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Court appoints new JP, nixes clerk request

By Jeff West
SDN Staff Writer

Scurry County commissioner's court, on a split vote this morning, approved the appointment of a new justice of the peace for precinct 2 out of Hermleigh instead of hiring an additional clerk for Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Deborah Boyd.

On a two-to-one vote, the court okayed the appointment of Julie Culp of Hermleigh to serve in justice precinct 2 which has been vacant since August 2002. Culp had written the court asking for the appointment after reading of Boyd's request for more personnel.

Commissioner Ralph Trevey argued strongly that appointing a justice of the peace for the Hermleigh-area district would be costly and would not solve the problem in Boyd's office.

"If we appoint a new judge we need to pay her what a chief clerk makes, which is $18,850, but that won't be all of it. There will be an office and phones and a fax and a copier," Trevey said.

"At one time we had discussed abolishing the office,," he continued. "We discussed that during the last budget."

Commissioner Chloanne Lindsey said, "We never discussed that, it would take a constitutional vote."

"We talked about it that's why we never voted it any money, the budget for that office is zero," Trevey said.

"Are you yelling at me?" Lindsey asked.

Trevey said the way the JP precincts are currently set up the judge would only cover "12 miles of 84 and a part of 180. Everything else will be Boyd's."

"We can adjust the boundaries," Lindsey said.

"Then we can eliminate the position," Trevey countered. "Do you know why we created that JP position? It was mandated we have one when our population went over 18,000. We now have about 16,000 people in the county and I don't feel we need the office."

Lindsey pointed out that Culp could take some of the calls for unattended deaths and other judicial duties when Boyd is unavailable and she mentioned the juvenile truancy cases that Boyd had previously said were taking up more of her time.

"Can she take truancies from Snyder? No, well then how many of those truancies come from Hermleigh?" Trevey asked Boyd.

"Very few," she answered.



Julie Culp

Culp addressed the court and said, "First this is an open office and it is my understanding that as a Hermleigh resident I couldn't run for the current JP position because the Hermleigh office still exists. I feel I could do the job. I don't have any experience, but what justice of the peace has any experience when they first get the job."

She said she worked for a former justice of the peace in Hermleigh, John Williamson, as a secretary for some of his private business dealings and as a result had filed some forms for him, although not as a county employee.

"Do you mean to say you handled county money and weren't a county employee?" Trevey asked.

"I didn't handle the money, mostly phone calls and filling out forms."

Trevey again said he thought giving Boyd another clerk would solve the problem for less money.

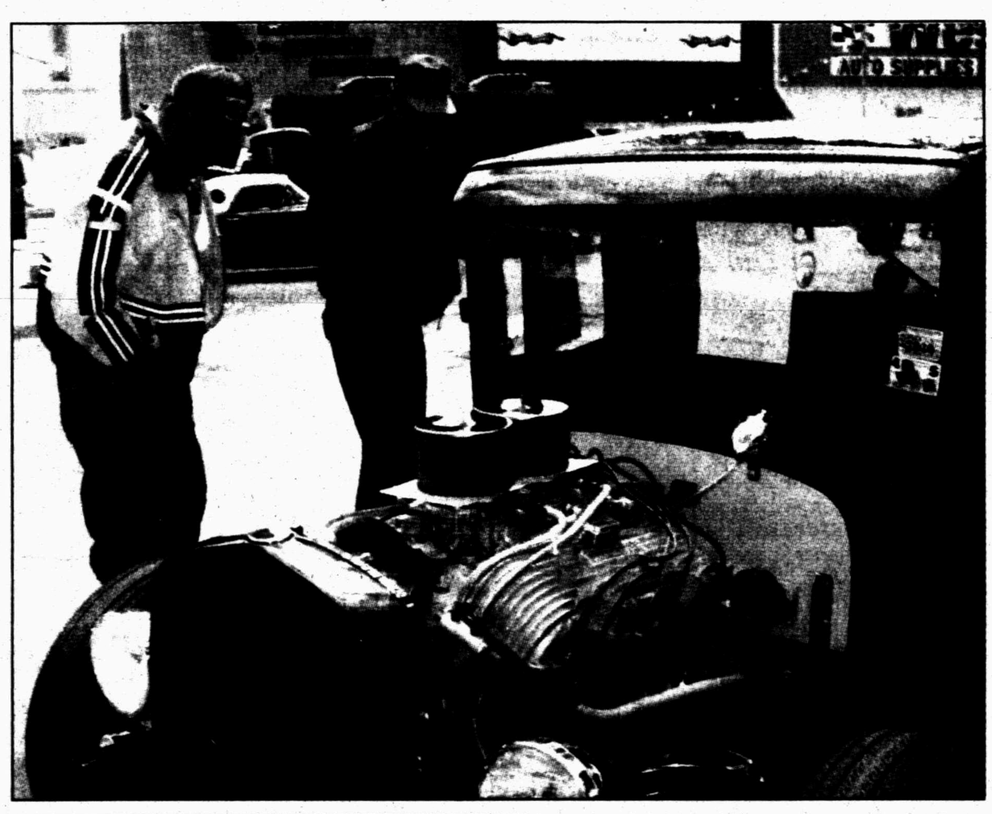
"Do you think it would solve the problem, we added a full time clerk and that didn't solve it. We took away hot checks and that didn't solve it," said County Judge Rod Waller.

Waller then called for a motion to authorize a new clerk for Boyd's office. Trevey made the motion but it died for lack of a second. He then called for a motion to appoint Culp as justice of the peace precinct 2, which Lindsey made Commissioner Howard Limmer seconded. It passed 2-1 with Commissioner Jerry House was not present, due to a death in the family.

Since no budget amendment was prepared for the new office, commissioners set May 17 to approve the budget and swear in Culp.

Cogdell Hospital CFO Richard Murphy spoke to the court about streamlining the process for getting bills paid since going through four or five approvals at the hospital and then getting three commissioners' written authorization is taking too long, resulting in substantial late charges. No action was taken.

The court also approved several inter-agency agreements related to homeland security.







CAR SHOW FESTIVITIES — Earl Melton, left, of Lubbock and Gerald Melton of Panhandle admire a 1932 Ford pickup at the Snyder Wheels Car Show on Saturday. Also shown is a 1956 Ford. Lower right, Larry Early of Snyder looks over a multi-colored 1940 Ford. (SDN Staff Photos by Jeff West)

Familiar items on city council agenda

Much of the Snyder city council agenda appears like a rerun of last month with tax breaks, dump trucks and railroad crossings to be considered.

Again, the council will consider the tax break for those 65 years and older, or handicapped. This agenda item attracted a full house at a prior council meeting.

The council will act on the second reading of ordinances that will change the percentage of a residential lot that can be built on as well as changing the an ordinance that required a $35 fee to reserve a dump truck for those wishing to clean up their property.

The council agreed at the last meeting that getting the city cleaned up is more important than the small amount of money collected.

Mayor Francene Noah and some council members said they wanted to drive the area around 25th and the railroad tracks before deciding on whether to accept an offer from BNSF Railroad to upgrade other crossings and give the city $25,000 to use however it wanted, in exchange for abandoning a crossing on 25th.

Joining Scurry County in an emergency management plan, and a mutual aid agreement also will be considered by the council. The mutual aid agreement language comes from the council of governments.

Council members also will discuss posting a stop sign at the corner of Crescent and Eastridge.

Also on the agenda are appointments to the water district board of directors, bids for asphalt, water meters and aggregate and the specifications for health insurance bids.

A presentation of a plaque to former council member James Ashley also is scheduled along with normal monthly reports.

The council session begins at 6:30 this evening in the council chambers at city hall.

Scurry County officials attend public hearing

More than 100 people attended a meeting in Abilene Friday to protest state plans to close several local offices of the Department of Human Services and replace them with call centers and Internet services.

The proposed action is an effort to save state dollars and make services more easily available to those who have trouble getting to a center, state officials say.

Among those from Snyder who spoke at the meeting were Scurry County Judge Rod Waller, Precinct 1 Commissioner Ralph Trevey and several local employees of the affected agency.

Judge Waller said his comments centered on possible loss of jobs and the potential loss of services to needy citizens.

Trevey presented a petition that was circulated in Scurry County, and it was the only petition presented at the Abilene meeting, according to Waller.

Waller said, "100 percent of the speakers were opposed to closing offices, none of the crowd spoke for it."

One of the officials emphasized the state's plan to not have any clients drive more than 30 miles in rural Texas to get to an office.

Waller said no decisions or findings were announced Friday but he expects there will be an announcement soon as to which offices will be closed.

Hamill escapes from captors

MACON, Miss. (AP) — Thomas Hamill's father raised his hands skyward and proclaimed it "a beautiful day" upon hearing that his son, a civilian contractor kidnapped in Iraq, had escaped his captors and was safe.

Leo Hamill said he fell asleep Saturday night while watching a television newscast and woke Sunday to a bulletin reporting his son's escape.

"I knew when I saw him on TV, I knew it was him," the teary-eyed father said. "I hoped they would return him safe."

Leo Hamill promised when his son returned he would "grab and hug his neck."

Hamill, a truck driver for a subsidiary of the Halliburton Corp., was kidnapped during an attack on his supply convoy April 9. He escaped Sunday from a house south of Tikrit and ran to a nearby U.S. patrol, the U.S. military announced in Baghdad.

Hamill's captors had threatened to kill him unless the United States lifted its siege on the city of Fallujah.

His wife, Kellie Hamill, said she got a call at about 5:50 a.m. telling her that her husband was free. He later called home, "the best wake-up call I've ever had," she said.

"He sounded wonderful, so wonderful. He said he was fine," she told The Associated Press. "He said he was more worried about his mom, his grandmother, me and our kids. The first thing he said to me was, 'How are you doing?'"

Kellie Hamill said her husband told her he pried a door open at the house where he was being held after he heard a U.S. Army patrol nearby. "He said he ran half a mile down the road and got with the convoy. Isn't that something?" she said.

Local man elated over escape

Rick Tollison of Snyder was in the same convoy with Tom Hamill when Hamill was captured, and the news that Hamill escaped from his captors is good news.

"I'm pretty excited that he got away," said Tollison, as he was preparing to leave this morning for Iraq to return to his job with Kellogg Brown and Root.

"I'm just hoping the other two captives show up," said Tollison. "It's great he's going to get back with his family."

Tollison said he looks forward to seeing Hamill again..."If he goes back to Iraq."

Tollison was fourth in line in the convoy when Hamill was taken hostage on April 9. Hamill was driving the first vehicle in the convoy hauling fuel.



ESCAPED — Thomas Hamill is greeted by two U.S. soldiers from the 2nd Brigade combat team of the 1st Infantry Division after escaping captivity today in Iraq. Hamill was taken hostage April 9. (AP Photo)

Bubble bath is used in attempt to murder wife

HENDERSON (AP) — A Rusk County nurse has been charged with attempted murder after he allegedly prepared his wife a bubble bath, complete with candles and music, then tried to electrocute her by pushing a radio into the tub.

William Joseph Wolfe, 34, an emergency room nurse at Henderson Memorial Hospital, was out on $40,000 bond today. He was arrested Thursday night at his residence on a second-degree charge of criminal attempt at murder.

ASK US

Q—On which course will the girls the play the 3A state golf tournament?

A— at Jimmy Clay in Austin May 13-14, the same site as last year's tournament.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



John Harper...

...has lived in Snyder for 40 years and has been married to Nell for 51 years. A son, Richard, lives in Snyder as do daughters, Carla Thompson and Michelle Kuhl. Another daughter, Sheila Jordan, lives in San Antonio. John is retired from the oilfields but still occasionally substitutes as a school bus driver. He enjoys fishing and going on a yearly mission building trip with the Texas Baptist Church Builders.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Each man's talent is his call. There is one direction in which all doors are open to him.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Football booster club meeting

The Snyder Tigers football booster club will meet at 6:30 this evening at the China Dragon.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "Our Search for Happiness," followed by "They Crucified Him There."

VFW Ladies Auxiliary

VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 8231 will meet at 7 p.m. today. Members are urged to attend.

SHS band boosters

SHS band boosters will meet at 7 tonight in the band hall. Officers for next school year will be elected. Incoming freshman band parents are urged to attend.

Doodlebug Writers Fellowship

The Doodlebug Writers Fellowship will meet at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Golden Terrace community room. Visitors are welcome.

AA meeting

An AA meeting is held at noon every Tuesday and Friday at the Witherspoon house next door to the First Presbyterian Church. The meeting is non-smoking and closed. For more information, call 574-2656, or 207-1325.

Diabetes help

A faith-in-action volunteer training session to help diabetics will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Cogdell Hospital education wing. Topic will be "Neighbors Helping Neighbors." There is no charge and refreshments will be provided.

4-H horse club fun night

The Scurry County 4-H horse club will have a fun night at Scurry County Coliseum annex at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. There will be a $5 arena fee for all participants.

Scurry Lodge 706 meeting

Scurry Lodge 706 will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday for its regular monthly meeting.

Varsity baseball booster club

The varsity baseball booster club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the film room.

What's up guidelines

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

Enron prosecutors seek anonymous jury

HOUSTON (AP) — Fallout from the recent Tyco mistrial after a juror was publicly identified during deliberations has reached at least one upcoming criminal trial stemming from Enron Corp.'s scandalous implosion.

Prosecutors from the Justice Department's Enron Task Force have asked the judge presiding over the June 7 trial of four former Merrill Lynch & Co. executives and two former Enron executives to keep names, addresses and workplaces of potential jurors under wraps — even from lawyers on both sides.

Some defense attorneys dismiss such measures as unnecessary or say that level of secrecy deprives the defendants of information that would help weed out potentially biased jurors.

