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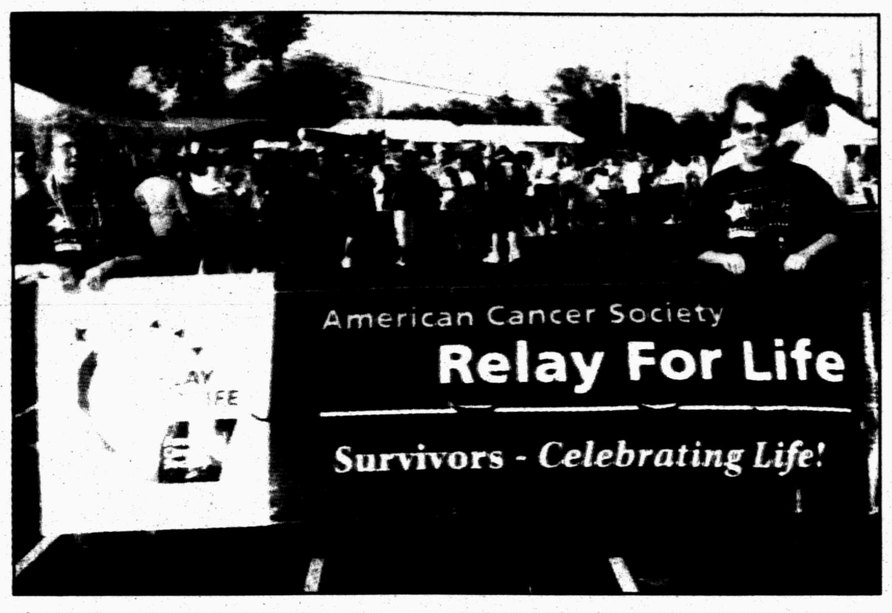
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WALKING FOR A CURE —Modean Konvicka, left, and Jan Pierce carry the banner prior to the start fo the Relay for Life event Friday evening and Saturday morning at Tiger Stadium. Others walk the track while Terrisu Mann, right, reflects on those who lost their lives last year to cancer. (SDN Staff Photos by Jeff West)



## THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

**The feller on Deep Creek says, "The age of discretion is the age when you have learned to close eyes to a situation before somebody else closes them for you."**

There was a time when we got our share of speeding tickets, but we finally wised up and learned that setting the cruise control on 70 is both the cheapest and safest.

However, we do have two pet peeves when on the highway.

The first are speeding law enforcement officers who obviously have no reason to be in a hurry. You never see one pulled over. We think that's called "professional courtesy."

The second gripe are speed traps. One such is located in Parker County, about 15 miles west of Weatherford. On I-20 —with absolutely no change in road, population density or level of traffic, the speed limits drops from 70 to 65.

Instead of concern for public safety, we think that's called "revenue enhancement."

And while traveling that road en route to Dallas, we were passed by an Ector County sheriff's van that had to at least be doing 80.

Concerning speeding citations, this may be better than a warning ticket.

Officials in a New Jersey county are taking a soft touch with some of their new speed limit signs, apparently attempting to use humor, rather than threats, to persuade motorists to obey traffic laws.

According to a recent article in Texas Innovator, the new signs remind motorists to obey limits where speeding has been a problem.

County officials made five different signs, each 24 inches wide and 30 inches tall.

Taking a humorous approach to covey a serious message about safe driving isn't new. You may remember when safety tips were the heart of one of the most famous and enduring roadside advertising campaigns in history — the Berma Shave signs.

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—Drove too long, driver snoozing; what happened next is not amusing.

—Brother speeder, let's rehearse; all together, 'Good morning nurse.'

—Cautious rider to reckless dear: Let's have less bull and lots more steer.

—Speed was high, weather was not; tires were thin, X marks the spot.

—The midnight ride of Paul for beer led him to a warmer hemisphere.

—Around the curve, lickety-split; it's a beautiful new car, wasn't it?

—No matter the price, no matter how new, the best safety device in the car is you.

—At intersections, look each way; a harp sounds nice, but it's hard to play.

—The one who drives when he's been drinking, depends on you to do his thinking.

—Car in ditch, driver in tree; the moon was full, and so was he.

—Passing school zone, take it slow; let our little shavers grow.

*Dr. Tommy Culwell...*

# Local minister opposes VLT machines

**By Jeff West**
**SDN Staff Writer**

Texas Gov. Rick Perry's plan to reduce property taxes by increasing "sin taxes" and allow video lottery terminals at race tracks and Indian reservations has now drawn criticism from organizations who believe the move will open the door to legalized casinos and other forms of gambling.

Dr. Tommy Culwell, pastor at Colonial Hill Baptist Church and other members of the Christian Alliance Commission (CAC), are opposing the introduction of the terminals into the state.

"The deceptive name, video lottery terminals, is designed to mislead people. These are slot machines just like they have in Las Vegas," Culwell said. "I believe casino gambling will be the likely result of this (legislative) session."

Perry's plan has already drawn the ire of a number of city and county officials who believe the limit on tax valuation increases will limit services they can offer.

Texas Comptroller Carol Keeton Strayhorn also has said the plan will result in a $5 billion deficit, Others have criticized the governor's plan as promoting the activities the "sin taxes" were designed to curtail.

"If people cut down on drinking, smoking, and gambling the state revenue to pay for our schools will go down, if the plan passes," according to the CAC,

Currently the state constitution prohibits gambling except for bingo by charitable organizations and the state lottery.

"Type III machines are currently banned by the constitution. If they are allowed in, then roulette wheels and other types of slot machines would be legal as well," Culwell said. "Casinos on Indian reservations could be the next step."

He said the CAC has twice written to the governor trying to set up a meeting to express its concerns but Perry's office has not responded to either letter.

Gov. Perry has said he does not believe that the video terminals are an expansion of gambling in the state and that since Texans have already approved the lottery and para-mutual betting they see gambling as an acceptable form of entertainment.

"Perry's chief of staff is a former lobbyist for the gambling industry. I believe the governor is trying to make gambling legal, that's what he really wants to do," Culwell said.

Dr. Cullwell said he was becoming personally involved in this issue. "I don't figure there will be a casino in Snyder; it will be in Lubbock, but gambling devastates the outlying areas where casinos exist. I am just trying to inform my people, and as many people as I can, as to what the real issue is here."

# SHS choir students bring NYC to Snyder

Snyder High School choir students will be *Steppin' Out On Broadway* at 2 p.m. Sunday at Worsham Auditorium.

The program will consist of 21 songs and an intermission during which New York Style cheesecake will be served.

During the first half, MasterSingers will perform several songs including *Steppin' Out On Broadway, It Don't Mean a Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing), St. Louis Blues,* and *All I Ask of You* and *Phantom of the Opera* from the musical of the same name.

The Varsity Women's Choir will sing *Matchmaker* from *Fiddler on the Roof.* Sarah Carpenter, Alexis Dupree and Molly Haire will present *Hey, Big Spender.*

*Sixteen Going on Seventeen — from The Sound of Music—* will be sung by Temi Thompson and Chris Smith. Alexis Dupree will sing *My Favorite Things* from *The Sound of Music.*

Brandon Robbins will perform *On The Street Where You Live* from *My Fair Lady.*

The Men's Chorale will present *There Is Nothing Like a Dame* from *South Pacific.*

Following the intermission, the MasterSingers will perform two numbers, *Newsies Medley* and *Seize The Day,* both from *Newsies.*

The musical *Annie's It's a Hard Knock Life* will be presented by the Freshmen Women's choir. Stephanie Parmer will sing *Summertime* from *Porgy and Bess.* Oklahoma's tune, *People Will Say We Are In Love,* will be performed by Nadia Chairez and Ramsey Herrera.

Solos from Les Miserables include Molly Haire's, *On My Own* and Ryan Ward singing, *Bring Him Home.* Michael's Nelson's solo will be *Music of The Night* from *Les Miserables.* Sarah Carpenter will sing *Getting To Know You* from *The King and I.*

The a cappella choir will close the concert with *Do You Hear the People Sing* from *Les Miserables.*

## One-act play fails to advance

Snyder High School's one-act play, *A Midsummer Night's Dream,* did not advance from the Region I UIL contest Friday at Odessa College, but three students received recognition.

Coleman Welch and Logan Martin were named to the all-star cast and Corie Hernandez received honorable mention recognition.

SHS principal Larry Scott said the drama students "gave one of their best shows on Friday," adding that they have had a great season.

Scott noted that representatives from two other schools told him they "were shocked we did not advance. But it came down to one judge's decision."

Michael McQuerry is the director.

Advancing schools were Seminole and Little Elm. Vernon is the alternate.



Melissa Petty

## City to attack mosquitoes

City crews will begin spraying for mosquitoes Monday, weather permitting.

The spraying will begin at sundown and the first night of spraying will include the area west of College Avenue and south of 30th Street.

On Tuesday, spraying will be conducted west of College Avenue and north of 30th Street.

The third day of spraying includes the area east of College Avenue and south of 30th Street.

On Thursday, spraying will include the area east of College Avenue and north of 30th Street.

Bobby Kenner, who heads up the department responsible for the mosquito spraying, reminds citizens that there are things to do to cut down on the number of the pests.

"Keep your weeds cut down and avoid standing water," said Kenner, adding that old tires on the ground are ideal breeding places for mosquitoes.

# Petty honored with TDCJ recognition

Melissa Petty, a human resources specialist at the Price Daniel Unit, has been recognized statewide by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice as the human resources employee of the month.

Petty has been an employee of TDCJ for nine years, having started her career at the Snyder Distribution Center. She transferred to the Ware Unit in Colorado City in 1997, and to the Daniel Unit in 2000.

Her husband, Jim, is a criminal justice instructor at Western Texas College.

She has a daughter, Jennifer Hale, whose husband is Gary. She also has a daughter, Jennifer Dea, a junior at Texas Tech, and a son, Jordan Dea, a senior at Snyder High School.

According to Warden Wilhelmenia Howard, Petty's recommendations included comments such as, "she has a very successful and organized human resources office... definitely goes above and beyond while performing her job duties...always willing to help when volunteers are needed."

"We are all very proud of all Melissa does to make the Daniel Unit shine," said Warden Howard.

## Ritz Theatre offers special showing during car show

**The Ritz Theatre is offering a special presentation next Saturday of "On Golden Pond" in conjunction with the Snyder Wheels Car Show.**

**"We'll have a limited number of seats available for the special 1:30 matinee," said Carolyn Barbee.**

**Tickets will be on sale through the week at Barbee Medical Supply, 3801 College Ave.**

**Barbee also said the box office at the Ritz would open at 9 a.m. on the day of the car show to sell tickets.**

**"There will be coupons available for a dollar off a ticket," said Barbee.**

**The annual car show begins at 9 p.m. Friday with a poker run to benefit Gateway Family Services.**

**With the exception of the poker run and controlled cruise on 37th Street Saturday evening, the entire event will be held on the downtown square.**

**There will be a large number of cars on display for the viewing public, plus a swap meet will be held with a little bit of everything offered.**

**There also will be a burnout contest, lawn mower drag races and a Hula-Hoop contest.**

**Cars from all over the Southwest are expected to be at the show, plus local car club members will have their vehicles on display.**

**The event is sponsored by the Sonic Drive-In and includes a $500 Best of Show award sponsored by NAPA Auto Parts.**

## ASK US

**Q—In response to a recent "ask us" concerning county retirees and health insurance. Does the county pay for all the retiree's hospitalization insurance?**

**A—No, the county and the retiree shares in the cost of the premium.**

## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



**Cele R. Hernandez...**

...retired from Y-Z Systems in 2002 after 40 years of service. Cele is married to Gloria and they have three children - Nancy Wells of Las Vegas, Nita Barrientos of Grand Prairie and Nora Hernandez of Snyder. They have five grandkids. These days he likes to take it easy, visit with the kids and fish once in a while. He is also very proud of the certificate he received upon his retirement.

## TODAY'S THOUGHT

**Do your duty in all things. You cannot do more. You should never wish to do less.**
**—Robert E. Lee**

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# WHAT'S UP?

## ONGOINGS

### WTC drama production

Western Texas College's drama department performance of *The Two Gentlemen From Verona* continues at 7:30 Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday in the Fine Arts Theatre. Tickets are $5 for adults. For reservations, call 573-8511, ext. 234.

### Baseball boosters car wash

Snyder Baseball Booster Club will have a car wash from 1-6 p.m. Sunday at Wal-Mart.

### TSA Booster Club

The Snyder High School Technology Students Association booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the shop building.

### Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "What is Baptims of the Holy Spirit?" followed by "The Prayers of the Church."

### AA meeting

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

### MAWC luncheon, game day

Martha Ann Woman's Club luncheon and game day will be held Wednesday with serving starting at 11:30 a.m. Games of choice will be played throughout the afternoon. Reservations are required by Tuesday evening by calling 573-3427.

### 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.*

## Teen collapses, dies on basketball court

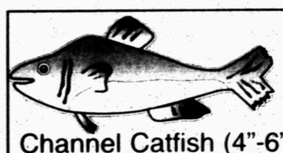
BAY CITYAP) — A 17-year-old student collapsed and died while playing basketball at his high school.

Chris McAffee of Bay City was running up and down the court during his Thursday afternoon athletic period when he collapsed, Bay City superintendent Richard Walton said.

The school nurse, coaches and the athletic director called 911 and immediately began performing CPR, the Victoria Advocate reported in its online edition Saturday.

McAffee was taken to Matagorda General Hospital, where he was pronounced dead shortly after he arrived.

"There was no notice of anything wrong with him prior to his collapse," Walton said. "This is our worst nightmare — to lose a kid like this."

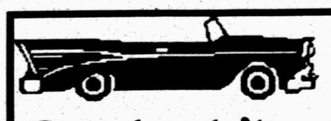



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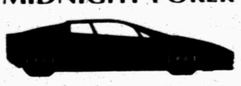
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**SJHS CHOIR — Snyder Junior High School choir students attended the Irons Invitational Music Festival April 16 in Lubbock, winning three first division ratings for a superior performance. Kendra Tidwell was recognized for her solo. Top row from left are Brianna Bryant, Yoci Arrellano, Britney Webb, Annie Winder, Nancy Rubio, Meranda Mills and Brenna Fletcher; middle row, Sabrina Stone, Erma Rodriguez, Teryn Sullenger, Taylor Gibbs, Mariah Robbins, Kailea Shaw, Heather Torres, Consuelo Acosta, Jessie Torres and Cecelie Slaughter; bottom row, Jessica Bilderback, Shaquita Sneed, Brooke Burleson, Kendra Tidwell, Jordan Wright, Stacy Elam, Yolanda Munoz, Roxanne Renteria, LaReshia Carey and Erica Maldonado. Marcie Dennis is the choir director. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)**

# Bush speaks of wetlands conservation

NAPLES, Fla. (AP) — On the fringe of the Everglades, President Bush pledged to expand the nation's wetlands Friday before making a fund-raising run across Florida that reeled in $4.4 million for Republicans.

Wife Laura and Vice President Dick Cheney fanned out to three other states on the trail of more GOP dollars.

Though Bush spent most of the day banking campaign money, his official business was to reinforce a promise he made Thursday in Maine to increase and safeguard the country's wetlands. Bush directed six federal agencies to restore and create at least 1 million acres of wetlands, improve 1 million acres and protect 1 million acres over the next five years.

"For years, our nation has sought to slow the loss of wetlands," Bush said, with his back to a slow-moving river here at the Rookery Bay Estuarine Research Reserve in southwest Florida, on the western edge of the Everglades.

"I believe we must change that goal to one that says we'll have an overall increase in wetlands every year. Instead of just reducing loss, the goal of this country must be to increase wetlands."

He spoke to a supportive audience after he and his brother Jeb, Florida's governor, shed their coats and ties and yanked out nonnative species of plants that biologists say are harming the state's lush wetlands. The president jokingly menaced reporters with a large pair of pruners before using the clippers on the undergrowth.

For Day Two of his environmental tour, Bush chose to make his 21st visit to the state that decided the 2000 election.

Recent polls show Bush running slightly ahead of Democrat John Kerry in Florida, and feelings about him run strong. Hundreds of people lined the streets along Bush's motorcade route into the reserve, and many were supportive. But about 100 gathered near the reserve's entrance and waved signs denouncing Bush's policies on Iraq and the environment.

"When Clinton lied, no one died," one sign read. "Sacrifice SUVs, not children," another one said. Authorities allowed a group of Bush supporters to gather a bit closer to the event.

The political divide was even more apparent in Coral Gables, where a boisterous crowd of GOP donors yelled "Four more years!" but protesters outside chanted "No more Bushes!"

Former President Clinton's Environmental Protection Agency administrator, Carol Browner, said it was "quite stunning" that Bush chose to highlight the need to protect wetlands, given his record on the issue.

"Unfortunately, these events are the sum total of his commitment to clean air and clean water," she said in a conference call with reporters. "This administration has simply the worst record ever."

After his speech at the reserve, Bush spent the next six hours chasing campaign dollars.

He was the star attraction at two fund-raisers for the Republican National Committee's Victory 2004 fund, which helps Republicans up and down the ticket. The first one was in Naples, on Florida's Gulf coast; Bush then jetted east for a second one near Miami.

The president and his wife arrived at Andrews Air Force Base together early Friday morning, then went their separate fund-raising ways — he to Florida, she to Tennessee to raise $350,000 more for Victory 2004, the RNC's get-out-the vote account.

Having collected more than $184 million for Bush's re-election fund, the White House has shifted its focus to Victory 2004, an effort meant to drive Republicans to the polls.

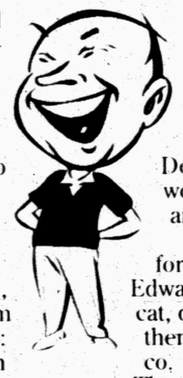
Before Bush passed the hat in Florida, he, Laura Bush and Cheney had already amassed more than $10 million for Victory 2004. Laura Bush has been the most active Victory 2004 fund-raiser, headlining six events.

Kerry is still playing catch-up with Bush on raising cash for his own campaign, and Democrats don't start their get-out-the-vote fund until next month.

# Today's chuckle

## Stray cat found 3,000 miles from home

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — When workers at San Francisco's pound tracked down the owner of a newly arrived stray cat, they couldn't believe where they found her — in Bradenton, Fla., some 3,000 miles away.



Pamela Edwards had adopted black, short-haired Cheyenne in the summer of 1997. Just a few months later, Cheyenne disappeared. Edwards put up flyers and ran ads in the local paper to try to locate the cat, but had no luck.

Earlier this month, she received a call from her local shelter: Cheyenne had been found, in San Francisco.

"I figured, there's no way that's my Cheyenne," Edwards said. "I told them, 'I had a cat named Cheyenne, but I've never lived in San Francisco.'"

Cheyenne was dropped off April 1 at Animal Care and Control by someone who found her wandering down a street. When workers found out she had been lost in Florida seven years ago, they wondered if it was a joke.

"Maybe she came here on vacation because she wanted to see the wine country, and decided to stick around because it's not so muggy," said Deb Campbell, spokeswoman for Animal Care and Control.

Animal officials think a former neighbor of Edwards' probably found the cat, decided to keep her and then moved to San Francisco.

They're trying to find a way to return Cheyenne, who is now 10 years old, to Edwards. The agency can't afford to ship her to Florida, so workers there have been searching for a traveler to carry her on a plane trip.




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**Friday's Lottery Numbers**
**Mega Millions**

**ATLANTA (AP) — The jackpot in the multi-state Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to $36 million Saturday.**

**None of the tickets sold for Friday's $28 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Tuesday.**

**There were seven second-prize winners from Friday night's drawing, matching all five lotto numbers but not the Mega Ball number to win $175,000 each. Also, 20 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: 8, 22, 25, 47, and 48. The Mega Ball number was 27.**

**Cash Five**

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

**Winning numbers drawn: 1-5-11-16-32.**

**Number matching five of five: 2.**

**Prize per winner: $21,489.**

**Winning tickets sold in: Houston, Longview.**

**Matching four of five: 127. Prize: $153.**

**Matching three of five: 4,707. Prize: $9.**

**Matching two of five: 46,692. Prize: $2.**

**Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.**

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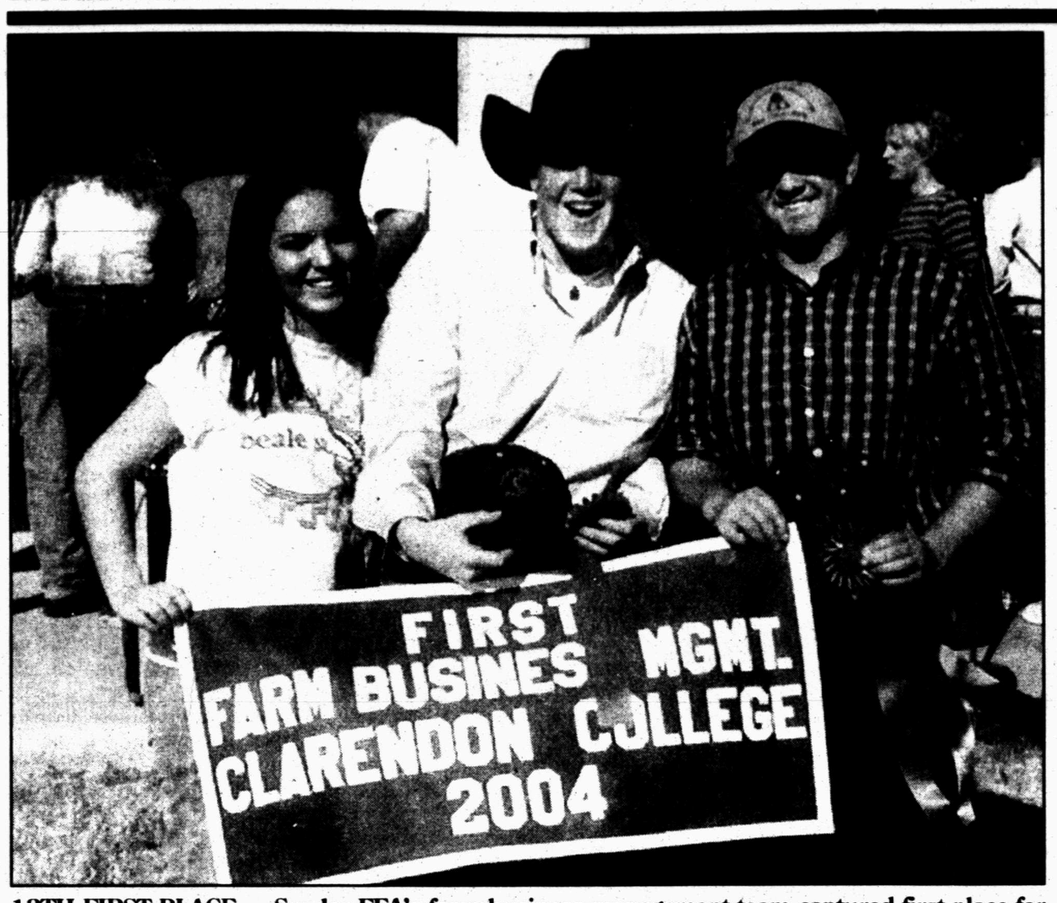
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13TH FIRST PLACE — Snyder FFA's farm business management team captured first place for the 13th year in a row at the Clarendon College Invitational Contest. Team members also claimed the top three places in individual rankings. From left are, Megan DeLoera, Rusty Smith and Logan West. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

# Snyder FFA wins 13th 1st place in farm business management

Snyder FFA recently competed in the Clarendon College Invitational Contest and had several teams that placed very well.

The farm management team of Megan DeLoera, Rusty Smith and Logan West continued their winning efforts by placing first in the team event and sweeping the individual rankings with West in the first place individual ranking, Smith was second high-point individual, and DeLoera was third. This marks the 13th year in a row that Snyder FFA has won this contest at Clarendon College.

The poultry team of Paige Anderson, Pasha Porysev, Emily Long, Sarah Carpenter, Tamara Taylor and Abby Levens finished their winning tradition by placing first in the team awards.

In the individual placings — Anderson was second high-point individual, Porysev was fourth high-point individual, Long was fifth and Taylor finished in the ninth place position.

Will Floyd was the only student to compete in the Entomology contest, and he finished in fifth place in individual rankings.

The dairy products team of Kelly Moore, Brandon Bragg and Tyler Thompson finished the day in the eighth place for team competition. In the individual rankings, Moore earned the 10th place award.

The meats team of Kade Kruger, Kaitlyn Greenlee, Stetson Kincheloe and Tyler Eveland finished the day as the 22nd place team.

In the wildlife contest, Snyder FFA had only two individuals participating with Michael Parsley finishing in the 19th place individual ranking and Thomas Hefner in 34th place.

Snyder only had two individuals in the horse contest. Meggan Minor and Jacki Thompson represented Snyder in this event, and with over 200 individuals competing, Meggan Minor finished in the 44th place individual ranking.

According to Jessica Colvin, agricultural science teacher at Snyder High School, "Practice contests, such as the Clarendon College event, are very important tools in training our teams for the state FFA contest. Most people don't realize that we compete against all classes of high schools, and it can get pretty tough to place when there are over 50 teams in most contests. The Snyder FFA members did a great job this weekend, and we are proud of their accomplishments."

Colvin and David Frazier are advisors for the Snyder FFA chapter and they coach the teams that competed.




FIRST PLACE — Snyder FFA's poultry team placed first in team competition during the recent Clarendon College Invitational contest. Members of the team are from left, Emily Long, Abby Levens, Sarah Carpenter, Pasha Porysev, Tamara Taylor and Paige Anderson. (Contributed Photo)

# CHIP to bar families with assets exceeding $5,000

AUSTIN (AP) — Low-income families who rely on the Children's Health Insurance Program will face tougher eligibility requirements for state-subsidized coverage under a new asset test.

State officials announced Friday that the new rules will exclude families whose assets exceeds $5,000.

Those assets would include cash and securities, but would not include the value of homes, insurance and savings accounts that can be used only for retirements, a home purchase, education or to start a small business.

The commission has estimated that about 4,700 youngsters will become ineligible for CHIP when the test takes effect on Aug. 24, The Dallas Morning News reported Saturday.

The Health and Human Services Commission said in a statement that the asset test is needed to keep program spending within its budget. Even so, a $53 million shortfall is expected through next year.

Critics argue that too many low-income children already have lost their CHIP coverage because of budget cuts, and now the asset test will force even more children off the program's rolls.

Since last fall, 130,000 children have been dropped off the CHIP rolls. About 11,000 children were dropped last month, leaving 377,051 still covered.

"That isn't means testing," Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn has said. "That is mean."

