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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "In quarreling and in politics, the truth is rarely discovered."

The coffee shop crowd was talking about all the folks roaming the neighborhoods in the middle of the night.

A SDN employee's wife answered the doorbell about midnight and saw three young girls running away. The trio had been busy decorating trees with toilet paper.

While toilet tissue, especially if it rains, makes a mess difficult to clean up — at least it's not as destructive as some mischief reported in the city.

While we're still waiting on the Snyder city council to revisit the need for a curfew ordinance, we have to find some humor in late-night antics as provided by this coffee shop story:

Late one night, a man's wife shook him from a deep sleep.

She told him someone was knocking on the door. "You had better go see who it is."

The hubby obediently stumbled to the door where he found an inebriated man standing in the rain and wind. "I need a push," he said.

The half-asleep man of the house was annoyed. "I'm not going out in this. Go away," as he slammed the door shut.

As he crawled back into bed the now wide-awake wife wanted to know who was at the door and what the visitor wanted.

"Just a guy needing a push," replied the hubby as he snuggled back into bed. "I told him to go away."

The wife set straight up and turned on the light. "Honey, don't you remember when we were young and had car trouble? You woke a couple and the man got out of bed on a cold night and helped us. I think you should go and give him a hand."

"Okay, okay," responded the husband, climbing back out of bed and searching for his clothes.

Finally dressed, the husband went back to the front door and peered out into the gloomy, wet night. He couldn't see anything, so he hollered into the darkness. "Is anyone there? Do you still need a push?"

Then came a meek reply from out in the darkness, "Yeah, I'm still here, and I still need a push."

The homeowner started his search. "Well, where are you? I can't see you."

"I'm over here," replied the intoxicated man. "On the swing set and I still need a push."

And a bit more nonsense to help make your weekend:

We liked the story about the wedding ushers who were seating friends of the bride and friends of the groom on opposite sides of the church.

As one woman entered, an usher asked if she was a friend of the bride.

The lady-in-beige quickly replied, "Good heavens, no. I'm the groom's mother."

At 5 p.m. Monday...

Deadline near for local board filings

Monday is the last day to sign up as a candidate for local boards.

The deadline to file for local school boards and the Snyder city council is at 5 p.m. Monday.

Two schools, Snyder and Ira, will be on spring break, but election officials at those schools will be available Monday if anyone wants to file.

Election clerk Betty Morgan will be at the SISD administrative building from 2-5 p.m. Monday. If a person needs to file early in the day Monday, Morgan said she could be reached at 573-4188.

Ira business manager Jan Duke will be at the Ira ISD administrative offices from 8 a.m. until noon, and from 1-4 p.m. Monday.

Hermleigh ISD offices will be open during regular business hours Monday for candidates to file.

Both incumbents have now filed for the Snyder ISD as Cathy Peoples filed following the board meeting Thursday night.

Filing earlier was Luann Burleson. Neither are opposed.

Peoples will be seeking her second elected term on the board as she was first elected in 2001 after being appointed to fill an unexpired term in May 2001.

Peoples is a licensed respiratory therapist and is employed by Cogdell Memorial Hospital at its clinic at the Price Daniel Unit.



Cathy Peoples

People's husband, Thomas, is employed by ExxonMobil and they have four children.

Alicia is a law student at Wake Forest, while Zipporah is a freshman at Southwestern Oklahoma State University. Aeryal is a sophomore at SHS and Jordan is in the fourth grade at Central.

At Ira, incumbents Keith Clements and Dirk Dunn have filed for another term, but as of yet, no one has filed at Hermleigh.

Hermleigh board members whose terms expire are Sherene Digby and David Higgins.

Higgins has indicated he will not seek another term, and as late as Friday, Digby had not filed. Earlier, she said she was leaning not to file.

On the Snyder city council, three current incumbents are seeking new terms.

Vernest Tippens has filed for Place 1, while Stephanie Ducheneaux has filed for re-election to Place 2. Ron Shaw is seeking another term on Place 4.

Presently, Place 3 is vacant as James Ashley resigned after moving from the community.

The only contested race to develop thus far is for Place 3 on the board at Western Texas College.

Incumbent Carolyn Barbee, owner of Barbee Medical Supply, is being challenged by Bob O'Day, a former WTC golf coach and athletic director.

Also up for re-election is Dr. Jay Kidd, who serves in Place 4.

While Monday is the last day to file to have a name on the ballot, a candidate may file for a write-in position through March 22 on any of the local elections.



MORNING SERENITY — Recent rains have kept Deep Creek flowing as shown at the bridge over College Avenue. Showers are expected to move out this weekend, with sunny skies in the forecast. (SDN Staff Photo by Annie Rowe)

Next Saturday...

Tickets remain for Sammy Baugh event

Tickets remain on sale for the Sammy Baugh 90th birthday celebration scheduled for next Saturday in Snyder.

The event will be a fundraiser for Western Texas College and the Snyder Boys and Girls Club.

Numerous celebrities will be in town to honor the TCU All-American, and Washington Redskins great.

The event will include a golf tourney at WTC for celebrities and corporate sponsors, and a silent memorabilia auction at Scurry County Coliseum from 2-5 p.m.

A VIP reception for corporate sponsors and celebrities will be from 4-6 p.m. at the Snyder Country Club.



Sammy Baugh

The banquet is scheduled from 7-9 p.m. at the coliseum.

Confirmed speakers for the banquet are E.J. Holub, Spike Dykes, John David Crow, Don Maynard, Donny Anderson, Grant Teaff and Ray Guy.

Others expected to attend are Darrell Royal, Sonny, Koy and Ty Detmer, Walt Garrison, Bobby Joe Conrad, Dave McGinnis and Billy Kilmer.

Other notables in the sports world also have been invited.

Ticket prices for the event are $100, $75 and $50. To purchase the tickets, call 573-8511, ext. 220 or 240.

Courthouse security on county's agenda

Security improvements for Snyder and Scurry County have lately been liberally discussed by a number of citizens. That topic also has been on the minds of Scurry County officials.

Guardian Security will present information pertaining to courthouse security when the commissioners court convenes at 10 a.m. Monday in the county courtroom.

Additionally, the court will consider future voting methods and will view a presentation of election software from Election Systems and Software Company.

In other business the commissioners are set to proclaim April as Child Abuse Awareness month and recognize March 14-20 as National Agriculture Week. The court also will hear the minutes of the Scurry County welfare board, the county extension agents report, consider budget amendments and line-item transfers.

Left city of 7 million...

Art student wanted 'change'

Why would a beautiful woman in her 30s, living in Hong Kong, a city with a population of more than 7 million, want to leave it behind for the plains of West Texas?

"I don't know why I chose Snyder, but I did want a change," said Yee Man Yu, an art major at Western Texas College.

"A change" was definitely in the cards for Man (pronounced Mon). She had grown up with her parents, brother and sister in what is known as the "City of Lights" but traded it, albeit temporarily, to pursue the calling that she truly loves — art.

"I was so tired when I decided to come to Snyder. I had worked for more than 10 years as a graphic designer for an advertising agency in Hong Kong. Everything was so demanding and it was an exhausting job," she said.

Man's exhaustion, coupled with transitions in her personal life, set forth the events that would lead her to Snyder.

Man's quest began when she met Ben Sum, an associate professor of art at WTC. Sum was teaching a summer class in Hong Kong when he and Man became acquainted and he began to tell her about the college's art program.

"I was already in the workforce, but I needed a change. I have a lot of respect for Ben and when he told me about WTC, I decided to come to school here," she said.

Man boarded an airplane bound for America and for the first time, realized that China and West Texas are literally worlds apart.

"I didn't know what to expect when I arrived. I didn't plan to stay this long because I wasn't sure I would fit in."

Man's first barrier to overcome was the one of language. Mastering English has almost been as great a challenge as the mastery of her art.

"One of the things that has held me back from improving my English is that I'm too quiet. I like to concentrate when I'm working, so it must be quiet."

But the prize for so much concentration is the ability to produce artwork that exceeds imagination. Man entered the program with a firm foundation in graphic art. Through her studies with Sum at WTC she has ascertained skills as a sculptor that has added new dimensions to her work and thus developed a sense of stylization that translates into her graphic designs. She has the ability to give her graphic work a deeper, more soulful appearance. Her incorporation of artistic talent is a welcome transition from the cliches so common in the advertising industry.

"I love to use unusual art in my graphic designs, such as children's artwork. I like it to be different, but very beautiful," she said.

Man's honed abilities are certainly not lost on her mentor, Sum. "I think that she is a fantastic graphic artist. She has a feel for the work that she creates which makes the posters that she is able to design a work of art," he said.

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Yee Man Yu
...WTC art major

Cogdell board meets Saturday

Cogdell Memorial Hospital's board of managers will have an called emergency meeting at 6 p.m. Saturday to interview one of the finalists for the vacant chief executive officer's position.

It was expected the meetings for the second round of interviews would be March 22-23, but one of the finalists, Carol Hanes of Linden, will not be available those dates.

The trustees will interview the candidate in closed session and then reconvene in open session to discuss the interview.

The meeting will be held in the hospital boardroom at the hospital, and at The Shack restaurant to meet with the candidate in an informal setting.

Scurry Rainfall Reports

Snyder	.68
North of city	.60
East of city	.70
West of city	1.0
Lake Thomas	.70
Hermleigh	.90
Ennis Creek	.60
NE of Hermleigh	1.00
Fluvanna	.40
Polar	.60
Loyd Mountain	.50
Camp Springs	1.50
Dunn	.90
Ira	.80
Dermott	.25
Union	.80
Gail	1.0

Totals as reported by area residents for Friday, Saturday morning.

ASK US

Q-Is there a filing fee to run for a local board?
A-There is no fee.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Misty Jaramillo...

..has been a resident of Snyder for 10 years. She is married to Juan Jaramillo and they have one son, Juan Jr., age 3. Misty is expecting their second child in August. Hobbies are watching cartoons with her son and cleaning house.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Life's sand runs fast.
—Sam Houston

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Country, gospel music

Country and gospel music will be played at the Senior Citizens Center starting at 6 p.m. Saturday.

Noah's Ark speaker

Sammy Hernandez of Lamesa will speak at 5 p.m. Sunday at Noah's Ark Church, 18th Street and Ave. R.

Church moves

Lord's Supper Church has moved to 30th and Ave. 6, beginning Sunday.

AARP meeting

The American Association of Retired Persons will meet at noon Monday at the Senior Citizens Center. Vicki Shroyer, chamber of commerce executive director, will be the guest speaker.

VFW meeting

VFW Post 8231 has a called meeting for 7 p.m. Monday at the post home. Election of officers for 2004 will be held.

Class of 1964

The SHS Class of 1964 will have an organization meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the chamber of commerce to plan the 40th reunion. For information, call Ann Everett at 573-3270.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Our Search for Freedom," followed by "The Church as the Family of God."

Lions Club

The Snyder Lions Club will not meet Tuesday, but will meet jointly with the Rotary Club at noon Thursday at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Medical fund donation account

A medical fund donation account has been set up at West Texas State Bank for local business owner Mike Rodriquez. The fund will be used to help defray medical expenses for the treatment of cancer.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland is available free of charge. Call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakey Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message.

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.

Cinemark to merge with buyout firm

DALLAS (AP) — Cinemark USA Inc., one of the nation's largest theater chains, has reached a $1.5 billion merger deal.

Plano-based Cinemark announced the agreement late Friday. The privately held company will merge with Madison Dearbon Partners, Inc., a Chicago-based buyout firm.

Details of the deal, labeled a "recapitalization," were not disclosed.

Cinemark had been for sale since January.

Also on Friday, Lowes Cineplex theater chain went on the market. Loews' owners said they are exploring the chain's fate, "including, but not necessarily limited to, a sale or other corporate transactions in an effort to maximize shareholder value."

Cinemark's deal, which has been approved by Cinemark's directors and shareholders, is expected to be final in April, company officials said.

Cinemark is controlled by chairman and chief executive Lee Roy Mitchell. Madison Dearborn will become Cinemark's major shareholder, but Mitchell and members of the Cinemark's management team will keep "significant" equity stakes in the company, The Dallas Morning News.

Cinemark's largest outside stockholder is the Cypress Group LLC, with 44 percent of the shares. Cypress is selling its entire stake in the transaction.

Mitchell will continue as Cinemark's chairman and CEO, and the company's existing executive team also will retain their jobs after the merger.

Benjamin Chereskin, a managing director of Madison Dearborn, said Cinemark's management "has posted an impressive record of disciplined growth, outstanding profitability and innovation."

Cinemark has 296 theaters, including 15 in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Loews is one of the world's largest theater chains with more than 320 theaters.

Loews has had its share of financial problems. Overbuilding and enormous debt forced it to file for bankruptcy in 2001. General Cinemas and United Artists also went into bankruptcy then.

Cinemark was one of the few major chains that didn't face disaster.

Three headed to prison following guilty pleas

Three persons will serve time in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice following guilty pleas heard Friday in 132nd District Court.

Billy Alvin Pendleton, 51, of 1215 Lear will serve one year in a state jail after pleading guilty to the Dec. 7, 2003 charge of burglary of a building.

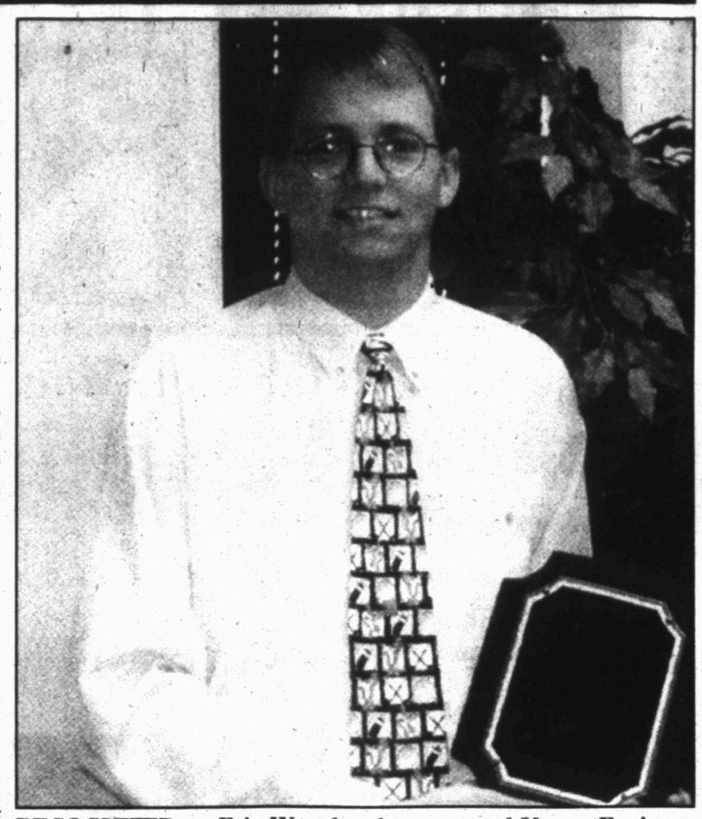
District Judge Ernie Armstrong also handed down a pair of 18-month sentences in a state jail.

Rachel Marie Ambrusko, 34, of Sweetwater pleaded guilty to a Jan. 17, 2003 charge of forgery. In addition to the 18-month sentence, Ambrusko must pay $500 in restitution to Cash N Pay.

Also assessed an 18-month sentence was Tommy Becerra Rodriguez, 30, of 3118 Ave. T. Rodriguez pleaded guilty to a Dec. 19, 2003 charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Angel Reyes, 49, of 2209 Ave. O pleaded guilty to a Dec. 23, 2003 charge of felony driving while intoxicated.

Judge Armstrong sentenced Reyes to serve five years in prison, probated for five years. Reyes also was fined $1,000 and ordered to serve 240 in the Scurry County Jail.



RECOGNIZED — Eric West has been named Young Engineer of the Year by the West Texas Chapter of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers. (Contributed Photo)

Eric West named young engineer of the year

Eric West, a 1992 graduate of Snyder High School, has been named Young Engineer of the Year by the Permian Basin Chapter of Texas Society of Professional Engineers.

West, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Monte West of Snyder, is a professional engineer with the firm of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper Inc.

West received his bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University in 1996 and his master of science degree in civil engineering from Texas Tech in 1998. In 2002, West earned his professional engineer's license in Texas.

He is a project engineer with the West Texas firm and has served as the lead designer on many civil engineering projects involving drainage, water resources, airports, highways and private developments.

His recent project experience includes the City of Midland's storm water permit, TxDOT's I-20 drainage study, Midland Airpark reconstruction, and the Midland Development Corporation's industrial site engineering evaluation and assessment.

West has served the Permian Basin Chapter of TSPE as secretary/treasurer and the golf tournament fundraiser co-chair. He is also currently serving on the NSPE Young Engineers Advisory Council, a national committee for the professional engineers in private practice.

He has served the West Texas Branch of American Society of Civil Engineers as president, president-elect, secretary/treasurer and as director.

Parkhill, Smith & Cooper was established in 1945. The 160 professional, technical and support personnel are located in Midland, Odessa, Lubbock, El Paso and Amarillo.

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Maryland is the seventh state. It was admitted to the Union in 1788.

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TEXAS LOTTO

TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Friday's Lottery Numbers
Mega Millions

ATLANTA (AP) — The jackpot in the multi-state Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to $27 million Saturday.

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

There were four second-prize winners from Friday night's drawing who each will receive $175,000. Twenty-seven players matched four of the five lotto numbers, plus the Mega Ball number. Those tickets are each worth $5,000.

The winning numbers from Friday's drawing were: 4-29-32-35-36. The Mega Ball number was 11.

Texas Two Step

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

Winning numbers drawn: 5-17-31-32. Bonus Ball: 20.

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

Number matching four of four: 10. Prize: $1,705.

Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 51. Prize: $41.

Number matching three of four: 1,331. Prize: $21.

Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 901. Prize: $20.

Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 6,299. Prize: $7.

Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 11,475. Prize: $5.

Estimated jackpot for Tuesday night drawing: $1,000,000.

Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 15-17-23-29-31.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: $46,249.

Winning tickets sold in: Corpus Christi.

Matching four of five: 158. Prize: $132.

Matching three of five: 4,898. Prize: $10.

Matching two of five: 47,115. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

Pick 3
(Day) 7-4-3
(Night) 5-7-7

Today's chuckle

Sleeping on job costly for burglary suspect

RAVENNA, Ohio (AP) — Sleeping on the job could be costly for a suspected burglar.



Eric L. Palmer, 34, of Akron, was arrested Thursday by police in nearby Brimfield Township after he apparently fell asleep on the garage floor of a home that police say was trying to burglarize.

Brimfield Police Chief David Blough said Palmer, allegedly armed with a handgun and two knives, has been charged with aggravated burglary with a gun specification.

Police arrived at about 6 a.m. after a home health care worker called to report a suspicious person in the garage of the home where she worked 10 miles east of Akron.

"We approached him very silently and had the handcuffs on him before he even woke up," Blough said. Police think Palmer fell asleep while waiting for someone to open the door so he could enter.

Palmer was held in the Portage County jail on a $100,000 bond.

Three dead, dozens hurt in crash of two military buses

GARDENS CORNER, S.C. (AP) — A bus carrying Navy personnel to a wreath-laying ceremony Friday lost control on a two-lane highway and crashed head-on into a tractor-trailer, killing three sailors.

A second Navy bus veered off U.S. 17 to avoid the wreck about 60 miles southwest of Charleston. Seventy people were taken to hospitals, including 38 who were expected to be checked and released.

The sailors were from the guided missile destroyer William Pinckney, said Susan Piedfort, a spokeswoman for the Charleston Naval Weapons Station. About 100 people were aboard the two buses that crashed, she said.

One bus swerved onto the right shoulder of the highway, then overcorrected and crossed the center line, hitting a tractor-trailer, said Highway Patrol Lance Cpl. Paul Brouthers.

Three sailors on that bus, including the driver, were ejected and killed, Brouthers said, and the truck driver was seriously injured.

A van from a television station was used to take people to the hospital because so many people were hurt.

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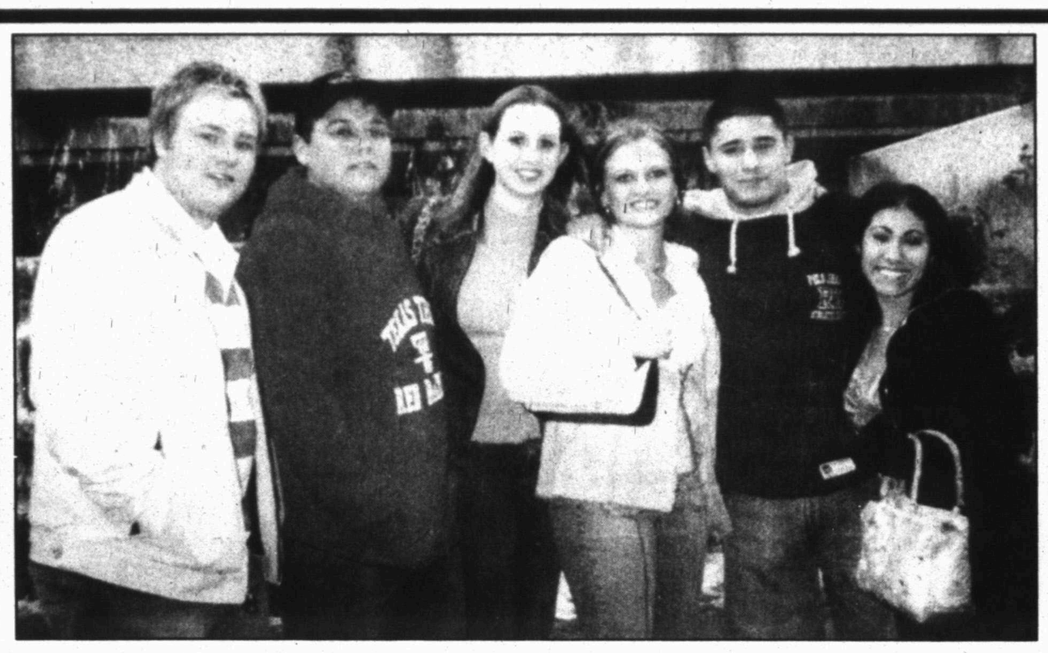
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ON DISPLAY — Jennifer Bigham, right, displayed recent works entitled "If Death Were Good" at her senior art show held in the University of Texas Gallery in Arlington last month. The show opened with a reception. Also pictured is Marilyn Jolly, Bigham's painting professor. (Contributed Photo)



ON THE ROAD — These DECA students recently took a break at the San Antonio River Walk en route to the state CDC contest in Galveston. From left are Ryan Hunter, Sweetwater High School; Aaron Lindsey, Meaghan Langham, Ashley Jenkins and Jeff Bruton, all of Snyder; and Stacey Martinez of Sweetwater. (Contributed Photo)

SHS students compete in state CDC

DECA District 9 Career Development Conference (CDC) winners Aaron Lindsey, Meagan Langham, Ashley Jenkins and Jeff Bruton, recently attended the state CDC in Galveston.

Conference activities were held at the Moody Gardens Hotel on Feb. 26-29 with approximately 600 DECA students throughout the state attending.

At the conference, students competed in a specific series event and heard opening ceremonies speaker Maureen Knabb, who portrays a reporter on *CSI*.

They also toured local attractions, including Moody Gardens Pyramid attractions, Kemah Boardwalk and they rode the ferry. Activities concluded with the grand awards ceremony.

SHS students rode a charter bus to Galveston with Andrews High School and Sweetwater High School.

Lisa Williams, DECA advisor, accompanied the students on the trip.

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The state tree of Washington is the Coast rhododendron.

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Texas Tech offering freshmen 4-year deal

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech University has a deal for students willing to finish their degrees on time.

The school will pay for all required courses beyond four years if students are kept from graduating on time because classes weren't available. The same deal's available for five-year academic programs.

In return, students must select a major by the end of their freshman year and take 15 credit hours a semester, allowing them to get the 120 hours required for most degrees. For degrees that require more hours, students must take summer classes or more hours in the fall or spring semesters. There is no penalty if a student fails to comply with the terms.

"In a time when the cost of attending the university is going up, it makes sense for students to get out of school as soon as possible and into the job market," Tech President Jon Whitmore said.

The four-year voluntary graduation contracts are available for the first time for incoming freshmen this fall. The initiative takes effect as students begin paying $400 more per semester as part of a tuition increase approved Feb. 27.

If the school learns that a required class is not offered, students can ask to substitute an appropriate course or the university would have the option to eliminate the requirement.

"I think it's a great deal," said Jeremy Brown, Tech's Student Government Association president. "It shows the administration is looking at ways to bring down the cost of education."

Just over 40 percent of Tech students take only 12 credit hours, the minimum to be considered full time. At that pace, the average student will be in school longer than four years.

It's a problem around the state. Only 20 percent of students in Texas graduate in four years, according to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The five-year rate is 43 percent, according to the board.

Tech's contract program will reduce the cost of a college degree or keep hikes in tuition more affordable by having students spend less time at the Tech, Whitmore said.

The contract program is the first of its kind in the state, Tech officials said.

Bird flu testing to be expanded to cover most of U.S. poultry

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government and poultry industry officials intend to expand testing for bird flu to cover most of the poultry raised in the United States, possibly this month, an Agriculture Department official said Friday.

The $12.5 million program would focus on the most dangerous forms of the most common variety, low pathogenic avian influenza. These forms, known as H5 and H7, can be no worse than the chicken equivalent of the common cold. If left to spread, however, they can mutate into highly pathogenic varieties that can kill entire flocks in a day.

The new testing system could take effect March 29, assuming it gets final Bush administration approval, said Andrew Rhorer, senior coordinator of the Agriculture Department's Poultry Improvement Plan. The plan was approved on March 5 by a committee of federal, state and industry officials that oversees the program, he said.

Until now, low-path bird flu had gotten a low priority from regulators. The disease is found in nations around the world, and governments are not required to notify international livestock health officials when an outbreak occurs. High-path flu, on the other hand, does require notification, which triggers poultry export embargoes by uninfected countries.

But even the low-path form can be economically devastating. Sick chickens do not grow as fast as healthy ones, so growers have to keep the birds longer and spend more on feed. States sometimes order flocks killed and have quarantined infected farms to prevent the virus from spreading. In addition, importing nations sometimes ban exports from low-path infected areas.

Current testing for low-path bird flu focuses on birds raised for breeding that will be exported to nations which require certification that the animals are free of low-path bird flu, said T.J. Meyers, co-director of the Agriculture Department's National Center for Animal Health Programs.

State health officials test other flocks if they hear of birds that show symptoms. There is no federal testing program for low-path bird flu.

But the current system leaves out commercial flocks raised for meat or eggs, which are almost all of the nation's estimated 9 billion chickens. The new plan would change that, as well as allow tests in turkeys.

