collapse, added two law firms, a Canadian-based bank and investment firm Goldman Sachs as new defendants in its lawsuit Friday.

The shareholder lawsuits are seeking billions of dollars from banks, brokerages, former Enron Corp. executives and the company itself.

The university filed two complaints Friday in federal court in Houston. One added defendants Royal Bank of Canada; plus New York-based law firm Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy and a Houston law firm, Andrews & Kurth. The other complaint added Goldman Sachs.

Attorney James E. Holst, who represents the university, said Goldman Sachs was accused of certifying false statements in violation of the Securities Act of 1933. The firm was not accused of fraud.

A separate complaint, however, accuses Royal Bank of Canada of fraud for structuring transactions which allowed Enron to inflate its financial results and overstate its income and Andrews & Kurth of fraud for writing false opinion letters. Milbank Tweed also is accused of fraud for knowingly documenting false transactions.

"We couldn't disagree with the assertions more," said Howard Ayers, managing partner of Andrews & Kurth.

Ayers said allegations against the firm are "incorrect and reckless" and the firm would ask to be dismissed from the lawsuit.

Paul Wilson, a spokesman for Royal Bank of Canada, said the bank was disappointed to be added to the "growing list" of defendants and plans to fight the allegations.

Meanwhile, Milbank Tweed called the complaint meritless and said it would try to have the allegations dismissed.

"There is no merit to any allegation that Milbank violated the securities laws, or engaged in any impropriety, in its dealings with Enron or with any financial institution doing business with Enron," firm spokesman, Stephen J. Blauner, said in a statement.

Bush takes on tax cut debate

WACO (AP) — President Bush took a swipe Saturday at Democratic candidates who want to roll back the tax cuts he enacted, saying the reductions have fueled a broad economic recovery.

In his weekly radio address, Bush cites a litany of improving economic figures — rising home ownership, business investment, manufacturing and stock-market wealth.

Bush gave credit to the three tax cuts he approved. "Tax relief has got this economy going again, and tax relief will keep it moving forward," Bush said.

The president chose to focus on tax cuts at the end of a week when the issue took center stage in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Howard Dean and Dick Gephardt say they would erase all of Bush's tax cuts if elected, though Dean hinted this week he was considering a new proposal to reduce the tax burden on the middle class.

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Lady Tigers corral Denver City, run streak to 16 games

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

The district season began the same way the preseason ended for the Lady Tigers — with a victory.

Snyder (18-2, 1-0) won its 16th straight game Friday, opening the 3-3A schedule with a resounding, 47-28 win over Denver City at Tiger Gym.

The Lady Tigers opened the game on an 8-0 run behind a pair of three-point shots from Erin Burleson. The team rode that momentum to a 22-7 first quarter lead, and Denver City could not catch up.

"We came out really good on both ends of the floor," head coach Mike Martin said. "I thought we played really well, especially on defense."

Aside from Burleson's six points in the first period, the Lady Tigers got a significant scoring boost from Sarah Henson at the outset, as the sophomore hit two field goals and went 5-of-5 from the free-throw line to score all nine of her points in the initial frame.

Denver City (10-9, 0-1) managed to score 10 points in the second quarter, but were held to just 11 in the entire second half.

"We didn't shoot well," Denver City head coach Jim Dougherty said. "(Snyder) did things we expected, but they got a few early threes and we didn't hit our threes."

Martin said he felt the defense was sound throughout the game.

"The last three quarters we played good defense," he said. "Offensively, if you don't hit your free throws, it makes it look like you're not scoring."

The Lady Tigers shot 48 percent from the charity stripe, hitting 16 of 33 attempts, and just 5-of-13 in the second half.

Terann Ragland led all players with 11 points and nine rebounds, while setting the tone for Snyder defensively.

Ragland was succinct when asked to assess the team's play.

"Defense is good, free throws are bad," she said. "Our defense is what won it."

Ragland said the team must focus its attention now on the next opponent.

"It's a good win, but we have got to look at Seminole," she said.

The Lady Tigers opened the third quarter leading 30-17, before stretching the lead thanks to a pair of threes from Burleson and Ragland, and a clutch basket and two free throws from Sirena Medrano.

Medrano finished with eight points on a night when the Lady Tigers spread the ball around offensively. Medrano also pulled in five rebounds.

Jordan Stansell also collected five rebounds, as the Lady Tigers repeatedly beat Denver City on the glass.

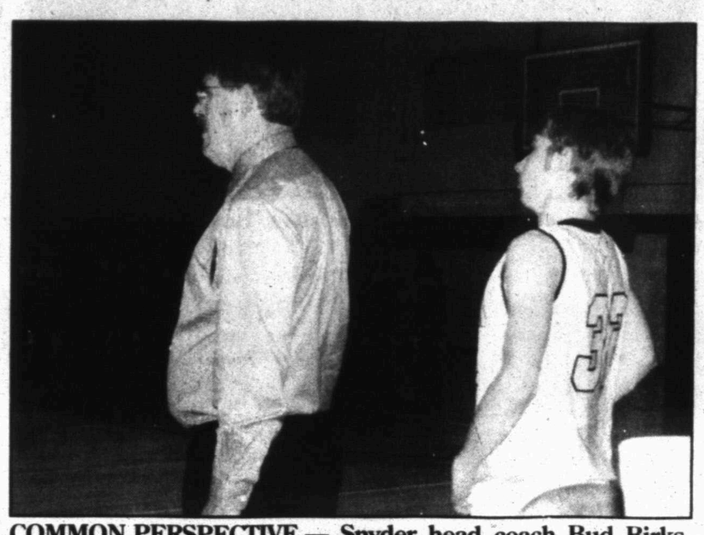
Stansell also scored five points, while Sequoya Powell pulled down six boards.

Teddi Crenwelge also hit a big three in the first quarter on her way to four points and three boards.

Burleson, who finished with nine points and three boards, said it was important to get the district season started on a winning note.

"It's very important," she said. "Our goal is to be district champs, and to do that we have to be strong in our house. But we are taking it one game at a time. Once district starts you forget this one. Tuesday, we have another game as important as this one."

The Lady Tigers host Seminole at 6:30 Tuesday. The Lady Maidens fell to Sweetwater, 43-34, while Lamesa bested Merkel, 57-37.



COMMON PERSPECTIVE — Snyder head coach Bud Birks, left, and guard Lee Scott watch the play on the court in the second quarter of Friday's contest with Clyde. The Tigers ran away from the Bulldogs late in a 66-53 victory. (SDN Staff Photo)

Tigers handle Clyde

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

The Snyder Tigers got a win at just the right time.

With second-ranked Midland Greenwood and the district schedule on the horizon, the Tigers closed out a scrappy Clyde team, 66-53.

Lee Scott scored nine of his game-high 23 over the final eight minutes, helping the Tigers expand a five-point lead into a 13-point triumph.

"I thought we played well," head coach Bud Birks said. "Those four days of practice did us good. I thought we had some kids step up tonight — Austin (Hatfield) and Tucker (Early) did a good job."

Snyder (6-12) jumped on Clyde early, outscoring the Bulldogs 11-6 in the opening frame behind eight first-quarter points from Early, who finished with 13 points.

Hatfield added 15 points, all coming in the final three quarters.

Scott was limited to one point in the first quarter, and just four in the first half, before exploding for 19 over the final eight minutes.

Birks said he also got strong games from his reserves, as he made a host of substitutions throughout the game to keep the team fresh.

"I thought our kids off the bench were solid. They gave us good stuff and didn't panic," he said.

Brock Tyrrell and Zack Cain provided solid defense, while Israel Sosa, in his first game of the season after recovering from reconstructive knee surgery from a preseason football injury, scored eight points. He played significant minutes for the Tigers.

Lico Catillo contributed five points, while Isaac Ramon and Garrett Pinson each hit a free throw.

"Israel is going to help, but I told him he is about 18 games behind," Birks said.

Before the 22-point outburst in the fourth, the Tigers were locked in a scrum with Clyde, which got 19 from wing Brandon Speckels and 14 from guard Luke Hawk.

"They have kids who can play," Birks said. "The biggest thing is we gave them too many second shots."

Birks added that the defense played well, but needed to perform in three areas that Birks listed as essential to the defensive scheme.

"All defenses revolve around stopping penetration, trying to make them take tougher shots and limiting them to one shot," he said. "They did take tough shots and we did stop their penetration, but they got second and third shots. We stopped two out of three, but we need to be tougher and more intense in all three areas."

The Tigers face one of the most talented teams on the schedule Tuesday when they travel to Midland to take on the Greenwood Rangers. Greenwood is ranked third in the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches, and has beaten area powerhouses Estacado and Frenship.

Tip-off is slated for 8 p.m.

Freshmen girls crush D-City

The Snyder freshmen girls left nothing to chance, jumping on Denver City early and often in a 38-17 victory Friday.

The team led 20-1 at the end of the first quarter, before taking a 30-3 lead at halftime.

Candace Chandler paced the scoring for the team, cashing in for 17 against the overmatched freshmen Lady Stangs.

Kaitlyn Greenlee added six and Desiree Cortez added five.

"I was pleased with the first half, but we got a little sloppy in the second half," coach Todd Pollard said. "It's hard to maintain that intensity with such a big lead."

Amber Acosta and Ashley Pavlovsky added four each, and Briana Bernal scored two.

The freshmen boys came out on the short end of a 46-45 dogfight with Clyde Friday.

"It was a tough, physical game and we played with them the whole way," coach Joe Anaya said.

Tagaba Kyei led the team with 11 points, and Ryan Mitchell added 10.

Tyler Driggers put in five points, Michael Martinez, Jamie Arnold and Rickey Sanchez knocked in four each, and Stetson Kincheloe and Jeremy Rodriguez had two points apiece.

Michael Mann hit three free throws for the Tigers.

Ira falls in district debut

The Ira Bulldogs got off to a slow start in district, falling behind 14-3 in the first quarter against Grady Friday en route to a 59-434 defeat.

Second-ranked Grady (18-1, 1-0) controlled the opening and closing quarters, outscoring Ira 44-15 in those two periods.

Jake Barnes led Ira with 16 points, and Wes Kellner added 12, as Ira scored 14 in both the second and third quarters.

The Lady Bulldogs fell shy of Grady in their district debut, 52-45, despite matching Grady point-for-point over the final three quarters.

Grady (14-5, 1-0) took a 19-11 first quarter lead that held up as Ira found its form over the last 24 minutes.

Lindsey Wilson paced Ira with 15 and Kelbi Pitner added 14 in the loss.

Both Ira clubs will resume district play Tuesday when they host Dawson at 6:30 p.m.

It will be the first home game of the season for the Bulldogs, and the first Nov. 18 for the ladies.

Clemens decision soon

HOUSTON (AP) — Roger Clemens is expected to decide by next week whether he will play for the Houston Astros this season, according to a broadcast report.

"Roger has indicated sometime in the next week he would make a decision," Astros owner Drayton McLane said.

Sports Briefs

Allen takes Bucs GM post

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Bruce Allen took over as general manager of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, accepting the challenge of improving a team that missed the playoffs after winning last year's Super Bowl.

Allen, son of Hall of Fame coach George Allen, replaces Rich McKay, the architect of the team that won its first NFL title last season. The move reunites the former Oakland Raiders executive with coach Jon Gruden, whose differences with McKay prompted the former GM to leave for the same position with the Atlanta Falcons.

Spurs sign Charlie Ward

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Former Knicks point guard Charlie Ward chose connections over cash in signing a deal with the San Antonio Spurs.

Terms of the deal were not released. Because the Spurs are already above the league's salary cap, they were limited to being able to pay Ward the minimum of $1 million, prorated for the number of games left in the season.

Ward, a devout Christian, has strong ties to several ministries in San Antonio, and he is also a close friend of Spurs forward Bruce Bowen and other players.

Singh takes lead at Mercedes

KAPALUA, Hawaii (AP) — Playing the best golf of his life, Vijay Singh finished with seven straight birdies for a 9-under 64 to surge past Stuart Appleby and into the lead at the season-opening Mercedes Championships.

Singh was at 14-under 132 and had a one-shot lead over Appleby in what was shaping up as a two-man race going into the weekend on the Plantation course at Kapalua.

Darren Clarke recovered from a double bogey on the first hole for a 69 and was at 10-under 136.

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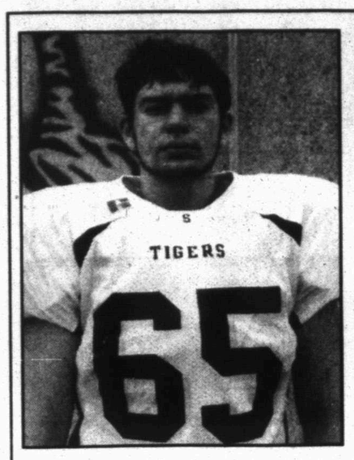

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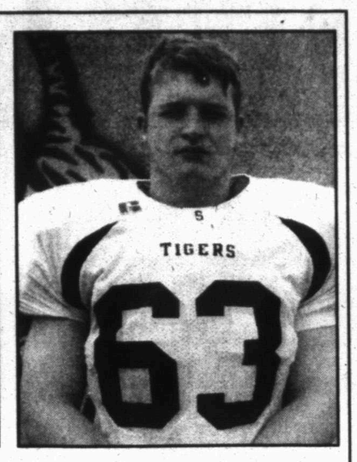

Brock Tyrrell

Kemp, Tyrrell named to all-academic team

A pair of Snyder Tigers earned another postseason honor, this one to reward both on and off the field accomplishments.

Senior defensive tackle Josh Kemp was named to the Texas High School Coaches Association all-state all-academic first team, and senior right tackle Brock Tyrrell earned a spot on the all-state all-academic second team.

Honorees must maintain a high level of academic excellence as well as be a varsity participant in good standing.

NBA roundup...

Lakers halt losing streak

By The Associated Press

The Los Angeles Lakers did more than just snap a losing streak. They reminded themselves how dominant they can be.

Kobe Bryant scored 26 points to help Los Angeles end a four-game skid and send the visiting Atlanta Hawks to their second-worst loss ever, 113-67 Friday night.

Stanislav Medvedenko scored a career-high 26 points and grabbed 11 rebounds for the Lakers, still playing without injured stars Shaquille O'Neal and Karl Malone.

Yet Los Angeles dominated from the start, handing the Hawks their most lopsided loss since a 132-85 defeat at Philadelphia on Dec. 8, 1982.

Jackson avoided the second five-game losing streak of his 13-plus years as an NBA coach. The Chicago Bulls lost five straight under Jackson in 1994 — while Michael Jordan was retired — the longest such slump of the coach's career.

The Lakers opened a 14-0 lead while the Hawks missed their first eight shots and went the first 4:45 without scoring. They didn't get a rebound until midway through the first period.

The Lakers were up 34-7 by the end of the first quarter and 57-28 at halftime. The seven points were the fewest in the first quarter for the Hawks since they moved to Atlanta in 1968. The 28 points matched an Atlanta first-half low.

"It's an embarrassing loss," coach Terry Stotts said. "I think we were all embarrassed by the game.

"Give the Lakers credit. They had lost four in a row and they came out very focused and aggressive."

Jackson said he hoped O'Neal and Malone would be able to play again by late next week.

Pacers 92, Mavericks 80

At Dallas, Ron Artest scored 26 points to help Indiana stretch its winning streak to seven games and improve the NBA's best record (28-10). Dallas lost for only the third time at home.

Spurs 94, Hornets 84

At New Orleans, Tim Duncan and Bruce Bowen each scored 15 points to lead seven San Antonio players in double figures. The Spurs won for the 16th time in 17 games.

76ers 97, Nets 81

At Philadelphia, Glenn Robinson scored 24 of his season-high 26 points in the first half for the 76ers. Allen Iverson, bothered by the flu, came on late and finished with 17 points and 11 assists for his first double-double since Nov. 14.

Nets guard Jason Kidd left with 7:01 remaining because of a sprained middle finger and did not return. New Jersey played without suspended forward Kenyon Martin.

Celtics 107, Cavaliers 82

At Boston, Paul Pierce had 30 points, 12 rebounds and eight assists before sitting out most of the fourth quarter, helping the Celtics coast to their 13th consecutive victory over Cleveland. LeBron James scored 19 points on 7-for-19 shooting.

Magic 103, Wizards 92

At Orlando, Fla., Tracy McGrady scored 35 points and the Magic held on to end a six-game losing streak. Washington has lost four straight and nine of 10.

Clippers 78, Raptors 68

At Toronto, Elton Brand had 19 points and 14 rebounds for Los Angeles, which was missing two of its top scorers in Corey Maggette and Quentin Richardson.

Vince Carter shot 5-for-18 and scored just 12 points for the Raptors, who were booed off the court. Rookie center Chris Bosh sat out with a strained right knee.

Bucks 103, Heat 94

At Milwaukee, Toni Kukoc scored 24 points, grabbed a career-high 14 rebounds and keyed a decisive second-quarter surge that propelled the Bucks to their fifth straight victory. Miami was led by Lamar Odom's 22 points and 15 rebounds.

Trail Blazers 87, Bulls 78

At Chicago, Derek Anderson scored 19 points and Portland ended a four-game losing streak. The Trail Blazers won on the road for just the second time in 15 games this season, and did it without second-leading scorer Rasheed Wallace, who sat out with a sprained left ankle.

Nuggets 106, Jazz 96

At Denver, Carmelo Anthony shook off some rough treatment by Utah to score 15 of his 27 points in the second half. Nene had a career-high 25 points on 9-for-10 shooting and Andre Miller added 18 points and seven assists for the Nuggets.

Kings 113, Suns 93

At Phoenix, Peja Stojakovic had 29 points and 12 rebounds to lead Sacramento. Mike Bibby added 25 points, and reserve Bobby Jackson scored a season-high 24.

The revamped Suns activated 2003 NBA Rookie of the Year Amare Stoudemire from the injured list before the game. He scored 10 points in 19 minutes.

SuperSonics 122, Grizzlies 116

At Seattle, Rashard Lewis scored 26 points and Brent Barry had 18 points and 10 assists for the SuperSonics, who have won eight of 10. Jerome James added 16 points and six rebounds, hitting all seven of his field goals.

Bitter cold awaits Titans, Patriots

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — Break out the parkas and hand-warmers: The NFL playoffs are returning to Foxboro.

Two years after the snow-covered "Tuck Rule" game helped propel New England to the Super Bowl title, the Patriots will host another prime time postseason game.

No snow is in the forecast this time, but the Tennessee Titans will be welcomed with bone-chilling cold that could make this meeting much different from the 38-30 Patriots victory in Week 5.

"Ty Law's talking about going out there without any sleeves," Patriots rookie Eugene Wilson said of his partner in the defensive backfield. "I think I'll wear sleeves."

Temperatures are expected near zero, with a wind chill at minus-10 that has both teams talking about how the weather will affect the game. Most will ignore Law's bravado and wear extra layers; stationary bicycles and heated benches will also help them try to stay warm on the sidelines.

The first 10,000 fans at the game will receive free hand-warmers. Extra medical staff will be on hand to deal with frostbite and hypothermia, and the team is telling fans to dress warmly and avoid alcohol and caffeine; decaf coffee will be poured for free in the parking lots before the game.

Coach Jeff Fisher had the Titans (13-4) practice at night this week to get them accustomed to the late (8:15 p.m. EST) start, and the Patriots' Friday walkthrough was also scheduled at night. No matter how cold it gets, though, both teams insist it won't provide either team with an advantage.

"I tried to call Mother Nature last night just to make sure they weren't going to have a special sun or anything above each player, so they're going to be cold like we're going to be," Titans defensive end Jevon Kearse said. "I got a voice mail and she was like, 'Everyone's going to feel the same out there.'

"Everyone's going to be dealing with it," he said.

NFL Playoffs

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Super Bowl at Houston, 5:25 p.m. (CBS)

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Pro Bowl, 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Parcells eagerly digging into offseason

IRVING (AP) — Now that his first season running the Dallas Cowboys is over, Bill Parcells has put himself on a diet and started working out again. He even planned to take a vacation.

Is this the start of a leisurely offseason?

Hardly.

Parcells already has drawn up a schedule for the spring, including a list of projects for assistant coaches that go beyond personnel evaluations. The majority of his time will be spent trying to upgrade the roster through free agency and the draft.

Two good nights of sleep following a 29-10 playoff loss to Carolina was all Parcells needed to get refreshed.

"I wish I could do it all right now and get my team improved. I want to solve the problems," he said this week at his final news conference.

"I'm hopeful that we can get the team back to where anybody would like to have it. ... I feel energized about doing it. I don't know how many years I'll feel that way. I feel that way now and that's all that counts."

Parcells came out of retirement about this time last year. He faced a high standard — his own history of having taken three other losing franchises and reaching the playoffs by his second season.

The Cowboys were coming off three straight 5-11 seasons. Some estimated he'd be lucky to make it in three years.

Instead, Parcells went 10-6 and earned a wild-card right away.

Fans are giddy just thinking about what he'll do in his second season. So is Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, who said the loss to the Panthers would increase his "resolve to do as much or more to improve our team than we did last year."