Health and Human Services Commissioner Albert Hawkins released information on Friday to show that CHIP is on track to hit enrollment targets outlined in the state's two-year budget.

"The 'asset test' was one of the measures used in the state budget formulation to help keep the overall CHIP income threshold at 200 percent of poverty," the commission said, referring to the program's ceiling on family income. For a family of four, the maximum income is $37,700.

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# Immigrant parolee to be deported

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An immigration judge on Friday ordered the deportation of a Mexican woman who was convicted of conspiring to kill a man who raped and terrorized her for five years after she arrived in the United States as a teenager.

Maria Suarez, who was a permanent U.S. resident, served 22 years in prison before being paroled last year.

Suarez, 43, was seeking to stay in the United States with her ailing mother and eight siblings, all of whom are U.S. citizens, but a federal law requires non-citizens convicted of violent crimes to be deported after their release from prison.

Judge Rose Peters made the decision during a closed hearing at a federal detention facility where Suarez is being held.

Suarez's niece, Patricia Valencia, said her aunt will appeal the decision to the Board of Immigration Appeals.

"We didn't wish for us to have to go this route," Valencia said. "We are very sad, but at least she knows she is not going to go anywhere for the next few months. We are very hopeful we will succeed on appeal."

Rep. Hilda Solis, D-Calif., who has lobbied state and federal officials on Suarez's behalf, also was disappointed. "Today's ruling sends the wrong message about our federal government's commitment to combat sexual trafficking and domestic violence," she said.

Bill Strassberger, spokesman for the Department of Homeland Security, which oversees immigration, said the case appears to be "very compelling, but there's a real burden to overcome, which is the conviction and the amount of jail time that she served," he said.

Suarez is seeking an asylum visa under a federal law to protect victims of human trafficking and crimes.

Her case began in 1976, when she came to Los Angeles County legally from a small town in Mexico. She was forced to work for Anselmo Covarrubias, who claimed to be a witch doctor. Police later said he had a history of buying Mexican girls.

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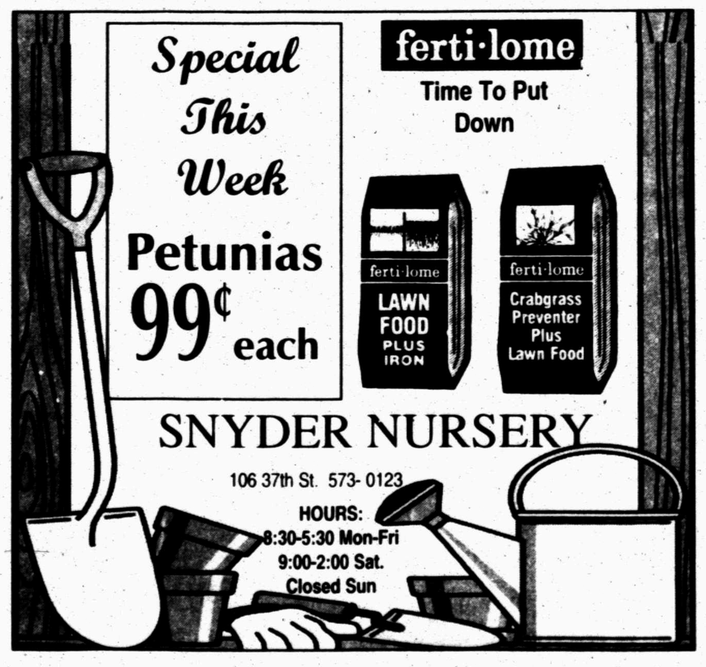

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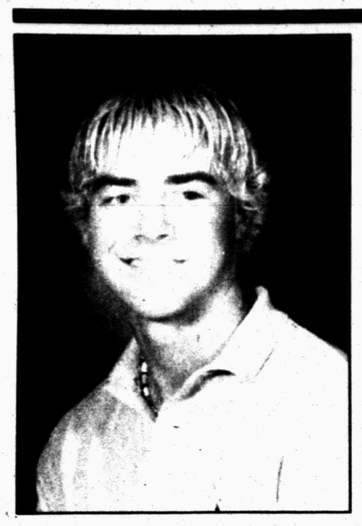
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Bradley Price

## Bradley Price gets Who's Who nod

Bradley Price, a senior at Snyder High School, has been selected to receive *Who's Who Among American High School Students* recognition. Only five percent of all high school students receive this honor.

Also, Price was recently listed on the Dean's List at Western Texas College.

Bradley is the son of Larry and Terri Price. He is the grandson of Joe and Helen Price and Mary Jo Whitmire, all of Snyder; and Jerry Dennis of Colorado. He is also the great-grandson of Doyle and Mary Gilbert of Miles.

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Henry Ford made a successful run in 1896 with his car in a nighttime drive through the streets of Detroit.




**TAKS CHAMPIONS — Snyder Junior High School has adopted the theme — Finish The Race A TAKS Champion — as they get ready for next week's TAKS tests. Students pictured with the race car theme display are seventh graders Annie Winder and Macruz Ortiz. Students will take the math test on Tuesday and reading on Wednesday. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)**

# County schools gear up for TAKS tests

The state-mandated TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge & Skills) tests will be given Tuesday through Saturday in the Snyder, Hermleigh and Ira schools.

In Snyder, the math portion of the test will be given to grades 3-9 on Tuesday as will the exit test. The social studies test for 10th graders also will be administered Tuesday.

Also on Tuesday the TAAS writing re-test will be given to seniors.

On Wednesday, the TAKS re-test will be administered to third graders, while fourth through eighth graders will take the TAKS reading test.

This is the first re-testing for TAKS third grade reading.

Third graders have three opportunities to pass the TAKS reading test.

Those who didn't pass on the first try were put in an accelerated instruction program to bring them to a proficient level.

If third graders fail to pass on the third try set for June 29, they can be retained in the third grade.

The math test will be given to 10th graders, as will the TAKS science exit test.

Twelfth graders who have not passed the TAAS math test can re-test on Wednesday.

On Thursday, the TAKS math test will be given to ninth graders while the eighth graders will take the social studies test as well as the exit test.

The TAKS science test will be given to fifth graders and 10th graders on Thursday, and the re-testing of 11th and 12th graders also will be Thursday for the TAAS reading test.

The TAAS exit level tests will be given to any seniors that have not passed a section of the TAAS for graduation requirements.

Students must be present next week and on time for their testing.

"Snyder ISD students have consistently scored above the state average on state-mandated tests, and the district anticipates that students will perform well in this testing session," said Snyder ISD superintendent, Dr. Ronny Collins.

## Senior Center News

All residents of Scurry County are encouraged to attend next Saturday's annual May Day fundraiser at Scurry County Coliseum.

The Craft Booth, the Sweet Tooth Booth, the Silent Auction, and entertainment begin at 2 p.m. The barbecue will be served from 4:30-6 p.m. and the quilt auction will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Volunteers are asked to donate homemade crafts and baked goods for the fundraiser. Diabetic items, brownies, cookies, and cakes all sell well. Homemade pies cannot be sold. Items and services in the Silent Auction will be donated by local businesses. The Sunshine Choir will present a Mother's Day Program at 2:15 p.m., the Deep Creek Cloggers will perform at 3 p.m., and the Aubrey Wilson Country Band will entertain 4-6 p.m.

Barbecue tickets are now available at the center. Senior citizens are encouraged to sell as many as possible. There will be tickets available at the coliseum on May Day. Tickets cost $6 per plate. Take-out plates will be available for those who cannot make it to the festivities.

The ExxonMobil cooking crew will prepare the brisket for the barbecue. The quilt auction begins at 6:30 p.m. with auctioneer, Grady Morris. Items include 29 large quilts, five baby quilts, five baby afghans, several afghans of various sizes and styles, two dolls, and a picture.

Volunteers are needed for picking up Silent Auction items, setting up the coliseum on May 7, working in booths, and selling barbecue tickets. The center is located at 2603 Avenue M and can be reached by calling 573-4035.

Three computer classes are scheduled for May and are being taught by Western Texas College staff. The classes are scheduled as follows:

Introduction to Computers: May 10-13, 1-3 p.m. Cost $20; basic Internet, May 17-20, 1-3 p.m., cost $20; Introduction to Microsoft Office, May 24-27, 1-3 p.m., cost $20.

A copy of this schedule with a more detailed description of each class can be picked up at the Senior Center office. Each class has a limit of 7 students. Register at the Senior Center office.

**MONDAY**

Party bridge begins at 9:30 a.m. and continues throughout the morning. Seniors may play Skip-Bo from 10 a.m.-noon. Dominoes, pool, and quilting are available every day Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Seniors are encouraged to stay for lunch Monday-Friday. The meals provide at least one-third of recommended daily allowance of vitamins. Seniors are asked to donate $2.50 for their meal. Specialty diets such as low salt or low fat aren't available, but fruit instead of dessert is available for diabetics.

**TUESDAY**

Seniors play eighty/eighty-eight at 9:30 a.m. in the quilting area. The swimnastics at Western Texas College is a low impact exercise program for senior citizens. The class meets 10-11 a.m. in the Physical Education Building. The class and parking are free. The center will open at 6:30 p.m. for games and the dance and the computer club at 7 p.m. The cost of the dance is $4 per person. The Prowlers will provide the music.

**WEDNESDAY**

Ladies pool begins at 9 a.m. A volunteer will assist senior ladies interested in learning this game. Skip-Bo begins at 10 a.m. in the bridge room and Pinochle at 1 p.m.

**THURSDAY**

Enjoy swimnastics at Western Texas College from 10-11. Seniors may participate in bingo from 10-11:45 in the senior center dining room.

**FRIDAY**

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

## Senior Menu

**Monday**
Chicken strips w/cream gravy
Green beans
Mashed potatoes
Heavenly hash
Cutie Pie

**Tuesday**
Beef stroganoff
Green peas
Buttered carrots
Tossed salad
Peach cobbler

**Wednesday**
Hamburger steak wrapped in bacon
Baked potato
Steam broccoli w/cheese
Pistachio salad
Chocolate brownie

**Thursday**
German sausage
Ranch style beans
Whole kernel corn
Tomato wedges
Strawberry whip

**Friday**
Fried fish
Golden hominy
Boiled okra
Coleslaw
Tropical pudding

# Number of troops hurt in Iraq has skyrocketed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of American troops wounded in Iraq soared in the past two weeks as the insurgency flared in south-central Iraq and in the Sunni Triangle north and west of Baghdad.

The Pentagon announced Friday in its weekly casualty report that 3,864 troops have been wounded in action since the war began in March 2003, an increase of 595 from two weeks earlier.

The U.S. military death toll as of Friday stood at 707, according to the Pentagon's count. At least 100 have been killed this month, the highest total for any month since the U.S.-led invasion began. Most deaths were in the early part of April; about 25 have died in the past two weeks.

The Pentagon has announced the identities of 99 of those killed this month. It does not identify the wounded.

As the toll on U.S. forces has mounted this month, most public attention has focused on the deaths. Less has been reported on the wounded, in part because the Pentagon provides no daily updates nor does it give details on the types or severity of wounds.

The only distinction the Pentagon makes in its public reports is between the number of wounded who are returned to duty within three days and those who are not. In the past two weeks, the number of wounded who returned to duty rose by 257 and the number who did not rose by 338.

The number wounded since April 1 is approaching 900, far beyond the 200-300 wounded in most other months of the conflict. In March 291 were wounded in action. The highest monthly total before April was 413 in October 2003, according to the Pentagon's Directorate for Information Operations and Reports.

The Pentagon's figures do not include troops who are injured in accidents or felled by illness.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Thursday that regardless of how well U.S. troops may be trained, the kind of conflict they are fighting in Iraq is bound to take a heavy toll. He singled out the Marines, saying they consider themselves well-trained to fight in urban areas; Marines have been fighting recently in and around the city of Fallujah.

"It doesn't mean that you're going to be able to live through that in a perfect way without people being killed or without people being wounded, and the tragedy of the reality we live in is that that's happening," he said.

Some of the more seriously wounded are treated at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington and at the Army's Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany, the largest U.S. hospital abroad.

In its most recent report, Walter Reed said it had received 33 new battle casualties from Iraq last week. All arrived on medical evacuation flights from Landstuhl. Walter Reed has treated 2,976 patients from the Iraq war since March 2003, of which 585 were listed as battle casualties.

Many of the U.S. combat wounds have been inflicted by homemade bombs, which the military calls improvised explosive devices and which often are hidden along roadways used by U.S. military convoys.

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# Financial Focus

**What Does Election Year Mean for Investors?**

Although the presidential campaign hasn't fully heated up yet, it will soon. As a citizen, of course, you may be quite interested in the election. But as an investor, should you be equally attentive?

It might seem that the presidential race brings out some issues that could have a substantial effect on your investments. In the weeks and months ahead, you are likely to hear a lot about the loss of manufacturing jobs, the growing budget deficit, problems in Iraq, strains between the U.S. and other countries, environmental concerns and other topics.

Clearly, these are serious subjects, worthy of a national debate. However, they probably shouldn't drive your investment decisions. The financial markets are most strongly influenced by corporate profits and the performance of the economy — and, right now, both these variables are looking pretty favorable.

**History is on your side**

In the investment world, as in most walks of life, what's happened in the past doesn't always foretell the future. Yet, it's interesting to note that, for the past 60 years or so, the financial markets have done better in the last two years of four-year presidential cycles than they did in the first two. In fact, since 1941, the average returns of the Dow Jones Industrial Average in the third and fourth years of presidential cycles have been 21.3 percent and 11.7 percent, respectively, according to an analysis cited in The Wall Street Journal. But the returns for the first two years have just been 7.9 percent and 9.6 percent.

You can't count on these figures as a guide to your near-term expectations. Nonetheless, for what it's worth to you as an investor in 2004, history is on your side.

**After the election**

Like anyone else, you'll have your own reasons to vote for one presidential candidate or another. But, as you look to the future, don't make the mistake of thinking that the fate of your candidate is inextricably linked to the success or failure of your investments.

The fact is that the markets have done well and poorly under both Democratic and Republican administrations; neither party has a monopoly on the good times or the bad. Consequently, as you plan your investment strategies for the next few years, don't read too much into the outcome of the election.

In fact, your best bet is to follow some tried-and-true investment techniques before and after the presidential contest. Here are a couple to consider:

• *Look for quality* — Political leaders come and go and the economy will always ebb and flow. But if you invest for quality, you may never be "out of style." So, when you're considering a stock, look at the fundamentals of the company. Is its management sound? Are its products competitive? Does it have a solid business philosophy? Does it have a solid track record of earnings? If you're investing in bonds, make sure they receive the highest grades from the independent rating agencies.

• *Look for diversification* — Once you find a high-quality stock, bond or other investment, you need to determine if it's a good fit in your diversified portfolio. For example, suppose you discover a growth stock that you really like. If you already own several others that are similar, you may not be helping yourself much by adding the new stock - and you could be diverting resources from other investment opportunities that can help you make greater progress toward your long-term goals. Your financial professional can evaluate your holdings to help ensure that you're properly diversified.

**Cast your vote — and invest wisely**

This November, make sure you vote — it's important for all of us to participate in our democracy. But try to keep your investment plans separate, as much as possible, from the electoral process. You'll want to "vote" for the right investments for the right reasons.

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# Benefits for Medicare-eligible employees debated

WASHINGTON (AP) — Labor unions are joining employer groups in support of a new rule that would let companies reduce or eliminate health benefits for retirees when they become eligible for Medicare.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission voted 3-1 along party lines Thursday to approve the rule, which is subject to further review before it becomes final.

It's a politically potent issue this year that is stirring a large and powerful voting bloc and is boxing in lawmakers friendly to labor.

Capitol Hill offices were flooded with phone calls from retirees objecting to the regulation, which is subject to further review before it becomes final. AARP has strongly opposed it.

Democrats tried to shift focus to the Bush administration. EEOC's decision "highlights the failure of the Bush administration to bring down the high cost of health care and improve the quality of health care for all Americans," Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, top Democrat on the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, said Friday night.

Aides are studying the regulation's potential impact, said Kennedy spokesman Jim Manley.

The public reaction to the rule prompted the EEOC to release a statement earlier Friday to retirees. "We know that retiree health benefits are very important to you," said Chairwoman Cari M. Dominguez. "We want to reassure you that (EEOC) is acting to safeguard these benefits, not to eliminate them."

Democrat John Kerry's campaign said even more retirees are at risk of losing benefits when the prescription drug bill signed by President Bush last year takes effect next year.

The Congressional Budget Office estimated that 2.7 million retirees will lose the drug coverage they now receive from former employers, although other projections are that a much smaller number will have their existing private benefits dropped.

"It is a shame that our health care system has reached a point where the needs of near-retirees are pitted against the needs of seniors," said campaign spokeswoman Stephanie Cutter. "This is a perfect example why we need health care reform."

Bush campaign spokesman Scott Stanzel said: "These attacks are pure politics. President Bush won't let John Kerry take the prescription drug benefit away from America's seniors."

Unions that represent teachers, police and firefighters and public employees favor the rule because those workers get early retirement and would be most affected if companies stopped offering benefits to younger retirees.

"They can't retire early if they don't have health insurance between the date of retirement and the age of Medicare eligibility," said Bill Cunningham, a lobbyist for the American Federation of Teachers.

Employers continued to slash retiree health benefits over the last year, with 10 percent of firms eliminating coverage for future retirees and 71 percent increasing retirees' contributions for their coverage, according to a January study by benefits consulting firm Hewitt Associates and the nonprofit Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation.

A separate Hewitt study of employers with more than 1,000 employees found that in 2003, 57 percent of firms offered health benefits to Medicare-eligible retirees, down from 80 percent in 1991.

The new rule would allow employers to reduce health benefits for retirees when they become eligible for Medicare at age 65. A federal court ruling in 2000 said the practice violated the Age Discrimination in Employment Act.

That ruling has created a chilling effect, Dominguez said in an interview. With health care costs skyrocketing, employers are likely to stop offering retiree benefits altogether if they must maintain the same coverage for younger and older retirees.

AARP, which has been widely criticized for supporting the prescription drug plan, successfully fought to have a similar provision removed from the legislation.

David Certner, AARP's federal affairs director, said lawsuits are behind the new rule. Many companies and union contracts only provide a pre-65 health benefit, "and a number of them have been sued because of that," he said.

Current law already permits employers to count Medicare when providing benefits to older retirees, Certner said. Benefits for younger retirees and those who are older, who often buy get supplemental plans, are legally required to be essentially the same, he said. But he acknowledged legal questions have arisen about how to measure that.


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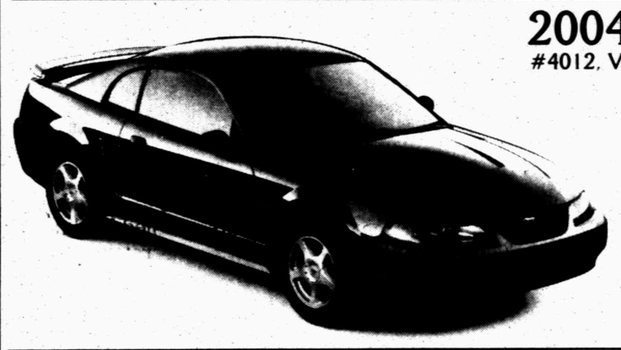
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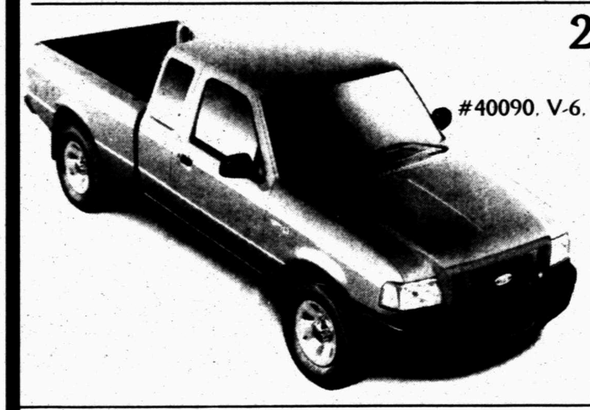
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By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

The Snyder Tigers got what they wanted Friday night, even if they didn't get it the way they wanted it.

And all the breaks that were so elusive in Merkel were given back to the Tigers in spades at Moffett Field.

Snyder overcame a tepid offensive performance that produced just three hits with fearless base running and some help from a hapless Seminole defense to grind out a 6-5 victory and set up a showdown for the district trophy Tuesday at Sweetwater.

"This one is important from the standpoint that we will be playing for the district championship. We've already clinched, but we're not settling for that," head coach Charles Bollinger said. "We need to get on a roll. We didn't play like we wanted to — we have to play better in all facets of the game."

The Tigers (18-4, 8-1) took an early 1-0 lead, with Blake Grimmett cracking a leadoff double and advancing to third on a wild pitch before scoring on a second wild pitch from Indians starter Trey Curiel.

Curiel and Snyder starter Ryan Mitchell battled to a stalemate until the third, when Seminole (11-9, 5-4) got to Mitchell with a walk, a pair of hits and three-run homer to give the Indians a 4-1 lead.

Collier relieved Mitchell with the one out and a man on third, and stopped the rally.

Seminole added another run in the top of the fifth, and Seminole's Matt Hawkings was ejected for throwing a shoulder into shortstop Marcus Rodriguez during a run down.

Things fell apart for Seminole in the bottom of the fifth, as Hadley Hirt reached on an error and Eric Martinez worked a walk before Marcus Rodriguez reached on a throwing error on a bunt attempt to load the bases.

Curiel threw another wild pitch to score Hirt to make it 5-2, and Grimmett was plunked with a pitch to load the bases again.

Bradley Price followed with a misplayed chopper to first, and a throwing error on the play cleared the bases and tied the score at 5-5.

Isaac Ramon drove in Price for the game-winning run on a single. Ramon also saved a run in the top of the seventh, snagging a line dive and doubling up the Seminole runner at first.

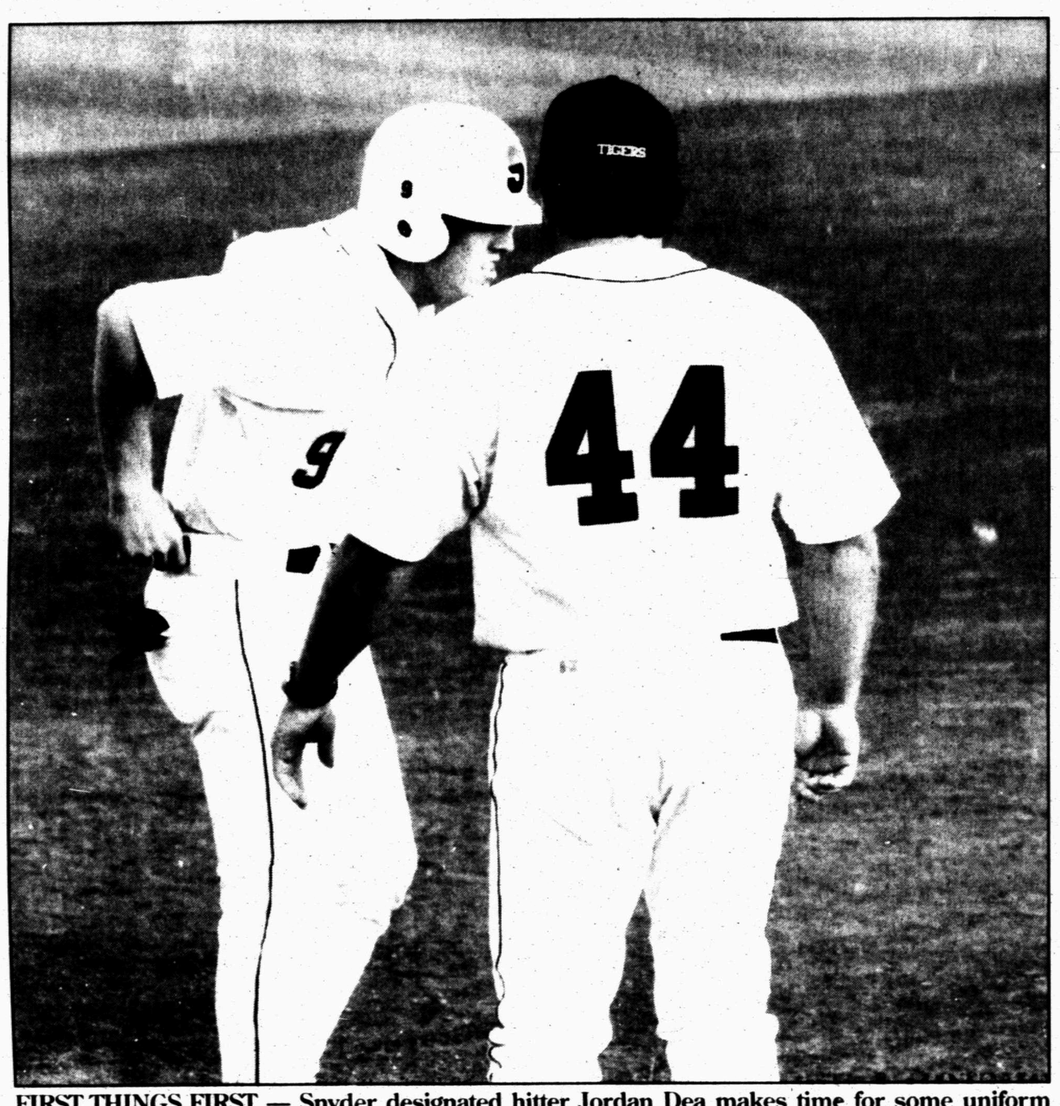
"We know we can't play aggressive if we don't have anyone on base — it hurts our philosophy and our game," Bollinger said. "We finally put some pressure on them, and sure enough, they booted it around."

The Tigers now face their most important game since last year's final tilt with Canyon in the area round when they battle the 8-1 Mustangs, which beat Merkel Friday, at Sweetwater Tuesday.

Left fielder Marcus Villarreal said the win, and the way the Tigers earned it, was important, but that the team had some work to do before the final game of the regular season.

"I'm going to have to work on my hitting — I'll be in the cages for awhile," he said. "We need to stay up on our defense and not let that beat like it did (against Merkel)."

Snyder will close out the district season at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Mustang Field.



FIRST THINGS FIRST — Snyder designated hitter Jordan Dea makes time for some uniform adjustments while getting instructions from head coach Charles Bollinger at third base. The Tigers escaped Moffett Friday with a 6-5 win over Seminole. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

# Texas finally closes out Seattle

ARLINGTON (AP) — Francisco Cordero's 30th major league save was unique.

Cordero got four outs, the final three after the second of two rain delays, to close out the Texas Rangers' 10-8 victory over the Seattle Mariners on Friday night.

The Rangers closer struck out Rich Aurilia to end the eighth, then had to sit through a rain delay of 1 hour, 2 minutes.