"The empanelling of an anonymous jury deprives Furst of the presumption of innocence because jurors are likely to conclude that if their identities must be kept secret, the defendants must be dangerous persons and, therefore, guilty," Ira Lee Sorkin, who represents former Merrill executive Robert Furst, said in court papers filed last week.

U.S. District Judge Ewing Werlein has yet to address the issue.

The indictment alleges Enron, with Merrill's knowledge, booked a profit from the December 1999 sale of Nigerian barges to appear to have met earnings targets. All six defendants are charged with conspiracy.

Some also face charges of lying to the FBI or a grand jury investigating what led to Enron's collapse about the secret buyback promise. All have pleaded innocent.

Bill Rosch, who represents former midlevel Enron finance executive Dan Boyle, dismissed the prosecution's request as "headline grabbing."

"Everybody's mad about Tyco, but that's the way the system works," Rosch said. "The system has worked fine the way the judges and lawyers in this community have tried cases for years. If it's not broken, don't fix it."

Prosecutors argue in court papers that Werlein could tell jurors anonymity is warranted by publicity and "potential officious contact from inquisitive others." With that explanation, defendants would still enjoy proper jury selection and their presumption of innocence, prosecutors say.

Sorkin countered that juror anonymity is a drastic measure for cases where juror safety is at risk, or when extensive publicity increases the possibility of intimidation of jurors.

A federal judge in New York declared a mistrial last month in the grand-larceny case against L. Dennis Kozlowski, Tyco's former CEO, and Mark H. Swartz, the former chief financial officer. U.S. District Judge Michael Obus ended the six-month trial during deliberations when a juror received an angry letter and a telephone call after she had been identified in some newspapers.

Juror identities are usually public records, but news organizations traditionally don't identify them until a trial is over. The newspapers that published Ruth Jordan's name said their actions were justified because she made a motion interpreted by some reporters as an "OK" gesture toward defense lawyers. She has since denied making such a gesture.

Tyco fallout also touched the retrial of former investment banker Frank Quattrone on charges of obstruction and witness tampering when U.S. District Judge Richard Owen barred reporters from publishing juror names.

Owen told media lawyers the Tyco trial was "blown to smithereens" when Jordan was identified during deliberations. News outlets, including The Associated Press, said they didn't intend to publish those names, but challenged the order on constitutional grounds.

"But for the Tyco case, no one would be thinking of this," said Nancy Rapaport, dean of the University of Houston Law Center. "Once news organizations reported name of Juror No. 4, that ramped up concern that jurors might be pressured."

But that doesn't justify shrouding part of a public process in secrecy, said Mark Biros, a former federal prosecutor with the law firm of Proskauer Rose in Washington D.C.

"There is a constitutional provision which talks about a public trial, and normally they've used anonymous juries where there was some threat of tampering," Biros said. "I certainly would hate to see wholesale usage of that."

None of the six defendants in the Merrill Lynch case are among the famous to emerge from the Enron scandal. But former Enron finance chief Andrew Fastow, who pleaded guilty in January to running schemes that helped fuel the company's downfall, is expected to be a key witness in the trial and garner heavy media interest.

Today's chuckle

Formerly thin model now Jumbo Queen

SAMPHRAN, Thailand (AP) — A former model who once weighed a mere 115 pounds before more than tripling her weight was crowned Jumbo Queen at an annual pageant where big is beautiful.



Dressed in billowing silks, the 20 contestants sashayed down a stage Saturday and climbed on a weighing scale before showing off talents ranging from Indian dance to lip synching songs.

At nearly 375 pounds, Bangon Waiyawong was a clear winner in weight, beating the second placed Sirirat Wongknongwa by 63.93 pounds.

Bangon, dressed in a mauve skirt and flowing orange crepe wings attached to the shoulders, got the audience rocking with her performance of a disco dance.

"The way I danced ... I did things the judges didn't think I could do," Bangon said after being crowned.

The 34-year-old Bangon is the owner of a beauty shop and trains aspiring contestants in conventional beauty contests.

The Jumbo Queen event was staged at the Samphran Elephant Ground and Zoo, 25 miles west of Bangkok, as part of the zoo's annual Jumbo Banquet elephant feast. The event is aimed at highlighting elephant conservation.

Ford overruled latch concerns

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — Ford Motor Co. overruled its own safety engineers' recommendations to recall up to 4.1 million pickups and sport utility vehicles that they found had substandard door latches, court documents indicated.

A Ford safety engineering team determined in March 2000 that door latches on certain 1997-2000 light trucks didn't meet federal safety standards. The trucks include the popular F-150, F-250, Expedition and Lincoln Navigator models, according to internal Ford memos made public as part of court cases.

After the recommendations, Ford ordered immediate design changes for future vehicles. But the automaker decided against a recall, which could have cost up to $527 million. The company determined instead that the latches could pass a rarely used alternative compliance test, The Detroit News reported Sunday.

Moderately Confused



events

TEXAS LOTTERY RESULTS

Saturday's Lottery Numbers
Lotto Texas

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

Winning numbers drawn: 02-04-06-08-39 . Bonus Ball: 40.

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

Number matching five of five: 9. Prize: $4,364.

Number matching four of five, plus Bonus Ball: 30. Prize: $1,188.

Number matching four of five: 1,237. Prize: $62.

Number matching three of five, plus Bonus Ball: 833. Prize: $81.

Number matching three of five: 32,034. Prize: $5.

Number matching two of five, plus Bonus Ball: 9,211. Prize: $5.

Number matching one of five, plus Bonus Ball: 39,382. Prize: $5.

Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: $43,000,000.

Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 03-04-10-14-18.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Matching four of five: 114. Prize: $497.

Matching three of five: 4,348. Prize: $9.

Matching two of five: 43,270. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Monday night.

Pick 3
(Day) 9-9-7
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World Almanac

Monday, May 3, 2004

Today is the 124th day of 2004 and the 45th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1937, Margaret Mitchell's novel "Gone With the Wind" won the Pulitzer Prize.

In 1971, National Public Radio had its first broadcast.

In 1999, the Dow Jones industrial average topped 11,000 for the first time.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Niccolo Machiavelli (1469-1527), political philosopher/statesman; Golda Meir (1898-1978), Israeli prime minister; Sugar Ray Robinson (1921-1989), boxer; Frankie Valli (1937-), singer, is 67; Jewel (Kilcher) (1974-), singer, is 30.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1957, Brooklyn Dodgers baseball club owner Walter O'Malley decided to move the team to Los Angeles.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "What makes some people able to come through catastrophes and others, apparently just as able, strong and brave, go under? It happens in every upheaval. Some people survive; others don't." — Margaret Mitchell

TODAY'S FACT: Margaret Thatcher became the first female prime minister in the United Kingdom in 1979.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 50 — number of countries that helped to draw up the United Nations Charter in 1945.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (April 27) and full moon (May 4).

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Trump to play golf

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Donald Trump will assume the role of apprentice himself when he puts his frailties on display in an atmosphere many find more intimidating than the corporate board room — the golf course.

Trump, comedian Jimmy Fallon and actors Kurt Russell and Luke Wilson are among the first-time players entered to play July 16-18 at the American Century celebrity golf tournament.

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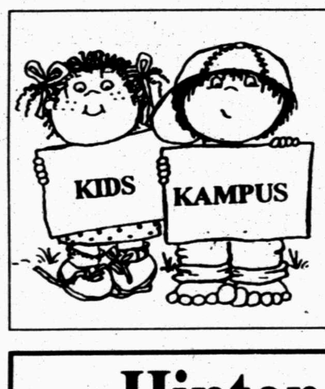
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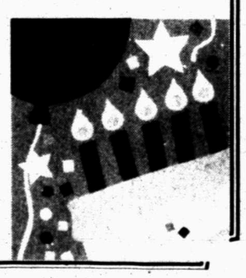
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Man found with poison to be sentenced

NOONDAY (AP) — An East Texas man who had accumulated a massive amount of cyanide was described as a white supremacist and a student of militia-led revolt.

William Krar is scheduled to be sentenced in a federal court Tuesday after acknowledging that he possessed enough sodium cyanide to fatally gas everyone in a 30,000-square-foot building, such as a civic center or high school basketball arena. But investigators say they still don't know what Krar intended to do with the deadly materials.

Krar, 63, pleaded guilty to one count of possessing a dangerous chemical weapon in November. He faces up to life in prison, but officials have said that he's expected to get less than 20 years under federal sentencing guidelines.

Law officers said Krar was a supplier of explosives, dangerous chemicals and high-powered guns.

"If you had a McVeigh type and a Krar type come together, you might have had a very big explosion," assistant U.S. Attorney Brit Featherston, lead prosecutor in Krar's case, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in today's editions.

Timothy McVeigh was executed after being convicted of federal murder charges in the bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building.

Although Featherston said there is no indication that Krar and McVeigh ever crossed paths, there were many similarities between them.

Both McVeigh and Krar had in their possessions at the time of their arrests "The Turner Diaries" and "Hunter," two novels promoting racism, hate and reasons to attack the government.

The government has said that "The Turner Diaries" was used as a blueprint by McVeigh in planning his April 19, 1995 attack that killed 168 people, 19 of them children.

Court documents show that Krar's reading materials also included pamphlets entitled "Firearms Silencers," "Expedient Hand Grenades" and "Booby-traps." And, like McVeigh, he owned "The Anarchist Cookbook" and "Poor Man's James Bond."

Krar's cache of weapons included nine machine guns, three silencers, 67 sticks of explosives, more than 100,000 rounds of ammunition, 800 grams of near-pure sodium cyanide and the acids to turn it into poisonous gas.

Featherston said he does not believe Krar was simply a collector of dangerous goods.

"The majority of what Krar possessed you only possess to kill and maim human beings," the prosecutor said.

Krar's legal problems began in 1985, according to court records and FBI affidavits, when he was arrested in New Hampshire and charged with impersonating a police officer. He did not fight the charge, instead opting to pay a fine and be set free.

In 1995, Krar was under suspicion again when his business card was found in a Tennessee home, along with what federal reports say were "large amounts of bomb-making components" and a "large number of firearms and ammunition." According to an FBI affidavit, that discovery placed Krar and a man identified as Sean Bottoms under police scrutiny for "serious allegations ... to carry out a specific act of domestic terrorism against the United States government."

Corruption probe overshadows good deeds

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Gov. John G. Rowland said he is frustrated that all his official actions these days are being dismissed as an attempt to divert attention from both the federal corruption investigation and the legislative impeachment he faces.

Whether it's visiting a burned homeless man in the hospital, brokering a deal with a Hartford developer, or calling on Democrats to avoid spending the state's surplus in the new budget, his every move is being second-guessed for possible motives, Rowland said.

"When I go to events and people are there, I know there is no interest, unless they can find a person who can say something bad," Rowland said of journalists.

In a rare interview since admitting last December that he accepted gifts from state contractors, Rowland told The Associated Press last week he will not resign, and hopes to weather the corruption and impeachment investigations. He maintains he has done nothing wrong because he has not given any state work in exchange for the presents.

"People say, 'Oh, he's done things wrong. He's taken gifts.' OK, let's assume half of the stuff is true. I think the more important point is, the reason I don't resign is I haven't compromised this office," Rowland said.

The governor blamed his dismal poll ratings — the latest University of Connecticut poll shows a record low 20 percent job approval — on negative media coverage. He said news organizations have a vested interest in continuing the scandal, making the news rather than reporting it.

Rowland, 46, said people enjoy watching someone like himself fall from grace.

"Because people are generally unhappy in their lives, if they see someone successful fail, that gives them a little joy, it makes them think that their unhappy life isn't so bad," Rowland said.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Teen who outgrows shelter searches for new direction

DEAR ABBY: A year ago I was placed in an emergency shelter for seven months, until I graduated from high school. I turned 18 three weeks ago. Because of state guidelines, I was forced to leave the shelter and went to a foster home for a week.

The shelter has a policy that there be no contact between the staff and clients for 18 months, but I was allowed to call there. Last week, I got a call from the director of the shelter, saying I "needed to stop calling and move on with my life." My problem is, before I went there I had no positive support or role models, and now, when something good happens, I want to call and talk to one of them because I got real close to them.

Do you have any advice on how to move on with my life? — **LOST IN ALABAMA**

DEAR LOST: It is unconscionable that children are dumped from the system with no skills, no one to confide in, and no one to mentor them.

Contact the foster youth program in your state. Ask to speak to a social worker and inquire about transitional counseling and support. You should also contact the YWCA and see if they provide mentoring. You have reached a point where you must decide where you want to go in life. Have you considered a vocational school or college? Their financial offices can provide suggestions about part-time employment while you're completing your education. Once you're enrolled, you'll meet other young people with positive goals and make friends.

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DEAR ABBY: I am being married in the fall and have asked my niece to be the only musician and play her violin in my wedding. She agreed to do it as a gift to me.

I want her to purchase a bridesmaid's dress and shoes (together about $220) so she'll match the bridesmaids, as she'll be in the front of the church. Her family refuses to buy the dress or shoes. This has upset me and my family and caused a lot of tension.

It is my wedding, and I feel they should accommodate my wishes. Don't you agree? — **HURT IN KENTUCKY**

DEAR HURT: Not necessarily. Two hundred and twenty dollars may not seem like much to you, but it may be to your niece. So be prepared to pony up the money and pay for her outfit if you're determined that she match the bridesmaids.

Look at it this way: You're getting a live musician at no cost. Consider the costume your gift to HER for participating in your dream wedding.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 16-year-old high school student. My friend "Denise" has an almost insane crush on a friend of ours. Denise is so obsessed with him that she has hysterical fits of crying and rage if he pays attention to another girl. She talks about suicide if she can't be with him.