"I almost had to pinch myself with the excitement we've had this year and exceeding expectations," Jones said.

Parcells also enjoyed being back on the sideline. Usually. He admitted there were a few times when he woke up at 2:30 a.m. sick to his stomach with worry over the team and thought, "This is not really worth it." It happened rarely, and never for very long.

Parcells clicked with his players from the start. They respected what he'd accomplished elsewhere and tried hard to please him.

It wasn't like Parcells brought a unique playbook or gave rah-rah speeches. He simply emphasized basic concepts like year-round conditioning and minimizing mistakes.

Predecessors Dave Campo, Chan Gailey and Barry Switzer surely preached those things, but didn't get the same results.

Parcells knows the challenge next year will be greater. Among his concerns is the thought the team could be better, yet win fewer games.

After all, the division seems tougher with the arrival of coaches Joe Gibbs in Washington.

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	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	20	7	10	5	55	117	93
New Jersey	20	10	9	1	50	96	74
N.Y. Islanders	20	17	3	1	44	118	104
N.Y. Rangers	16	16	5	3	40	109	108
Pittsburgh	10	24	5	3	28	83	149

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	23	9	8	3	57	123	106
Ottawa	22	11	5	3	52	133	84
Boston	17	11	10	4	48	103	102
Montreal	20	16	5	2	47	101	96
Buffalo	17	20	5	1	40	100	111

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	18	15	6	1	43	95	87
Atlanta	19	18	3	2	43	122	128
Florida	14	17	9	2	39	90	110
Carolina	14	18	8	2	38	74	97
Washington	12	26	4	1	29	105	138

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	26	13	4	1	57	145	100
St. Louis	22	11	5	1	50	98	89
Nashville	19	16	4	2	44	99	108
Chicago	11	21	7	4	33	85	119
Columbus	11	23	4	3	29	79	112

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	24	11	6	2	56	125	97
Colorado	21	10	7	2	51	119	88
Calgary	21	13	3	3	48	93	80
Minnesota	15	17	11	0	41	93	92
Edmonton	15	18	7	1	38	104	115

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	17	10	11	4	49	102	92
Phoenix	16	12	11	2	45	106	105
Dallas	18	17	8	0	44	85	95
Los Angeles	16	14	7	4	43	108	108
Anaheim	13	18	6	5	37	88	111

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Tampa Bay 4, New Jersey 1
Buffalo 3, Ottawa 2
Phoenix 2, Minnesota 0
Vancouver 5, Anaheim 2

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Detroit at Boston, noon
Montreal at Pittsburgh, noon
Colorado at Dallas, noon
N.Y. Rangers at N.Y. Islanders, noon
Atlanta at San Jose, 3 p.m.
Edmonton at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
New Jersey at Toronto, 6 p.m.
St. Louis at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Florida at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Columbus at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Ottawa at Carolina, 4 p.m.
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Rangers, 4 p.m.
Edmonton at Washington, 5 p.m.
Atlanta at Phoenix, 6 p.m.
Colorado at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Anaheim, 7 p.m.
Florida at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

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New York	14	23	.378	7
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Orlando	9	28	.243	12

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	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	28	10	.737	—
Detroit	23	13	.639	4
New Orleans	22	14	.611	5
Milwaukee	20	16	.556	7
Toronto	18	16	.529	8
Chicago	11	25	.306	16
Cleveland	11	25	.306	16
Atlanta	10	27	.270	17½

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Midwest Division

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San Antonio	25	11	.694	—
Minnesota	23	11	.676	1
Denver	22	15	.595	3½
Dallas	20	15	.571	4½
Houston	20	15	.571	4½
Utah	18	17	.514	6½
Memphis	17	18	.486	7½

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	W	L	Pct	GB
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L.A. Lakers	22	11	.667	2½
Seattle	19	15	.559	6
Portland	16	18	.471	9
L.A. Clippers	15	18	.455	9½
Golden State	14	20	.412	11
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Friday's Games
Orlando 103, Washington 92
L.A. Clippers 78, Toronto 68
Philadelphia 97, New Jersey 81
Boston 107, Cleveland 82
Indiana 92, Dallas 80
San Antonio 94, New Orleans 84
Milwaukee 103, Miami 94
Portland 87, Chicago 78
Denver 106, Utah 96
Seattle 122, Memphis 116
Sacramento 113, Phoenix 93
L.A. Lakers 113, Atlanta 67

Saturday's Games
Philadelphia at Washington, 6 p.m.
Milwaukee at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Miami at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Indiana at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Utah, 8 p.m.
Seattle at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Portland at Toronto, noon
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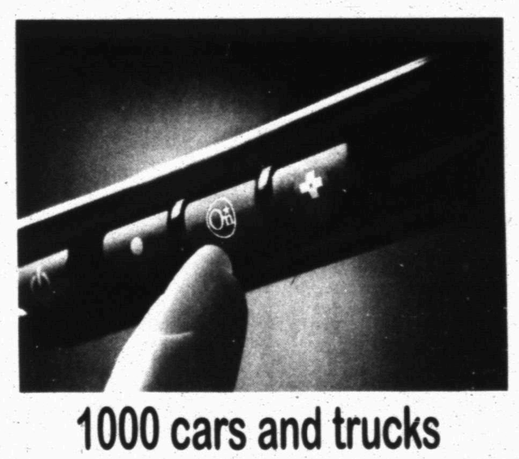
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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

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KINDER MORGAN PRODUCTION COMPANY LP, 4632 W. Hwy. 180, Snyder, Texas 79549, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject water, CO2 with H2S & hydrocarbon gas into the Canyon Reef formation, SACROC Unit Lease, Well No(s). 62-7, 67-9, 70-04, 92-9, 110-3, 112-3, 159-2, 184-1, 189-1, 190-01, 199-3, 200-5, 203-4, 205-2, 225-9, 229-1, 230-3, 259-1, 262-5, 263-7, 263-8, 269-5, 269-6, 271-5, 285-1, 285-10, 285-12, 291-3. Proposed injection wells are located approximately 4.5 to 6.0 Miles NW from Snyder, Texas in the Kelly-Snyder Field, in Scurry County. Water, CO2 with H2S & Hydrocarbon gas will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth intervals from 6350' to 7250'.

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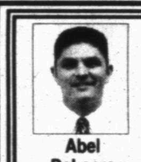
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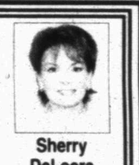
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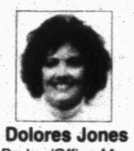
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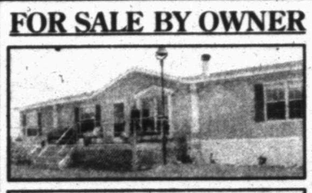

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Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is a doctor's office OK for a stress test or should the procedure be performed in a hospital setting?

DEAR READER: This is an interesting question that my own patients frequently ask me.

A stress (or treadmill) test is a method of assessing cardiac function during exercise, which gives more precise information than merely performing a resting electrocardiogram.

Although, in most instances, stress tests are not dangerous, they can be. Some patients with heart disorders will, during strenuous exercise, develop significant and abnormal heart rhythms — even cardiac arrest and death. Consequently, any physician who performs stress testing must be prepared for any emergency that could develop. In short, he has to be equipped to institute cardiopulmonary resuscitation if necessary.

Obviously, in a hospital, such services are readily available: other doctors, nurses, technicians and special equipment are present to cope with disasters. These resources are generally not available to primary care practitioners in the average office.

In contrast, those doctors who routinely perform office stress tests do have at least one assistant and an array of necessary devices, such as electrical defibrillators, handy. Therefore, office stress tests are, in the main, as safe as those done in the hospital.

If I were to have a cardiac arrest, I'd certainly prefer to have it in a hospital. Yet it is often more convenient and economical to have stress tests done in an office.

In answer to your question, office treadmill testing is as safe as that done in a hospital, but make sure that the doctor has the required equipment: at the very least, an assistant, a defibrillator and a supply of drugs to be used in an emergency.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Coronary Artery 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: I have a heart murmur because two of my heart valves are either not closing completely or not opening fully. I am concerned about what I can do about this. I am 84 and doubt if surgery is an option, but do I need to have the valves replaced?

DEAR READER: I don't know. The answer to your question depends on the extent of the valve damage, its exact nature, the effects that it has on your life and the potential surgical risks. Many elderly people develop insignificant valvular disease as they age and the heart valves become stiff. In most cases, this situation need not be addressed aggressively. However, in some patients, the valvular disease severely affects the heart. In these instances, corrective surgery (or valve replacement) must be considered.

In my opinion, you need the advice of a cardiologist. While a "watch and wait" approach may be appropriate for you, more definitive therapy may be needed, despite your age.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Why do you recommend Alcoholics Anonymous for people with drinking problems? If you did your homework, you'd find that AA is only 12 percent effective.

DEAR READER: Alcoholism is a dreadful disease. This serious and mysterious ailment affects millions of Americans. The cost to society is in the billions of dollars — not to mention the personal cost to the alcoholic and his or her family.

Unfortunately, there is no single 100-percent effective treatment to help alcoholics stop drinking and remain sober. According to Alcoholics Anonymous, there are no official statistics kept because of the anonymous nature of the program. All of the information is anecdotal. My guess is that it's much more successful than you estimate.

Alcoholics' Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who are brought together by a desire to stop drinking. Through a series of 12 steps that address the alcoholic's relation to himself, his society and his Higher Power, members of AA learn to cope more effectively with their disease, frustration, disappointments, successes and the challenges of life.

Joining AA is cheap. There are no dues or fees. All you have to do is show up at meetings. Such gatherings are available in almost every community in the world.

An alcoholic must want to stop drinking in order to get well. This decision is a personal one, the timing of which (and the strength of the commitment) vary from person to person. AA functions as a support group to show alcoholics how to stop drinking and to encourage their sobriety. In turn, recovering alcoholics become willing to help one another. I've done my homework and I know that recovering alcoholics, even if they have been steadfast AA members for years, may "go back out," "relapse" and begin drinking again. After all, these people are only human (maybe more human, in fact) and don't promise perfection. This recidivism does not reflect badly on AA; it simply underscores the puzzling nature of alcoholism. AA is there when the drinker chooses to return, as many do.

As I understand the AA program, its strength lies in the fact that it is made up of an astonishingly diverse group of people, all of whom share a common goal and are willing to assist those individuals who need help. There's nothing weird or magical about this, although many AA experiences are, indeed, miraculous.

I am certain that other treatment programs have merit and enjoy their share of successes; AA is yet another option. It is simple, it works and it's convenient. It is also voluntary and readily available. You don't need major medical insurance to join and you don't have to travel to distant cities, clinics or therapists. Moreover, AA offers a set of principles that, when followed, enables alcoholics to lead more satisfying, constructive lives. (These principles are equally useful to the non-alcoholic, too.)

I recommend AA for people with drinking problems because I've seen how successful it can be. Anyway, how can you fault an organization that endorses such common sense as the serenity prayer?

"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

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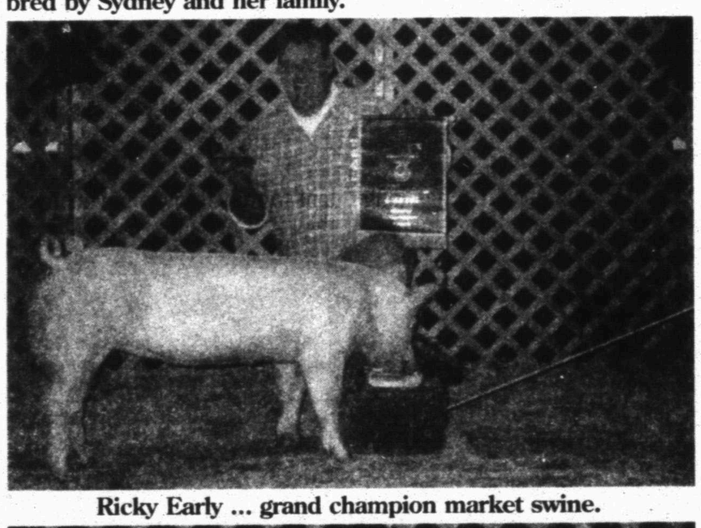

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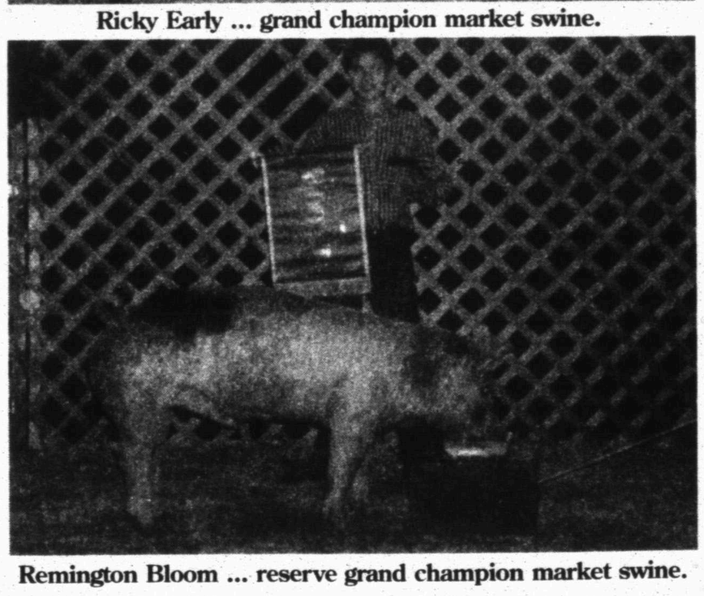

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HOUSTON (AP) — A plea bargain with the wife of former Enron finance chief Andrew Fastow appeared to be in trouble Friday, but her attorney said negotiations would continue through the weekend to try and salvage the deal.

Lea Fastow missed a noon deadline to accept a plea bargain under conditions set by U.S. District Judge David Hittner.

The judge, who refused to approve a deal that would require him to limit Lea Fastow's prison sentence to five months, said he would move forward with preparations for her Feb. 10 trial.

Mike DeGeurin, Lea Fastow's attorney, said he and prosecutors "are working on a reasonable resolution that will benefit both parties."

"It's not right, it's not ready," DeGeurin said outside the federal courthouse. "All the details have not been worked out. Nor has it been presented in a way for the judge to approve it. We're still in the process of that."

DeGeurin characterized the situation as "delicate" and noted Lea Fastow could plead innocent and exercise her right to trial. He also declined to comment on why she insists in serving no more than five months in prison.

Hittner said Thursday he would accept a plea of guilty to a single tax violation from Lea Fastow, a former assistant treasurer at Enron, but reserved the right to determine a sentence he deemed appropriate after federal probation authorities conducted a pre-sentencing investigation.

The deal, proposed by her attorneys and prosecutors sought a five-month sentence in exchange for her guilty plea. A conviction on a single federal tax count normally carries a range of 10 months to three years in prison, Hittner said.

Pentagon: Saddam is prisoner of war

WASHINGTON (AP) — Saddam Hussein has been a prisoner of war since his capture last month, Pentagon lawyers have determined.

Despite that determination, Secretary of State Colin Powell said Friday he knows of no formal declaration that the deposed Iraqi dictator is a POW.

That decision, Powell said, will be up to the Defense Department.

Whether Saddam is a prisoner of war could be key to how he is treated in captivity and eventually put on trial. The Geneva Conventions on treatment of prisoners of war forbid any kind of coercion in POW interrogations, for example.

The United States says Saddam's government killed at least 300,000 Iraqis, including an estimated 5,000 members of the Kurdish minority in a poison gas attack in 1988. U.S. officials have said they plan to turn Saddam over to an Iraqi court for trial.

But the Geneva agreements say POWs can be tried for crimes against humanity only by an international tribunal or the occupying power, which in Iraq is the United States.

POW status also would entitle Saddam to meet with representatives from the International Committee of the Red Cross. No such meeting has happened. Some human rights groups have complained that other top former Iraqi officials in U.S. custody have not been given access to Red Cross representatives.

Powell said, "We are certainly treating everybody in our custody in accordance with basic rights and expectations of international agreements that we have."

About Saddam's trial, he said, "We believe the credibility of the new Iraqi government will be measured by how they handle this horrible dictator."

He did not deal with the question of war crimes jurisdiction.

Saddam is being held at an undisclosed location and interrogated by the Central Intelligence Agency. Iraqi officials say he is being held in the Baghdad area.

In London, a senior British official said Saddam has given no useful information to his interrogators. The official, who briefed journalists on condition of anonymity, said U.S. authorities were taking their time questioning Saddam in the hope that he might eventually open up.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Tuesday that Saddam and all Iraqi captives are being treated in compliance with the Geneva Conventions. He said Saddam's legal status was being reviewed by several U.S. agencies, and no determination had been made.

The general counsel office in the Pentagon, the Defense Department's top civilian lawyers, has determined that Saddam is a prisoner of war because of his status as former commander in chief of Iraq's military, spokesman Maj. Michael Shavers said Friday.

Attacks against Shiite mosques now raising sectarian concerns

BAQOUBA, Iraq (AP) — An apparently coordinated attack against two Shiite mosques in a town where Muslim sects had lived peacefully has raised concerns about religious and ethnic strife as Shiites and Sunnis jockey for power in postwar Iraq.

Five people were killed and dozens wounded when a gas cylinder rigged with an explosive blew up at the Sadiq Mohammed mosque as worshippers streamed out after prayers on Friday, Islam's holy day.

Ninety minutes earlier, police defused a car bomb outside another nearby mosque. That bomb was packed with 330 pounds of TNT and rigged with four artillery shells and would have doubtless caused many more fatalities.

"We've been living peacefully. There has never been a problem," said Hamid Jomoa, a 28-year-old Sunni preacher who rushed to help at the scene in Baqouba, a town 35 miles northeast of Baghdad.

With sectarian tensions mounting, the U.S.-led occupation force has been accused of stirring up trouble: Some Iraqis at the scene of the bombing even suggested U.S. forces had fired a rocket at the mosque.

Many Iraqis believe the United States and its allies are trying to foment disorder as a pretext for their continued rule, despite American assurances to the contrary. Others believe some countries in the region could be financing attacks to keep Iraq, which has the world's second-largest oil reserves after Saudi Arabia, divided and weak.

"This attack aims at igniting sectarian disputes," said Salah Hassan, another bystander in Baqouba. "This is a Jewish-American scheme."

Wailing women tried to cover body parts as the wounded walked in a daze.

After SARS reappears, China is providing more information

BEIJING (AP) — Last year, when what would become SARS first appeared, you couldn't pry information loose from China's secretive government. Now, as the virus edges back into the spotlight, the country's leadership has a different message: Operators are standing by.

A Health Ministry hotline that opened this week is one extraordinary indication of a usually unresponsive government's starkly different public approach as it marshals forces for Round Two of the fight against severe acute respiratory syndrome.

This time, the government has worked hard to appear swift and decisive — and make frequent statements that sound open and informative.

The response reflects an evolution in the way China, long accustomed to burying bad news, is dealing with the press and the public — a change quite probably driven by the blistering overseas reaction to the way it handled things last time.

"During the first SARS outbreak last year, the lesson was quite grave. During that struggle, we improved our system and structures," Kong Quan, a spokesman for China's Foreign Ministry, said Thursday.

Few things are more important to the Chinese government than maintaining a good reputation abroad. Anything less threatens foreign investment, tourism dollars and the country's deep hunger for international respect.

Three arrested in Snyder

Arrests

A 27-year-old man was taken into custody at 6:50 p.m. Friday at the Law Enforcement Center on several warrants including failure to appear and disregarding a flashing red emergency light.

State troopers arrested a 22-year-old man at 12:49 a.m. Saturday at 37th and Ave. E for misdemeanor DWI.

A 24-year-old man was taken into custody at 26th and College Ave. at 1:04 a.m. Saturday for misdemeanor DWI.

Thefts

A representative of Barbee Medical Supply, 3801 College Ave. reported a theft of assorted merchandise Friday at 3:11 p.m.

A resident of a home at 2800 Ave. K reported at 5:50 p.m. Friday that her Pit Bull Terrier had been stolen from her yard. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

An employee of United Supermarket, 3500 College Ave. reported catching two shoplifters at 8:50 p.m. Friday.

Criminal mischief

A report of damage to Coke machines at the Scurry County Coliseum was reported at 2:22 p.m. Friday.

A caller reported at 8:41 a.m. Friday someone had damaged the back door of a home at 1312 28th.

Disturbance

A disturbance was reported in the 2200 block of Ave. I at 1:23 p.m. Friday. The complainant said that two subjects were at his home trying to start an argument. Officers responded and advised the subjects to stay away.

Trespassing

Sheriff's deputies and a game warden were requested at the Covered S Ranch on Hwy. 84 at 8:45 a.m. Friday. The caller reported that a subject was hunting and camping on ranch property. A criminal trespass warning was issued.

Gas drive-off

A clerk at Town and Country east reported that a subject had attempted to pay for $42.40 worth of gas with a credit card that was declined. The subject then left the store without paying.