Cordero came back for the ninth and walked John Olerud leading off. He retired the next two batters, then walked Ichiro Suzuki to put the potential tying run on.

Next up was Scott Spiezio, who had three hits, including a two-run homer and a run-scoring triple. Cordero finished the game with a strikeout.

"A rain delay has never happened to me before," Cordero said. "After an hour, you don't know how you're going to react. I was able to get out of it and get the win."

Hank Blalock keyed a four-run fourth with a two-run double, and Laynce Nix drove in two important insurance runs for Texas.

David Dellucci and Kevin Mench homered, and Alfonso Soriano had three hits for the Rangers, who are over .500 (9-8) after 17 games for the first time since 1999.

The Rangers had 15 hits to raise their team batting average to .310, .377 at home.

"We had a lot of big two-out hits tonight," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said. "We needed every run we could get. We all felt weird karma with all the momentum swings."

Rangers starter Ryan Drese (1-0) allowed three runs and seven hits in 5 2-3 innings. Drese was 0-2 with a 9.42 ERA in four previous career appearances against the Mariners.

Bret Boone homered and drove in two runs for Seattle, which has lost three straight to fall to 6-11, last in the AL West.

Dellucci's third homer in the last two games in the second off starter Joel Pineiro (1-2) tied it at 1.

Seattle grabbed a 2-1 lead in the third on Spiezio's RBI triple.

The Mariners had been outscored 18-0 in the first three innings of their previous nine games.

Soriano's two-out RBI single in the third evened the score at 2 and the Rangers took the lead when Michael Young scored from third on Pineiro's wild pitch.

Mench homered leading off the fourth, and four pitches later play was stopped because of rain.

After a 30-minute delay, Blalock hit a two-run double and Soriano singled home another to make it 7-2.

# WJCAC champ Midland completes sweep of WTC

MIDLAND — The Western Texas College softball team was swept by Midland Friday, dropping all four games of the series to the Western Junior College Athletic Conference champions.

Pat Gonzales pitched both games, giving up a two-run, game-winning home run in the 3-2 loss after relieving Michelle Jones in the first game.

She gave up a three-run homer in the first inning of the second game, an 8-0 loss.

The Dusters (27-34, 14-24) managed just six hits and committed four errors in the doubleheader Saturday.

They close out the season Monday with a make-up doubleheader at noon against Howard at United Field.

# WTC waits on short round

STEPHENVILLE — Two Western Texas College rodeo hands stood in first place heading into Saturday's short round at the Tarleton State University rodeo.

Trent Cormier was atop the bull riding heap after a first-round 86, and Ashley Hadley led the breakaway roping Friday after time of 2.3 seconds.

Teammate Jennifer Weeding was just behind Hadley with a 2.4, while Erin Anglin was eighth with a 3.0.

Clay Bunney (80) and Jake Marshall (76) were second and fourth, respectively, in bareback riding, while James Irish held down third in saddle bronc with a 75.

Sabrina Lay (15.69) was fourth in the barrels, and Hadley (15.72) was fifth in that event.

"It's close for our women's team — no team is way ahead or way behind," WTC coach Greg Rhodes said. "We had a few men place in the first round, but it's all going to come down to the short round, and we'll see how it goes."

The TSU rodeo was scheduled to conclude Saturday night with championship short round.

## Sports Briefs

### Ladies play day

The WGA hosts a ladies play day each Tuesday at 9 a.m. at Scurry County golf course. Format is swingers.

### Friday swingers

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

### Sammy Baugh tournament

The Sammy Baugh Golf Tournament will be held next Saturday at Sammy Baugh Golf Course at WTC. Format is three-man scramble and cost is $105 per team, with proceeds to benefit the high school golf program. Call the pro shop at 573-9291 for more information.

### College hurler strikes out 25

MUSKOGEE, Okla. (AP) — Bacone College senior Johnny Spencer struck out 25 against Jarvis Christian in a 4-0 victory Thursday, one shy of the NAIA record.

Spencer used an 88 mph fastball and a hard slider to strike out the first eight batters before Eric Word snapped the streak with a bunt. Third baseman Dustin Abel threw him out. Spencer pitched a two-hitter. Only four batters put the ball in play.

### Blues forward indicted, will plead innocent

ST. LOUIS (AP) — St. Louis Blues forward Mike Danton will plead innocent to federal charges that he tried to hire a hit man to kill an acquaintance, his lawyer said.

## Sideline Views
by Bobby Allen



The National Football League's policy keeping underclassman out of the league until they are three years removed from high school was upheld Thursday by the U.S. Supreme Court. Two separate justices refused to overturn the lower court's opinion on the matter.

The idea is to protect veteran jobs and maintain a bountiful farm system — without remuneration for the athletes in that system.

Given the way high school students have flooded the NBA and the resultant decline in the quality of play, it makes sense for the NFL — the most popular, profitable and parity-driven sports league in the world — to want to protect the standard of competition in its league.

On the other hand, an argument can be made that any adult who wants to work should have that opportunity in America. Maurice Clarett isn't asking for even a starting job on an NFL team, much less a roster spot.

What he is seeking is a chance to compete for that job. If he is not good enough, he simply won't play.

It's the age-old debate between the right of free association versus a company's right to set standard terms of employment.

But there is a more disingenuous and ridiculous reason being floated about: that Clarett (and 18-20-year-olds like him) is too young and too ill-prepared for the rigors of professional football.

NFL Player's Association chief Gene Upshaw told Associated Press columnist Jim Litke, "People can talk all they want about 18-year-olds working for software companies or playing in rock bands," he said. "They ain't getting hit by Ray Lewis. It's a different deal."

He's right, of course. The NFL is different than say, oh, the Army or Marine Corps, where 18-20-year-olds are being killed daily in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Where is the outrage about a guy two months removed from high school having his guts spilled in a cesspool like Fallujah? Or the 20-year-old National Guard MP who died in Iraq after joining the Guard with her two sisters?

Certainly nothing in the training of the National Guard or Reserves prepared those soldiers for a 25-month hot war, and the horror and uncertainty, which we cannot possibly fathom, that comes with it. The misuse of the Guard and Reserves in this war is a greater travesty than the idea that a football player only two years out of high school may play in the NF of L.

With his argument (which is the same as the league's), Upshaw would have us believe that football is somehow more dangerous and fraught with peril than combat.

No sale.

The death Thursday of Pat Tillman, a former safety for the Arizona Cardinals who turned down a multi-million dollar contract to enlist in the Army Rangers, only serves to highlight the idiocy of Upshaw's and the league's baldface lie that they want to protect the Clarett's of the world from the trials of the gridiron, even though those same men are qualified to die in hail of bullets and mortar fire.

Paul Tagliabue and Upshaw would be well served to dump the argument that football is too intense and demanding for 20-year-olds.

Clarett stands a better chance of making it out of Giants Stadium alive than he does Tikrit, Ray Lewis or no.

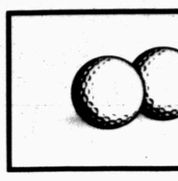
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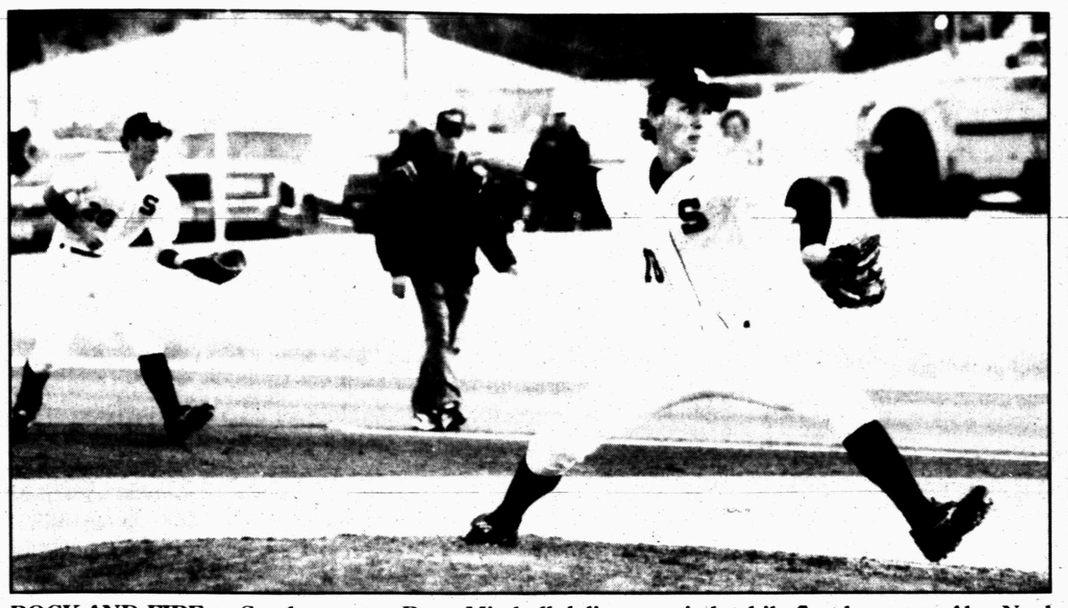
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# SPORTS



ROCK AND FIRE — Snyder starter Ryan Mitchell delivers a pitch while first baseman Alex Neal stands at the ready in the Tigers' 6-5 win over Seminole. The Tigers, who have clinched at least a second seed in District 3-3A, will play Sweetwater Tuesday for the district crown. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

## Jamison wins 6th man award

DALLAS (AP) — After five losing seasons in Golden State, Antawn Jamison was so excited about being on a winning team in Dallas that he was willing to become a backup for the first time in his life.

His willingness to take on the job, and the way he excelled at it, were rewarded Friday with the NBA's Sixth Man award.

"Good things do happen to people who are selfless and sacrifice their game," Jamison said.

Jamison joined the Mavericks in August and spent the first half of training camp working at forward alongside Dirk Nowitzki. Then Dallas added Antoine Walker, leaving coach Don Nelson trying to fit three quality players into two starting spots.

He went to Jamison first and asked whether he'd be willing to come off the bench.

As a former college player of the year, the fourth overall pick in 1998 and someone who'd scored 50 points in consecutive games — plus the fact he arrived before Walker — Jamison could've made a good case to stay put, insisting that at 27 he was too young to become a backup.

But he never hesitated or complained.

"If he wouldn't have accepted the role, I would've started him," Nelson said. "It was really that simple. I would've had another tough decision to make. But he accepted the role and made my life very easy."

Jamison needed some time to get comfortable with entering games late in the first quarter, but eventually flourished. He led the team in scoring seven times and matched or outscored the opponent's reserves in 17 games.

He averaged 14.8 points and 6.3 rebounds and played every game, upping his current league-best streak to 328 in a row. He was most excited by the team's 52 wins after never having won more than 38 with the Warriors.

Jamison's best trait was hanging around the rim, snatching errant shots and finding ways to get the ball back into the basket. It showed in his numbers, as he was the league's third most-accurate shooter (a career-best 53.5 percent) and 13th in offensive rebounds with 233, 2.8 a game.

"I've never seen a guy like him, able to score in the position that he scores," Nelson said. "We marvel all the time about that."

In voting by sports writers and broadcasters, Jamison received 43 first-place votes and 388 points. Indiana Pacers forward Al Harrington was second with 27 first-place votes and 275 points, followed by San Antonio Spurs guard Manu Ginobili with 33 first-place votes and 244 points.

## Yao, Rockets have a pulse after dominating Lakers

HOUSTON (AP) — Yao Ming powered near the basket, lowered a shoulder into Shaquille O'Neal and dropped in a left-handed hook.

The shot put the Rockets up by six points, and the Lakers were deflated. Not just deflated, but frustrated — as O'Neal made clear.

Yao got the best of O'Neal when it counted, starting a late 7-0 run that sent Houston past the Los Angeles Lakers 102-91 on Friday night in Game 3 of the Western Conference series.

Lakers coach Phil Jackson called it the biggest shot of the game, and his All-Star center paused for a couple of seconds before agreeing.

"Yeah, maybe. We had a lot of opportunities, and he made a tough shot," O'Neal said.

The Lakers lead the series 2-1, with Game 4 on Sunday in Houston.

"All I can do is try my best to push (O'Neal) out and use my size," Yao said. "It was very physical out there. You couldn't relax for a moment."

Steve Francis had 27 points, nine rebounds and seven assists, Cuttino Mobley added 21 points, Yao scored 18 and Maurice Taylor came off the bench to add 16 as the Rockets thrilled their fans in the first playoff game in Houston since 1999.

Then, O'Neal and Kobe Bryant keyed the first-round rout of an aging Rockets team led by Hakeem Olajuwon, Charles Barkley and Scottie Pippen.

This time, Houston's up-and-comers had their way with Los Angeles' established stars.

"To tell you the truth, I'm not even satisfied," said Mobley, who was a rookie on the Rockets' last playoff team. "The Lakers are going to come out aggressive. And we will, too."

It was a rare Game 3 loss on the road for a team coached by Jackson with a 2-0 series lead. His teams, when given a chance to take an all-but-insurmountable 3-0 lead, have historically gotten it.

In this case, however, the middle two quarters proved to be the Lakers' undoing. O'Neal scored 25 points, 11 coming in the first few minutes and 10 more in the fourth quarter.

O'Neal had 11 of the Lakers' first 13 points, powering through the single coverage of Kelvin Cato before the Rockets started double-teaming him and the Lakers stopped passing to him.

"He probably got tired from scoring so much," Houston coach Jeff Van Gundy quipped.

O'Neal took just one shot in the second quarter and missed it, and he picked up his second and third fouls late in the quarter and walked angrily to the bench.

It was 56-43 at intermission, and it took O'Neal almost four minutes to get his next field goal.

## Astros clobber Rockies, 13-7

DENVER (AP) — All Mike Lamb wanted was a chance to play. Given his third consecutive start, he took advantage.

Lamb had four hits and drove in a career-high six runs to lead Houston over the Colorado Rockies 13-7 Friday night and stop the Astros' three-game losing streak.

Lamb, acquired March 25 from the New York Yankees, matched his career best for hits. He had a two-run single that capped a three-run first inning, an RBI triple in the fourth, a go-ahead, two-run single in the fifth and an RBI double in the ninth.

"The guy delivered every time he came up for us with runners on base," Houston manager Jimy Williams said. "I'd say he made the most of his opportunity."

Orlando Palmeiro and Craig Biggio hit two-run homers for Houston, which improved to 6-1 on the road but is just 4-6 at home.

Brandon Duckworth (1-0) allowed four runs and five hits, winning for the first time in three starts since last July 31.

Jason Jennings (1-2) allowed 10 runs and eight hits in five innings, and his ERA rose from 8.04 to 10.45.

Royce Clayton and Charles Johnson homered for Colorado.

Stadium workers spent nearly seven hours clearing snow and preparing the field after a spring storm dropped 4 inches of snow.

## Lancaster places third in Sun Belt tournament

University of North Texas sophomore and 2002 Snyder High School graduate Andra Lancaster was named to the All-Sun Belt Conference team placing third in the individual standings at the conference golf tournament last week.



Andra Lancaster

Lancaster fired a final-round, even-par 72 at Bluewater Bay and Resort in Niceville, Fla. She ended the tournament with a 54-hole score of 223.

Lancaster missed out on a playoff, finishing one-shot behind the eventual champion Lehua Wise of New Mexico State.

Lancaster lettered all four years in golf at Snyder High School and was team captain for two years

Lancaster's collegiate success is a carryover from high school, as she was selected to the first team all-district team her sophomore, junior and senior seasons, garnered all-region recognition all three years and was selected all-state as a junior and senior.

## Johnson leads Houston Open

HUMBLE (AP) — Zach Johnson is making it look easy in his first season on the PGA Tour.

Johnson, the BellSouth Classic winner this month, shot a 4-under 68 on Friday to match Steve Lowery and Steve Stricker at 5-under 139, good for the clubhouse lead in the suspended second round of the Shell Houston Open. Lowery shot a 69, and Stricker had a 70.

Thirty-six players who were unable to finish because of darkness — including John Riegger and Neal Lancaster, who both were one stroke back — were scheduled to complete play Saturday morning. Riegger had one hole to play, and Lancaster had three left.

Vijay Singh (66), Paul Azinger (67) and Patrick Sheehan (71) finished at 4-under 140, and Justin Leonard (70), Mark Calcavecchia (69) and Scott Hoch (68) were among the players at 3-under 141.

The 28-year-old Johnson, the player of the year last season on the Nationwide Tour, finished 13th in the Honda Classic six weeks ago, sixth at Bay Hill the following week and then won the BellSouth. He's 15th on the money list with almost $1.16 million.

## Major League Baseball

**National League**

**East Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
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| Florida | 11 | 5 | .688 | — |
| Atlanta | 9 | 7 | .563 | 2 |
| New York | 7 | 10 | .412 | 4½ |
| Philadelphia | 6 | 9 | .400 | 4½ |
| Montreal | 4 | 13 | .235 | 7½ |

**Central Division**

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| Chicago | 10 | 6 | .625 | — |
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| Houston | 10 | 7 | .588 | ½ |
| St. Louis | 9 | 8 | .529 | 1½ |
| Milwaukee | 9 | 9 | .500 | 2 |
| Pittsburgh | 7 | 8 | .467 | 2½ |

**West Division**

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| Los Angeles | 11 | 5 | .688 | — |
| San Diego | 9 | 8 | .529 | 2½ |
| Colorado | 7 | 9 | .438 | 4 |
| Arizona | 6 | 10 | .375 | 5 |
| San Francisco | 6 | 11 | .353 | 5½ |

**Friday's Games**

Chicago Cubs 3, N.Y. Mets 1
Cincinnati 6, Pittsburgh 4
Atlanta 6, Florida 1
Philadelphia 8, Montreal 6
Milwaukee 2, St. Louis 1
Houston 13, Colorado 7
Arizona 5, San Diego 2
Los Angeles 5, San Francisco 4, 12 innings

**Saturday's Games**

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St. Louis (W.Williams 0-1) at Milwaukee (Saenz 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Yates 1-1) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 2-1), 1:20 p.m.
Houston (Clemens 3-0) at Colorado (Fassero 0-0), 2:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Hampton 0-1) at Florida (Penny 1-1), 5:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Haynes 0-2) at Pittsburgh (Benson 2-0), 6:05 p.m.
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**American League**

**East Division**

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| Baltimore | 10 | 5 | .667 | — |
| Boston | 10 | 6 | .625 | ½ |
| New York | 8 | 9 | .471 | 3 |
| Tampa Bay | 6 | 9 | .400 | 4 |
| Toronto | 4 | 12 | .250 | 6½ |

**Central Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
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| Minnesota | 11 | 5 | .688 | — |
| Chicago | 10 | 6 | .625 | 1 |
| Detroit | 10 | 7 | .588 | 1½ |
| Cleveland | 6 | 11 | .353 | 5½ |
| Kansas City | 5 | 10 | .333 | 5½ |

**West Division**

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| Oakland | 10 | 7 | .588 | — |
| Anaheim | 9 | 8 | .529 | 1 |
| Texas | 9 | 8 | .529 | 1 |
| Seattle | 6 | 11 | .353 | 4 |

**Friday's Games**

Detroit 17, Cleveland 3
Boston 11, N.Y. Yankees 2
Baltimore 11, Toronto 3
Chicago White Sox 3, Tampa Bay 2, 10 innings
Minnesota 7, Kansas City 5
Anaheim 12, Oakland 2
Texas 10, Seattle 8

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N.Y. Mets (Leiter 1-0) at Chicago Cubs (Zambrano 2-0), 1:20 p.m.
Houston (Miller 2-1) at Colorado (Kennedy 2-0), 2:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Hermanson 1-1) at Los Angeles (Ishii 2-1), 3:10 p.m.
San Diego (Lawrence 2-1) at Arizona (Dessens 0-2), 3:35 p.m.
Atlanta (Thomson 1-1) at Florida (Willis 3-0), 7:05 p.m.

## Stanley Cup

**CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS**
**(Best-of-7)**

**Thursday, April 22**

Philadelphia 3, Toronto 1, Philadelphia leads series 1-0
Calgary 2, Detroit 1, OT, Calgary leads series 1-0
San Jose 5, Colorado 2, San Jose leads series 1-0

**Friday, April 23**

Tampa Bay 4, Montreal 0, Tampa Bay leads series 1-0

**Saturday, April 24**

Calgary at Detroit, 2 p.m.
Colorado at San Jose, 2 p.m.

**Sunday, April 25**

Montreal at Tampa Bay, 3 p.m.
Toronto at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.

**Monday, April 26**

San Jose at Colorado, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 27**

Tampa Bay at Montreal, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Calgary, 8 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 28**

Philadelphia at Toronto, 6 p.m.
San Jose at Colorado, 9 p.m.

**Thursday, April 29**

Tampa Bay at Montreal, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Calgary, 9 p.m.

**Friday, April 30**

Philadelphia at Toronto, 6 p.m.

## NBA Playoffs

**FIRST ROUND**
**(Best-of-7)**

**Thursday, April 22**

New Jersey 81, New York 78, New Jersey leads series 3-0
San Antonio 95, Memphis 93, San Antonio leads series 3-0

**Friday, April 23**

Indiana 108, Boston 85, Indiana leads series 3-0
Houston 102, L.A. Lakers 91, L.A. Lakers lead series 2-1

**Saturday, April 24**

Miami at New Orleans, noon
Sacramento at Dallas, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Denver, 8:30 p.m.

**Sunday, April 25**

Indiana at Boston, noon
L.A. Lakers at Houston, 2:30 p.m.
New Jersey at New York, 6 p.m.
San Antonio at Memphis, 8:30 p.m.

**Monday, April 26**

Detroit at Milwaukee, 6 p.m.
Sacramento at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

## Area Sports Calendar

**MONDAY**
Softball: WTC vs. Howard College, DH, noon
**TUESDAY**
Baseball: SHS varsity at Sweetwater, 7 p.m.
**FRIDAY**
Track: Regional meet, Ratliff Stadium, Odessa
**SATURDAY**
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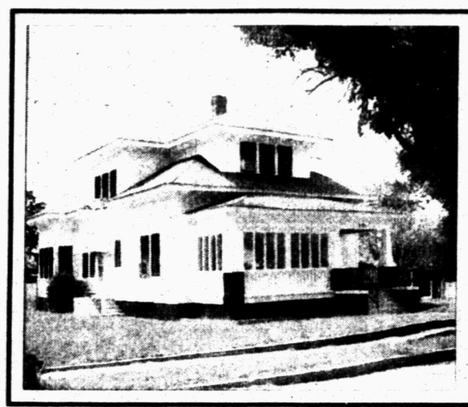
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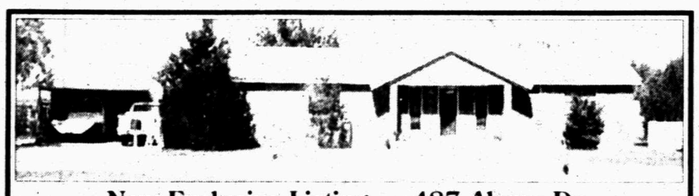


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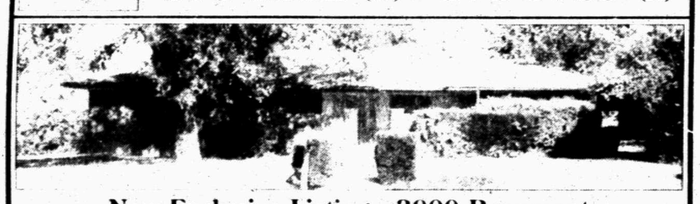
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**Immaculate** - Large family home 2604 34th 4-4-2. 2LA's, too many amenities to list. CONTRACT PENDING
**2803 El Paso** new carpet, flooring & paint, 4-2¼-2cp, plus office ... REDUCED Call
**4507 Galveston** 3-2-2 plus pool ... Call
**2609 37th** 3-3-2 ... $107.5T
**4517 Galveston** 3-2-2 SOLD Red $97.5T
**New Listing! 3000 Beaumont** 3-2-2 $95T
**3001 Beaumont** 3-2-2, 2 LA's Reduced $94T
**2702 34th** 3-2-2, newly undated ... $80's
**3404 Kerrville** CONTRACT PENDING $77.5T
**3108 Hill Ave** CONTRACT PENDING $69.9T
**3607 Houston** 3-2-2 ... $57T
**HUD property available** 3604 Irving $50,400
**Edge of Town** - 1601 Hilltop Lane - Brick 3-1-2cp plus storm cellar ... Reduced $45T
**3749 Avondale** 3-1¾ CONTRACT PENDING $44.5T
**New Listing!** 1711 O SOLD 2cp ... $35T
**Edge of Town** - 1015 Mobile Rd. 3-1-2 ... $31.5T
**217 36th Place** 2-1-1 ... $28T
**New! 1381 N. Ave. P** 2-1, 4 lots ... $22.5T
**Small Cabin** C-City Lake 1-1 ... Reduced $10T
**Trailer to be moved** 2-2 ... $12.5T

### ★ ★ COUNTRY LIVING ★ ★

**McBeth Pecan Farm** 3 bedroom house with 15+ acres ... Reduced!
**1745 Keller** 3-1½-2, barn + 15 A's Red. $85T
**1534 CR 265** CONTRACT PENDING $63T
**Mobile Home** 4-2 ... Call for details
**New Listing!** Country on 5A's, 3-2-2 $104T
**New!** Hermleigh Brick 3-2-2, approx. 12 A's $78.5T
**5322 CR 254** 4-3-2LAs, 4 A's Red. $81.5T

### ★ ★ COMMERCIAL LISTINGS ★ ★

**Great Location** - Apx. 4 acres - 10,000 sq.ft. + or -. 600 37th St. ... Reduced $100's
**Need Several Offices?** 2515 College Ave. Living Quarters in back ... Call!
**Car Lot** - 709 Hwy 180 ... $40T
**Houston & 37th** - Apx. 28.6 acres ... $75T
**Downtown** - 1818 26th ... $35T
**North College Ave.** ... $15T
**1100 25th St.** ... $25T
**East 37th** - Bldg. with 1½ acres ... $35T
**Westerner Golfland** ... Call for details
**1822 26th St.** ... $44.5T
**2906 25th** - office, shop, small acreage (Preferred Packers bldg.) ... Call for details
**Comm office** for lease N. of town Call for details