I know this is not normal, but I don't know what to do. I'm concerned Denise will hurt herself or someone else. — **CONCERNED FRIEND IN CALGARY**

DEAR CONCERNED: Tell your parents, a teacher, or a counselor at school about her behavior, her threats and your concerns. Your friend has gone off the deep end and may need to be psychologically evaluated.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

In the year ahead, the biggest rewards will come through a concerted effort of teamwork. Large advantages that you can't develop on your own can come through working collectively for a common goal.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Bargains or agreements you strike today will not amount to very much in the long run if they are based on wishful or unrealistic thinking. Be honest with yourself and your teammates.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Serious responsibilities and duties cannot be wished away today. Pretending that they'll take care of themselves, or that someone will step in and do them for you, is asking for a major problem.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Don't get yourself into something today that is dependent on chance. You'll quickly discover that Lady Luck isn't anywhere around when you roll those dice and come up with snake eyes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Should the world treat you a bit unkindly today, don't take your wrath out on innocent bystanders who are powerless to answer you back. All that it would do is make you look small.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Harboring unyielding opinions today could cause an unnecessary major confrontation with someone who is important to you. This person will not be impressed with your obstinacy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — This may not be one of your better days as far as money's concerned, but chances are it will be due in most part to your inability to face reality. Wishful thinking can prove to be expensive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Treat your important relationships with all the skill, tolerance and understanding that you can muster today. People in general are at odds with themselves and don't need more chastisement.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — It is not only wise to place boundaries on your generosity today, but it will also be essential that you think about what you're doing. You could give away something that can't be replaced.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Try to steer clear of a gathering today where you could run into someone you dislike. There's a chance that this person might provoke you into causing a scene that would make you look bad.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Be extremely careful in ticklish career situations today so that you do not achieve your goals at the expense of another. What you gain may be at the cost of your reputation.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Relying more upon what you feel today instead of on the facts at hand could prevent you from seeing important issues clearly. Blurred vision can cause major mishaps in judgment.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — A joint venture that had required some cash outlay on your part may show signs of not living up to its expectations today, but don't give up on it too quickly. Give it more time.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 05-03-04
♠ K 7 6 3
♥ A K 6 3 2
♦ J 5
♣ J 2

West
♠ Q J 10 9
♥ J 9
♦ 7 6 4 3
♣ A Q 5

East
♠ A 8 5 4 2
♥ Q 10 5
♦ 9 8
♣ 10 9 8

South
♠ —
♥ 8 7 4
♦ A K Q 10 2
♣ K 7 6 4 3

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
		2 ♦	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ Q

Monday, May 3, 2004

The truth, the whole truth

By Phillip Alder

Flannery O'Connor, in her novel "Wise Blood," wrote: "I preach there are all kinds of truth, your truth and somebody else's. But behind all of them there is only one truth and that is that there's no truth."

What is the truth about this deal? At least we know there has to be a truth. How should South play in his contract of four hearts after West has led the spade queen?

The auction features bridge's Flannery — William Flannery, an expert who lived in Pittsburgh during his bridge heyday and died in 2000. The Flannery two-diamond opening shows some 11-16 high-card points with exactly four spades and five hearts. (With 17-20 points, you are strong enough to open one heart, then reverse with two spades on the second round.)

You have 10 tricks via four hearts, five diamonds and a spade ruff in hand. But to take the diamonds safely, you must have drawn trumps first.

Suppose you ruff at trick one, then play three rounds of hearts. East will shift to the club 10 and the canopy will collapse. West will lead spades through dummy's king, and the defenders can collect three spades, one heart and two clubs for three down.

You need a trump in hand to control the spade suit. So, at trick two, lead a trump, but play low, not high, from the dummy. The defenders may take one or two club tricks and tap you again in spades, but you can cross to dummy's diamond jack, draw trumps, and run the rest of the diamonds.

Watch out for this ducking play to retain trump control.

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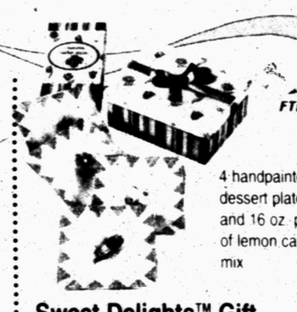
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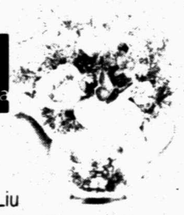
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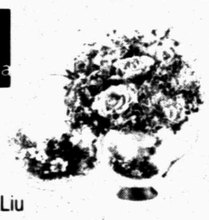
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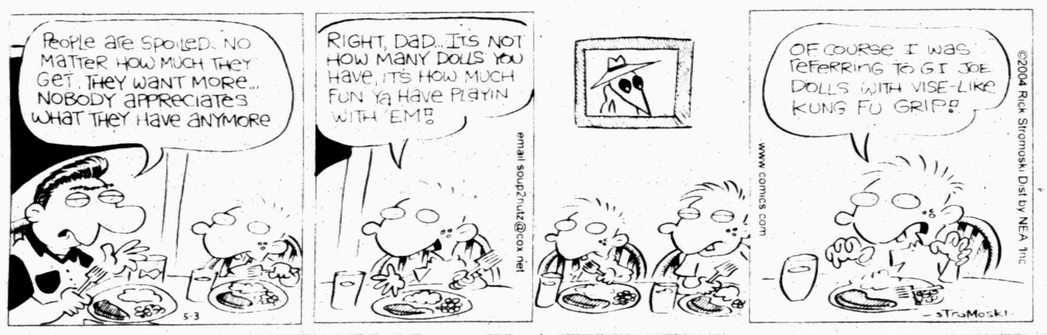
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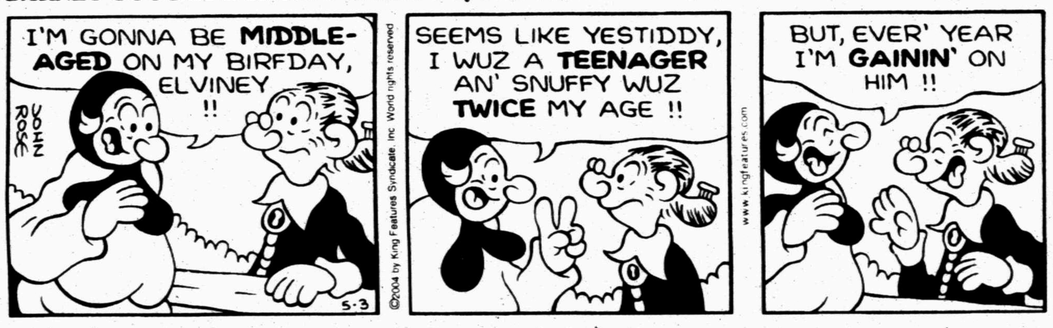
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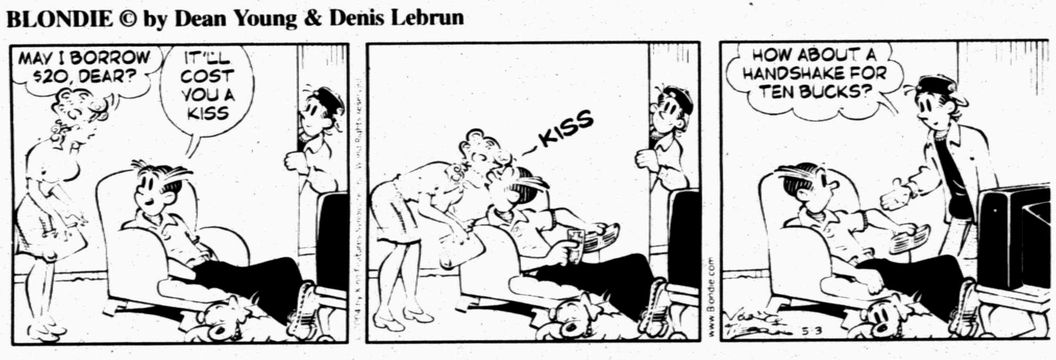
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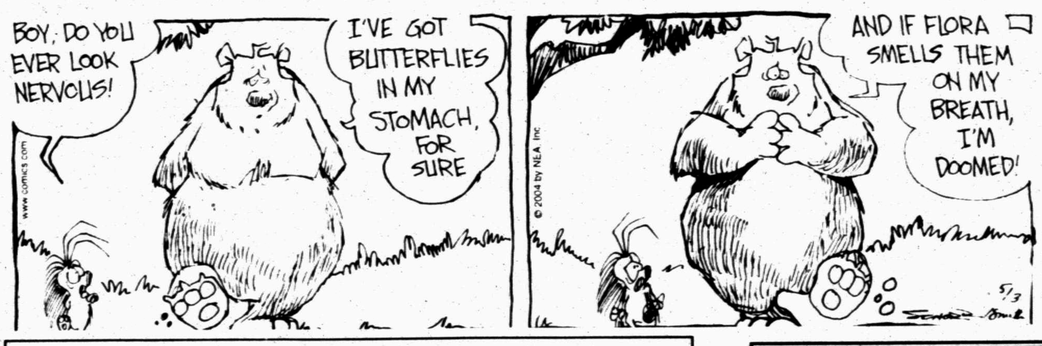
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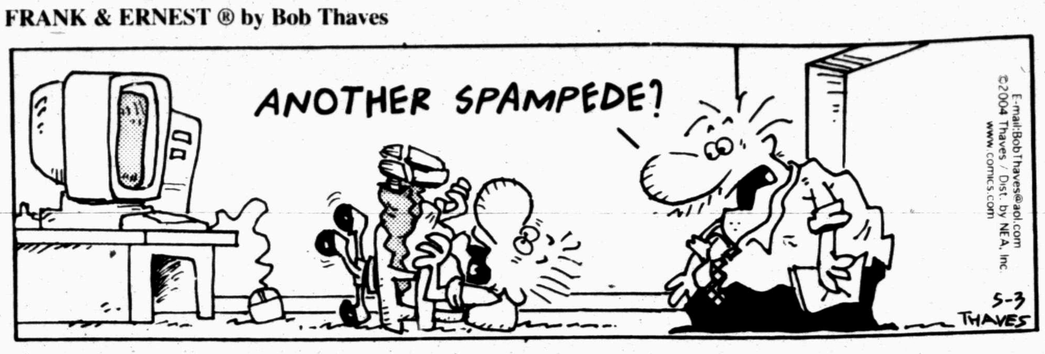
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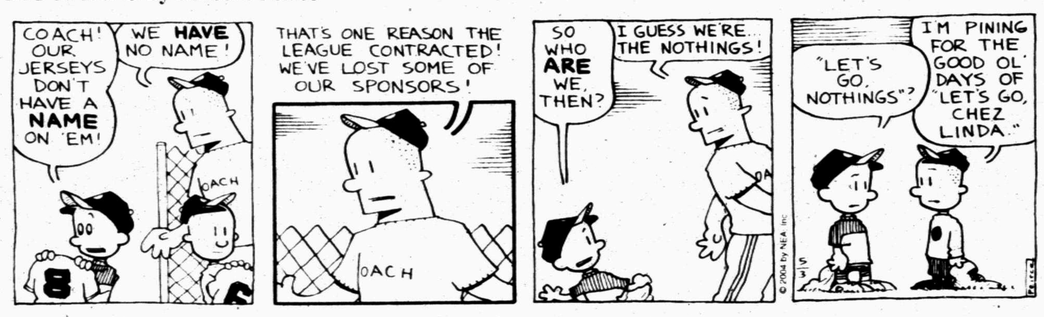
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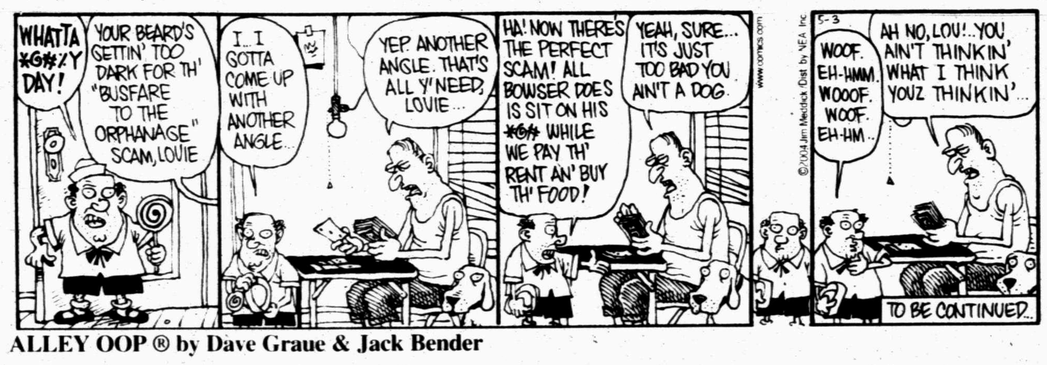
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1 Tattoo word
4 Raucous laughs
8 House pet
11 "— — no idea!"
13 Baseball's Tommie —
14 Deposit
15 Wrinkle
16 Riddle starter
17 Annoy
18 Rx info
20 Manage
21 Achieved
22 Offshore island
24 Tees off
27 Black magic
30 Flush with
31 Skimpy pullover
32 Pub brew
34 Nonrusting metal
35 Blockbusters
36 Multiplied
37 Brand names
39 Rodeo prop
40 Farewell
41 One, to Fritz
42 Garment edges
45 Sparse
49 Ironic
50 Wisecrack
53 Proboscis
54 Yang opposite
55 Coup d'—
56 Kyrgyzstan range
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58 Not admit to
59 Jollity

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1 Balmy
2 Great Lakes state
3 — best friend
4 Went off course
5 "Oh, gross!"
6 New Zealand parrot
7 Solidify
8 Ad award
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12 Numb
19 PFCs
20 Dancer — Charisse
22 Those against
23 Swell, in space (hyph.)
24 Animal doctor
25 Harmful
26 Warrior princess
27 Cauldrons
28 Rowboat's need
29 Cheers
31 Linoleum square
33 Ancient Tokyo
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36 Cereal topper
38 Toy gun ammo
39 Tell tales
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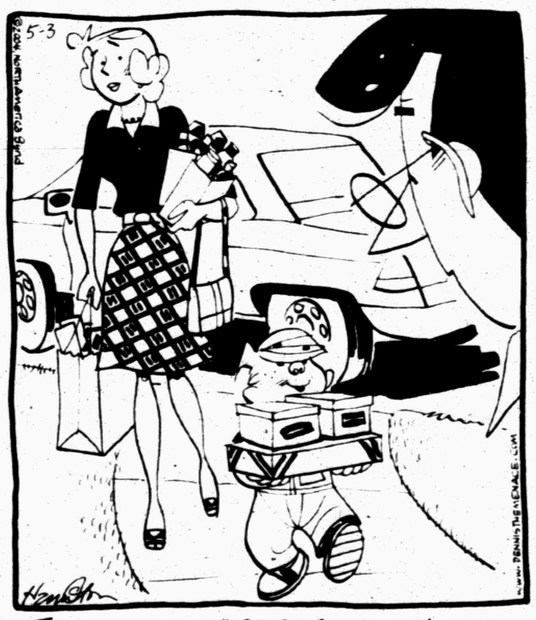
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"THEY HAD A HALF-PRICE SALE, SO MOM BOUGHT TWICE AS MUCH STUFF."