Obituaries

Leona Carter

1917-2004

HASKELL — Leona Carter, aunt of Billy Carter of Snyder, died Thursday, Jan. 8, in an Abilene hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Carter, 86, was set for 4 p.m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church in Haskell. The Rev. Jimmy Griffith and Dr. Troy Culpepper were to officiate. Burial was to follow at Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Born on March 4, 1917, she was an LVN and a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include 10 nieces, Deann Carter of Merkel, Jean Medford of Odessa, Mary Sorrells of Abilene, Sue McGee of Haskell, Linda Newbern of Corpus Christi, Ruth Salazar of Big Spring, Gracie Lyon of Houston, Delores Barlow of Waco, Donna Sasseen and Ann Barler, both of San Angelo; and four other nephews, Bobby Sutterfield of Abilene, John White of Farmington, N.M., Truman White of Albuquerque and Curtis Joe Carter of Houston.

Guiterrez receives probated sentence

Andres Gutierrez III, 18, of 2809 25th Street was sentenced to two years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, probated for five years, for a Sept. 21 offense of forgery.

Gutierrez pleaded guilty Friday in 132nd District Court with Judge Ernie Armstrong presiding.

Gutierrez also was fined $500 and must pay $185 restitution to United Supermarkets and $150 to West Texas State Bank.

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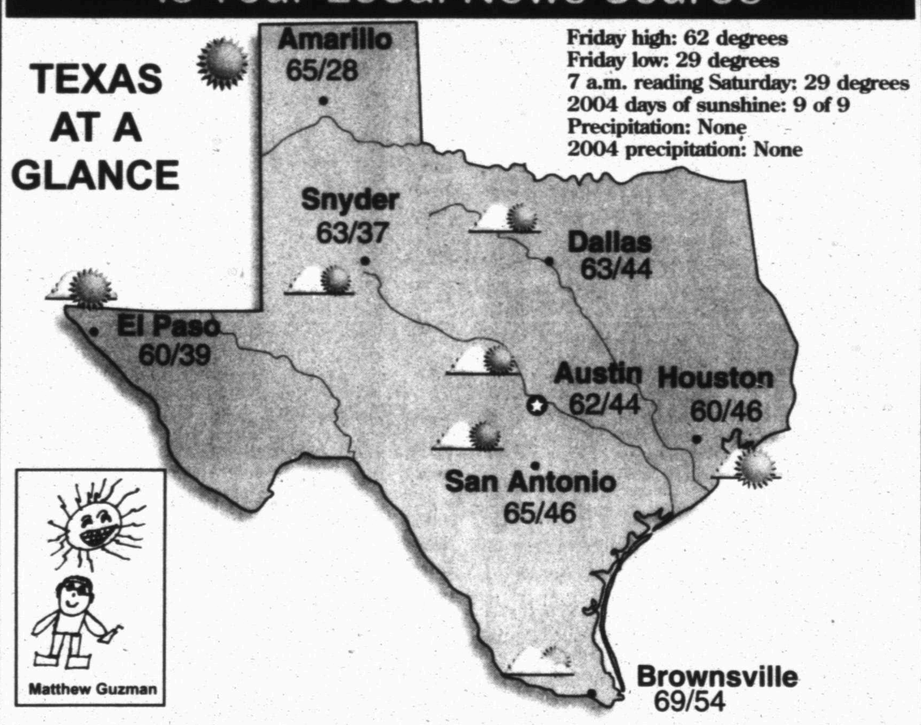

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Precipitation: None
2004 precipitation: None

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Abilene	65	42	windy	El Paso	60	39	mst sunny	Midland	63	36	pt sunny
Amarillo	65	28	sunny	Fort Stockton	64	40	pt sunny	Raymondville	68	51	cloudy
Austin	62	44	pt sunny	Gainesville	63	40	pt sunny	Rosenberg	60	45	mst sunny
Beaumont	59	44	mst sunny	Greenville	61	41	pt sunny	San Antonio	65	46	pt sunny
Brownsville	69	54	cloudy	Houston	60	46	mst sunny	San Marcos	63	45	pt sunny
Brownwood	66	43	pt sunny	Kingsville	67	50	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	61	41	pt sunny
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Corsicana	63	43	pt sunny	Longview	59	41	pt sunny	Tyler	60	41	mst sunny
Dallas	63	44	pt sunny	Lubbock	65	32	sunny	Weatherford	64	40	pt sunny
Del Rio	62	44	cloudy	Lufkin	60	41	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	66	38	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	46	27	sunny	Houston	60	46	mst sunny	Phoenix	78	50	sunny
Boston	24	21	mst sunny	Los Angeles	72	54	pt sunny	San Francisco	60	52	rain
Chicago	40	30	cloudy	Miami	68	57	pt sunny	Seattle	49	41	rain
Dallas	63	44	pt sunny	Minneapolis	35	17	sn shower	St. Louis	52	34	mst sunny
Denver	54	27	sunny	New York	29	26	mst sunny	Washington, DC	32	28	mst sunny

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Nation's food banks emphasize nutrition

DALLAS (AP) — Containers of high-fat mayonnaise, calorie-rich marshmallow cream and sugarcoated fruit cereal help fill a giant crate at the North Texas Food Bank.

Such not-so-healthy items are typical of the foods often given to the nation's food banks.

"What you find a lot of times in donated foods is what somebody has in their pantry," said Jan Pruitt, executive director of the Dallas food bank. "They say, 'The kids won't eat this,' or, 'I thought I was going to make fudge, but I didn't.' It's that kind of donation."

Charity food providers relied primarily on such donations to feed the hungry until a few years ago, when the high rate of obesity among the poor became a concern.

Now, food banks from Dallas to Boston to Oakland, Calif., distribute more fruits, vegetables and lean meats, and offer programs to teach people how to eat healthier.

"We didn't want to be a snack bank" anymore, said Leslie Oliver, nutrition manager at the Greater Boston Food Bank.

Not long ago, the Boston food bank "couldn't move a carrot," Oliver joked.

In 1999, the organization, which serves 750 food shelters and pantries in eastern Massachusetts, distributed no produce. Last year, it gave away 3 million pounds of it.

Distributions of lean meat, seafood, poultry and other protein products topped 3.2 million pounds. Dairy products exceeded 1.6 million pounds. Both figures represent more than 60 percent increases in just two years.

The Alameda County Community Food Bank in Oakland considered banning soft drinks in an effort to curb obesity among recipients.

Instead, the food bank chose to focus on education, posting health information by the carbonated drinks in the warehouse where clients pick up food — along with a 16-pound bag of sugar designed to help make the point.

"I drink soda," said Suzan Bateson, the food bank's executive director. "I don't drink a lot of it, but I drink it. It's part of my diet. What I find helpful is getting information about how many I should be drinking, or should I be feeding this to a 2-year-old."

To satisfy their hunger, poor people often rely on grains, sugars and fats, said Matt Longjohn, executive director of the Consortium to Lower Obesity in Chicago Children.

"That's opposed to lean meats and fruits and vegetables that you really only find in the middle- and upper-end grocery stores but certainly not in the caged-in grocery stores that are the hallmarks of these communities," Longjohn said.

Mary Johnson received government cheese, peanut butter and damaged, off-brand canned goods from a Dallas ministry when she was between jobs 15 years ago and needed help feeding her family.

"When you opened it up, it might not be good," she said.

The 56-year-old divorced mother of three grown children sought food assistance again this month after she lost her telemarketing job.

This time, she left North Dallas Shared Ministries — one of 400 nonprofit agencies served by the North Texas Food Bank — with fruits, vegetables, milk and eggs.

"It's just wonderful," said Johnson, whose unemployment check barely covers her apartment rent.

In the past 10 years, efforts to improve the product mix at food banks have gained momentum, said Sue Hofer with America's Second Harvest. The Chicago-based organization works with more than 200 regional food banks.

Corporate grants by companies such as Kraft and ConAgra have helped food banks and their affiliate agencies increase their capacity to store and transport refrigerated and frozen foods.

"It didn't do any good for us to accept a truckload of yogurt with a use-by or sell-by date of next week if we didn't have anybody who could accept delivery of that," Hofer said.

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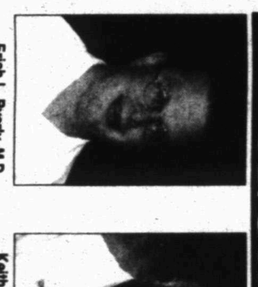
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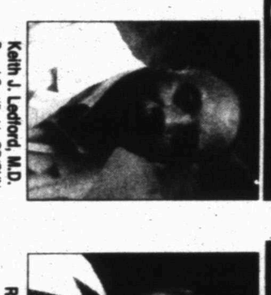
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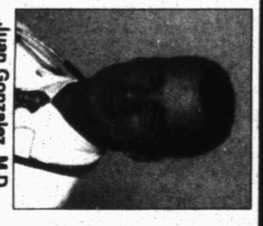
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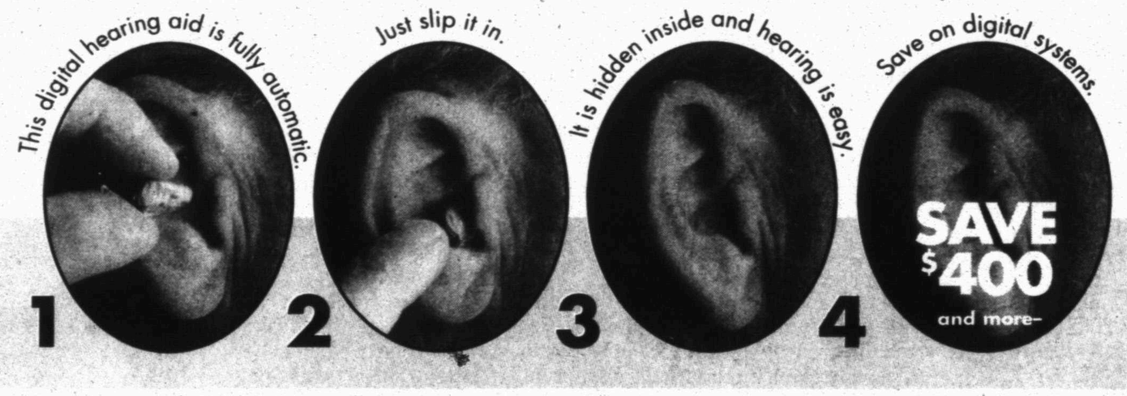

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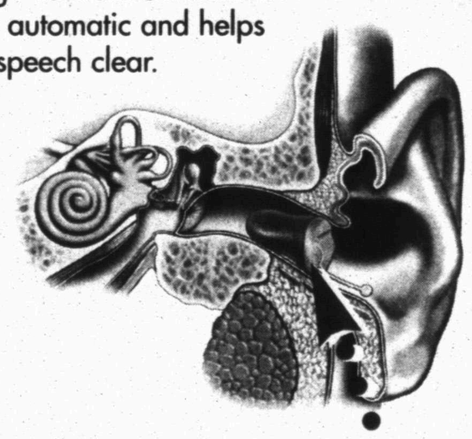

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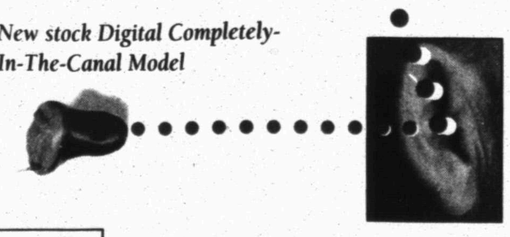

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Lubbock area war memorial honors local man

LeRoy Brown of Snyder was just 18-years-old when he enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1942, but he will never forget his World War II service.

Neither will a grateful nation. Last month, a brick was placed in Brown's honor in the Lubbock Area Veterans Memorial.

Brown had graduated from Fluvanna High School in 1941, where he played 11-man football and served as team captain. He noted that there were between 23-26 seniors in his class.

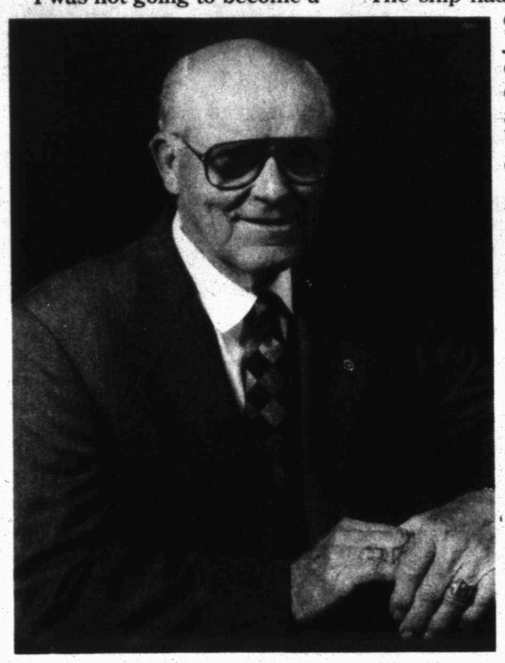
Brown started attending the first grade in Fluvanna along with another boy and five girls who advanced through the grades together.

After graduation, he enrolled in Texas Technological College (now Texas Tech University) with dreams of playing college football but a foot injury put an end to his plans and "with the Army looking to draft me," Brown said he decided to enlist in the U.S. Navy instead.

Why the Navy?

"Because I knew I could have a hot shower once in a while and wouldn't have to crawl into any foxholes." Brown said. "I knew there was a possibility I might drown but I have never been afraid of water."

Brown's first choice had been to serve in the Army Air Force but he was color blind — a male hereditary trait in his family — and flunked the red/green color test.



LeRoy Brown ... Snyder resident

"I was not going to become a pilot," Brown said. "I didn't like the idea of being drafted so I chose the Navy instead."

In 1942, the newly enlisted sailor, who recently turned 81, underwent eight weeks of boot camp training at the San Diego Naval Station. Four weeks later, he was at sea and "getting shot at."

Brown spent the bulk of his Naval service on board the USS Raleigh, a CL-7 old time cruiser and man-of-war, one of 10 built in its class in the 1920s, and the third ship to bear the name Raleigh.

When Brown came aboard he noted that the ship had antique gun mounts and old-fashioned tubes for electronics rather than solid-state.

Regarding the war, Brown said, "Sometimes we felt we were more of a drag than a help."

The electronics were later upgraded and radar equipment was installed on board the Raleigh.

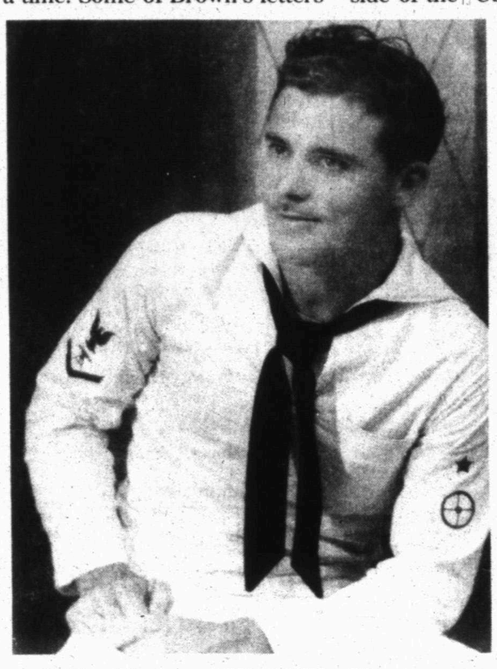
The ship had been damaged during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, almost a year before Brown came aboard.

After repairs were made, the USS Raleigh served as escort to a five-ship convoy and was later engaged in one major battle in the South Pacific and several other skirmishes. Once it had to dock at the Seattle Naval Yard for major repairs.

The longest the ship remained at sea (between ports of call) was more than 18 months, Brown said. "We nicknamed it "The floating penitentiary."

Fuel, supplies and mail often had to be brought to us, Brown said.

Mail call sometimes meant sailors would get 20-30 letters at a time. Some of Brown's letters were from Marjorie Brown of Dunn, his future wife. Supplies, also called stores, were regularly delivered at sea as well, he added.



LeRoy Brown ... World War II veteran

Tankers, heavy with fuel, and sitting very low in the water, would be positioned along the side of the USS Raleigh. After the fuel had been transferred the emptied tankers sat higher in the water than the ship.

"That was quite a sight for a Fluvanna boy," Brown said.

"I was fortunate not to get wounded but we had a lot of burials at sea for those who did not make it. That was quite a change for a boy from Fluvanna," he added.

Brown, introduced to the electronic field while in the Navy, said he was later able to earn a good living after he was discharged.

Brown had not studied trigonometry in high school because he preferred to play football, but he had to master it on the USS Raleigh so he could complete all of his classifications.

He said he "made all his ratings at sea, from seaman second class to fire control man second class by the time he was discharged in 1946. The fire control man's job was to direct the firing of the guns.

Brown and Marjorie "fell in love writing letters to each other" so after he returned to the United States they married on Oct. 24, 1945 in San Diego, with a Dr. Bynum Smith of the First Baptist Church performing the ceremony.

Marjorie died five years ago.

After he was discharged in 1946, the Browns returned to West Texas where he went to work in the oilfield. His first job was with the REA Texas Electric. He later worked for Sun Oil and was plant electrician at Sun Oil and Gas Plant, retiring after 33 years. He then worked part-time for SACROC, when Chevron was the operator and later when Pennzoil was in charge.

Brown regards his electrical career in the oil field as the "icing on the cake" because he learned his profession while serving in the Navy.

Brown also served on the city of Snyder's electrical board.

Brown has a daughter, Lana Brown McKinney, who recently retired as a schoolteacher in Shallowater.

He also has two granddaughters. Shelby Jary models in San Antonio and Leigh Christian owns her own architectural photography business in Austin.

Brown said he still likes sports of all kinds, and trout fishing. He loves to work with his hands so he spends a lot of time in his own hobby shop, where he has made several ships. He likes to carve wood with the old-fashioned dental tools, donated by Dr. John Best, his longtime friend and dentist.

Scurry County Folks

By Shirley A. Gorman

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

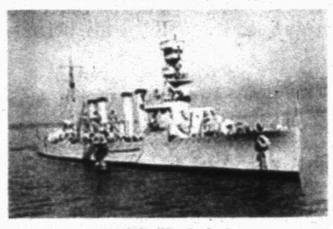
USS Raleigh enjoyed many years of service

(Editor's Note: This information about the USS Raleigh is excerpted from Navy History.com)

...Raleigh was moored at berth F-12, on the east side of the north channel at Pearl Harbor, when the Japanese made their infamous attack. In the first attack wave a torpedo passed ahead and a second hit Raleigh portside amidships.

The cruiser took such a list to port that it appeared she might capsize. As she fought to survive, jettisoning topside weight her gunners helped to destroy five enemy planes. Her valiant men won her from the enemy and the sea in a struggle which almost miraculously, left her with only a few wounded.

The next day yard craft and the destroyer tender Whitney (AD-4) came alongside to render assistance, and Raleigh was towed into the Navy Yard for repairs Dec. 22. She departed Pearl Harbor Feb. 21, 1942 as an escort of a five-ship convoy which arrived San Francisco 1 March.



USS Raleigh

After overhaul at Mare Island, she cleared San Francisco Bay July 23 as a unit of Task Force 15 assigned to convoy escort duty between San Francisco, Hawaii, Samoa and the Fiji Islands.

Raleigh steamed from Pago Nov. 3 to search out and destroy four Japanese picket ships reportedly operating between

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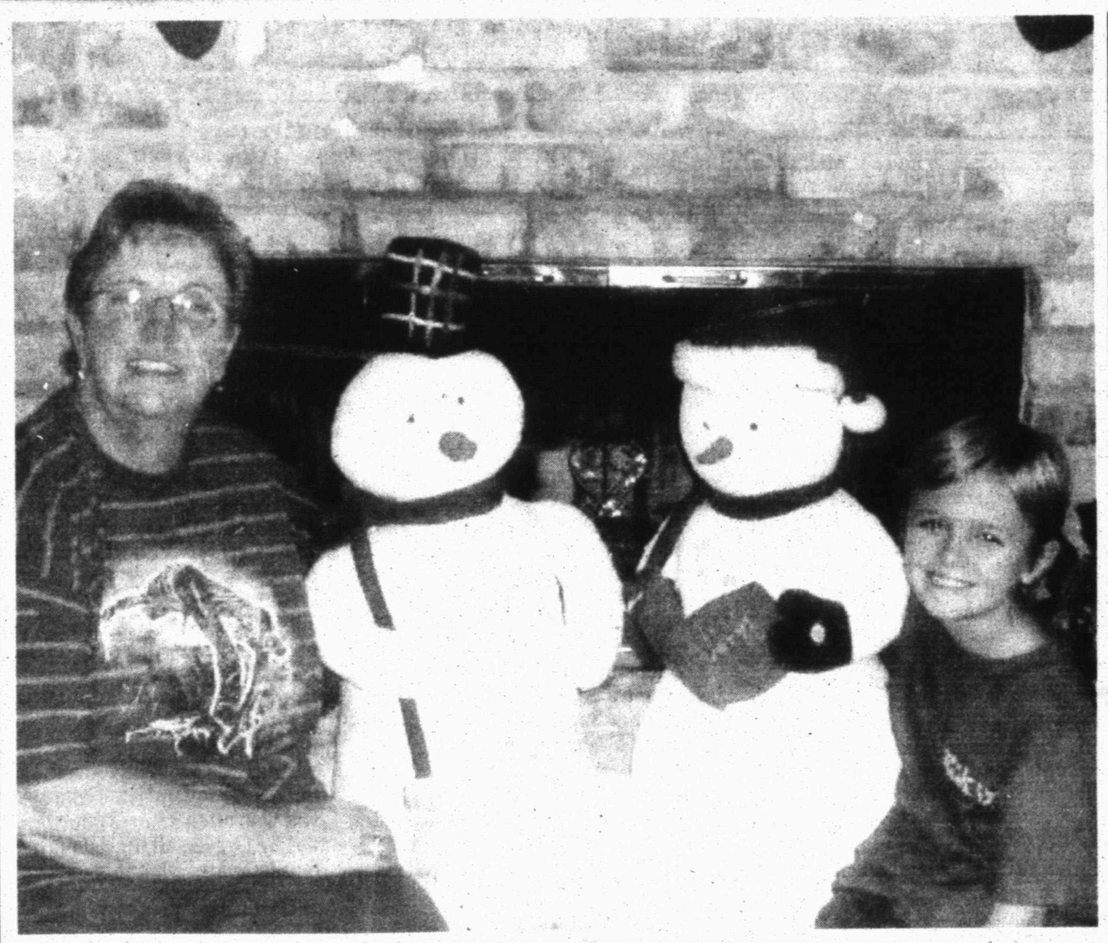

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New policy for Lifestyles section

Beginning Feb. 1, the Snyder Daily News Lifestyle section will have a change of policy for running wedding and quienceanera pictures and stories.