### ★ ★ LAND ★ ★

**13 lots** South of Northeast Elementary $15T
**South of W. Hwy 180** 81.39 Acres $32.4T
**Several lots** in Round Top Acres area Call
**160 acres east** - Cult & pasture $375/acre
**Several lots** with Mobile Home hook-ups -- shop & water well ... $15T
**Lot at 25th & Y** ... $12.5T
**Lot at 28th & Y** ... $6,500
**New! Approx 158 acres** cult. ... $375/acre
**80 acres** Pleasant SOLD ... $52.5T
**7+ acres** on Round Top Rd. ... $12T
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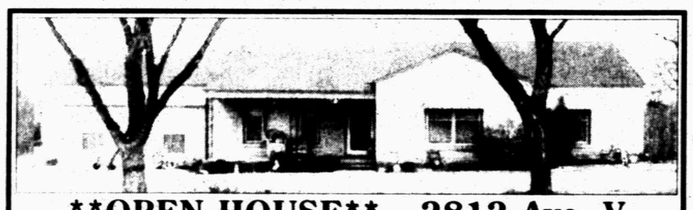

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**New Listing! 2405 40th** 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 1 car garage, lrg. fenced backyard ... $41T
**Cute, clean & affordable!** 513 34th St. ... $17T
**2429 S. Bus. Hwy 84** Immaculate 3 bedroom, 2¾ bath, 3 car garage country home with acreage, great storage, and beautiful view ... Call for details
**2701 Ave. U** Wonderful 3-2, huge living room, formal dining, lrg kitchen with custom build cabinets, large laundry room, basement/office. Entire home completely remodeled. ... Call
**New Listing 1510 39th** 3 bedroom, 1 bath Call about easy financing terms ... $29.9T
**Rent or Sell 2306 30th** 3-1¾, large kitchen, big garage, lots of storage ... $41T
**Country Home!** 4 bedroom, 2 bath, large kitchen. Ready to move in ... $39.9T
**3733 Rose Circle** 3-1½, large living roor Contract Pending storage Reduced $35T
**3002 37th St.** Spacious, clean, brick 2-1-cp Updated & beautiful ... $51T
**2803 El Paso** Roomy 4 bedroom, 2 bath, office, large utility, updated carpet & flooring, fenced backyard, close to schools ... Low $100's
**1021 N. Bus. Hwy 84 GREAT FIND** Country, close to town 1+ acres, 2-2, finished basement (could be 3rd bedroom) loft, FP, big utility room, fenced yard w/cattle guard Contract Pending ... $75T
**New Low Price! 1090 CR 175 - Colorado City - Private & Peaceful retreat!** Well kept 2 bedroom, 2 bath, large living area, front & back porches, shop & storage bldg, beautifully landscaped, lots of trees! Yard irrigation on well. ... Motivated Seller! $40T
**3749 Avondale** UPDATED! 3 bedroom, 1¾ bath, CH/A, fenced yard, great storage! $38.5T
**1439 Watson - C-City** - Spacious brick 3-1, 2 Contract Pending A Must See! ... $60T
**608 27th - A Great Find!!!** - 1 bedroom, 1 bath, new fence ... $10T
**New Listing 102 E. 22nd St. - C-City** Contract Pending ful yard ... $60T

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**2801 33rd** Beautiful 3-2, dining, apt. ... $100's
**3750 Avondale - Redone!** 3-1½-1 ... $40's
**2 story,** 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 3 acres ... $40's
**Close In Country Home** - 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1 car garage, WBFP, extra lot ... $58T
**2213 41st - Great Buy** - 3-1¾-1 & CP $50's
**3507 40th** 4-1½, storage ... $60's
**Great Location** 3110 Ave. U ... $49.5T
**Reduced 2104 41st** 4-1 ... $35T
**3605 Jacksboro** 3-2-2, FP ... $69.5T
**309 34th** - Cute, c Contract Pending ... $45T
**2812 Ave. V** - Charming home w/larger rooms, open concept 3-2-2LAs-2 ... $90's
**3014 El Paso - Extra nice!** 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living areas, fireplace, on corner lot ... $90's
**Updated** - 210 33rd 3-1½-1 ... $24.9T
**Ready to move into!** 3-1¾-1, FP 2213 41st $55T
**303 36th Place** 3 Contract Pending ... $30's
**108 Chestnut** 3-1 A steal at this price Low teens
**204 35th - Cute as a bug!** 3-1, CH/A ... $32T
**1701 Firestone - What you are looking for!** 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage town home $80's
**2809 Westridge - Beautiful Prestigious Area!** 3-2LA's-2FP's-basement-2cg. Must see! $100's
**3106 Ave. B Updated!** 3-1 ... $50's
**2705 48th** - Beautiful 3-2 LA's-2-2, pool ... $100's
**4510 Galveston** Contract Pending ombo $70's
**2908 37th** Large 2-2-2LA's, green house $50's
**2110 40th - Cute** - 3-1, FP ... $30's
**210 33rd - Updated** - Move In! Reduced $24.9T
**212 28th - Reduced** - 3-2, game room, cellar, out buildings ... $58T
**2101 41st** 3-1-1cp ... Price Reduced! $30's
**Round Top Acres** Wonderful family home! 3-2, game room, small office, 5 acres $100's
**New Listing** 2104 41st 4-1-1 ... Call
**208 Chestnut** on 4 lots, 3-2 Very cute $55T
**2411 27th - Extra nice older home** - 3 or 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, carport ... $50's
**2901 Westridge - Wonderful Area & Great Home** - 3-2, 2 L Contract Pending ... $100's
**109 34th - First** Contract Pending ... $20's
**Charming 3110 Ave. U** 3-2-cp ... $49,500
**4003 Midland** - Nearly new 4-2-2, open concept $90's
**3606 Hill Ave.** Contract Pending ... $44,900
**Hermleigh** 3 bedroom house w/4 apts $100T
**Like New!** 4-2 doublewide ... $39.5T

### OTHER LISTINGS

**2214 40th - Nice & Clean** - 3-1½-1 ... $30's
**2803 El Paso - Open Concept** - 4 bedroom, 2 bath plus office, updated REDUCED CALL
**2609 37th** 3-3-2, 3 LA's, hobby room REDUCED
**513 34th** Updated 2-1, Great rental prop. $17T
**One of a kind!** Custom, 2605 33rd ... Call
**2274 McMullan** - Mobile home site, has well $5T
**1815 Garden Lane** - Four lots, shop with loading area and income property ... $10T
**1626 Pecan Farm Rd.** - Pecan Farm/Approx. 800 trees, 15 acres, MH, equipment, truck ... $100T
**3749 Avondale** - Updated & Nice 3-1¾, storage $30's
**3002 37th** - **Updated & Cute**, brick 2-1 ... $51T
**3604 Irving** -**Great Buy** - 3-1 ... $50's

### LAKE PROPERTY

**C-City - 2628 LCR 252** - 3-1, ramp, boat, furniture ... $80's

### COUNTRY HOMES

**Underground home** - 42 acres, 3-2, sun porch, hot tub & MUCH MORE! ... Call
**Hermleigh** - 80 A's, 3-2-2, 22 out buildings $100's
**Room to Roam!** - 3-2-2, 5A's, basement $100's
**New Listing** 10583 CR 3100 Ira - 4-2-3cp, shop, 5 acres, Needs TLC Contract Pending ... $68T

### COMMERCIAL

**3311 College** - Building & 2 lots ... $40T
**N. College** - 1 plus acres Excellent bldg. site $70T
**Large 2 story** - several office spaces $40's
**5109 College** Comm. Lot 2 acres ... $90's
**College Ave.** Frontage, over 7 acres ... Call
**S. College** - Excellent bldg. site, 1.61 A's $80T
**Golf Land** - Great buy & extra income ... $50's
**N. of Town** - Excellent shop w/storage bldgs $100's
**3 Commercial Lots** 610 26th St. ... $6,500
**3906 College Ave.** ... Call for details! $55T

### LAND

**Prime Location** 2567 Blockline Rd. 4 acre tract ... $15T
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**3-1¾-2cp,** 2 CONTRACT PENDING ... $35T
**6.94 A's** w/older house 442 CR 112 ... $18T
**3773 Dalton** 3-1¾-1cp, den, dining.. $35T
**111 Peach** CONTRACT PENDING ... $9.5T
**80 acres** 5 mi. SE of Hermleigh, 3-2-2 + office + shop & out building ... Call
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**2803 El Paso** 4-2-office, lrg CP Red. $104.5T
**4105 Midlar** CONTRACT PENDING ... $105T
**New! 3750 Avondale** 3-1¾-1 ... $41.5T
**2205 42nd** 3-1-1 + big bldg ... $34T
**New! 114 Peach** 3-1-1cp, CH/A, stor.. $43T
**4000 Jacksboro** 3-1¾-2, big liv. & kitchen Call
**2609 37th** 3-2¾-2, Nice & large $107.5T
**3702 Ave. V** 3-1¾-1, metal fence $39.9T
**2801 37th** 4-1¾, RV stor., corner lot $86.9T
**2605 33rd** 3-4½-3, plus office ... CALL
**Beautiful bldg. site** overlooking park . Call
**Look! 2-1** mobile home ... $10T
**3749 Avondale** 3-1¾, Updated. ... $39T
**Investors** - Package - 9 rental homes, priced 30% below tax appraisal. ... Call

### COMMERCIAL LISTINGS

**900 25th** ... Call
**Comm. Bldg.** 1802 College ... $16T
**Shop w/2 offices** & waiting room,fenced yard,.87 A's 23rd St. "Old Gail Rd" Call
**Reduced 3311 College Ave.** $38T
**1701 25th St.** ... $90T
**2309 25th** ... Call
**1801 22nd** Reduced Commercial office/yd
**2005 26th St.** ... $45T

### COUNTRY LISTINGS

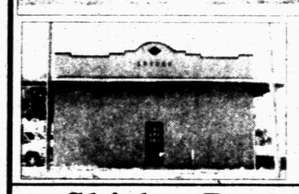
**New! Ira** - Brick 3-2-2, 1 acre, nice. . $85T
**CR 4105 - Hermleigh** - 5 acres w/mobile home, water well, fenced ... $16T
**105 acres** CONTRACT PENDING home, SW Hermleigh ... $55T
**FM 1607 - Close In** - 3 bdrm. 1½ bath, 2-car garage, water well, 4 lots $79.9T
**For Sale or Rent** - 378 CR 251 - 2-1-1 with 2 acres ... Reduced $30T
**Nice doublewide** in country, leased land Call

### LAND

**320 Acres** – CRP & hunting ... IRA
**6 to 22 acres tracts** ... Owner Finance
**Corner Lot:** 17th & Ave. T ... $3,200.
**960 Acres Ira** - 480 A's CRP & 480 A's shinnery, brick 4-3, shop. Excellent quail hunting
**196 Acre** blackland farm NE Dunn on FM 1606, CONTRACT PENDING ... Call
**7.5 Acres** - Round Top Acres - Tank stocked CONTRACT PENDING ll, water well – Great Home Site ... Call
**328 Acres** - CR 253 N, deer & quail. $425/A
**480 A's Fisher Co.** Great hunting place -water, turke CONTRACT PENDING ide. bunk house, D6 Cat & tractor ... Call!
**Camp Springs** - 147 Acres, windmill, concrete water storage, earth tank, 44 acres cropland ... Call
**620 Acres pasture** & 152 cultivation, hunting, quail & dove, SW Hermleigh
**160 Acres - Farm** - East of Dunn on CR 4136 ... $475/acre
**152 Acres - East of Dunn** - Farm on CR 4136 ... $475/acre
**109 Acres**, South City Limits, native grass, great co SOLD cation, close in! $325/acre ... Call for more details
**25th & Ave. Z** Vacant lot ... $3,500

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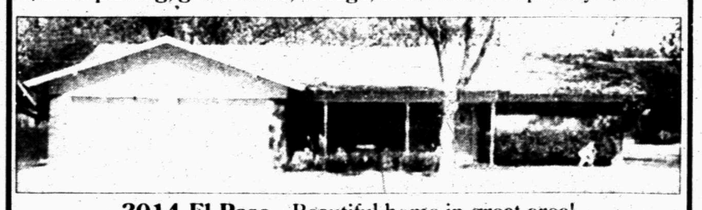




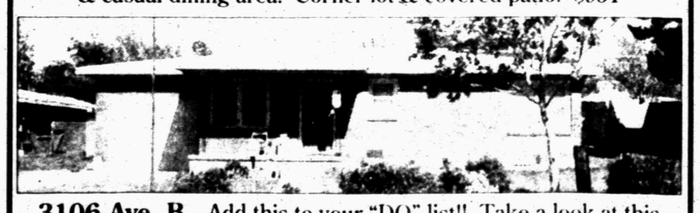
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**2908 37th** - Comfortable 2 bedroom home, formal living/dining combo includes den & garden room overlooking a nice yard & covered patio. Front kitchen is bright w/lots of counter space. Corner lot w/2 car parking, greenhouse, storage, & tile fence for privacy. $59.5T



**3014 El Paso** - Beautiful home in great area!
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**3106 Ave. B** - Add this to your "DO" list!! Take a look at this 3 bedroom, 1 bath brick w/large living area, formal dining, covered patio, new CH/A, and some updating. Must see to appreciate!!



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ACADEMIC AWARDS — East Elementary students who received an academic award for the fifth six weeks are from left front row, Fernando Ramirez, Ashleigh Falcon, Mariah Cearley, Jessica Villa, M.J. Diaz and Nicholas Clanton. Students on the back row are Malak Wills, Jessica Hernandez and Sarah Rath. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



CITIZENSHIP AWARDS — East Elementary students who received a citizenship award for the fifth six weeks are front row from left, Sabrina Edwards, Alicyn Hernandez, Cristina Herrera, Randy Vera and Mercedes Navarette. Back row from left are Caleb Hester, Robby Luna, Macy Bilano and Dalton Toland. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

# Retail milk prices to increase

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumers are likely to see milk prices rise, probably to record levels, because the Agriculture Department is raising the minimum price paid to farmers to a record high, dairy experts say.

The department announced Friday it is raising the new minimum price for farmers to $1.69 per gallon, a 50-cent increase. The previous record was $1.40 per gallon in February of 1999.

Larry Salathe, a senior economist for the department said the new minimum takes effect on May 1.

The price increase for farmers could send the price of a gallon up to $3.40 at the grocery store, assuming that all of it will be passed on to consumers, said Ed Jesse, a dairy economist at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

"I don't think there's any question about it," he said.

Consumers can expect to see almost an immediate effect. They'll notice rising prices next month when the department's new farm price is in place, Jesse said.

Prices can vary from the national average based on the region where the milk is produced and the type of milk sold, such as skim or whole. The Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board raised its milk prices by an average of 58 cents on Friday, taking into account the effect of the USDA action on the state. Prices will vary within the state.

In Mechanicsburg, Pa., shopper Debby Murphy had just bought milk for her husband and three kids, paying $3.06 for a gallon. It will cost her $3.70 in May. She was disappointed with the increase, but it won't deter her. "I'm going to buy it regardless," she said. "I'll probably try to make it last a little longer."

# Despite Vatican ruling, Kerry still supports abortion rights

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry delivered an unabashed defense of abortion rights on Friday just hours after a top Vatican cardinal said that priests must deny Communion to Catholic politicians who support abortion rights.

Several other Catholic politicians said they, too, had no intention of altering the way they practice their religion or their politics.

With hundreds of Catholic politicians in the United States supporting abortion rights, the trans-Atlantic counterpoint was only the latest sign that the issue promises to be a recurrent one on the U.S. campaign trail this year.

"I believe that in the year 2004 we deserve a president who understands that a stronger America is where women's rights are just that: rights, not political weapons to be used by politicians of this nation," Kerry declared at a rally with leaders of pro-choice groups that are mobilizing in Washington for a big march on Sunday. "We are going to have a change in leadership in this country to protect the right of choice,"

Speaking earlier from Vatican City, Cardinal Francis Arinze stopped short of saying whether it was right for Kerry to receive Communion, but said a Catholic politician who supports abortion rights "is not fit" to receive the Eucharist. U.S. bishops have discretion in deciding who should receive Communion, but the cardinal's comments could put more pressure on them to sanction Catholic politicians whose positions are at odds with church teachings.

Kerry says he personally opposes abortion but supports a woman's right to choose. He did not directly respond to Arinze's comments, but campaign spokesman David Wade said Kerry believes the separation of church and state "helped make religious affiliation a non-issue in American politics."





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## Thank You

The family of Herminia Arellano would like to thank everyone for the flowers, food, cards, phone calls and prayers that we received during our time of loss.

A special thanks to Teressia Shoemake, Angelia Gonzalez, Walter McCall and the staff at Odyssey Healthcare, and to Maria Gonzalez for her help and friendship. Also, thank you to the staff at Wright Colonial Funeral Home and the ladies who set up and served the food at the community center.

**May God bless each of you.**
***Lillie & Albento Conde***

## Thank You

The Lopez Family would like to acknowledge our heartfelt gratitude to all of you who expressed your sincere condolences at the loss of our loved one Roberto Lopez. We would like to give thanks to the paramedics, doctors, nurses, all the staff at Cogdell Memorial Hospital, the Flight for Life crew, and Covenant Medical Center Hospital (Children's ICU) in Lubbock, TX. Thank you all for the courtesy calls, visits, warm hugs, sympathy cards, nice flowers, plants, plentiful food, and help in all other forms.



A word of special thanks to the Priests, Rev. Roy Badillas of St. Elizabeth of Snyder, Rev. Rudy Crasta, pastor of St. Margaret Mary in Lamesa, TX, Rev. John Chero, pastor of St. Michael in Anson, TX, and U.S. Army Chaplain Capt. Leo Moras, who officiated and concelebrated the Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, and for providing religious support.

May God bless each and everyone of you and your families.

**With Love,**
**Mr. & Mrs. Jose L. & Maria Lopez**
**Maritza & Ubaldo Juarez & family**
**Jose L. Lopez Jr., Ginelda Lopez**
**& his brother in faith, Capt. Leo Moras**

**Dearest Robert,**

I'm sorry if I was ever mean to you, and I'm sorry that there were people who took advantage of your problems. I know that deep down, they were sorry about their actions. I have written you a poem to tell you how much you've changed my life.

-Rachael Dupree
(see poem far right)

**Mr. & Mrs. Lopez & Family,**

I am so sorry for the loss of a great son and spectacular brother!

Robert was a great kid, always smiling, and never did anything to anybody. From the time he walked into school until the time he left he was kind and always had a big smile! He would always ask everyone if they would like to be his friend, they would say no and say mean things to him, but he would let it bounce off and still have that big smile on! If Robert were here one last time I know we would like to say how sorry we are for pushing him away.

Robert has only gone to heaven and has to put up with no more suffering.

Ya'll are all in my prayers and God bless!

Sincerely,
Krystal

***You left our side, but your memory will live on in our minds and hearts forever.***



***Roberto Lopez***

## *A Tribute*

God looked in His garden,
saw an empty space,
Then looked on the earth
and saw your tired face.
He put His arms around you,
lifted you to rest.
God's garden is beautiful,
He only takes the best.
He knew you were in pain.
He knew you would not get
well on earth again.
He saw the road was
getting rocky,
The hill was hard to climb,
He closed your tired eyelids and
whispered, "Peace be Thine".
It broke our hearts to lose you,
You didn't go alone,
Part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.

**Robert's Smile**
**"Smiling from dawn to dusk"**

You got homework now and then,
You just did it and turned it in;
People messed with your head,
You laughed it off and nothing was said.

You tried your hardest,
and never complained,
You made the most of it when it rained;
I sat beside you, and you sat beside me,
You'd be as happy as can be.

We'd talk and laugh, & people made fun,
But somehow you smiled till
the day was done;
Your smile was big and bold and deep;
I promise, you smiled in your sleep.

But now you're in a better place,
So I'll have memories of that happy face;
You are in a place with no hurts, no tears,
After you've been suffering all these years.

You've changed my life, I'm not sure when,
Life won't look the same again;
So thank you, Robert, for your smile,
I'll see you soon in a while.

-by Rachael Dupree

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# Rocket attack on base kills 5 U.S. soldiers

BAGHDAD (AP) — Insurgents struck a U.S. military base north of Baghdad with rockets at dawn Saturday, killing five American soldiers, an official said, while a rocket crashed into a crowded market in the Iraqi capital, killing at least three people.

Besides the deaths in the market, up to 12 Iraqis were killed Saturday in several attacks, including an apparent suicide car bombing in Tikrit, fighting in Baghdad's Sadr City, and clashes between Polish troops and Shiite militiamen in Karbala.

The fighting in Sadr City, an eastern mostly Shiite district in the capital, came when U.S. forces launched raids against suspected militiamen, sparking a battle that the military said killed one or two Iraqis. During the fighting, three Iraqi girls were badly burned when a shell exploded in their bedroom where they slept.

Hours later, a rocket slammed into the neighborhood's crowded Chicken Market, killing at least three people and wounding dozens, residents said. Human flesh could be seen among scattered market goods and burned-out cars in the chaotic street. It was unclear who fired the rocket or what its intended target was.

The five U.S. solders were killed around dawn, when two 57-mm rockets slammed into the base in Taji, Air Force Lt. Col. Sam Hudspath said. Taji is a former Iraqi air force base 12 miles north of Baghdad that is now used by the Army's Texas-based 1st Cavalry Division.

Six soldiers were wounded in the attack.

Elsewhere, a Marine died from combat injuries suffered on April 14 while fighting guerrillas in Iraq's western Anbar province, the military announced.



**FINAL PERFORMANCES — Western Texas College's drama department will present the final performances of *Two Gentlemen From Verona* at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at the Fine Arts Theatre. In this scene, Rhealan Wagnon's character, Sylvia, has fainted and is being assisted by Valentine, portrayed by Tedrick George; and Ryan Ballard's character, Proteus. Tickets are $5 for adults. (SDN Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)**

# Texas House readies to debut new plan to distribute money

AUSTIN (AP) — House leaders planned to roll out an innovative method for distributing state money to public schools on Saturday, as a House education committee continues to consider new ways to overhaul the way Texas pays for educating children.

The proposed funding plan would give schools a set amount of money, differentiating for the first time between the cost of primary and high school students.

Schools would get $4,459 for each student in kindergarten through eighth grade, based on average daily attendance. High schools would get $1,000 more per student.

If adopted, the plan would eliminate a complicated system of weights that are now used to account for students that cost more to educate. Under the plan as drafted, each student in a bilingual program would generate $450 for the school; poor students would bring in $665; students in career and technology programs would bring in $178; and students in special education classes would generate $300.

The cost of teaching students with severe learning disabilities, such as blindness or autism, would be compensated with a grant on an individual basis.

## Drug treatment ordered for actors'son

HOUSTON (AP) — The 19-year-old son of actors Farrah Fawcett and Ryan O'Neal has been ordered to undergo residential drug treatment for heroin addiction.

Redmond O'Neal, of Malibu, Calif., was staying at his maternal grandmother's northwest Harris County home when he was arrested and charged with forgery in January 2003. He was accused of trying to cash a bad check at a hardware store.

Prosecutors agreed to dismiss the charges in April 2003 on the condition that the teen successfully complete a drug treatment program. He failed to do so.

O'Neal on Friday told District Judge Brian Rains he still is addicted to heroin.

As Fawcett and Ryan O'Neal wiped away tears in the courtroom, Rains admonished the teen and offered him one more chance to avoid the forgery charge. It is punishable by up to two years in jail.

"You've got the rest of your life ahead of you, but you're screwing it up," Rains told Redmond O'Neal.

# Births

Lacie Larie Green and Terry Walls Jr. of Azle announce the birth of their daughter, Summer Louise Walls. Summer was born April 13 in John Peters Smith Hospital in Fort Worth. She weighed seven pounds, seven ounces and was 20½ inches long. Maternal grandparents are Lori Manlief, Steven Green, both of Snyder, and Stephen Richards of Venus, Texas. Great-grandparents are Curtis and Janette Green, Pat and Neil Manlief, all of Snyder, and the late Patricia Louise Manlief.

Paternal grandparents are Ina Walls of Azle and Terry Walls Sr. of Springtown.

Jimmy and Cynthia Selvera of Snyder announce the birth of their son, Sylvester Selvera, at 3:16 p.m. on April 23 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Sylvester weighed eight pounds, seven ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Frank and Mary Selvera of Hermleigh and maternal grandparents are Andres and Maribel Gutierrez of Snyder.

# Two felony arrests made in Snyder

- ***Arrests***

Two felony arrests were made in Snyder on Friday and early Saturday morning.

Officers arrested Corey Vernon Clay, 19, of 3301 Ave. M on a warrant for probation violation. He was taken into custody in the 4100 block of College Avenue.

At 1:47 a.m. Saturday, officers arrested Thomas Roemisch, 42, of 3120 Ave. T on a warrant out of Travis County for failure to appear on a child support charge.

Officers arrested a 42-year-old male at 8:39 p.m. Friday in the 4100 block of College Avenue on several charges to include no driver license, no liability insurance, displaying a fictitious vehicle registration sticker and displaying an inspection sticker issued to another vehicle.

At 11:30 p.m. Friday, officers arrested a 22-year-old male in the 800 block of 25th St. for public intoxication.

- ***Felony criminal mischief***

Deputies filed a report for felony criminal mischief Friday morning in reference to a valve on a tank containing magnesium chloride being opened and the contents allowed to drain. C.D. Gray Jr. filed the complaint.

- ***Possible runaway***

Officers were notified at 5 p.m. Friday of an 11-year-old male possibly running away from home.

Officers located the subject at 7:30 p.m. at another residence and returned the juvenile to his mother.

- ***Theft***

At 8:46 p.m. Friday, officers were told a 28-inch bicycle had been stolen from the 2400 block of Sunset.

- ***Juvenile complaints***

Around noon Friday, a person reported juveniles congregating and smoking in the alley in the 2400 block of Sunset.

At 7:20 p.m. Friday, officers were advised that juveniles were throwing dirt clods at vehicles traveling in the 4500 block of College Avenue.

At 10:45 p.m., a citizen advised officers that several juveniles were in the 3300 block of Highland knocking on doors and messing with vehicles.

Several complaints were made about cars leaving parking lots on College Avenue and spinning tires and throwing loose gravel on other cars.

- ***Disputes investigated***

Deputies were called to Hermleigh Friday morning in reference to one person complaining about a neighbor spreading manure on property adjacent to his residence. The deputy determined there was no violation of the law.

- ***Accidents***

Officers investigated two minor accidents Friday afternoon in the construction area of South College Ave.

# Obituaries

## Monty Blakely

**1936-2004**

WAUSAU, Wisc. — David Monty Blakely, a former resident of Snyder, died April 20 in Wausau after a lengthy illness.

Memorial service for Mr. Blakely, 68, is set for 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 1, in Restlawn Memorial Park and Cemetery in Wausau. It will be followed by a full military honors burial.

Born Nov. 16, 1936, he was the youngest son of Sherman and Maudie Blakely. He was a U.S. Army veteran and retired in Wausau.