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SPORTS



STATE TRACK ATHLETES — Snyder High School will be represented at the state track meet by, from left, Jesus Juarez, 4x200m relay; Ricky McNatt, discus; October Wells, long jump and 200m dash; Justin Boyd, 4x200m relay and Zach Cain, 4x200m relay. Not pictured is Malcome Wells, 4x200m relay. The state track and field meet will be held at Myers Stadium in Austin May 14-15. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

In four events...

Snyder sends six to state

ODESSA — The Snyder boys 4x200m relay team finished .61 seconds behind Graham in the Class 3A Region I track and field finals at Ratliff Stadium Saturday, securing a spot in the state meet.

The relay squad — Justin Boyd, Zach Cain, Jesus Juarez and Malcome Wells — crossed the finish line in 1:29.84 and will join teammates Ricky McNatt and October Wells in Austin for the state track and field meet May 14-15.

Head track coach Roger White said the relay team fumbled a handoff, but got a strong run from Boyd to grab second.

"Boyd got the baton in fourth and passed two guys," White said.

He also noted that the gusting winds affected Snyder's times in the meet.

"Every step we take, we get blown back a step," White said. "I'm real pleased we're getting to state. This is a good group of kids. The expectation was that we would be decent, and getting to state was a goal. We just didn't know if it was a realistic goal."

McNatt earned a trip to state on Friday with a second-place throw of 157-7 in the discus, and the boys team placed fourth in the region with 42 points. Graham was the top team in Region I with 82.

Boyd just missed a chance to qualify in the 400m dash, placing third behind Lamesa's Chris Sambrano, just .39 seconds off the pace.

Josh Muniz placed sixth in both the mile and the two-mile, Wells was fifth in the boys 200, and the 400m relay team placed fifth.

October Wells will make her second straight trip to Austin after earning second in two events.

Wells, already qualified in the long jump, took second in the girls 200m dash with a time of 25.32. She took third in the 100, missing second by .11 seconds.

Wells was sixth in the girls triple jump.

The state track and field meet will run from May 14-15 at Myers Stadium on the University of Texas campus.

Ira 4x200m relay heading to Austin

ABILENE — The Ira boys 4x200m relay team had a strong race and a little luck in qualifying for the state track and field meet.

The Bulldogs — Jess Wall, Wes Kellner, Bryson Higgins and Bryan Proctor — placed third in the region with a time of 1:34.96, but will represent Class A Region II in the state meet after the second-place relay team from Petrolia was disqualified.

"We're very excited," head coach Toby Goodwin said. "We knew we had a good chance going in. I feel like we still haven't run our best time."

Goodwin said the four have only raced together twice, and got help making it to regionals from relay alternate Devin Gutierrez.

The same four also competed in the 400m relay, placing seventh.

Rangers brush off Red Sox, own best record in baseball

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Boston Red Sox arrived in Texas with a six-game winning streak and the best record in baseball.

The Rangers swept it away from them.

R.A. Dickey came within an out of a shutout, and David Dellucci and Alfonso Soriano homered, leading the Rangers to a 4-1 victory Sunday night and a three-game sweep.

"I don't know if I had fever or chills, but when the fans were chanting 'Sweep!' — I'd never heard that here before," Texas manager Buck Showalter said. "That's very special."

The surprising Rangers have the best record in the majors at 16-9 and are tied with the San Diego for the most wins in the majors. They've won four straight and eight of nine to take over the AL West lead.

"We're a confident group of guys," said shortstop Michael Young, who switched from second base after AL MVP Alex Rodriguez was traded to the New York Yankees this spring.

It was the Rangers' first series sweep of Boston since August 1999.

The Red Sox still lead the AL East, by 1½ games over New York. Before being swept, Boston had lost consecutive games only once this season.

"The same things we've been doing to teams, they've been doing to us this series," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said.

Making his 18th career start, Dickey (4-1) set down 14 straight batters during one stretch. The right-hander allowed four hits, struck out five and walked four in winning his third consecutive start.

Dickey threw 131 pitches and was lifted after a four-pitch walk to Kevin Millar with two outs in the ninth.

"I'm not going to say I ran out of gas," said Dickey, the Rangers' No. 1 draft pick in 1996. "(Showalter) gave me as much rope as he could before he had to cut it off. I was just thankful for the opportunity."

Francisco Cordero then came on a night after throwing 34 pitches in saving both games of a doubleheader. He walked two batters — the second with the bases loaded — before getting Cesar Crespo on a routine flyball for his 10th save in 10 chances.

Boston had the bases loaded in the second when Doug Mirabelli grounded into an inning-ending double play, the 36th turned by the Rangers this season, most in the majors.

An inning later, the Red Sox had two on for Manny Ramirez, who struck out on a half-swing against Dickey for the final out.

Spurs dump LA in series opener

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Shaquille O'Neal says his team got a good look at the San Antonio Spurs in Game 1 of their second-round playoff series. Next time the Lakers will be ready.

The Los Angeles Lakers shot poorly in the first half Sunday, staged a bold rally in the third quarter, then collapsed in the fourth in an 88-78 loss to the defending champion San Antonio Spurs.

Game 2 of the Western Conference semifinal is Wednesday in San Antonio, with the Spurs going for their 17th straight win.

Tim Duncan scored 12 of his 30 points in the final period, including three straight jumpers in a late 10-0 run, to lead the Spurs' comeback.

Los Angeles, leading 65-62 after three periods, committed 10 turnovers and scored only 13 points in the fourth quarter.

Tigers overpower Post, 9-7

The Tigers tapped into their power supply Saturday, getting a three-run homer from Eric Martinez in the bottom of the seventh inning to rally past Post, 9-7, in a practice game.

The Tigers (20-4, 9-1) also got a two-run bomb from Isaac Ramon in the victory.

Dustyn William pitched three innings at the start, Ryan Mitchell pitched the fourth and fifth frames, and Lico Castillo recorded the final six outs and earned the vicotry.

"We played good, and our defense turned double plays," head coach Charles Bollinger said, adding that the team came on late after a sluggish start.

"The main thing for these guys is confidence — these guys believe they can always come back. We're ready to play for real," he said.

Bollinger said he was in the process of trying to secure a practice game with La Grange, the top-ranked team in Texas, after a game with Estacado fell through.

The Tigers will face the winner of Muleshoe and Amarillo River Road in the area round of the playoffs.

Sports Briefs

Ladies play day

The WGA hosts a ladies play day each Tuesday at 9 a.m. at Scurry County golf course. Format is most fours-back nine.

Friday swingers

The SCGA hosts a couples play day at 5:30 p.m. each Friday. Format is handicap scramble, and the cost is $10. Call the pro shop at 573-7101 for more information.

Boys basketball camps

Two basketball camps are scheduled for May 31-June 3 at Snyder High School. The first will be a fundamentals camp from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. for incoming eighth-graders and below, and will be led by SHS head coach Bud Birks, assistant coach Zach Williams and graduatmg all-district varsity player Lee Scott. Cost is $35.

The second camp will be a shooting camp for freshmen through seniors from 10:45 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. It will be coached by former SHS all-state player and former Lubbock Christian standout Rick Henderson, and cost is $25.

Contact coach Birks at 574-6139 or 573-1297 for more information.

Girls basketball camp

Snyder girls head coach Mike Martin will host a girls basketball camp June 21-24.

Incoming third through fifth grade players will go from 8 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., and incoming sixth and seventh-graders will receive instruction from 10:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Camp for incoming eighth graders and freshmen will be from 1:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Cost is $60 and includes a camp T-shirt, and forms can be picked up in the basketball office or the athletic office. Call ach Martin at 574-6040 or 575-1917 for more information.

Football camp set for June

Snyder head football coach Chad Rogers will host a football camp June 28-30 at the field house.

Incoming fourth through sixth grade players will work from 10 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. Camp for incoming seventh through ninth graders will take place from 1:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Cost is $35 and includes a T-shirt and a cook-out the last day.

Applications can be picked up at the football field house or the athletic office. Contact coach Rogers or coach Martinez at 574-6039 for more information.

Major League Baseball

National League

East Division

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Florida	15	10	.600	—
Atlanta	12	12	.500	2½
Philadelphia	11	12	.478	3
New York	10	15	.400	5
Montreal	6	20	.231	9½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	15	9	.625	—
Chicago	14	10	.583	1
Pittsburgh	12	11	.522	2½
St. Louis	13	12	.520	2½
Cincinnati	12	12	.500	3
Milwaukee	12	13	.480	3½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	15	9	.625	—
San Diego	16	10	.615	—
San Francisco	12	14	.462	4
Colorado	11	13	.458	4
Arizona	10	14	.417	5

Sunday's Games

Philadelphia 6, Arizona 5, 14 innings
Houston 6, Cincinnati 5
Pittsburgh 4, Milwaukee 3, 11 innings
St. Louis 1, Chicago Cubs 0, 10 innings
Colorado 13, Atlanta 4
N.Y. Mets 6, San Diego 2
Montreal 6, Los Angeles 4
San Francisco 9, Florida 8, 11 innings

Today's Games

Chicago Cubs (Maddux 1-2) at St. Louis (Marquis 1-1), 12:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (P.Wilson 3-0) at Houston (Oswalt 2-1), 7:05 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	15	9	.625	—
New York	14	11	.560	1½
Baltimore	12	10	.545	2
Tampa Bay	8	15	.348	6½
Toronto	8	17	.320	7½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	15	9	.625	—
Minnesota	15	9	.625	—
Detroit	13	12	.520	2½
Cleveland	10	13	.435	4½
Kansas City	7	16	.304	7½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	16	9	.640	—
Anaheim	15	10	.600	1
Oakland	12	13	.480	4
Seattle	9	16	.360	7

Sunday's Games

Seattle 12, Detroit 2
Baltimore at Cleveland, ppd., rain
N.Y. Yankees 4, Kansas City 2
Tampa Bay 8, Oakland 2
Anaheim 3, Minnesota 1
Chicago White Sox 3, Toronto 2
Texas 4, Boston 1

Today's Games

Kansas City (Gobble 1-0) at Toronto (J.Milier 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
Boston (Schilling 3-1) at Cleveland (Westbrook 1-1), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Schoeneweis 2-1) at Baltimore (Ainsworth 0-1), 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Abbott 2-2) at Texas (Rogers 3-1), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Maroth 3-1) at Anaheim (Colon 3-2), 9:05 p.m.

NBA Playoffs

FIRST ROUND
Sunday, May 2
New Orleans 89, Miami 83, series tied 3-3
Tuesday, May 4
New Orleans at Miami, 6 p.m.

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)
Sunday, May 2
San Antonio 88, L.A. Lakers 78, San Antonio leads series 1-0
Monday, May 3
New Jersey at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 4
Sacramento at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 5
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Thursday, May 6
Miami-New Orleans winner at Indiana, 8 p.m.
Friday, May 7
New Jersey at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 8
Miami-New Orleans winner at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Sacramento at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 9
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 2:30 p.m.
Detroit at New Jersey, 7 p.m.

Stanley Cup

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)
Saturday, May 1
Calgary 1, Detroit 0, Calgary leads series 3-2
Colorado 2, San Jose 1, OT, San Jose leads series 3-2
Sunday, May 2
Philadelphia 7, Toronto 2, Philadelphia leads series 3-2
Today
Detroit at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Tuesday, May 4
Philadelphia at Toronto, 6 p.m.
San Jose at Colorado, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, May 5
Calgary at Detroit, 6 p.m., if necessary
Thursday, May 6
Toronto at Philadelphia, 7 p.m., if necessary
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Bush campaigning in Michigan, Ohio

WASHINGTON (AP) — Election Day is six months off, but President Bush is campaigning with the urgency of a politician in the home stretch, barnstorming across the battlegrounds of Michigan and Ohio by bus today and Tuesday.