The tests would be voluntary, but the industry does not want to see more export bans, so pressure to take part would be strong, Meyers said. Recent outbreaks of low-path bird flu in Delaware, Maryland and Pennsylvania led to a spate of bans which, after a separate high-path bird flu infected a flock in Texas, reached about 35 nations.

Blood drive successful

Residents unselfishly rolled up their sleeves at the blood drive held last month in Snyder.

The drive, sponsored by Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and United Blood Services of Lubbock, was considered more successful than past drives.

"I believe the drive was very successful," said Jo Cotton, director of volunteers for the auxiliary. "This time there was more blood given then in the past."

A total of 70 units were drawn.

The auxiliary expressed appreciation to all that helped with the blood drive and to the merchants who donated items or services for blood donors.

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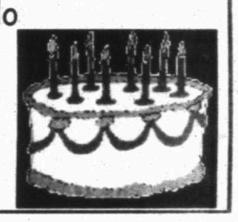
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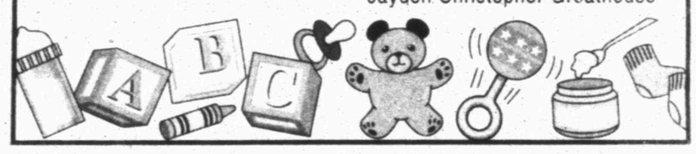
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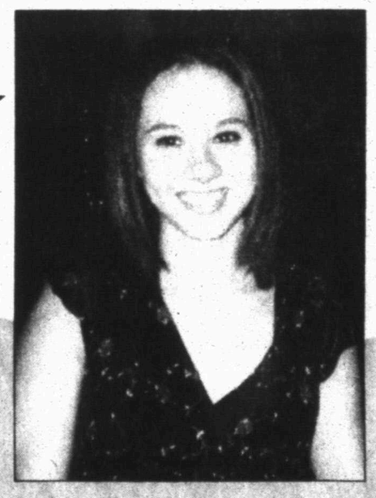
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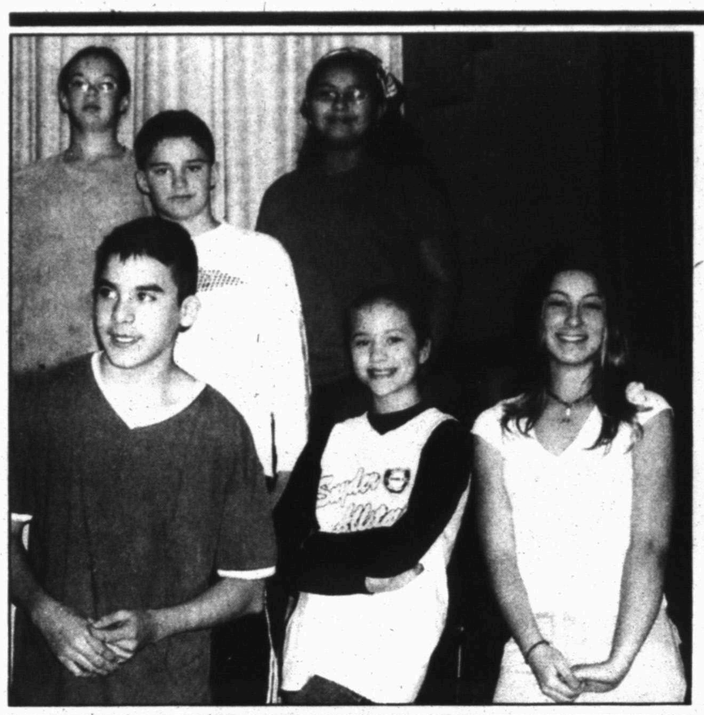


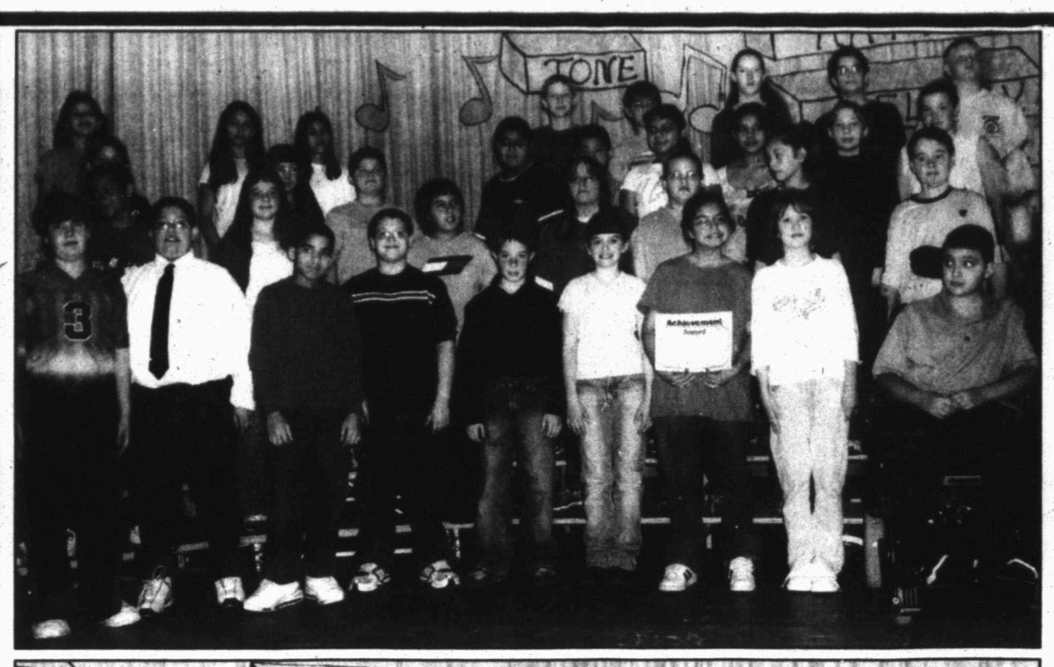
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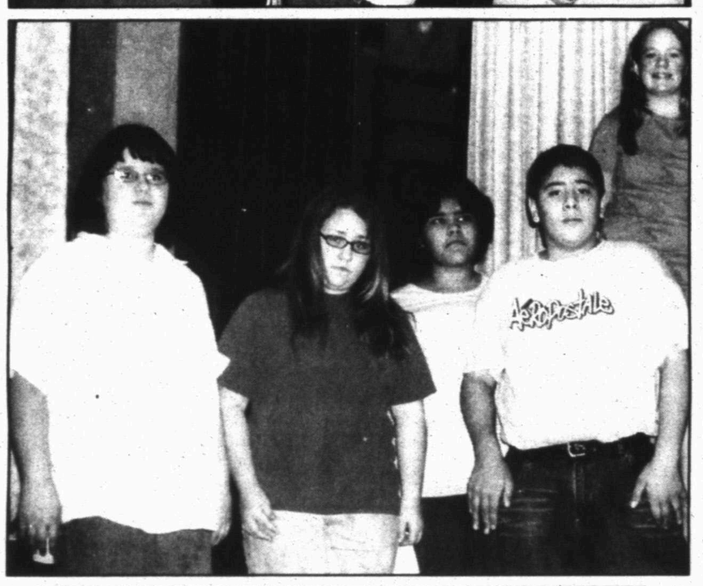
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WEST PROGRAM — These West sixth graders recently presented a program. (First picture) First row from left are Dominick Escobedo, Monica Clanton and Autumn Castillo; second row, Jonathan Kerr; third row, Annie Stribling and Monica Escareno. (Second picture) Students pictured are from left, Tiffany Roemer, Shehala Essery, Crystal Rodriguez, C.J. Casas and Meagan Downing. (Third picture) Fourth row from left are Raven Luna, Valerie Guzman, Shelby Garza, Cody Lee, Preston Eaton, Jessica Kenley, Alan Mehrafshan and Kaden Seale; third row, Jessica West, Aryn May, Matthew Velasquez, Dylan Carrisalez, Victor Chhuor, Samantha Barrera, Kimberly Cassarez, Mitchell Marcon, Heather Newton; second row, Tom Davis, Meagan Thompson, Sergio Guajardo, Becky Evans, Tayla Wesson, Devin Deloera and Jake Strickland; first row, Lee McGinty, Javiel Rowe, David Zalman, Brance Scott, Garrett Hale, Kayli Brewster, Eva Torres, Lorinda Williams and Brandon Garvin. (Fourth picture) Fourth row, Jodi Hamilton, Eleanor Ashley, Andres Escareno, Tosha McGlouthin and Rachael Dupree; third row, Monique Torres, Shane Hicks, Alex Walters, Meghan Cooley and Stacey Clifton; second row, Michael Guardado, Jake Strickland, Tye Holley, Joel Gallegos, Juan Torres and Mario Hernandez; first row, Nate Rose, Roy Lee Sanchez, Micayla Redman, Marissa Sanchez, Aly Alvarez, Cherokee Morin and Christopher Kuliga. Judy Brown is the music director. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Indicted sheriff will not resign

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas County Sheriff Jim Bowles said he has "no intention whatsoever" of resigning, despite a felony indictment against him this week and a demand Friday by 40 of his employees that he step aside.

Bowles is charged with funneling political contributions into his personal bank accounts. The indictment came Wednesday, the day after he lost a primary bid to keep the job he's held for 19 years.

"If these charges were alleged against us, we would not be allowed to be here," Sgt. Don Roe said at a news conference attended by officers and clerks of the sheriff's department. "Why is he better than we are? We're asking that he step down."

The employees said that the turmoil and uncertainty created by the sheriff's indictment made it impossible for him to effectively lead the department, which has 500 sworn officers and 1,285 other employees.

But Bowles, 75, called the resignation demands "unreasonable and clearly politically motivated." He said he would remain in office until his term ends in January.

"It is hypocritical that some employees whom we all trust to act as guardians of the law would ask me to resign from office before I am afforded the right to a full trial," Bowles said. "I will have a trial before a jury of my peers and expect to be exonerated when the facts of the charges are fully addressed."

If Bowles doesn't change his mind, his employees said they would ask Dallas County District Attorney Bill Hill to begin proceedings to remove Bowles on grounds of "official misconduct."

But Hill has no power to initiate removal proceedings, said Bob Shell, chief of the district attorney's civil section. He said the state statute requires a citizen to petition a district judge and provide evidence of reasonable cause for removal.

If the judge finds reasonable cause, the judge could suspend Bowles until a jury trial is held, Shell said.

Generally, though, an indictment alone does not constitute official misconduct, he said.

The employee groups said they were prepared to submit a citizen's petition.

The felony charge against Bowles stems from a special prosecutor's investigation into whether Bowles illegally accepted gifts from Jack Madera, a vendor who later won the Dallas County jail's commissary contract even though it was worth about $400,000 less in annual revenue than other bids.

The inquiry began after The Dallas Morning News reported that Madera paid for thousands of dollars in meals and trips for Bowles between 1999 and 2001.

The grand jury later expanded its investigation to several other counties where Madera had done business. Madera was indicted in January along with two former associates for allegedly using a forged document to obtain a Kaufman County jail contract in 1997. Denton County Sheriff Weldon Lucas was indicted earlier this week on two charges of aggravated perjury.

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Realistic Outlook Pays Off For Investors

If you've been investing for at least a decade, you've already seen a lot of the ups and downs of the financial markets. Now, in 2004, you may be wondering: "What's next?"

Unfortunately, no one can predict the future. But as long as you make investment decisions based on realistic expectations, you can continue making progress toward your long-term goals — in all market environments.

Before we look at what it means to maintain a realistic investment outlook in the future, let's see where we've been in the recent past.

As you no doubt recall, 1995 through 1999 were banner years for the stock market. During that time, the S & P 500's annual returns ranged from 19.5 percent to 34 percent (the S&P 500 is an unmanaged index and can not be invested into directly). From 2000 through 2002, stock prices fell sharply, but in 2003, things turned around, and the major stock market indices showed strong gains.

What's in store for the rest of 2004, 2005 and beyond? No one has a crystal ball, but, as you look ahead, here are a couple of things to consider:

• *Interest rates and inflation are still low* — Two conditions that helped drive stock prices higher in the 1990s - low inflation and low interest rates — are still present.

• *Stock prices may benefit from lower dividend tax rate* — Last year, the maximum tax rate on dividends was cut to 15 percent (This expires Dec. 31, 2008). Previously, dividends were taxed at your individual income tax rate. The new, lower dividend tax rate has already induced more companies to pay out more dividends. This, in turn, has helped make dividend-paying stocks more attractive. And, of course, higher demand for stocks often translates into higher stock prices. Stocks are not fixed rate investments and may not distribute dividends. Stocks are subject to market loss including the potential loss of principal invested.

If these two factors were the only ones influencing the market, you might think the immediate future looks quite bright. However, some other factors may work against a return to 1990s-style returns. For one thing, interest rates have been falling for about 20 years — and they may now have dropped about as far as they will go. Interest payments on debt typically represent one of the biggest costs companies face; during the 1990s, this steadily declining expense helped lead to stronger earnings and impressive returns. If interest rates start creeping up, earnings may suffer a bit.

Don't look for double-digit returns The 1990s are gone — and, although you may wish otherwise, the stock market returns of the latter part of that decade are not likely to appear again any time soon. Therefore, you'll be well advised not to anticipate receiving 1990s-style returns.

So, what is a "realistic" rate of return? There's no magic number, but, as a starting point, you might reasonably hope to earn annual returns in the 6 percent to 7 percent range over the next five to 10 years. While there's no guarantee that you will regularly achieve these numbers, they can form the basis for some reasonable planning on your part. And if you plan for 6 percent, but you're fortunate enough to earn 9 percent, you'll be that much closer to achieving your long-term goals, such as college for your kids and a comfortable retirement lifestyle. On the other hand, if you think you'll receive 12 percent, and you "only" get 7 percent, your plans could be jeopardized.

By assuming reasonable rates of return, and by diversifying your investment dollars across a wide array of high-quality stocks, bonds, government securities and other assets, you can help to "smooth out" your investment journey — and possibly reach your destination sooner than you think.

Internal report faults EPA for drinking water claims

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency incorrectly claimed to have met its goals of ensuring that at least 91 percent of the nation's drinking water was meeting federal health-based standards from 1999 to 2002, the agency's inspector general says.

"The agency reported meeting its annual performance goal for drinking water quality even though it concurrently reported that the data used to draw those conclusions were flawed and incomplete," the EPA IG's office said in a report this week. "EPA's own analysis, supported by our review, indicated the correct number was unknown but less than what was reported."

EPA spokeswoman Cynthia Bergman said Friday, however, that the agency "recognizes the importance of high quality data and is committed to continue to make improvements in this area in the drinking water program."

She said the data that the states report is the most comprehensive set of information available about violations at public water systems.

About 54,000 community water systems supply water to 268 million Americans, the report said, so each percentage point reported by EPA represents about 2.6 million people.

Environmentalists said Friday the report was yet another example of the public being purposely misled.

"Instead of leveling with the public and admitting there are serious problems with our drinking water quality, EPA officials have been making rosy claims that they know are misleading," said Erik Olson, senior attorney with the Natural Resources Defense Council.

The EPA IG's office noted, for example, that in June 2003, during the final days of Christie Whitman's tenure as EPA administrator, the agency inaccurately claimed, "Our drinking water is purer."

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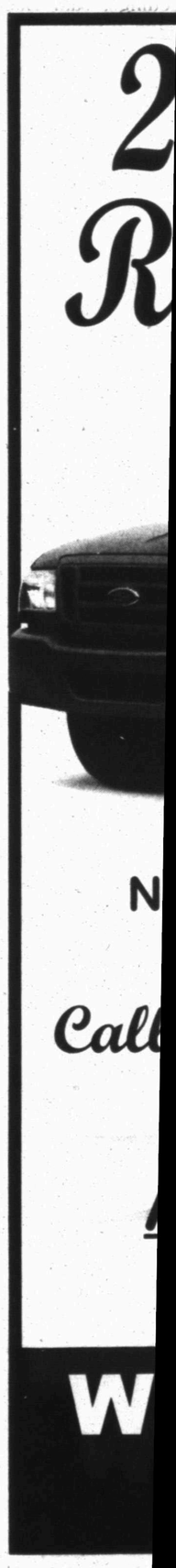
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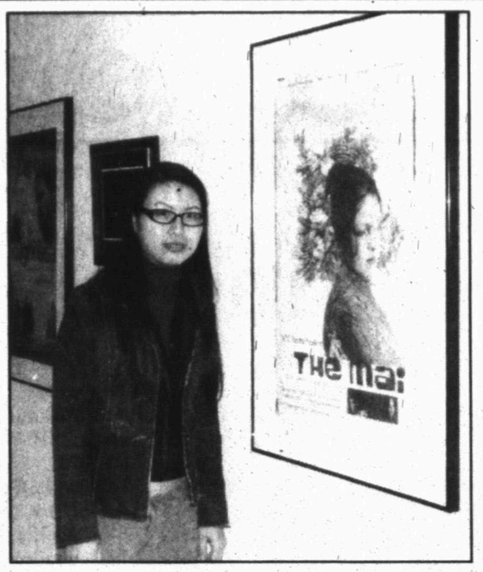
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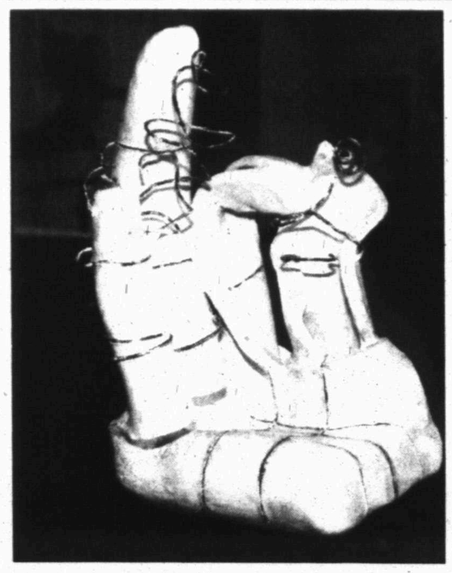
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MAGNIFICENT MAN — Numerous examples of artwork by Yee Man Yu can be seen in various locations at WTC. Man is pictured standing next to the posters she has designed for the theatre department, along with two of her original sculptures. (SDN Staff Photos by Annie Rowe)

Art student from Hong Kong attends WTC

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Man's posters have been on display in the fine arts building at the college for several months. She has customized each advertisement for all of the WTC theatre productions for the last two years and, as with all her undertakings, the posters are extremely artistic.

"She works very, very hard," said Sum. "She absolutely gives 110 percent."

Drama department instructor Ray Newton is also an admirer of Man's work.

"What she's done for the drama department has been fabulous. One can see her work all throughout our halls, and the thing is, it's just the tip of her iceberg," he said. "When Man goes home, it will definitely be our loss and Hong Kong's gain."

Man's journey through WTC will end a few short hours after graduation in May when she boards a jet for Hong Kong.

"It has been very good to be here," said Man. "But I am ready to return home. I've missed my family and my mother is very excited that I'm coming home."

However, Man has gained some important skills at WTC and she is glad to be taking them with her.

"Art is so important to me and my goal is to be a good artist."

Although Man's mind is engrossed in her art, her feet stay planted firmly in the realization that her work in graphic arts will most likely pay the bills.

"I do have a goal to be a good graphic designer," she said. "But I also love being an artist. I'm ready for the challenge to work and to continue learning the art that I love."

Qualifying teams ready for $1 million desert race

BARSTOW, Calif. (AP) — A driverless Humvee converted by Carnegie Mellon University students snagged the pole position Friday in a first-of-its-kind competition that pits 15 self-navigating robots against one another in a $1 million race across the Mojave Desert.

The Pentagon's research and development agency will award the prize to the first team whose microcircuit-and-sensor-studded vehicle can cover a rugged, twisty desert course of at least 150 miles in less than 10 hours on Saturday.

Race sponsors said it was unclear if any one of the competitors would be able to claim the taxpayer-funded prize.

Of the 21 teams that attempted to qualify over four days of trials, just seven completed a flat, 1.36-mile obstacle course at the California Speedway in Fontana, east of Los Angeles.

"There are at least three or four who will have a very good chance of finishing the course; whether they finish it in 10 hours is another question," said Tony Tether, director of the Pentagon's Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency.

"I don't know what the odds are in Vegas," he said.

DARPA, as the agency is known, is sponsoring the Grand Challenge to foster development of autonomous vehicles that could be used in combat. Defense officials foresee using the driverless, remote control-free robots to ferry supplies in war zones.

"The main purpose of this is to harvest the new technology you see out there and use that new technology on the battlefield of tomorrow," said Col. Jose Negron, race program manager for DARPA.

The agency spent $13 million on the race. It estimates competitors laid out four to five times that amount on developing their entries, which are loaded with the latest in sensor and navigation technologies.

The race course begins in Barstow and ends just across the California state line in Primm, Nev. Most of the race covers public land, both on- and off-road.

Friday afternoon, each team demonstrated its vehicle for a crowd of several dozen people. Some of the performances didn't bode well for the upcoming race.

FCC mulls additional fine for Clear Channel

WASHINGTON (AP) — Regulators proposed a quarter-million-dollar indecency fine against Clear Channel Communications on Friday, a little more than a month after hitting the nation's largest radio chain with a record $755,000 penalty.

The Federal Communications Commission voted 4-1 to cite Clear Channel's "Elliot in the Morning" show for nine alleged violations "that involved graphic and explicit sexual material, and were designed to pander to, titillate and shock listeners."

It was second large fine this year against the radio giant, which has recently promised to clean up its programming. Last month it fired the disc jockey known as "Bubba the Love Sponge," took the Howard Stern show off the six Clear Channel stations that broadcast it and outlined new standards that include immediate suspension of any on-air performer accused by the FCC of airing indecent material.

Nevertheless, Clear Channel did not suspend the "Elliot in the Morning" host, Elliot Segal, because it said the offending incident occurred before the new company rules were in place, and executives were still investigating.

In statements released with the announcement of the fine, three FCC commissioners applauded Clear Channel's efforts but said penalties still were warranted for the "Elliot" show.

The FCC is seeking the maximum $27,500 for each of the alleged violations, or $247,500 in all, from a March 13, 2003, broadcast that included a graphic discussion about pornographic film star Ron Jeremy. Portions of the conversation were rebroadcast eight times in promotional spots for the show.

FCC Commissioner Michael J. Capps voted against the fine because he didn't think it was severe enough. He said the FCC has received previous complaints about Clear Channel and Segal and should have considered revoking the licenses of the stations that broadcast the show.

"Such a 'cost-of-doing-business fine' is never going to stop the media's slide to the bottom," he said. "The time has come for the commission to send a message that it is serious about enforcing the indecency laws of our country."

"Elliot in the Morning" is heard on Clear Channel stations WWDC in Washington; WRXL in Richmond, Va.; and WOSC in Bethany Beach, Del.

Clear Channel owns 1,200 stations nationwide.

The company said in a statement late Friday it will "investigate the situation fully and respond as appropriate."

It said internal procedures at the show already have been changed, and the program now is broadcast with a 7-second delay.

Public and political pressure on broadcasters to clean up their programming has been heightened in the aftermath of the Super Bowl halftime show.

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Snyder tourney cancelled

You don't need a weatherman in Scurry County to tell you when it's going to rain.

Just check the sports schedule. If there's baseball or softball games on the agenda, chances are, it's going to pour.

Rain forced the cancellation of the Snyder baseball tournament Saturday, after Friday's games were cancelled because of showers.

"There is just no way we could play," head baseball coach Charles Bollinger said.

The Tigers opened the tournament without a hitch Thursday, crushing Dumas, 11-1. But Friday's rains sent the other teams home, and puddles and run-off caused the fields to be unplayable early Saturday.

The Tigers have been dealing with rain delays since the start of the year, and last week's deluge caused the Lady Tigers to cancel the opening day of the softball tournament.

The Tigers get back into action Thursday night at the Burkburnett Tournament, where they will open at 7:30 with Wichita Falls Rider.

The Lady Tigers also postponed Friday's district opener against Levelland until Monday.

The varsity will play at 5 p.m., while the JV will get started at 7 p.m.

The boys golf team got a late start Friday at San Angelo, but got the first round in after a 1 p.m. shotgun start. The team began the second round as scheduled Saturday.

The Snyder track team was scheduled to run in the West Texas Relays in Odessa Saturday, after officials called off the first day because of the rain.

WTC staying on pace at Weatherford rodeo

The Western Texas College rodeo hands held down three second-place spots after the conclusion of Friday's long round at Weatherford.

Clay Bunney dropped down to second in the bareback riding competition after his 73, and Ashley Hadley and Shiloh Whitaker also nailed down second place in their respective events.

Hadley tied her goat in 7.9 seconds for the two spot, and Whitaker ran the barrel circuit in 16.91 seconds.

Sabrina Lay was fourth in barrels with a 17.05, and Cyndi Terry sat in eighth after a run of 17.36.

Guy Simonton tallied a 73 for fourth in saddle bronc, and Trent Cormier scored a 75 for sixth in bull riding.

Hadley Hunting and Tate Stratton were tied for eighth in bull riding after each earned a 73.

Coach Greg Rhodes said many of the timed competitors were just getting started Saturday morning.

The Weatherford Rodeo was scheduled to conclude Saturday night with the short round.

Newman takes takes pole

HAMPTON, Ga. (AP) — Ryan Newman doesn't always win the pole. It just seems that way.

Newman nipped rookie Brian Vickers — again — and won the pole Friday for the Golden Corral 500 at Atlanta Motor Speedway, his fifth in the past seven races dating back to last season.

He's also been pretty good in the races — until last week. At Las Vegas, Newman started fifth and drifted back during the race. Then he spun out, lost two laps and eventually finished 27th, only the fourth time in the past 14 races he's been out of the top 10.

"We missed the boat pretty big, and when we got two laps down that was pretty much the end of our day," Newman said.

His speed Friday of 193.575 mph in a Dodge was more than 2 mph faster than his pole-winning effort a year ago at NASCAR's fastest track, thanks mostly to a softer tire brought by Goodyear.

Three of Newman's poles during his recent run have come at the expense of Vickers, making only the eighth start of his NASCAR Nextel Cup career.

NBA roundup...

Anthony leading playoff push

By The Associated Press

The race for the final playoff spot in the West isn't as crowded as the one in the East, yet it's plenty competitive.

The Denver Nuggets (35-32), Utah Jazz (34-32) and Portland Trail Blazers (32-33) all won Friday night to remain within 2½ games of each other.

Carmelo Anthony had 31 points and a career-high nine assists, and Denver matched its highest point total of the season in a 117-111 victory at Milwaukee.

Gordan Giricek scored a career-high 33 points, the most by a Utah player this season, helping the Jazz win at Phoenix, 99-90.

And Theo Ratliff had 11 points, 11 rebounds and eight blocked shots to lead the Trail Blazers over visiting Sacramento 83-81.