These type pictures and stories will continue to run free of charge if turned in at the lifestyle desk within two months of the wedding. After two months, there will be a charge of $150 for insertion of this type. Forms for these occasions may be helpful and are available at SDN.

Proofs from professional photographers can be scanned and returned in one day. Black and white or colored prints are accepted SDN welcomes this type news and requests sharp pictures, typed or legible copy, and turned in by dates stated on the forms.

Engagement, anniversaries and shower photos and information are welcome and continue to be free of charge.

Library News & Views

By Sharon Sumruld

The Scurry County Library has a storytime for four- and five-year-olds on Monday mornings. Storytime begins at 10 a.m. and lasts about 40 minutes. The staff reads stories to the children, and there are fingerplay exercises, flannelgraphs, and crafts.

Teachers are invited to arrange tours of the library for their students.

The library has a reference section that is always available for use. Internet computers can also be useful tools for doing research. If teachers need a "storytime" type program, this can also be arranged by contacting Linda Jones, the children's librarian, or Jane Romine, director. If necessary, books may even be pulled for class use on a particular subject with sufficient prior notice.

BOOK FEATURE

Finding Peace: God's Promise of a Life Free From Regret, Anxiety and Fear, by Charles Stanley.

In this increasingly fear-filled world, Charles Stanley proves that you can embrace an all-encompassing peace. Included are stories of people who've faced and fought crippling worry, as well as Dr. Stanley's own struggles.

He will show you how to make emotional stability a way of life, and cut off anxiety when it first strikes by changing the way you think. You will be able to discern between productive concern and destructive anxiety, and defend your peace of mind. You will gain confidence and better fulfill your potential.

NEW NON-FICTION

Gardens for Birds, Hummingbirds & Butterflies, by Linda Harris.

Women Don't Ask: Negotiation and the Gender Divide, by Linda Babcock.

Fighting Osteoporosis, by Xandria Williams.

Complete Guide to Home Plumbing.

NEW FICTION

Old School, by Tobias Wolff.

Offer of Proof, by Robert Heilbrun.

Cry No More, by Linda Howard.

The Crystal City, by Orson Scott Card.

LIBRARY HOURS

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Billy Graham to hold crusade at Arrowhead Stadium

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Evangelist Billy Graham, who's recovering from partial hip replacement surgery this week, will hold a crusade at Arrowhead Stadium.

Graham sent word that he's accepted an invitation for the June 17-20 Kansas City appearance in a letter read to local pastors at a meeting Thursday.

"I never expected to still be preaching at the age of 85, and yet my call to proclaim the Gospel is as strong as ever," he wrote. "For the past two years the Lord has given me a burden for Kansas City and the 'Heart of America.' Health permitting, I am honored to join hands with area pastors and churches to proclaim the Good News of the Gospel."

Larry Turner, vice president of Billy Graham crusades, said preparation for the event will involve churches from Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Arkansas and Oklahoma. The Kansas City crusade is one of two major campaigns that Graham plans this year, with the other to be announced next month.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	North	01-10-04	
	♠ A 6 5 ♥ A Q J 9 ♦ Q J 10 9 2 ♣ J		
West		**East**	
♠ J 10 9 8 ♥ 7 ♦ 7 4 3 ♣ A K 10 6 5		♠ K 4 3 2 ♥ 10 8 5 4 3 ♦ A 5 ♣ 9 3	
	South ♠ Q 7 ♥ K 6 2 ♦ K 8 6 ♣ Q 8 7 4 2		

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
1 NT	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ J

Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004

One that slipped through the boards

By Phillip Alder

During the year, there are many excellent pieces of play. Most of them appear in the International Bridge Press Association's monthly bulletin and are considered for the IBPA's annual awards. But some deals slip through the cracks. (I suppose the person most to blame is the journalist, because she or he didn't send it to the bulletin's editor.)

Here is one example. How did the play go in three no-trump?

Some of the bidding was strange. If I had been South, I would have responded two no-trump, trading on my passed-hand status (although one no-trump isn't "wrong"). If North, I would have passed out one no-trump (as happened at the other table in the match). And when North raised to two no-trump, I cannot understand why South didn't just bid three no-trump. If he had, West would probably have fatally led a low club. (If West leads a top club, he must shift to a spade at trick two to defeat the contract.)

West was Nigel Rosendorff and East was Peter Reynolds, two top toilers from Perth, Western Australia. When West led the spade jack against three no-trump, declarer had to play low from the dummy. East won with the king and, knowing South had the spade queen, shifted to the club nine. And West, after winning with his king, switched to his heart. Declarer won and played a diamond, but East grabbed the trick with his ace and returned his second club. So, the defenders took five tricks: one spade, one diamond and three clubs. Nicely done!

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Best Video Sellers

By The Associated Press

Weekly charts for the nation's most popular videos as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission:

Top Kid Video Sales

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)

1. "Rugrats Go Wild," Nickelodeon Video.
2. "The Land Before Time X: The Great Longneck Migration," Universal Studios Home Video.
3. "Barbie of Swan Lake," Artisan Home Entertainment.
4. "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," Sony Wonder.
5. "Mary-Kate & Ashley Olson — The Challenge," Warner Home Video.
6. "Dr. Seuss: Cat in the Hat," Universal Studios Home Video.
7. "Frosty the Snowman," Sony Wonder.
8. "Dr. Seuss: Green Eggs and Ham and Other Favorites," Universal Studios Home Video.
9. "Spongebob Squarepants: Christmas," Paramount Home Entertainment.
10. "Hot Wheels: World Race," Artisan Home Entertainment.

Top VHS Rentals

(Based on data provided by the Video Software Dealers Assn.)

1. "Bruce Almighty," Universal Studios Home Video.
2. "X2: X-Men United," FoxVideo.
3. "The Santa Clause 2," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
4. "Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life," Paramount Home Entertainment.
5. "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines," Warner Home Video.
6. "Finding Nemo," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
7. "Legally Blonde 2: Red, White and Blonde," MGM Home Entertainment.
8. "Dumb and Dumberer: When Harry Met Lloyd," New Line Home Entertainment.
9. "The Italian Job," Paramount Home Entertainment.
10. "Daddy Day Care," Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment.

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Top VHS Sales

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)

1. "Freaky Friday," Walt Disney Pictures.
2. "Seabiscuit," Universal Studios Home Video.
3. "Finding Nemo," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
4. "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
5. "The Santa Clause 2," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
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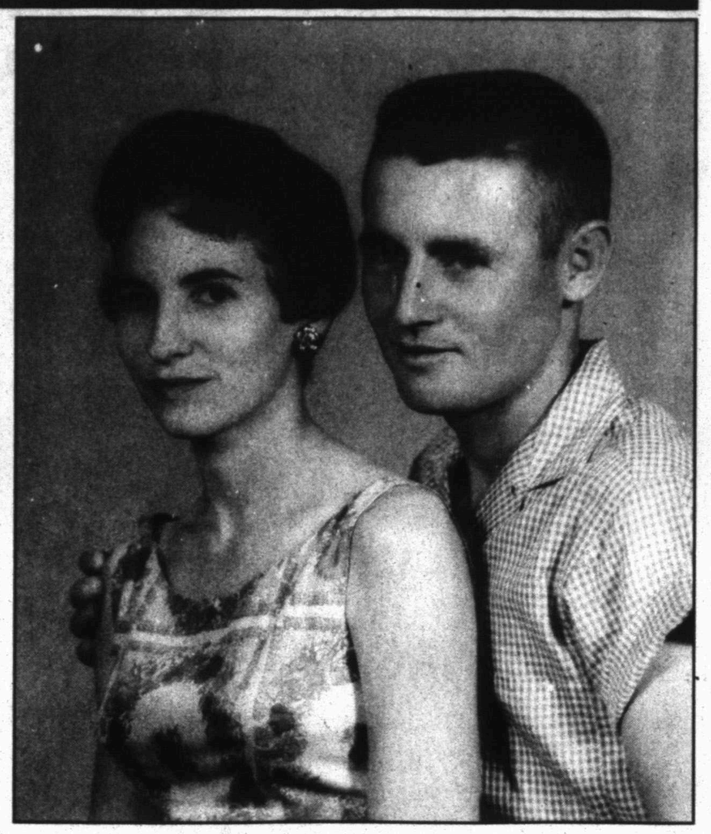
7. "Bruce Almighty," Universal Studios Home Video.
8. "The Land Before Time X: The Great Longneck Migration," Universal Studios Home Video.
9. "Barbie of Swan Lake," Artisan Home Entertainment.
10. "Sinbad: Legend of the Seven Seas," Universal Studios Home Video.

Top DVD Sales

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)

1. "Freaky Friday," Walt Disney Pictures.
2. "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
3. "Seabiscuit (Widescreen)," Universal Studios Home Video.
4. "Finding Nemo," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
5. "Seabiscuit (Pan & Scan)," Universal Studios Home Video.
6. "Bad Boys II: Special Edition," Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment.
7. "The League of Extraordinary Gentelmen (Widescreen)," 20th Century Fox.
8. "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers Extended Edition" (Widescreen), New Line Home Entertainment.



Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Gray
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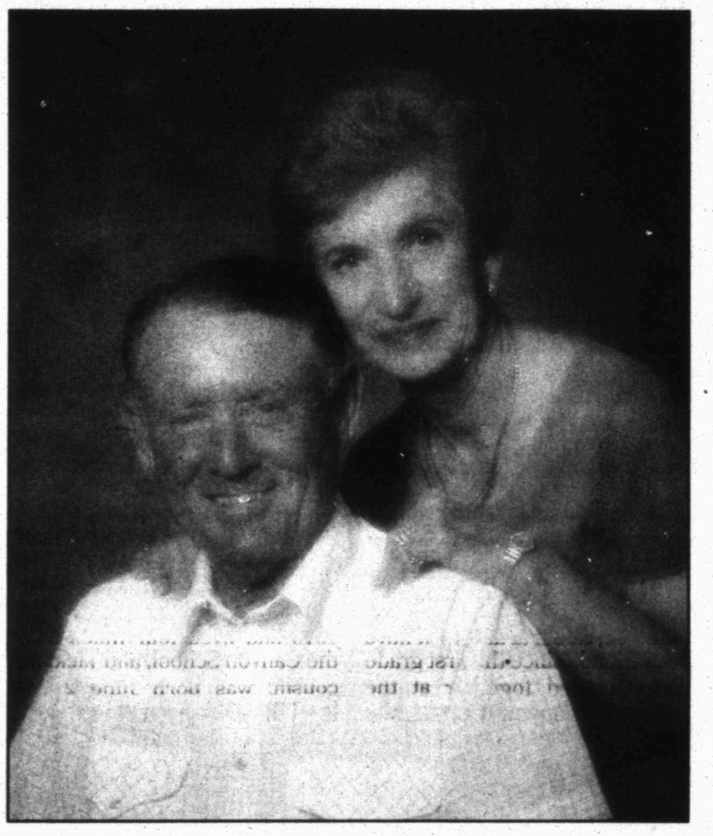

Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Gray
(Photo by Wadleigh Studio)
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Grays will celebrate 50th anniversary with open house

C.D, Jr. and Donna Gray were married on Dec. 27, 1953 and will be honored with an open house Jan. 17 from 2-4 p.m. in the WTC Baptist Student Center by their children.

C.D. was born May 19, 1936 in Snyder and Donna was born on Sept. 5, 1937. They met in 1948 at the Ira School and married in the Dunn Baptist parsonage by the Rev. Douglas Crow.

They have lived in Scurry County since their marriage and now own and operate Ice Melt Products, LLC. They previously farmed and ranched and C.D. served as a county commissioner.

The couple are longtime members of First Baptist Church. C.D. is a member of Snyder Lions Club and Donna is an active member of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce Goldcoats.

Their children and their spouses are Kyle and Donna Rosson of Odessa and Brad and Sandee Ratliff of Rowlett.

Kyle and Donna have been married 25 years. They married on Aug. 25, 1978 in the First Baptist Church. The two met when attending Lamar Junior High and Snyder Junior High schools. Donna is an office manager for independent sales associate in Odessa. Their children are Brandon and Kristin Garcia and Hilary Rosson.

Sandee met Brad on a blind date and later married on June 12, 1993 in the First Baptist Church. Sandee is an engineering technician for Texas Instruments where she has been employed for 22 years. They have one son, Alex Ratliff who will also attend the event.

The Grays and their daughters' families are planning a cruise together sometime this summer.

Births

Caliber Vigneau and Adam Kemp of Snyder are parents of a son, Gauge Zachery Vigneau, at 5:07 p.m. on Jan. 7 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Gauge weighed eight pounds.

Grandparents are Carol Miears and John Vigneau of Snyder.

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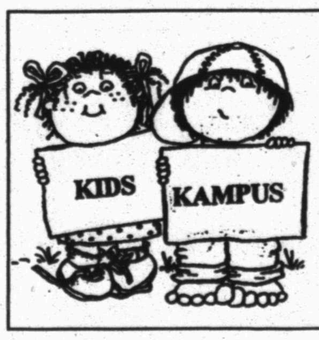

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RECEPTION PLANNED FOR THREE — Jack Martin, Roberta Taylor and Lowell Martin, all 90 years old and friends since they were six years old, will be honored at 2-4 p.m. next Friday at the garden room of First Baptist Church. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Friends to be honored with 90th birthday party Friday

T.L. "Lowell" Martin, Roberta Taylor and O.M. "Jack" Martin will be honored with a "triple" birthday party from 2 to 4 p.m., Jan. 16 in the garden room of First Baptist Church. Jack's wife, Dorris Martin, along with other family members, will host the event.

They encourage the trio's families and friends to attend and let their presence be the only gifts to honor the three who are 90 years old.

Lowell, Roberta and Jack have been friends since the first grade they attended together at the two-room Canyon Community School with two teachers.

All three said they either walked or rode a horse to school every day and Roberta admitted she sometimes rode in a buggy pulled by a horse.

The school was located in the southwest part of Scurry County, approximately four miles north of Ira. Roberta later attended school at Ira and Jack and T.L. attended Snyder schools.

They reminisced about antics that occurred while walking home from school. Jack laughed as he told of Roberta's nickname "Whiney" given her by her uncle.

Lowell, who was born Jan. 20, 1914, came to Scurry County in 1916 and lived four miles from the Canyon School, and Jack, his cousin, was born June 2 and lived 2½ miles from the school.

Roberta was born on March 27 and came to Snyder with her family in 1920 from Grayson County, living four miles from Canyon School. She attended the primary grade at the Arah School.

All three married local partners. Lowell married the late Sara Sue (Bratton), Jack married the late Jeffie D. Isaacs, and Roberta married the late Orville Taylor.

Roberta, a member of First Baptist Church, has two children, Lawton Taylor of Snyder and Peggy Fenton of Ruidoso.

Lowell's children are Pat Martin of Brownwood, Donna Gayle Nicholson of Idaho and the late Stanley Martin. Jack's four children all live in Snyder. They are Jacqueline Wills, Janet Merritt, Jeff Martin and Judy Church. Jack and Dorris are also members of First Baptist Church and Lowell is a member of the Ave. D Baptist Church.

MARRIED IN DECEMBER — Tim and Connie Huddleston of Snyder announce the marriage of their daughter, Shauna Michelle Huddleston, to Thomas Andrew Pinkerton, son of Billy and Margie Pinkerton of Turkey, Texas. The couple married on Dec. 20 at the OC Ranch in Justiceburg. (Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

Potato Recipe

MICROWAVE MASHED POTATOES
2-1¼ cups

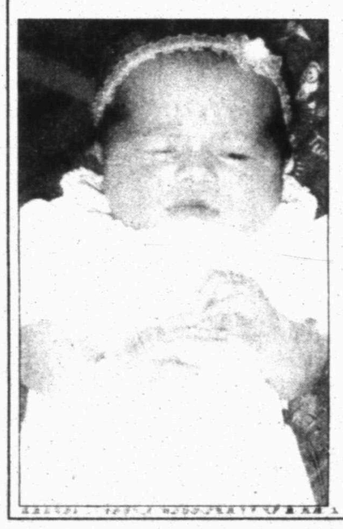
"When you have a scratchy throat, you'll really be thankful for these super-fast spuds. Talk about comfort food!"

1½ pounds potatoes, peeled and quartered
¼ cup water
2 tablespoons butter
½ cup milk
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon black pepper

1. In a large microwave-safe bowl, combine the potatoes and water. Cover with plastic wrap and microwave on High for 7 to 8 minutes, or until the potatoes are tender.

2. Drain the potatoes then add the remaining ingredients and beat with an electric mixer until the desired consistency is reached.

Welcome to the Family



Tinlee Suzanne Roland

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Storytime at the Scurry County Library for 4- and 5-year-olds; 10 a.m.

Rock and Roll Quilting Club; Hermleigh Community Center; everyone is invited for free quilting lessons, and special projects are to help someone in need; call 863-2383 for more information; 8 a.m. to noon.

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Martha Ann Woman's Club directors meeting; clubhouse; 4 p.m.

Defensive Driving Course; Monday and Tuesday at 6 to 9 p.m.; community room of Texas Savings Bank; reservation not necessary; for more information call 573-2850.

NA-Just for Today; Park Club at Winston Park; 573-1438.

Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

Canyon Gun Club; 1910 25th; 7:30 p.m.

American Legion Layne Kite Post 181 and Auxiliary; 7:30 p.m.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1292 or 573-9458; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Gateway Family Services parenting discussion group, focuses on a variety of parenting issues and special challenges; no charge; call 573-1822 for more information; 10:30 a.m.

DAR; Snyder Country Club; "Behind every great man...," by Kathy Nelson; hostesses, Dorothy Campbell and Maggie Barnes; 11:30 a.m.

Weight Watchers meeting; Colonial Hill Baptist Church; for more information call Kathy at 573-1289 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.

Snyder Shrine Club; call 573-1055 for meeting place; 6 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; "Africa No. 3," by Jim and Andrea Mason; hostesses include the social committee; 7 p.m.

Retired Teachers; The Shack; "Clean" Fun, by Beth Dannheim; noon.

Beginners' AA open meeting; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 573-8268, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Trinity United Methodist Church. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

Altrurian Daughers Study Club; MAWC; Dr. Ed Barkowsky will present "Creations in Wood;" Lynn Baldwin and Francene Noah, hostesses; 11:30 a.m.

NA Just For Today, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-1438; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; board room; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; at the coliseum annex; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

AA Big Book Study; closed meeting; contact numbers are 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th Street; 7:30 p.m.

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KINCHELOE-HAYNES ENGAGED — Jerry and Joyce Kincheloe of Conroe announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jana Janette Kincheloe, to Marshall Lee Haynes, son of Mike and Sharon Haynes of Grand Prairie. A March 20 wedding is planned in the First Baptist Church in Grangerland. Jana is the granddaughter of Dorothy Browne, formerly of Gail, and the late Jonie and Willie Kincheloe. (Contributed Photo)

School Menus

Ira

All meals are served with choice of milk and breakfasts are served with juice.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Waffles
Sausage
Tuesday
Sausage on a Stick
Wednesday
French Toast Sticks
Bacon
Thursday
Scramble Eggs
Sausage
Biscuits
Friday
No School

LUNCH
Monday
Chicken Fried Steak/Corn Dog
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy
Peas
Hot Rolls
Fruit
Tuesday
Chili Cheese Burritos/Grilled Cheese
French Fries
Corn
Brownies
Wednesday
Pizza
Salad
Green Beans
Bread Stick
Applesauce
Thursday
Sack Lunches

Snyder

All meals are served with milk pouch; breakfast menu offers juice, cereal and toast.