Bush heads a convoy of about eight buses trolling a voter-rich triangle along Michigan's southern flank today. The buses are emblazoned with the words "Yes, America Can" — a slogan meant to project optimism to a region demoralized by the disappearance of hundreds of thousands of manufacturing jobs.

Accompanied by his wife, Laura, Bush begins his day at a town-hall session in Niles, in Michigan's southwest corner; cuts north to Kalamazoo for a speech; then rolls east to the Detroit suburb of Sterling Heights for an evening rally.

Bus tours are a staple of political campaigns, but they usually come late in the game.

Bush campaigned in battleground states including Ohio by bus in July 2000 and in Florida that October. This year he is climbing aboard months earlier, ushering in an intense new phase in his struggle against Democratic challenger John Kerry.

The bus tour is a way to capture the attention of millions of people, said John Kelly, a former Democratic state senator in Michigan who teaches political science part time at the University of Windsor in neighboring Ontario, Canada. Kerry toured four battleground states, including Michigan and Ohio, by bus last week.

Many of the communities Bush will pass through are suburbs where voters have not developed strong party affiliations, Kelly said.

In a state hard-hit by industrial-sector losses, he said, "it doesn't appear (Bush is) in as good a shape as he should be in terms of working people."

To wring the most exposure possible out of the trip, Bush will conduct three round-table interviews with Michigan and Ohio journalists over two days.

Bush lost both the primary and general election in Michigan in 2000, and is determined not to allow a repeat. Today marks his 13th visit to the state as president.

Voters remain about equally split in their preference for Bush or Kerry. In a Michigan poll last month, 47 percent said they favored Kerry, while 45 percent preferred the president, with 8 percent undecided.

Tuesday, Stage Two of Bush's bus tour runs north-to-south down through Ohio. It starts in the Toledo suburb of Maumee and ends in Cincinnati.

It marks Bush's 16th visit to Ohio, a state no Republican has won the White House without carrying and that have polls indicating a fairly even split between him and Kerry.

The Ohio format follows Michigan's: town-hall meeting, speech, rally. Bush throws in a pancake breakfast Tuesday.

The town-hall appearances are not exactly free-ranging sessions with a cross-section of voters. Instead, they will permit people who have benefited from the president's tax-cut policies to ask him questions.

Bush's re-election campaign is paying for the bus rentals, campaign spokesman Scott Stanzel said.

On Friday, the president embarks on a similar bus tour through Iowa and Wisconsin, two other fiercely competitive states that he lost by a combined 11,000 votes in 2000.

Bush wants to emphasize efforts to jump-start the economy while he's on the road, but reminders of the Iraq war and other troubles followed him.

Protesters in Kalamazoo will greet him along Interstate 94 with life-sized silhouettes of casualties of the war. And the Democratic National Committee opens a "Mission Not Accomplished" tour in Michigan today which will "highlight what Bush has failed to do on the economy and homeland security," said DNC spokesman Jano Cabrera.

Kerry's new ads tout 'lifetime of service'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry, promoting his Vietnam War experience and his political career as "a lifetime of service and strength," is launching a $25 million advertising campaign that includes forays into two Republican-leaning states.

One of two new 60-second ads, "Heart," features two Vietnam veterans as well as wife Teresa Heinz Kerry and daughter Vanessa Kerry as it presents Kerry's background as a county prosecutor and U.S. senator. The other ad, "Lifetime," focuses on the Navy service in Vietnam that won Kerry three Purple Hearts and Silver and Bronze stars.

"If you look at my father's time in service to this country, whether it's as a veteran, prosecutor or senator, he has shown an ability to fight for things that matter," Vanessa says in "Heart." Teresa Heinz Kerry adds, "John is the face of someone who's hopeful, who's generous of spirit and of heart."

Del Sandusky of Elgin, Ill., served under Kerry on a patrol boat in 1969 and appeared in a primary campaign ad for Kerry. In "Lifetime," Sandusky repeats a line from the earlier ad: "The decisions that he made saved our lives."

Kerry won the Bronze Star for saving the other veteran in the ads, Jim Rassmann of Oregon, during combat. "When he pulled me out of the river," Rassmann says in the "Lifetime" spot, "he risked his life to save mine."

The ad also says Kerry has supported victim's rights and children's health care, even breaking with own party to support a balanced budget. The ads carry the same tag line, "A Lifetime of Service and Strength."

The Massachusetts senator is spending significantly more money to run ads in May than the $17 million he put into commercials in the two months since gaining a lock on the Democratic nomination.

Kerry has been airing moderate levels of ads on local broadcast channels in select media markets in 17 battleground states. But starting later this week, he will run the new 60-second ads in all media markets in those states, plus in Louisiana and Colorado and on national cable television networks.

President Bush won Louisiana and Colorado in 2000, but Kerry advisers believe the Democrat has a shot at grabbing the nine electoral votes available in each of the two states this year. Bush has not run ads on local stations in either state.

Kerry's buy began Sunday and runs through May 27. It includes a four-day continuation of two 30-second spots that outline his priorities and plan for Iraq. The purchase is heavy enough that the TV industry estimates the average viewer in each media market will see one of the ads 15 to 17 times.

His buy is the single-largest purchase of airtime yet this year by either presidential campaign. However, Bush spent almost double that in multiple buys in March, his first month on the air.

Bush's campaign has poured more than $60 million into TV and radio ads since early March when it first went on the air in 18 states and nationally on cable channels.

The president started out with ads that highlighted his record, but then quickly launched spots that portrayed Kerry as a serial tax-raiser and weak on fighting terrorism. Bush now is in the midst of a $10 million run of commercials that portray Kerry as bad on national security and highlight his votes against weapons systems.

U.S. marshals arrest fugitive suspected in several carjackings

DALLAS (AP) — U.S. marshals arrested a man Sunday for questioning about a series of carjackings in Fort Worth and Houston, including one where a woman died.

Claudio Alberto Diaz, 30, was arrested without incident about 4:30 p.m. in a flop house in Dallas, said supervisory Deputy U.S. Marshal Trent Touchstone. He said the Dallas/Fort Worth Fugitive Apprehension Strike Team received information that Diaz was in Dallas. He declined to elaborate on how Diaz was located.

Diaz was arrested on two aggravated kidnapping warrants and two aggravated robbery warrants out of Fort Worth in connection with two carjackings there.

Fort Worth police spokesman Lt. Abdul Pridgen said police want to question Diaz about allegations he carjacked two women, held them at knifepoint and attempted to sexually assault them. Both women were able to get away, Pridgen said.

Police also are investigating whether Diaz may be linked to the April 18 abduction and death of 20-year-old Maribel A. Luna in Houston.

Houston police said Luna was talking on her cell phone when she was heard screaming before the phone went dead. She was found on the side of a roadway and died later at an area hospital.

" Eventually we'll want to question him," said John Cannon, Houston police spokesman.

'Mean Girls' tops box office

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Maybe nice guys finish last, but "Mean Girls" came in first at the weekend box office.

The comedy starring Lindsay Lohan as a student who gets swept up in the backstabbing politics of fashion, love and popularity among high school cliques earned $25 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

Although it starred 17-year-old Lohan, the presence of "Saturday Night Live" star Tina Fey, who also wrote the screenplay, appealed to grown-up moviegoers. Overall, "Mean Girls" got its strength from girl power.

About 75 percent of the audience was female and about half the audience was under 18, said Wayne Lewellen, head of distribution for Paramount, which released the movie.

"The teenage girl audience has a lot of clout and a lot of discretionary income from somewhere. They've got a lot of fun money and go to see movies in groups," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations.

Two of last week's top movies continued to perform strongly. The Denzel Washington thriller "Man on Fire" fell to No. 2 in its second week with $15.2 million, and "13 Going on 30," which starred "Alias" TV actress Jennifer Garner as a child in an adult body, ranked third with $10 million.

"We've got a new breed of female stars," according to Dergarabedian, who said the success of "13 Going on 30" and "Mean Girls" establishes Garner and Lohan as major audience draws. "These movies work because they don't talk down to teen girls," he said.

Three new films debuted with modest results. "Laws of Attraction," a romantic comedy with Pierce Brosnan and Julianne Moore as feuding lawyers who fall in love, earned $7 million to come in fourth.

"Godsend," a horror-thriller starring Robert De Niro as a scientist who clones a dead boy, collected $6.9 million, while "Envy," with Ben Stiller as a suburbanite who covets the success of neighbor Jack Black, had $6.1 million. Both films overcame critical pummelings to rank fifth and sixth, respectively.

After the runaway success of "The Passion of the Christ," actor Jim Caviezel followed up his role as Jesus playing a real-life 1930's golfer in "Bobby Jones: Stroke of Genius." That film failed to rank in the top 10 in its debut, earning $1.3 million.

The overall box office returns were $90.5 million, down about 36 percent compared to the same weekend last year. But this weekend's films were smaller in scale compared to last year, when "X-2: X-Men United" was the top movie with $85.5 million.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at North American theaters, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. Final figures will be released Monday.

1. "Mean Girls," $25 million.
2. "Man on Fire," $15.2 million.
3. "13 Going on 30," $10 million.
4. "Laws of Attraction," $7 million.
5. "Godsend," $6.9 million.
6. "Envy," $6.1 million.
7. "Kill Bill — Vol. 2," $5.8 million.
8. "The Punisher," $3.4 million.
9. "Home on the Range," $2.2 million.
10. "Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed," $2.1 million.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	12.19	11.45	12.14	+ .79
AT&T Corp	17.21	17.03	17.03	— .12
Albertsons	23.49	23.18	23.24	— .12
Alltel	50.43	50.01	50.21	— .13
AmEl Pw	30.50	30.10	30.40	— .04
AndarkPtr	54.55	53.90	54.52	+ .94
ATMOS Egy	24.86	24.59	24.86	+ .22
Aviall	16.93	16.55	16.90	+ .35
BP PLC	53.09	52.78	53.08	+ .18
BakerHughes	37.48	36.41	37.19	+ .51
Bank of Amer	81.18	80.23	80.99	+ .50
BellSouth	25.89	25.46	25.54	— .27
BurlNoSFe	33.01	32.61	32.83	+ .13
Caterpillar	78.97	77.86	78.92	+ 1.19
CenterPoint	10.95	10.85	10.95	+ .16
ChevronTex	92.13	91.40	92.07	+ .57
Citigroup	48.68	48.09	48.50	+ .41
CocaCola	50.95	50.31	50.69	+ .12
ColgatePal	58.25	57.79	58.14	+ .26
CmclMetals	26.14	25.46	25.91	— .29
ConocoPhill	72.23	71.26	72.13	+ .83
Cooper Inds	55.14	54.55	54.77	— .14
DaimlrChrly	45.58	44.92	45.40	+ 1.00
DeltaAirLines	6.42	6.16	6.40	+ .18
Dillards Inc	16.95	16.53	16.91	+ .08
DowChem	40.09	39.48	39.96	+ .27
DuPont	43.25	42.66	42.97	+ .02
EastmanChem	43.08	42.25	43.08	+ .51
EstKodak	25.80	25.43	25.79	
EDS Corp	18.59	18.03	18.52	+ .23
Entergy	54.68	54.22	54.37	— .23
ExxonMobil	43.25	42.83	43.22	+ .67
FootLocker	24.35	23.21	24.20	+ .20
Ger Dynam	94.78	93.23	94.68	+ 1.06
GenlElec	30.20	30.02	30.15	+ .20
GenMills	49.07	48.60	48.97	+ .22
GenMotors	48.16	47.51	48.15	+ .73
GaPacific	35.13	34.15	35.00	— .10
Goodrich	29.16	28.74	29.12	+ .33
Goodyear	8.89	8.58	8.64	— .07
GtAtlPac	7.98	7.60	7.97	— .03
Halliburtn	30.26	29.60	29.96	+ .16
Hanson PLC	38.25	38.15	38.15	— .14
HarteHanks	24.10	23.87	24.10	+ .14
HomeDepot	35.50	35.18	35.30	+ .11
HoneywellIntl	34.95	34.50	34.85	+ .27
IBM	88.52	87.91	88.15	— .02
IntlPaper	40.44	39.80	40.39	+ .07
JohnsonJn	54.99	54.03	54.91	+ .88
KinderMorg	60.40	59.95	60.32	+ .11
Kroger Co	17.53	17.34	17.49	— .01
LockheedM	47.69	47.32	47.55	— .15
Lowes Cos	52.86	52.21	52.85	+ .79
Lubys	5.10	4.98*	5.01	+ .03
LucentTech	3.41	3.25	3.34	— .03
MarathonOil	33.92	33.35	33.70	+ .14
MayDeptStr	30.80	30.11	30.39	— .41
Medtronic	51.09	50.54	50.98	+ .52
Motorola	18.49	18.23	18.33	+ .08
NCR Corp	45.28	44.74	45.27	+ .58
Navistar	45.40	45.00	45.28	+ .13
PNM Rescs	29.66	29.20	29.62	+ .44
Penney JC	34.50	33.44	34.43	+ .57
PepBoys	27.68	27.43	27.68	+ .21
PepsiCo	54.93	54.59	54.77	+ .28
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Praxair s	36.69	35.83	36.47	— .08
ProctGamb	106.65	105.16	106.50	+ .75
RadioShack	30.97	30.48	30.94	+ .18
RoyalDut	48.90	48.50	48.89	+ .23
SBC Comm	25.25	24.90	24.93	+ .03
SaraLee	23.45	23.19	23.30	+ .22
Scripps EW	105.97	105.05	105.42	— .13
SearsRoeb	40.58	39.83	40.56	+ .51
SherwinW	38.11	37.50	38.09	+ .04
SouthernCo	28.85	28.55	28.70	— .06
SwstAirl	14.40	14.00	14.38	+ .10
SprintFON	17.93	17.27	17.50	— .39
Sunoco Inc	63.15	62.36	62.79	— .11
TXU Corp	34.58	34.15	34.24	+ .10
TempleInland	62.00	61.29	61.75	— .02
Texlnd	33.71	33.09	33.51	— .20
Texasinst	25.74	25.18	25.45	+ .35
Textron	55.63	54.96	55.45	+ .27
TimeWarner	17.20	16.82	17.17	+ .35
Trinitylnds	30.90	30.16	30.70	+ .41
TylerTech	9.39	9.25	9.34	— .10
UnionPacif	58.87	58.51	58.61	+ .32
USSteel	29.50	27.35	28.26	— .37
UnitedTech	86.85	86.30	86.68	+ .42
Unocal	36.44	35.92	36.43	+ .39
VerizonComm	37.96	37.55	37.55	— .19
WalMart	57.52	56.96	57.36	+ .36
WellsFargo	56.78	56.31	56.49	+ .03
WstnGasRs	54.59	54.05	54.56	+ .11
WinnDixie	7.52	7.15	7.24	— .38
Xerox Cp	13.67	13.43	13.52	+ .09
YumBrands	38.82	37.82	38.70	— .09

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Iraqi prisoner abuse said not widespread

WASHINGTON (AP) — A high-level Army investigation of prisoner interrogation techniques in Iraq has found no evidence that abuse by U.S. military police or intelligence officers is widespread, officials said Sunday.