Elsewhere, Philadelphia edged New York 99-94 in double overtime, Memphis defeated the Los Angeles Clippers 98-89, Minnesota beat the Los Angeles Lakers 96-86, Indiana downed Boston 99-81, San Antonio drubbed Golden State 99-74, Atlanta outscored Washington 138-124, New Jersey defeated Chicago 88-76 and Miami beat Seattle 82-74.

Portland is trying to extend its string of consecutive playoff appearances to 22, while Utah would like to stretch its streak to 21. Both are trying to catch Denver, which scored 65 second-half points to win for only the third time in 12 games.

Utah plays the Nuggets on Sunday night in Denver.

"Biggest game of the season," said Andre Miller, who had 23 points and a team-high eight rebounds. "This was a big one (against Milwaukee), but that one is even bigger."

Denver used a 16-4 run bridging the third and fourth quarters to open 100-85 lead on Anthony's 18-foot jumper. Milwaukee closed to 104-96, but Anthony scored five points in a 10-4 run.

Jazz 99, Suns 90

Raja Bell added 16 points for the Jazz, including two key baskets after the Suns had closed to 88-85.

Giricek, averaging only 10.6 points, nearly equaled that total with 10 in the first quarter. He had four in the second period, 11 in the third quarter and eight in the fourth. His previous career high was 31 with Orlando, and the Jazz's top scoring performance was 32 by Matt Harpring.

Trail Blazers 83, Kings 81

Damon Stoudamire had 20 points and Zach Randolph added 17 points and 14 rebounds.

The Western Conference-leading Kings trailed by as many as 14 but came back. Mike Bibby's layup with 2:02 left tied it at 81 before Randolph hit a jumper and Ratliff blocked an attempt by Bibby.

76ers 99, Knicks 94, 2 OT

At Philadelphia, Kenny Thomas hit a game-tying 3-pointer with 0.4 seconds left in regulation, then made a tying layup with 0.2 seconds left in the first overtime.

Thomas scored 25 points and grabbed 16 rebounds for his 10th straight double-double, helping the Sixers win their season-high fourth straight game. Aaron McKie scored 22 points and Eric Snow added 19.

Grizzlies 98, Clippers 89

At Memphis, Pau Gasol scored 24 points and grabbed a career-high 18 rebounds as the Grizzlies guaranteed the first .500 season in franchise history.

Memphis won its 41st game as Gasol, playing in honor of his countrymen killed and injured in Thursday's terrorist bombings in Spain, took over in the fourth quarter. The victory was Memphis' seventh straight and allowed the Grizzlies to move past Dallas for fifth place in the West.

Timberwolves 96, Lakers 86

At Minneapolis, Kevin Garnett had 20 points and 12 rebounds and reserve Troy Hudson added 19 points to lead Minnesota over the Lakers as Karl Malone returned after missing 39 games.

The crowd of 20,391 was the largest ever at Target Center.

Pacers 99, Celtics 81

At Boston, Reggie Miller scored 18 points and Al Harrington added 16 to lead Indiana to its seventh straight win. Paul Pierce had 21 points for Boston, reaching 10,000 points faster than anyone in Celtics history, in his 431st game.

Spurs 99, Warriors 74

At San Antonio, Malik Rose, starting in place of the injured Tim Duncan, scored 17 points, and six other Spurs finished in double figures. Duncan may not play Sunday against Sacramento.

Hawks 138, Wizards 124

At Atlanta, Stephen Jackson scored a career-high 42 points and five Atlanta players scored at least 20 — the first time that's happened in an NBA game since 1993.

Snyder in consolation bracket at state meet

The Snyder tennis team dropped the first-round match at the state team tennis meet Friday, falling to Groesbeck, 13-6.

The loss sent the Tigers to the consolation bracket, where they topped La Grange, 13-9, in the afternoon.

The team was scheduled to play Belleville in the consolation bracket Saturday morning.

Complete coverage of the state tournament will be in Monday's edition.

Sheffield helps push Yankees past Astros

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Gary Sheffield hit an RBI single in his first at-bat since missing nearly a week and the New York Yankees beat the Houston Astros 2-1 Friday night.

Roger Clemens and Andy Pettitte, who both left the Yankees in the offseason and signed with Houston as free agents, did not make the trip to Legends Field. This was the only spring training game between the teams, and the Astros do not play the Yankees during the regular season.

Donald Trump was in attendance as the Yankees ended their five-game skid. He threw out the ceremonial first ball and bounced it from the mound, prompting several fans to shout, "You're fired!"

Sheffield, who signed a $39 million, three-year contract with the Yankees as a free agent, went 1-for-2 with a walk.

The right fielder aggravated an injured right thumb last Saturday while trying to get to a fly ball hit by Toronto's Orlando Hudson.

Sheffield originally hurt the right thumb last July 10 sliding headfirst into third base for the Atlanta Braves. The torn ligament went undetected, and he hit .327 after the injury with 17 homers and 62 RBIs in 69 games.

"Everything was normal. I'm fine," Sheffield said. "I didn't think there would be any problem."

Hideki Matsui also had an RBI single during the Yankees' two-run first off Jeriome Robertson.

Yankees starter Jose Contreras struck out six in three innings. He allowed one run on two hits.

Area Sports Calendar

MONDAY

Softball: SHS varsity vs. Lubbock Cooper, district opener, 5 p.m.
SHS JV vs. Lubbock Cooper, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY

Softball: SHS varsity at Sweetwater, 5 p.m.
SHS JV at Sweetwater, 7.p.m.

THURSDAY

Baseball: SHS varsity at Burkburnett Tournament
WTC vs. Otero JC, noon

FRIDAY

Baseball: SHS varsity at Burkburnett Tournament
WTC vs. Trinidad JC, 1 p.m.
Softball: SHS varsity at Seminole, 5 p.m.
SHS JV at Seminole, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

Baseball: SHS varsity at Burkburnett Tournament
WTC vs. Trinidad JC, noon
Softball: WTC vs. Midland, DH, 1 p.m.
SHS varsity at Lubbock Monterey, 1 p.m.

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
New Jersey	40	24	.625	—
Miami	29	37	.439	12
New York	29	37	.439	12
Boston	29	38	.433	12½
Philadelphia	28	38	.424	13
Washington	20	44	.313	20
Orlando	19	48	.284	22½
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
x-Indiana	49	16	.754	—
Detroit	42	25	.627	8
Milwaukee	34	31	.523	15
New Orleans	34	31	.523	15
Cleveland	29	36	.446	20
Toronto	27	38	.415	22
Atlanta	21	44	.323	28
Chicago	18	47	.277	31
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Minnesota	46	20	.697	—
San Antonio	44	22	.667	2
Memphis	41	24	.631	4½
Dallas	40	24	.625	5
Houston	38	26	.594	7
Denver	35	32	.522	11½
Utah	34	32	.515	12
Pacific Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Sacramento	48	17	.738	—
L.A. Lakers	42	23	.646	6
Portland	32	33	.492	16
Seattle	27	38	.415	21
L.A. Clippers	26	39	.400	22
Golden State	25	39	.391	22½
Phoenix	21	44	.323	27

x-clinched playoff spot

Friday's Games

Philadelphia 99, New York 94, 2OT
Indiana 99, Boston 81
Atlanta 138, Washington 124
Miami 82, Seattle 74
New Jersey 88, Chicago 76
Memphis 98, L.A. Clippers 89
Minnesota 96, L.A. Lakers 86
Denver 117, Milwaukee 111
San Antonio 99, Golden State 74
Utah 99, Phoenix 90
Portland 83, Sacramento 81

Saturday's Games

Boston at Washington, 6 p.m.
Seattle at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Goloen State at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Memphis at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Atlanta at Toronto, noon
Philadelphia at Detroit, noon
Indiana at Cleveland, 2 p.m.
New York at Milwaukee, 2:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Sacramento, 2:30 p.m.
Portland at Minnesota, 2:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Miami, 5 p.m.
Utah at Denver, 9 p.m.
Dallas at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

UIL Pairings

UIL Boys State Tournament Pairings

Class 5A Friday semifinals

Cedar Hill 82, Victoria Memorial 65
Houston Milby 85, Klein Collins 62

Championship

Cedar Hill (35-1) vs. Houston Milby (38-0), 8 p.m. Saturday

Class 4A Semifinals

Dallas Lincoln 64, Austin Johnson 62
Houston Jones 44, Lubbock Estacado 41

Championship

Dallas Lincoln (32-5) vs. Houston Jones (30-5), 4 p.m. Saturday

Class 3A Semifinals

Kountze 74, Corpus Christi West Oso 51
Midland Greenwood 67, Gainesville 56

Championship

Kountze (35-2) vs. Midland Greenwood (29-4), 10:30 a.m. Saturday

Class 2A Semifinals

Shallowater 62, Clarksville 46
Argyle 64, Hitchcock 57

Championship

Shallowater (30-5) vs. Argyle (33-3), 2:30 p.m. Saturday

Class 1A Division II Championship

Lenorah Grady 55, Neches 49

Class 1A Division I Championship

Normangee 53, Morton 51, OT

Class 1A Texas Cup

Normangee (36-2) vs. Lenorah Grady (35-1), 9 a.m., Saturday

National Hockey League

EASTERN CONFERENCE							
Atlantic Division	**W**	**L**	**T**	**OL**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Philadelphia	36	17	13	6	91	206	164
New Jersey	36	21	11	2	85	176	144
N.Y. Islanders	31	26	10	4	76	199	186
N.Y. Rangers	25	34	7	5	62	184	212
Pittsburgh	17	44	6	4	44	157	269
Northeast Division	**W**	**L**	**T**	**OL**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Boston	34	16	14	7	89	181	161
Toronto	38	21	9	3	88	205	178
Ottawa	37	19	9	5	88	232	156
Montreal	37	26	6	3	83	186	165
Buffalo	31	31	6	2	70	184	190
Southeast Division	**W**	**L**	**T**	**OL**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
x-Tampa Bay	41	17	8	5	95	214	161
Florida	25	29	14	3	67	155	184
Atlanta	27	34	7	3	64	188	218
Carolina	23	30	13	4	63	137	173
Washington	21	40	8	2	52	162	217
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**T**	**OL**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Detroit	40	17	10	2	92	218	155
Nashville	33	26	9	2	77	183	185
St. Louis	32	26	10	2	76	162	172
Chicago	19	36	9	6	53	166	215
Columbus	20	38	8	4	52	149	204
Northwest Division	**W**	**L**	**T**	**OL**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Colorado	37	17	12	5	91	214	169
Vancouver	37	21	9	4	87	204	171
Calgary	35	26	6	3	79	172	155
Edmonton	28	27	12	4	72	188	184
Minnesota	22	26	20	2	66	150	157
Pacific Division	**W**	**L**	**T**	**OL**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
San Jose	34	19	11	6	85	181	157
Dallas	35	23	12	0	82	162	151
Los Angeles	27	19	16	7	77	181	178
Anaheim	25	29	9	8	67	158	183
Phoenix	20	30	16	5	61	174	214

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.
x-clinched division

Friday's Games

Carolina 4, Atlanta 2
Chicago 4, Washington 3
Tampa Bay 5, N.Y. Rangers 2
Colorado 3, Phoenix 2
Vancouver 4, Edmonton 3, OT
N.Y. Islanders 3, Anaheim 1

Saturday's Games

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

Sunday's Games

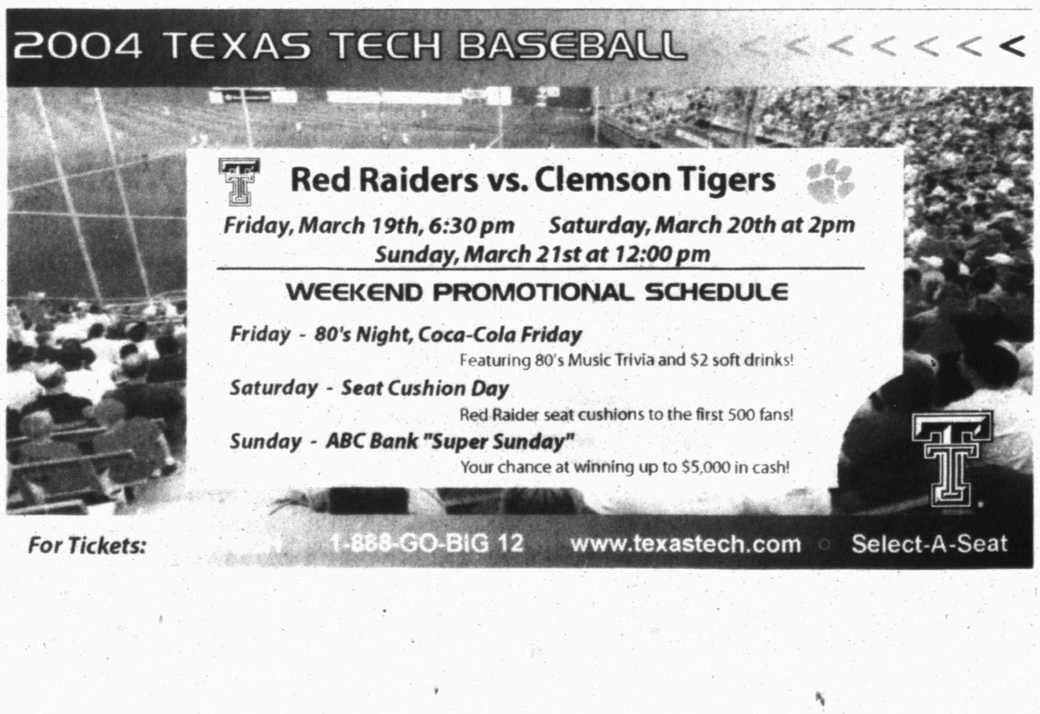
Dallas at Chicago, 3 p.m.
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Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 3 p.m.
Anaheim at Los Angeles, 4 p.m.
Nashville at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Calgary at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Ottawa at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
Columbus at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

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SPORTS

Sideline Views



by Bobby Allen

This week has proven once again that some people just don't get it.

MLBPA union boss Donald Fehr told Congress he doesn't "bargain" in public when asked if baseball would immediately institute a new drug testing policy, claiming it was a "privacy" issue — which promptly resulted in a tongue lashing from Arizona maverick senator John McCain.

Meanwhile, underboss Gene Orza reassured the public that steroids were no more dangerous than cigarettes (whew!) — even though cigarettes are legal and are actually a *hindrance* to performance.

But when one listens to baseball's highly powerful and completely out of touch union leaders, the expectation is that some self-serving drivel will fly from their mouths, which is why baseball players once again find themselves on the wrong side of public opinion.

They don't get it.

Another guy one expects to choke on his cleats every time he opens his cake hole is Terrell Owens.

Seems Owens is still reeling from his agent's inability to read a contract, which gave a specific deadline for voiding the agreement.

That deadline was — as we know by now — missed, so the 49ers traded him to the team (Baltimore) that gave them the best return, instead of the team (Philadelphia) Owens desired.

So he files a grievance, which was to be settled by Sunday, and says he can't see himself playing for the Ravens.

The difference between the teams is that the Eagles had a renegotiated contract (with a big signing bonus) worked out with the mercurial receiver, while the Ravens plan to hold him to his contract, which has two years remaining.

No shock there. Of course he wants the big money and the chance to get an eight-figure bonus.

What is stunning is that on Owens' website, he compares his plight to that of Rosa Parks.

Rosa Parks?

A women who changed the way Americans looked at racial segregation, and a multi-millionaire athlete trying to find a way to grab even more millions are remotely comparable?

Shut up. Please.

Owens obviously doesn't get it.

Finally we have Todd Bertuzzi, author of the most vicious cheap shot many have seen in hockey in at least a year.

Bertuzzi broke Colorado's Steve Moore's neck Monday, sucker-punching him from behind then leaping on his back and driving Moore face first into the ice.

In a tearful apology, Bertuzzi apologizes "for what happened out there. I had no intention of hurting you." He later reiterated the apology, saying "I'm sorry for what happened."

Wait a second.

For what happened?

There was no mysterious, supernatural force that clenched Bertuzzi's fist and drove it into Moore's unsuspecting face.

No marionette forced Bertuzzi to put his full weight on Moore's head and slam it into the ice.

Had no intention of hurting you?

Yes, we typically drive a person's head into a rock-hard surface when we are playing around.

No, Bertuzzi should have said, "I'm sorry for *what I did*. With malice aforethought, I intended to do you bodily harm."

That would have been true and sincere.

But again, some people just don't get it.

Cowboys trade for QB Drew Henson

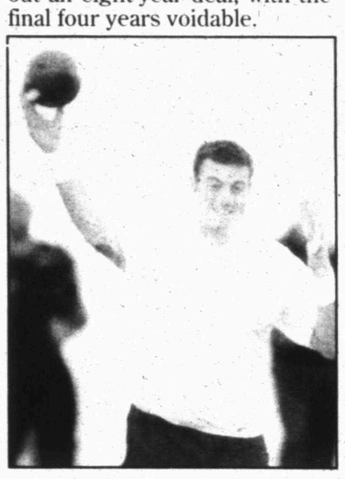
HOUSTON (AP) — Quarterback Drew Henson will get his chance to play in the NFL with the Dallas Cowboys.

Dallas acquired Henson from the Houston Texans on Friday for a third-round pick in the 2005 draft. Henson then agreed to an eight-year deal with the Cowboys, his agent, Tom Condon said.

Henson was selected in the sixth round by the Texans in last year's draft. Houston, which already has David Carr at quarterback, planned all along to deal the former Michigan starter who spent three full-time seasons playing baseball in the New York Yankees' organization.

Three other teams expressed serious interest in Henson: Cleveland, St. Louis and Buffalo. Henson, 24, worked out for 20 teams in Houston earlier this offseason.

On Thursday, Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said he was intrigued by Henson, who worked out for Dallas on March 1. And on Friday, Jones worked out an eight-year deal, with the final four years voidable.



Drew Henson

Henson will get a guaranteed $3.5 million, the most ever for a sixth-round pick. He'll earn the minimum rookie salary of $228,000 this season, but with attainable incentives he can easily increase his earnings over the length of the deal.

Neither team would comment on the deal Friday. Paperwork on the contract was expected to be complete some time next week.

"We are not in a position to confirm anything at this time," Cowboys spokesman Rich Dalrymple said. "We would only make an announcement if something was official or final, but at this time we have no comment or confirmation."

The Texans used the first of their two sixth-round picks last year on Henson, betting he would have another disappointing season in the Yankees' farm system and would decide to give up the $12 million remaining on his baseball deal and return to football.

General manager Charley Casserly's gambit paid off in early February when Henson did just that. The Cowboys were among 20 teams who sent representatives to Houston on Feb. 12 to watch an open workout in the Texans' practice bubble, with assistant head coach Sean Payton leading a three-man contingent.

Henson had one stellar season at Michigan in 2000 and was projected to be a top draft pick in 2002 if he had another good year with the Wolverines. Instead, he signed with the Yankees as their third baseman of the future and left school.

But his choppy fielding and free swinging never improved, The club showed its patience had worn thin when it traded for third baseman Aaron Boone last year. When Boone suffered a season-ending knee injury this winter, New York made it clear Henson would not be considered and eventually traded for Alex Rodriguez.

"Michigan, the Yankees and the Cowboys. That's a pretty talented athlete to be with those teams," Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said. "I'm happy for him. He was in a position where he had some control of his situation. He's with a good organization and good coach (Bill Parcells)."

Henson, mired in a deep slump to start the 2003 season at Triple-A Columbus, insisted he was committed to baseball when the Texans selected him. He finished the year with a .234 average and 122 strikeouts, and in a six-year minor-league career whiffed 556 times in 501 games.

The deal means Dallas has three former minor-league baseball players at the quarterback position. Starter Quincy Carter played in the Chicago Cubs' organization in 1996, '97 and '98.

Dallas signed former Stanford quarterback Chad Hutchinson before the 2002 season after he gave up on a career with the St. Louis Cardinals.

Vanderbilt sinks Mississippi State; UT advances

ATLANTA (AP) — Vanderbilt stunned Mississippi State in the quarterfinals of the Southeastern Conference tournament Friday night, pulling off a 74-70 upset in overtime and likely denying the No. 4 Bulldogs any chance of landing a top seed in the NCAAs.

SEC player of the year Lawrence Roberts, hobbled by a sprained ankle, had a chance to it in regulation for the Bulldogs (25-3) but his 3-pointer at the buzzer clanged off the back of the rim.

Vanderbilt (21-9) then won it in overtime, clinching the victory at the free-throw line. Julian Terrell put them ahead to stay with a couple of foul shots. Mario Moore scored 17 points, and Terrell added 16 for Vanderbilt.

Vanderbilt, assuring itself of a spot in the NCAA tournament, advanced to meet either Florida or Alabama in Saturday's semifinals.

No. 8 Kentucky 69, Georgia 60

ATLANTA (AP) — Cliff Hawkins scored 23 points and Kentucky took control with a late 12-3 run, beating Georgia in the quarterfinals of the Southeastern Conference tournament.

Gerald Fitch added 15 points for the Wildcats (24-4), who advanced to meet South Carolina in the semifinals. Rashad Wright led Georgia (16-13) with 23 points.

No. 5 Duke 84, Virginia 74

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — Shelden Williams had a career-high 27 points and eight rebounds to help Duke beat Virginia in the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament quarterfinals.

Daniel Ewing added a season-high 26 points for the fifth-ranked Blue Devils (26-4), who have won a record 16 straight ACC tournament games since losing to North Carolina in the 1998 final.

Duke, seeking its record sixth straight championship, will play fourth-seeded Georgia Tech in the semifinals.

J.R. Reynolds scored 20 points Virginia (17-12).

No. 14 Georgia Tech 83, No. 16 North Carolina 82

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — Jarrett Jack hit a 15-footer with 1.4 seconds to play to lift Georgia Tech past North Carolina.

The Yellow Jackets (23-8) blew an 11-point lead in the final 8:15 before Jack's game-winning basket.

North Carolina trailed 71-60 before storming back behind the solid inside play of Sean May, who made one of two free throws to give the Tar Heels (18-10) an 82-81 lead with 9.8 seconds to play.

Jack finished with 17 points, and Luke Schenscher had 17 points and a career-high 17 rebounds. May led North Carolina with 27 points and eight rebounds.

No. 17 North Carolina St. 78, Florida St. 71

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — Julius Hodge scored 19 points to lead North Carolina State past Florida State in the ACC quarterfinals.

Marcus Melvin added 16 points and eight rebounds for the Wolfpack (20-8), who will face the Maryland-Wake Forest winner in the semifinals.

Tim Pickett scored 23 points for the Seminoles (18-13).

No. 6 Pittsburgh 62, Boston College 53

NEW YORK (AP) — Carl Krauser scored six points in the final minute and defending champion Pittsburgh beat Boston College to reach the Big East title game for the fourth straight year.

The Panthers (29-3) will play the winner of the game between Connecticut and Villanova for the championship Saturday night.

Krauser led Pitt with 18 points. Craig Smith had 20 points and 12 rebounds for Boston College (23-9).

No. 7 Oklahoma St. 83, Iowa St. 75

DALLAS (AP) — John Lucas III hit a short jumper, then a wide-open 3-pointer, starting a 13-4 run that broke open a tie game late in the second half for Oklahoma State.

Joey Graham scored 25 points on 11-of-13 shooting, and Lucas finished with 23 to help the top-seeded Cowboys (25-3) advance to a semifinal against Texas Tech. Jackson Vroman led Iowa State (17-12) with 24 points and 10 rebounds.

No. 11 Texas 66, Oklahoma 63

DALLAS (AP) — Brandon Mouton scored five points in the final 26.8 seconds, capping Texas' comeback from a 12-point deficit against three-time defending Big 12 tournament champion Oklahoma.

Mouton, who scored eight of his 16 points during the late rally, tied it at 63 by driving through the middle of the lane for a layup. He was fouled on the play and his free throw put Texas (22-6) ahead for the first time since the opening minutes.

Texas advanced to the semifinals against Kansas or Missouri.

De'Angelo Alexander led the Sooners (19-10) with 15 points.

No. 10 Wisconsin 66, Minnesota 52

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Mike Wilkinson scored 22 points and shut down Kris Humphries to lead Wisconsin past Minnesota in the Big Ten quarterfinals.

Devin Harris added 21 points for the Badgers (22-6), who will play the Michigan State-Northwestern winner in the semifinals.

Humphries scored 12 points on 5-of-16 shooting, well below his 21-point average. He also had nine rebounds for the Gophers (12-18).

No. 12 Illinois 71, Indiana 59

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Deron Williams scored 12 of his 20 points in the final five minutes, and Illinois used a stifling defense to pull away from Indiana in the Big Ten quarterfinals.

Luther Head had 29 points for the regular-season champion Illini (23-5), winners of 11 straight games. Illinois will face Michigan in the semifinals.

Mark Johnson led Indiana (14-15) with 16 points.

No. 13 Cincinnati 66, Saint Louis 46

CINCINNATI (AP) — Tony Bobbitt led a 3-point blitz that carried Cincinnati past Saint Louis in the Conference USA semifinals.

Cincinnati (23-6) went 5-of-6 from behind the arc during a 19-point run in the second half that sent the Bearcats to the championship game for the third time in the past four years.

Bobbitt made four 3s for a team-high 12 points, and Cincinnati went 10-of-21 from behind the arc against a packed-in defense.



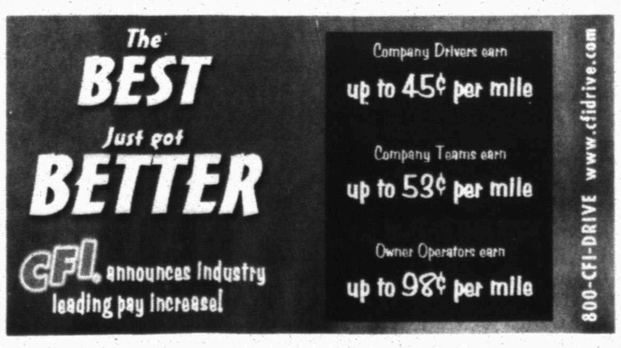
UT ADVANCES — Brandon Mouton of the Texas Longhorns is fouled by Johnnie Gilbert of the Oklahoma Sooners as Brandon Foust falls back with seconds left in the second half during the quarterfinals of the Big 12 Tournament on Friday at the American Airlines Center in Dallas. Mouton led Texas with 16 points and the winning shot in Texas' 66-63 win. (AP Photo)

Jacobsen leads SBC

ANTA CLARITA, Calif. (AP) — Peter Jacobsen got off to a fast start in his Champions Tour debut, shooting a 5-under 67 on Friday for a share of the first-round lead in the SBC Classic.

Jacobsen, who turned 50 last week, made an 8-foot birdie putt on the final hole to pull even with Craig Stadler, Gil Morgan, Don Pooley and Mike McCulloch.