Mr. Blakely married Patricia Sebunia on Oct. 11, 1962 in Wausau. They returned to Snyder and he was employed by Higginbotham-Bartlett before moving back to Wausau.

Survivors include his wife, Pat Blakely of Wausau; a daughter and son-in-law, Annette and Don Huston and granddaughter, Elizabeth, of Wausau; three sisters, Shirley Payne of Lubbock, Iris Lynn Stewart and husband Leslie of Kerrville; and Islasu Minor and husband Rudy of Snyder; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association.

## Jerry Bob Lloyd

**1936-2004**

GOODING, Idaho — Jerry Bob Lloyd, a Snyder native, died Wednesday, April 21, following a heart attack while driving a truck through Winnemucca, Nev.

Services for Mr. Lloyd, 67, will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Gooding Demaray Chapel. Burial will follow in Elmwood Cemetery.

Born Aug. 6, 1936 in Snyder, he married Lavell Hart on May 11, 1956 in Snyder. He was a 1954 graduate of Snyder High School.

His parents, Raymond and Letà Lloyd; two brothers, Carl Ray Lloyd and Jimmy Don Lloyd, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife Lavell Lloyd of Payette, Idaho; three sons, Greg Lloyd of Albuquerque, Tony Lloyd and wife, Lisa, of Idaho; and Doug Lloyd of Payette; one daughter and son-in-law, Pam and Roger Casch of Oxford, Ore.; three sisters, Eltine Vines and Pat Cornett, both of Snyder, and Dot Beaty of Odessa; and six grandchildren.

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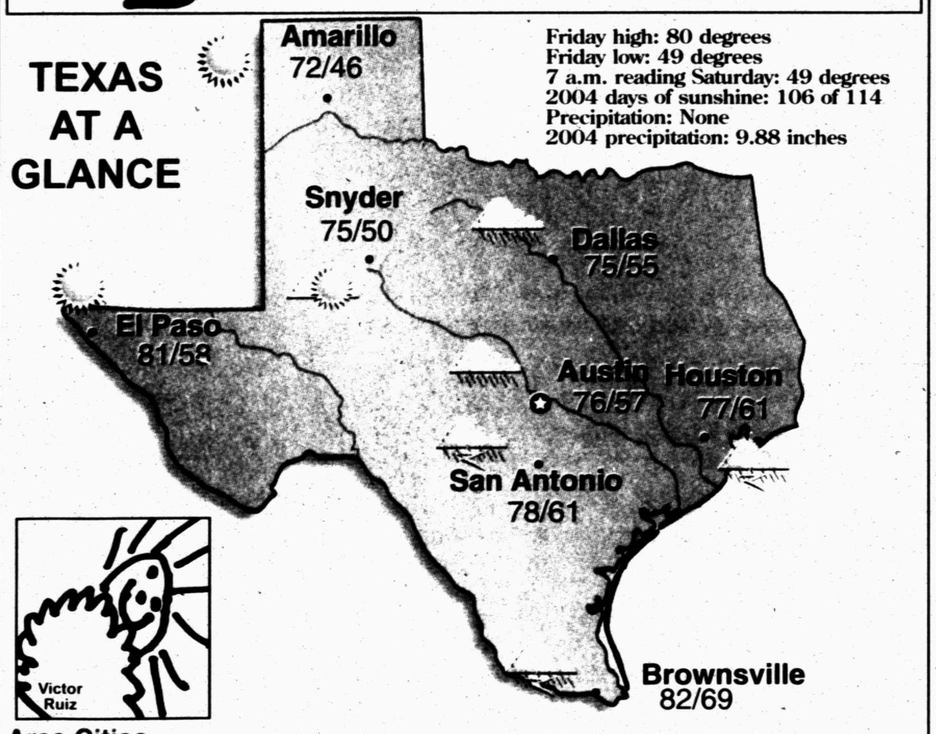
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### Local 3-Day Forecast

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### TEXAS AT A GLANCE




Friday high: 80 degrees
Friday low: 49 degrees
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2004 days of sunshine: 106 of 114
Precipitation: None
2004 precipitation: 9.88 inches

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| Amarillo | 72 | 46 | sunny | Fort Stockton | 79 | 55 | mst sunny | Raymondville | 82 | 67 | t-storm |
| Austin | 76 | 57 | rain | Gainesville | 73 | 51 | pt sunny | Rosenberg | 77 | 60 | t-storm |
| Beaumont | 76 | 60 | t-storm | Greenville | 74 | 52 | rain | San Antonio | 78 | 61 | t-storm |
| Brownsville | 82 | 69 | t-storm | Houston | 77 | 61 | t-storm | San Marcos | 77 | 58 | t-storm |
| Brownwood | 77 | 53 | pt sunny | Kingsville | 80 | 65 | t-storm | Sulphur Springs | 74 | 52 | rain |
| Corpus Christi | 77 | 66 | t-storm | Livingston | 77 | 56 | t-storm | Sweetwater | 76 | 51 | mst sunny |
| Corsicana | 74 | 54 | t-storm | Longview | 75 | 53 | t-storm | Tyler | 75 | 53 | t-storm |
| Dallas | 75 | 55 | rain | Lubbock | 75 | 50 | sunny | Weatherford | 74 | 51 | pt sunny |
| Del Rio | 78 | 62 | rain | Lufkin | 77 | 56 | t-storm | Wichita Falls | 76 | 50 | mst sunny |

### National Cities

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| Boston | 52 | 41 | mst sunny | Los Angeles | 83 | 62 | pt sunny | San Francisco | 76 | 55 | mst sunny |
| Chicago | 58 | 45 | t-storm | Miami | 81 | 73 | pt sunny | Seattle | 73 | 50 | sunny |
| Dallas | 75 | 55 | rain | Minneapolis | 58 | 39 | rain | St. Louis | 66 | 49 | t-storm |
| Denver | 60 | 39 | pt sunny | New York | 54 | 47 | pt sunny | Washington, DC | 65 | 57 | cloudy |

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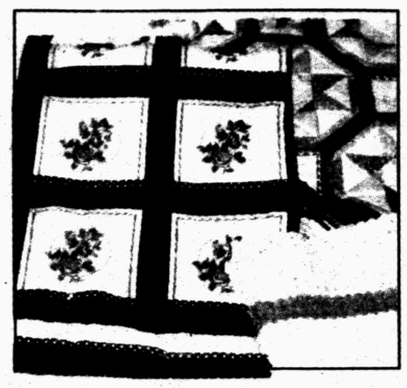
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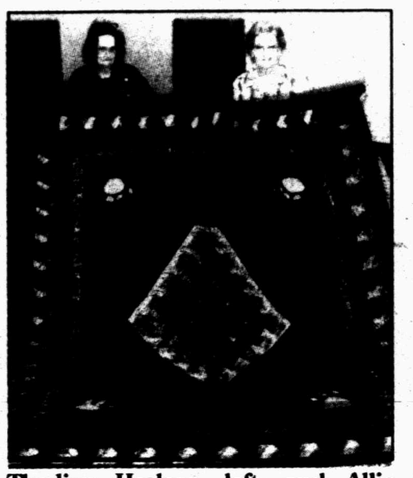
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# It's raining quilts at the Senior Citizens Center

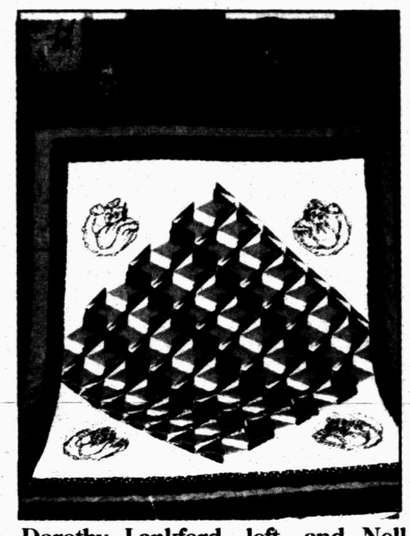
## Specialty items include Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh quilts



### May Day slated May 8 at coliseum



Thadine Harless, left, and Allie Beth Beauchamp are pictured with a Snyder Tigers quilt.



Dorothy Lankford, left, and Nell Baker hold a Ira Bulldogs quilt.



Thadine Harless, left, and Viola Stone are pictured with the Hermleigh Cardinals quilt.







## Activities to get underway at 2 p.m.

It's raining quilts at the Senior Citizens Center!

Not really, but volunteers have completed 29 quilts for the May Day auction set next Saturday.

Quilts come in all sizes, styles and material.

Three quilts represent Scurry County schools, including Snyder Tigers, Ira Bulldogs and Hermleigh Cardinals.

Quilts are fabric painted, embroidered and appliqued. One is made of men's ties, another of old flour sacks and one is a pieced quilt.

Other quilts are log cabin antique quilt, and a sampler quilt made by a 13-woman quilting group. There are five baby quilts, 10 large afghans and five baby afghans.

In addition to the quilts, two dolls will be auctioned and a western picture painted on a piece of tin.

May Day booths open and the entertainment will begin at 2 p.m. next Saturday. The barbecue will be served from 4:30-6 p.m., and the quilt auction will begin at 6:30 p.m. Grady Morris has once again volunteered as auctioneer.

The Sunshine Choir will present a Mother's Day Program at 2:15 p.m., the Deep Creek Cloggers will perform at 3 p.m., and the Aubrey Wilson Country Band will entertain from 4-6 p.m.

The Sweet Tooth Booth and the Craft Booth will have homemade baked goods and craft items for sale. Brownies, cookies, candies, cakes, breads, and sugar-free items are great items for the food booths.

For food safety homemade pies cannot be sold. The Silent Auction will have items and services donated by local businesses.

The ExxonMobil cooking crew will again prepare the brisket for the barbecue meal, which will cost $6 per plate. The tickets are available at the center.

There will be take-out plates for individuals who cannot attend.

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MAY WEDDING SET — Parents of Brandy Nicole Shafer and Joe David Pechacek announce their engagement and approaching marriage. Brandy's parents are Bodie and Sheila Shafer of Fluvanna. Joe David's parents are Jerry and Melinda Pechacek of Snyder and Kathy and Raymond Smith, also of Snyder. The couple plan a 2 p.m., May 29 ceremony in the Fluvanna Baptist Church. (Snaps by Staci)

## Bridal Registry

Jordan Garrison and Troy Allen
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Renae Hall and Kaleb Herrley
Cassie Tollett and Jerrod Rinehart
Cassie Callaway and Dale Cooper
Jamie Brinker and Eric McClendon
Chelsea Wildt and Beau Taft
Jennifer Rosa and Bryan Billings
Stormy Clark and Paul Camp
Trish Porter and Trey Shirley
Tera Kincaid and Trey Gorman
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# Bridge

**By Phillip Alder**



**Saturday, April 24, 2004**

North 04-24-04
♠ J 7 6
♥ A 10 7 4 2
♦ 8 3
♣ J 10 5

West
♠ K 10 9
♥ 9 8 6 3
♦ Q 5 4
♣ Q 7 2

East
♠ A 8
♥ 5
♦ A J 10 9 7 6 2
♣ 9 6 4

South
♠ Q 5 4 3 2
♥ K Q J
♦ K
♣ A K 8 3

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: North-South

| South | West | North | East |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 ♠ | Pass | 2 ♠ | 3 ♦ |
| 3 ♥ | Pass | 4 ♥ | Pass |
| 4 ♠ | Pass | Pass | Pass |

Opening lead: ♦ 4

## Mission possible for Mission Impossible

**By Phillip Alder**

Nearly 20 years ago, Barry Crane was murdered — a crime that remains unsolved. At that time, Crane had 35,084 masterpoints, "only" 11,359 ahead of Paul Soloway. Crane was also a producer, director and scriptwriter for well-known TV shows like "Mission Impossible." He specialized in winning major pair events, the biggest being the 1978 World Mixed Pairs (with Kerri Shuman, now Sanborn). This deal, though, occurred during a Vanderbilt Knockout Teams match. How did Crane make four spades, which looks like a mission impossible?

Crane (South), after receiving a single raise, was going to jump to four spades. But when East overcalled three diamonds, Crane devalued his diamond king. So, he made the only available game-try: three hearts. North raised to four hearts in case this was a 5-4 fit. Crane corrected to four spades.

East won trick one with the diamond ace and returned a diamond, forcing declarer to ruff. Three trump losers looked likely, but Crane felt that East, who was known to have long diamonds, had honor-doubleton in spades. So, at trick three, declarer led the spade queen from his hand.

This stymied the opponents. If West won with his king and returned the diamond queen, South would ruff and duck a round of spades, bringing down East's ace. At the table, West played low and East took his spade ace. Declarer won the club shift with his ace and played a trump toward dummy's jack. West won with the king, but a moment later, after drawing West's last trump, Crane discarded his club losers on dummy's hearts.

This column will self-destruct in five seconds.

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## Bridge Scores

Snyder Duplicate Bridge Clu meets at Snyder Country Club.

**Friday, April 16**
**Monte West, Director**
**A Group**

1. Anita Talbott — Sue Reed
2. Gwen Riggs — Carol Williams
3. Warren Haney — Monte West
4. Margaret Birdwell — Patsy Williams

**B Group**

1. Anita Talbott — Sue Reed
2. Gwen Riggs — Carol Williams
3. Margaret Presswood — Pat Floyd

**Tuesday, April 20**
**Jane Hinton, Director**
**A Group**

1. J.O.Morrison — Nona Morrison
2. Jane Hinton — Charles Blakey
3. Dora Blakey — Barbara Yorgensen
4. Dorothy Rosson — Margaret Presswood

You can't be brave if you've only had wonderful things happen to you.
—Mary Tyler Moore

*In Walnut Hill United Methodist Church...*

# Milner, Joyner pledge vows

DALLAS — Kristin Lee Milner and Courtney Ray Joyner, both of Dallas, were married in a double-ring ceremony at 6:30, March 27 in the Walnut Hill United Methodist Church.

The Rev. Steven Jester, minister of Saint Phillip Presbyterian Church in Hurst, officiated.

The bride's parents are Phil and Pam Ator of Singapore, formerly of Snyder. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hartsfield and Mrs. George Ator, all former Snyder residents. The groom's parents are Marlin and Jackie Joyner of Coppell.

The church entrance was decorated with calla lilies and heart-shaped wreaths of greenery and white flowers. Pews were marked with calla lilies, tied with organza ribbon. Two large candelabras with greenery, white roses, callas, hydrangeas and orchids accented the altar.

The Jim Higgins string quartet played the classical wedding selections. Michael Ator, brother of the bride, sang "On My Wedding Day," by Don Henley.

The bride's stepfather, Phil Ator, presented her in marriage as she was attired in an ivory satin gown, designed by St. Patrick. The strapless, A-line style gown had a full train. The fitted bodice was embroidered with pale gold scrollwork, accented with crystals and pearls. Pearls also were scattered on the gown skirt and train.

The bride wore her mother's tulle veil trimmed in pearls and a crystal and pearl tiara. Her maternal grandmother's pearls completed the ensemble. The bride's bouquet was asymmetrical in shape and was composed of various white roses, mini-calla lilies, gardenias and lily-of-the-valley.

Ashley Russo Rodriguez was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Katherine Hartsfield Stepp, cousin of the bride; Tiffany Lee Milner, her sister; Ashleigh Metta Joyner, sister of the groom; Jerri Whitlatch Nixon; Sharon Burger Flinn; and Shannon Lassile Herrick.

They wore two-piece champagne gowns designed by Bill Levkoff. The bodices were strapless and fitted, with an A-line skirt. Each wore coin pearl necklaces and earrings, a gift from the bride, designed and handmade in Singapore. They carried bouquets of roses in varying shades of pink and champagne, tied with organza ribbon.

Best men and groomsmen were Michael Gearald Burnett, Larry Dean Frazier, Jason Kent Jones, Christopher Shawn Kryzak, Bradley Jason Laird, Marc Lucas Matney and Christopher Weldon Thompson.



Mrs. Courtney Ray Joyner
(Contributed Photo)

Ushers included Drew Hamilton Kellam, cousin of the groom; Michael Phillip Ator, brother of the bride; Patrick David Hudson; Roy Dale Foster; and John Steven McDonald.

The men wore traditional tuxedos by Calvin Klein.

Sara Hartsfield Valadez and Rachel Claire Hartsfield, cousins of the bride from Midland, attended the guest registry. The table was decorated with vases of orchids, votives and scattered rose petals.

The reception was held at the Tower Club, on the 48th floor of Thanksgiving Tower in downtown Dallas. D.J. Marcus Rollins provided music.

The bride's table had a white satin tablecloth with a sheer voile overlay and was decorated with scrollwork. The table was scattered with rose petals and accented with the bridesmaids' bouquets.

Dallas Affaires created the five-tiered wedding cake; each tier was decorated in a different pattern, with two tiers mirroring the scroll pattern of the bride's gown. Roses decorated the top of the cake that was iced with lemon buttercream with fresh raspberry puree.

The groom's table was covered with a maize satin cloth. The cake, also created by Dallas Affaires, was a two-tiered chocolate cake with Bailey's Irish buttercream filling. The cake was decorated with the Texas A&M seal and surrounded by chocolate covered strawberries.

The couple took a five-day honeymoon to Little Dix Bay Resort on the island of Virgin Gorda in the British Virgin Islands. They reside in Dallas.

The bride, a 1992 graduate of Lancaster High School, a 1996 graduate of Texas A&M University with a bachelor of science degree, and a 2001 graduate of the University of Texas at Houston Medical School. She is in her third year of her radiology residency at Baylor Hospital in Dallas.

The groom is a 1990 graduate of Coppell High School and a 1994 graduate of Texas A&M with a bachelor in business administration degree. He is employed by IBM as an IT specialist.

Out-of-town guests were from Snyder, Midland, Houston, Fort Worth, Austin, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Georgia, Missouri, North Carolina, Washington, D.C., Wyoming, Canada and Singapore.

# Scurry County Library News & Views

**By Janie Romine, director**

For those of you who subscribe to the magazine, ***Texas Highways***, you will notice one of our local citizens in the May 2004 issue. If you look on page 48, you will find a very interesting article about the Silent Wings Museum in Lubbock. One picture shows a former glider pilot, Doug Flynn of Snyder, sitting in a restored glider.

Libraries and museums have a lot in common. Whereas libraries usually have mostly the printed record of history, along with audiotapes and videotapes, museums have more of a visual record of history. The Silent Wings Museum is no exception.

The Silent Wings Museum is located in the former Lubbock airport near the current airport, and was dedicated in October 2002. I have been there three times in 18 months, and each time I go, I discover something new.

Can you imagine, gliding in to land among enemy shells in a cow pasture, knowing that you have no way of taking off again?

The gliders carried jeeps, supplies, troops, and equipment, and had to be ready to open and unload immediately upon landing.

This may not sound like a huge task but when one stands next to a glider at the museum, one realizes that there was not much to stop the enemy artillery.

Lubbock was instrumental in the training of glider pilots, so it is appropriate that the museum is located in Lubbock. If you do not subscribe to ***Texas Highways***, come to the library and look through our issue.

Make plans to visit the museum. You will find that there are many things you did not know about World War II, and you will come away with a deep appreciation of those men who flew the gliders under such difficult circumstances.

If you cannot make the trip to Lubbock, come to the Scurry County Library and look through the ***Texas Highways***, and learn about the daring glider pilots of World War II.

See you soon at the Scurry County Library.

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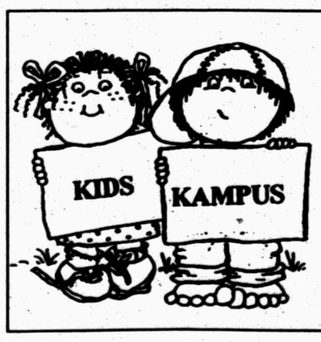
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**PHILLIPS-THOMPSON ENGAGED — David and Rebecca Phillips of Snyder announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Leah Phillips, to Peter Thompson. He is the son of Michael and Judy Thompson of Mt. Pleasant. They are planning a ceremony at 2 p.m. on June 5 in Quaker Ave. Baptist Church in Lubbock. (Contributed Photo)**



**JULY WEDDING PLANNED — Joe and Virginia Lara of Snyder announce the engagement of their daughter, Valerie Lara, to Justin Schmidt. He is the son of Ken and Colleen Schmidt of Amherst. Valerie and Justin are planning a 1 p.m. ceremony on July 4 at the Wagon Wheel Ranch. (Contributed Photo)**



**ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — Buddy and Karen Stewart of Greenwood announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jessica, to Ross McCrea, son of Randy and Roberta McCrea of Sterling City. Jessica's grandparents are Howard and Rosemary Jones of Snyder. The couple will wed June 12 in Greenwood Baptist Church. (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.

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.

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**

Martha Ann Woman's Club Game Day & Luncheon; serving begins at 11:30 and games of choice will be played throughout the afternoon. Reservations will be needed by 5 p.m. Tuesday by calling 573-3427.

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

**THURSDAY**

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

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

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

**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.

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.

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**SATURDAY**

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.

## Writers meet

Doodlebug Writers Fellowship met Tuesday at the Golden Terrace community room, conducted by Helene Tutt, president.

Roll call was answered by members reading original limericks and a workshop was held on writing newspaper articles.

On May 15, members will attend the Forrest Fest writing contest at Lamesa.

Lola Stumbbs chose the writing topic "Mother" for the next meeting. Either a poem or story about a mother is to be presented to the membership in honor of Mother's Day.

Nelda Randolph was welcomed as a new member and the meeting concluded with readings of original poems or stories.

The group will meet again on May 4 at 11 a.m. at Golden Terrace and visitors are welcome.



**IRA 1944 GRADS — The 1944 graduating class of Ira High School met April 3 for its 60th class reunion. From left are, back row, Bill Strom, Copan, Okla.; Joe Falls, Ira; Pat Westfall, Gatesville; Howard Sterling, Snyder; middle row, Jack Taylor, Jacksboro; third row from top, Ellen Sorrells Tucker, Meadow; Floy DeLoach Williams, Kansas City, Mo., Mae Wilson Hancock, Snyder; Frances Autry Jones, Santa Fe, N.M.; Faye Chapman Stewart, Sweetwater; bottom row, Oleta Taylor Hamji, Dallas; Carla von Roeder Clark, Dallas. (Contributed Photo)**


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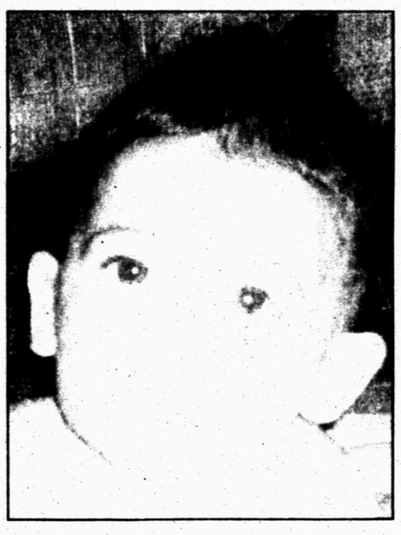
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# School Menus

—Ira—

**BREAKFAST**
**Monday**
Cinnamon Rolls
**Tuesday**
Biscuits & Sausage
**Wednesday**
Sausage Cheese Muffins
**Thursday**
Sausage on a Stick
**Friday**
No School

**LUNCH**
**Monday**
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce/Peanut Butter Sandwich
Green Beans
Salad
Breadsticks
**Tuesday**
Chicken Strip/Steak Fingers
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Corn on the Cob
Hot Rolls
Peanut Butter Surprise
**Wednesday**
Pig-n-Blanket/Grill Cheese
Tater Tots
Ranch Style Beans
Oranges
**Thursday**
Pizza
Salad
Mixed Vegetables
Banana Pudding

—Hermleigh—

All meals are served with milk and breakfast also offers juice.

**BREAKFAST**
**Monday**
Double-Chocolate Chip Muffins
**Tuesday**
Donuts
**Wednesday**
Ham & Cheese Biscuit
**Thursday**
Dry Cereal
**Friday**
Sausage Biscuit

**LUNCH**
**Monday**
Corn Dogs
Macaroni & Cheese
Italian Green Beans
Pink Applesauce
**Tuesday**
Fajitas
Corn on the Cob
Ranch Style Beans
Blonde Brownies
**Wednesday**
Burrito/Chili/Cheese
Garden Salad
Refried Beans
No-bake Cookies
**Thursday**
Chicken Fried Steak/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Glazed Carrots
Hot Rolls
Yogurt
**Friday**
Hamburgers
Lettuce/Tomato/Pickles
Potato Wedges
Spice Cake

—Snyder—

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

***All Schools***
**Monday**
French Toast Sticks
Peaches
**Tuesday**
Cinnamon Toast
**Wednesday**
Scrambled Eggs w/Bacon
Pineapple Chunks
**Thursday**
Egg & Cheese Taco
Cereal & Toast
**Friday**
No School

***Elementaries***
**LUNCHES**
**Monday**
Sloppy Joe's
Hard Shell Tacos
Broccoli w/Cheese
Buttered Carrots
Oatmeal Cookie
**Tuesday**
Beefy Parmesan
Turkey & Gravy
Sautéed Zucchini
Pinto Beans
Fruited Gelatin
**Wednesday**
Cheeseburger
PB&J Sandwich
Carrot Sticks w/Ranch
Corn
Fresh Fruit
**Thursday**
Pepperoni Pizza
Barbecued Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Apple Crisp

***Junior High***
**Monday**
Sloppy Joe's
Hard Shell Tacos
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Pickles
Broccoli w/Cheese
Seasoned Green Beans
Warm Cookie
**Tuesday**
Beef Parmesan
Turkey & Gravy
Pepperoni Pizza
Cheeseburger
Lettuce & Pickles
Garlic Breadstick
Pinto Beans
Fruited Gelatin
**Wednesday**
Cheeseburger
PB&J Sandwich
Chili & Cheese Potato
Pepperoni Pizza
Lettuce & Pickles
Carrot Sticks w/Ranch
French Fries
Fresh Fruit
**Thursday**
Grilled Turkey & Cheese
Beef Fideo
Cheeseburger
Pepperoni Pizza
Lettuce & Pickles
Macaroni & Cheese
Fresh Fruit

***High School***
**Monday**
Sloppy Joe's
Hard Shell Tacos
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Pepperoni Pizza
Salad Bar
Broccoli w/Cheese
Carrot Sticks w/Ranch
Warm Cookie
**Tuesday**
Beef Parmesan
Turkey-n-Gravy
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Pepperoni Pizza
Salad Bar
Garlic Breadstick
Pinto Beans
**Wednesday**
Cheeseburger
Chili & Cheese Potato
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Pepperoni Pizza
Salad Bar
Carrot Sticks w/Ranch
French Fries
Fresh Fruit
**Thursday**
Grilled Turkey & Cheese
Beef Fideo
Hamburger
Beef Burrito
Pepperoni Pizza
Salad Bar
Fresh Broccoli
Lettuce & Pickles
Macaroni & Cheese



**BRIDE-ELECT HONORED — Tera Kincaid, bride-elect of Trey Gorman, was honoree at a bridal shower held last Saturday in the garden room of First Baptist Church. The couple will marry at 8 p.m. on June 5 at Glenn and Janeen Patterson's country home. From left are Durelle Gorman, grandmother of the prospective groom; Kim Gorman, his mother; the honoree; Terri Rawls, the bride-elect's mother; Mechelle Renfro, her sister; Pat Compton, her grandmother; Lacey Kincaid, her sister; and Donna Kincaid, her stepmother. (Contributed Photo)**




**JUNIOR VARSITY CHEELEADERS — Elected Snyder High School junior varsity cheerleaders for 2004-05 were Brianna Bernal, Jessica Coy, Krista Dorsett, Whitley Fulford, Cheyene Roemisch and Jessica Yanez. Sponsor is Rhonda Ward. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)**




**FRESHMAN CHEERLEADERS — Snyder Junior High eighth graders elected by their peers to be their 2004-05 SHS freshman cheerleaders. They are (from left) Jodi Guerrero, Destine Naegele, Josi Presley, Amanda Sanchez; and standing, Jessica Deleon and Christian Tippens. Sponsor is Rhonda Ward. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)**

# Muffins for moms on restricted diets

Celebrate this Mother's Day with delicious muffins that every mom can enjoy – even moms on restricted diets due to allergies, intolerances or celiac disease. This recipe from Enjoy Life Foods is a great option for a Mother's Day brunch or special snack, from a company that was founded on a mother's dream.