The review continues, however, and the Army has not determined whether all six soldiers charged with abusing Iraqi prisoners will face a military trial.

The investigation, led by officials in the office of the Army's deputy chief of staff for intelligence, is looking broadly at interrogation methods in Iraq. It is not a criminal investigation of the cases that occurred last fall involving the Army Reserve's 372nd Military Police Company, officials said.

Among the most pressing questions is the extent of prisoner abuse and whether it is condoned or encouraged by U.S. military or civilian intelligence officials who have overseen the interrogations.

Brig. Gen. Janis Karpinski, the Army Reserve commander who oversaw the prison system until recently, said in weekend interviews with the New York Times and Washington Post that she knew nothing of the alleged abuse until it was reported. She suggested it may have been encouraged by military intelligence officers, who kept tight control of the cellblock where the abuse occurred.

"I think there are bad people masquerading as soldiers doing bad things to detainees," she said in an interview Sunday evening on ABC News. She said when she first saw the photos of abuse, "I really had to take a couple of seconds because I thought that I might really get sick from it."

Attempts to reach Karpinski, who has returned from Iraq, were unsuccessful Sunday.

Amnesty International, the London-based human rights group, said it has uncovered a "pattern of torture" of Iraqi prisoners by coalition troops. The group called for an independent investigation into the claims of abuse and said it received "scores" of reports of ill treatment of detainees.

Dan Senor, spokesman for the U.S. occupation authority in Baghdad, said the reported abuse is being aggressively investigated by the military.

"Careers will be ended and criminal charges are going to be leveled," he told CNN's "Late Edition."

Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said he was confident that the vast majority of American soldiers involved in the Iraqi prison system are acting properly. He said it was clear from the high-level Army investigation under way that abuse is not widespread.

"I would say that categorically," Myers told ABC's "This Week."

"There is no, no evidence of systematic abuse in this system at all," including the U.S. military prison system at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where about 600 suspected terrorists are detained, he said.

"We review all the interrogation methods. Torture is not one of the methods that we're allowed to use and that we use. I mean, it's just not permitted by international law, and we don't use it," Myers said.

The Joint Chiefs chairman said that as soon as the initial allegations came to light, an investigation team was sent to Iraq at the request of Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz. The central focus has been the Abu Ghraib prison west of Baghdad, but Myers said the investigation is looking at prisons throughout Iraq to determine the extent of abusive or illegal handling of prisoners.

"The report back is that it is not systematic, but that work is still ongoing," he said.

Of the six soldiers in the 372nd who were charged in March with physical and sexual abuse of 20 prisoners at Abu Ghraib, one has been referred to court-martial. The rest are in various stages of a military proceeding, known as an Article 32 hearing, that will determine whether they face trial.

Two of the five have completed their hearings but no decisions have been made final, one is in the midst of a hearing and the hearings for the two others have been delayed at the request of their defense lawyers, a senior defense official said Sunday, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Senior American officials have taken pains to denounce those responsible for abusing Iraqi prisoners and to stress that they are not representative of the military. Yet widespread publication of graphic photographs of Iraqis being sexually humiliated and abused at Abu Ghraib has caused outrage in the Islamic world and threatens to undermine the U.S. anti-terror campaign.

In Afghanistan, a government official said Sunday that the scandal in Iraq could have serious consequences for the U.S. military and reconstruction effort in his country.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Blood in the urine is never normal

DEAR DR. GOTT: Six months ago, at age 52, I began having a dull pain in my testicles and groin. Then I noticed a brown color to my urine, which my urologist confirmed was blood. A digital exam and PSA cancer-screening test were normal. He diagnosed a prostate infection and put me on an antibiotic for three weeks. The problem continued.

Several weeks later, a second urologist performed an ultrasound exam of my bladder and kidneys. Nothing abnormal showed up and he told me to "sit on it for a while." I'm still bleeding into my urine. Should I be concerned?

DEAR READER: Without a doubt.

Hematuria (blood in the urine) is never normal. It can result from infections, stones or growths in the urinary tract. Thus far, you have had appropriate testing — but not enough. In my opinion, you need to have a set of kidney X-rays and — quite possibly — cystoscopy, a test during which a urologist examines your bladder and lower urinary tract with a lighted tube, in search of polyps or a cancer.

"Sitting" on your problem is not, in my view, a reasonable alternative. Seek out a third opinion from another urologist. Although your bleeding may be entirely benign — such as simple leakage from a weakened blood vessel — if a more serious situation is present, it should be aggressively addressed. A "wait and see" strategy is not good enough.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Bladder/Urinary Infections." 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'm 49 and basically healthy. My problem is that I am constantly hungry. I feel that I need an appetite suppressant and wonder what you would recommend that is safe.

I don't eat red meat, just a little chicken or fish and quantities of vegetables. I frequently snack on junk foods. One hundred-sixty pounds is too much for my height, but I'm so darned hungry all of the time.

DEAR READER: First, you should be examined by your family physician to determine whether your excessive hunger has a physical basis, such as diabetes or an endocrine disorder.

Second, you may wish to analyze your life pattern to see if stress could be playing a role. For example, when people are depressed or under a lot of emotional pressure, they may eat excessively to reduce tension. Your doctor can organize the various tests and resources that you need. I urge you to avoid appetite suppressants, which can be dangerous and are not appropriate for long-term use, because they can increase blood pressure and may be habit-forming.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Losing Weight," which contains my no flour, no sugar diet. 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.

If readers would like to contact Dr. Gott, they may write him through your newspaper or send their mail directly to Dr. Gott c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., 4th fl., New York, NY 10016.

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Lynch meets lawyer

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. (AP) — Former Iraq prisoner of war Jessica Lynch has met the lawyer who provided information that led to her rescue last year.

The meeting with Mohammed Odeh al-Rehaief took place on April 7 in Washington,. where Lynch was speaking at a seminar. Al-Rehaief's wife, Iman, and daughter accompanied him to the meeting, which lasted about an hour, Lynch's lawyer, Stephen Goodwin, said Friday.

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Kinder Morgan has completed the No. 178-6 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, three miles southeast of Snyder. The well was completed to produce two barrels of oil and 3,002 barrels of water. Perforations were from 6,680-7,065 feet, and location is in Section 39, Kirkland and Fields survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 8-R Boyd in the Diamond M field, nine miles west of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 3,600 feet, location is in Section 214, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Parallel Petroleum will drill the No. 42 Jack in the Diamond M field, 10 miles southwest of Snyder. Contracted for a depth of 3,500 feet, location is in Section 198, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Parallel Petroleum will drill the No. 134-1 McLaughlin in the Diamond M field, 10 miles southwest of Snyder Drill site is in Section 196, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Howard County

J. Cleo Thompson will drill the No. 1 Lloyd, a 6,000-foot wildcat located nine miles southeast of Big Spring Drill site is in Section 45, Block 33, T2N, T&P survey.

Scurry 4H in judging contest

Eight Scurry County 4-H members recently participated in the District 2 Livestock Judging Contest. The Junior I team was 2nd high team in beef and 1st high in swine. The team placed 2nd overall at the contest.

The Junior I team members are Bailey Minor, Bailey Nickerson, Kylie Moreland, and Laramie Gilbert. Bailey Nickerson was 6th high individual in beef; Kylie Moreland, 11th high in beef; and Bailey Minor & Laramie Gilbert, 15th & 16th respectively, in beef.

Bailey Nickerson garnered 13th high individual in sheep. In swine, Kylie Moreland earned 1st high individual; Bailey Nickerson was 4th high individual and Bailey Minor was 14th high individual. Bailey Nickerson was second high individual overall with a score of 363. Kylie Moreland was 6th high individual overall with a score of 343.

The Junior II team consisted of Kaci Waller, Rance Dunn and Chase Peterson. Kaci Waller was 1st high individual in swine and Rance Dunn was 14th high individual in swine.

Valerie West was the only senior contestant that participated in the contest.

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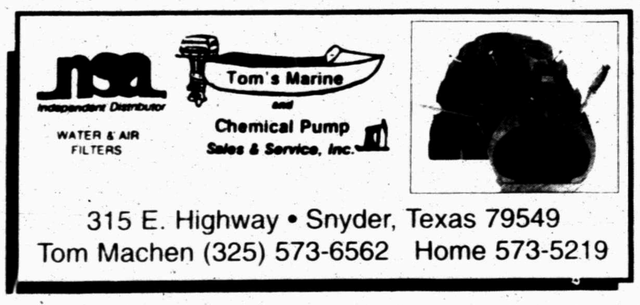
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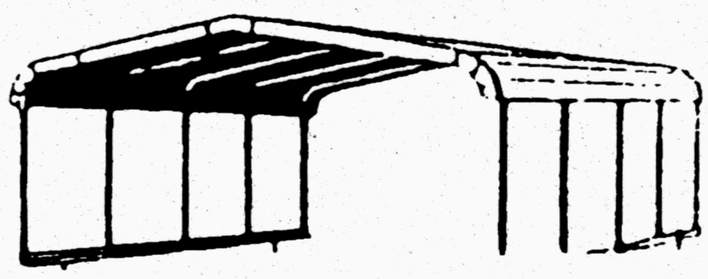


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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

House finance plan moving toward vote

AUSTIN (AP) — Sweeping school finance reform legislation cleared its first hurdle Saturday, as a key House committee approved an omnibus measure to replace cuts in property taxes with a payroll tax and an array of other tax increases.

The measure next goes to the full House for debate and a vote.

The 29-member House education committee voted 21-7 in favor of the measure, with one member absent. The vote was largely along party line, with only one Democrat voting in favor of the measure.

"I do think that this bill represents a first step toward a long term solution," said Rep. Kent Grusendorf, chairman of the committee. "The underlying problem with school finance is an over-reliance on property taxes and this bill addresses this issue."

Lawmakers were called back to Austin by Gov. Rick Perry for a special session to overhaul the state's school finance system.

Grusendorf called the plan "the most equitable system for school finance ever considered by the Texas Legislature."

Numerous arrests reported locally

• ***Arrests***

After police were called at 11:54 p.m. Saturday concerning a man not giving a woman her keys, a 19-year old male was arrested on warrants for no seat belt, failure to maintain financial responsibility, driving under the influence and six counts of failure to appear/bail jumping.

Police responded to a report of a fight at 7:45 p.m. Sunday in the 800 block of 27th St. and arrested three people for public intoxication. Those apprehended were a 35-year-old male, a 28-year-old female and a 41-year-old male who was also arrested on a Comal County warrant for theft by check under $500.

• ***Graffiti***

At 8:14 Sunday a report of graffiti was given in the 1900 block of Coleman.

• ***Juvenile problems***

Police responded to 700 block of 27th St. after a 9-year-old male requested to borrow some matches. The child later returned and said he almost burned the house down. Three children ages 6, 8 and 11 were found and later released to the mother of the 6-year-old. Child Protective Services were notified. Juveniles throwing rocks was reported at 11 p.m. Saturday near 40th and Houston and at 8:17 p.m. Sunday in the 4400 block of Ave U.

• ***Found property***

An abandoned toolbox was found on CR 351 at 10:20 a.m. Saturday. County workers were asked to pick up the box.

• ***Gas drive off***

A gas drive off in the amount of $24.52 was reported at 2:15 p.m. Saturday at Rip Griffin's Truck Stop.

• ***Possible theft***

A portable goal and five tables were taken from the high school gym Saturday around 9:47 p.m. as several items were being unloaded.

• ***Dog bite***

A dog bite was reported in North Park at 8:46 a.m. Sunday. The dog was taken to the shelter.

At 11:38 a.m. Saturday, a calf was reported loose on Roundtop Road.

A skunk was disposed of in the 400 block of FM 1673 at 3:30 p.m. Sunday.

• ***Potential suicides***

Law officials responded to six calls from citizens concerned about potential suicides, but no suicide attempts were reported.

• ***Motorist assists***

Over the weekend police assisted 12 motorists in unlocking their vehicles.

Missing in flood, tot's body found

By The Associated Press

It was Allen Abrego's birthday and Rosa Guerrero, his companion of four years, had promised to pick him up before thunderstorms brought flooding to North Texas.