Defending champion Tom Purtzer and Larry Nelson were a stroke back along with Spain's Jose Maria Canizares and England's Mark James, while Hale Irwin, Raymond Floyd and Tom Kite topped a group at 69.





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Tom Valentine
Code Enforcement Officer
City of Snyder
(325) 573-4959

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
of Routine Facilities Contract Work for the
Texas Department of Transportation

Sealed proposals for:
Metal roof retrofit for the Scurry County Maintenance Facility in Snyder
Project No. CBC4704-00-127
will be received by the Abilene District Office of the Texas Department of Transportation located at:
4250 N. Clack, Abilene, Texas
until **3:00 P.M., Thursday April 8, 2004**
then publicly opened and read.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the Snyder maintenance facility, located at 111 No. Avenue V, at 1:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 30, 2004.

Bidding documents, including proposal/agreement form and specifications, may be obtained from:
Scott Mitchell
Texas Department of Transportation
4250 N. Clack
Abilene, Texas 79601
(325) 676-6911
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Granbury, TX 76049

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sandralecroy@aol.com

Employment

Wallace Medical Prison Unit in Colorado City is taking applications for an LVN for the 3p.m. to 11p.m. shift. For further information contact Sandra Sullivan, Human Resources at (325)728-3431 ext. 7105 for more information.

NURSING
DIRECTOR OF NURSING

Sweetwater Health Care Center seeks a Director of Nursing to oversee Nursing Services and provide direct quality care in our skilled nursing facility. Requires an RN with min. 2 years experience, preferably in a long term care facility, supervisory experience and superior communications skills. Must be thoroughly familiar with rehab, therapy, and comprehensive nursing practices. Must be familiar with TEXAS regulatory requirements.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Graduate of approved School of Nursing with a current LVN license. Two years nursing experience required, preferably in a long term care facility, with excellent skills in nursing services and resident care. We can offer a competitive salary and benefits (health, dental & life insurance avail), and 2 weeks vacation after 1 year. EOE Fax cover letter & resume, with salary history to; (325) 236-6834, mail to:

Verna Gibson, Administrator
SWEETWATER HEALTHCARE CENTER
1600 Josephine St.
Sweetwater, TX 79556

Employment

WANTED
Heavy Equipment Operator
must be able to perform skilled work in the operation of heavy-duty vehicular maintenance & construction equipment. High school diploma or equivalent & a CDL drivers license required. Ability to perform routine maintenance of equipment & perform duties without constant supervision desired. Retirement & employee insurance included. An application can be picked up at the Personnel Office at City Hall, 1925 24th Street, Snyder. EOE, Employer paid ad.

Wanted: Retirees with own RV for summer employment at Fun Valley Family Resort, South Fork, Colorado for office, housekeeping, cooks, maintenance & RV parks. Write:
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Big Spring, Texas 79720

EEO/AA Employer

Electrical Line Technician

CAP ROCK ENERGY has immediate opening for an Electrical Service Lineman in our Colorado City office. The position is responsible for work on system voltages, distribution and transmission lines. Duties include installations, repairs and removal of services, investigating service complaints and service interruptions.

Good verbal and written communication skills needed. Prior experience in high voltage electrical systems preferred. CDL is required to operate heavy automotive equipment and employees must live within 10 miles of Colorado City office. Position is required to work overtime in emergency situations. To apply contact Alfred Lynch at 325-728-5232.

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POSITION: Criminal Justice Instructor **DUTIES:** Instruct freshman and sophomore level law enforcement and corrections courses. Additional responsibilities include active participation in college and community functions, campus committees, program recruitment, serve as an advisor to criminal justice students, and pursue faculty development opportunities. **EMPLOYMENT:** Full-time, 9 month contract. Salary commensurate with education and experience listed on WTC salary schedule. **QUALIFICATIONS:** Three to five years experience in Law Enforcement/Corrections. Master's degree with 18-hours in Criminal Justice preferred. Scurry County residency preferred upon employment. Must pass TDCJ clearance requirements. **APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Position is open until filled with review of applications beginning on April 15, 2004. Applications may be obtained by contacting the Human Resources office located in the WTC Administration Building, or by downloading the application from the WTC website at www.wtc.edu. **DATE OF EMPLOYMENT:** August 16, 2004 **APPLICATIONS/RESUME TO:** Human Resources, Western Texas College, 6200 College Avenue, Snyder, Texas 79549-9502.

WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY INSTITUTION AND IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED AND CONSIDERED WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, COLOR, CREED, SEX, AGE, NATIONAL ORIGIN, VETERAN'S STATUS, OR DISABILITY.

NURSING
DIRECTOR of NURSING

Sage Health Care Center in Lamesa seeks a Director of Nursing to oversee Nursing Services and provide direct quality care in our skilled nursing facility. Requires an RN with min. 2 years experience, preferably in a long term care facility, supervisory experience and superior communications skills. Must be familiar with comprehensive nursing practices and with TEXAS regulatory requirements.

LVN Openings

MULTIPLE SHIFTS
We seek licensed NURSES for various positions, PART TIME and PRN. Could turn into full time positions.

We can offer a competitive salary and benefits for full time employees (health, dental & life insurance avail), and 2 weeks vacation after 1 year. EOE. Mail cover letter and resume with salary history to
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RN Consultant
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sandralecroy@aol.com

SOCIAL SERVICES

Sweetwater Health Care Center is currently seeking a full time Social Worker. Must have Bachelor's of Social Work or in a human sciences field. Prior experience in a Nursing Home or long term care facility is required. Successful candidate will have excellent interpersonal, organizational, computer and MDS skills. Duties include counseling patients and their families, admissions and resident counsel meetings. EOE. Fax cover letter & resume, with salary history to; (325) 236-6834, mail to:

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QUALIFICATIONS: Any combination of education and experience equivalent to completion of a bachelor degree in biology, chemistry, environmental engineering, business administration or a related field with an additional seven years of responsible supervisory experience in a wastewater treatment plant. **Must possess a Wastewater Class B Certificate issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality or ability to obtain within one year of employment. Possession of a Texas Driver's License.** Knowledge of the theory and operating techniques of wastewater treatment. Knowledge of wastewater laboratory procedures. Knowledge of safe operating practices. Knowledge of budgeting procedures. Knowledge of fiscal management. Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing. Ability to make effective presentations. Ability to coordinate work among numerous work groups, agencies and multiple City departments. Ability to plan and manage the work of others. Ability to use good interpersonal skills. Ability to establish and maintain good working relationships with regulatory agencies and other parties. Ability to prepare and administer a budget. Performs job duties in a way that promotes a positive image of the City organization and the department; demonstrates effective interpersonal skills and delivers exemplary customer service. **Prefer: Wastewater Class A Certificate.**

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CLOSING DATE: April 2, 2004

TO APPLY: Send application to **Human Resources, City of Lubbock, P.O. Box 2000, Lubbock, Texas 79457**. All applications must be received in the Human Resources Office located at 1625 13th Street, Room 104 by 5:00 p.m. on the closing date. **Resume must be accompanied by an application. The City of Lubbock is an Equal Opportunity Employer.** The City of Lubbock is under the Texas Public Information Act and information from your resume/application may be subject to release to the public.

The applicant(s) selected for this position must pass a felony conviction criminal history check at time of hire.

JOB VACANCY
WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE
SNYDER, TEXAS 79549

POSITION: Computerized Business Technology Instructor DUTIES: Instructs courses and labs in keyboarding and document formatting, word processing, records and information management, spreadsheets, desktop publishing, web page design, computerized accounting, and business machines. Active participation in college and community functions, involvement in program recruitment, and faculty development opportunities also encouraged. **EMPLOYMENT:** Full-time, 9 month contract. Salary commensurate with education and experience listed on WTC salary schedule. **QUALIFICATIONS:** Bachelor's or Master's degree preferred with expertise in instructional areas. Scurry County residency preferred upon employment. Must pass TDCJ clearance requirements. **APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Position is open until filled. Review of applications begins on April 1, 2004. Applications may be obtained in the Human Resources office located in the WTC Admin. Building, or by downloading the application from the WTC website at www.wtc.edu. **DATE OF EMPLOYMENT:** August 16, 2004 **SEND APPLICATIONS/RESUME TO:** Human Resources, Western Texas College, 6200 College Avenue, Snyder, Texas 79549-9502.

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AUCTION

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF TARIFF FILING

Notice is hereby given that Cap Rock Energy Corporation ("Cap Rock") has filed its tariffs with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission"). The tariff filing has been assigned Docket No. 28466. The Commission is reviewing Cap Rock's tariffs to determine if any changes are needed to conform the tariffs to the Commission's rules and regulations. Cap Rock's rates are not being reviewed, and are not subject to change, in this proceeding. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Commission by March 31, 2004. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326 and should reference Docket No. 28466. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission's Public Information Office at (512) 936-7120, or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

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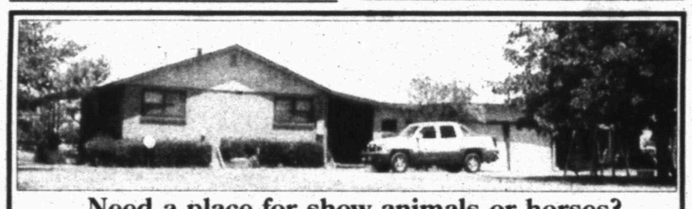
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3749 Avondale 3-1¾ $39T
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A special thanks to Dr. Clinton Wolboldt, the staff of Snyder Oaks Care Center, the staff of Wright Colonial Funeral Home, and especially Ms. Brenda Sartain.

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Thank You

The family and friends of Lanny Buchwald would like to thank everyone who sent flowers, food, cards, called us and made personal visits while he was in the hospital and during our loss. Words cannot express our appreciation.

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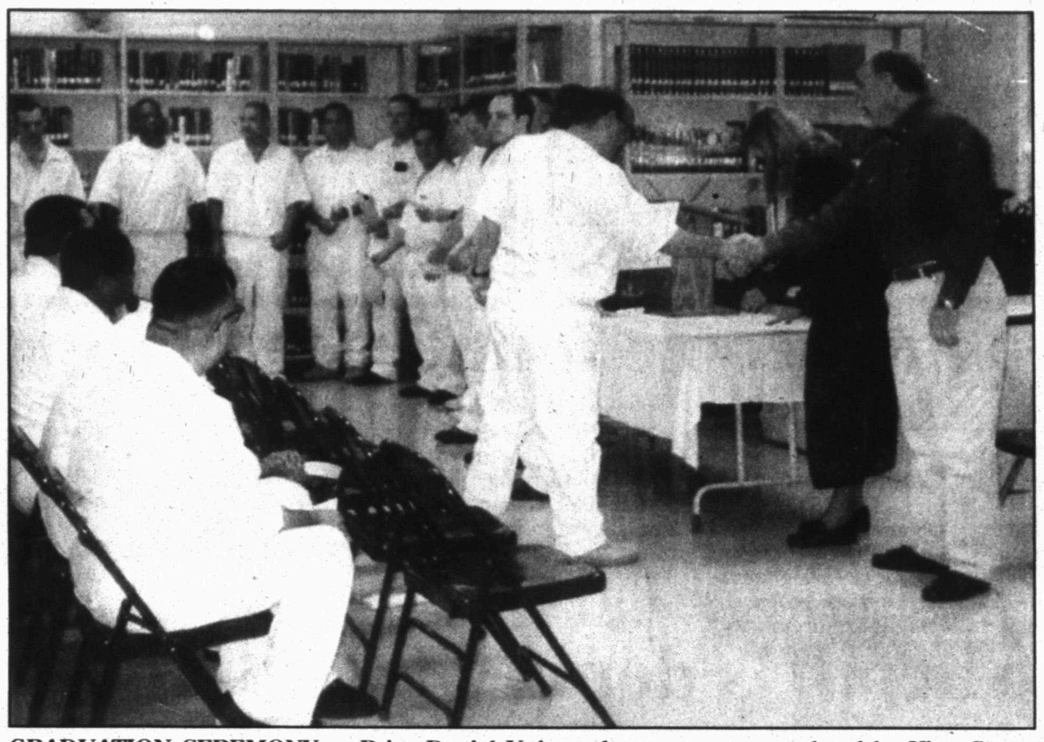
Price Daniel Unit held a graduation ceremony for GED and career and technology graduates on Feb. 28.

Twenty people received their GEDs, 10 completed the automotive specialization vocational course, and 12 completed construction carpentry. There were approximately 64 guests in attendance.

"Fighting crime through education" is the motto of the Price Daniel Education Department.

At the graduation ceremony, Warden Wilhelmenia Howard welcomed the guests.

Graduates include Beau Freeze, J.A. Kimball, Andy Banda, Reynaldo Reyna, James Howell, Willie Jackson, Ricardo Rodriguez, Marcos Romero, Paul Borden, Michael Faulknor, Richard Carter, Darrell George, Raymond V. Rangel, Kenneth B. Stradner, Gilbert Acosta, William McAlister, Anthony A. Mims, Jason L. Haney, Narcisco Sanchez, Neil Lowry, Adam Bermudez, Calvin Powell, Christopher Sessions, Rene Perez, James Roach, William Matlock, James Baugh, Joel Hernandez, Gabriel S. Pesina, Jay Fanning, Jessie Pearce and Michael Buffington.



GRADUATION CEREMONY — Price Daniel Unit graduates are congratulated by Kitty Gunn, principal, and Keith Morgan, counselor. (Contributed Photo)

Lea Fastow requests to postpone sentencing

HOUSTON (AP) — The wife of former Enron Corp. finance chief Andrew Fastow asked Friday that her sentencing on a charge of filing a false tax form be postponed until after the week of Passover.

Lea Fastow, 42, is scheduled to be sentenced April 7 after pleading guilty Jan. 14 to filing a false tax form for helping her husband hide ill-gotten income from the government. As part of a joint plea bargain, he pleaded guilty the same day to two counts of conspiracy, admitting to manipulating Enron's finances while self-dealing through shady partnerships to enrich himself at the company's expense.

Passover week begins April 5. The Fastows are Jewish.

The request from her attorney, Mike DeGeurin, is not opposed by prosecutors.

Andrew Fastow agreed to serve 10 years in prison and help prosecutors pursue other cases.

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Nine people found dead in Fresno home

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — Police officers responding to a child custody dispute said they arrived at a home to find nine bodies stacked and intertwined in a pile of clothes, 10 coffins and a 57-year-old man they believe is responsible for the slaughter.

The victims were seven children ranging in age from 1 to 8, a 20-year-old woman and a 17-year-old girl. All were thought to be the children of Marcus Wesson, who surrendered to police Friday after walking out of the house covered in what appeared to be blood.

The grim scene caused even veteran officers to weep.

Police Chief Jerry Dyer wiped tears from his eyes as officers carried the bodies from the home, cradling the youngest ones in their arms.

"I've been with the Fresno Police Department for 25 years, and I've never experienced anything of this nature," he said.

Dyer said the victims probably were Wesson's children. "There may have been some type of ritual involved," he said.

The police chief declined to say how they died, but the scene was so gruesome some of the first officers into the house were placed on administrative leave and were being counseled Friday night.

Six police chaplains were at the house throughout the evening.

Sheriff's deputy killed, four injured during teen shooting

LENOIR CITY, Tenn. (AP) — A domestic dispute turned deadly when a heavily armed teen shot and killed a sheriff's deputy and hunkered down inside his family's home, holding about 150 officers at bay, authorities said.

Officers responding to a call Friday morning were turned back by heavy gunfire when they tried to approach the lakeside home. The 16-year-old had semi-automatic weapons with multiple 30-round magazines, said Knox County Sheriff Tim Hutchison.

"The only thing we've got out of the house is gunfire," said Knox County Chief Deputy Dwight VanDeVate. "We are still hopeful we get some positive outcome, but we have had absolutely no success whatsoever in establishing contact with the suspect."

Police identified the teen as Michael Harvey.

Officials said they did not plan on moving in on the house until Saturday morning at the earliest.

"At this point, the only response we see out of him is when he starts shooting at officers he sees," Hutchison said. "We hope he will come to some realization that he needs to come out and he needs to surrender."

The length of the standoff prompted authorities to rotate officers in and out of shifts, and some of the teen's relatives were at the house trying to coax Harvey into coming out, a spokeswoman with the Loudon County sheriff's department said early Saturday.

Police said the boy attacked his mother during a Friday morning fight, then fired on officers responding to a 911 call from a neighbor's house.

Deputy Jason Scott, a three-year veteran of the Loudon County sheriff's department, was shot four times.

Three found dead

McKINNEY (AP) — Officers found three people dead and a fourth injured at a home in this Dallas suburb, all with gunshot wounds to the head, police said Saturday.

Police were called after a man who lived at the home discovered the bloody scene Friday night. Authorities did not yet have a suspect.

Rosa Barbosa, 46; Mark Barbosa, 25; and Austin York, 18, were pronounced dead at the scene late Friday, Capt. Robert Dean said.

Matthew Self, 17, was taken by medical helicopter to Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas. He was in critical condition.

Some Army units destined for more combat duty in Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army is spread so thin around the globe that when it needs fresh combat troops for Iraq this fall it will have little choice but to call on the same soldiers who led the charge into Baghdad last spring.

The 3rd Infantry Division already has been given an official "warning order" to prepare to return to Iraq as soon as Thanksgiving. When those soldiers flew home from Iraq last summer to their bases in Georgia, few of them could have known they were, in effect, on a roundtrip ticket.

They are not alone in facing back-to-back deployments to Iraq. Some of the same Marines who teamed up with the 3rd Infantry to topple Baghdad are already assembling again in Kuwait, only a matter of months after returning home, and more Marines will go next year.

Other Army units that recently returned to the United States or are preparing to come home this spring, including the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky., and the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, Texas, are candidates for a quick turnaround.

The Army has not announced which will join the 3rd Infantry in the next rotation, although it has notified three National Guard brigades and a National Guard division headquarters that they are likely to go in early 2005.

When the Saddam Hussein government collapsed, U.S. troops in Iraq figured the war was over, except for some mopping up.

But as the acting secretary of the Army, Les Brownlee, acknowledged to Congress last week, "we simply were not prepared" for the insurgency that developed in early summer, prolonging the war and taking the lives of hundreds of American soldiers.

One 3rd Infantry soldier, Sgt. 1st Class Eric Wright, put it this way in Iraq last June: "What was told to us was that we would fight and win and go home."

It's not that simple.

Marine Corps Gen. Peter Pace, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said recently that the Marines and the Army are going to share as equally as possible the burden of keeping forces in Iraq for the foreseeable future.

But it has been and will remain predominantly an Army effort.

"At some point we'll go back," said Maj. Gen. David Petraeus, commander of the 101st Airborne. He said it also was possible his troops would be sent to Afghanistan next instead of Iraq. The 101st played a major role in the initial invasion of Iraq and has only just returned home.

Three people arrested in county

Arrests

Three subjects were arrested in Scurry County on Friday and early Saturday.

A 65-year-old man was taken into custody at 2:55 p.m. Friday in the 200 block of U.S. 84 on an outstanding warrant for issuance of a bad check.

At 3:35 p.m. Friday, Lucille Ann Fiscus, 31, of Colorado City, was arrested at the Law Enforcement Center for motion to revoke probation.

DPS troopers arrested a 21-year-old woman on U.S. 84 near the city limits at 5:30 a.m. Saturday for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Harassment

A caller reported at 7:21 p.m. Friday that a subject had repeatedly been making harassing phone calls.

Assault

At 3:38 a.m. Saturday, an assault was reported at a home on Ave. J. The victim advised that the subject had already gone, but officers maintained a close patrol.

Officer requested

An officer was requested at Snyder High School at 11:10 a.m. Friday to a report of a student involved in a fight. Officers contacted the principal and he advised the problem was being taken care of by the school.

Suspicious subjects

At 8:09 a.m. Friday a caller reported several juveniles smoking in the alley near Sunset and 40th St.

Gas drive off

A clerk at Rip Griffin's reported at 9:42 p.m. Friday the theft of an undetermined amount of gas. Nolan County DPS later stopped the vehicle.

Obituaries

Nora Gray

1916-2004

Nora Juanita Gray, 87, died Friday, March 12, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Gray is set for 2 p.m. Monday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Charles Day, pastor of the Ave. D Baptist Church, will officiate and interment will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.



Nora Gray

Born Oct. 14, 1916 in Matador, she married C.D. Gray Sr. on May 30, 1964 in Snyder. He died March 28, 2001.

Mrs. Gray was a homemaker and a member of Bethel Baptist Church.

She also was preceded in death by two brothers, Elmer and Charlie Rhodes; and one step granddaughter, Becky Porter.

Survivors include two sons and a daughter-in-law, Ronnie and Diana Williamson of Snyder and Gene Williamson of Elizabeth, Colo.; five grandchildren, Tammy Miller, DeWayne Williamson, both of Lubbock, and Jeff, Lance and Chandler Williamson, all of Colorado; two stepsons, C.D. Gray and Don Gray, both of Snyder; six great-grandchildren; three step grandchildren; and five step great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Family visitation will be from 5-6:30 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Odyssey Hospice, 1300 E. FM 700 in Big Spring, 79720.

Mary Westbrook

1941-2004

STEPHENVILLE — Mary Ann Westbrook, the sister-in-law of Frank and Carol Miller of Snyder, died Friday, March 12, in a Dallas hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Westbrook, 62, is set for 10 a.m. Monday in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Emil Becker officiating. Graveside service will follow at 3 p.m. in the Miles Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Lacy Funeral Home.



Westbrook

Born Sept. 17, 1941 in Tom Green County, she married Stanley Westbrook on Nov. 12, 1959 in Clovis, N.M.

Mrs. Westbrook was retired from Tarleton State University after serving as librarian for 24 years. She was a member of the Beta Sigma Phi, an alumni member of Alpha Gamma Delta and a member of the First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Flora Key Arrott; and a sister, Nancy Arrott.

Survivors include a husband, Stanley Westbrook of Stephenville; a son, Jason Westbrook of Stephenville; three daughters, Amy Dillon of Austin, Ange Wilkins of Pflugerville, Andrea Westbrook of Corinth; her father, J.E. Arrott of Orient; a brother, Jimmy Arrott of Ozona; and six grandchildren.

Herminia Arellano

1911-2004

Herminia Arellano died Saturday, March 13, at her home in Hermleigh.

Services for Mrs. Arellano, 92, are pending at Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 31, 1911 in Waco, she married Jose Arellano on June 6, 1931 in Banquete, Texas. He died in 1976.

She also was preceded in death by her parents, Concepcion and Jesus Garza; a son, Eduardo Arellano in 1968; a daughter-in-law, Beatrice Arellano in 1974; an infant son, Juan Jose Arellano in 1932; a great-great-grandson, Jimmy Luna Jr. in 2003; and three brothers; and two sisters.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Elida "Lillie" and Albento Conde of Hermleigh, and Minerva and Ruben Trevino of Banquete; a special grandson who lived with her, Eduardo "Eddie" Arellano Jr. of Hermleigh; a sister, Fransisca Salinas of Troy; seven other grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

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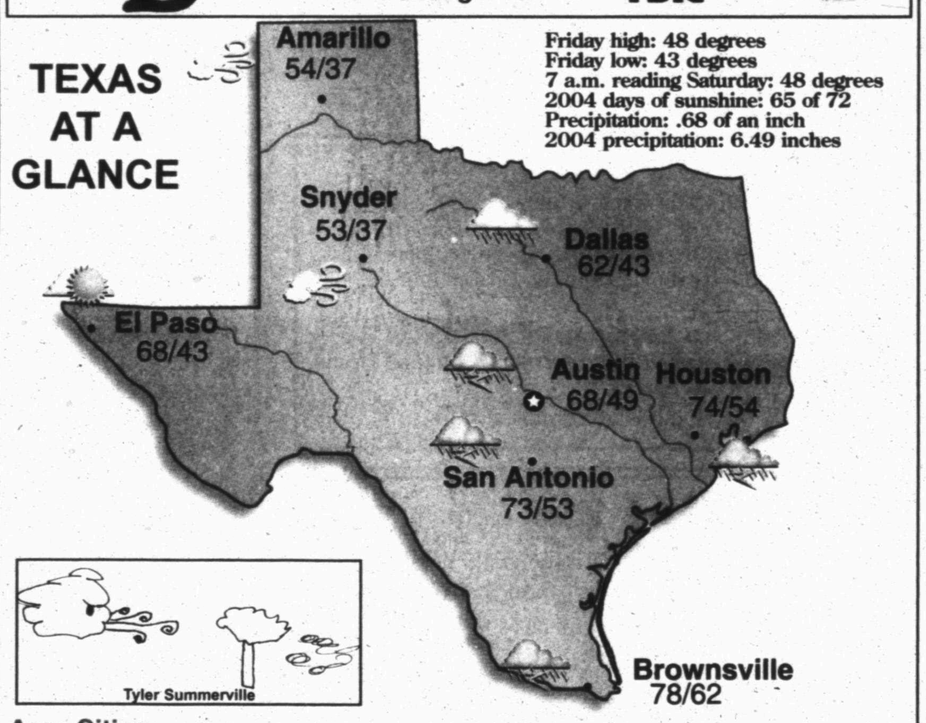
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Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	57	39	rain	El Paso	68	43	mst sunny	Midland	55	40	pt sunny
Amarillo	54	37	windy	Fort Stockton	59	41	t-storm	Raymondville	78	59	t-storm
Austin	68	49	t-storm	Gainesville	60	38	rain	Rosenberg	74	53	t-storm
Beaumont	72	52	t-storm	Greenville	61	40	rain	San Antonio	73	53	t-storm
Brownsville	78	62	t-storm	Houston	74	54	t-storm	San Marcos	70	51	t-storm
Brownwood	64	43	t-storm	Kingsville	77	58	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	61	39	rain
Corpus Christi	73	58	t-storm	Livingston	71	47	t-storm	Sweetwater	55	39	t-storm
Corsicana	62	42	rain	Longview	63	42	rain	Tyler	63	42	rain
Dallas	62	43	rain	Lubbock	55	35	windy	Weatherford	61	39	rain
Del Rio	72	49	t-storm	Lufkin	68	47	t-storm	Wichita Falls	61	39	rain

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	65	49	cloudy	Houston	74	54	t-storm	Phoenix	87	59	sunny
Boston	45	37	mst sunny	Los Angeles	79	58	sunny	San Francisco	76	54	pt sunny
Chicago	46	29	windy	Miami	79	73	cloudy	Seattle	54	42	rain
Dallas	62	43	rain	Minneapolis	32	20	sn shower	St. Louis	53	32	pt sunny
Denver	58	37	mst sunny	New York	47	40	pt sunny	Washington, DC	54	44	cloudy

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Leeann McCreery...