**MOTHER'S DAY MUFFIN**
**DRY INGREDIENTS:**
1 cup Enjoy Life Foods Granola Cereal, plus additional for top
1 cup white rice flour
¼ cup brown sugar
1 tsp. salt
3 tsp. baking powder
1 tbsp. cinnamon

**WET INGREDIENTS:**
1 cup applesauce
2 tbsp. oil
4 tbsp. honey
2 large eggs or substitute
1 cup milk or substitute
FRUIT: 1 peach, cored & chopped
½ cup fresh or frozen blueberries

1. Preheat oven to 350F. Line or grease 12-16 muffin cups.
2. Combine dry ingredients. In a separate bowl, combine wet ingredients.
3. Add wet ingredients to dry and combine. Then fold in fruit.
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RAISING MONEY TO FIGHT CANCER — Stanfield Elementary's Relay For Life team raised money for the American Cancer Society by painting students faces and nails for Easter. Terrisu Mann paints a bunny on O.T. Lane's face while Macie Fletcher stands next in line. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

# Moussaoui, Sept. 11 defendant, can be tried in civilian court

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's only Sept. 11 defendant and the government are claiming partial victories in an appeals court ruling, but the judges' ultimate message is clear: The Justice Department can prosecute Zacarias Moussaoui in a civilian courtroom and seek to kill him.

A 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel in Richmond, Va., ruled Thursday that Moussaoui could have access to information from three al-Qaida prisoners who may be able to exonerate him. This was a defeat for prosecutors, who argued that Moussaoui had no right of access to the captives.

Moussaoui's victory was limited, however. The court majority said he could only receive written statements from the prisoners in a form that will have to be ironed out by a trial judge.

The three-judge panel threw out the trial court's order to allow the defense access to the witnesses by a remote video hookup.

In a victory for the government, the panel tossed out the two-part penalty that U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema, in Alexandria, Va., had imposed on the government for refusing to arrange the video questioning.

She had barred prosecutors from seeking the death penalty and from presenting evidence related to Sept. 11, the heart of the government's case. Both are now restored.

"No punitive sanction is warranted here because the government has rightfully exercised its prerogative to protect national security interests by refusing to produce the witnesses," the court said.

Robert Precht, assistant dean for public service at the University of Michigan law school, called the ruling "a very pragmatic decision. The court of appeals affirms that the Constitution applies in terrorism cases.

"But having said that, the court said that ... we don't have to impose these severe penalties for the government's failure to abide by the Constitution." The government can now try to convince a jury "that Moussaoui is not just some marginal player," Precht said.

# Government won't admit it has alleged mastermind of attacks

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. officials and insurance companies representing Sept. 11 victims are locked in an unusual legal standoff, stemming from the government's refusal to admit it has the alleged mastermind of the attacks in custody.

The insurance companies want the Justice Department to serve summonses and complaints on Khalid Shaikh Mohammed and other militants named as defendants in a lawsuit in federal court in New York.

But U.S. authorities claim they have never officially acknowledged holding the men. They also have argued that such a disclosure could hurt the government's battle against terrorism.

The insurers insist the government cannot prevent them from pursuing valid claims against terrorist organizations, and have proposed a plan to keep information about them under seal. A judge has yet to rule on the plan.

Stephen A. Cozen, a Philadelphia lawyer representing the insurance companies, said that his clients "understand the government's concerns" and hope to reach a compromise.

A spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office declined Friday to discuss the case.

The stalemate stems from a huge case comprising lawsuits brought by families of the victims of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Joining them are subsidiaries of Chubb Corp. and other insurance companies trying to recover more than $5 billion for property damage and workers' compensation, plus $200 billion in punitive damages.

The lawsuit seeks damages from the governments of Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan and Sudan; al-Qaida, Egyptian Islamic Jihad and other terrorist networks; and Osama bin Laden, Saddam Hussein and Saudi royalty.

Also named as defendants are Mohammed, the suspected No. 3 al-Qaida leader arrested in Pakistan in March 2003; Ramzi Binalshibh, an alleged coordinator of the Sept. 11 attacks; and about a dozen other terror suspects believed held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, or other U.S. military outposts.

The government has agreed to deliver summonses to only those defendants held by the Federal Bureau of Prisons or U.S. Marshals Service.

## World Almanac

**Saturday, April 24, 2004**

Today is the 115th day of 2004 and the 36th day of spring.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** In 1792, Claude Joseph Rouget de Lisle composed "La Marseillaise," the French national anthem.

In 1800, the Library of Congress was established.

In 1916, the Easter Uprising began in Dublin, Ireland.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Anthony Trollope (1815-1882), novelist; Robert Penn Warren (1905-1989), novelist/poet; Shirley MacLaine (1934-), actress, is 70; Barbra Streisand (1942-), singer and actress, is 62; Cedric the Entertainer (1964-), comedian/actor, is 40.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** In 1901, the first American League game was played, as the Chicago White Sox defeated Cleveland, 8-2.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "I arrived in Hollywood without having my nose fixed, my teeth capped or my name changed. That is very gratifying to me." — Barbra Streisand

**TODAY'S FACT:** Pluto is the coldest planet, with an average surface temperature of 369 degrees below zero (Fahrenheit).

**TODAY'S NUMBER:** 8.33 — Weight in pounds of a gallon of water.

**TODAY'S MOON:** Between new moon (April 19) and first quarter (April 27)

**Sunday, April 25, 2004**

Today is the 116th day of 2004 and the 37th day of spring.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** In 1859, work began on the Suez Canal.

In 1915, Allied troops began the disastrous invasion of the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey.

In 1945, U.S. and Soviet troops met on the Elbe River in Germany.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Guglielmo Marconi (1874-1937), inventor; Edward R. Murrow (1908-1965), journalist; Ella Fitzgerald (1918-1996), jazz singer; Al Pacino (1940-), actor, is 64; Talia Shire (1946-), actress, is 58.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** In 2001, Ricky Henderson set baseball's major league record for career bases on balls with his 2,063rd.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "It isn't where you came from; it's where you're going that counts." — Ella Fitzgerald

**TODAY'S FACT:** Venus is the hottest planet, with an average surface temperature of 867 F.

**TODAY'S NUMBER:** 142,811 — Area in square miles of Japan.

**TODAY'S MOON:** Between new moon (April 19) and first quarter (April 27)

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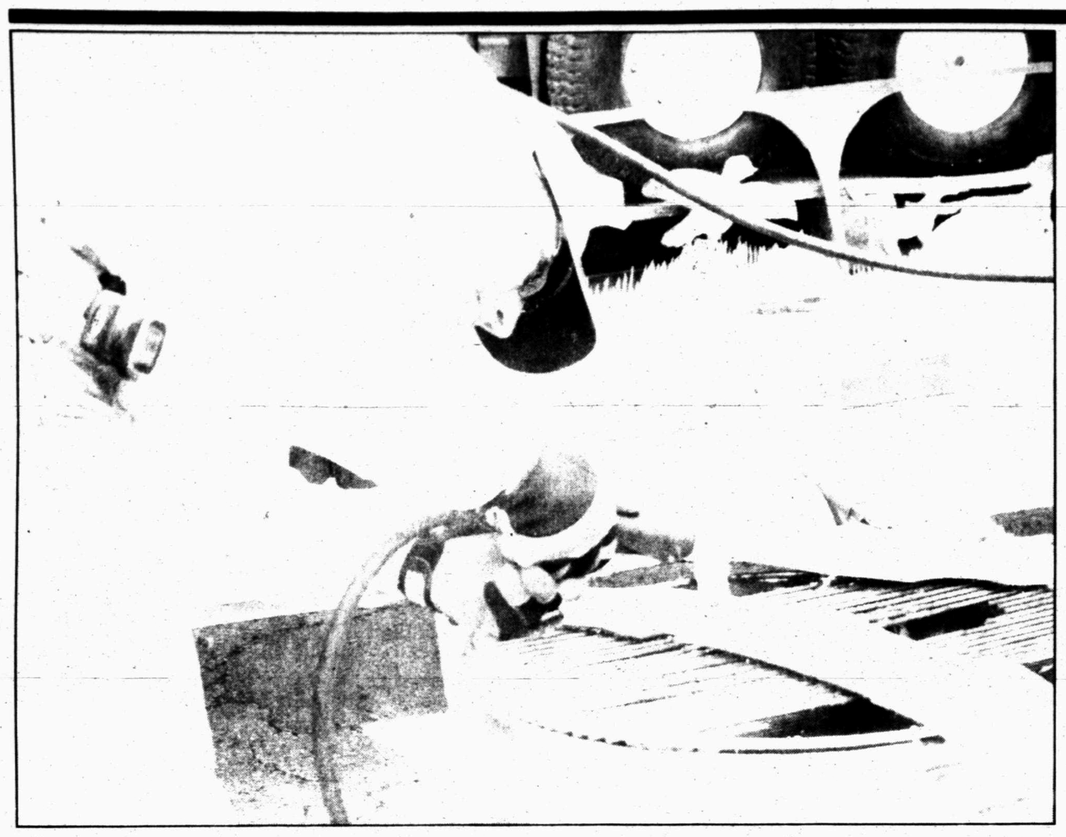
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CUT AND BURN — Doug Payne came all the way from Kansas City to demonstrate a new plasma cutter from Firepower during the NAPA Auto Parts display and demonstrations Tuesday. (SDN Staff Photo by Jeff West)

# Soybean shortage could push food prices higher this summer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A soybean shortage could push prices a bit higher this summer for consumer items ranging from baby food to frozen desserts.

Poor rainfall and attacks by sap-sucking aphids last year have driven inventories down to their lowest level in more than three decades.

"We are destined to, some would call it, run out of soybeans at our current usage rate," said Purdue University agricultural economist Chris Hurt. "We cannot continue to use them at the rate we are."

In August, the nation could be "down to stuff being delivered at that moment," said Paul Aho of Storrs, Conn., an agricultural economic analyst.

America could squeak by, satisfying its needs for food and livestock feeds, the experts say. But it would have "the absolute minimum working stocks," said Keith Collins, the Agriculture Department's chief economist.

Shoppers might not see a big impact, but livestock producers may have to absorb record higher costs, said Steve Meyer, president of Paragon Economics of Des Moines, Iowa, an economic consultant to the hog industry.

Demand for meat is strong, however, due in part to the popularity of Atkins-style high-protein diets. Daniel A. Sumner, professor of agricultural and resource economics at the University of California, Davis, expected some of the higher feed costs to be passed along to consumers.

Although consumers might not realize it, soybean oil or meal are important ingredients of many processed foods, everything from frozen desserts and coffee whiteners to baby food and salad dressings. Sometimes it's the main ingredient, such as tofu. More often it's a filler, such as in milkshakes, snack foods, baked goods and hamburger extender.

Commodities are such a small part of the cost of those products that consumers should see at most low single-digit increases in prices, Sumner said.

The United States grew 2.4 billion bushels of soybeans in 2003, 12 percent below the 2002 production, said Mark Ash, an oilseeds economist with the Agriculture Department. Just when soybeans most needed moisture, the rains failed last year in key growing areas of the Midwest. Aphid attacks made the problems worse.

Buyers have been drawing down the short supplies. Simultaneously, domestic and overseas demand has been strong, partly because major export competitors in South America also had short crops and shipment snarls during their own growing season, which is in the Northern Hemisphere winter.

Only about 37 percent of last fall's U.S. harvest was left in inventory as of March 1 to carry America through to the next harvest, which starts in August, Hurt said. That's the lowest level since 1973. In an ordinary year, about 48 percent of the harvest would still be available in March.

# Bush clears way for Libya and U.S. companies to do business

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush on Friday cleared the way for American companies to do business in Libya, easing Reagan-era economic sanctions as a reward to Moammar Gadhafi for giving up weapons of mass destruction.

Libya's actions "have made our country and the world safer," the White House said.

The easing of sanctions imposed in 1986 and those imposed under a 1996 Libya sanctions law will allow a resumption of oil imports from Libya.

It also will permit American oil companies to resume commercial activities in Libya. Marathon, ConocoPhillips, Amerada Hess and Occidental all have assets in Libya but have been barred by the U.S. government from operating there since 1986.

Libyan assets held in the United States or by U.S. banks will remain frozen.

Bush rolled backed the sanctions as a result of Libya's decision late last year to abandon weapons of mass destruction.

"Through its actions, Libya has set a standard that we hope other nations will emulate in rejecting weapons of mass destruction and in working constructively with international organizations to halt the proliferation of the world's most dangerous systems," White House press secretary Scott McClellan said. "Libyan actions since December 19 have made our country and the world safer."

Gadhafi also has garnered international backing with his decision to accept responsibility for the 1988 Pan Am 103 bombing. Libya has pledged $2.7 billion to compensate families of the airliner's 270 victims — $10 million per family.

The 1996 Libya sanctions law prohibited U.S. companies from investing in Iran and Libya. Sanctions also could be applied under the law to foreign companies that made investments in either country in excess of $40 million. In 2001, Congress extended the law for an additional five years. In the eight years the law has been in effect, no foreign company has been sanctioned.

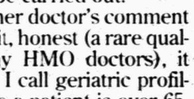
Foreign firms can now feel free to carry out energy-related investment in Libya without fear of U.S. reprisal.

The main remaining sanction is Libya's presence on the U.S. list of state sponsors of terrorism. Nations on the list are barred from receiving arms-related exports or sales of U.S. origin or receiving U.S. economic assistance. The U.S. government also is barred from supporting loan requests from such countries in international lending institutions.

Citing Libya's new stand, the White House said that Gadhafi's government "has taken significant steps eliminating weapons of mass destruction programs and longer range missiles, and has reiterated its pledge to halt all support for terrorism.

# Dr. Gott

**By Peter Gott, M.D.**



## Blood in stool needs testing

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** Following a serious injury last year, I developed bloody diarrhea. The two specialists who performed surgery on my back are not concerned. Eventually, I saw a gastroenterologist who diagnosed me with diverticulitis, but I don't buy it. I'm male, 52, never smoked and don't drink. Help!

**DEAR READER:** I doubt that your bloody diarrhea was a result of your accident. More likely, you have a form of colitis (bowel inflammation). But I cannot say that with certainty because of the sparse information you supplied in your letter.

Although it's true that diverticulitis (inflammation of tiny pockets in the intestinal lining) may cause bleeding, the disorder doesn't usually lead to diarrhea. Malaise, fever and abdominal pain — sometimes severe — more commonly accompany diverticular disease.

I recommend that you have a colonoscopy, if you have not already had one. This is a test that enables a specialist to examine the colonic lining with a lighted tube introduced through the rectum.

In addition, you need a meticulous stool analysis to check for infection and parasites, such as giardia. Ask you primary care physician to refer you to another gastroenterologist for a second opinion. Most cases of bloody diarrhea are treatable with medication once the cause is discovered.

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** I can understand that your "no sugar, no flour" weight-loss diet has the strength of simplicity, but you haven't considered a diet plan that would outline calorie intake and portion size. Don't I need a menu?

**DEAR READER:** No. That is precisely why my diet has been such a success: it is effective without the need to weigh food, calculate calories, or spend large sums on menus and supplemental, franchised protein drinks and the like.

If a label lists flour, sugar or corn syrup (a commercial sweetener), the food should be avoided. In addition, I discourage the use of alcoholic beverages because they truly contain unnecessary, "empty" calories.

My goal is to "keep it simple" — and inexpensive. Remember, too, that my diet is easily modifiable and, as I have written, can be adjusted (once pounds have been shed) to suit individual preferences and needs.

I assume from your comments that you have read my new and revised Health Report on losing weight. Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** I'm a healthy woman, age 63, who had a hysterectomy 20 years ago. For the past several years, I've lost most of the hair on my legs, arms and pubic area. Should I be concerned?

**DEAR READER:** I do not believe that your hair loss is the result of your surgery or any health problem. Your pattern is probably the result of aging. This is universal in both sexes. Undoubtedly, such hair thinning results from a hormone imbalance; more specifically, the profound reduction in hormone levels that occurs in people over 50. Ordinarily, this should not concern you, as it does not affect health. If you want to confirm my observation, see a dermatologist.

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** My 83-year-old sister had a minor stroke recently that left her with some difficulty walking. She is a member of an HMO and, after the event, her female doctor said: "I have no idea what caused it." Is there a more appropriate response to such an event?

**DEAR READER:** I cannot answer this question easily; the situation is too complex.

First off, I question your analysis that your elderly sister had a "minor" stroke. Any neurological event causing ambulation problems is certainly not minor. So, your doctors and family may have to re-appraise the situation. Unless your sister's gait and coordination return in a few days, I'd have to conclude that she did, in fact, have a significant stroke.

Second, in a woman your sister's age, strokes are relatively common. However, we should know if the stroke was caused by a blood clot (thrombotic) or bleeding (hemorrhagic). For obvious reasons, this question must be answered before physicians can recommend therapy.

For instance, if your sister suffered a thrombotic stroke — far and away the most common form in someone her age — she should receive physical therapy and rehabilitation for several weeks, along with treatment with aspirin.

On the other hand, if she had a hemorrhagic stroke, aspirin is contraindicated and further testing (to check her for possible future adverse events) should be carried out.

Third, while her doctor's comment was, to her credit, honest (a rare quality among many HMO doctors), it smacks of what I call geriatric profiling: just because a patient is over 65, why refuse appropriate testing, such as brain CT or MRI scanning, to see what's really going on? To save money, of course.

The elderly are programmed to suffer from heart disease, cancer and stroke. HMOs argue that they don't need to approve tests that are expensive and won't make a difference.

But people have a right to know what is affecting their loved ones and what, if anything, can be done about it. In my opinion, your sister's stroke needs some basic work-up, not a white-coat, shoulder shrugging, ho-hum practitioner.

Get tough. Despite her age, your sister needs a neurological consultation at the very least, and probably a CT scan, an MRI and a carotid ultrasound test as well. What you don't need is a doctor who is going to "blow you off," as the children say. Request and insist upon a sit-down consultation with your sister's physician. If nothing can be (or needs to be) done, fine. If your sister's health is so marginal that further intervention could be cruel, I can accept that. But I believe that you need further information — and you are entitled to it as a family member.

My answer has been based on medical policy for the past century. Now, with the new federal regulations (HIPAA) regarding patient privacy, some of which is unnecessary, your sister's hospital, physicians and other health-care professionals are prohibited from releasing health information without expressed approval from the patient. Therefore, you have to address this issue with the hospital authorities as well.

The eventual outcome of this challenging situation has not yet been decided. But I urge you to follow my advice and work through the medical/legal tangle to ensure that a comfort-care approach will minimize testing and emphasize her continuing quality of life. In my opinion, this last option is preferable, but, like you, I don't have enough information to make that decision. Work on it.

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

# Dear Abby

**By Abigail Van Buren**



## *Girl is tired of dating game in which she always loses*

**DEAR ABBY:** I was in a relationship for nine months. It didn't work out. Now it seems like every guy I'm attracted to turns out to be a real jerk. After they kiss me, I fall for them, but they don't fall back.

There is this guy I have liked for several years. He has already made it clear that he wants to kiss me. I'm afraid that if he does, I'll fall for him, but he won't fall for me. What should I do? — **DUMPED IN PITTSBURG, KAN.**

**DEAR DUMPED:** Your problem is that you become attached before you know who those boys are. Slow down. Tell this young man that you'd prefer he get to know you before the kissing starts. Until then, make sure that when you see him, there are other people around — so it's not so easy to become amorous. If he continues to show an interest, chances are you won't lose him if you kiss him.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 39-year-old married woman with a loving husband who would never cheat on me. I have been having an affair for the last eight years. The other man, "John," is also married, and he has a family. I met John at my part-time job, and he also works with my husband.

Four months ago, I decided I needed to be faithful to my husband and I ended the affair. John has now begun having an affair with one of my co-workers, a woman I consider to be a trashy person. This has hurt me terribly. When I see them, I feel like telling his wife everything — but this would only endanger my marriage, and I don't want to hurt my husband. Abby, help me get over this affair. — **CAN'T STOP HURTING**

**DEAR HURTING:** What goes around usually comes around, sooner or later. Your "trashy" co-worker will get burned, so be patient and resist the urge to inflict pain. Your former lover is a serial cheater. The ultimate victims are his wife and children, not you. The quickest way to get over the affair is to find another job, realize how lucky you are that your marriage is still intact, and concentrate your energies on your husband and your future.

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**DEAR ABBY:** Our friend, "Jake," and my husband have helped each other out for years. Jake repairs our cars; my husband helps him out with his computer needs.

The last time we had trouble with our car, Jake said he'd look at it. He called later and said we needed new brakes, some adjustments, and that some of the fluids needed to be changed. He estimated the cost would be about $200.

When Jake finished the repairs, he brought our car back (instead of our picking it up like we usually do) and left a bill in the car for $400 — $100 for brakes and fluids, $300 for labor.

We were shocked. Jake never charged for his labor before, and my husband has never charged Jake for working on his computer. We contacted a nearby auto repair shop to compare prices, and they quoted less than Jake charged us. Now we don't know what to say or do. Help! — BARTERING BLUES

DEAR BARTERING: Too bad Jake didn't warn you in advance that he was renegotiating the arrangement. Give him his money, and in the future, charge for any help he requests for his computer. You don't have to end the friendship — just take a giant step backward and take nothing for granted.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I loved the letters you printed about "Pennies From Heaven." I have another one for your collection. My grandfather was diagnosed with advanced prostate cancer, and we knew he didn't have a lot of time left.

On Monday I went to see him. He was semi-conscious, but he knew I was there. When I asked him a question, he would try to answer. When I put my lips to his, he'd give me little kisses. I said goodbye that evening and promised him I'd return the next day.

On Tuesday he was weaker. We felt he was already on his way to heaven. Once again, I said goodbye. On the ride home, I prayed he would go peacefully. My grandmother had a long ordeal in the hospital during her last days. I didn't want Papa to suffer like she did.

On Wednesday morning, my mom called and told me that Papa had stopped breathing. I dropped everything and drove as fast as I could to be by his side, but I was too late. I was unable to say a last goodbye or tell him how much I loved him.

My husband and I own a car reconditioning business. That day, a car was being cleaned for a customer. The employee who cleaned the car found a penny under one of the seats, and because he knew I liked old coins, he placed it on my computer keyboard so I'd be sure to see it when I got back to work.

When I returned to the office, I examined the penny and bawled my eyes out. It was a 1919 wheat penny — the year my grandfather was born. Although I didn't get to say a final goodbye to him, I feel this was his way of saying goodbye to me.

Ever since that day, I carry that penny in my pocket as a reminder that he is still with me. — **AT PEACE IN OKLAHOMA**

**DEAR AT PEACE:** Although your grandfather was semi-conscious, I am sure he knew you were with him at the last and heard your goodbye. I have received letters from nurses in hospitals attesting to the fact that patients who are comatose often hear and understand conversations going on around them — and that negative comments can impact upon a patient's progress.

However, I'm pleased that your discovery of the 1919 wheat penny brought comfort. Many readers have shared your feeling of reassurance after finding a "penny from heaven."

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**DEAR ABBY:** My husband, "Ted," and I have been happily married for five years. He gets along well with my family, but refuses to have contact with his own mother.

Ted's mother is an alcoholic and generally abusive because of it. (She even hit me once.) She has stolen money from his savings account, and once we had to bail her out of jail. She is also a pathological liar and has caused the whole family a lot of grief.

Ted's father left her, remarried, and is doing well.

Now and then, Ted's mother writes him and sends little gifts to show she's thinking about him. She says she has changed.

Ted doesn't want to give her the chance to hurt him again, but he is filled with so much insecurity because of his past that I think it might be time for them to reunite.

Do you think he should contact her, Abby? — **CONFUSED IN TEXAS**

**DEAR CONFUSED:** I think the decision about whether to reunite with his mother should be strictly your husband's, and you and I should stay out of it.

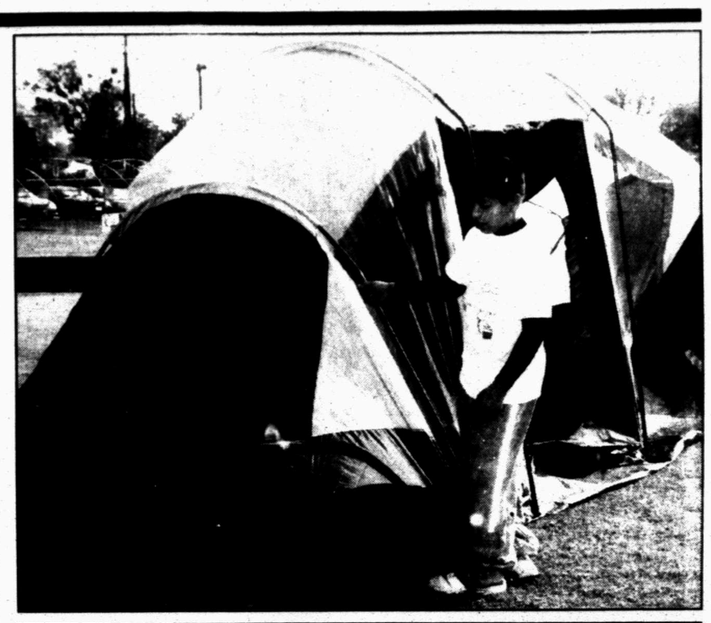
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**RELAY SETTING UP — Tiger Stadium was humming early Friday morning as Relay For Life teams began setting up tents for the 2004 rally which started Friday night and concluded Saturday morning. Alex Jaramillo (top photo) helps set up a tent for the West Texas Tae Kwondo Team. State Farm Relay Team members Michelle Garcia, left, and Kara Wood (bottom photo) set up a canopy. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)**

## Judge grants continuance in perjury trial

TULIA (AP) — A judge has granted a continuance in the aggravated perjury trial of Tom Coleman, the former law officer discredited in the fallout from drug arrests he made in Tulia five years ago.