BREAKFAST
(All Schools)
Monday
Biscuit & Gravy
Tuesday
Pancakes w/Syrup
Orange Halves
Wednesday
Ham & Egg in a Biscuit
Thursday
Mini Corn Dogs
Sliced Apple
Friday
Cheese Toast

LUNCH
(Elementary Schools)
Monday
PB&J Sandwich
Chicken Fried Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Salad Mix
Oatmeal Cookie
Tuesday
Chicken Nuggets
Hot Turkey Sub
Seasoned Green Beans
Mexicorn
Chilled Peaches
Wednesday
Beef Nachos
Barbecued Rib on a Hoagie
Campfire Beans
Salad Mix
Ranch Dressing
Chilled Fruit
Thursday
Chicken Parmesan Sandwich
Hamburger
Mexicali Zucchini
Potato Wedges
Chocolate Fluff
Friday
Pepperoni Pizza
Beefy Macaroni
Tater Tots
Mixed Vegetables
Chilled Pears

(Junior High School)
Monday
Chicken Fried Steak
PB&J Sandwich
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Pickles
Mashed Potatoes
Buttered Carrots
Sliced Apples
Tuesday
Chicken Nuggets
Hot Turkey Sub
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Pickles
Seasoned Green Beans
Corn on the Cob
Chilled Peaches
Wednesday
Barbecue Rib on a Hoagie
Beef Nachos
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Pickles
Garlic Bread
Salad Mix
Ranch Dressing
Chilled Fruit
Thursday
Chicken Parmesan Sandwich
Hamburger
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Pickles
Mexicorn
French Fries
Fresh Fruit
Friday
Pepperoni Pizza
Beefy Macaroni
Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Pickles
Tater Tots
Mixed Vegetables
Cowboy Peach Cobbler

(High School)
Monday
Chicken Fried Steak
PB&J Sandwich
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Pepperoni Pizza
Salad Bar
Mashed Potatoes
Salad Mix
Oatmeal Cookie
Tuesday
Chicken Nuggets
Hot Turkey Sub
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Pepperoni Pizza
Salad Bar
Seasoned Green Beans
Corn on the Cob
Chilled Peaches
Wednesday
Chicken Parmesan Sandwich
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Pepperoni Pizza
Salad Bar
Mashed Potatoes
Salad Mix
Oatmeal Cookie
Thursday
Barbecue on a Bun
Potato Wedges
Pickles & Onions
Chocolate Cake/White Icing

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All meals are served with milk; breakfasts offers juice.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Breakfast Burritos
Tuesday
Ham & Toast
Wednesday
Breakfast Combo
Thursday
Breakfast Combo
Friday
Holiday

LUNCH
Monday
Chicken Fried Steak/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Black-eyed Peas
Hot Rolls
Apricot Crisp
Tuesday
Corn Dogs
French Fries
Baked Beans
Peanut Butter Cookies
Wednesday
Lettuce & Tomato
Spanish Rice
Mixed Fruit
Thursday
Barbecue on a Bun
Potato Wedges
Pickles & Onions
Chocolate Cake/White Icing

UW, Anti-Drug Connection holding contest

The Scurry County United Way is approximately $10,000 short of it $85,000 goal and the UW and the Anti-Drug Connection have joined hands in a "Superbowl Prizes" project.

They are selling tickets, one ticket for $2, or six tickets for $10 to win a chance for:

1. A black leather chair-and-a-half (seats two), donated by Warehouse Furniture. The retail value is $599 and it is manufactured by The Little Ashley Co.

2. A 19-inch Emerson color TV donated by the Snyder Wal-Mart.

3. Two large one-topping pizzas worth $16.99, donated by the Pizza Hut.

Anyone wanting to purchase tickets or has any questions may call Lyn Chaney, 207-1929; UW, 573-5311; Angela Velasquez, 207-1385; or the Anti-Drug office, 574-1931.

Agencies of the Scurry County United Way include Boys & Girls Club, Scurry County Youth Outreach; the Food Cupboard, Gateway Family Services, Snyder Child Daycare Center, Snyder Volunteer Fire Dept., Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Buffalo Trail Boy Scout of America, West Texas Girl Scouts of America and the American Red Cross.

PALETTE CLUB INSTRUCTION — Ben Sum, associate professor of art at Western Texas College, demonstrated the art of using a pencil by sketching a portrait of Linda Marquez. Palette Club will meet again Jan. 22 at Winston Field Terminal and members are to bring pictures for the library. Virginia Lowrance will be the hostess. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Ryan Sutter returns to firefighting duties

VAIL, Colo. (AP) — Firefighter Ryan Sutter from "The Bachelorette" has returned to work after more than six months of wooing and then marrying Trista Rehn.

"I am a little rusty," Sutter said of his firefighter duties. "It's the little things that I need to work on, such as remembering where things are, like keys. I couldn't find my boots this morning, so I have to remember where I put them."

Around 10 a.m. Thursday, firefighters responded to a medical call in Vail, the first call of the day for Sutter. "He did an awesome job," said firefighter Craig Davis.

After returning from the call, Sutter sauntered around the fire station in his yellow jumpsuit and said, "It's so good to be back."

But he admitted he was a little nervous for his first shift.

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By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, Jan. 11, 2004

In the year ahead your good deeds could be coming home to roost in larger measure than you gave out. Several people for whom you did favors in the past will repay by doing that which you can't do for yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Challenging decision-making will be your cup of tea today and those with whom you spend your time will know it, so don't be surprised when more than one person seeks out your opinion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Nothing will be more important to you today than to show a willingness to be of service toward those to whom you feel obligated. You won't miss any opportunity to reciprocate.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Even though you might be inconvenienced at times today, you'll stand by your commitments with good humor. Your actions will earn you the respect of those who witness your demeanor.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Although you're the first one to go along with any fun-loving activities, chances are today you won't feel personally gratified unless you have something constructive to show for your time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — When involved socially with others today you'll want to have a good time, but with a provision: your sense of duty will seek expression and you'll feel responsible for the entertainment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — It pays to stay on the best of terms with relatives and in-laws, because they could make it possible today for you to acquire something you've been wanting for a long time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Don't be afraid to speak up if you believe you have the answers to something another is seeking. You're a good problem solver today and can easily figure out solutions that escape others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — When looking for a favor today, turn to old friendships that have proven themselves to care about your needs. That's where you're likely to get what you want with the least amount of beseeching.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — It will prove quite enjoyable today to spend your time with friends you haven't seen for awhile. Catching up on events and happenings will prove to be fun for all involved.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Your objectives will be more easily achieved today if you keep your intentions to yourself. The least amount of people who know what you're up to, the less interference you'll get.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — While you may be doubtful about the merits of your thoughts and ideas today and fail to use them yourself, others will try your suggestions and prove them to be right on target.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Unless you are confronted by challenges today, there will be no reason for your tenacity and determination to come.

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Your Birthday

Monday, Jan. 12, 2004

Latent talents you possess may express themselves in the year ahead and give you advantages you have never previously enjoyed. Use them often because they will grow in strength each time you put them to work.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Using flattery in an attempt to accomplish your goals today will be seen for what it is. Others will have greater respect for you and will be more apt to accommodate you if you are forthright and sincere.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Even though friends might try to be helpful, keep them out of your financial dealings today. Instead of making things easier for you, they could gum up the works and cause complications.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Accept friends and acquaintances for what they are today instead of trying to make them over in your own image. They have good points of their own that you may not possess.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Don't expect co-workers to stand idly by watching you take sole credit for something they had a hand in bringing about. Be sure to pat them on the back so they don't stab you in the back.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Should the actions of another begin to dull the edge of a fun involvement today, the best thing to do is for you and the others to remove yourselves from his or her presence and go have a good time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — It's good to get the opinions of others, but once they have been assessed, you shouldn't hesitate to ignore them if you believe your judgment is better. You don't have to apologize for anything.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — It might be easy to get hung up on insignificant factors today when negotiating an agreement, but once you realize the details will take care of themselves, lead others back to the major theme.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Be careful not to devote too much time to frivolous activities today when you should be concentrating on money-making ventures. It's imperative that you keep your priorities in order.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Let go and enjoy yourself today, but be careful not to let overindulgence gain the upper hand. That old saying "everything in moderation" makes for a healthier, happier day.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — There's a strong possibility that you might get off to a slow start today, but when you begin to realize you're getting nowhere fast, you'll work at an accelerated pace and make up for lost time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Even if an associate never offered you laurels for something outstanding you did in the past, don't hesitate to be complimentary today to this person if she or he really deserves it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Things will work out far better for you today if you eliminate all the frills and small talk when involved in any business dealings. Get right down to the case at hand and all will go smoothly.

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SEC asked to pursue Grasso compensation

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Stock Exchange has asked state and federal regulators to help it recover about $140 million in "unreasonable compensation" paid to its former chief executive and chairman Dick Grasso.

The NYSE's board of directors on Thursday forwarded an internal report by former federal prosecutor Dan K. Webb to the Securities and Exchange Commission and New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer, requesting that they "pursue the matter both on our behalf and as part of your broader responsibilities."

The report examines the decisions that led to Grasso's ouster Sept. 17, when he stepped down amid a public furor following the NYSE's revelation that he'd been awarded $187.5 million in retirement benefits and deferred compensation.

In a letter accompanying the report, interim chairman and CEO John S. Reed said members of the NYSE board believe "serious damage has been inflicted on the exchange by unreasonable compensation of the previous chairman and CEO."

Grasso attorney Kenneth Edgar did not return calls for comment.

Spitzer said the attorney general's office would review the Webb report and conduct its own investigation, in cooperation with the SEC, to see if legal action was warranted to recover part of Grasso's pay.

The SEC said it would seek to determine whether Grasso's compensation and the process of setting it violated federal securities laws or the exchange's own rules. The SEC has closely watched developments at the exchange since the pay scandal unfolded.

The Webb report, which has not been publicly released, outlines about $100 million in overpayments to Grasso's pension accounts and some $40 million in excessive deferred compensation, a source familiar with the matter said on condition of anonymity.

Because the NYSE is a not-for-profit member organization, a legal argument could be made that paying its top executive such a large sum was an abuse of its resources. Regulators could file a lawsuit or negotiate a settlement with Grasso. Some of the board members who approved Grasso's pay package could also end up in court.

USS Raleigh

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the Gilbert and Elliee Islands. Finding no trace of the enemy, she touched at Pearl Harbor Nov. 13-17, then steamed independently to Dutch Harbor, in Alaska, Aleutians arriving Nov. 24.

The following months were spent searching for enemy ships carrying reinforcements in the Rat and Near Islands and escorting troop and supply ships between Dutch Harbor and Kulak Bay.

Raleigh put to sea Jan. 10, 1943, with Task Group 8.6 to cover the occupation of Amehitka Island. From 12 January she conducted patrols off Amehitka, with infrequent sweeps off Kiska with her task group. Detached from the group Feb. 10, she convoyed Ships between Dutch Harbor and Kulak Bay, then entered Puget Sound Navy Yard March 23 for repairs.

Sailing April 22, she arrived April 28 and joined cruiser-destroyer Task Group 16.6, patrolling the approaches to the Near Islands and covering the southern approach to Kiska.

Raleigh participated in the bombardment of Kiska Aug. 2, blasting targets in Gertrude Cove, and shelled enemy positions again on Aug.12, before heading for San Francisco and overhaul.

Raleigh stood out of San Francisco Bay Sept. 15 and resumed support of operations in the Aleutians, sweeping the ocean from Kiska to west of Attu.

As part of Task Group 94.6, she steamed from Massacre Bay, Attu, Feb. 1, 1944 to bombard enemy installations in Kurabu Zaki, Paramushiru Northern Kuriles. In the early morning darkness of Feb. 4, she took her bombardment station off that enemy shore to blast an area where two dual-purpose batteries were located.

She also took an airfield under fire, destroying a hanger and several barracks buildings. Her gunners also scored hits on a small merchant ship anchored inshore. After touching at Attu Feb. 5, Raleigh returned to Puget Sound Navy Yard March 1 for a 3-month overhaul.

Joining Task Force 94 at Massacre Bay 6 June, she suffered a casualty to her number two main engine while en route to Matsuu a Island.

After repairs at Puget Sound, Raleigh departed Seattle, June 22, touched at San Pedro, Calif. thence proceeded via the Panama Canal to Hampton Roads arriving at Norfolk, June 13. Calling at Annapolis, Md. July 1, she conducted two midshipman training cruises, in the Caribbean and along the east coast.

Then she steamed to the Philadelphia Navy Yard Sept. 29, there decommissioned Nov. 2, and was struck from the Navy list Nov. 28. Her hull was sold for scrap at Philadelphia Feb. 27, 1946.

Raleigh received three battle stars for World War II service.

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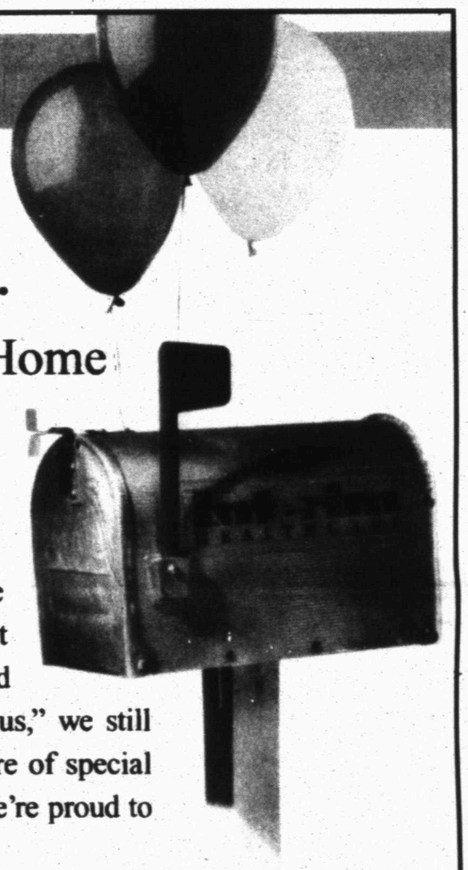

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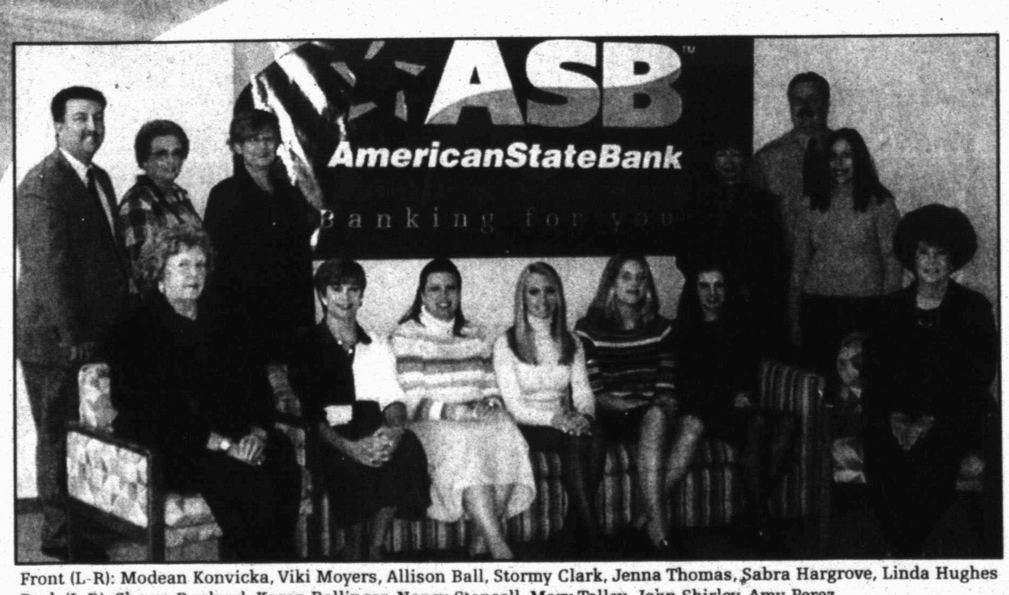

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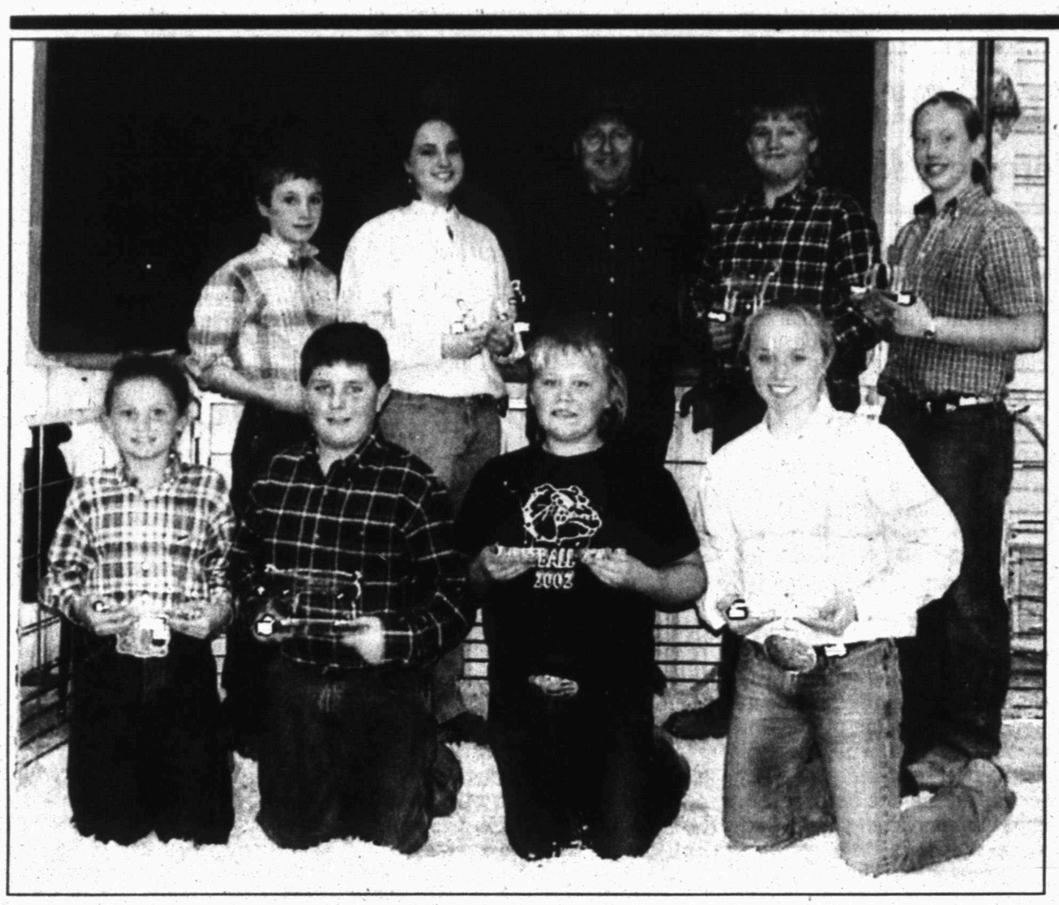
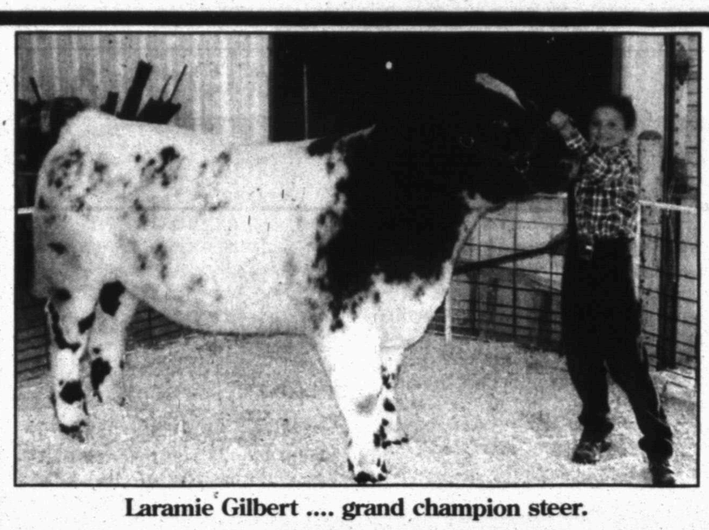


SHOWMANSHIP — Ira FFA students who received showmanship awards are, back row from left, Tyrelle Gilbert, senior steer showmanship; Amber Sanchez , senior hog showmanship; show judge Scott Doss; Chad Nickerson, senior goat championship; Lacie Thompson, senior lamb showmanship. Front row from left are Laramie Gilbert, junior steer showmanship; Brandon Lunsford, junior hog showmanship; Baily Nickerson, junior goat showmanship; and Kacie Waller, junior lamb showmanship. (Contributed Photo)



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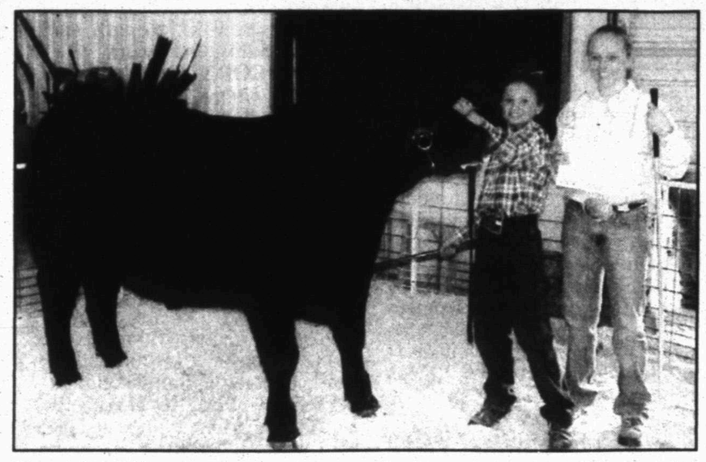

Laramie Gilbert ... reserve grand champion steer (shown by Kaci Waller).