Hermleigh woman starting new assistance program for diabetics

By Shirley Gorman
SDN News Editor

When God puts something in Leeann McCreery's path, instead of detouring around it, she rolls up her sleeves and gets to work.

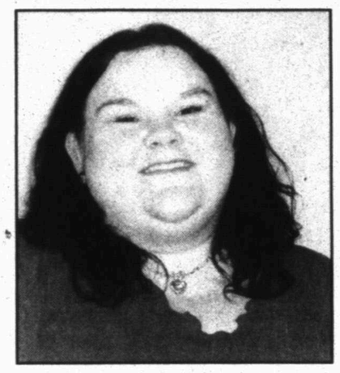
Leeann is the director of Helping Diabetics Faith In Action, an interfaith volunteer program which provides services for diabetics who are struggling to maintain their independence. It opened a temporary office in the Baptist Student Union on the Western Texas College campus this past November. Different quarters will have to be secured by the fall semester because the BSU is primarily for students, Leeann said.

Leeann first learned of the organization last May. After her husband Tony, the pastor of Central Baptist Church in Hermleigh, heard a presentation at a Ministerial Alliance meeting, he came home and told his wife, "I've got something perfect for you."

Leeann "has a heart" for diabetics because the disease in prevalent in her family. Also she has been diagnosed prediabetic and takes medication.

Snyder's fledgling Helping Diabetics Faith in Action program received a $35,000 start-up Faith in Action grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. That amount will cover operating expenses and regional volunteer training for 30 months. The Ministerial Alliance administers the grant money. The organization also works with Cogdell Memorial Hospital, but neither group provides any monetary assistance.

Leeann draws a small salary based on 20 hours work a week, but she easily works twice that many hours. Cherjalyn Prescott works in the BSU office and assists Leeann from one to two hours a day. She is married to Matt Prescott, the



Leeann McCreery

youth minister at Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Leeann is preparing a short training program for volunteers consisting of a video and slide show. Liability insurance will also be provided.

Faith in Action coordinates the needs of diabetics with volunteers who help with everyday activities including telephone reassurance, visiting, shopping, respite care, picking up groceries or prescriptions or providing a ride to the doctor.

There is no set time for volunteers to work. Anyone can donate however much they can, even if all they have time for is making daily assurance calls.

Leeann said Helping Diabetics Faith in Action is "dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of diabetic individuals through supportive one-on-one relationships with caring volunteer people."

Leeann said they are currently providing services for two diabetics. She noted that one of the organization's most pressing needs is to obtain testing strips and glucometers, needed supplies that are too expensive for diabetics on limited incomes.

Another will be securing a permanent office space. Since the organization is open to people of all faiths, she said some people might be more likely to request help if the office was not located in a church.

She is currently spreading the word about Helping Diabetics Faith In Action and has been presenting programs at local and churches.

Leeann has high hopes for Snyder's program. She said Fisher County has a very active organization and they have been helping her to setup the local program. She noted that her dream is to someday be able to expand services to area counties including Nolan, Mitchell, Kent, Garza and Borden.

Leeann and her husband have lived in Hermleigh for three years. Prior to becoming the pastor of Central Baptist, Tony had been at Lamar Street Baptist Church in Sweetwater. He has been a minister since 1994.

They have a daughter, Karys, who is 4½ years old. Leeann said her name means "love." Due to muscular dystrophy, Tony uses crutches for short walks and a wheelchair the rest of the time.

The couple met at a church camp in 1995. Even though he was in a wheelchair, Leeann said the first thing she noticed was that her future husband "was the happiest person I had ever seen."

They were married in 1998. Leeann said, "Tony is my hero. He worked two jobs so I could stay home with Karys after she was born."

They are also licensed foster parents, though they do not currently have foster children.

Leeann said they are very happy to be living at Hermleigh. "It's a good place to raise children. I am looking forward to Karys being in kindergarten next year."

Nearly 12 million Americans currently have long-term health conditions that prevent them from carrying out many daily activities.

Starting in 1983 with the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers Program, and continuing in 1993, with the introduction of Faith in Action, The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has supported faith-based community efforts to help meet these challenges through volunteer caregivers.

For more information contact, Leeann at 573-1804; Faith In Action Web site at www.fiavolunteers.org or faithinactionsnyder@hotmail.com

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Helping Diabetics Faith in Action is a Faith in Action Program.

Kerry ads respond to Bush's claims he is wrong on taxes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrat John Kerry, with far less money and advertising reach, countered President Bush's negative ad with one of his own Friday, accusing the president of "misleading America."

The ad, which will air for at least a week beginning Saturday in fewer states and fewer media markets than Bush's spots, rebuts the president's claim that Kerry has proposed a $900 billion tax increase. Kerry's ad asks: "Doesn't America deserve more from its president than misleading negative ads?"

Bush is entering his second week flooding most media markets in 18 competitive states in a multimillion-dollar advertising onslaught. He unveiled the first negative television ads of the general election campaign Thursday, calling Kerry "wrong on taxes" and "wrong on defense," characterizations that prompted the Democrat to respond.

The attacks on the air are unusual eight months from the Nov. 2 election and indicate just how ugly the campaign could get.

The toughest of Bush's two new ads says Kerry wants to raise taxes by at least $900 billion and weaken the Patriot Act, while the other makes a veiled reference to him when Bush says: "We can go forward with confidence, resolve and hope. Or we can turn back to the dangerous illusions that terrorists are not plotting and outlaw regimes are no threat."

Kerry has never explicitly called for a $900 billion tax hike, but the Bush campaign says there is no way Kerry can implement his health care plan and not increase the deficit without boosting taxes by that amount. Kerry campaign officials say they will flesh out his economic plans soon.

He has not been on the air anywhere since locking up the Democratic nomination March 2 and instead has focused on rebuilding his depleted campaign coffers after an expensive Democratic primary contest. Until Bush's ads were unveiled Thursday, the Democrat's campaign had no imminent plans to go on the air or dip into the $16 million in Democratic Party money available to him.

Kerry aides say the ad will run in every state where Bush is running commercials except Washington and Delaware. However, they acknowledge that they will be on the air in fewer markets and at lower levels than Bush.

Kerry has raised $7 million on the Internet over the past 10 days, but he would have to spend most of it to match the roughly $6 million Bush will spend over the next week to run ads on broadcast channels. That doesn't include the more than $4.5 million Bush is spending on national cable networks through May, or the $6 million he spent last week on broadcast channels.

Bush's new 30-second spots, and a companion radio ad, are the second installment in an ad campaign that attempts to shift voters' attention from his political weaknesses to his strengths.

Bush's campaign wants to open the general election campaign in control of the debate and with Kerry on the defensive after Democrats spent months exploiting Bush's vulnerabilities, both on the campaign trail and on the television airwaves during the early primaries. Over the past six months, Kerry alone has spent millions to run at least a dozen ads critical of Bush or his policies.

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SCHOOLCRAFT BSP QUEEN — Beta Sigma Phi sorority members named Janine Schoolcraft their 2004 Valentine Queen. Janine has been a member of the Snyder chapter since 1996 and served as its president during 2002-03. She was crowned by last year's queen, Vicky Bell, during a BSP meeting at the Snyder Country Club. The person is chosen for this honor by secret ballot. (Contributed Photo)

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Alcala speaks to retired teachers

Raul Alcala, assistant director of workforce education at Western Texas College, presented the program for the Texas Retired Teachers Association.

The meeting was held March 8 at The Shack.

Mr. Alcala related some personal experiences while pursing an education. James Littlepage, president, conducted the meeting with 21 members and two guests attending.

Post art show set

The Post Art Guild is holding its Algerita Spring Art Show in Post on March 24-27 and Ben Sum, professor of Art at Western Texas College, will be the judge.

Entries will be taken Wednesday, March 24, from 8:30 a.m. until 7 p.m. and Thursday, March 25, from 8:30 until noon.

The show will be open to the public on Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

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Library News & Views

By Janie Romine, librarian

One of the joys of life is meeting people who grace one's life and who bring joy to one's life. Three years ago, the library was advertising to fill a position that involved shelving books 18 hours a week. The library had not had good experiences with some of the previous employees, because the job is quite tedious, plus so many of the younger persons did not have a good work ethic.

One day a casual acquaintance walked in to inquire about the job. I knew immediately that this person had a fantastic work ethic, but I did not know if she was physically capable of handling the job.

Nona Bunch asked about the job, and I told her all the hard parts of the job, explaining how hard it is with bifocals to see the call numbers on the books on the bottom bookshelves. Not only would she be reaching extremely high to shelve books, she would have to get on the floor to put books on the bottom shelves.

Not only would Nona be reaching in every direction, but also her knees would get a real workout. In addition, she would have to shift bookshelves when they were crowded. If all this were not enough stress on the body, she would be on her feet constantly.

To each of the drawbacks, Nona assured me there would be no problems for her. She even said we could start on a trial basis and, if I were not happy, there would be no hard feelings.

After giving her the test that all have to take, and comparing her application to the others, Nona Bunch was hired. We realized immediately what a gold mine we had in Nona Bunch.

She worked the shelves to keep them in order, and shelved the books immediately so that they could go out again. Her work ethic was excellent, and was an example for all. The biggest pleasure, however, was her smile each day for the library patrons and the staff.

It did not matter who walked in the door; Nona had a smile and a heart-felt greeting for each person. She was courteous to all and made each person feel as though they were the most important people in the world. In other words, she graced our lives with her beautiful smile and her kindness.

Just as the joy of life is meeting people like Nona, we also have the sadness of saying goodbye. Nona is one whom we loved dearly, and the memories of her will always be cherished.

Bunch family — you had a wonderful woman, a loving Christian woman, a person many people loved. Nona will always be remembered by the library staff and library patrons as a friend and a beautiful person. We cherish the memories of knowing her and working with her. Goodbye, sweet Nona.

Childhood obesity is a growing epidemic that must be addressed

Childhood obesity is no laughing matter. "Supersize portions are leading to supersize kids and supersize health problems," said Dr. Debra Reed, Texas Cooperative Extension nutrition specialist."

The number of overweight children and adolescents, ages 6 to 19, has increased nearly three-fold since the 1960s, says Reed, citing a recent National Health and Nutrition survey. The problem is serious on many levels, added Dr. Steve

Green, Extension child development specialist. "Unhealthy weight gain due to poor diet and lack of exercise is thought to be responsible for over 300,000 deaths each year in the United States, with the annual cost to society estimated at over $100 billion," he said, quoting 2003 figures from the office of the U.S. Surgeon General.

Obese children often grow into obese adults, and obesity in adults has been linked to many serious health issues, Reed and Green wrote in an article for Child Care Connections Newsletter. These issues include type 2 diabetes, heart disease, hypertension and some cancers, such as colon, gall bladder, prostate and kidney, as well as trouble breathing, arthritis and other joint problems.

But for heavier children, the problems can cut much deeper than that. Researchers from the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry have found that too much poundage can also damage children's psychosocial and emotional development, Green said. The problems can get worse as the children get older.

Researchers at the University of Minnesota found that overweight teenagers were more likely to be teased and, as a consequence, more likely to think about — or even attempt — suicide. The researchers also linked teasing to low self- esteem, dissatisfaction with body and depression. Gloomy as the outlook is, Reed and Green said it doesn't have to be that way. Prevention is the key. Parents and grandparents, caregivers, teachers and other concerned adults can take steps to help the children they love prevent becoming overweight.

They suggest promoting different kinds of physical activity. Whether inside or out, encourage children to run, jump, walk, climb and crawl, Green said. And join in, she says — children love it when their adults jump and run with them.

There are endless ways to engage children in fun, creative and physically active games, Green says. These can include flying kites, jumping rope, washing the family vehicle, dancing, climbing on playground equipment, playing ball, taking a walk or going on a nature hike, flying homemade paper airplanes or throwing a Frisbee.

Parents also need to make sure the children get some kind physical play each day, Reed says. Try for at least an hour of this kind of activity each day, she recommends, but those 60 minutes can be broken up into 15- or 30-minute increments. "Regular physical activity is extremely important for the prevention of overweight and obesity," she explains. In addition to promoting healthy bones and muscles, improving balance and coordination, and building self-esteem, physical activity "decreases the risk of developing serious health problems in later years," she added. Parents also should limit the amount of time spent watching television and/or playing computer games, Green notes. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends no more than two hours each day for screen time. "While there is nothing inherently wrong with such activities," he says, "they do take away from time that can be spent in physical activities."

Parents should familiarize themselves with the "food guide pyramid" to provide nutritious meals and snacks.

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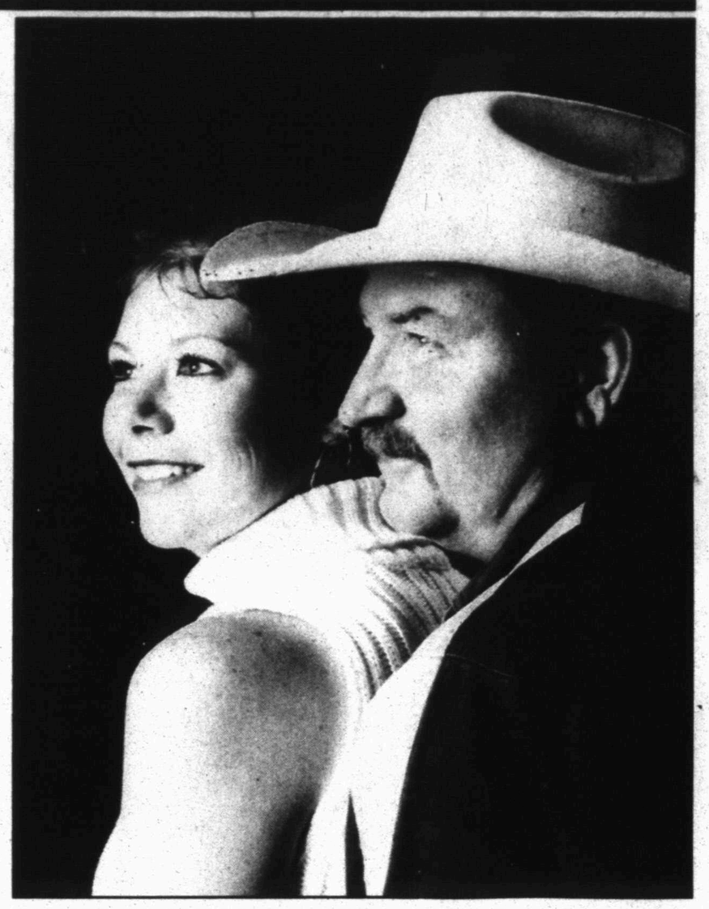
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COUPLE TO MARRY IN APRIL — Tyler Floyd-Summerville along with Riley Minyard announce the upcoming marriage of their parents, Amy Michelle Floyd and David Ralph Minyard. The couple plan a 7 p.m. ceremony at The Buzzard's Roost Inn on April 24 in Snyder. Parents of the couple are John and Darla Floyd and Ken and Shirley Minyard, all of Snyder. She is the granddaughter of Marie Moore, also of Snyder. (Contributed Photo)

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

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

NA-Just for Today; Park Club at Winston Park; for information call 573-6179; 6-7 p.m.

Stargazers Family Community Education Club; 7 p.m.

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

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

TUESDAY

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

Alpha Study Club; Scurry County Library; hostess, Buena Shultz; 2 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary meeting; boardroom; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

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

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

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

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center; 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd., Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

NA-Just For Today; Park Club; for information call 573-6179; 6-7 p.m.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club at Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Cosmorama Study Club "Celebrating Spring With Music and Brunch," with Emily Hataway; MAWC; hostesses, Tizzy Hall and Paula Gilbert.

NA-Just For Today open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-1438; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 10 a.m.

NA-Just For Today; Park Club; for information call 573-6179; 6-7 p.m.

Burglar sleeps on job

RAVENNA, Ohio (AP) — Sleeping on the job could be costly for a suspected burglar.

Eric L. Palmer, 34, of Akron, was arrested Thursday by police in nearby Brimfield Township after he apparently fell asleep on the garage floor of a home that police say was trying to burglarize.

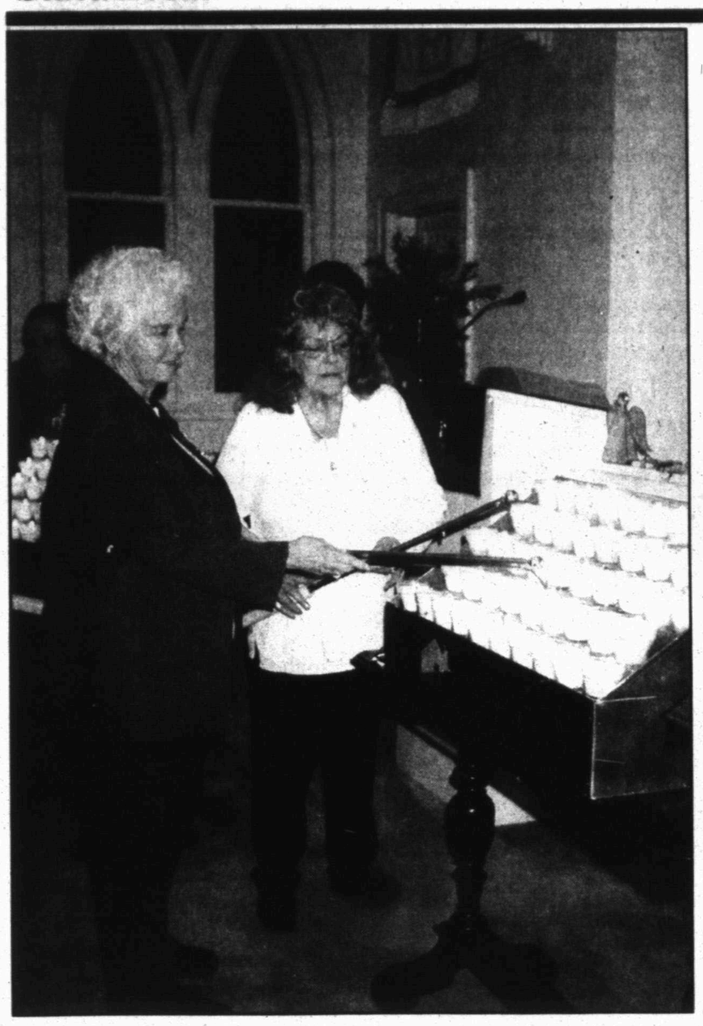
Brimfield Police Chief David Blough said Palmer, allegedly armed with a handgun and two knives, has been charged with aggravated burglary with a gun specification.

Police arrived at about 6 a.m. after a home health care worker called to report a suspicious person in the garage of the home where she worked 10 miles east of Akron.



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MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD — Odyssey Hospice held its annual memorial service on Feb. 24 at the First Presbyterian Church. Families lit a candle in memory of their loved ones who died in 2003. Shown lighting candles are Dorothy Norwood, left, and Mamie Eubank. (Contributed Photo)

Fashion: Keeping your rags glad

By Mary Martin Niepold

Stains and poor storage are two things that can edit your closet as fast as an extra 20 pounds. But all it takes to help your clothes go the distance is a shift in the way you think about them.

Move from careless to careful, and your clothes become the investment they were meant to be.

Steve Boorstein, known as the "clothing doctor," is a fourth-generation drycleaner who operated a top dry cleaning establishment in Washington, D.C. for 16 years, so he knows the worst — and best — about clothes.

Today, he counts Chanel, Nordstrom's and Joan & David as clients who bought multiples of his book, "Ultimate Guide to Shopping & Caring for Clothes" (Boutique Books, $19.95 paperback) for their colleagues. Most recently, he began hosting a call-in radio show by the same name.

"The secret is building your wardrobe and maintaining it," says Boorstein. "That's my whole philosophy."

Storing and cleaning are his specialties. They're also the tools that will keep clothes looking their best and lasting for more than one season:

• Storage. According to Boorstein, "The biggest mistake when storing is not cleaning before you store." He says that if you put a garment away that has something on it for even five minutes — everything from perspiration, foodstuffs, body oils, deodorant — it immediately becomes foodstuff for insects. "Whatever could possibly be part of a human or have food quality becomes insect bait," Boorstein says.

Another danger is that people store clothes with old stains. He says that a person simply forgets there may be a stain on a certain piece, wears it for a while, then puts it away. Rather, inspect your clothes immediately after wearing and get those that are soiled to a reputable cleaner (or washing machine) as quickly as possible.

Take collar or cuff soil. This could be perfume, a splatter of oil, a squirt of lemon juice. Boorstein explains that these are called "invisible stains." They're invisible at first, but over time, through oxidation and heat, take on color. Oxidation is the process that happens, say, to an apple. You take a bite and within five minutes, it has started turning brown. With clothing, these oxidized stains become exponentially worse if left in a closet or drawer without cleaning.

"Pull your clothing out each season and inspect it," he advises. If there are stains, get them cleaned before storage. Best, get everything cleaned before storing.

If you're storing at home, avoid plastic or nylon garment bags since they don't let clothing breathe. When there's extra moisture, two things happen. Stains become extra bait for insects and mildew, and they may show color even faster. Also, your closet or drawers must be thoroughly cleaned before storage since insects thrive in dust or cobwebs.

If you store in a basement or attic, be extra careful. Attics have lots of temperature swings, and basements can be damp.

Boorstein advises against mothballs (highly toxic, especially to children), even cedar. "If cedar doesn't have a pungent odor, it's not potent, and no one can say cedar definitely doesn't work, but there are doubts."

Well-cleaned clothes in a well-cleaned space, stored in cloth bags or loosely wrapped under a sheet are optimum alternatives if you store at home. Otherwise, store with a professional cleaner and be worry-free.

• Stains. "The outcome of a stain is dictated by the fabric and the color," says Boorstein. Give your most expensive and valuable clothing to professional technicians. If you wash them yourself, know the ins and outs of stains.

Basically, there are two kinds of stains — oil-based and water-based.

"There is no one remedy for every type of stain. That is the problem with many commercial cleaners," Boorstein advises. "But products like Shout and Oxy Clean have their place."

Oil-based stains are like those from salad oil dressings, french fries, bike grease or anything that contains little or no water. Water-based stains are drink spills of all kinds, sugar juice from fruits, or anything else that is mostly water. The rule is never put water on any oily stain. Even if you apply water to a water-based stain on a fabric that is "dry clean only," you could spread the stain, cause it to bleed, or create rings around the stain.

Some of the toughest stains are those that oxidize, such as cola, clear soda, white wine, squirts from an apple or orange. Red wine, superglue, ink, paint, chocolate and lipstick definitely need professional care.

Boorstein also advises against the "club soda myth." Club soda is effective on some stains (like drinks and certain foods), but it, too, can set stains and spread them. Use it only on washable fabrics.

He also advises against pure bleach. The rule is one ounce to one gallon; otherwise, you can create holes in the fabric. And never use bleach on protein fibers like silk and wool; it will cause permanent yellow stains.

Blot, never rub, a stain with a dry white napkin; then, leave it alone until it can be cleaned or washed. When you rub a stain with water, for instance, you rough up the fabric and dull the dye. Get an oil-based stain to a cleaner within 48 hours. For a water-based stain on a washable fabric, blot it and wash it as soon as possible.

Finally, always apply hairspray, perfume and deodorant before you dress and let them dry completely. Perspiration will turn alkaline and affect the color of any fabric; white turns yellow, red and navy turn purple, and green turns yellow.



PIERCE-UNDERWOOD PLAN NUPTIALS — Dee Ann Pierce and Jim Underwood are planning a wedding ceremony for 2 p.m., March 27 in Trinity United Methodist Church. The Rev. Tom Woodward, pastor, will perform the ceremony. (Contributed Photo)

School Menus

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk. Breakfast is served with juice.

BREAKFAST

Monday
Breakfast Combo
Tuesday
French Toast Sticks
Wednesday
Pancake Pups
Thursday
Assorted Fruit Pies
Friday
Sausage & Biscuit

LUNCH

Monday
Pizza
Salad
Whole Kernel Corn
Mixed Fruit
Tuesday
Barbecue Chicken
Black-eyed Peas
Mashed Potatoes
Hot Rolls
Pineapple Slices
Wednesday
Frank Wraps
Salsa Sauce
Ranch Style Beans
Sugar Cookies
Thursday
Corn Dogs
French Fries
Baked Beans
Fudge Brownies
Friday
Chicken Fried Steak Sandwich
Lettuce & Tomato
Tater Tots
Peanut Butter Cookies

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Spring Break

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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

North 03-13-04

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: Both

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

Opening lead: ♠ 9

Saturday, March 13, 2004

It is unnatural, but it is successful

By Phillip Alder

Hans Magnus Enzensberger, a German poet and critic, said, "A pathological business, writing, don't you think? Just look what a writer actually does: all that unnatural tense squatting and hunching, all those rituals ... pathological!"

Hmm! But one of those words fits this deal. How should the defense proceed in three no-trump after West leads the spade nine?

When North rebids two clubs, he usually has at least a six-card suit. (He might have four diamonds, five clubs, minimum point-count, and a hand unsuitable for a one-no-trump or two-heart rebid. Remember, to rebid two diamonds — a reverse — promises extra strength.) South, with his rebid, goes for the nine-trick game. (Note that in five clubs, North loses two spades and one club, assuming East does not fly in with his ace on a low-spade lead from North.)

This deal's spotlight is on East. It is "natural" to play the spade 10 at trick one. This holds South to one spade trick, but it lets declarer cruise home. He wins with the spade king and takes the club finesse, establishing 10 tricks: one spade, one heart, three diamonds and five clubs.

East might foresee this outcome and consider an "unnatural" play. Suppose he wins with the spade ace (sacrificing one trick) and shifts to the heart jack (gaining three tricks). Despite any manner of squatting and hunching, South can no longer make his contract. He must lose one spade, three hearts and one club.

To be honest, I think that is a tough defense to find. It is logical; the hard part is thinking of it.

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Book should be available

BERLIN (AP) — Adolf Hitler's "Mein Kampf" — long banned in Germany — should be made available to the public, a well-known German Jewish writer said Thursday.

Rafael Seligmann, speaking at a presentation of his new biography of the former dictator, "Hitler: The Germans and Their Fuehrer," said nearly 60 years after the end of World War II, Germans are mature enough to deal with the book and should give themselves more credit.

"We stand here as the idiots of history with our inferiority complex," he said.

Bridge Scores

Monte West directed both days of bridge at the Snyder Country Club.

Friday, March 5

A Group

1. Maribeth Vestal, Margaret Birdwell.
2. Nina Nesbit, Nona Morrison.
3. Gracie Craig, Dorothy King.
4. Artie Harris, Anne Spitler.

B Group

1. Bobbie Taylor, Patsy Williams.
2. Margaret Presswood, Peggy Hardin.
3. Paula Gilbert, Vera McSpadden.
4. Christine Stuard, Dorothy Rosson.