Abrego's family was swept away in the raging waters, including his 18-month-old son Jacob Abrego. His body was found Sunday on the south side of Sycamore Creek. His father said he will work to get the low-water crossing fixed so nobody else can be hurt.

Recovery of the child's body by Fort Worth firefighters brought to six the number of people who drowned in high waters during weekend thunderstorms, which also pounded Southeast Texas, flooding homes. Abrego's mother and brother also drowned.

"She was coming to pick me up, but she never made it," Allen Abrego told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in today's editions, hours after the discovery. "Is it a birthday or a curse day?"

He said the loss of Jacob, Guerrero and his other son, 2-year-old Felipe, is so much to bear.

"They were my inspiration; they were my life, my reason for living," Abrego, 20, said. "I feel like I lost everything. I lost everyone."

Rescuers had been looking for the boy for about three hours when the firefighter saw the gathering of debris a few feet up the south bank, where Friday's receding floodwaters had left it, said Lt. Kent Worley, a fire department spokesman.

Births

William Walker and Debra Cline announce the birth of their son, Spencer Carl Walker, at 5:44 p.m. on May 1 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Spencer weighed six pounds, five ounces.

Paternal grandparents are LuJane Walker of Andrews and William Walker Sr. of Mississippi. Maternal grandparents are Gaynel Cline and John and Linda Cline, all of Snyder.

Parents of 8th graders will meet Tuesday

Parents of all eighth grade students are urged to attend a meeting at Snyder High School's Worsham Auditorium at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Debbie Phillips, SHS counselor, will provide information and answer questions concerning high school registration procedures, course selection and requirements for the diploma programs.

Eighth grade students are also welcome to attend this meeting.

Obituaries

Joy Keller

1927-2004

Joy Fay Keller, a life-long resident of Scurry County, died Sunday, May 2, at her home in Snyder after a sudden illness.

Service for Mrs. Keller, 76, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in Northside Baptist Church with the Rev. Dave Phillips, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Snyder Cemetery and arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 6, 1927 in Snyder, she grew up in the Hermleigh area and was a 1945 graduate of Hermleigh High School where she was an all-state guard on the HHS basketball team that played in the state championship game.

She married Raymond Keller on July 31, 1948 in Snyder.

Mrs. Keller had worked for Clark Propane for more than 20 years and also had worked for J.C. Penney and for Stinson Drug. Mrs. Keller also was a longtime secretary for Northside Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a son, Douglas Wade Keller on April 2, 1952.

Survivors include her husband, Raymond Keller of Snyder; two sons, Barry Dean Keller of Snyder and Randall Max Keller of Brownwood; three sisters, Jean Blackwell, Geraldine Greene and Connie Green, all of Snyder; two grandsons, Mark Alen Keller and Joshua Ryan Keller, both of Snyder; and a step granddaughter, Nicole Dabney.

The family suggests memorials to the Northside Baptist Church, 1909 26th Street in Snyder.

Mrs. Ainsworth

1910-2004

Maybelle Ainsworth, longtime Scurry County resident, died Sunday, May 2, in Snyder Oaks Care Center after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Ainsworth, 93, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in the Fluvanna Cemetery.

Born Nov. 27, 1910 in Wood County, she was married to Lloyd Ainsworth who died May 11, 2003.

A homemaker, Mrs. Ainsworth was a longtime Fluvanna area resident.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Ellen Keith, on Jan. 13, 1999; two brothers, Bill and J.C. Tucker; and a sister, Janelle Nanny.

Survivors include two grandchildren, Kerrie Keith and Chad Keith, both of Austin; and a sister, Margarette Jacobs of Odessa.

Mildred Clark

1924-2004

Mildred Yvonne Clark, a former Snyder resident, died Sunday, May 2, in Park Plaza Nursing Home in San Angelo after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Clark, 79, is set for 11 a.m. Thursday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Karen Schmeltekopf, associate minister of the First Christian Church in San Angelo, officiating. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens and arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.



Mildred Clark

Born Dec. 11, 1924 in Fort Worth, she married Oren Clark on Nov. 4, 1944 in Fort Worth. He died May 31, 1991.

A homemaker, Mrs. Clark had been a resident of Snyder since 1929. A member of Snyder's First Christian Church, Mrs. Clark was a homemaker and had worked as a ward clerk at Cogdell Hospital for about 10 years.

Survivors include three daughters, Sarah Schulz of San Angelo, Sandra Davis of Midland and Susan Nichols of San Leandro, Calif.; a sister-in-law, Mickey Clark of Austin; five grandchildren, Paul Nicholas Schulz of San Angelo, Stacy Michelle Schulz of Two Rivers, Wisc., Wes Davis of Phenix City, Ala., Casey Davis of Green Wells, La., and Kenny Davis of Lubbock; two great-grandchildren, Brianna Valadez and Jeanette Davis.

Visitation will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Lavada Jones

1920-2004

Lavada Jones, 83, of Colorado City died Thursday, April 29, in Mitchell County Hospital.

Service is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday at the House of Hope Community Church in Colorado City under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Burial will follow in the Mitchell County Cemetery with the Revs. Floyd Green of Colorado City and Raymond Dunkins of New Hope Baptist Church in Snyder, officiating.

Born on Nov. 6, 1920 in Winona, Texas, she married Walter Jones in 1981 in Midland. He died April 1, 1982.

Survivors include a niece, Florence Harris of Corona, Calif.; a nephew, Edward Hamilton of Houston; 20 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Family visitation is set for 7-8 this evening at Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Charles Davis

1908-2004

KEENE — Charles A. Davis, father of the late Norma Sue Greenlee, died Friday, April 30, in a Keene hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Davis, 95, was held this morning in Mountain Valley Funeral Home Chapel in Burleson. Burial followed in Laurel Land Memorial Park.

Born Oct. 30, 1908 in Wichita, Kan., Mr. Davis was a retired welder.

Survivors include his wife, Cordelia R. Davis of Keene; a daughter, Charlene A. Thompson of Burleson; four grandchildren, including Garry Greenlee and Susan Pinkerton of Snyder; five great-grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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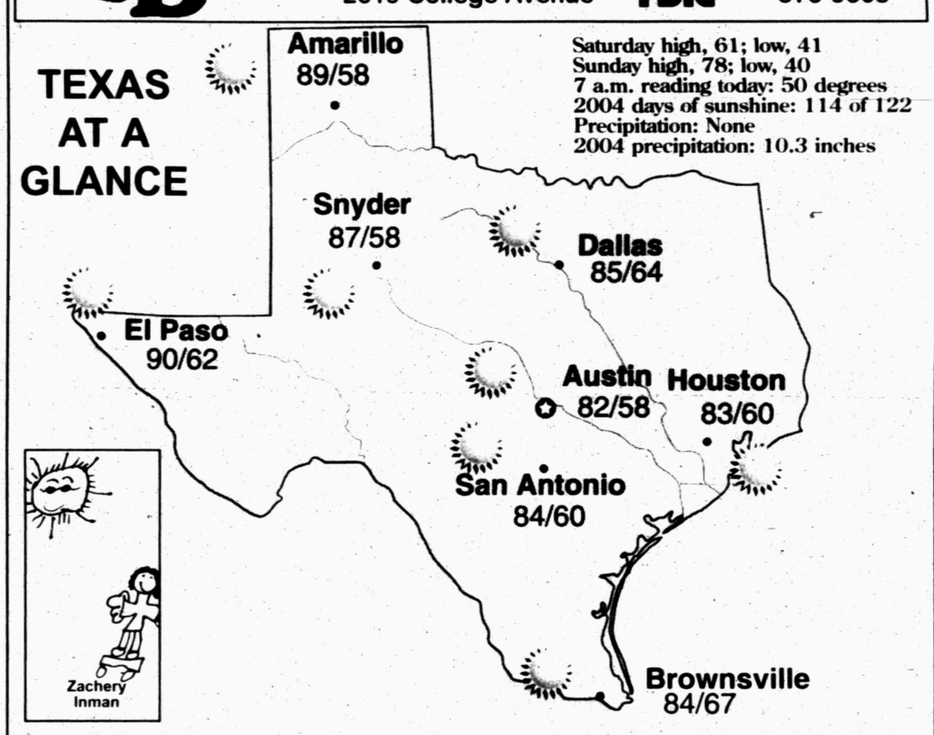
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Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Tue 5/4	Wed 5/5	Thu 5/6
87/58	91/62	91/63
Mainly sunny. High 87F. Winds SSW at 15 to 25 mph.	Sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 60s.	Fair. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 60s.
Sunrise 6:53 AM, Sunset 8:28 PM	Sunrise 6:53 AM, Sunset 8:29 PM	Sunrise 6:52 AM, Sunset 8:29 PM

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Saturday high, 61; low, 41
Sunday high, 78; low, 40
7 a.m. reading today: 50 degrees
2004 days of sunshine: 114 of 122
Precipitation: None
2004 precipitation: 10.3 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	87	60	sunny	El Paso	90	62	sunny	Midland	87	56	sunny
Amarillo	89	58	sunny	Fort Stockton	89	57	sunny	Raymondville	85	64	sunny
Austin	82	58	sunny	Gainesville	84	60	sunny	Rosenberg	83	59	sunny
Beaumont	80	59	sunny	Greenville	84	61	sunny	San Antonio	84	60	sunny
Brownsville	84	67	sunny	Houston	83	60	sunny	San Marcos	84	59	sunny
Brownwood	87	59	sunny	Kingsville	85	63	sunny	Sulphur Springs	85	60	sunny
Corpus Christi	82	65	sunny	Livingston	81	56	sunny	Sweetwater	89	59	sunny
Corsicana	84	62	sunny	Longview	82	59	sunny	Tyler	82	60	sunny
Dallas	85	64	sunny	Lubbock	89	59	sunny	Weatherford	84	59	sunny
Del Rio	85	62	sunny	Lufkin	83	58	sunny	Wichita Falls	90	59	windy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	72	50	sunny	Houston	83	60	sunny	Phoenix	101	72	sunny
Boston	60	44	windy	Los Angeles	81	59	sunny	San Francisco	69	51	windy
Chicago	65	50	rain	Miami	80	72	t-storm	Seattle	58	46	rain
Dallas	85	64	sunny	Minneapolis	67	44	pt sunny	St. Louis	74	57	t-storm
Denver	81	55	mst sunny	New York	61	49	mst sunny	Washington, DC	65	50	mst sunny

Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
Apr 27	May 4	May 11	May 19

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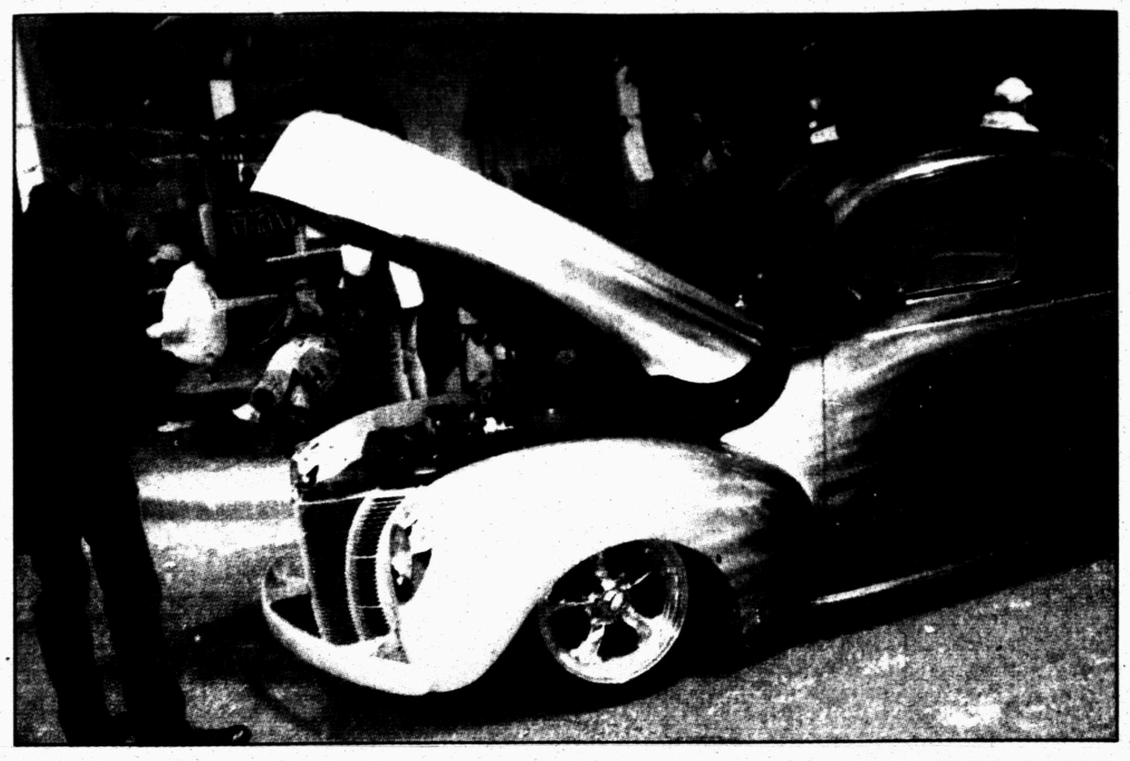
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Very High	Very High	Very High