The motion, filed by Coleman's attorney, was signed earlier this week by visiting Judge David L. Gleason and filed Friday in Swisher County, said Brenda Hudson, the district clerk. No date was set, she said. The trial had been scheduled to begin May 24.

Coleman, 44, faces three charges of aggravated perjury in connection with allegations he lied on the witness stand.

# Cooke County officials reopen 1946 hanging investigation

DENTON (AP) — Herb Vest said he never believed his father, a Gainesville cabinet maker, committed suicide nearly 58 years ago by hanging himself at his business.

But even at 11, when he found his father's death certificate in the family's attic, the cause of death — listed as suicide — didn't ring true.

"I never bought the suicide story," said Vest of Dallas. "He had a baby, a wife; he was happy. He wasn't drinking or gambling. There was nothing in the family history to suggest he would do this. Everybody knew him as an up and happy man."

Vest may finally discover what really happened to his father, Harold "Buddy" Vest, thanks to a mysterious letter that has led Cooke County officials to reopen his father's case.

On Friday, authorities will exhume Harold Vest's body from Hope Cemetery in Henrietta, 20 miles southeast of Wichita Falls in Clay County.

Justice of the Peace Dorothy Lewis determined there was sufficient probable cause to reopen the case after hearing evidence that suggested the 1946 death was not a suicide.

"There was quite a bit of evidence that it was not a suicide," Lewis said. "At this point, I don't have any answers. It's just not quite right."

Herb Vest said he became obsessed about finding the truth about his father's death in 2002 after he went to a history lecture on the "Great Hanging at Gainesville," where more than 40 men were executed for their pro-Union sympathies in October 1862.

He hired a private investigator in September and later placed an ad in the Gainesville newspaper offering a $10,000 reward for information about his father's death.

Harold Vest was found dead in his shop by his wife, Ruth, when he didn't come home one night, according to the justice of the peace inquest.

She found her husband in a restroom with a thin leather belt looped around his neck and nailed to the door. A small rope was tied around his waist, and his left arm was pinioned to his side. Another small rope was tied around his legs and fastened to the wall with an eye screw.

His death was ruled a suicide.




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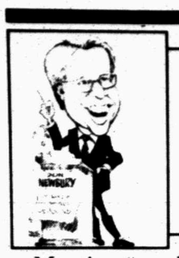
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# Speaker for all seasons

## by Don Newbury

Mention "small ball" in Dallas and fans figure it's about the Mavericks in the NBA playoffs, but next door in Cowtown it's about an elite table tennis team at Texas Wesleyan University that won the national team collegiate championship recently.

Come to think of it, the Rams have a thing about "small ball." Over the past half century, Wesleyan has captured six national golf titles, too.

Most folks in the U.S. have limited knowledge of table tennis, some saying they've watched it mostly in reruns of *Forrest Gump*. Not so, contends Christian Lillieroos, the Rams' table tennis coach. "In the movie, it's ping pong, a game with different rules and a smaller ball," he clarifies.

"Ping pong balls have circumferences of 38 millimeters, and table tennis calls for 40 mm balls, plus there are numerous rule differences."

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Agility, speed, endurance, finesse and intelligence are some of the traits of table tennis players at Wesleyan. Conditioning is critical. They have weight training thrice weekly that includes 350-pound bench presses and 450-pound squat thrusts by the strongest players. And two-mile runs in less than 12 minutes are ordinary.

Participating in the world's second-most popular sport played in 190 countries (soccer ranks #1), the TWU athletes have helped spotlight the sport in this country.

Dr. Hal Jeffcoat, now in his third year in the presidency, provided impetus by engaging a full-time coach. The payoff started early when in 2002, TWU won all five individual titles (men's and women's singles and doubles and mixed doubles) a one-time feat in the 50-year history of the sport.

Last year, TWU claimed men's singles and doubles championships, and in the finals this year in San Francisco, the team won all National Collegiate Table Tennis Association championships except men's doubles. To earn the current national trophy, they mowed down teams from UCLA, Auburn, Boston U., City College of San Francisco. the Universities of Virginia, Southern Mississippi, Illinois and Pennsylvania.

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And they are true student athletes. Varsity players receive only partial athletic scholarships at Wesleyan, and some players have GPA's near 4.0.

Some are premed majors, and the youngsters — hailing from Europe, China, the Caribbean and the USA — have the best grades of all TWU athletes. (Last year, table tennis players had the highest grades of all athletes at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs.)

Jasna Reed, European-born but now a U.S. citizen, has completed three semesters of graduate study at Wesleyan and now is playing professionally in Germany. At age 17, she became the youngest medalist ever, winning the bronze at the '88 Seoul Olympics. She will compete later this year at the Olympics in Athens. Current Ram Eric Owens, a junior from Houston with a 3.9 GPA in Biochemistry, barely missed qualifying for the 2004 games.

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Competitive table tennis is serious stuff. The little balls have been clocked at 100 mph with 125 axis revolutions per second. The playing area is 40x20 feet, and they use every inch of it. Most players stand 20-25 feet from the table. Why there's room enough for a golf foursome to play through.

Players who lose their cool receive warnings, and rapping paddles on tables — like we "ping-ponged" in church fellowship halls years ago — can result in disqualification. There are two umpires per court with meticulous examination of balls and paddles, including the glue used in the latter.

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"You'll never make a living in table tennis," Lillieroos' mom warned during his youth in Sweden. But she was wrong. One of about 10 full-time coaches in the nation, he has logged 22 coaching years in 34 countries.

Rong, his wife of 12 years, also loves the game. Now retired, she won a singles championship in China, followed by three more titles in the U.S. The TWU coach commutes to their home in Oklahoma City for a couple of days most weeks.

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Maybe the NCAA — squirming that too many athletes have matching GPA's and graduation rates — could "go to school" on the accomplishments of table tennis players. Surely these youngsters would impress the NCAA bunch. These "paddle people" have sought out a small, liberal arts institution where the president fully believes a budget item to fund table tennis is worth the risk.

"If we build it, they will come," he chuckled, and they are. There are 14 varsity and junior varsity athletes this year, and the goal is 24 for next year.

Curious about product endorsement, I examined table tennis balls at several stores. None appeared to be autographed, but wait — I saw small writing on one. Holding it under the light, I was able to read it: "Made in Taiwan."

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## Open Government Barometer

Number of Executive Sessions held by public entities in 2004.

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|---|---|
| Cogdell Hospital | 8 |
| Snyder ISD | 3 |
| DCOS | 3 |
| City of Snyder | 3 |
| Ira ISD | 2 |
| Hermleigh ISD | 2 |
| WTC | 0 |
| Scurry County | 0 |




# Letter to the Editor

## No help needed

**DearEditor:**

In reference to the article concerning the additional help for Deborah Boyd's J.P. court, I am concerned as to why her office is the only one requesting additional help. To the best of my recollection, a DPS trooper has the option of sending his citations to any court in the county.

Theoretically, even with an additional trooper, those citations should be spread evenly among all of the J.P.'s in the county and not create a burden on any of them.

If there is some reason as to why a DPS trooper would not send his citations to any court, then there should be an investigation as to why not, and steps taken to insure that the citations are spread evenly with all of the courts.

I will end this letter with an even greater concern about the remark that Deborah Boyd made in the commissioners court about being fortunate to have her problem with a large number of citations to process. Somehow, I just have trouble visualizing a Justice of the Peace Judge acting gleeful about all of the tickets that are being written in Scurry County.

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## Fish-A-Thon

**Dear Editor:**

The ninth annual Snyder Fish-A-Thon was again a huge success. Over 300 youth, parents and family members showed up on a beautiful Saturday to support the Boy Scouts of America and to try and fish their way into some prizes at the same time.

Over 260 anglers from Snyder, Hermleigh, Rotan, Sweetwater, Big Spring, Midland and Odessa registered to fish at the one-day event.

Each participant did their best to try and wrangle in one of the over 700 pounds of blue catfish that had been stocked in the pond. Forty fish were weighed in at over 175 pounds total, but only 25 of them could be winners. Many of the fishermen were able to catch a fish or two, but some managed to catch some other interesting items. Some of the peculiar items pulled from the pond included shoes, a sock, shirts, a lawn chair, plastic bags, and one youth even managed to catch a dead fish.

The biggest catch of the day; however, was made by James Simmons, son of James and Celissa Simmons of Snyder. The young man weighed in the first fish of the day, which turned out to be the overall winner after it was all said and done with. His 6 pound 7 ounce blue catfish netted him a prize package worth over $400. His prizes included a $25 gift certificate to Wal-Mart and United Supermarket, a 99 piece tool kit from Auto Zone and 2 tickets each to Six Flags, Hurricane Harbor and Schlitterbaun (tickets courtesy of KSNY radio). Hourly winners netting prizes worth $65. No one was able to catch the 10 pound 15 ounce catfish that would have been worth $101.50 from KSNY radio.

Thank you to everyone that helped make this event a success. Community support from business and organizations helped make this one of the best Fish-A-Thons yet. Also, the Fish-A-Thon would not have been possible without the help of Game Warden Mel Reed, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Scott Crenwelge and his parks department crew at Towle Park Pond, Dink Foree of KSNY radio station and the chairman of the event, James Garvin. Thanks to all that came to fish and we hope to see you there next year.

**Sincerely,**
**David O'Neill**

# Getting it done or just doing it?

## by Joe Klock Sr.

The story is told of a construction site at which the foreman faced the need to lay off one of his three bricklayers for economic reasons. Since all of them were equally in need of work, he posed this question to them in order to help him decide who would get the axe: "What are you guys doing here?"

"I'm laying bricks," replied the first worker, indicating with his body language that he thought the question was a silly one.

"I'm making 25 bucks an hour," said the second, his tone implying that the pay scale left much to be desired.

Said the third, soulfully, "I'm helping to build a great cathedral."

If, as is unlikely, you thought the last man got fired, you were absolutely correct. They were, you see, in the process of building a pizza parlor.

Sorry about that bit of literary subterfuge, but it leads to the point to be made in this opusette; namely, that process and objective are two very different things; this is a truism that whizzes over the heads of many people in business, government, and other associations, as well as elsewhere in nature.

Take, for example, the difference between humans and white mice running on their respective treadmills: Although both are basically doing the same thing and getting nowhere while doing so, the former performer is in pursuit of better health, while the latter doesn't know why it's doing what it's doing, but does it anyway.

In the cited example, the human is goal-oriented and the task at hand (or feet) is directly contributory toward that objective, while the mouse is blindly task-oriented, much like worker ants, processionary caterpillars and certain TV news readers, all of whom do what they do with no goal in mind beyond the doing.

This behavior is not entirely unlike that of some lower-level drones in the business world and functional zombies in bureaucratic beehives.

These are the flesh-coated robots whose total focus is on doing things rather than on getting things done.

They can be heard spouting policy and procedure with astonishing glibness, unreeling red tape, rather than cutting through it to benefit someone who is in need of help, but certainly NOT in need of an explanation of "why we do it that way."

Task-oriented workers - and managers, too - get their kicks out of busy-ness and feel they're doing a good job when their in-boxes are overstuffed and they have a perpetual, comfortable, controlled - and often contrived - backlog. Witness the number of enterprises whose mislabeled "service personnel" seem ALWAYS to be "busy with other customers," making it clear whose time is more highly valued .

It is often the wont of such mislabeleds to abandon a project 90% completed or a customer 90% satisfied when it's time for a scheduled coffee break; and seeking creative approaches to problem-solving is as foreign a concept to them as welcoming new ways to improve service.

No better models could be found for this deliberate separation of process from objectives than the United States Sinate and House of Reprehensibles, wherein posturing, preening, wheeling, dealing, stalling and oratorical flatulence take precedence over achievement of the goals they are supposed to reach and fulfilment of the promises they have sworn to keep. (Tune in C-Span for incontrovertible evidence.)

Aside: If pro is the flip side of con, is not progress the opposite of Congress?

The notion that motion and progress are synonymous pervades too many minds in both the public and private sectors, a major difference being that the penalties befalling that latter group are more much more immediate and painful - even when the performance is equally underwhelming.

It behooves all of mankind (sorry - make that personkind) to ask themselves while they are "doing things," whether great or small, exactly why they are doing them and toward what specific end those doings are progressing.

Being busy-busy-busy can be a business in itself, and an all-absorbing vocation; but as either Yogi Berra or Casey Stengel once said (quotemeisters are undecided which great philosopher did so): "If you don't know where you're goin' you might end up someplace else."

That profound bit of advice applies no less to the unlaid plans of white mice than to those of men, women and most other critters.

Even when, as another old saying goes, we're up to our asses in alligators, we should never forget about draining that swamp!

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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

**The Dallas Morning News**

### Perception of bias media

A recent survey by the nonpartisan Pew Research Center for the People and the Press finds that the public believes the news media are politically biased. So what else is new? Several things, actually, all of which bode ill for both journalism and democracy.

When the Pew Center did the same survey in 1987, a solid majority believed that election coverage was free of bias. Today, only 38 percent do including the usually high number of conservative skeptics but now, notably, more liberals than ever. Fewer Americans of whatever political stripe trust the media to give them political news straight.

And fewer Americans rely on traditional news media for political news. Pew found that more of us, especially young adults, are turning to the Internet for political news and heaven help us to political comedy programs. Naturally, those who get campaign information from The Daily Show prove to be poorly informed. An increasing number of us seem interested in learning political news only from media that tell us what we want to hear.

That's dangerous for the press and the people. What should be done?

It's time that we in the Fourth Estate admit that liberal media bias isn't a figment of Rush Limbaugh's imagination. Studies by the American Society of Newspaper Editors, the Kaiser Family Foundation and the Knight Foundation have shown that, on average, journalists are much more politically and culturally liberal and secular than their readers.

Given such a wide disparity in world view, it's unsurprising that readers and viewers that is to say, customers find our products to be a less reliable guide to political and cultural reality than we do. We must do a better job of providing balanced coverage and analysis.

That said, it's troubling that a rising generation sees no meaningful difference between news and entertainment. The first-century satirist Juvenal lamented that the Roman people had traded civic virtue for "bread and circuses." Because the Romans preferred to be amused and stimulated over anything else, they lost their capacity to govern themselves. It could happen here.

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**El Paso Times**

### Spain flees Iraq

Spain's retreat from the multination peacekeeping force's ranks in Iraq is, in one sense, a victory for terrorism.

Newly minted Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero had made a campaign promise to bring all Spanish troops home by June 30, when their mandate expires and the reins of Iraq's government are scheduled to be handed over to Iraqis.

When Zapatero was catapulted into office March 14 on the heels of the March 11 Madrid terrorist attacks, it was only a matter of time before the troops would be removed. And it's hard to dispute that this terrorism was effective, and certainly could encourage more.

Although it's to his credit that he's keeping a campaign promise — some U.S. politicians could learn a lesson there — it's an unfortunate promise that could have equally unfortunate, and even tragic, consequences.

President Bush quite correctly chastised Zapatero in a Monday phone conversation and, interestingly in this highly charged political season, likely Democratic presidential challenger John Kerry also spanked the Spanish prime minister.

The problem isn't that extracting 1,300 Spanish troops is going to hinder the war effort. They were doing peacekeeping work. But it's still damaging because it makes the word "international" a bit weaker when talking about an international force. And as Bush cautioned Zapatero, care must be taken not to give "false comfort to terrorists or enemies of freedom in Iraq."

Spain's action is unfortunate, and shouldn't be emulated by other coalition or peacekeeping-force members. Rather, it should serve to harden their resolve to see this situation through to its best conclusion — a free, autonomous Iraq.

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**The Fort Worth Star-Telegram**

### Janet Jackson in the vanguard

Susan B. Anthony. Elizabeth Cady Stanton. Janet Jackson?

The fallout from Jackson's Super Bowl stunt continues with this week's news that Victoria's Secret won't offer a nationally televised fashion show this fall. Not prudent in the current atmosphere, says Ed Razek, the company's chief creative officer.

Indeed. The decision reveals how much has changed since Jackson's "wardrobe malfunction" in February.

But it's not enough for Olga Vives, president of the National Organization for Women, who hopes the change is permanent. "We're concerned young women think they have to look this way," she told The Associated Press. "There are many other ways to promote their product."

The Nasty Miss Jackson as pinup girl for women's lib? We're lightheaded. But that could just mean our nipple shields are on too tight.

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San Antonio Express-News

### Corporations and taxes

Maybe there's a reason the Internal Revenue Service has almost completely ignored corporate tax fraud in recent years, as a Syracuse University research organization has found.

It could be that the IRS isn't all that familiar with a corporate tax return, fraudulent or otherwise.

According to another study, this one by the General Accounting Office, almost two-thirds of America's corporations paid no federal income taxes during the late 1990s this at a time when corporate profits were soaring.

The GAO study found that corporate taxes now account for about 7.5 percent of overall federal tax receipts, down from a high about 40 percent during World War II.

Nine out of 10 companies paid less than the equivalent of 5 percent of their total income. In 2000, American companies paid an average of only $14.75 in taxes for every $1,000 in gross revenue.

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# United Field Dedication




*The United Field sign on the WTC women's softball field was unveiled during the field dedication ceremony held on Sunday, April 18. Pictured above are, from left to right, Dr. Gregory Williams, WTC President; Gary Shifflett, United Store Manager; Jay Kidd, Eddie Peterson, and Carolyn Barbee, WTC Board Members; Vickie Shroyer, Chamber Manager; Lee Presswood and Drew Bullard, also WTC Board Members.*

# Athletic Awards Social and Silent Auction

**Tuesday, April 27 7 to 9 pm**
**In the WTC Gymnasium**
**Awards presented to athletes by:**
**Softball Coach - Rodney McNeill**
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# Pruitt Community Room Dedication



*Katie Kerley, Granddaughter of Dr. Franklin B. Pruitt, views Dr. Pruitt's veteran flag displayed in the Pruitt Community Room during the reception following the dedication held Sunday, April 18th.*

# *Awards Day Set For Thursday*

**by Melanie Graf, Assistant Professor, English**

The Western Texas College Faculty Association would like to invite the public to the Annual Awards Day Ceremony. The event will be held at 10 am on Thursday, April 29, at WTC in the central courtyard.

Awards Day, one of the first events created by the newly formed Faculty Association in 1971, has continued as an annual ceremony since its inception.

Established to recognize students and their work, Awards Day allows for faculty members to present awards to outstanding academic students within academic, athletic, and vocational departments.

Students selected for Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges will be recognized as well as the Outstanding Male and Female Students for the 2003-2004 school year.

For the latter award, students are nominated and selected by WTC faculty members based on the following criteria: grade point average, campus involvement, and service to the community.

Also, an All USA Academic Team Nominee will be honored during the ceremony.

Donny Brown, Faculty Association President will serve as the Master of Ceremonies during the event, and the Student Government Association will be distributing programs for the ceremony.

Jeanine Wilburn chairs the Awards Day Committee; other committee members are Gerald Corkran, Stephanie Ducheneaux, Sue Freemyer, and Melanie Graf.

Immediately following the ceremony, the Awards Day Committee of the Faculty Association invites everyone to a reception honoring awards recipients.

# Johnson Controls Give Donation to Support Sammy Baugh Celebration



*Johnson Controls recently presented WTC a $5000 check as a corporate sponsor of the Sammy Baugh Celebration. Jerry Ketcham, Service Operation Manager, presented the check to Dr. Gregory Williams, WTC President. Also present were (far left) Patricia Claxton, Director of Fiscal Services, and (far right) Tommy Watts, Johnson Controls Supervisor for the WTC campus.*

# It's Time For Summer Session Pre-Registration

Pre-Registration for the Summer Session begins on Monday, April 27 and continues thru July 30. Students should come by or call the Counseling Center at 325.573.8511 ext. 313 to make an appointment to pre-register.

Summer Session is broken down into two sessions, a 6-week session, and a 9-week session. The first session begins on June 1 and ends on July 8, the second session begins on July 12 and ends on August 19.

Current Students can register for May-mester, Summer Session and Fall classes during this pre-registration time. Class schedules can be found on the website at www.wtc.edu.

May-mester begins May 10 and ends on May 28. The fall semester day classes will begin August 24.

By pre-registering students can avoid those long lines at registration and get into the classes they want to take before they fill up.

Students who have not passed THEA (formerly TASP) and are in DRE, DMT, and DEN classes must wait until grades are posted.

Registration for the Summer Session is July 1, for the May mester, May 10 and Fall registration is August 19 and 20.

# Who's Who

## Among Students in American Junior Colleges

### Western Texas College Students

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| SAM SPREADBOROUGH | RYAN BALLARD | MELLISSA WALLS |
| JAKE MARSHALL | MEAGON BAILEY | YEE MAN YU |
| ASHLEY HADLEY | STORMY CLARK | NATHON SHRODE |
| TRENT CORMIER | CASEY CRAWFORD | TIFFANY TELLEZ |
| CODY CARTER | REG CULLEY | ESTHER ZAMARRIPA |

Students who have completed at least 30 hours with a grade point average of 3.2 may be nominated for consideration for Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. Nominations are submitted by faculty members to a Who's Who Committee composed of faculty and students appointed by the Dean of Student Services.

Students must excel in three areas in order to be selected to Who's Who: Academic Leadership, Extracurricular and/or Services activities at WTC, and Citizenship and /or Civic participation.

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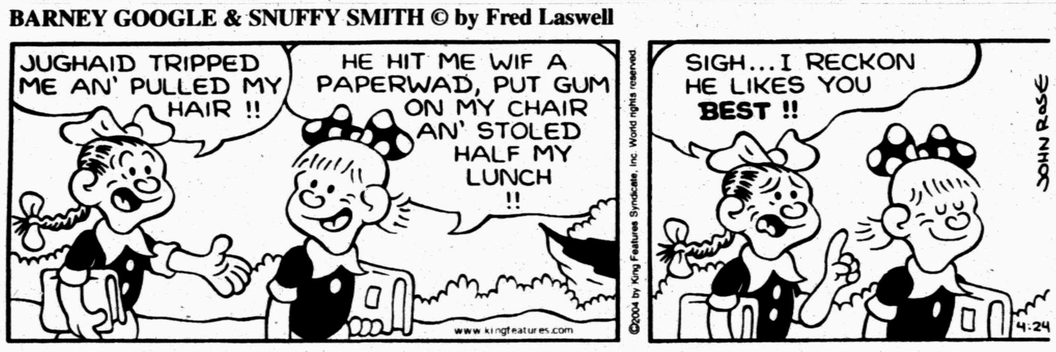

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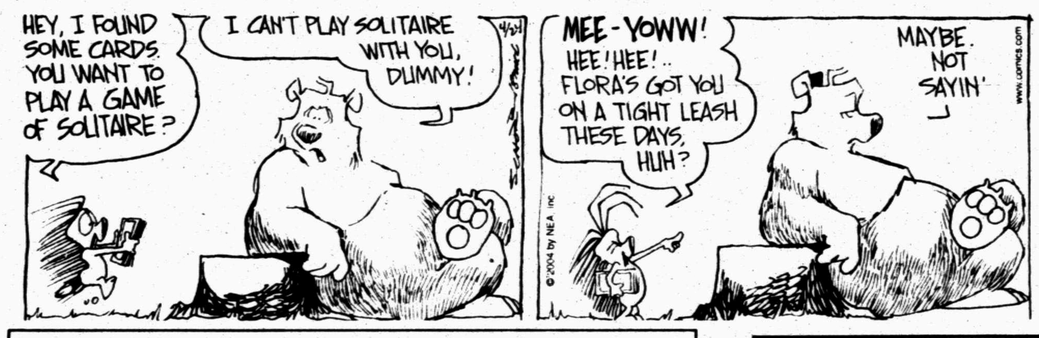

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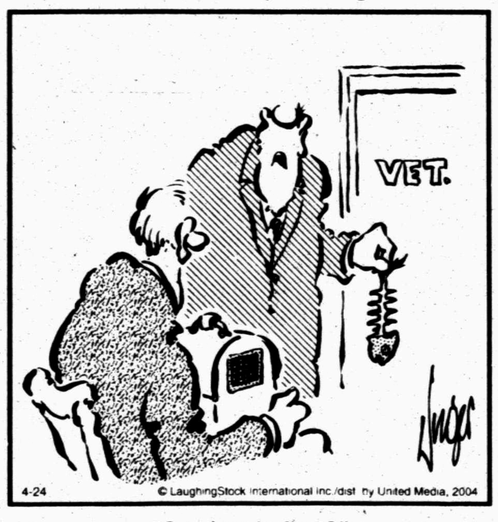

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"Can I go in first?"