Tuesday, March 9

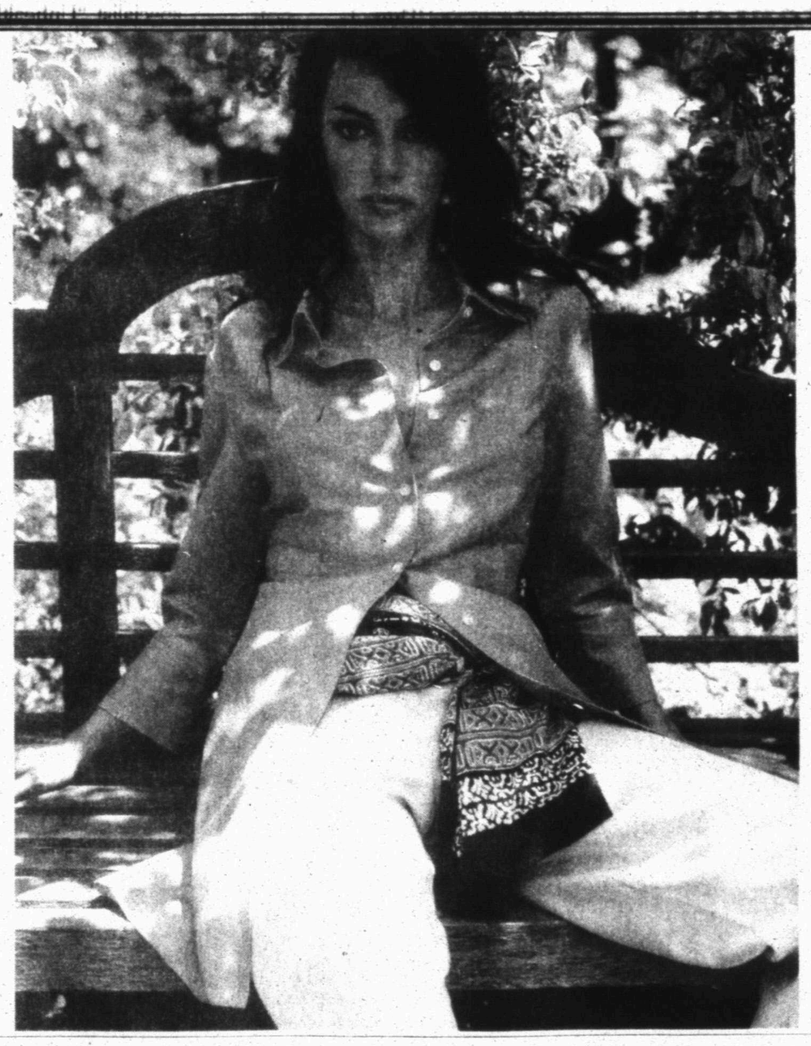
A Group

1. Maribeth Vestal, Nona Morrison.
2. Betty Gibson, John Gibson.
3. Linda West, Monte West.
4. Pat Floyd, Robbie Floyd.

B Group

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World Almanac

Saturday, March 13, 2004

Today is the 73rd day of 2004 and the 83rd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1781, William Herschel discovered Uranus, seventh planet from the Sun.

In 1868, the impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson began.

In 1996, 43-year-old Thomas Hamilton used four guns to kill 16 children and their teacher, and wound 13 others, in a school in Dunblane, Scotland. He then shot himself.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: L. Ron Hubbard (1911-1986), author/scientologist; Neil Sedaka (1939-), singer, is 65; William H. Macy (1950-), actor, is 54; Adam Clayton (1960-), musician, is 44.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 2000, veteran Miami Dolphins quarterback Dan Marino announced his retirement from the NFL, having played for 17 years with the team.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I have looked further into space than any human being did before me." — William Herschel

TODAY'S FACT: The hidden side of the Moon was first photographed in 1959 by the Soviet space vehicle Lunik III.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 18.5 — speed of the Earth's revolution around the Sun, in miles per second.

TODAY'S MOON: Last quarter (March 13)

Sunday, March 14, 2004

Today is the 74th day of 2004 and the 84th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1794, Eli Whitney received a patent for the cotton gin.

In 1900, U.S. currency went on the gold standard.

In 1964, a Dallas jury found Jack Ruby guilty of the murder of accused President John F. Kennedy assassin Lee Harvey Oswald.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Georg Philipp Telemann (1681-1767), composer; Johann Strauss (1804-1849), composer; Albert Einstein (1879-1955), physicist/Nobel laureate; Michael Caine (1933-), actor, is 71; Quincy Jones (1933-), composer/producer, is 71; Billy Crystal (1947-), actor, is 57.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1967, the AFL and NFL held their first common draft of college players.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Science without religion is lame; religion without science is blind." — Albert Einstein

TODAY'S FACT: Of males who reported being robbed in 2002, 74 percent said the perpetrator was a stranger — for women the figure was 43 percent.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 14 — number of the 46 U.S. vice presidents who went on to become president.

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (March 13) and new moon (March 20)

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Firefighters: Applications for fed funds due April 2

WASHINGTON, D.C.-Congressman Charlie Stenholm (TX-17) announces that eligible fire departments may apply for federal assistance grants now through Friday, April 2.

Stenholm was among the members of Congress who voted to provide $750 million to the Assistance for Firefighters Grant Program (AFGP) for use in Fiscal Year 2004 through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Appropriations Act.

The AFGP is administered by the DHS Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP).

This program aids rural, urban, and suburban fire departments throughout the nation. The program not only helps improve firefighter safety and health, but it also improves the effectiveness of fire fighting operations. Another focus is to establish or expand fire prevention and safety programs.

"Firefighter safety is very important, no matter where the fire department is located or how big it is," Stenholm said. "Several departments in the 17th District of Texas have benefited from grants awarded by this program in the last few months alone."

"I urge volunteer fire departments, in particular, to consider applying for these funds," Stenholm said. "Volunteers are often in dire need of new protective clothing and up-to-date communications and oxygen equipment. Many times, their communities already pitch in financially as much as possible, but still it is difficult for many volunteer departments to get ahead in these areas."

Each department that applied last year is once again eligible to apply for funding in 2004. Those departments that received funding in 2003 are also eligible to apply for additional 2004 funding.

The application and program guidance, including a tutorial on the program, and a list of Frequently Asked Questions are available on the ODP Website at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp and the U.S. Fire Administration Website at www.usfa.fema.gov.

Fire departments with questions concerning the grant program should contact the Fire Grant Help Desk at 1-866-274-0960 or by email at firegrants@dhs.gov.

Pre-1920 houses had one bathroom

WASHINGTON (AP) — The typical house built before 1920 comes with no garage, one bathroom and a big repair bill.

There's an upside: The median price is just $99,000, a far cry from the $183,500 for a home built since 1990, according to recently released Census Bureau statistics.

About 8 percent of the nation's 106 million homes in 2001 were at least 84 years old. The biggest concentration was in the Northeast, where 19 percent of homes are that old.

"In the Northeast and the New York metropolitan area, there is such a severe housing shortage that whether the house is young or old, a prospective home-buyer will be glad to move in if there is an opportunity," said Lawrence Yun, an economist at the National Association of Realtors.

That, he said, defies the general rule in the home-buying market: "The newer it is, the easier it sells."

The West had the highest median prices for older ($171,000) and newer homes ($217,000), while the Midwest had the lowest price among older homes ($87,000) and the South among newer dwellings ($163,000).

Owners of old homes usually run up higher bills for common problems like leaky pipes or faulty electrical wiring.

Bigger remodeling jobs cost more, too.

Navy reserve officer takes part in training

Navy Reserve Petty Officer 1st Class Alan L. Row participated in a cold weather medical training exercise termed "Naval Fleet Hospital Operation Badger Blue" at Fort McCoy, Sparta, Wis.

The participants consisted of a 103-member contingent of Naval Reserve Fleet Hospital Dallas. Operation Badger Blue was benchmarked as the "first of its kind" cold weather medicine joint exercise with members of the U.S. Army and Air Force.

The event has been hosted by the Regional Training Site-Medical, Fort McCoy.

The medial training exercise included both medical and mission support courses which resulted in 7,510 training hours that covered all aspects of the medical and support functions necessary for optimal performance in a field scenario.

Row is an information technology technician assigned to the naval detachment in Lubbock. The reservist has served in the military for 15 years.

He is the son of Doris W. Rana of Richland Hills and grandson of Ella Mae Row of Snyder.

The petty officer first class is a 1977 graduate of Snyder High School.

Senior Center News

The Volunteer Recognition Banquet is set for 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 26.

All senior citizens are invited. Register by Tuesday by calling 573-4035. There will not be a noon meal on the day of the banquet but the Meals-on-Wheels program will continue as scheduled.

The van will not run the morning of the banquet, but there will be transportation to the banquet. Call Valerie to arrange a ride.

Volunteers are needed for Meals-on-Wheels. Call Glenda if you can help.

The computer club meets at 7 p.m. every Tuesday. For more information, call the center or Tom Machen at 207-0399.

Abilene will host its second annual Texas Senior Games on April 29-30 and May 1. Games are open to anyone 50 or older and April 9 is the last day to register. Entry forms are available at the center. For more information contact www.abilenetx.com or call 1-325-734-5301.

Monday

Bridge begins at 9:30 a.m. and continues through the morning. Seniors may play Skip-Bo beginning at 10 a.m. in the eighty-eight room.

AARP will meet in the conference room at noon. Vicki Shroyer, chamber of commerce director, will speak.

Dominoes, pool and quilting are available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Tuesday

Eighty-eighty-eight begins at 9:30 a.m. Swimnastics at Western Texas College is cancelled due to spring break. The Scurry County Senior Center Booster Club will meet at noon in the conference room. Join the computer club at 7 p.m.

Wednesday

Volunteers are available to assist citizens with income tax forms. Assistance is on a first come first serve basis.

Clients are asked to bring their 2002 income tax return in addition to the W-2 forms and other paperwork.

Ladies pool begins at 9 a.m. Cue sticks are available for newcomers. A volunteer will assist seniors who want to learn how to play.

The Sunshine Choir will present a St. Patrick's Day program from 11 a.m. until noon. Wear something green. Pinochle begins at 1 p.m. in the bridge room.

Thursday

The fabric painting class will meet from 9-11:30 a.m. in the bridge room. Swimnastics at WTC is cancelled this week. The Sunshine Choir practice is also cancelled.

Friday

Blood pressure readings, bridge and eighty eighty-eight all begin at 9:30 a.m.

Health Fest 2004 set for March 20

Scenic Mountain Medical Center will host Health Fest 2004, a community event and health fair, on the first day of spring, Saturday March 20, from 9 a.m. until 2 pm, on the ground floor of the hospital and Malone Hogan Clinic.

The health fair will be open to the public, and multiple booths and activities will be available on the North hospital grounds.

Health Fest 2004 is the first of its kind for Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Admission to the Health Fest is free. There will be over 40 booths present for the event, with a focus on preventative health care. Free health screenings include: body mass index, grip strength, blood oxygen level, and blood pressure. Multiple lab tests will be available with special reduced rates for this event.

Senior Menu

MONDAY
Chicken Pot Pie
Harvard Beets
Fruit Cocktail
Chocolate Chip Cookie

TUESDAY
Braised Ham
Scalloped Potatoes
English Peas
Tossed Salad
Banana Pudding

WEDNESDAY
Beef Enchiladas
Spanish Rice
Refried Beans
Mexican Salad
Apple Crisp

THURSDAY
Barbecue on a Bun
Pickles/Onions/Peppers
Pinto Beans
Potato Salad
Fruited Gelatin

FRIDAY
Fried Fish
Crinkle Cut Fries
Green Beans
Creamy Cole Slaw
Lemon Bars

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—Harold Whitman

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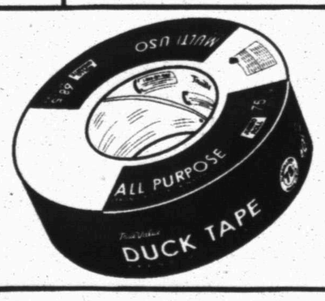


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Did race play role in Texas Primary election?

HOUSTON (AP) — Former Houston NAACP president Al Green insists race had little to do with him winning the Democratic primary this week in one of the state's most diverse congressional districts.

The former Justice of the Peace trounced incumbent Rep. Chris Bell in a Houston district that is about 37 percent black, 30 percent Hispanic, 21 percent white and 11 percent Asian. Green is black; Bell is white.

The district was formed when the Republican-controlled House redrew congressional voting districts last year.

"There are some districts that were drawn to give a Republican an opportunity to go to Congress. There were some districts that were drawn to give a Democrat an opportunity to go to Congress," Green said. "This district was drawn so a minority person would have an opportunity, but an opportunity does not guarantee a seat."

Green faces Republican Arlette Molina, an attorney, in the November general election. Molina, who is Hispanic, grabbed 80 percent of Republican votes in her primary contest against A.R. Hassan, an Egyptian immigrant.

Bell wasn't convinced race didn't have a role in Green winning the Democratic primary by a 2-to-1 margin.

"It appears quite clear that the redistricting plan worked and the Republicans were able to succeed with their efforts to divide and conquer Democrats," Bell said. "It also appears rather clear to be cut completely across racial lines."

About half of Bell's old District 25 was redrawn in the new District 9, which leans Democratic but is more ethnically diverse. Bell, along with Democratic Rep. Lloyd Doggett, who ran in the new, heavily Hispanic District 25 stretching from Austin to Brownsville, were targeted by Republicans in redistricting.

Doggett won his primary challenge against former Judge Leticia Hinojosa, but faces Rebecca Armendariz Klein in November. Both are Hispanic.

Bell said U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay wanted to use redistricting "to make sure that every Anglo Democrat wakes up in Texas and doesn't see a place for himself or herself in the Democratic party," Bell said.

DeLay was the impetus for congressional redistricting in Texas, an undertaking that left the Legislature in chaos last year when irate Democrats twice fled the state twice rather than be steamrolled by the GOP-pushed plan.

"He drew most of my colleagues' districts to be much more Republican and decided to take care of the others by drawing them into heavily minority districts," Bell said.

DeLay has made no apologies for redistricting, saying he wanted more Republicans elected to Congress and helped redraw districts to reflect Texas' Republican-leaning voting patterns.

Bell, who says Green reminded voters daily that Bell was white, plans to mend fences with Green and will look for a new job as he concludes his first term in Congress, where less than two months ago he was named the Democratic Party's deputy whip.

"I think I would be just the type of Democrat they would like to get rid of," Bell said of Republicans. "We have had a very successful start in Congress, an ample support base and fund-raising ability. I just think that they probably wanted to nip that in the bud."

Green, who spent 26 years as a Justice of the Peace in Houston and another decade heading the NAACP, said he is the coalition builder the diverse district needs in Congress.

"I have the experience necessary to pull a diverse group of people together as was evidenced by the campaign," he said.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, March 14, 2004

No matter how tough things are right now, keep the faith because events are destined to turn around for you in the year ahead. This is possible concerning both your business and social interests.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Someone you're quite fond of may wake up on the wrong side of the bed today and be a bit temperamental, but with charm and humor you should be able to smooth over the rough spots.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You have more going for you today than you may realize, so just because you run into a roadblock, don't call it quits. When the going gets tough, you need to get tougher.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Carefully monitor your behavior as well as what you say to others today so that you don't have any regrets later.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Prudence and self-control are required today if you have any hope of getting the proper mileage out of the resources you have on hand. Avoid temptations to be extravagant and splurge.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Should you have to deal with someone today who is rather disagreeable, don't allow that nasty attitude to have an affect on yours. Remain gracious and you'll stay in control.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You might want to reschedule your most difficult jobs for later in the day when you'll be in a better mood. A sour attitude will affect the efficiency of your efforts and could ruin your day.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Break loose as early as possible if you find yourself in the company of one who you find annoying. Once you're free of this person, the rest of the day should proceed happily along.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Your good looks and natural luck will carry you only so far today, so don't rely too heavily on them to carry you through the heavy work. You're going to have to put out the necessary effort.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — It's a mistake to discuss something about which you're enthusiastic with an associate or friend whose outlook is limited and negative. His or her sour outlook will instill self-doubt in you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Beware of laziness on your part to let an opportune development slip through your fingers today all because you're not in the mood. Once it's gone, it's gone forever.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — A disagreement between you and another cannot be resolved today if you close your mind to the other person's point of view. Hear the other side; it may be something that would benefit you.

Monday, March 15, 2004

Look for the year ahead to be particularly busy and active for you. There is a possibility that you could become involved in at least two new groups that will open up opportunities for you that you wouldn't otherwise have.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — There is much to be gained today by getting in touch with friends or associates you haven't spoken to for quite some time. Something important needs to be shared that will be of help to someone.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Push any negative thoughts out of your mind today and get cracking on meaningful projects that could be beneficial to you financially. Many opportunities for gain are available now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Be especially attentive today if you are exposed to some type of inspirational message. It'll do wonders for your psyche and could have a profound affect on your affairs in general.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Someone is apt to come to your rescue today and help you financially in ways you can't for yourself, so be of stout heart if you've been having trouble in this venue. Relief is on the way.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — A cooperative spirit today could turn around a problem situation that has been bugging you. Your willingness to negotiate fairly will be extremely appreciated and win you what you desire.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — By stepping in and shouldering some of the burdens that have weighed down your co-workers today, your deeds will not be forgotten and will forge bonds that will stand the test of time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Although you may not intentionally seek center stage today, the spotlight could be focused on you wherever you go, so make sure your presence lightens up the world around you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Everything will work out the way you hope today if you hang in there until the final score is tallied. Don't let early indicators discourage you before you even get started.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You make a great humorist today, so go out of your way to turn any downers that pop up into fun happenings by using wit and merriment to convert sourness into one big laugh.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — These could be one of those rewarding days where you'll be one who ultimately ends up benefiting the most from things you do trying to help others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Relaxing and taking things as they come today could wind up being more rewarding than all the analyzing and calculating in the world. Play things loose.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Simply being in the company of people with whom you share close personal bonds will bring joy to what otherwise would be an indifferent day. Spend your time with those you love.

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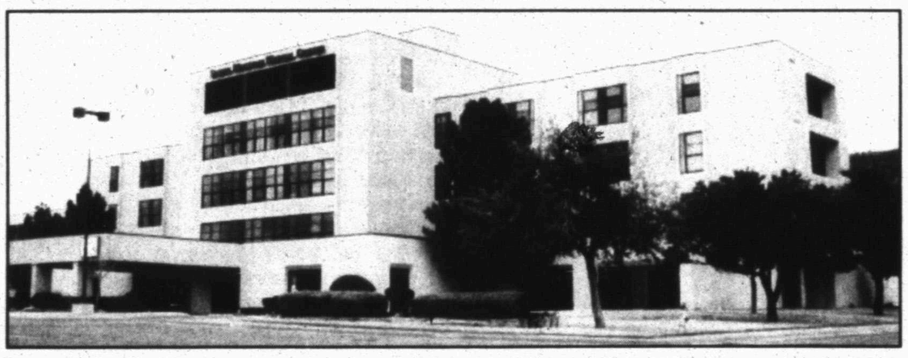
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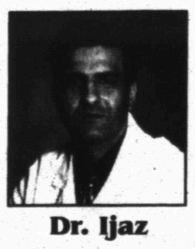
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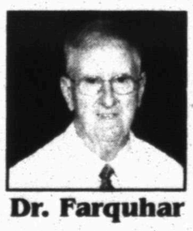
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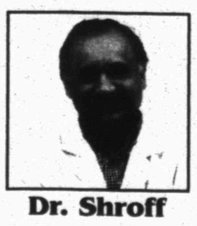





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Bush veto threat on highway bill presents dilemma for GOP allies

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush has chosen a giant, jobs-rich highway bill to show his election-year toughness against congressional spending, to the chagrin of many Republican lawmakers, governors and business allies.

Weeks of talks have yet to reach a middle ground between the Bush administration, which has threatened to veto any bill that goes much beyond Bush's $256 billion limit, and GOP lawmakers who say the nation's crumbling infrastructure demands far more. House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., set the target at $275 billion.

Rep. John Mica of Florida, a senior Republican on the House Transportation Committee, said a stalemate over the six-year blueprint for government spending on highways and mass transit could wreak both economic and political havoc.

"If we don't do it soon, there'll be a double hurt," Mica said.

Hastert is so frustrated that he refuses to discuss the bill with anyone at the White House other than Bush.

The Senate last month brushed off the veto threat and passed a $318 billion bill — $100 billion more than the previous plan — that backers said would make roads safer and less congested while creating at least 1 million jobs.

The stage then moved to the House, where the Transportation Committee, led by Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska, pushed for $375 billion, an amount the Transportation Department has said is necessary to ensure real improvements in the nation's highway and transit systems.

Young proposed gradually raising the federal gas tax, now 18.4 cents per gallon, by a nickel over the next six years. The gas tax goes into the highway trust fund, which is supposed to provide all federal highway money going to the states.

Rep. James Oberstar of Minnesota, the senior Democrat on the Transportation Committee, estimated that 100 Republicans would join all 205 Democrats in the House in voting for a 5-cent increase in gasoline taxes to pay for better highways. With quick passage, states could have $30 billion worth of construction projects under way by Labor Day, creating 400,000 new jobs, he said.

"It simply doesn't make any sense at all to oppose this kind of investment," Oberstar said. "What more than this could lift the economy?"

But with the White House flatly rejecting any notion of a gasoline tax increase, GOP leaders in the House have no plans to allow even a vote on one.

Hastert said Thursday he was now looking at a spending target of about $275 billion, searching for a figure that "won't get vetoed and we can negotiate with the Senate." Lawmakers, he said, "will have their needs met, maybe not quite as fully as they had hoped."

Lawmakers like to boast about the federal money they steer to their districts, especially in an election year.

The Republican leader from Illinois also took a shot at White House negotiators, saying he will now discuss the issue only with Bush. "I don't deal with his people any more. We weren't getting straight numbers from his people and they changed their mind in the middle of the process."

So far, the White House has withstood a barrage of lobbying from some of its closest political and business allies.

Gov. Perry commutes death sentence of retarded killer

HOUSTON (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry has commuted the death sentence of a Houston killer deemed retarded by the courts in a decision that was considered inevitable under a 2002 Supreme Court ruling prohibiting execution of mentally deficient inmates.

Robert Smith, 36, will be moved from death row to another prison to serve a life sentence for the 1990 capital murder of James Michael Wilcox.

It was the first time Perry, who has presided over 81 executions since taking office in 2000, has commuted a death sentence.

Thursday's decision has been expected since Harris County District Attorney Chuck Rosenthal recommended the 36-year-old inmate's sentence be reduced in January after his own expert diagnosed Smith as retarded. A district court formally determined Smith was retarded last month.

Just because Rosenthal recommended the commutation doesn't mean he agrees with it, however.

"I recommended it because our expert looked at him and agreed he was retarded, but here is a guy who had done a lot of things you'd think someone who was retarded could not handle," Rosenthal said Friday. "His lawyers at trial never brought it up because he never had any trouble (assisting them)."

Smith's attorneys say their client has an IQ of 63, seven points below the retardation threshold. The Supreme Court ruled in 2002 that mental retardation exempts convicted killers from the ultimate punishment.

"I think the evidence on Robert Smith's mental retardation was so compelling and overwhelming everyone had to agree (Smith) satisfied all the requirements for the test of being mentally retarded," defense lawyer Danny Easterling said. "There was such an agreement there was not any dispute, no hearing required."

State District Judge Mark Ellis signed off on the retardation evaluation and commutation request last month after Easterling and Rosenthal jointly presented agreement from two psychologists on Smith's lack of mental acuity.

Education and job training will help job loss worries, says Alan Greenspan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said Friday it is critical for the country to supply adequate education and job training to all citizens in order to bolster eroding support for global trade.

Speaking to a finance conference sponsored by Boston College, Greenspan delivered his latest plea to the country not to turn its back on the global economy, arguing that it would be a mistake to try to preserve U.S. jobs in threatened industries by erecting protectionist barrierss.

"Time and again through our history, we have discovered that attempting merely to preserve the comfortable features of the present, rather than reaching for new levels of prosperity, is a sure path to stagnation," Greenspan said in remarks that were released in Washington.

Greenspan said the current anxiety over losing jobs to foreign competition was entirely understandable given the current weak labor market, where some 2 million unemployed have been unable to find new jobs for more than six months.

Greenspan said that new job creation is "lagging badly," even though the economy has been pulling out of the 2001 recession for the past two years, because companies have stressed improving productivity, the ability to produce more with fewer workers.

Scurry County Anti-drug Connection

The best things in life are drug free

The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with the Scurry County Anti Drug Connection and Al-Anon support groups devote this column to current information on substance abuse, and how we, as a community, can work together to create a safe and drug free environment for our children.

INHALANT FACTS

Inhalants are breathable chemical vapors that produce psychoactive (mind-altering) effects. A variety of products commonplace in the home and in the workplace contain substances that can be inhaled. Many people do not think of these products, such as spray paints, glues, and cleaning fluids, as drugs because they were never meant to be used to achieve an intoxicating effect.

Yet, young children and adolescents can easily obtain them and are among those most likely to abuse these extremely toxic substances. Parents should monitor household products closely to prevent accidental inhalation by very young children. Inhalants fall into the following categories:

Solvents

Industrial or household solvents or solvent-containing products, including paint thinners or removers, degreasers, dry-cleaning fluids, gasoline, and glue,

Art or office supply solvents, including correction fluids, felt-tip-marker fluid, and electronic contact cleaners

Gases

Gases used in household or commercial products, including butane lighters and propane tanks, whipping cream aerosols or dispensers (whippets), and refrigerant gases

Household aerosol propellants and associated solvents in items such as spray paints, hair or deodorant sprays, and fabric protector sprays

Medical anesthetic gases, such as ether, chloroform, halothane, and nitrous oxide ("laughing gas")

Nitrites

Aliphatic nitrites, including cyclohexyl nitrite, an ingredient found in room odorizers; amyl nitrite, which is used for medical purposes; and butyl nitrite (previously used to manufacture perfumes and antifreeze), which is now an illegal substance.

Health Hazards

Although they differ in makeup, nearly all abused inhalants produce short-term effects similar to anesthetics, which act to slow down the body's functions. When inhaled via the nose or mouth into the lungs in sufficient concentrations, inhalants can cause intoxicating effects. Intoxication usually lasts only a few minutes.

However, sometimes users extend this effect for several hours by breathing in inhalants repeatedly. Initially, users may feel slightly stimulated. Successive inhalations make them feel less inhibited and less in control. If use continues, users can lose consciousness.

Sniffing highly concentrated amounts of the chemicals in solvents or aerosol sprays can directly induce heart failure and death within minutes of a session of prolonged use. This syndrome, known as "sudden sniffing death," can result from a single session of inhalant use by an otherwise healthy young person. Sudden sniffing death is particularly associated with the abuse of butane, propane, and chemicals in aerosols.