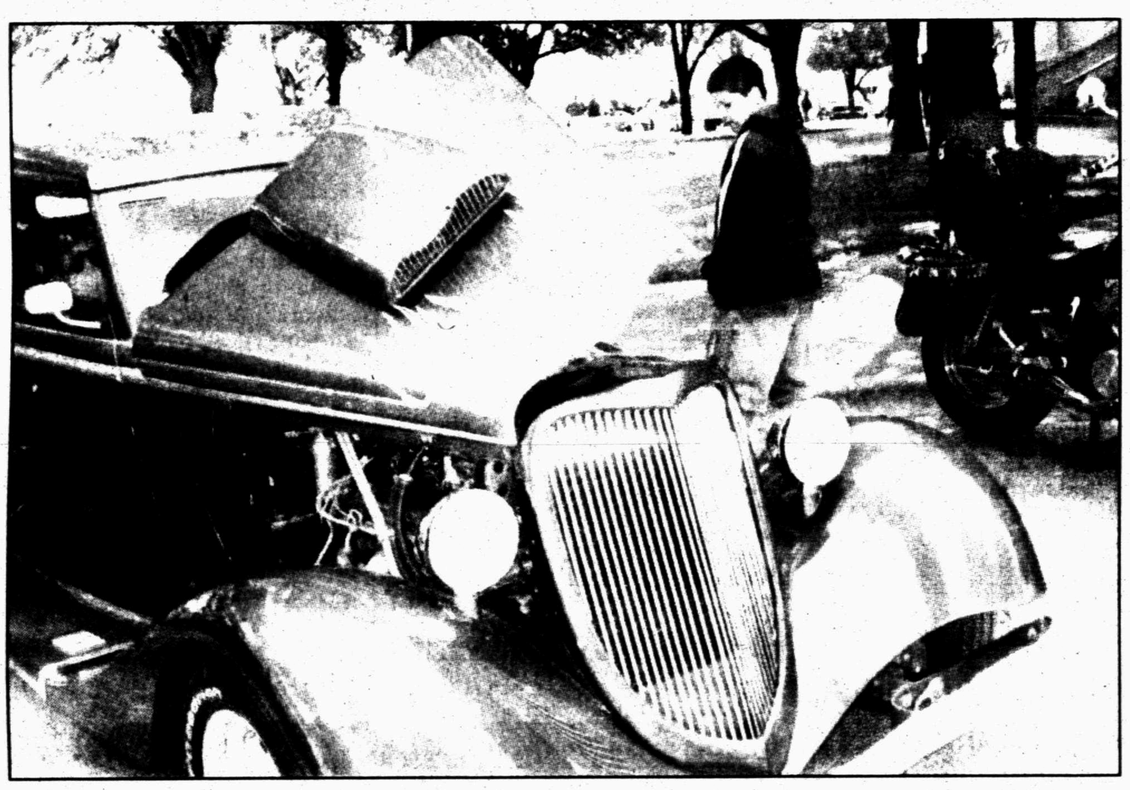
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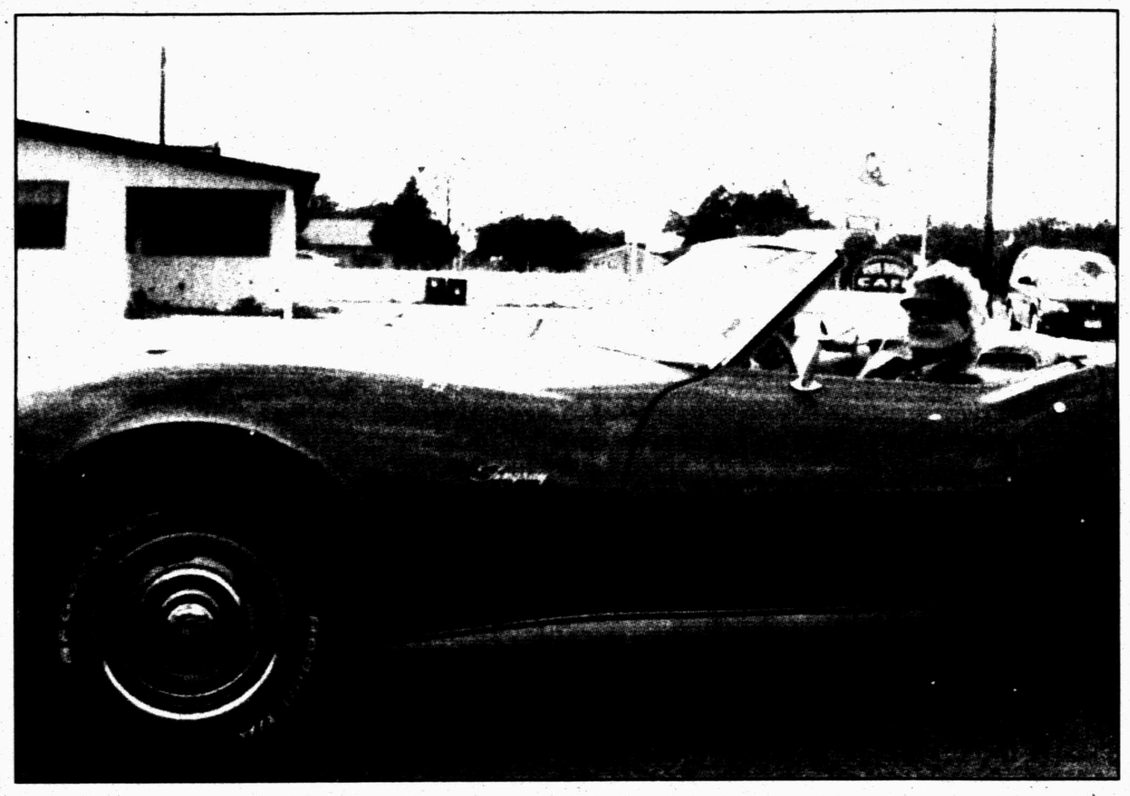
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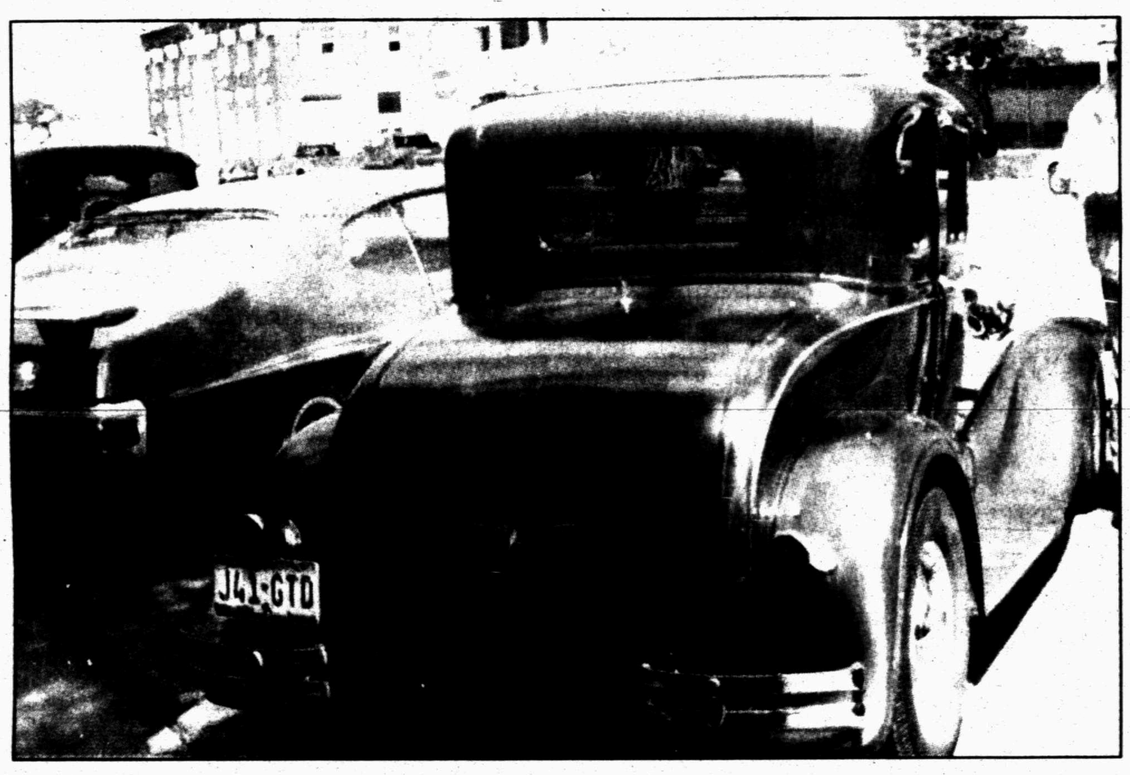
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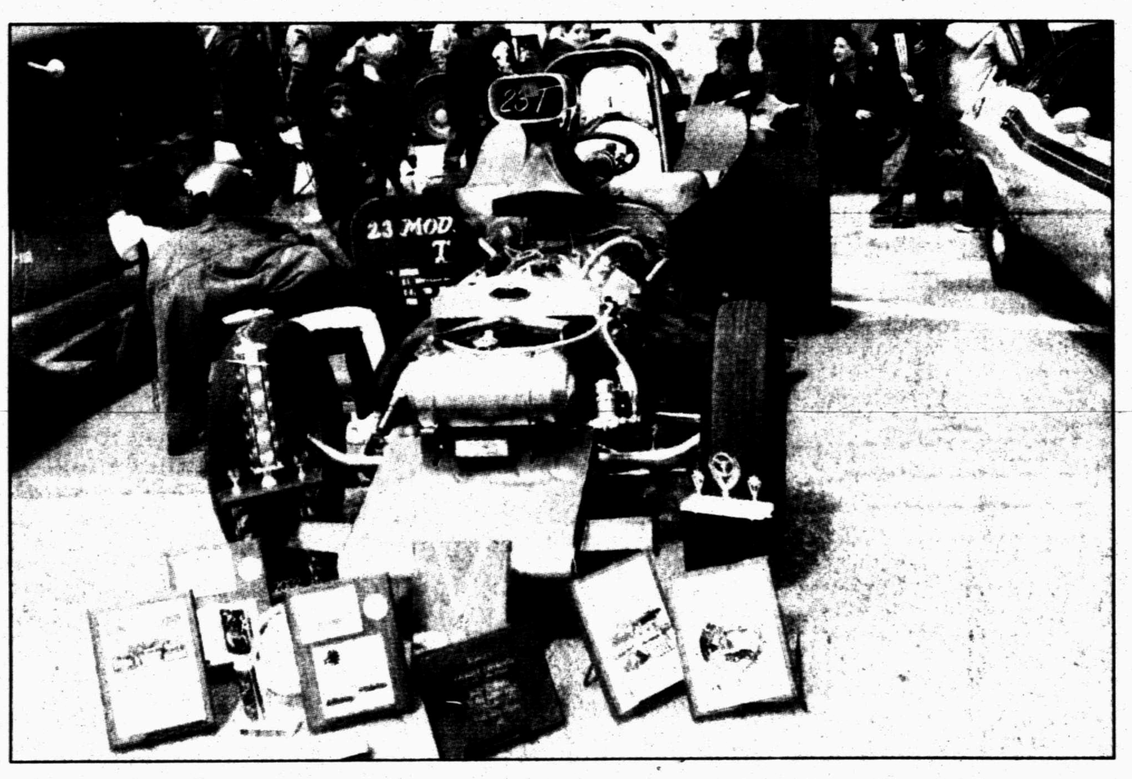




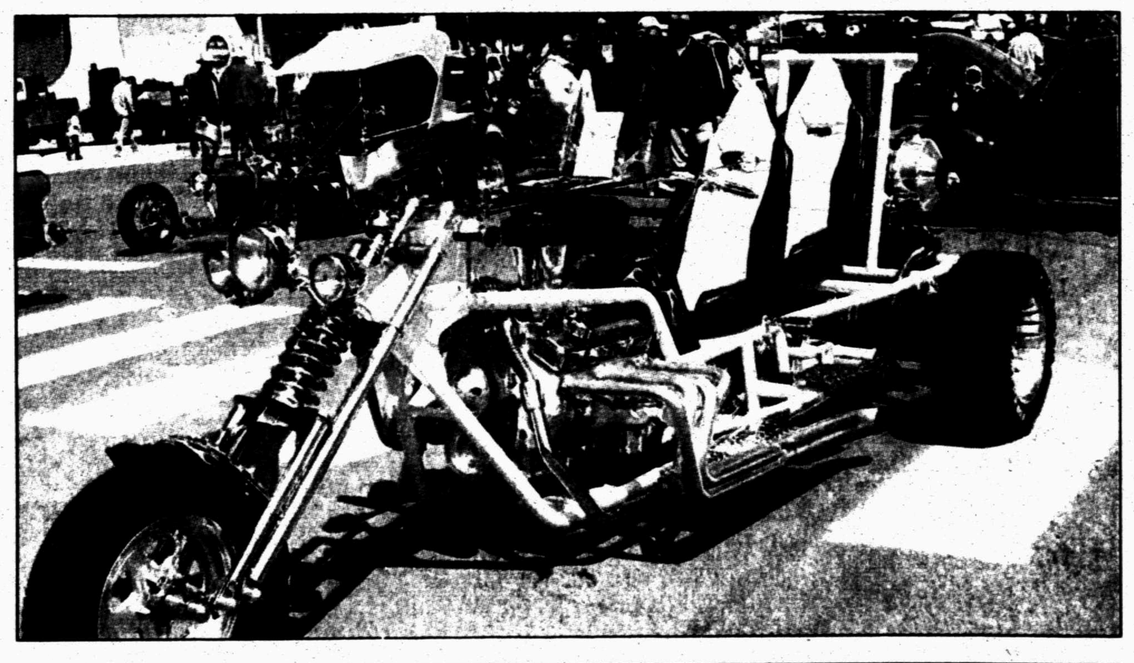














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