## NEA Crossword Puzzle

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12 Moldy cheese
13 Talk up
14 Air-pump meas.
15 Cuts short
16 — spumante
17 RCA products
18 Mix vigorously
20 Says "yeth"
22 Dance move
23 Midwest st.
24 Answer
27 — of March
31 Faint
34 Land of Anna's King
35 Apply caulking
36 Made a hole in one
38 Waiter's rewards
40 Like some humor
41 Distance measure
42 Something else
44 Lie on the beach
46 Clue
49 Out of shape
52 Expeditions
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62 Soph. and jr.
63 Tore apart
64 Loan figure

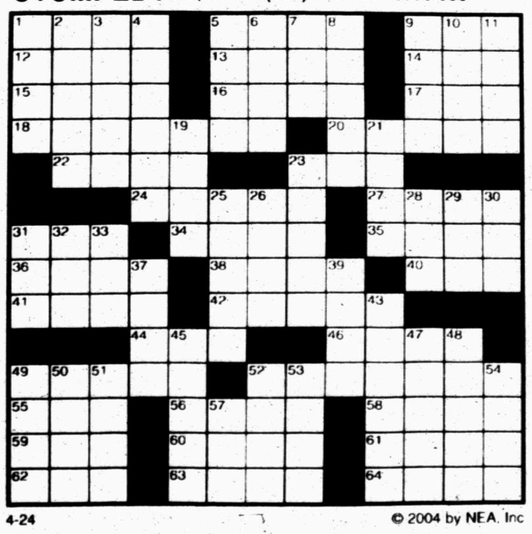
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5 Coup d'—
6 Thorny shrub
7 Clean a fish
8 Pasture entrance
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10 Invite inits.
11 Part of SWAK
19 Chimpanzees
21 Heron kin
23 Dryad
25 Climber's aid
26 Cafe au —
28 Moisture
29 Auricle
30 Conniving
31 Barrier
32 Here, , in Cannes
33 "Alice" diner owner
37 Hubby of Lucy
39 Kind of portrait
43 Bookworm
45 Sheer
47 Bakery lure
48 Finger or toe
49 Repulsive
50 Poet's contraction
51 Membership dues
52 Graceful swimmer
53 Sec'y
54 Parched
57 Source of iron

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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**KIT 'N' CARLYLE ® by Larry Wright**



# Astro-graph

**By Bernice Bede Osol**



## Your Birthday

**Sunday, April 25, 2004**

In the year ahead, the entrance of new elements in your life could open doors for you and be instrumental in helping you further your hopes and ambitions. What you make of them will determine how far you'll go.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — Your intellect and resourcefulness will be the two trump cards you'll use today to find an edge over your competitors. The more difficult the dealings, the more adept you'll be at using them.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — In order to enjoy your day off to its fullest, choose to spend your time with friends who savor an exchange of ideas. Stimulating conversation will satisfy your restless spirit.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — There are some unusual career opportunities hovering about you at this time. Take today to research what they are all about and design a game plan for ways to take advantage of them.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Things that contain elements of chance should work out rather well for you today, because you'll understand the differences between a foolish gamble and a well-calculated risk.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — An unexpected shift in conditions could occur today that would be of benefit to you and your family. All of its ramifications may not be felt immediately, but with time they will surface.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** — Should you hear a new idea offered by another, you have the ability today to take it, improve upon it and put it to unusual uses no one else would have thought of. Don't hesitate to do so.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** — Keep your ears and mind open today because a material opportunity might spring out of a least-expected source that could fit perfectly into some plans you've been formulating lately.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** — Ideas and activities you originate today for having fun will have excellent chances of living up to everyone's expectations of a good time. Don't dilly-dally getting them underway.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — The right answers for which you've been searching for putting the finishing touches on a matter you've been eager to finalize could pop out of the blue today. You'll know when you see it.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** — By chance, you could bump into someone today you haven't seen in quite awhile who has been involved in an interesting project that will fit right into your own plans.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** — The only stimulus you'll need today to awaken your ambitions will be to visualize the material rewards you could generate from a project and what it would mean to you. Use your imagination.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — Today you're going to prove that experience is a great teacher by putting to work that from which you've profited from the past. You'll derive victory where once you met failure.

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That restlessness within you is likely to be satisfied in the year ahead in both your business and social affairs. Activities in which you become involved will have far-reaching beneficial effects.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — Chances are you're likely to be far more adroit at mental pursuits today than you will be dealing with physical ones. Engage in pumping knowledge from books instead of pumping iron in the gym.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — Because you'll manage your resources prudently and be both a shrewd shopper and seller today, it's more than likely that you'll find yourself far ahead of the game before the day is over.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — Anything to which you put your hand today or take direct control over should work out to everyone's satisfaction. However, things may not go as well when you delegate tasks.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — You'll fare far better today when dealing with others if you don't try to upstage them. In fact, by standing back a bit and letting them be in the spotlight, they'll give you anything you want.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Remain hopeful today, especially when it looks like things are going against you. Positive thinking draws positive results and all that matters ultimately are the end results.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** — You could find yourself in the spotlight today being closely scrutinized for your actions. Conduct yourself in a commendable manner that would enhance your prestige and popularity.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** — Unless you spend your day doing things that broaden your range of interests today, chances are you'll end up being a bit restless and dissatisfied. Don't allow yourself to fall into a rut.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** — If there is something that has been displeasing you for some time, quit waiting for others to make the alterations. Take the appropriate steps yourself to change that which you don't like.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — It's a law of human nature that if you show a willingness to cooperate with others, most times they will strive to do more for you. Use this as a plus today.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** — Being both active and productive will provide you with far more personal gratification today than goofing off would, so put forth your best effort.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** — Today you have special appeal and talent for turning acquaintances into solid friends. If there is someone in particular you'd like to get closer to, now is the time to put your best foot forward.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — Your instincts should be finely attuned today in gauging the wants and needs of the public. This could be a big plus for you if you've got a product you'd like to get to the marketplace.

Major changes are ahead for Taurus in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167.

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# U.S. soldiers re-enlist in strong numbers

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. (AP) — There were no signs of the shrapnel wounds from a roadside bomb in Iraq as Staff Sgt. William Pinkley raised his right hand and swore once more to defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

Despite his wounds he and other soldiers are signing up for another tour of duty, re-enlisting at rates that exceed the retention goals set by the Pentagon.

Pinkley re-enlisted for three more years, citing the camaraderie and the challenge of a new assignment.

"To come out and work with you guys every day, it's a good feeling," Pinkley, 26, told his 101st Airborne Division buddies during the ceremony earlier this month. His wife, Kimberly, watched with a smile, their toddler in her arms.

As of March 31 — halfway through the Army's fiscal year — 28,406 soldiers had re-enlisted, topping the six-month goal of 28,377. The Army's goal is to re-enlist 56,100 soldiers by the end of September.

"It's a very positive retention picture at this point," said Lt. Col. Franklin Childress, an Army public affairs officer. The Army had nearly a half-million active-duty soldiers.

Childress cautioned that factors such as an improved economy and the Pentagon's decision to keep about 20,000 troops in Iraq for longer than a year to help quell the violence could change the picture.

Some contend a poor job market and re-enlistment bonuses worth thousands of dollars are keeping soldiers in the Army. Col. Joseph Anderson, commander of the 101st's 2nd Brigade, said it is more about camaraderie, patriotism and duty.

"They've had a personally rewarding and professionally developing experience," Anderson said. "I think they've formed some bonds that are going to last a lifetime. It tends to make them want to stay."

The only Army division to not meet its goal in the six-month period was the 82nd Airborne Division, whose members have been sent to fight in Afghanistan and Iraq since the Sept. 11 attacks. The division wanted to re-enlist 1,221 soldiers, but got only 1,136.

At Fort Campbell, soldiers from the 101st spent seven months in Afghanistan after the Sept. 11 attacks. The entire division of about 20,000 soldiers was sent to Iraq last year for major combat, and the last planeload returned home in March. A grueling year in Iraq claimed the lives of 61 Fort Campbell soldiers, and hundreds more were wounded.

In the six-month period ending March 31, the 101st topped its goal of re-enlisting 1,591. It got 1,737 to sign up for another tour of duty.

Fort Campbell leaders said their numbers debunk the theory that yearlong combat-zone assignments and the casualties in Iraq would discourage soldiers from re-enlisting.

Shelley MacDermid, co-director of the Military Family Research Institute at Purdue University, said it is too early to know what effect the war in Iraq will have long-term on recruitment and retention.

"If the war were to end tomorrow, the impact on re-enlistments likely would be very different than three years from now," MacDermid said.

Some soldiers, of course, are getting out, for themselves or for their families. ("There's a saying in the Army — 'You enlist a soldier, but you re-enlist a family' — and that's true," said Command Sgt. Maj. James Plemons, who oversees retention for the 101st.)

Staff Sgt. Bobby Miller, 31, has spent more than 10 years in the Army said he is getting out when his term ends in less than a year. The 101st soldier has served in Kosovo, Afghanistan and Iraq and said he has barely seen his wife and two children in the past few years.



**PRIMARY AWARDS — East Elementary primary students recently received fifth sixth weeks awards. Students receiving academic awards are front row from left, Zoe Escalante, Jasime Elledge and Kristen Cline. Eric Pool is not pictured. Citizenship winners are middle row from left, Ricky Meza, Gladys Garcia and Dustin Essery. Most-improved recipients are from left back row, Ruben Munoz, Adrian Martinez and Mercedes Rivera. Trey Pool is not pictured. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)**

## Public Records

**Marriage License**

Saul Camacho Esparza and Petra Ornelas Padilla, both of Snyder.

**Filed in District Court**

Texas Savings Bank (not WTSB) vs. Davidson's Food, suit on note.

**Action in District Court**

American State Bank vs. Tonya Richards, default judgment for plaintiff.

**Deed Records**

Billy W. and Mona Darlene Robbins to Bradley W. and Dana L. Robbins, Lot 12 in Block B of the replat of the Highland Park Addition.

Dorthy Mae Johnson Redden to William Lawrence Redden, Lot 5 in Block 8 of The Highland Addition.

Judith Ayala to Swartz and Brough Inc., Lot 8 in Block 2 of the Kittrell Heights Addition No. 2.

Jim C. and Melissa C. Rosson to George V. Edgar, Lot 9 and the east four feet of Lot 10, both in Block 7 of The Highland Addition.

Claudette Durham to Raul and Carrie Villegas, the south 100 feet of the west one-half of Lot 4 in Block 37 of the Blankenship Addition.

Bryan Christopher and Mandi Leigh Scott to Michael K. and Shanna N. Porter, Lot 19 in Block I of the Replat of the Towle Place Addition.

Emma Marine Armstrong, independent executrix of the estate of Emerson Lee Armstrong, to Emma Marie Armstrong, Lot 5 in Block 1 of the Wall Addition.

Glenna J. Jones to Janell Bearden, Lot 9 in Block 2 of the Park View Addition, Section 2.

# NYC attorney charged with false billing

NEW YORK (AP) — An attorney and television pundit was charged Thursday with trying to bilk the government out of tens of thousands of dollars by concealing private payments from supposedly indigent defendants.

Prosecutors also alleged in court papers filed Thursday that Valerie Amsterdam laundered more than $1 million for a client, smuggled sedatives to another client in jail and was secretly recorded considering becoming a fugitive if she were found out. None of those alleged acts led to charges in Thursday's indictment.

Amsterdam, who has discussed legal issues on shows such as MSNBC's "The Abrams Report," could face up to 35 years in prison if convicted of charges that include conspiring to defraud the government, obstructing justice, lying to an FBI agent, lying to prosecutors and witness tampering.

She was released Thursday on a $250,000 bond.

Her attorney said there were innocent explanations for any seeming indication of wrongdoing in the case.

He suggested that Amsterdam, 52, was being targeted for her aggressive defense of high-profile clients including mob soldier Thomas "Huck" Carbonaro, who was convicted of plotting to kill mob turncoat Salvatore "Sammy Bull" Gravano.

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# 5th Six Weeks Honor Roll

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**5th Six Weeks**

**Third Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Davis, Brandon
Downing, Allison
Elizondo, Ashley
Goodger, Jessica
Hagins, Kimberly
Hollingsworth, Allie
Kincheloe, Ashley
McWilliams, Megan
Murillo, Orlando
Omelas, Vanessa
Overton, Faith
Payne, Jacinda
Perry, Loran
Presley, Kaleb
Price, Kiersten
Robbins, Shane
Roberts, Bryce
Sanders, Kellie
Simpson, Kodee
Stephens, Will
Thompson, Robyn
Toland, Chase
Trout, Carii
Wickline, Hunter
Wright, Avery
**A-B Honor Roll**
Alarcon, Rebecca
Arellano, Misael
Bemal, Alexis
Bowman, Zachary
Cabrera, Alma
Carrillo, Dawn
Castillo, Sabrina
Chacon, Rebecca
Davis, Bridget
Dill, Sallie
Duzan, Nolan
Duzan, Taylor
Eaton, Bryce
Ellis, McKinsey
Escobedo, Darren
Facundo, Vivi
Forbes, Austin
Fowler, Jeremy
Frazier, Dakota
Garcia, Dariela
Gonzales, Ector
Hernandez, Maria
Hernandez, Nick
Hestand, Katlin
Holdren, Penny
Holley, Tana
Inman, Zachery
Islas, Claudia
Islas, Ismael
Islas, Israel
Jenkins, Riley
Jordan, Jaeda
Lujan, John
Martinez, Urbano
McCann, Brandon
Meeks, Hayden
Moon, Ashlie
Moreno, Dezarae
Northcutt, Cherie
Norwood, Aubrie
Perales, Katie
Perry, Logan
Pinson, Reid
Pollard, Courtney
Proctor, Blaine
Randolph, Dillon
Rhodes, Brenon
Rivera, Deseray
Rodriguez, Tito
Rowe, Alyssa
Rubio, Jaqueline
Salinas, Sabrina
Sanchez, Aby
Stewart, Jeffrey
Tate, Aaron
Taylor, Hayley
Terrazas, Justice
Torres, Jose
Valadez, Ivana
Wallace, Stephani
Warren, Mindy
Wilkinson, Ashten
Young, Cailey
Zamarripa, Anthony

**Fourth Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Arellano, Miriam
Aviles, Samantha
Bernal, Sadee
Billingsley, Kyler
Birkenfeld, Slade
Donaldson, Damian
Guardado, Jessica
Hagins, Timothy
Head, Regan
Jaimes, Adalberto
Juarez, Heraclio
Martinez, Matthew
Mitchell, Samantha
Monroy, Armando
Owens, Dakota
Steelman, Amber
Stewart, Kaitlin
Villa, Jessica

**A-B Honor Roll**
Aguilar, Tessa
Archer-Pauchet, Dylan
Arellano, Beto
Baker, Amy
Bilano, Macy
Bounds, Curey
Cabrera, Yesennia
Cearley, Mariah
Clanton, Nicholas
Clanton, Tyler
Cox, Hunter
DeLoera, Angela
DeLoera, Morgan
Diaz, M. J.
Dominguez, Jesse
Driggers, Jentri
Escobedo, Kenner
Freeman, Kyla
Garcia, Taylor
Garza, Chris
Garza, Meghan
Glasscock, Savannah
Hand, Ashtin
Henson, Micah
Hernandez, Alicyn
Hernandez, Diego
Hester, Caleb
Holmsley, Corbin
Luna, Robby
Martinez, Ryanna
Medina, Valentin
Mendoza, Jason
Miller, Audrey
Miranda, Andrea
Morris, Lance
Navarette, Mercedes
Ortega, Mario
Peoples, Jordan
Rath, Sarah
Redman, Tyler
Resendiz, Alberto
Richardson, Lateisha
Rinehart, Robbie
Sanchez, Carlos
Seyler, Alvina
Sharp, Aleya
Silva, Rosanna
Small, Brianna
Sullenger, Tyson
Toland, Dalton
Torres, Jessica
Torres, Justin
Torres, Monica
Torres, Virginia
Ward, Keenon
Williams, Brady
Wills, Malak

**Fifth Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Alex Alcala
Kaitlin Bass
Krysha Burleson
Shawn Bums
Ashton Burton
Ana Cabrera
Melisa Chhuor
Heather Crawford
William Davis
Bryson Elliott
Alexandria Hook
Jessica Jones
Baylee Lewis
Kaylee Lord
Nicole Molter
Emma Nunley
Collin Parsons
Brianne Perry
Marcie Phillips
Taylor Reed
Tania Rodriguez
Jeffrey Stewart
Blake Thompson
Jordan Tippens
Blaire Toombs
Kimberlin Willson
**A-B Honor Roll**
Chelsea Alarcon
Celeste Archuleta
Samuel Blythe
Brook Bollinger
Aaron Bounds
Jacoree Brooks
Caitlin Caffey
Dakota Carroll
Carl Clark
Taran Clemmons
Matthew Daniell
Richard DeLuna
J.Dee Early
Brandon Elam
Jessica Elizondo
Brandi Espinoza
Ricky Esquivel
Geovanny Facio
Chase Gaines
Bridget Garcia
Lupe Garza
Sydney Glass
Adrienne Gonzales
Tara Gordon
Angel Guerrero
Carrie Harlan
Troy Henry
Liliana Hernandez
Kaitlin Horton
Abby Infante
Brice Jackson
Alex Jaramillo
Baily Jones
Michaela Jones
Kirstie Leuck
Vanessa Martinez
Vito Martinez
Karissa Medina
Roy Mojica
Priscilla Molinar
Eric Morin
Nicholas Morin
Samantha Morin
Xalee Northcutt
Eric Overton
Jenee Payne
Chad Pechacek
Laura Reigh
Lindsey Reston
Jami Robbins
Roman Romero
Leslie Rosas
Briana Rose
Makenna Scott
Scott Smith
Garrett Snyder
Joshua Stansell
Logan Tabor
Anthony Taylor
Will Toombs
Savannah Valdez
Dyllan Vera
Ariel Villazana
Chris Ward
Gage Welsh
Isaac White
Megan Williamson
Melinda Worley
Chance Young

**Sixth Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Alicia Chaidez
Monika Clanton
Meghan Cooley
Kenyon Gafford
Racheal Gault
Michéal Guardado
Gina Guerrero
Christi Guerrero
Jacob Johnson
Jonathan Kerr
Raven Luna
Aryn May
Tosha McGlouthin
Allen Mehrafshan
Sarah Parmer
Ashley Silva
Jake Strickland
Taylor Tyrrell
Lindsey Urias
Tayla Wesson
**A-B Honor Roll**
Marcos Aquilar
Alyna Alvarez
Samanasara Arizmendi
Samantha Barrera
James Bass
Remington Bloom
Tanner Bragg
Kayli Brewster
Amanda Browning
John Buchanan
Maria Cabrera
Martha Cabrera
Autumn Castillo
Victor Chhuor
Stacey Clifton
Cassie Cochran
Jake Crenwelge
Devyn Deloera
Ashley Dennis
Meagan Downing
Preston Eaton
Monica Escareno
Daniel Escareno



Rebecca Evans
Jacie Eveland
Kelsi Fulford
Daisy Garcia
Shelby Garcia
Maria Guerra
Krystal Guerrero
Valeri Guzman
Garrett Hale
Alexander Hernandez
Titus Hestand
Jessica Hibbitt
Shane Hicks
Tye Holley
Arielle Huddleston
Lawrence Jaramillo
Humberto Juarez
Stephen Kelley
Jacob Kemp
Kyra Lara
Barton Larue
Gloria Lopez
Tobias Lopez
Margaret Marshall
Andrea Martinez
Krystal Martinez
Samatha Medrano
Vincent Mireles
Kylie Moreland
Chelsea Moss
Seth Naizer
Heather Newton
Janie Ornelas
Micayla Redman
Micheal Redman
Alexandra Rios
Tanner Robertson
Javiel Rowe
Marissa Sanchez
Roylee Sanchez
Kanaan Short
David Sosa
Annie Stribling
Johnathan Tarter
Loryn Terry
Eva Terry
Juan Terry
Eric Trammell
Matthew Velasquez
Megan Vineyard
Clint Wall
Alexandra Walters
Jessica West
Nicholas Zajicek

**Seventh Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Ryanna Alexander
Jessica Bilderback
Jared Cave
Elizabeth Davis
Jaclyn DeLeon
Lora Harris
Gina Hermosillo
Clayton Hirt
Kari Lord
Alexandrea Martinez
Savanah Molina
Tyler Porter
Kailea Shaw
Joshua Sorrells
James Stewart
David Strayhorn
Weston Von Roeder
**A-B Honor Roll**
Consuelo Acosta
Mary Jane Alaniz
Kira Bilano
Larissa Blackard
Briana Bryant
Lareshia Carey
Taylor Davidson
Jessie Deavers
April Dennis
Amy Fogleman
Taylor Gibbs
Dayton Grice
Chase Guynes
Ashley Hagins
Emanuel Hemandez
Melanie Hemandez
Keagan Herrley
Rubi Jaimes
Lesa Jones
Kayla Liccardi
Erica Maldonado
Constance Martinez
Clinton McFatridge
Brittany Mitchell
Zeke Muniz
Roxann Renteria
Bailey Richardson
Mariah Robbins
Zachary Salazar
Brittany Scott
Teryn Sullenger
Heather Torres
Yvette Villalobos
Megan Villegas
Hunter Waldon
Ashlee Wallace
Britney Webb
Gregory Williams
Anne Winder
Jordan Wright

**Eighth Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Alayna Alexander
Bradley Ashworth
Alison Cox
Marc Fisk
Mari Robyn Gault
Ashley Gregory
Curry Lee
Tanner Lee
Robert Martinez
Nicole Means
Kristen Miller
Craig Robertson
John Wesson
Nathan Wittie
**A-B Honor Roll**
Angela Almanza
Angela Amarillas
Brent Bollinger
Kylan Bunch
Tanner Butler
Ashley Casas
Ryan Claxton
Samantha Daves
Devin Davidson
Lance Day
Jessica DeLeon
Aaron DeLoera
Jordan Derryberry
Chad Franks
Brooks Gafford
Mercedes Gallion
Paul Garcia
Joe Garza
Ethan Green
Brandee Harbin
Kimberly Harlan
Kelly Holdren
Santiago Jaimes
Corey Jaramillo
Audrey Jones
Allen Jones
Blane Knipe
Troy Linebarger
James Martin
Amanda Martinez
Preston Munson
Tatum Norwood
Josi Presley
Cristina Resendiz
Cayelea Rhodes
Luke Robertson
Crystal Rodriguez
Amanda Sanchez
Allison Sharrock
Jonathan Speegle
Christian Tippens
Loren Toombs
Alexandra Urias
Megan Velasquez
Anthony White

**Ira I.S.D.**
**5th Six Weeks**

**First Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Kolton Baker
Hannah Baker
Brock Bethel
Brianna Bradshaw
Zachary Goodwin
Savannah Herrera
Hannah Mayo
Paul Rosas
Clair Shafer
**A-B Honor Roll**
Jacob Chappell
Austin Cullifer
Kalie Elam
Ty Fontenot
Morgan Fry
Mattison Pittman
Dakota Russell
Dax Stokes

**Second Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Blake Bethel
Jared Cotton
Rilee Dunn
Grant Flowers
Hope Fontenot
Alexandria Fry
Tyler Goodwin
Morgan Jones
Stephanie Juarez
Brady Ledbetter
Caleb Martin
Leslie Martini
Blair McCowen
Kurt Shafer
Jared Smith
Aaron Steelman
**A-B Honor Roll**
Dillan Cullifer
Kaleb Derryberry
Rebecca Gunset
Joshua Mayes

**Third Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Elizabeth Brunson
Kolton Cox
Alicia Rosaa
**A-B Honor Roll**
Ryan Dennis
Taylor Hollingsworth
Clay Johnson
Sarah Kellner
David Wooldridge

**Fourth Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Conner Smith
**A-B Honor Roll**
Taylor Autry
Jacob Elam
Travis Hartman
Tanner Martin
Cristian Ornelas
Gabriel Patterson
Ashlei Pearcy
Brandee Pinkerton
Quinton Shafer

**Fifth Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Amber Baker
Laramie Gilbert
Rebecca Jones
Isaac Martin
Lupe Ornelas
Mariana Ornelas
**A-B Honor Roll**
Kyrstin Baker
Kylor Fine
Trea Fontenot
Sarah Gunset
Steven Juarez
Baily Nickerson
Kellner Odom
Kellie Pilcher
Meagen Robbins
J.P. Wilson
James Zieman-Gernandt

**Sixth Grade**
**A-B Honor Roll**
Colby Barrera
Brodie Calley
Olivia Juarez
Rey Juarez
Brandon Lunsford
John Martini
Evian Olvera
R. T. Shafer

**Seventh Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Shandy McMullen
**A-B Honor Roll**
Jordan Bailey
Austin Calley
Rance Dunn
Leeja Mauldin
Chase Peterson
Seth Sanchez
Ashley Trotter

**Eighth Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Laura Juarez
Kaci Waller
**A-B Honor Roll**
Tony Martini
Colby McMullen
Kayla Pittman
Chris Richards

**Ninth Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Jared Bailey
Aryn Calley
Corbin Clements
Jonathon Devitt
Chris Gutierrez
Jessica Odom
Kelbi Pitner
**A-B Honor Roll**
Lisa Baldwin
Jonathan Beaird
Dale Cink
Adrian Padron
Jonnie Porter
Erica Torres
Kate Wall

**Tenth Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Sara Caldwell
**A-B Honor Roll**
Terryn Autry
Rachel Caldwell
Brittany Dickerhoff
Wes Kellner
Joel Lollar
Jordan Lollar
Whitney Payne
Ashton Smith

**Eleventh Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Brandon Crane
**A-B Honor Roll**
Shea Allen
Amanda Cink
Kevin Graves
Devin Gutierrez
Serena Kornegay
Sarah McCown
Brian Proctor
Amber Sanchez
Justin Taylor
Brenda Torres

**Twelfth Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Jake Barnes
Franki Briseno
Amanda Calley
Rusty Josey
Phil Payne
Suzie Pendergrass
Vickie Rivera
Lacie Thompson
Jess Wall
Lindsey Wilson
**A-B Honor Roll**
Coby Appleton
Brandon Graves
Stephen Kirk
Alana Pulis
Bubba Walker

**Hermleigh ISD**
**5th Six Weeks**

**Second Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Aaron Williamson
**A-B Honor Roll**
Kaylee Hernandez
Tyler Nachlinger
Cari Berry
Betty Sanchez
Charlsea Jones

**Third Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Rita Coronado
**A-B Honor Roll**
Larissa Nachlinger
Aaron Lane
Spencer Williams
Jacob Beaty
Matthew Jones
Zachary Harris
Kendall Benitez
Ricky Williams

**Fourth Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Delinda Dacus
**A-B Honor Roll**
Catie Anderson
Carly Gill
Susan Lee
Aaron Jernigan

**Fifth Grade**
**A-B Honor Roll**
Jacob Nachlinger
Duncan Sorrells
Jordan Williamson
Samantha Coronado
Kelton Garcia

**Sixth Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Dustin Dacus
Taylor Beaty
Caroline Granados
Jaron Perry
**A-B Honor Roll**
Melanie Kariainen
Sean McClure
Fatima Padilla
JP Smith
Shaye Williams

**Seventh Grade**
**A-B Honor Roll**
Marissa Davis
Casey Williamson
Samuel Lee
Maria Padilla

**Eighth Grade**
**A-B Honor Roll**
Brett McClure

**Ninth Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Alicia Culp
Michael Barrera
**A-B Honor Roll**
Tabitha Jones
Brittany Kelley
Isidro Padilla

**Tenth Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Alana Culp
Johnathan McClure
**A-B Honor Roll**
Samantha Berry
Gabrielle Ivey

**Eleventh Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Shae Rinehart
**A-B Honor Roll**
Shane Berry
Michael Hermosillo

**Twelfth Grade**
**A Honor Roll**
Krystal Beasley
Joakim Lundvik
Dustin Williamson
Justin Williamson
**A-B Honor Roll**
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Christy Garcia


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