High concentrations of inhalants also can cause death from suffocation by displacing oxygen in the lungs and then in the central nervous system so that breathing ceases. Deliberately inhaling from a paper or plastic bag or in a closed area greatly increases the chances of suffocation.

Even when using aerosols or volatile products for their legitimate purposes (i.e., painting, cleaning), it is wise to do so in a well-ventilated room or outdoors.

Chronic abuse of solvents can cause severe, long-term damage to the brain, the liver, and the kidneys.

Harmful irreversible effects that may be caused by abuse of specific solvents include:

Hearing loss—toluene (spray paints, glues, dewaxers) and trichloroethylene (cleaning fluids, correction fluids).

Peripheral neuropathies, or limb spasms—hexane (glues, gasoline) and nitrous oxide (whipping cream, gas cylinders).

Central nervous system or brain damage—toluene (spray paints, glues, dewaxers)

Bone marrow damage—benzene (gasoline)

Serious but potentially reversible effects include:

Liver and kidney damage—toluene-containing substances and chlorinated hydrocarbons (correction fluids, dry-cleaning fluids).

Blood oxygen depletion—aliphatic nitrites (known on the street as poppers, bold, and rush) and methylene chloride (varnish removers, paint thinners).

Extent of Use

Initial use of inhalants often starts early. Some young people may use inhalants as an easily accessible substitute for alcohol. Research suggests that chronic or long-term inhalant abusers are among the most difficult drug abuse patients to treat. Many suffer from cognitive impairment and other neurological dysfunction and may experience multiple psychological and social problems.

Information from the National Institute on Drug Abuse website.

For more information on how you and/or your business or organization can be involved in promoting a drug-free community, contact the Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection at the Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 574-1931 or 573-1411.

Six Feet Under star to make his debut on Broadway

NEW YORK (AP) — From "Six Feet Under" to "After the Fall." Peter Krause, who plays Nate Fisher on the quirky HBO television series set in a Southern California funeral parlor, will make his Broadway debut this summer in a Roundabout Theatre Company revival of Arthur Miller's "After the Fall," it was announced Thursday.



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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Woman looks toward future and leaves abuse in the past

DEAR ABBY: From the time I was 2 until I was 13, I was abused by five different family members — including my own father. At the age of 13, my parents terminated their parental rights, giving the state permanent custody of me. I lived in foster care until I turned 18.

When the caseworkers first evaluated me, it was expected that I would succumb to the statistics — become a welfare mother, a drop-out, etc. I fooled them all and graduated from high school. Later on, I tried to reconnect with my real family, only to discover the chaotic environment my caseworkers had recognized. The saying "Age makes you wiser" is true.

I wish I could say that life has been a piece of cake, but the truth is, it has been difficult. Abuse has long-term side effects that can take a lifetime to overcome, especially the rejection by a parent who sided with the abuser. Had it not been for my faith in God and the encouragement of good people in my life, I would not be living the normal life I've always dreamed of.

Among the things I always wanted was a loving, caring family. It turns out that my friends are just that. I also wanted a loving husband. As I acknowledged — and later overcame — the deep emotional scars left by the abuse, and with the help of caring friends, I experienced a drastic turnaround. I met and married the man of my dreams, and my in-laws are some of the nicest people I've ever known. It's like I'm growing up all over again.

I have lived a whole lifetime in this short period. I realize now that my past doesn't have to determine my future. — **ALBUQUERQUE SURVIVOR**

DEAR SURVIVOR: I congratulate you for overcoming the odds and creating the life you dreamed of. Instead of letting the past define you, you learned a valuable lesson: You cannot re-create the past. Concentrate on making the present the best it can be, and the future will take care of itself.

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DEAR ABBY: Six weeks ago, I co-hosted a baby shower for a friend I'll call Angela. Her mother agreed to split the cost and I put everything on my credit card. I ended up spending more than $1,200 for food, flowers, cake, decorations, favors, etc.

I have yet to receive one dime from Angela's mother. Had I known I would end up bearing the entire cost, I would never have spent so freely.

I feel awkward "demanding" the money. Angela and I have been friends since grammar school, and I don't want to put a strain on our special relationship — especially since she's due to deliver twins any day now. What should I do? Please advise. — **FINANCIALLY STRAINED IN PORTLAND**

DEAR STRAINED: Have you sent Angela's mother an itemized accounting of what she owes? If you have and she hasn't responded, then you now know that she is irresponsible and unreliable. She should have settled with you long ago — without prompting. For the sake of your long-time friendship with Angela, however, be prepared to write it off as tuition in the school of experience.

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DEAR ABBY: My mother was unloving and downright cruel to all of her children, but now that we're all over 18, she has suddenly decided she wants to have relationships with us. (I haven't even told her that I've been engaged for two months.) She has caused so much suffering and heartache, but I don't know how to tell her to leave me alone.

She recently showed up at my house. I don't know how she got my address, because I didn't give it to her and I never return her calls. I don't understand how she can act like everything is fine between us and get angry with me for not calling her back.

Mother has never in her life said the word "sorry." I am at a loss as to how to deal with her. — **ANGRY AND CONFUSED IN PHOENIX**

DEAR ANGRY: I have heard from readers who cut themselves off from their parents after abusive childhoods and later regretted that there was no closure. I have also heard from people who did it and have no regrets about it at all.

If you feel that any aspect of your relationship with her is salvageable, consider trying to heal the relationship. However, if that is not possible, tell her plainly that you want to be left alone, and if she doesn't cooperate, you will be forced to get a restraining order. Then do it.

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DEAR ABBY: My niece, "Debra," had her breasts enlarged before she was even 20, and she dresses to draw attention to them. She's so proud that she pushes them out even further, which makes her posture appear abnormal.

We are modest people, and we felt especially uncomfortable last summer at a family beach party where she pranced around in a thong!

Now we have a messy situation. Debra has accused a male family member of behaving inappropriately toward her. He denies ever thinking "that way" about her, but admits he couldn't help looking at her breasts "because they were on display all the time."

My sister, Debra's mother, refuses to accept that her daughter is in any way responsible for this mess, and says the man involved is completely at fault. I blame Debra.

Is it fair for a girl to dress seductively and then accuse a male family member of behaving inappropriately? — **MODEST IN COLORADO**

DEAR MODEST: Let's stop assigning blame and assess what's really happening. For years, Debra probably felt something was lacking. Since she has had her enhancement surgery, it appears she has been overcompensating. The episode with the thong bikini at the family beach party is an example of a girl who once felt invisible and is now flaunting her assets.

However, when someone prominently puts something on display, it's unrealistic to expect viewers to wear blinders or look away. Debra can't have it both ways.

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DEAR ABBY: My neighbor runs a licensed day-care center in her home. She does a good job and has lots of children in her care. Some of the children are the same ages as my kids, and they often spend an afternoon or a whole day playing at my house. Should I be concerned about being responsible for her "clients" when she is paid to take care of them? Is there a liability issue that I need to confront? It's an awkward situation for me, and I'd like to hear your thoughts. — **LIABLE IN SYRACUSE**

DEAR LIABLE: To heck with my "thoughts." Contact your insurance agent TODAY. If a child is injured on your property, there is definitely a liability issue!

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Device helps reshape damaged hearts

DALLAS (AP) — After five heart attacks and a stroke, Charles Neal's heart was so worn out that he couldn't walk across a room without feeling exhausted and short of breath.

Constant fatigue caused by congestive heart failure eventually forced the 72-year-old business owner into early retirement.

"I used to go to work everyday, go on trips, but that quit two years ago, I couldn't stand up to it," said Neal, who owns of an underground fuel tank storage company in Arlington.

That all changed a few months ago when Neal underwent surgical ventricular restoration to have his enlarged left ventricle reshaped.

Using a new device called a Mannequin, doctors restored his round-shaped ventricle to its original oval-shape, allowing the heart to pump more efficiently.

The device — a plastic shaper — is a new approach to an old procedure that's been around for more than 20 years. What's different is that the shaper has now made ventricular restoration a standardized procedure for treating congestive heart failure.

"This is the only device to do this operation," said Dr. John Conte, the director of heart and lung transplants at John Hopkins University in Baltimore. "It allows a doctor anywhere in the world to do it the same fashion."

More than 5 million Americans suffer from congestive heart failure, and about 1,000 people die each day from the condition, typically seen in older people.

The disease develops when the heart is not pumping they way it should, causing the heart to work harder. This happens when the heart has been damaged or weakened by either clogged arteries, high blood pressure or a heart attack, causing the left ventricle to become enlarged.

Patients usually experience a range of symptoms, including shortness of breath, fatigue, persistent coughing or wheezing, and increased or irregular heart beat.

Doctors often treat the problem with medicine. Heart transplants also are an option but most heart patients are too old and too sick to withstand the surgery. Also, only 20 percent of people on the waiting list ever receive a heart.

Ventricular restoration appears to be a better treatment because it gets at the cause of their symptoms, can improve quality of life and perhaps help patients to live longer, doctors said.

During a two-hour surgery, the shaper is inserted into the left ventricle and then the heart wall is stretched around the device. Once the heart is molded to the right shape and inflated to the right volume, the device is deflated and removed. A patch is sewn onto the heart to maintain the shape.

So far, more than 700 patients in the United States have had the procedure since the FDA approved it two years ago. The procedure costs about $22,000 to $35,000 and is covered by Medicaid, Medicare and private insurance, said Bert Davis, president and chief executive of Chase Medical, a company based in suburban Dallas that manufacturers the device.

The procedure was pioneered by doctors in Italy, where heart transplants are not available. John Hopkins is the only training institution in the United States, but many have American doctors received training in Italy.

Dr. Paul Grayburn, Neal's cardiologist at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, said his hospital has done the procedure more than 25 times and with good results.

Neal, who had severely depressed heart function, is now walking 25 minutes on a treadmill without feeling exhausted and looks great, Grayburn said. "I think it also holds out promise for other patients," he said.

Ventricular restoration was first introduced as a way to treat ventricular aneurysms — a swelling of the heart. By the 1980s, doctors began using the procedure to treat congestive heart failure but "before the Mannequin, doctors had to do it by eyeball," Davis said. That meant some ventricles were made too small, too large or too spherical.

In 1999, Chase Medical began collaborating with Italian doctors to develop a device to help them achieve more precise and consistent results. The new device eliminates surgical guesswork when recreating the heart's original size, shape and muscle, Davis said.

Even though the surgery was risky for Neal because of his age and severe heart condition, he said it has allowed him to return to his once active lifestyle.

"The worst thing was I could die on the operating table, but I had reached a point in my life that I was so miserable, I would take any chance for quality of life," said Neal, a divorcee with three grown children.

He had the surgery along with six heart bypasses on his birthday, Nov. 6. It was the best present ever, he said.

"I can't tell you how great I feel," he said.

Senior airman graduates from leadership class

Air Force Senior Airman Corey J. McDorman has graduated from Airman Leadership School at Langley Air Force Base, Hampton, Va.

The five-week course is designed to train airmen to understand their positions in the Air Force organizational structure, leadership, communications skills, and profession of arms, which are needed for professional development to be effective non-commissioned officers.

The school is the first of three levels of professional military education programs used to develop and cultivate leadership and supervisory skills, and is a required course for airmen to complete prior to being promoted to the rank of staff sergeant.

McDorman is an alternate equipment control officer assigned to the 1st Communications Squadron.

He is the son of Thomas D. McDorman of Abilene and Charlotte J. Ramsey of Snyder. The senior airman is a 1999 graduate of Cooper High School in Abilene.

New York State Fair announces first group of grandstand concerts

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — The New York State Fair announced its first group of grandstand concerts for the 2004 fair.

The Allman Brothers Band will perform Aug. 27, followed on Aug. 28 by Reba McEntire and her warm-up act, Carolyn Dawn Johnson. Kenny Chesney, Tiki Bars and Uncle Kracker will perform Aug. 31, it was announced Wednesday.

ZZ Top will perform at the 16,000-seat grandstand Sept. 1 and Rascal Flatts and special guest Chris Cagle will play Sept. 4.

The fair will announced the remainder of its grandstand concert schedule as it signs performers. Tickets for all grandstand concerts go on sale June 26.

The 2004 fair runs Aug. 26 through Sept. 6.

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The state bird of Oklahoma is the scissor-tail flycatcher.

Fox to make movie about Dangerfield

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rodney Dangerfield is getting some respect.

Fox Television has secured rights to the "No Respect" comic's upcoming HarperCollins autobiography, "It's Not Easy Bein' Me: A Lifetime of No Respect but Plenty of Sex and Drugs."

"I'm excited that Fox is making a movie on my life story, but I hope they do it soon! I'm 82 years old," Dangerfield said in a statement Wednesday.

"At my age, I'm looking for a one-night sit! I'm thrilled about finishing my first book. Now I'm going to read another one," he said.

David Madden, executive vice president of movies and miniseries for Fox Television Studios, said Dangerfield has come up with a compelling book.

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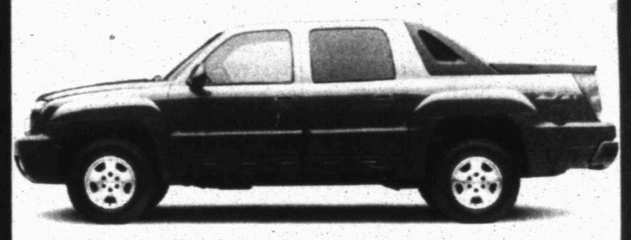
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Speaker for all seasons

by Don Newbury

Notes scribbled during college and graduate school surfaced in a dusty box the other day. They won't qualify as "copious notes," but I perused them, perhaps for the first time.

Class notes, I remember, were written feverishly, mostly to make teachers think we were serious. (Along these lines, incoming college students were urged to consider two hours of study for each hour in class. The same is said for helicopters — that is, plan twice as much time for maintenance as flying. One of these stats, I believe, is correct.

Back to my notes. Faded and torn, they were from journalism classes taken nigh on to 50 years ago. Their claims were the kind that could be chiseled in granite, true for the ages.

The authorities were passionate teachers — Joe Swan, who later trained Pulitizer Prize-winning photographers at San Jose State University, and Tessica Martin, who edited a Texas daily newspaper in the '40s when women in that role could be counted on the fingers of one hand in our Lone Star State.

Later in graduate school, Dr. DeWitt Reddick, University of Texas legend, also emphasized the importance of dignity in writing.

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All three bore down on obituaries. "Get used to saying 'died,'" each said, adding that people don't go to their great reward, cross the river, ride off into the sunset or are drop-kicked through the goal posts of life.

"Remember, for many people, the only times their names appear in print is when they're born, get married and die." Another hated the word "transported." "Sick and injured people aren't transported to hospitals — packages are transported," one bellowed.

"And leave out the high drama of patients being 'rushed to the hospital.' Of course they're rushed — unless the drivers are mothers-in-law or insurance beneficiaries. Keep it simple; allow persons to be 'taken to the hospital.'"

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Suddenly, I realized that those hallowed teachings — thought to be applicable for the 20th and all future centuries — have gone by the boards. Obituaries typically now are purchased, and pretty much run as submitted by funeral homes or next of kin, with charges per column inch, and few — if any — editorial changes.

If families want to say that Uncle Joe went to his final reward, to that great meadow in the sky or to a better place, that's the way it runs. And, if they like his being transported — or even rushed — to the hospital, by hokes, that'll work, too.

For many years, I've enjoyed reading classified ads — there's some pretty weird wording there. The other day, under "furniture for sale," there was a bedroom suite, "made from naughty pine."

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Well, some obituaries are mighty strange, too. And what about photographs? Used to, we'd search hard to find a reasonably current picture. Now, the search often is to find one from high school graduation.

And what about the obits showing pictures of two people—perhaps the happy bride and groom decades earlier? Just one of them died. Is this to be a pharaoh deal, where brides go along with the departed?

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I digress — again. This is not to say that dignity has gone down hill (though maybe it has), it has simply become more expensive.

One preacher made the observation — in three points I think for sermonic purposes - -that no matter what inflation does to the cost of living, birthing and dying, the wages of sin remain the same.

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The story goes that the old couple had lived way to the right of conservative throughout their marriage. They hid money under the mattress, always way more than needed to pay for — as they put it — "being put away proper."

He died first. The widow was determined to meet his explicit funeral instructions, including the directive for a "nice write-up" in the newspaper. She called to see what nice obituary write-ups cost these days.

"$10 an inch, ma'am," the man answered.

There was a hush for several seconds. "Well, Pa wanted a nice write-up and a nice one he'll get. But he hasn't wintered well for several years. He shows to be 6-2 on his driver's license, but I'll swear if I die in a minute that he'd shrunk to no more than 5-10."

Down deep, her druthers would have been, "Pa died Fri. at 2; funeral Sun. at 3."

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The Village Idiot by Jim Mullen

Lucky charms

When Irish actor Pierce Brosnan got married a few years ago I read that he hid a statue of the Infant of Prague outside the church so that it wouldn't rain on his wedding. I come from a big Irish Catholic family, but I have to say, I never heard that one before.

I'd long forgotten the Brosnan story until we tried to sell our old farm to finance the new one and it wasn't going smoothly. Sue vented her frustration to the Squire's wife, a neighbor who had come here from County Clare in 1952. The years in-between had not lessened her brogue. If anything, it had ripened it into a thing halfway between a song and incomprehensible vocal exercise. Her Rs lingered long after the rest of the word was gone.

"It's not a prrroblem at tall," she trilled to Sue. "Didn't I have a sister that just went through the very same thing? Yearrrs she's been trrrying to sell her house. Yearrrs, you underrrstand. I told herrr she must get a statue of St. Joseph. He's the saint of all things rrrelated to the home, don't you know? Wasn't he the one who found a place for the Blessed Virgin Motherrrr to have herrr prrrecious child? If you everrr have house trrrrouble, it's St. Joseph you must turrrn to.

"I told herrrr, I told my sisterrrr, 'You must go get yourrrself a statue of St. Joseph and burrry it upside down in yourrr frrront yarrrd — facing away frrrom the house — and you'll see he'll take carrre of you.' Surrre enough, two days afterrr she burrried the statue my sisterrr, she sold herrr house easy as dew on the grrrass. Listen to me now and do yourrrself a favorrr, go get a statue of St. Joseph."

At first Sue thought it was a joke. But as the weeks went by, the joking about getting a statue of St. Joseph turned into, "If no one comes to look at this house tomorrow, I'm getting a statue of St. Joseph."

I didn't know if the Squire's wife was kidding or not. Her husband was a great storyteller, but we could never tell when he was pulling our leg, either. I remember he told me he used to run a pub in Ireland before he immigrated.

"A customer, a small skinny lad comes in one day, a new face to me, and he says, 'Let me have three Guinness, if you please, your honor.'"

"Why, I'm thinking, would any one person want three beers at once? But it's not my place to ask so I pull three Guinness and put them in front of him and he drinks them down and leaves. The next night, the same thing. He asks for three beers and I give them to him. It went on for months like clock work. Finally I said, 'So tell me, why do you order three Guinness every night?'

"'It's like this,' he says to me, 'See, one's for me, one's for me brother in America, and one's for me brother in Australia.'

"Well, now, every thing was clear. That makes sense. This went on for years. Every night, three beers. Then one night he comes in with a sad look on his face and says, "I'll take two Guinness, if you please." I didn't know quite what to say, so I pulled the two beers and put them in front of him and said, "I'm so sorry to hear about your loss."

"What loss?"

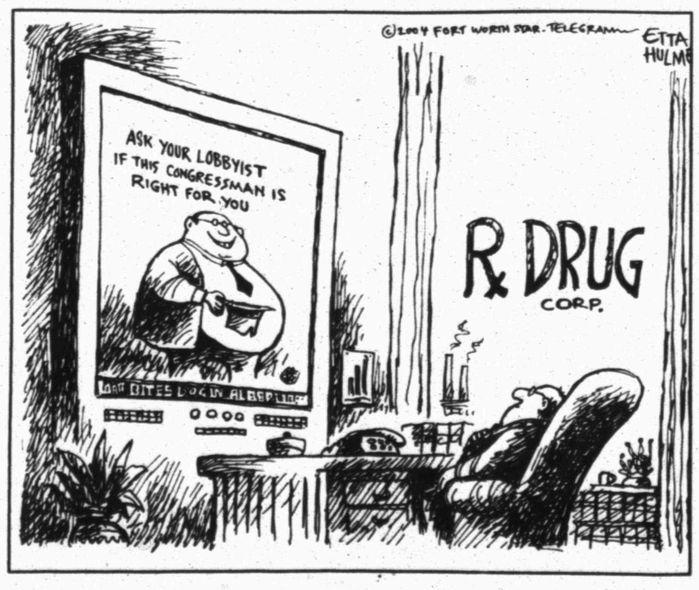
"Well you only ordered two beers so I figure one of your poor brothers must have passed on."

"'Oh no,' he smiled, 'Me brothers are fine. This one's for my brother in America and this one's for me brother in Australia. But me,' he said sadly, 'I've quit drinkin'.'"

Finally, with fewer and fewer people looking at our property, Sue got on the Internet and bought a statue of St. Joseph and buried it upside down, facing away from the house in our front lawn. The next day four people had a bidding war on the property. We got $5,000 more than we were asking for it. As for Pierce Brosnan, it did rain the day of his wedding, but it stopped during the ceremony.

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

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Houston Chronicle

Martha Stewart rise and fall

Martha Stewart's rise and fall has all the elements of Greek tragedy — a powerful, favored figure who flies too far, too high, too fast, only to be brought down by overweening pride.

However, Stewart's is an essentially American story. Born of humble origins, Stewart owed her success to hard work and pluck. Some who crossed her path mention ambition and thoughtlessness toward others, but such distinctions are too subtle to change the story line.

Perhaps only in America could someone amass a paper fortune of $1 billion by giving advice on how to decorate a table or bake a casserole.

Wealthy executives who are found guilty of crimes are not so novel in this era of corporate corruption. Stewart's trial riveted the nation's attention because of her unstated claim to serene perfection. The jury rejected this claim, but Americans might yet choose to be guided in matters of taste and decorum by a convicted felon.

Stewart's experience restates the truism that the high and mighty are brought low not because of original sin, but because of subsequent lies and cover-ups. Prosecutors never established that Stewart broke the law by selling some stock on the advice of her well-connected broker. She was convicted on four counts of lying and obstructing justice.

Stewart's lawyers misread the jury in every respect. The jurors resented Stewart's celebrity friends in the courtroom. They heard Stewart's lawyer say the prosecution's version required "a confederacy of dunces" and apparently decided the requirement had been met.

The defense decided not to put on a defense worthy of the name, implying that the charges were too ridiculous to take seriously. This might be called the Texaco defense, which failed in the famous Houston trial and cost Texaco billions of dollars paid to Pennzoil. As Stewart now knows, it doesn't work and is not a good thing.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

School kids will eat healthy

As Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs noted, the state's public schools should nurture "both mental and physical development" of students.

A new school nutrition policy announced Wednesday by Combs will encourage proper physical development by reducing the availability of junk food and fatty snacks in school cafeterias statewide.

The new rules are strongly needed. Childhood obesity has become a major health problem.

Many students eat two of their three daily meals at school on weekdays. It would be foolish to attack the obesity problem without considering what children eat there. Fortunately, many schools have begun serving healthier meals and limiting junk food and soft drinks. But the new policy will bring further improvements, such as in limiting servings of french fries.

The policy takes effect Aug. 1 for schools in the national school lunch, school breakfast and after-school snack programs.

Candy and sugary snacks no longer will be available at elementary schools in the approximately 95 percent of districts participating in the federal programs.

The policy is less restrictive for junior high and high schools but will mandate some nutritional improvements at those levels.

Overweight children have a 70 percent chance of being overweight adults. And overweight adults are more prone to high blood pressure, heart problems, cancer, stroke, kidney failure, blindness and diabetes.

Parents should follow Combs' cue and strive to make the meals and snacks that they serve at home more healthy — while also seeing that their kids get ample exercise.

The Baytown Sun

Reforming redistricting

Every 10 years when the U.S. Census releases new population data, elected officials in nearly every political jurisdiction in the nation carve up the political landscape into new legislative districts, supposedly to ensure representatives have an equal number of constituents.

In reality, the controlling political party of each state rigs the map behind closed doors to protect incumbents and build partisan advantage. The resulting wild district shapes defy explanation other than as the greedy acts of politicians looking to guarantee themselves lifetime employment and party supremacy.

The end result is that most voters are locked into one-party districts where their only real choice at election time is to ratify the incumbent or heir apparent of the party controlling that district.

Led by U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, Texas Republicans took redistricting antics to new lows last year by spurring Texas to gerrymander congressional districts mid-decade.

Texans endured months of political infighting that stretched over part of the regular legislative session and three special sessions. Democrats staged two walkouts in an attempt to prevent the legislation from passing.

Even though three federal judges decided that what the Republican legislative majority did with congressional redistricting was legal, they questioned its appropriateness. The judges noted that computers made it far easier for legislators to redraw congressional lines to partisan advantage and, in doing so, to protect themselves from punishment by the voters. The court also suggested Congress ban mid-decade redistricting, which it has the constitutional authority to do.

Now comes Houston area Congressman Gene Green, who has introduced legislation to limit redistricting to once a decade.

We think that is a good place to start.

Victoria Advocate

U.S. military's current strength

The United States is dispatching 2,000 Marines to Haiti to restore order to the Caribbean country after rebels deposed its elected president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

The arrival of the first contingents of U.S. forces had an immediate, positive effect. "Rebel leader Guy Philippe said Wednesday his forces would disarm as U.S. Marines fanned out in the capital - rifles at the ready - to help bring order amid Haiti's bloody uprising," The Associated Press reported.

Perhaps 2,000 Marines in Haiti for what is projected to be a rather short time will be enough.

Perhaps an international military force from other nations in the Western Hemisphere and from France will lessen the need for U.S. troops there.

But the contrast between the number of U.S. forces going to Haiti now and the size of the contingent that President Bill Clinton sent there in 1994 is striking.