NASA OKs space plan

HOUSTON (AP) — Former astronauts and NASA employees applauded reports that President Bush will soon announce plans to send Americans to Mars and establish a permanent human presence on the moon.

"I think it's wonderful. It's exactly what we ought to be doing," said Christopher Kraft, who retired from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration as director of Johnson Space Center in 1982. Kraft was director of flight operations during the Apollo program.

Three senior Bush administration officials said the president wants to aggressively reinvigorate the space program, which has been demoralized by a series of setbacks, including the space shuttle disaster last February that killed seven astronauts.

Bush won't propose sending Americans to Mars anytime soon; rather, he envisions preparing for the mission more than a decade from now, one official said. In addition to proposing the first trip to the moon since December 1972, the president wants to build a permanent space station there.

Kraft said the moon offers tremendous opportunities in energy and astronomy. Some scientists believe helium-3, a more stable form of ordinary helium found in great quantities on the moon, could be mined for energy. Astronomers also believe the far dark side of the moon would be one of the most superior places for a space observatory.

"I hope it's well-received," Kraft told the Houston Chronicle. "The country needs this sort of thing — that challenges the technology of the country."

Former Apollo astronaut Gene Cernan, a staunch supporter of America's space program since he led NASA's final expedition to the moon, also was pleased to hear the news.

"Obviously my reaction is very positive. I think it's absolutely doable and long overdue," Cernan said.

But Don Nelson, a retired engineer at Johnson Space Center, said he remains concerned about safety, especially because there is no crew escape system.

Officer accused of pulling gun on repo man

FRISCO (AP) — A Dallas police officer accused of pulling a gun on a man who was trying to repossess his boat and sport utility vehicle has been charged with aggravated assault.

Detective Larry L. Dyer, 38, turned himself in to Collin County authorities after Frisco police issued an arrest warrant on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon by a public servant.

He was released on Thursday after posting $10,000 bail. If convicted of the first-degree felony, Dyer could face five years to life in prison and a fine of $10,000.

Frisco police said Dyer followed the tow truck in his car early on the morning of Nov. 19 and made it pull over. He then walked up to the man with his gun drawn, identified himself as a police officer and forced him out of the tow truck and onto the ground.

Dyer said Thursday that he did not know at the time why anyone would repossess his SUV and boat. A paperwork error was to blame, he said.

His credit union was supposed to take $66 from his paycheck each month for a loan payment, he said. The money was not taken out for two months, so the credit union repossessed the vehicles.

Police in the North Dallas suburb said the credit union sent Dyer a letter on Nov. 4 and called several times about the problem with the loan. The letter said the credit union would repossess the vehicles if necessary.

The investigating officer believed Dyer "improperly used his employment as a police officer while interceding in this repossession," Frisco Detective Nelson Walter wrote in the arrest warrant affidavit.

Dyer's attorney, George Milner III, said his client thought his boat and SUV were being stolen.

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World Almanac

Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004

Today is the 10th day of 2004 and the 20th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1863, the London Underground (subway) began operations.

In 1870, John D. Rockefeller, with his brother William, founded Standard Oil of Ohio.

In 1920, the League of Nations formally came into existence.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Ray Bolger (1904-1987), actor/dancer; Sal Mineo (1939-1976), actor; Rod Stewart (1945-), singer, is 59; George Foreman (1949-), boxer, is 55; Pat Benatar (1953-), singer, is 51.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1920, Edouard "Newsy" Lalonde of the Montreal Canadiens became the first player in NHL history to score six goals in a game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Boxing is like jazz. The better it is, the less people appreciate it." — George Foreman

TODAY'S FACT: Sundials show the time by the shadow of an object (called a gnomon) on which the sun's rays fall. The world's largest sundial, built in Jaipur, India, in 1734, covers almost an acre, with a gnomon over 100 feet tall.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 15 — Tiger Woods' margin of victory in the 2000 U.S. Open, the record for a major golf tournament.

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Jan. 7) and last quarter (Jan. 15)

Sunday, Jan. 11, 2004

Today is the 11th day of 2004 and the 21st day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1908, President Theodore Roosevelt declared the Grand Canyon a national monument.

In 1940, Benjamin O. Davis Sr., became the first African-American general in the U.S. Army.

In 1964, the U.S. surgeon general issued the first U.S. government report concluding that smoking could be hazardous to health.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Alexander Hamilton (1757-1804), U.S. statesman; William James (1842-1910), philosopher and psychologist; Jean Chretien (1934-), former Canadian prime minister, is 70; Naomi Judd (1946-), singer, is 58; Mary J. Blige (1971-), singer, is 33.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1973, the owners of major league baseball's American League teams approved the creation of the designated hitter.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook." — William James

TODAY'S FACT: The English defeated the more numerous French in the Battle of Agincourt (October 1415) using the longbow, which could hurl arrows the length of two football fields.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 1,523 — The number of people who died in the Titanic disaster, April 14-15, 1912.

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Jan. 7) and last quarter (Jan. 15)

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Gennifer to join musical review

NEW YORK (AP) — Gennifer Flowers sings again.

The woman who says she had an intimate relationship with President Clinton will be joining "Boobs! The Musical," a revue currently running at a midtown Manhattan nightspot, on Jan. 21.

"I went down and saw Gennifer in New Orleans, and she's just an amazing talent," Lawrence Leritz, the show's producer, said Thursday. Flowers and her stockbroker-husband own a club in the French Quarter called Gennifer Flowers' Kelsto Club.

"Gennifer has been singing professionally for 30 years. She's played all over the world," Leritz added. "People are going to be very surprised when they see her deliver the goods."

The revue, which has been playing at Dillon's since mid-December, celebrates the bawdy songs of Ruth Wallis, who in the 1950s was labeled "queen of the party records."

Smart kidnapping suspect said not competent for trial

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — One of the two people charged with kidnapping young Elizabeth Smart from her bedroom is not competent to stand trial and will be committed to a state hospital, a judge ruled Friday.

Wanda Barzee's competency will be reviewed again at an April 15 hearing, Judge Judith Atherton said.

Barzee, 58, earlier this week waived her right to a hearing to contest the findings of two mental health experts who found her not competent to stand trial.

She did not speak at Friday's hearing but nodded twice after being asked if she made the statements included in her waiver requeationship with God and my role as a minister and servant unto Him. ... Their inability to understand is also a result of their different belief system, and the influence of Satan's subtle powers on them."

Barzee and her husband, drifter and self-styled prophet Brian David Mitchell, 50, are charged with aggravated kidnapping, aggravated sexual assault and aggravated burglary in the June 5, 2002, abduction of Elizabeth, who was 14 at the time.

The couple allegedly kept Elizabeth as Mitchell's second wife for nine months in Utah and California. They were found March 12 about 15 miles south of Salt Lake City. Barzee and Mitchell also were charged in the attempted abduction of the girl's 18-year-old cousin, Jessica Wright — seven weeks after Elizabeth, now 16, was taken.

Mitchell's competency hearing was scheduled for Jan. 27-28. District Attorney David Yocom said that the two mental health evaluators assigned to Mitchell disagree on whether he is competent.

Following the 2000 Census the Snyder School Board was required to redraw the district lines. The board formally approved these boundaries in 2001.

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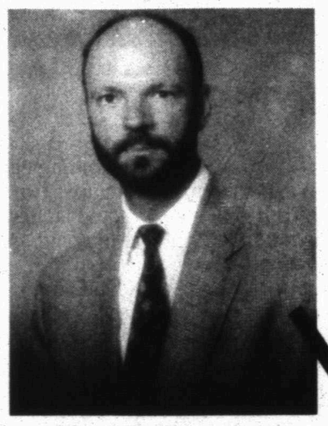
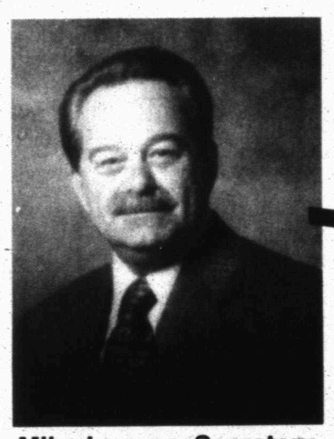


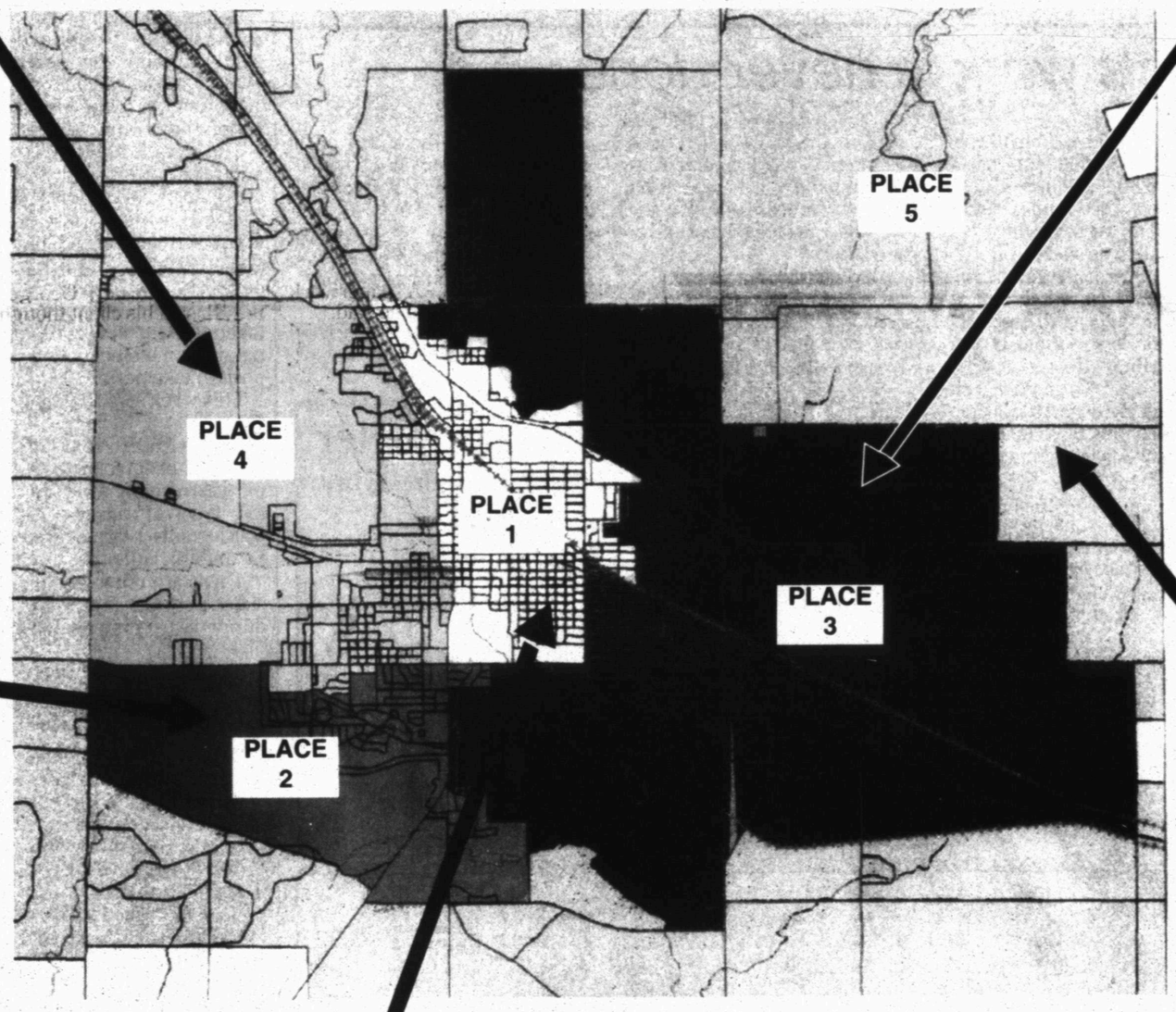
Mark McCormick, President
Place 4

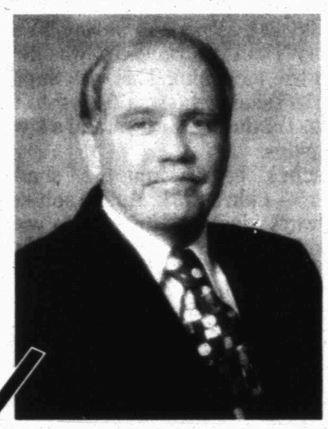
Spouse: Janie
Children: Matt is a freshman at Abilene Christian University and Megan is an 10th grader at Snyder High School.
Years On Board: Elected May 1993
Re-elected 1996, 1999, 2002. President 1998 - 2003.
Occupation: President, McCormick Marketing
Other: Graduate of Snyder High School 1975. Graduate of Abilene Christian University 1979. Member of Texas Oil Marketers Assn., Snyder Chamber of Commerce, and East Side Church of Christ.



Mike Levens, Secretary
Place 2

Spouse: Marsha
Children: Jeff is a senior at San Angelo State University; Joshua is in the Air Force and stationed at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. Abby is a senior at Snyder High School.
Years On Board: Elected May 1997
Re-elected 2000 and 2003.
Occupation: Employed by Texas Department of Criminal Justice.
Other: Graduated from Snyder High School in 1969. Earned degree in business administration from Howard Payne University in 1973. Ten years experience in gas and oil industry with petroleum chemical companies. Enjoys golf, gardening and reading. Member of First United Methodist Church.



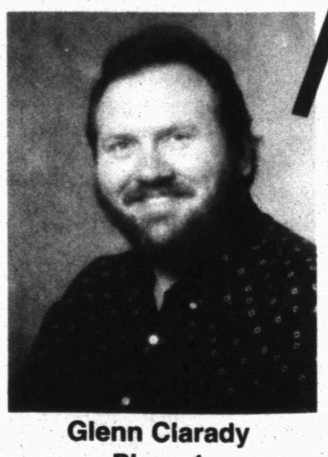


Richard Chambers, Vice-President
Place 3

Spouse: Brenda
Children: Dara is a freshman at Western Texas College.
Years On Board: Elected May 1994
Re-elected 1997, 2000, 2003
Occupation: Employed at T.S.T.C. in Sweetwater.
Other: Associates of Arts in Business from WTC in 1982. Graduate of T.S.T.C. in Sweetwater. Member of Christian Temple Church.

Doug Neff
Place 5

Spouse: Witona
Children: Jena is a freshman at Western Texas College and Dakotah is in 2nd grade at Stanfield Elementary.
Years On Board: Elected May 2002
Occupation: Self-employed
Other: Graduate of Colorado High School and attended Angelo State University. Is active in FFA and is a member of the First Baptist Church.



Glenn Clarady
Place 1

Spouse: Esther
Children: Robert is teaching ROTC for the Navy at A&M Galveston; David, his wife, Betty and daughter Savannah live in Snyder and David works for the Texas Highway Department; Nathaniel is a junior at Snyder High School - Jr. Varsity Football Center 9-1.
Years On Board: Elected May 1990
Re-elected 1993, 1996, 1999, 2002
Occupation: Co-owner of G&G Glass Co.
Other: Graduated from Snyder High School in 1970. Active in Little League. Member of Saint Elizabeth's Catholic Church. Charter member of Snyder Kiwanis Club.

Cathy Peoples
At Large Position

Spouse: Thomas
Children: Alicia is a first year law student at Wake Forrest, Winston Salem, NC; Zipporah is a freshman at Southwestern Oklahoma State University; Aeryal is an sophomore at Snyder High School; Jordan is a 4th grader at Central Elementary School.
Years On Board: Appointed May 2000 to fill un-expired At Large Term.
Re-elected 2001
Other: Employed by Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Licensed Respiratory Therapist and Real Estate Agent. Graduate of Lubbock Estacado and South Plains College.

Luann Burleson
At Large Position

Spouse: James
Children: Jamie is a graduate of Snyder High School and a 2002 graduate of SMU and currently resides in Nashville, TN. Erin is a senior at Snyder High School.
Years On Board: Elected to At Large Position April 4, 1987 (2-year term) Re-elected 1989, 1992, 1995, 1998, 2001
Other: Native of Stratford. Graduate of Texas Tech University in 1972 with B.A. degree. Elder at First Presbyterian Church.

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Speaker for all seasons

by Don Newbury

Had the sitcom survived, Home Improvement's clever writers would have found creative ways to work Wilson's "death" into the storyline of the hit show.

They might have devised a narrow coffin lid to reveal only his eyes and forehead, or placed a miniature fence across his face. Viewers saw precious little of Wilson, he with the floppy hat who was always ready to offer Tim Allen sage advice.

During the show's eight-year run, the affable Earl Hindman — the good neighbor always puttering away just across the fence — was a certifiable "hit" without ever joining the Hollywood scene.

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In fact, he never moved from Stamford, Conn., where his wife is an Episcopal minister. The commute was a snap. And he had plenty of time to learn his lines during hundreds of thousands of miles in the air. He traveled incognito — after all, the public knew his voice, not his face. Hindman, 61, was a veteran actor, best known for the TV show in which his face was never seen. Cancer claimed him on New Year's Eve.

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Dan Blocker, as popular as any TV star in history as "Hoss" on *Bonanza*, was not privileged to live incognito. This was impossible for the big Texan, who was "Hoss" to tens of millions, 24/7 during the '60s, and a few years on both sides.

Mustaches, beards, toupees, shades — whatever — didn't work. Autograph seekers could always identify "Hoss," who was ever ready with the autograph pen. During his final years, he moved with his family to Switzerland, where he could enjoy comparative privacy. Like Hindman, he commuted to LA to film his show.

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Once at peak popularity, he returned to Sul Ross State University — where his theatrical talent was discovered — to ride in the homecoming parade. I was privileged to drive his car. Before it started, I asked a dumb question: "What would you do if you had it to do over?"

Tears formed as he answered, "If I had it to do over, I'd be teaching school in O'Donnell." (This small West Texas town is where he spent most of his childhood.)

At the time, I thought he was kidding. I've now lived long enough to realize he meant exactly what he said. Teaching kids was what he valued most, and initial goals in California were to teach and pursue a Ph.D. degree, but a "bit part" got in the way.

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Like most people of gigantic stature — he was, at 14+ pounds, the biggest baby ever born in Bowie County (East Texas) — and was kidded unmercifully. One smart-alec asked the 300-pounder if he was born "on June 6, 7 and 8."

He died in 1972 at age 44 following "routine gall bladder surgery," proof, yet again, that no surgery is routine.

Much of the world mourned the passing of one who was arguably the most beloved TV star of them all for 14 years, and a guy who'd rather have been teaching school.

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Fire the football coach season has arrived, and they are falling, left and right. Team owners in the NFL fall back on the old line about "wanting to go in a different direction." Invariably, the direction they desire is up in the standings.

Just when I feel a tinge of sorrow for them, it occurs that their salaries — like most of the players'—are inflated, and they can well afford to rid themselves of wrinkles, like those furrowing former Washington Redskin Coach Steve Spurrier's face. TV shots provide ample proof that the former darling of college coaches had crow's feet deepening to crevices in just two NFL seasons. He said "no thanks" to three more years and $15 million.

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Worse than inflated salaries are bloated bodies, and Texas again has the dubious distinction of being "number one" in the nation's obesity race. Five of the nation's eight "fattest cities" are in the Lone Star State.

"That don't surprise me none," a long-time alterations person said, "As long as I can remember, I've done a whole lot more 'letting out' than 'taking up.'"

If the trend continues, custom clothes will be offered by tent and awning companies, unless we go to great lengths to avoid great widths.

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The Village Idiot by Jim Mullen

A man's work is never done

Sue had some minor surgery on her knee and had to use crutches to get around for a few days, which meant I would do the cooking, shopping, laundry and cleaning for a change.

It's not like I've never done it before. It's just that Sue thinks she does it better. If I wash the dishes she'll wrinkle up her nose, run her finger across them and do them over again. If I vacuum she runs around behind me and vacuums everything all over again. If I cook she's not hungry. Fine. I can take a hint. If she doesn't like the way I do the chores, she can do them. There's no sense in both of us doing them. Still, I never thought that her cooking and cleaning were all that much better than mine. After 32 years, her knee surgery finally gave me a chance to strut my stuff."