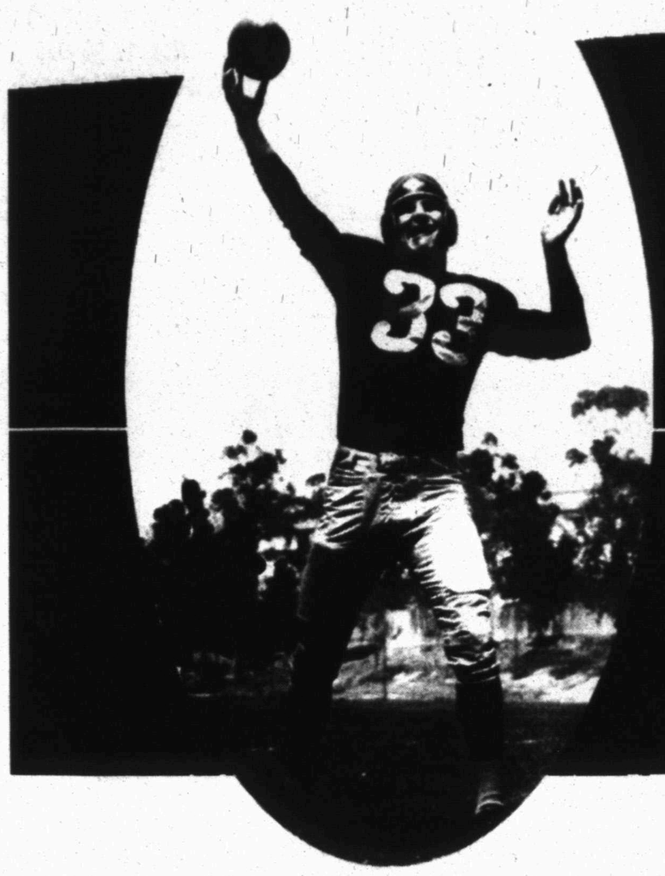
Some 20,000 U.S. troops went to the impoverished Caribbean nation then to restore Aristide to power after Haitian generals had seized control.

The difficulty of stabilizing Haiti is no less now than it was a decade ago, although one can credibly argue that the military is no better equipped for nation-building now than then.

And the future of Haiti is very much a U.S. interest — unlike so many of the areas to which Clinton sent the military on "mercy missions" during his eight years in office.

The small nation is important not only because of its proximity to the United States — a hostile regime there could pose a threat to U.S. security — but also because continued instability will drive more Haitians to attempt to flee to this country.

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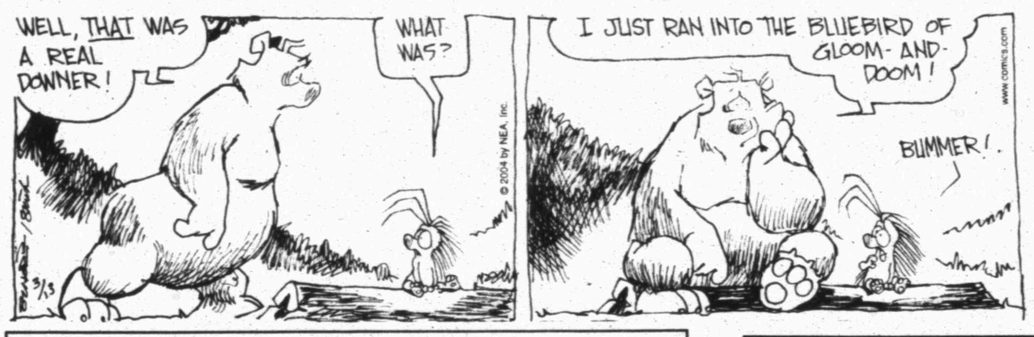
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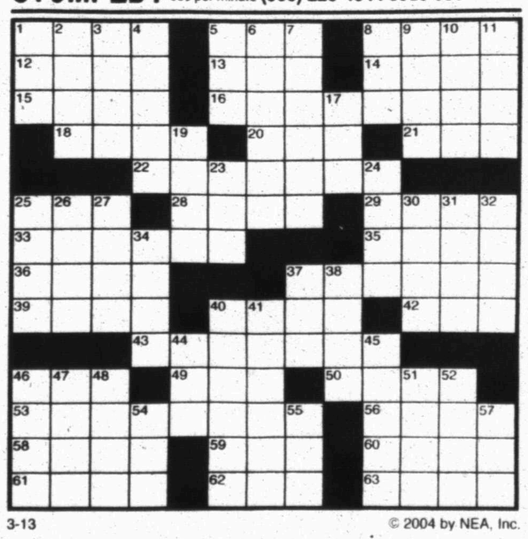
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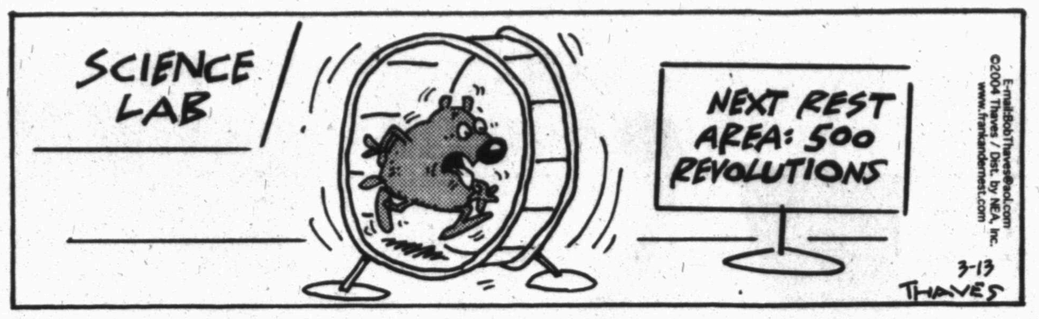
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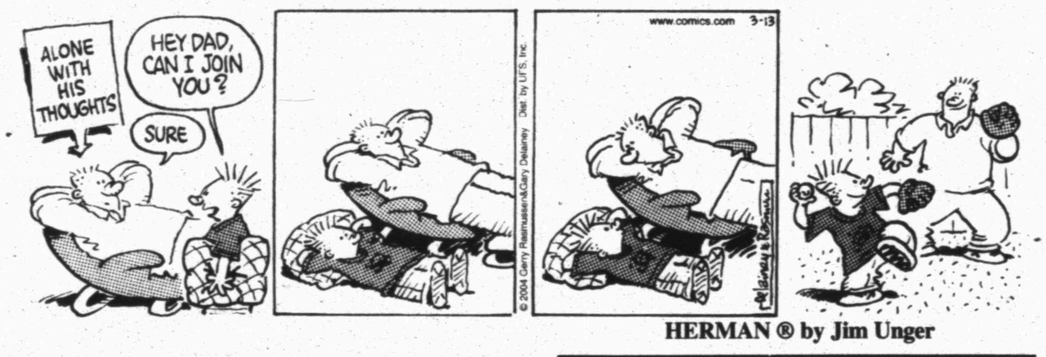


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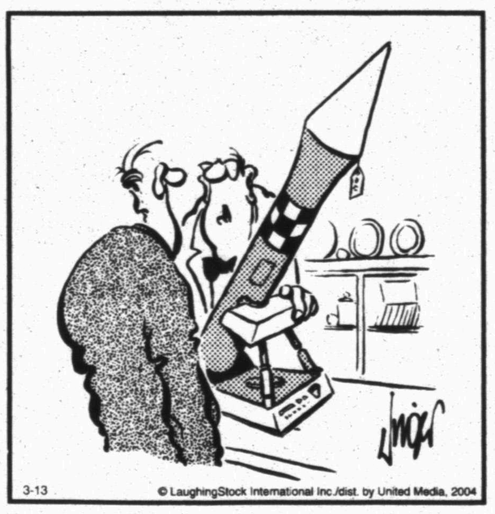


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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Dementia needs testing

DEAR DR. GOTT: We are not sure if my 78-year-old mother is in the beginning stages of Alzheimer's disease. She admits to having trouble remembering names and words, but her disability goes beyond that. For example, she could not figure out how to operate the windshield wipers in her new car or how to get the lint tray back into her new dryer.

Her doctor put her on medication that merely worsened the situation. She is currently off all medicine. She has had no testing. How should we proceed?

DEAR READER: When I first read your letter, I was rushed and concluded that your mother probably has Alzheimer's disease. But on a second reading (is this a symptom of my own dementia?), I noted the phrases "new car" and "new dryer." Given the fact that I am a grouchy old technophobe who has great difficulty dealing with the "bells and whistles" of new gadgetry, I found myself sympathizing with your mom. Today's machines and devices may give us oldies more information than we need or can handle. Also, I find that all this crap is distracting. For example, do I really need a satellite navigation system to commute the two miles to my office? No. But these systems are basically standard in new vehicles — and we pay for them, believe me, we pay dearly. And how do we follow them when the car is in motion? In addition, I cannot remember names, either. Or, more accurately, it takes me several minutes (or hours) to retrieve such information from my computer-brain.

Now that I have had some fun sharing my own views and defects, let me address the serious problem with your mother.

First of all, she needs testing. And I fault her physician for not ordering it before he prescribed medication. Dementia has many causes. Alcoholism, mini-strokes, thyroid disease and vitamin deficiencies are four of the most common, treatable conditions.

Therefore, I urge you to have your mother examined by a neurologist, who will, I am sure, order additional scanning studies and blood tests. Then, based on his evaluation of the situation, the specialist can diagnose your mother's condition and suggest therapy. For example, alcohol prohibition, medicine to reduce blood-clotting, thyroid supplements and additional vitamins may "cure" certain forms of dementia. In contrast, if she does have early Alzheimer's disease, there are prescription drugs, such as Aricept and others, that may slow progression of the disease.

Therefore, my position is: let's get more data and then proceed with appropriate therapy.

With respect to my own mental problems, I subscribe to the traditional medical dictum that doctors aren't supposed to get sick or suffer the infirmities common to the aging process. In other words, we're different. Yeah. And you say this guy isn't nuts?

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

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.

DEAR DR. GOTT: When my 48-year-old brother was diagnosed with colon cancer, he had extensive surgery to remove the tumor. Following this procedure, his surgeon urged both chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

The chemo made my brother so sick that he discontinued it and went through an extensive course of radiation. This resulted in a second operation that was necessary, we were told, to counteract the "swelling" caused by radiation. Immediately following this, he rapidly declined and died soon thereafter in severe pain.

The family was totally unprepared for the speed with which the cancer spread. We were never informed, cautioned or advised about his condition.

I am understandably cynical about the way my brother's cancer was handled. Thirty years ago, my mother's breast cancer was handled differently. The emphasis then was on comfort, and she had a more "natural" ending, painless without the endless, expensive, useless and humiliating tests that my brother so bravely and uncomplainingly endured.

Had any of us been honestly informed about the negative aspects of chemotherapy and radiation, none of us would have agreed to permit these inhumane procedures.

DEAR READER: Without a doubt, modern medical therapy for malignancies has made enormous strides in the past few years. Many cancers — such as leukemia, prostate neoplasms and breast tumors — are curable using today's techniques.

The bad news is that many cancers are both incurable and untreatable. The reasons for this are complex but depend on the type of cancer, its location, its spread, its size and other factors.

In my opinion, the problems you described can be reduced to two simple categories: information and communication.

In the first instance, your brother's doctors apparently did not provide ongoing information to him and to the family. Remember — as I have repeatedly written — that many doctors view death as the single most "evil" adversary in their careers. They will go to fantastic extremes to prevent their terminal patients from dying. Rather than considering their patients' comfort, these physicians wage a battle royal to sustain life at any cost. And, believe me, the financial cost — not to mention the patient's emotional cost — is huge. For example, chemotherapy has very unpleasant and serious side effects. It prolongs life for a matter of months, depending on the malignancy. If they knew the price they would have to pay in terms of comfort and pain-relief, would most cancer patients choose to be sick for the next six months, or would they opt for a humane approach that means a shorter life span with relative comfort?

Radiation therapy also has its complications and side effects, none of which are pleasant, depending on the part of the body that is irradiated. For colon cancer, radiation often leads to chronic, uncontrollable diarrhea, rectal bleeding and other unpleasant consequences. And it isn't all that effective as a cure; it may add weeks or months to a patient's life — but at what cost? Would you, reader, choose constant diarrhea, abdominal pain and malaise for three more months of life? Or would you, if given the choice, prefer a shorter but less traumatic death.

So, to return to the issue of information, I suspect that your brother's doctors — for whatever personal reasons — chose not to give him or the family a realistic assessment of the potential negative effects of colonic radiation.

This leads into my second point: communication. From your brief description, I believe that there was deficient communication between the doctors and the patient/family. Someone in authority should have planned a sit-down discussion and analysis of the situation, including strategies for various treatments and valid explanations about these therapies. Most important, in my view, is the overwhelming quality-of-life issue. Your brother should have been given the right and respect to make his own medical decisions, based on rational and accurate appraisals of his cancer and prognosis.

A quick aside.

Yesterday, I saw a heavy smoker and drinker in the office because of chronic cough. On exam, I could hear squeaks and whistles in his lungs. This concerned me, so I ordered a chest X-ray. The films showed a huge cancer in his right lung, confirmed by CT scanning the same day. The CT also revealed that the malignancy was literally shutting off the patient's right lung.

I referred him to a pulmonologist for a biopsy. (Remember that I listed type of cancer as a factor in therapy. We need to know this now in order to develop a plan of action.)

My gut reaction is that this patient's lung cancer is untreatable and, certainly, incurable. If asked, I will advise against surgical removal (the tumor is too extensive), radiation (the involved area is too large), or chemotherapy (why make him sicker than he already is?).

For my part, I will be supportive, prescribe medication to improve his breathing, and permit him to die a relatively painless and dignified death. Why? That's my job. I am committed to my patients' quality of life, not quantity of life — but, in either case, the decision will be theirs.

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IRS audits increase for some taxpayers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The IRS increased its audits of individuals and couples making more than $100,000 last year, focusing most of the extra attention on people making $250,000 or more.

Still, even high-income taxpayers faced low odds of being called upon to document their expenses and deductions. Despite the 24 percent increase for taxpayers who earned $100,000 or more, the IRS audited only one in 95 returns filed by big earners.

"If you look at overall audit rates, they're still too low," IRS Commissioner Mark Everson said Thursday, adding that the statistics nevertheless show the agency arrested the decline that began in 1998, when Congress ordered the IRS to shift its focus from enforcement to taxpayer service.

Individuals at all income levels faced slightly higher chances of an audit last year. Overall, the IRS examined 1 in 153 returns last year, compared with 1 in 174 the previous year. The audit rate still lags from the rates in the mid-1990s when the agency looked at about 1 in 60 individual returns.

The statistics come as millions of Americans hurry to prepare their tax returns before the April 15 filing deadline.

In an effort to best use its money and manpower, the IRS has focused its search for unpaid taxes on high-income individuals, corporations and income hidden in offshore accounts. The IRS last year reaped $35.5 billion through collection efforts last year, the most in a decade.

Audits of the nation's largest corporations, nevertheless, fell for the 8th consecutive year. About 12 percent of corporations with assets exceeding $10 million were audited, compared with more than 14 percent the year before. Audits for small and mid-size businesses also dropped slightly.

Everson said the decline in corporate audits reflects the complexity of those tax returns. He promised the agency can reverse that trend if Congress honors its request for a 10 percent increase in its enforcement budget.

Joseph Bankman, a law and business professor at Stanford University, said an increased audit rate means little if the corporate examinations don't turn up hidden tax shelters.

"Does the IRS have the resources to find the shelter in a million-line return?" he asked. "There's often advantage in being the one who hides something."

The IRS has asked for $393 million to add more than 5,000 employees to the enforcement staff. Everson said the budget fell short this year, but the agency chose to make small cuts across the board instead of making deep slices into the enforcement budget.

Popularity of bison meat reaches record levels in U.S.

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — The convergence of high-protein diets and the demand for healthier foods is making it a good time to be a bison producer.

The commercial bison slaughter last year was a record 34,444 animals, according to Department of Agriculture figures. Though that remains tiny compared to the cattle slaughter of 35.7 million animals last year, it's up 36 percent.

Buffalo, a red meat alternative, has less fat and fewer calories than beef. Bison are also marketed as being raised naturally, without growth hormones or antibiotics.

"I happen to be a meat lover. We tried vegetarian diets, but I have to have meat," said David Patterson, a Georgia resident who has been buying buffalo meat for three years. He buys a quarter of a bison at a time from a Kansas buffalo farm.

Patterson said he and his wife were searching for healthier foods when they tried bison meat, and have been hooked since finding out that bison meat was high in protein, low in fat and high in heart-healthy Omega-3 fatty acids.

Many consumers are getting their first taste of buffalo thanks to the growth of media pioneer Ted Turner's restaurant chain, Ted's Montana Grill. In the two years since the chain was launched, 19 restaurants have opened in Ohio, Georgia, Tennessee, Colorado, Kentucky and North Carolina. Another 18 are slated to open this year.

"We recognize we are still trying to get most people to take their first bite of the product," said Dave Carter, executive director of the National Bison Association. "Ted's Montana Grill not only creates a lot of visibility ... but staff are trained on how to prepare the product and how to present it so people taking their first bite are enjoying it."

Another boost came last year from the Agriculture Department's $10 million purchase of buffalo meat for school lunch and government nutrition programs.

Also helping bison sales were record high beef prices, which suddenly made bison meat seem not quite so expensive, said Richard Duff, who raises about 450 bison near Scott City.

Linda Hubalek, a bison producer in Lindsborg, Kan., said she was selling bison burger for $3.99 a pound and her top steaks were going for $19.99 a pound. At the grocery store not far away, beef prices were around $1.59 to $1.99 a pound, and the top cut, a filet, was selling for $13.99 a pound.

Demand for bison meat is on track for another record-breaking year as more consumers turn to bison as an alternative to beef in the wake of the discovery late last year of mad cow disease in a U.S. dairy cow, Carter said.

Starting in June, consumers can look for a new USDA label on bison products assuring them the animal was fed and raised naturally. The system will use an audit trail of paperwork and animal identification.

Public Records

Filed in District Court

American State Bank vs. Gary Hamilton, suit on debt.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Scott Christopher Shifflett and Dawnmarie Morgan Shifflett, divorce granted.

Randal Casey Rich and Steve Rich vs. Encompass Insurance, order of non-suit.

Horace Mann Insurance Company, as subrogee of David Carroll, vs. Coy Rhodes, order of dismissal with prejudice.

State of Texas vs. Alvin Leonard Ollison, agreed judgment.

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Mary Neal Greenfield to David and Jemma R. Sutton, the south 75 feet of Lot 1 in Block 54 of the Original Town of Hermleigh.

C&S Company to C&A Asset Recovery Inc., 1.74 acres in Section 154, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Brenda Joyce Williams to David Stinnett, Lot 11 in Block 8 of the Highlands Addition.

David Stinnett to C4 Investments, Lot 11 in Block 8 of the Highlands Addition.

Jerry A. Phillips to Jeffery B. and Stephanie Read, the east one-half of Lot 3 in Block 46 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Harvey and Norma Jean Clements to Clements Ag Properties, tract one being the west three-quarters of the northwest one-quarter of Section 189, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being the east one-half of Lot 4 of the R.G. Davenport subdivision of Section 34, Kirkland and Fields survey; tract three being the south one-half of Lot 13 of the R.G. Davenport subdivision of the south one-half of the southeast one-quarter of Section 6, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey; tract four being Lot 10 of the R.G. Davenport subdivision in the northwest one-quarter of Section 5, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey; tract five being 54.6 acres in the west one-half of Section 6, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey; tract six being 105.9 acres out of the south end of the west one-half of Section 6, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey; tract seven being the north one-half of the southwest one-quarter of Section 170, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract eight being the northwest one-quarter of Section 157, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract nine being 40 acres out of the southwest one-quarter of Section 157, Block 97, H&TC survey.

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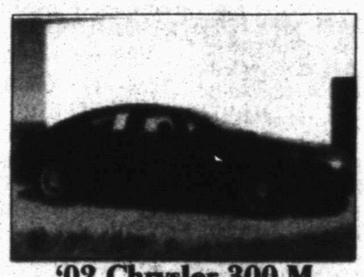
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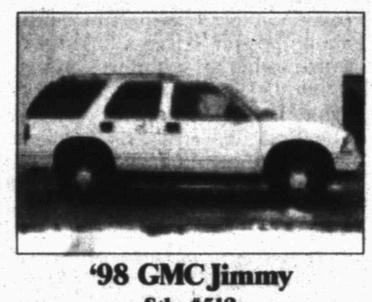
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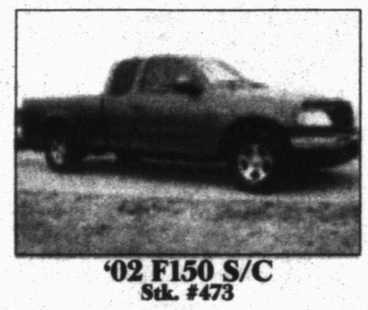
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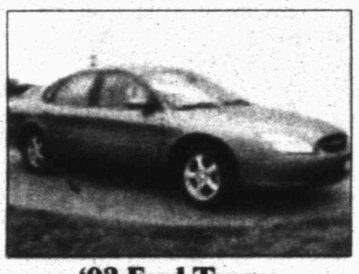
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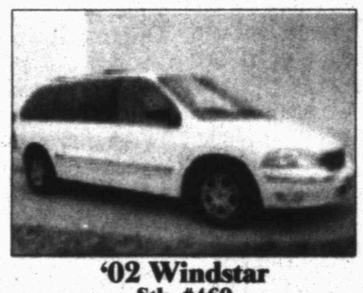
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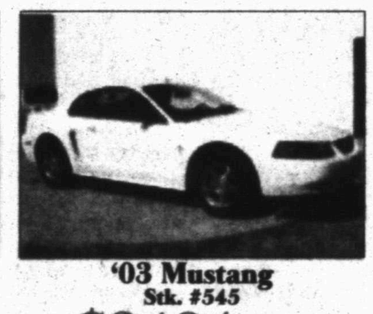
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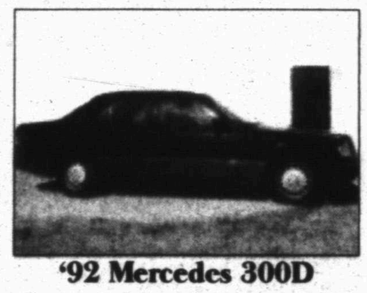
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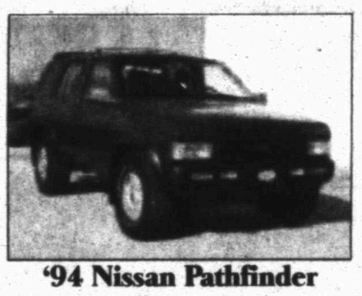
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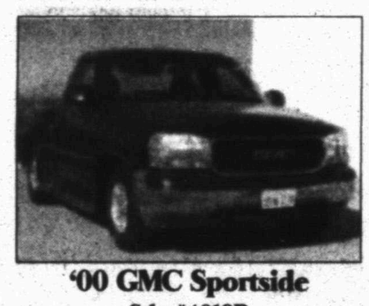
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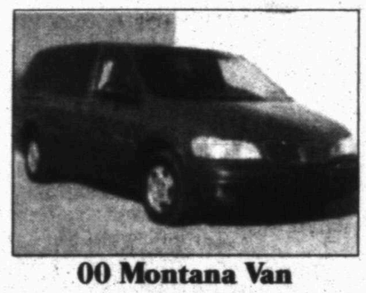
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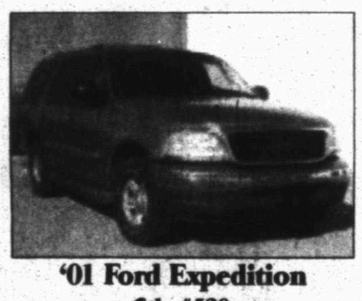
'96 Mustang Convertible
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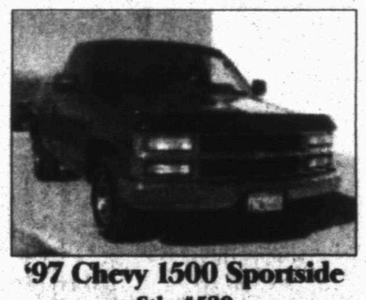
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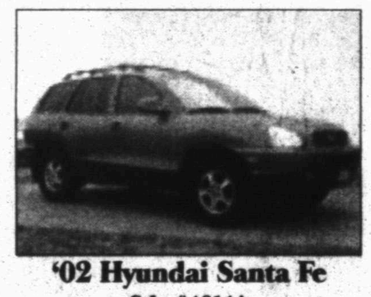
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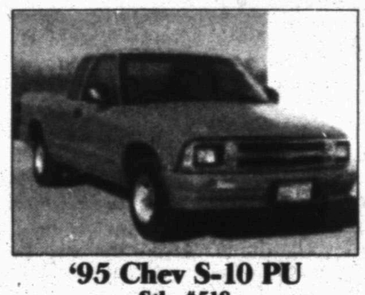
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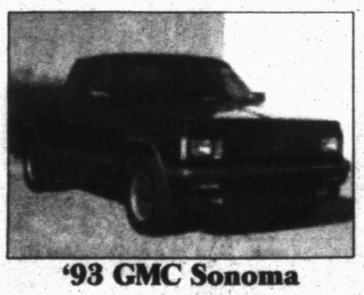
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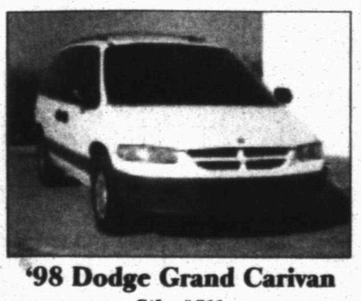
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'95 Chev S-10 PU
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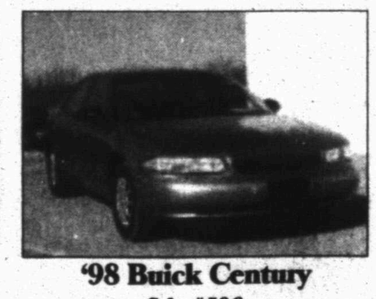
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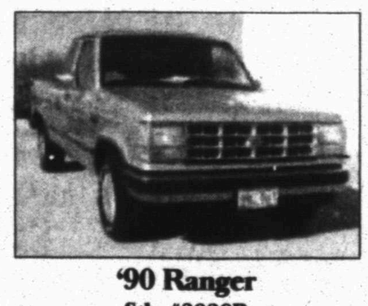
'98 Dodge Grand Carivan
Stk. #511
$2000 Down
+TT&L



'00 GMC Z71 Ext
Stk. #516
$319/mo
*$16,997



'98 Buick Century
Stk. #506
$1800 Down
+TT&L



'90 Ranger
Stk. #3928B
$1600 Down
+TT&L

NO MATTER WHAT•

No Matter What You Owe on Your Trade!
No Matter What Your Credit Is!
No Matter What Your Budget Is!
Your Trade Is Worth a Minimum* of $1000.
- No Matter What!

* Drivers License, $1500 Monthly Income, & Have Access to Phone at Residence

*** 10% Down & TTL, 42 months, 9.9% WAC
** 20% Down & TTL, 130 weeks, 15 add on rate WAC
* 10% Down & TTL, 60 months, 9.9% WAC

One trade towards purchase of vehicle. One trade per purchase. Some Restrictions Apply.