The shopping couldn't be easier. Sue always acts like it's so complicated. She even keeps a list. Sheesh! Lists are for people with no imagination. Would you give Picasso a paint-by-numbers kit? Did Elvis need sheet music? Do I need a shopping list? I think not.

With a list, I would have missed the sale on crunchy peanut butter. Sue's method, no crunchy peanut butter. Jim's method, four jars of crunchy peanut butter. Right off the bat I'm doing better than she would. Green ketchup? When did they start making that? Sue's method, no green ketchup, Jim's method, two bottles. Cheese. Do we have any cheese? Can you ever have enough cheese? Probably not. Super-extra-hot jalepeno smoked cheddar. Never had that before. Is 3 pounds enough for lasagna? Better not chance it, get 4 pounds. Where are the potatoes? What would go better with lasagna than potatoes? How come Sue never makes potatoes with lasagna?

At the checkout counter there is a cookbook featuring 23 Quick 'n' EZ recipes that all call for potato chips. And one of them is for lasagna! This is going to be the best meal we've ever had. She'll probably think I got one of those gay guys on that television show to come over and make it for me.

While the lasagna's in the oven, I'll do the laundry. The one basic rule of laundry is don't mix the dark colors with the light colors. Our pillows are white, so they go in with the towels and the tennis shoes. If you shove real hard you can get a lot more into a washing machine than you think.

The vacuuming goes by in a snap. You get a lot more suction if you take off the attachments and just use the open end of the hose. No wonder it takes Sue 10 minutes to do the same room I can do in two. Still, no good deed goes unpunished. The vacuum cleaner sucked off my wedding ring when I tried to pull Sue's purse off it. I'll have to get her stuff and the ring later because when I turned off the vacuum cleaner I heard the washing machine warning buzzer.

One of the pillows had somehow split open during the spin cycle. It's going to take me 20 minutes to clean this mess up but it'll have to wait till after dinner. I put the remaining pillow, the tennis shoes and towels in the dryer.

I take a plate of jalepeno cheddar potato chip lasagna to Sue where she's recovering on the living room sofa.

"What's all that noise?" she asks.

"What noise?"

"That thumping noise." No need to bother her with all the details.

"I think the vacuum cleaner is on the fritz."

"And this would be ...?" she asked pointing to her plate.

"Lasagna."

"No, really. What is it? Did the cat vomit?" She didn't look happy. "Listen, could you be a dear and make me a little salad with the lettuce and tomatoes I put on the shopping list?"

"They were out of lettuce."

"They were out of lettuce? Oh, never mind. Just bring me a couple of extra pillows and my purse. My pain medicine's in there."

Jim Mullen is the author of "It Takes A Village Idiot: A Memoir of Life After the City" (Simon and Schuster, 2001). He also contributes regularly to Entertainment Weekly, where he can be reached at jim_mullen@ew.com

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Number of Executive Sessions held by public entities in 2004.

Snyder ISD	2
Hermleigh ISD	0
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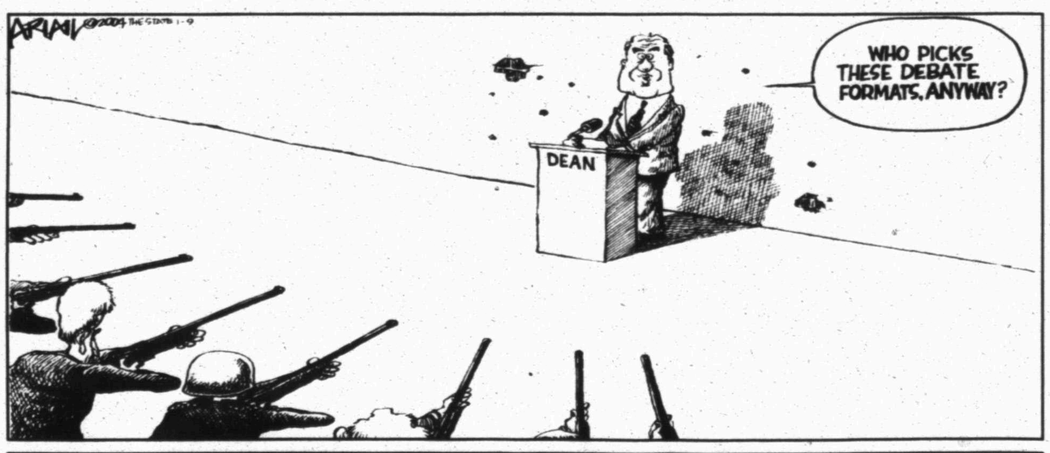

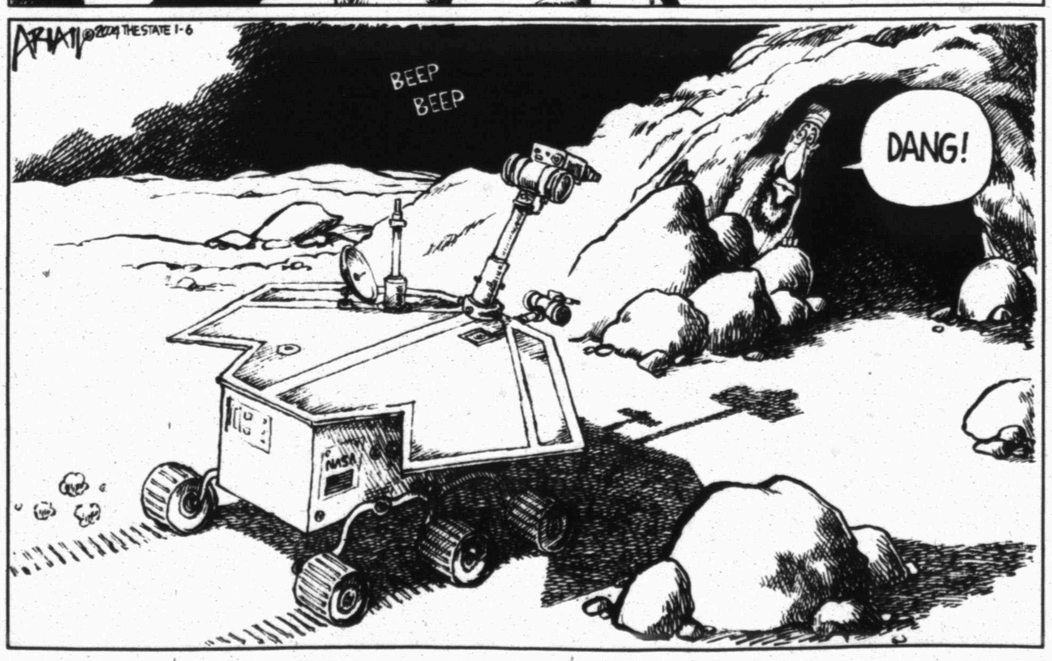

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Rio Grande water

Along some of its course, the river is not much Rio and even less Grande, but its water brings life to fields and cities — and has been very much in dispute for many years.

It is refreshing, then, to see a proposal that would bring the governors of New Mexico, Texas and the Mexican states of Chihuahua, Coahuila and Tamaulipas together to draft a water agreement.

Water from the Rio Grande has been a source of conflict between Mexico and Texas for generations. Bill Richardson, the governor of New Mexico, which also has an interest in the river, doesn't think the U.S. and Mexican governments are paying enough attention.

A 1944 treaty calls for the two nations to share water from the Rio Grande and the Colorado River. Mexico hasn't been meeting its commitment and is now deeply in debt — in water — to the United States. Mexican officials maintain that there isn't enough water to send, but Texas officials dispute that.

Putting aside the merits of the argument, the ongoing controversy about the water supply is a glimpse of the future, where water rights and access to water may increasingly be the factors that drive — or limit — development. It already limits the production of food crops.

The controversy is not only between nations. It is between states and, increasingly, between watershed areas inside states.

Talk, of course, is cheap. And that's one reason that Richardson's proposal has such attraction. It costs little, and the payoff could be great.

In a perfect world, it would lead to an international agreement ensuring that water from border rivers is shared fairly.

In the real world, it's probably just one step in learning how to deal with an issue that is only going to get more complex — and controversial — as the need for water outstrips its supply.

Houston Chronicle

Texas research

The eyes of Texas are increasingly focused on the upcoming economic and public relations bonanza expected from the Super Bowl, being hosted by Houston on Feb. 1. Last January, the National Football League says, 138.9 million fans tuned into the game, making it the most watched program in television history.

It's hard to compete with such glamour, hype and exposure, but another event taking place in Texas this week ought to inspire at least equal excitement. It's potential for longer-term economic and other benefits for the state clearly surpass even the big game.

Today and Wednesday, San Antonio plays host to the inaugural meeting of the Texas Academy of Science, Engineering and Medicine. The conference, initiated at the invitation of U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, will honor Texas' 11 Nobel laureates and more than 180 members of the National Academy of Science, National Academy of Engineering and Institute of Medicine.

The idea, Hutchison says, is to form a network to promote the important research already under way here and to raise the national profile of Texas research.

Rice University President Malcolm Gillis has pointed to his university's Center for Biological and Environmental Nanotechnology and other important medical and technical breakthroughs coming out of Houston's academic and medical institutions.

Gillis says Sen. Hutchison and U.S. Rep. John Culberson have taken the lead in securing federal dollars earmarked for nanotechnology and biotechnology research here, and other public officials need to take notice.

This week's gathering in San Antonio is a step in the right direction.

Rice and other Texas institutions have helped Texas emerge as a leader in nanotechnology. Houston's M.D. Anderson Cancer Center was recently awarded a $34 million federal grant for studying four types of cancer. The University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston last fall secured a $48 million grant to develop vaccines for anthrax and other diseases.

There are other success stories. But even so, Texas lags other states in research funding. State funding for research fared poorly during last summer's legislative session.

San Antonio Express-News

Dean's double standard

Democratic presidential candidate Howard Dean's penchant for secrecy already has been established. Now the former Vermont governor has added hypocrisy to his list of flaws.

An Associated Press report documented Dean's criticism of the secrecy surrounding Vice President Dick Cheney's energy task force, which developed the Bush administration's energy policy behind closed doors.

Dean has called for the release of all records involving the secret Cheney task force meetings. We agree those records should be made public.

But the AP revealed that Dean held his own secret energy task force meetings when he served as governor of Vermont. In 1999, Dean said a governor sometimes needed to get policy advice in closed sessions.

This revelation follows the controversy surrounding Dean's decision to seal major portions of the records detailing his tenure as governor so political opponents wouldn't find ammunition to use against him.

Cheney's records detailing the crafting of important public policy should be open to the public, and so should Dean's.

Dean's blatant double standard on this issue is appalling.

El Paso Times

Texas arts

It's certainly no point of pride that Texas ranks next to last in federal funding for the arts.

And that's not just the other 49 states being used for comparison. Even Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico do the two-step all over Texas when it comes to per capita funding for the arts. The Lone Star State's dismal 12 cents per capita is eclipsed only by Florida, with an almost-invisible 8 cents.

Texas arts didn't get a whole lot of encouragement from the most-recent session of the Texas Legislature, either. A budget shortfall forced reductions on every state agency, and the Texas Commission on the Arts was among those that suffered. TCA will furnish $3.3 million to arts organizations in fiscal year 2004.

Of that, El Paso receives $115,775 to divide among 11 organizations.

It's understandable. Economic times are still tough and sacrifices have to be made. But that doesn't mean that nothing can, or should, be done.

M.E. "Kenna" Ramirez, an El Pasoan who is one of 17 commissioners on the Texas Commission on the Arts, isn't willing to sit idly by and watch funding wane, either from the state or federal level.

"I think one of the reasons for the lower funding is that the arts communities have not been as politically active, have not been in the political process as much as they should have," she said.

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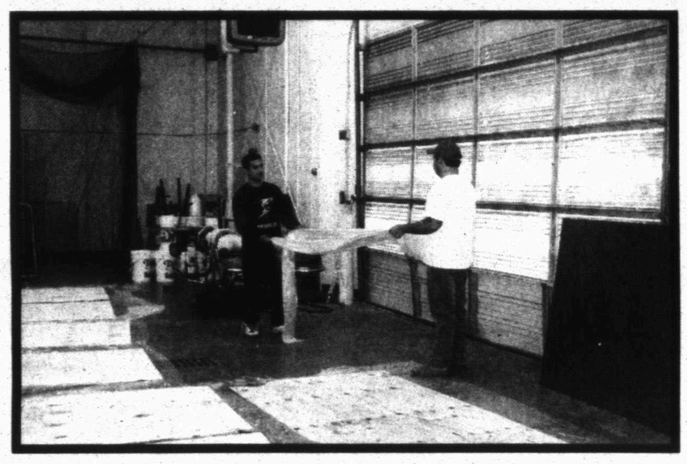
Volunteers Help in Completion of Ball Fields

Pictured above are Mike Thornton, Dr. Jim Clifton, Tommy Watts, Patricia Claxton, J.R.. Torres, Dr. Greg Williams, Rey Juarez and Rob Smauley.

Pictured above are Patricia Claxton, Jeff West and Dr. Jim Clifton is operating the lift.



Preparing the sign boards for Mike Thornton to paint are J.R. Torres and Raul Alcala

Kyle Schultz named SGA President

WTC Student Government Association has elected Kyle Shultz as President. Former President Moose Amato stepped down at the end of last semester leaving the spot open.

Kyle is a freshman at WTC and is majoring in Criminal Justice. He has been a member of SGA since the beginning of last semester. He is the son of Beth and Kurt Schultz of Crandeall, TX

Upcoming Events

January 12	Drop/Adds Begin Placement Test Board Meeting 7pm	January 19	Martin Luther King Day Campus Closed
January 13	All Classes Begin PTK Meeting 7pm SGA Meeting 8pm Movie Night 9 pm	January 20	Last Day to Register PTK Meeting 7pm SGA Meeting 8pm Movie Night 9pm
		January 21	Welcome Back Dance 9pm

Creative Writing Class on Schedule for Spring

After a few semesters out of rotation on the Western Texas College schedule, English 2307, Creative Writing, will be offered once again this Spring.

The course, which will meet once a week on Monday evenings from 6:30-9:20 pm, will introduce students to techniques for creating imaginative literature, particularly short fiction, poetry, and creative nonfiction.

Structured primarily in a kind of "workshop" format, the course will also provide students with the opportunity to digest and critique their classmates' literary pieces while having their own work reviewed by a supportive group of fellow writers.

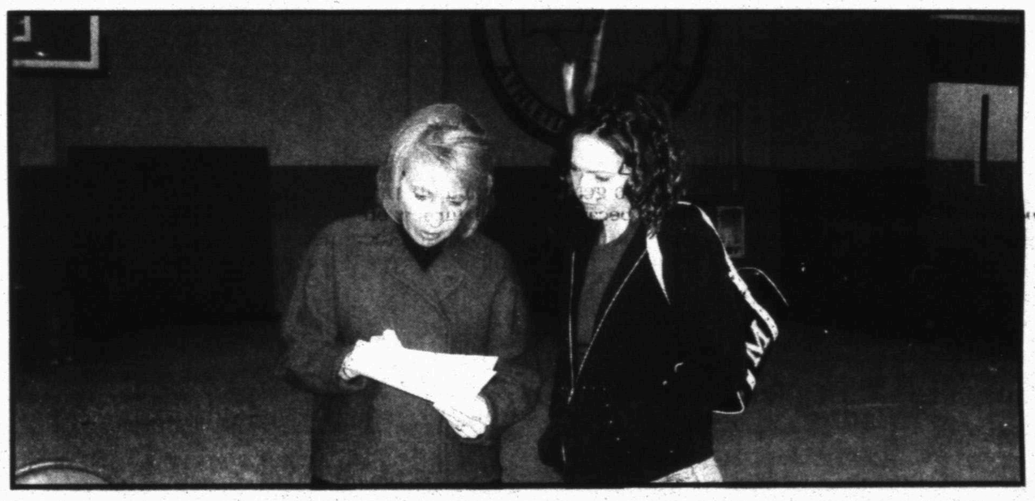
Enrollment in the course requires no previous experience with creative writing; all interested parties, including those with significant experience with writing and publication and those who, while they may lack substantial experience, are nevertheless interested in giving creative writing a try, are welcome to join.

Welcome Back Dance Slated

WTC Student Government Association has planned a Welcome Back Dance for January 21.

The dance will be held in the cafeteria and will begin at 9 pm and last till 12 pm. "The theme for the dance will be New Beginnings" says SGA member Misty McClure.

The DJ will be John Green from Frank Phillips College in Borger, and SGA will be serving punch and cookies for refreshments.



Carolyn Osborn counsels Morgan Henderson from Rotan on classes she should take this semester at WTC. The last day to register for classes at WTC is January 20. Night classes begin Jan. 12 and all other classes Jan. 13.

Getting to Know You

Patty Kuhl - Director of Student Activities
Hired - August 13, 1997

What led you to WTC? After my husband's job transferred us to Snyder, I applied for a job with WTC. I started in the Registrar's office and then took a job in Admissions and I am currently Director of Student Activities.

Where do you go from here? At this moment in my life I am happy with where I am. I have a wonderful job and really enjoy working with the students on our campus.

Most memorable moment: My wedding day, my children's births and the day I was told I was going to be a grandmother.

Hardest decision I've ever made: Taking college class's after being out of school for over 20 years.

Favorite spare time activity: I would have to say shopping and spending time with my family.

Names of family members: Bobby, my husband of 31 years who works for Parrallel Petroleum. I have two children, a son Chad, that works for Kinder Morgan and is married to Michelle who works at WTC and a daughter Kristin, who works at West Elementary. I have 3 grandson's Christopher, Kasey, and Braison, [redacted] great granddaughter [redacted]

Aquifer to Publish This Semester

Students this semester will have a chance to be published in the Western Texas College Literary magazine the "Aquifer." The last time the magazine was published was the spring of 2001.

"Aquifer," which has won 29 awards from the Texas Intercollegiate Press since it was begun in the fall of 1990, affords students their first opportunity to be published in print.

Written work submissions are accepted for poetry, short stories and essays. To illustrate these, WTC students may submit also original art work, photographs or computer designed graphics.

Matt Rose, who will be Senior Editor of "Aquifer" says, "I will decide on a date for submission deadlines, it will be late in January or in February. Mr. Rose is an English instructor at WTC and is scheduled to teach a Creative Writing class this semester. (See article this page.)

Since it's founding, "Aquifer" writers or artists have been recognized by the Texas Intercollegiate Press with eight 1st place awards, eight 2nd place prizes, nine 3rd place honors and four honorable mentions.

"Aquifer" competes in Division 2 which includes two and four- year private and public colleges with up to 3,000 enrollment.

Previous honors won are:

-Spring of 2003, honorable mention cover design; 3rd place story package; 1st place story package; 3rd place info graphic; honorable mention illustration.

-Spring of 1999, honorable mention single magazine "est overall" category; 1st place informational graphic; 1st place story package; 2nd place cover design; 2nd place short story.

-Spring of 1998, honorable mention single magazine "best overall" category; 1st place short story; 1st place essay; 2nd place magazine illustration; 2nd place story packaging; 3rd place magazine cover; 3rd place poetry.

-Spring of 1997, 2nd place short story; 2nd place story package; 3rd place essay.

-Spring of 1996, 1st place short story; 1st place essay; 2nd place poetry.

-Spring of 1995, 1st place essay; 3rd place single issue magazine; honorable mention poetry.

-Spring of 1994, 2nd place illustration.

-Spring of 1992, 3rd place essay; 3rd place opinion.

-Spring of 1991, 1st place short story; 3rd place essay; 3rd place opinion; 3rd place single issue magazine; honorable mention poetry.

Dave Hanes (left) accepts a check from Shawn Ragland, President of American State Bank for $700 raised by American State Bank and given to WTC for Nursing and EMS Scholarships. The money was raised by ASB from the sale of 9-11 tee shirts.

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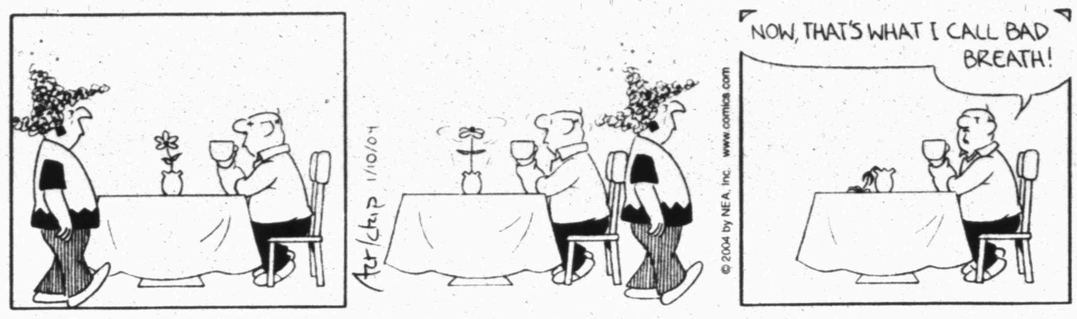

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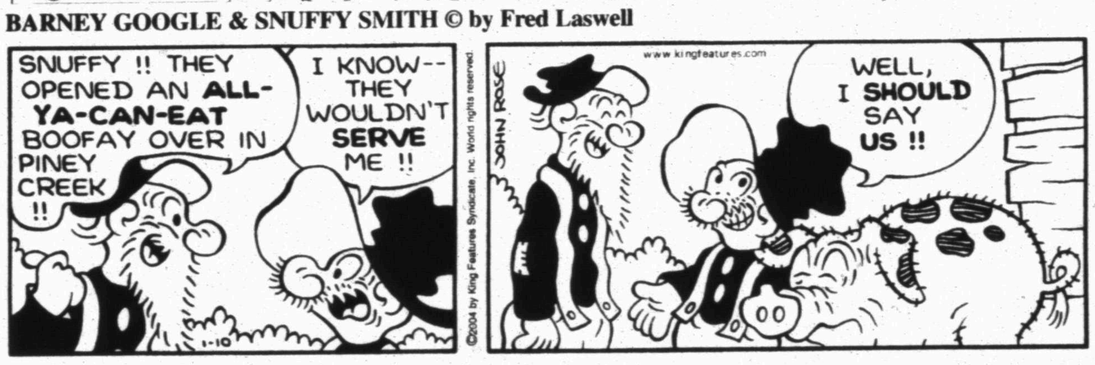

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1 Topple over
4 Family man
7 Gloomy
11 Vigoda of "Barney Miller"
12 Emery board
13 — spumante
14 Pedro's aunt
15 Envelope abbr.
16 Manner
17 Pile of hay
19 Cote sounds
20 Senate vote
21 Tummy muscles
22 Deceptive move
25 Avoided
28 Unit of work
29 Leave a mark
31 Lah-di- —
33 College maj.
34 Racetrack shape
36 Ms. MacGraw
37 Grouchy
40 Quota
42 Do film editing
43 Enthusiast
44 Strong, as meat
46 Host
49 Autobahn vehicle
50 Jedi master
52 Burning
54 Mild expletive
55 Hera's son
56 Before
57 Totals
58 USA neighbor
59 Flying formation

DOWN

1 Make doilies
2 Wading bird
3 Growing medium
4 Football commentator Mike —
5 Computer key
6 Lair
7 Pink
8 Where Japan is
9 Itineraries (abbr.)
10 Relatives
12 Gem surfaces
18 Novelist — Rand
19 UK network
21 Mystique
22 Groundhog mo.
23 Clapton of "Layla"
24 Horror-film servant
25 — Jones' locker
26 Cheese
27 Surrealist painter
30 "The Georgia Peach"
32 Punch
35 Pack animals
38 Lets in
39 Purchase
41 Financial mag
43 UPS competitor
44 Teacher
45 First man
47 Alt.
48 Gael republic
49 Want —
50 Candied item
51 Raw metal
53 Souvenir, often

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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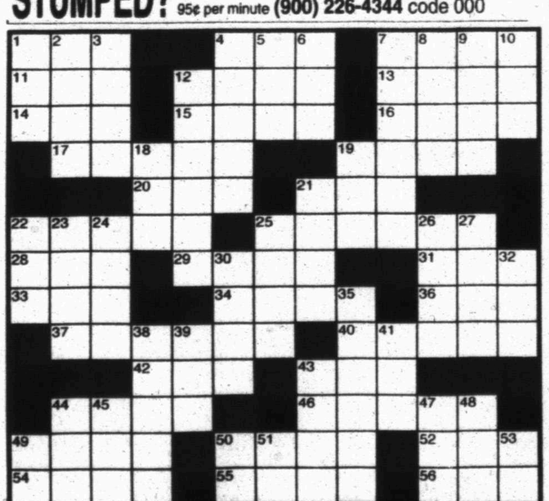

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Student burns candle at both ends and risks flaming out

DEAR ABBY: My son is a college student with an extremely demanding major. I have become concerned about his mental health.

Last year he began taking an overload of classes, a large number of extracurricular activities, and started a part-time job. As a result, he now feels too stressed to continue school and his grades have dropped. He is also making errors at work and getting into trouble for taking too many days off.

He dropped all his extracurricular activities, but his grades have not improved. Neither has his performance at work. He is now in danger of failing school and being fired from his job. In addition, he's developing a short temper.

What should I do? And what is your advice for my son? — **SCARED DAD IN NEW JERSEY**

DEAR DAD: The most important thing is your son's health and peace of mind. Encourage him to slow down and take an extra year to complete his studies. Even though it may be more expensive, it will be worth it. Since your son is a student and has access to a student health center, he should make a point of dropping in, discussing his concerns and getting checked out. Some short-term psychological counseling can help him lower his stress level.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm a 41-year-old woman who has been having a nine-year affair with "Anthony," a married man. I am also married, but I have been separated from my husband and two sons for four years.

When I tried to encourage Anthony to get a divorce to be with me, he asked me to wait until his children graduated from high school. After they got their diplomas, he begged me to "wait a little longer" until they graduated from college. Well, you guessed it. His three children are all college graduates and on their own. Now Anthony says he "can't" get a divorce because his wife will get everything and he'll be ruined!

Abby, Anthony owns his own business. He had it before he married his wife. His wife is a professional with a pension that they could split 50/50. (I'll admit I haven't divorced my husband because I need health insurance, and I don't want to lose out on his pension if Anthony doesn't leave his wife and marry me.)

I have dated other men, married and single, to make Anthony jealous enough to leave his wife. It hasn't worked. I can't understand why his wife doesn't leave HIM. What do you think is going on here? — **NEEDS TO MOVE ON IN SCRANTON, PA.**

DEAR NEEDS: What's important is what's NOT going on here. You have willingly been played for a fool. Anthony has no intention of ever leaving his wife. Not only is she a tough cookie, she's a smart one. Wake up and smell the coffee. She has the title and the assets, and you'll always be playing second fiddle.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: A happy union is not one of perfect partners, but the triumph of love over imperfections. — **J. HODGES, PORTLAND, ORE.**

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $5 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

DEAR ABBY: I am a junior in high school and have participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring since it started at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, S.C. From putting $1 in the big soup pot at church when I was 3, to taking calls from other young people reporting their group's collections on Super Bowl Sunday, I have seen firsthand that young people can make a difference.

Would you please ask your readers to join this youth-led effort to help the less fortunate? The movement got a huge boost when you spread the word a few years ago.

To participate, people simply give $1 each for the needy as they leave worship the weekend of the Feb. 1 game. Youth group members holding large soup pots stand at sanctuary exits to receive the donations. Best of all, each group (schools do it, too) sends every dollar it collects directly to a local charity it chooses.

Even though the money collected is sent directly to each charity, we ask participating groups to report their totals on game day so the national impact can be measured. Access www.souperbowl.org or call (800) 358-7687 for instructions, to request free posters and to report totals. (We would love for the total to be announced during the game, but we need help to make that happen!)

Abby, an aggregate of more than $20 million has been collected to help needy people since the Souper Bowl of Caring began in our church youth group. This year 28 pro coaches have signed on.

Thank you for encouraging young people, and all people, to make a difference. God bless. — **SHELLEY LONG, YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE, SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**

DEAR SHELLEY: And encourage them I do. By giving $1, everyone can be a winner on Super Bowl Sunday. The Souper Bowl of Caring is a laudable example of the good that can be accomplished when individuals join together for a common cause.

I applaud you for your efforts, and hope that your wish for a mention of the total monies raised during the game is realized.

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DEAR ABBY: After my father passed away, my husband's brother and his wife did not attend the funeral or the wake because they said they could not get off from work.

The following week, a friend of theirs came in from out of town. They both took off from work so they could entertain him. Abby, their friend didn't even stay at their house, and they had plenty of time to spend with him — a week and a half!

My feelings are very hurt. It bothers me that they were not there for me, my husband or my children. Am I overly sensitive? — **HURT IN LOUISIANA**

DEAR HURT: I don't think so. Funerals are for the living, and when you needed their support, your husband's brother and his wife withheld it.

Now that you know were their priorities lie, do not expect anything from them and you won't be disappointed.

P.S. You have my sympathy.

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Scurry County Anti-drug Connection

The best things in life are drug free

The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with the Scurry County Anti Drug Connection and Al-Anon support groups devote this column to current information on substance abuse, and how we, as a community, can work together to create a safe and drug free environment for our children.

Children of Alcoholics-Community Involvement

One in four children under the age of 18 in the United States will leave school today and go home to a parent who is an alcoholic or substance abuser. These children are often abused or neglected and they frequently have unstable, frightening lives in which they feel confused and guilty for their parent's addiction.

"If we can bring awareness about these children's needs to the attention of enough decision makers who work with children every day, then perhaps we can bring clarity and support more directly to these children," said Sis Wenger, executive director of the National Association for Children of Alcoholics (NACoA).

One way to increase awareness of the needs of these children is to recognize National Children of Alcoholics Week. This special week provides an opportunity for families, educators, health professionals, and the community to increase public awareness about the impact of parental addiction on children.

With the efforts of caring adults who are aware of strategies for helping children of alcoholics, these children can learn to understand some of their experiences and feelings.

"We hope that recognition will be given to the importance of focusing attention on the over 11 million children who live in the chaos and fear created by parental alcoholism and by the countless other parents who use illegal drugs," said Wenger.

Children of alcoholics are likely to suffer many harmful effects if they are not educated about their parent's addiction. They may have low self-esteem and experience difficulty expressing their feelings and asking for help, learning to problem solve, and learning to share.

Children of alcoholics are less likely to receive quality mental stimulation at home. Consequently, they are more likely to have underdeveloped language and reasoning skills. Studies also show that children of alcoholics are vulnerable to mental illness and medical problems and that they are more likely than others to become alcoholics and addicts, said Bridget F. Grant, Ph.D., in the January 2000 issue of the *American Journal of Public Health*.

Adults can play an important role in helping children of alcoholics to learn about "denial, blackouts, relapse, and recovery...and come to see that they are not to blame and they can't make it all better," suggests Jerry Moe in his article "To Walk with One Child."

Adults can help children of alcoholics by offering them these six important messages: Alcoholism is a sickness; you can't make it better; you are not alone;

you deserve help for yourself; there are people and places that can help; you can get help and feel better even if your parent doesn't stop drinking or using drugs.

Above information furnished by NACoA.

For more information on how you and/or your business or organization can be involved in promoting a drug-free community, contact the Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection at the Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 574-1931 or 573-1411.

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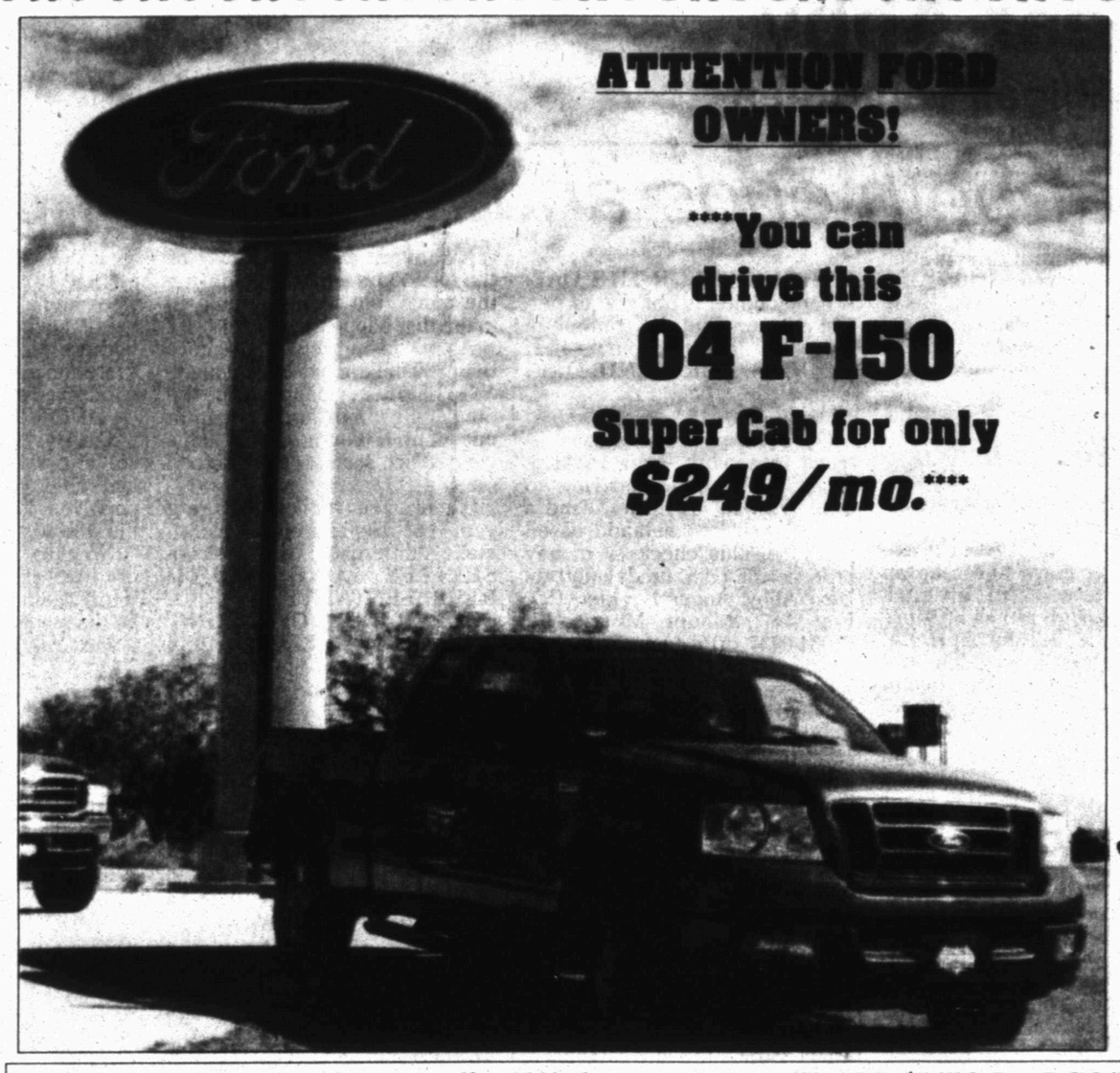

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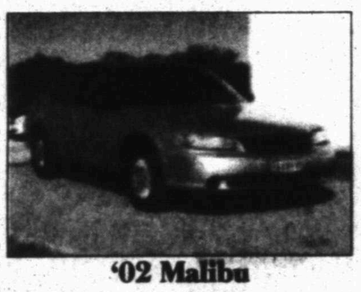

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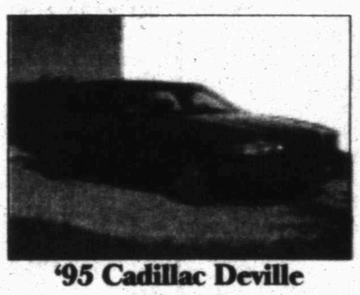

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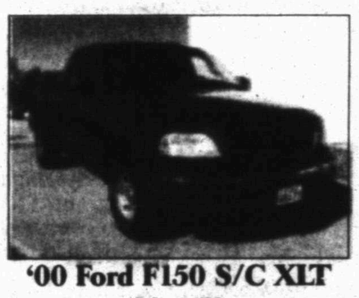

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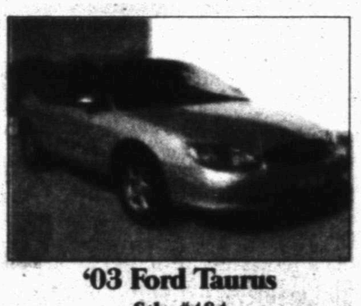

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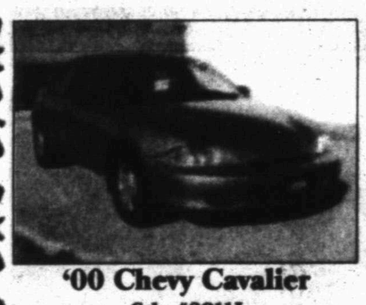

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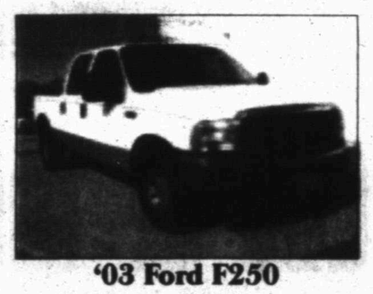

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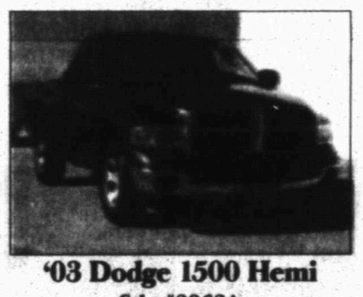

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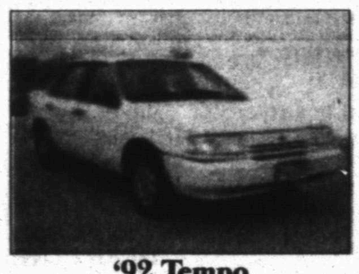

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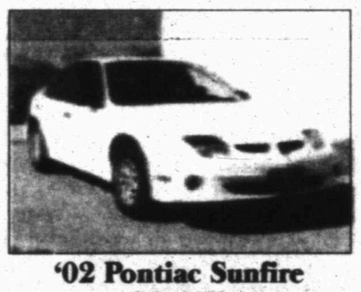

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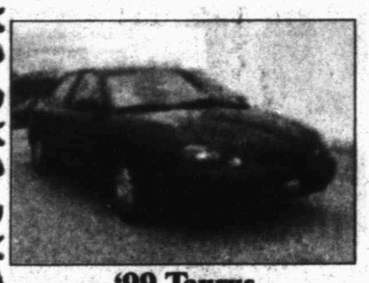

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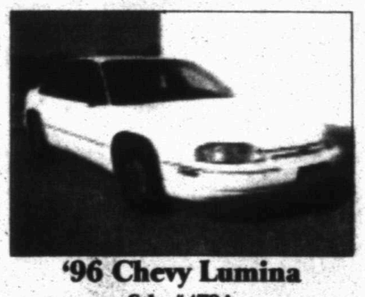

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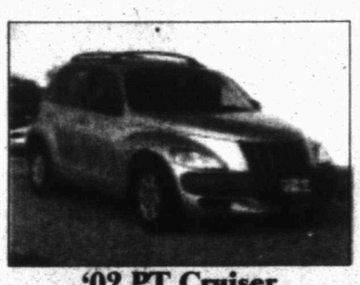

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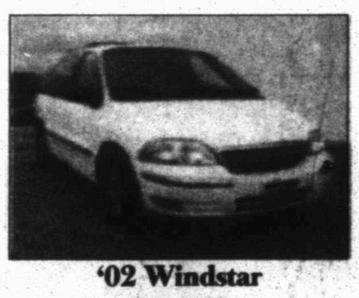

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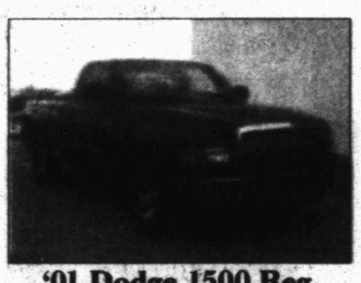

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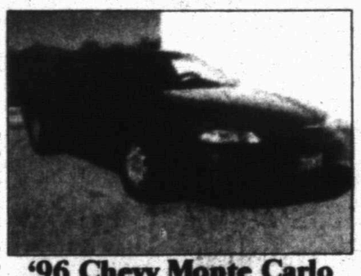

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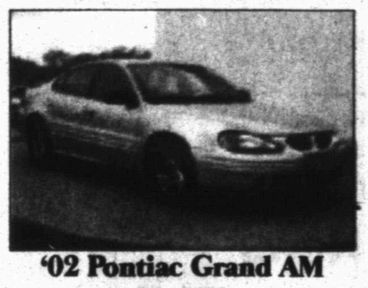

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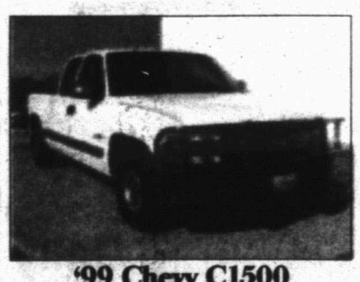

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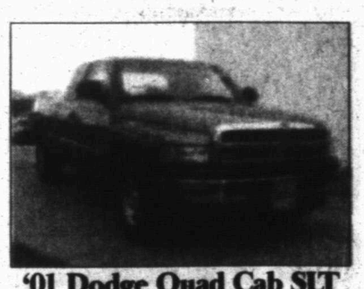

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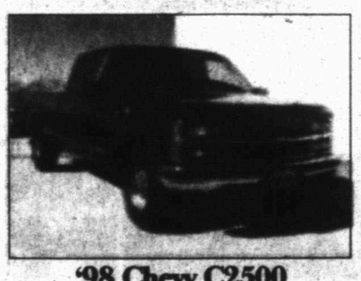

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